# SAM - O - GRAM Volume 4, Issue 3

#### Who's Who

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Corresponding Secretary: Sue Wangerin 467-9829
Treasurer: Carolyn Bateman 750-1740

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#### '97 Committee Chairpersons:

All Breed Match:	Volunteer needed	
Awards:	Volunteer needed	
Breeder Referral:	Martha Lageschulte	451-1737
Breeder's Showcase:	Volunteer needed	
Cheer:	Volunteer needed	
DSA Liaison to SCA:	Martha Lageschulte	451-1737
Historian/Librarian:	Tom Lisec Tom Lisec	741-5778
Hospitality:	Denise Baugh	438-723!
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Membership:	Sue Wangerin	467-9829
Program:	Tom Lisec	741-5778
Public Education:	Volunteer needed	
Local Specialty Show:	Jane Reller	665-2843
Sam-0-Gram:	Thalia Peletis	933-0392
Sammy Rescue:	Carolyn Bateman	750-1740
	Deb Castro	220-7536
	Linda Kitzman	794-7136
	Hiedi Nieman	660-1472
Specialty Match:	Volunteer needed	
Tournament:	Volunteer needed	
Ways & Means:	Volunteer needed	
Working Dog:	Michele Schmitt	770-2167
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We have several committees in need of a



Denver Samoyed Association, Inc.

#### How to Recover a Lost Pet

"12 Days in Hell, or What I Learned During Sluggo's Winter Vacation"

by Martha Smith - All Breed Rescue Network President.

As many of you know, I was, for twelve miserable days, looking for my beloved boy, "The Slug." He was named by my sons, who observed him strutting around the backyard on the day his ears stood up, and annouced that he looked more like an English Bull Terrier than a Westie. Such a cool puppy required a cool, that is to say, macho, name.

To make a long story short, all three of my dogs got out when workmen left the front door standing open on our first day home after a two week absence. I recovered the two girls within 24 hours, thanks to the finders who called Aurora Animal Care, but Sluggo had vanished into thin air. The circumstances could not have been worse. No one had been brushed for two weeks, and unbrushed Westies look pretty dingy. (West Highland Terriers are supposed to be <a href="https://www.white.no.nd/">white.)</a> In addition, Sluggo was really shaggy, because our unexpected trip had interrupted

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#### **Board Meeting Minutes**

#### March 4, 1997 - Board Meeting

Present:

Carolyn Bateman Andi Mast Jane Reller Jan Cherne Julie Morris Sue Wangerin Thalia Peletis

- -Meeting was called to order at 7:25pm by Andi Mast.
- -There was no review of the 11/21/96 Board Meeting Minutes.

#### -President's Report, Andi Mast.

Andi presented the following correspondence.

- AKC announced that they have transferred their Event Record Department to Raleigh, NC.
- · AKC Good Citizen Test survey card was sent.

Andi suggested that at our next meeting, we have a brief program to review the Rescue Adoption Process.

- -Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis: No report.
- -Corresponding Secretary's Report, Sue Wangerin: Alan Odum, AKC Representative, can offer several educational programs. This would also provide a means to introduce Alan to the membership. Sue will pass program list to Tom Lisec. It was suggested that the board cross references these programs to those requested by the membership in the '97 DSA questionnaire.

Nancy Pollack, our '97 Local Specialty Obedience Judge, sent a thank you card.

-Treasurer's Report, Carolyn Bateman. Rescue Fund Balance: \$2,467.79. The majority of this balance is owed to DogTown boarding kennel. General Fund Balance: \$4,405.71

#### -Unfinished Business:

No progress has been made in collecting the ISF check for \$100. The Board has decided to close this issue, particularly since the original date of this check was June, 1996.

Andi checked on two subjects inquired about, at the '96 Focus Group meeting.

- Changing DSA Constitution to include Working Dog and Rescue activities in the objective section.
- AKC indicated that if one section is changed, then the entire constitution is up for review. However, at a cursory glance, AKC said our constitution was in excellent condition. AKC stated that both Working Dog nor Rescue, are AKC sanctioned events or functions. Having those activities in the constitution means nothing to AKC, and therefore they prefer they are not included. They recommend including them in our yearly business plan.
- . What does AKC expect of a licensed club?
  - Andi was told that we don't have to hold a specialty match each year. AKC stated that they expect the club to educate the public about our breed. Currently, our club participates in city parades, breeder and rescue showcases, and pet therapy. Jan Cherne will double check with Alan Odum to confirm the requirements stated above.

Andi asked that at the March meeting, a motion is made to request an increase the 1998 annual dues and then tabled. Voting on this matter would then be scheduled at the April meeting.

#### -New Business:

Due to the high operating costs that comes with Samoyed Rescue, several fund raising ideas were brainstormed.

