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The C-Section

Part 1 -- THE ELECTIVE (PLANNED) C-SECTION

How do you make a million dollars breeding dogs? Start with 2 million dollars. J . Breeding dogs is not cheap...monetarily, emotionally, or with the amount of time invested. Precious lives are involved. Please breed responsibly.

This is the first of a three part series on C-section delivery in the bitch. My intention is to discuss here the options of Elective (Planned) C-Sections. Next month I will cover Emergency C-sections, deciding to proceed to surgery, risks, consequences, and alternatives. And finally, I will discuss the C-section itself, anesthesia, and neonatal resuscitation

The origin of the Cesarean Operation, Cesarean Section, or C-section is veiled in historic uncertainty. The procedure is alluded to in Greek Mythology as Apollos delivers Asclepius from the abdomen of his mother. And Romans claim the term in memorializing the birth of Julius Caesar. However, the expression most likely derives from the Latin "caedere: to cut". Originally, the procedure was performed on dead or dying women, sacrificing the life of the mother in an attempt to save the baby. The woman, who would eventually die if she was unable to deliver the baby, subsequently died do to hemorrhage or massive infection before the advent of sterile surgery or antibiotics.

In the bitch, c-sections are done with the intention of saving the life of the bitch and as many puppies as possible. Most often, dystocia (complicated delivery) necessitates an emergency c-section. By this time one or more of the fetuses may be dead or compromised and the mother weak or debilitated. 1.) Predicting dystocia, 2.) Predicting the due date, and 3.) Planning a Cesarean section can prevent fetal or

maternal loss; and can eliminate midnight emergency calls to the veterinarian.

Predicting Dystocia:

I am not a prophet nor am I a gypsy; and I do not profess to predict the future. However, I do confess an occasional novena to the gods of probability. Playing the odds, Brachycephalic breeds (breeds with shortened heads/faces such as Bulldogs and Boston Terriers) are at greater risk of dystocia than other breeds. The head of the fetus is often too large to pass through the pelvis of the dam, and lacks the traditional missile-shape which helps to direct the fetus through the cervix and the pelvis.

If I were a betting man, I might