- Carolyn is pursuing an annual raffle license.
- Linda Kitzman mentioned to Carolyn, a Travel Agent she works with, has offered to put together a bus trip to Central City. The cost would be \$15/single, \$25/ couple. It includes the bus ride, and dinner, and all the money could go to Rescue. This event could also satisfy a club goal to hold more social, less formal events.
- Dog Photo day. This event perhaps could be held in conjunction with a match.
- Idea for March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Present a brief program on the Rescue Adoption Process. Provide a "Pot of Gold" donation box, since our December Holiday meeting/party was cancelled, where traditionally Rescue has collected many donations.
- Restructure the Local Specialty Trophy Program to support the Sammy rescue program financially and by public awareness. Balance the type of trophy awarded. The trophy donation would then cover the cost of the award itself, plus provide a supporting donation to Rescue (i.e. neuter, tags, shots, etc.) For instance, offer a picture frame or certificate plaque which displays the club, date, placement/title awarded and include a note which states that part of the trophy donation helped pay for a round of immunization shots for a rescue dog.

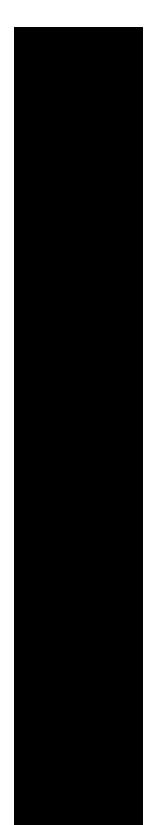
The board began to review the '97 DSA Questionnaire results, which will determine the 1997 Business Plan. Some of the decisions made during this meeting are as follows:

- Sam O- Gram will be mailed to all members, in lieu
  of the meeting reminder postcard. Those members
  who have paid for a 1997 subscription, will be
  refunded their money. The goal is to improve the
  overall communication and participation of the club.
- Tournament will be changed from it's current format to an educational, non-competitive, general fund raising event. The format would still include judging the dog against the AKC Samoyed Standard. The remaining framework would be discussed by the board and the committee chairperson. This event helps meet the AKC educational requirement for a licensed club. It would also provide a good fund raiser for the general fund.
- Programs will be held during slow months. The business meeting will be abbreviated and be held following the program.

It was suggested that at the March meeting that we review the top 3 priorities of the club as tabulated from the questionnaire.

Due to the hour of the evening, the board decided to hold another meeting to discuss the remainder of the questionnaire results.

-Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.



#### **Board Meeting Minutes**

#### March 25, 1997 - Board Minutes

#### Present:

Carolyn BatemanMartha LageschulteJane RellerDeb CastroAndi MastThalia PeletisJan CherneJulie MorrisSue Wangerin

- -Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm, by Andi Mast. -Review of the 3/4/97 meeting minutes for corrections. Minutes were approved as written.
- -President's Report, Andi Mast.

Rescue fund balance: \$2613.87

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-Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis.

**-Treasurer's Report**, Carolyn Bateman General fund balance:\$3840.78

-Unfinished Business:

Discussion of 1997 Questionnaire was postponed in order to discuss the 1997 DSR Guidelines.

#### -New Business:

In the future the board will plan in advance, the date and location of board meetings. This information will be given at the membership and posted in the Sam-O-Gram.

It was formerly announced to the board the critical situation surrounding Samoyed Rescue. Currently, the Rescue fund balance is \$2613.87. The outstanding bills owed to Dogtown Kennel is \$4850.00. This includes boarding fees incurred for the past 6 months and the total due on Abner & Daisy. We presently have five dogs still in the boarding kennel.

Although DSA has ultimate accountability, it was unanimously agreed that payment of the bills incurred by DSR will not be paid completely out of the General Treasury Fund. This decision was based purely on fairness to the other members and committees in DSA. Therefore, the following corrective actions were proposed:

- Pay DogTown Kennel \$2600.00 immediately, from the DSR Treasury Fund.
  - A maximum deadline of December 31, 1997 was set to have the entire debt paid.
  - Carolyn Bateman will speak to Dogtown Kennel about a payment plan.
- Apply for membership to the All-Breed Rescue Network (ABRN).
  - Cost: \$75 per year. Check will be written against the DSR Treasury Fund.
  - Reason: Provides liability insurance coverage for Samoyed Rescue foster families who are currently not members of the Denver Samoyed Association. Foster homes are a viable alternative to expensive boarding costs, but has not been actively pursued due to the liability issue.
- Previously, DSA agreed that each year \$250 would be allocated to DSR. This did not occur in 1996. Therefore, DSA will appropriate \$500, for 1996-1997, to the DSR Treasury Fund.
- Organize and execute top priority fund raisers.
   See list below for description and priority assigned for each fund raiser identified. All funds collected would be incorporated into the DSA General Treasury Fund, unless the activity was

- specifically designed with the intention to assist rescue. Otherwise, the board will allocate funds to DSR appropriately, and based on the proposed 1997 budgets.
- Establish, document and execute procedural guidelines for the future operation of the DSR.
- Compose a letter to the membership, documenting the situation, include both the action plan to repay the debt, and future DSR operational guidelines as developed by the board.

Several fundraisers were identified and a priority assigned. A listing of these fundraisers will be included in the membership letter.

The following dates were identified as possible nonshow (local region) dates for the above fund raiser activities: July 19<sup>th</sup> - 20th, July 26<sup>th</sup> - 27th, August 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>, and September 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>.

The next board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Location will be at the offices of the Gates Rubber Company, at 6:30 pm.

Agenda includes developing the future operational procedure guidelines for DSR.

Meanwhile Deb will fax us a copy of the first draft of DSR guidelines developed by Janet White & herself. Deb will follow up on lead regarding potential home for Abner and Daisy.

-Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm



April 1, 1997 - Board Minutes

#### Present:

Carolyn Bateman Andi MastSue Wangerin
Deb Castro Jane Reller
Jan Cherne Thalia Peletis

- -Meeting was called to order at 6:55pm by Andi Mast. -Review of the 3/25/97 meeting minutes for corrections. Minutes were approved as written.
- -President's Report: Andi Mast.

Agenda for tonight's board meeting is to finalize the 1997 DSR operation guidelines.

-Secretary's Report: Thalia Peletis.

No Report.

-Corresponding Secretary's Report: Sue Wangerin. No Report

- -Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Bateman
- Carolyn issued a \$2600 check to DogTown Kennel to place toward the outstanding boarding bill.
- Carolyn verified with Jim Alford, DogTown Kennel's current owner, that we could establish a payment plan for the remainder of the bill. If the debt is not paid prior to Jim ending his lease, payment will be paid directly to Jim providing we have a signed ageement that the debt was not transfered to the new owner
- Jim has given Carolyn an itemized bill for remainder of the due balance.
- Carolyn also met with one of prospective buyers.

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They indicated they might be willing to help our rescue

- At DogTown we currently have 4 dogs. Therefore we are incurring \$112 per week in rescue charges.
- 1 dog is in foster home.

#### -Unfinished Business:

Deb said the Heidi Nieman has been unable to contact the family interested in Abner and Daisy. However, both dogs are currently being sponsored.

Deb said we have 3 potential foster homes including 1 currently being used to house one of our rescue Sams. In the future we will experiment with the newspaper ads targeted toward specific rescue Sams.

Andi is verifying whether or not DSA is a true tax-exempt organization. She has requested the IRS publication that lists all known tax-exempt organizations.

The board spent the remainder of the meeting proofing

the 1997 DSR operation guidelines, drafted by Deb Castro and Janet White. Deb will make the modifications suggested by the board and present the updated version to the board for final approval.

#### -New Business:

Deb stated that we have to apply for a license issued by the State Commissioner to be in compliance with the PACFA - Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act. It's required for any organization that operates an Animal Rescue Facility, using a system of boarding and foster homes, and places 24 dogs or more a year. Last year DSR placed 50 Sams. The cost of the annual license is \$50.00.

-Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

#### Membership Meeting Minutes

#### March 17, 1997 - Membership Meeting

Programs began at 7:20 pm.

The first program was a video on pet massage. The video is called "Massage Your Dog - The Lang Way Volume 1". The video featured the various massage techniques that are used on dogs and detailed demonstrations. Tom said if their is enough interest, he could purchase the tape for the club, for approximately \$20.00.

The second program was a brief review of the Rescue Adoption Process, given by Deb Castro. Deb is planning a full program later in the year.

The Denver Samoyed Rescue has been active for 4

Deb passed out the forms that are involved in rescue:

- Current Owner Release Form
- · Application for Adoption
- · Informational Pamphlet
  - Pet Identification Tags Order Form
  - · Recommended Reading List.
  - DSR Fundraiser Order Form includes T-shirt. Sweatshirts, Tote Bags, etc.
  - Phone numbers they can contact for questions.
- DSR Quarterly Report See page 7 for this report.

#### Where do we get rescue dogs from?

Mostly from owners. Owners are asked to fill out information sheet on dog. We ask for a \$50 donation "fee". If they can't afford it, we tell them that it doesn't impact if and how we place the dog, but if they could donate something it would help.

We also get them from shelters. We are contacted via the All-Breed Rescue Network or many shelters contact us directly. It is these shelters that many times give us extremely short times to pick up the dog, like 2-3 hours, before they'll euthanize the animal.

How do we get the word out that dogs are available? When the rescue has about 5 or 6 on the adoption list, we a run an ad in the Denver Post. Also, a current

adoption list is posted on Samoyed internet home page. Lastly, word of mouth. Deb suggested to please let your own vet know our organization exists.

#### How do you get a rescue dog?

An applicant is no longer allowed to go directly to the boarding kennel. It starts with an application for adoption on file. It includes their philosophies on pet ownership and gives us basic information about them. References are required and are checked. The application also gives us right to refuse an adoption. Then they may be directed to boarding kennel or the owner/foster home where the dog currently resides. Contract states basic expectations of pet ownership, and option that DSR will take the dog back. A \$65 adoption fee is requested. This amount is equal to or less than what area shelters charge. It includes all shots, and neuter/spay if applicable. It also includes id tags and an information packet.

To paraphrase Deb comments, "Rescue is not a passive activity that is associated with convenience. Helpers sometimes have to drop everything, when that call is made. For instance, the 2-3 hours window the shelters give to pick up a dog. We do need help. We transport dogs, to/from owner, shelters and vets. We'd like to do more grooming. Special events are held, such as St. Patrick's Day parade, Pet Expo, All-Breed Rescue Showcase, which is all good PR, and education for the public. DSA members must proactively volunteer. If you want to help, please let someone know, they do not have the resources to call on individuals for help. Money always helps. Also, recognize a member of the DSR when you can. It's a lot of work and a labor of love, and these folks are very committed to this effort. Their is a lot of reward and a lot of frustration." Ideas on sharing this effort:

· Create a volunteer list.

- Devise a method to rotate some of the functions. Alternate the contact phone number in the Denver Post

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- ad. Need primary and back up phone numbers by area perhaps.
- Brainstorming session is needed to develop better process to organize volunteer efforts.

Linda Kitzman suggested a possible fund raiser that a co-worker is willing to put together virtually for free. It is a Central City bus trip which includes bus fair, prime rib dinner, and coupon book for discounts on gambling. The cost is \$25 per couple, for 4 hours and the club could keep almost 100%. If we could fill 2 bus loads, approximately 100 people, we could make 600 dollars. We can decide the pickup points. We are responsible for taking money, checking peoples name a as the enter the bus, both directions. The membership present suggested the following tentative dates: July 19<sup>th</sup>, or 26<sup>th</sup>.

Sue Wangerin mentioned, since we didn't get to have our Christmas banquet this year, which is a good fund raiser for rescue, that each month she'll provide a decorated box for Denver Samoyed Rescue donations. Program presentation ended at 8:25 pm. Membership meeting began.

#### Present:

Carolyn BatemanLinda KitzmanThalia PeletisDeb CastroMartha Lageschulte Jane RellerGabe CastroAndi MastMicheleSchmittNancy GoldenBob MastSue Wangerin

Guest: Ellen Young from Colorado Springs.

- -Meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm by Andi Mast.
- -Review of the 01/20/97 meeting minutes for corrections. Minutes were approved as written.
- -President's Report, Andi Mast:

A Board meeting was held 3/4/97. See 3/4/97 Board Meeting minutes.

-Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis:

Newsletters to pass around.

-Treasurer's Report, Carolyn Bateman

General Fund: \$2450.78,out of that is \$1800 in grocery certificates to sell.

Rescue Fund: \$2378.87.

Carolyn will provide detailed report to Thalia.

- **-Corresponding Secretary's Report**, Sue Wangerin: The following correspondence was passed around:
- AKC Events Department has moved to Raleigh, NC.
- AKC inquiry on whether we had a Canine Good Citizen test - no we have not.
- Notebook of newsletters, and upcoming seminars.
- Thank you card from '96 Local Spec Obedience Judge
   Nancy Pollack.
- Potomac Valley specialty information.

#### -Committee Reports-

All Breed Match - No Report.

Awards - No Report.

Breeder Referral - Martha Lageschulte

Nothing presently. Inquired if anyone has a litter to contact Martha.

Breeder's Showcase/Public Education - No report. Cheer - No Report.

DSA Liaison to SCA- Martha Lageschulte Sent report last month, should be in next bulletin. Historian/Librarian - Tom Lisec Library is in the "bookmobile".

Missing several newsletters from other clubs and quarterly's. Please return quarterly's if you have any at home.

Hospitality - Denise Baugh

For Denise, Tom reported that Denise would like to pursue a picnic like lunch after specialty, instead of dinner.

Membership - Sue Wangerin

Membership roster passed out. It includes space to write in internet addresses, work and fax phone numbers.

Program - Tom Lisec

Next program meeting will be in May.

Sam-O-Gram - Thalia Peletis

Bob Sencenbaugh will provide weight pull infomation. Deadline for publication articles will be about two weeks before membership. I will add the deadline date for following issue to SOG backpage.

Tom Lisec pointed out errors in Local Specialty results in last issue.

Corrections are as follows:

- Sweepstakes Junior Dogs section:
  - Sweepstakes Junior Dogs, 12 < 15 mos
  - 1 Timber Ghost Heart of the Storm Gabriel & Debora Castro
  - 2 Mystical's Tulku of Hawkwind Susan Black & Judi Schold

Sweepstakes Junior Dogs, 15 < 18 mos, - 1 absent

- 1 Silverplume's Sauvignon Blanc Fielding Graeber & Kristi Schopfer
- Regular Classes Open Bitch 1 absent, # class bitches 31, not 32.

Next issue of Sam-O-Gram will include those member's internet e-mail addresses, who have given the club permission to publish them.

Specialty-Tom Lisec:

A full report will be prepared by Tom Lisec. Specialty made \$358.20. Ways & Means made an additional \$320.00. Show Secretary cost us almost \$900 dollars. If we used Onofrio, it would have cost \$1500, and we would have lost money. Many show date problems with the secretary. None of them extremely serious, such as missing rubber bands, one missing ribbon, off by 1 dog in reporting entry count. Tom would expect she would be better prepared, next year. Other suggestions included: potential of another show secretary for next year, and possibility of having obedience upstairs.

Close out meeting still to come. The meeting includes Plum Creek and CKC members plus the various specialty club's show chairmans from this year and the ones from next year to go over positive and negatives that occurred this year.

#### Good job Tom! Thank You!

Sammy Rescue - Deb Castro

Specialty Match - No Report.

Tournament - Nancy Golden - No report.

Trophies - No report.

Ways & Means - No report.

Working Dog - Michele Schmitt - No report.

#### -Unfinished Business:

Andi was not able to contact Carol Panning at Pets Control in regards to holding events, meetings, etc. Andi also met with lady which put together Shipperke Pedigree - Champions book. She will prepare a cost estimate, for compilation of a Samoyed book. Andi began discussion on 1997 DSA Questionnaire

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#### Membership Meeting Minutes

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#### results:

- 26 out of the 54 members responded.
- What does AKC expect of our club? Per AKC:
  - We don't have to hold a specialty match. We can not hold an All-Breed Match, even if it's called a fun daze. AKC expects the specialty club to provide education to public. They expect allbreed clubs to hold all breed matches. We do not have to hold our specialty match each summer, but AKC does see that event as a means to educate the public, and therefore they encourage us to hold it.
  - 2. Should we pursue changing the constitution so that it is more reflective of what our club does?
    - Working: No. AKC does not hold Working events, and therefore they do not want that activity in our constitution.
    - Rescue: No. Although they recognize the value of rescue, because they don't have control over that effort, they do not want that activity in our constitution.
    - Implication is that the constitution is set up so that we can continue to have licensed specialty shows, but we can have a working agenda.
  - AKC when we originally drafted our constitution, said we could not have non-voting members. Now we can have associative members, with non-voting status, if we choose to change the constitution.

#### Tournament

- The majority of the membership responded that they want the Tournament to be changed so that it's non-competitive, more educational, and the club would receive the funds generated from the entry fees
- The board will work with the Tournament committee to put together guidelines for the committee to facilitate the change in direction. This change is meant for this year. The results of this year's tournament will be taken into account then for the direction of next year's tournament.
- It continues to serve the goal of an educational requirement that is required by AKC. Brainstorm ideas discussed at the board meeting included:
  - Having one dog judged simultaneously by three judges. They would allowed to be converse.
  - Have one or more judge, judge the dog against the AKC standard, and the remaining judges,

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judge the handler's ability. Which category the judge was scoring would be unbeknownst to the handler.

- Score sheet might be rewritten, or placed on the computer, so that the judge' handwriting could not be identified.
- More ideas from the membership on exactly how to change it to this format is requested.
- It also serves then as a fund raiser for the club's general fund.
- Sam-O-Gram unanimous vote to be mailed to all members without an increase in dues, and we will refund those that have already paid for this year. However, the dues increase for 1998 needs to addressed at the next membership meeting, to cover the expenses of the club.
- The membership responded favorably to conducting programs in the slower months.

#### -New Business:

Martha Lageschulte brought sweatshirts for Ways & Means. After tonight, please call Martha if you wish to purchase a sweatshirt.

Debbie brought sign up sheet for rescue goods, fundraiser.

#### -Barks and Growls:

Jane Reller - *Cooper* qualified for 1<sup>st</sup> leg on his CD. Andi put 2<sup>nd</sup> leg on *Sidney*.

Carolyn Bateman - **CC**'s first weekend out, she went BOS under Lowell Davis, beat some nice bitch specials! At Heart of America, **Bucky** took Best in Sweeps under Nancy Golden and Reseve Winners dog.

Linda Kitzman - *Chuck* took BOB at Garden City Show under Lowell Davis.

Martha Lageschulte- **Jackie** won High in Trial (193 ½) at the DSA Local Specialty, her first time out in obedience in the Novice B Class. At Garden City, KS, she received her 2<sup>nd</sup> obedience leg (193). At Heart of America she won BOW for a 4 pt major, her second major.

For Heidi - *Morgan* finished her champions at Leavenworth KC.

Nancy Golden - My novice bitch in New York won at a recent show WB/BOW/BOS *Krystall's Snow Crystal. Congratulations to all!!* 

-Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

#### DSA Members Internet E-Mail Addresses

Brenda Abbott
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Deb Castro
Jan Cherne
Donna Dannen
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DSA Communicating the 90's Way!

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# Congratulations and Thank you!!! to the following Sammies (and their Owners) who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 03/15/97.

<u>Chuck</u> with Linda Kitzman

<u>Sidney</u> & <u>Cooper</u> with Jane Reller

Keesha with Michele Schmitt

<u>Yeti</u> with Bobbie and Jerry Wlodarek

Thunder with Deb and Gabe Castro

Boss with Janet White

<u>Q-Zar</u> with Pam Hahler and Jonathan Scates

Andi and Bob Mast (who came dogless to help)

Also, Princess, Sam, Zach, Cheyenne, and Samantha, our rescue dogs and their Owners who served as wonderful ambassadors of our breed. They really worked the crowd! A good time was had by all and our dogs looked great!!!

Thanks also to Lori McAllister for loaning us harnesses and Bobbie, Linda, and Janet who brought lots of extra decorations - the sled, the dogs, and the people were green in every way!

Deb Castro

#### **DSR Success Letter**

"Chinook"

Yep, doesn't seem like it, but it was one year ago today that we adopted Chinook. The time just flew by. At first she bonded much more with Ryan than with me, but he went TDY about a month after we got her, was gone for 3 weeks, and that gave me my quality time

with Chinook. Now I'm her favorite, but I'm also the "bad cop" who doles out discipline.

Chinook graduated 2nd in her obedience class this summer, and through the instructors we've been able to do pet therapy at the local VA hospital.

Chinook always gets lots of comments. One of the patients especially looks forward to seeing her because his family had a Sam.

Chinook has also traveled (she loves to ride in the Jeep). We took her to Cincinnati over Labor Day and they all loved her. Ryan's brother and his wife might be getting one sometime in the future, her family had some when she was little (I plan to encourage them to rescue, pretty sure they will).

Then my parents came to visit and got to

meet their "grandpuppy." Chinook trained them in about 4 hours to immediately pet them when she gave them that "poor, pitiful me, never gets any love" look. If that didn't work, the little whimper would cave them in. Mom has a shirt with Chinook's picture on it and gets comments wherever she goes (if any of you go to the Lompoc, CA show in August you might see her, she works at it every year).

Chinook still has some problems with her bad hip (broken and never set according to my vet), but gets along all right, all in all. The Glycoflex has helped some.

The year has been a trip. Ryan had never really been around a dog and with Chinook he kind of got thrown in on the deep end. He's still amazed at her personality sometimes. It's been a great year. I'd like to

thank Denver Samoyed Rescue again, and especially Janet and Debbie. Thanks so much for putting us together with this dog!

Joni and Ryan Conway

#### Denver Samoyed Rescue - Quarterly Report

January 1, 1997 - March 14, 1997

Males: Females:	18 12 6
Number of dogs actually on DSR adopton list: Number of dogs placed to date: Adoptions from list: Shelter referrals: Breeder referrals: Support for Owner placing Sam:	15 6 3 1 1
Average length of stay in rescue (in days):	23
Average age of dog helped (in years):	3.5
Dogs came from: Shelters: Rescuers: Owners:	4 1 12

Reasons for needing rescue group's help:

- Shelter unable to keep until placed.
- Owner doesn't have time to spend with the dog.
- Too much dog for the owner.

Breeders:

- Surrendered to shelter for urinating in house out of jealousy.
- The pair brings too much dirt into the house

- Owners moving and unable, or unwilling, to take dog.
- Original owner passed away current owner can't keep dog.
- Owner couldn't house train dog.
- Dog exceeds weight limit listed in townhome covenants.

Last year, for tax purposes, <u>one</u> DSR volunteer kept track of non-reimbursed expenses incurred on behalf of DSR.

Long distance bill:

\$470.07

Time: 36.15 hours

Mileage: 2760 miles (at \$.12/mile)

\$331.20

Time: ~ 70 hours

Miscellaneous costs, including postage: \$98.74 Estimated food costs for foster dogs:

\$95.00

Estimated time spent per week on rescue:

20 hours (this includes phone time and mileage listed above)

Estimated TOTAL money spent:

\$995.01

Estimated time spent on rescue: 960 hours

#### How to Recover a Lost Pet



LOST and...

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his grooming schedule. No one had a collar on because I was doing round robin grooming. In fairness to the person who picked him up, after a couple of hours of cruising the open fields near our house, Sluggo probably looked both unloved and unappreciated. She took him to her home and kept him until she saw one of my flyers in PetsMart 12 days later.

Here is what I learned while searching for my dog - doing those things that we all have told countless other people to do to recover their pets.

- Animal Control Really is Your Friend. Almost all jurisdiciations in the metro area take found reports over the phone, even if they demand that you file your lost report in person. If it takes you more than a day to get to a particular shelter, call and ask about dogs being held by private parties. This does not mean that you or someone who knows your dog should not visit every metro shelter at least once a week to be certain your dog is not there. It's just an extra safeguard that can work for you.
- 2) Flyer Design is Important. The flyer you post on light poles needs to be at least 11 x 17 inches and formatted differently from those placed where people can see them up close. There are also a number of community bulletin boards that restrict the size of all notices to 3 x 5 cards. I now have several workable samples stored on the computer that I will be happy to share with anyone looking for his or her pet. No charge from me for masters, but some from Kinko's for copies.
- Location, Location, Location. I wish I had not flooded my immediate

neighborhood with flyers. Sluggo was a long way away, and I might have gotten him back sooner if I had expended my energies putting flyers at major intersections further afield. Furthermore, it is below zero at this writing, and one is responsible for removing what one has put out there. (Frankly, I was a little hysterical, and would have posted the neighborhood children if they had stood still long enough.) It is also important to make sure that you are not violating a neighborhood's covenants. One afternoon was entirely wasted because security personnel followed me around taking down everything I put up - even though I restricted myself to the public easement.

- Looking Hurts. The process of searching is emotionally devasting and physically exhausting. Explaining over and over again to well-meaning persons how you could have been so careless is humiliating as well as painful, and night terrors keep you awake. (No one knows better than a member of the animal welfare community what really horrible things can happen to a homeless dog.) I now understand why so many people quit looking too soon. Take a friend when posting bills and distributing flyers. You need the support.
- Common Knowledge isn't Common. Many people, including the very kind woman who found Sluggo, do not know that they can notify their local shelter that they have found and are willing to keep a dog until the owner is located. They are not aware that dogs other than greyhounds can be tattooed. They do not know that they can place a found ad in both local newspapers at no charge, or even that the papers have a lost and found section. Most importantly, nearly everyone assumes that a dog without a collar and tags is an abandoned animal. I have thought the same myself, on occasion - a distinct problem for people who try to keep their dogs in show coat.
- 6) ABRN Has Lots of Friends. I was the beneficiary of a reservoir of goodwill that our wonderful volunteers have helped to create over the last few years. A great many people I do not know personally were actively searching for my dog. I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude to everyone who helped, simply because I don't know who

they are.

7) Pride Goeth Before a Fall. Responsible people do lose their pets. It may have felt rotten at the time, but the experience was probably good for my character.

All in all, I consider myself a very lucky woman. My dog was returned to me unharmed and happy and in a relatively short time. Christmas was extra special with everyone at home safe and sound, and hardly anything bothered me for two weeks.

Please visit the following internet web page dedicated to

"Samoyed Lost and Found"

http://www.probe.net/~evad19.

The page was developed by Sidney Boardman who has adopted 3 DSR Sams!

FOUND!

# SAM-O-GRAM

Spring Fund Raiser Notice



## 1997 Schedule of Events

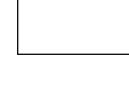
Date		Organization	Event	Location	Phone #
Apr	19-20	Int'l Weight Pull Assoc.	Wheeled Championship Snow Championship	Greeley, CO	Derick Exstrom 303-733-6071
	19-20	West Highland White Terrier Club	Clicker Training Seminar - Lana Mitchell	Greeley, CO	Sydni Reese 970-593-9199
	20	Mixed Breed Obed Club	Heartworm Clinic-\$10/test	1842 S. Parker Rd.	303-755-8879
	25-27	Panhandle KC of TX(2) Clovis Portales	Show - Close 4/9/97	Amarillo, TX	Onofrio
	26-27	Seward County KC	Show - Close 4/9/97	Seward, NE	Onofrio
	27	Twin Peaks Dog Club	Obed & UKC Agility Match	Westwind Dog Trng Ctr	303-371-6243
Мау	3-4	Cornhusker KC Grand Island KC	Show - Close 4/16/97	Lincoln, NE	Onofrio
	3-4	Mountain States Dog Trng	Obedience - Close 4/16/97	Adams Cty Fairgrounds	278-8384
	3	Mid-Del-Tinker KC	Show - Close 4/16/97	Oklahoma City, OK	Onofrio
	4	Canadian Valley KC	Show - Close 4/16/97	El Reno, OK	Onofrio
	4	Greater Sierra Vista KC	Show - Close 4/16/97	Sierra Vista, AZ	Onofrio
	4	Friends of Mals	Fun Match ABC/O & CGG	Arapahoe Comm. College	303-688-6502
	9	Samoyed Assoc of Minneaspolis - St. Paul	Specialty - Close 4/23/97	Brooklyn Park, MN	Lois Loble Show Sec
	9-11	Peter Lewi & John Gilbert	Agility Training Clinic	Denver, CO	303-384-3842
	10-11	Cambridge MN KC	Show - Close 4/23/97	Cambridge, MN	Onofrio
	10-12	Sante De Cristo KC Rio Grande KC Chapparal KC	Show - Close 4/23/97	Albuquerque, NM	Onofrio
	10-11	Denton KC	Show - Close 4/23/97	Denton, TX	Onofrio
	10	Lawrence Jayhawk KC	Show - Close 4/23/97	Lawrence, KS	Onofrio
	11	Greater Emporia KC	Show - Close 4/23/97	Emporia, KS	Onofrio
	15	Samoyed Club of San Diego	Specialty - Close 4/29/97	Chula Vista, CA	Simmons (SS)
	16-18	Durango KC	Show - Close 4/30/97	Durango, CO	N. Brown
	17-18	Mount Ogden KC	Show - Close 4/30/97	Ogden, UT	R. Tullis
	17-18	Council Bluffs KC Nebraska KC	Show - Close 4/30/97	Omaha, NE	Onofrio
	17-18	George Alston	Dog Handling Clinic	Douglas Cnty Fairgrounds Castle Rock, CO	Alan Krenek 303-646-3094
	24-25	Laramie KC	Show - Close 5/7/97	Laramie, WY	Onofrio
	31	Flatirons KC	Show - Close 5/14/97	Longmont, CO	Onofrio
June	1	Evergreen KC	Show - Close 5/14/97	Longmont, CO	Onofrio
	6	N. CA Samoyed Fanciers	Specialty - Close 5/21/97	Antioch, CA	Beckman (SS)
	7-8	Colorado Springs KC	Show - Close 5/21/97	Fountain, CO	Onofrio
	7-8	Flagstaff KC	Show - Close 5/21/97	Flagstaff, AZ	Wilson
	7-8	Utah Valley KC Bonneville Basin KC	Show - Close 5/14/97	Lehi, UT	Wilson Norm Brown
	14	Chicagoland Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close 5/28/97	Grayslake, IL	Rhodie (SS)
	14-15	Central Wyoming KC	Show - Close 5/28/97	Casper, WY	Onofrio

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Date		Organization	Event	Location	Phone #
June	22-23	West Texas KC	Show - Close 6/4/97	Odessa, TX	Onofrio
	28-29	Terry-All KC	Show - Close 6/11/97	Brighton, CO	Onofrio
July	12-13	Roaring Fork KC	Show - Close 6/25/97	Eagle, CO	Onofrio
	12-13	Deb & Gary Platt	Obedience Clinic	Adams Cty Fairgrounds	303-423-5225
	17	Samoyed ClubHouston	Specialty - Close 6/25/97	Houston, TX	Antypas
	18-20	Houston KC Beaumont KC Galveston County KC	Show - Close 6/25/97	Houston, TX	Antypas
Aug	9-10	Buckhorn Valley KC	Show - Close 7/23/97	Fort Collins, CO	Onofrio
	16-17	Greeley KC	Show - Close 7/30/97	Greeley, CO	Onofrio
	30-31	Cheyenne KC	Show - Close 8/13/97	Cheyenne, WY	Onofrio
Sep	1	Plum Creek KC	Show - Close 8/13/97	Highlands Ranch, CO	Onofrio
	6	Bonneville Basin KC	Show	North Lehi, UT	Brown
	7	Utah Valley KC	Show	West Jordan, UT	Brown
	12-14	Salina KC Wichita KC Greater Emporia KC	Show - Close 8/27/97	Salina, KC	Onofrio
	13-14	Prescott Arizona KC	Show - Close 8/27/97	Prescott, AZ	Onofrio
	19-21	Electric City KC Yellowstone Valley KC Helena Montana KC	Show - Close 9/3/97	Helena, MT	
	20-21	Grand Valley KC	Show - Close 9/3/97	Grand Junction, CO	Onofrio
	20-21	Fort Worth Texas KC	Show	Fort Worth, TX Mesquite, TX	Onofrio
	26-28	Heart of the Plains KC	Show - Close 9/10/97	Lubbock, TX	Onofrio
	27-28	Sunflower KC of Olath	Show	Gardner, KS	Onofrio
Oct	4-5	Rio Grande KC Sangre De Cristo KC	Show	Santa Fe, NM	Onofrio
	4-5	Intermountain KC Mount Ogden KC	Show	Magna, UT	Onofrio
	10-11	Chaparral KC Rio Pecos KC	Show	Alamogordo, NM	Onofrio
	12-13	El Paso KC Mesilla Valley KC	Show	Las Cruces, NM	Onofrio
	14-19	SCA National	Specialty	Sturbridge, MA	Jim Rau
	18-19	Rapid City KC	Show	Rapid City, SD	Onofrio
	25-26	Kachina KC	Show	Goodyear, AZ	
	25-26	Sioux Valley KC Sioux Empire KC	Show	Sioux Falls, SD	Onofrio
	25-26	Travis County KC	Show	Austin, TX	Onofrio
Nov	1-2	Bartlesville KC Mid-Continent KC	Show	Tulsa, OK	Onofrio
	8-9	Evergreen KC Flatirons KC	Show	Longmont, CO	Onofrio
	8-9	Mid-Del Tinker KC Oklahoma Clty KC	Show	Oklahoma City, OK	Onofrio
	29-30	Southern Colorado KC	Show	Pueblo, CO	Onofrio









April 21, 1997 Meeting Reminder:

- Meeting will be held at Littleton Hospital @ 7:15 pm.
- Nominations for 1998 Local Specialty judges will be held.
- Sam-O-Gram May issue deadline for articles is Friday, May 9th.
- Call Carolyn in advance to place your grocery certificate order.
- Call Thalia in advance to place your Englewood Garden Ctr order.

### Attention!!!

If you know of any individual, or any business with boarding kennel facilities in the Denver metro area that may be willing to accommodate our rescue dogs, please contact Deb Castro at 220-7536. DSR is beginning to push the time limit with our current facility (they are giving up their lease) and we need to make alternate boarding arrangements as soon as possible!

#### Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no **HOME**, all **ALONE Dogs placed during the month of March: 4**As of 04/12/97, we have the following Sammies available for adoption:

Year to Date Total: 7

Male(Abner) 8 yrs. Unknown Female(Daisy) 8 yrs. Unknown

Comments: Suggest these two be placed together because of their age. They were picked up running together. Male is neutered, female is spayed. Shots due in May. Abner is easy (very cute), Daisy is more the worrier. They will need someone who is patient and can spend time with them. Both need grooming.

Male(Shadow) 8 yrs. House/Outdoor

Comments: Netuered. OK with other dogs and kids. Owner thinks he would do best with another dog. Very people oriented.

Female(Prima) 7 yrs. House/Outdoor

Comments: Spayed. Knows basic obedience commands. Used to being kept in multi-dog household or only dog. OK with kids, cats, however is dominant other dogs. Medium activity level. Loves car rides. Owner past away, daughter unable to keep due to 2 other dominant dogs.

Male(Raja) 1 yr. House/Outdoor

Comments: OK with other dogs, loves kids and cats. Knows some obedience commands. Best placed with other dogs. Only has part of tail and one floppy ear. Large size, approximately 10 pounds over weight. A real sweetheart. Owner's moving.

Male(Rambo) 8 yrs. House only.

Comments: Neutered. OK with kids, dogs and cats. Medium activity level. He is overweight, approximately 90 pounds. Knows basic obedience commands. Does not like to have toenails clipped. Owner moved overseas.

Male(Dakota) 3 yrs. House/Outdoor Female(Snowflake) 7 yrs. House/Outdoor

Comments: Owner prefers they are placed together. OK with other dogs, cats & kids. Both are average size: male is 50 pounds, femail is 40 pounds. Female is afraid of thunderstorms.

Male(Gabby) 4 yrs

Comments: Average size. Loves to talk! He is a fence jumper. Picked up from Adams Cty Animal Shelter

If you know of anybody interested, please contact Deb 220-7536, Linda 794-7136, Carolyn 750-1740 or Heidi 660-1472.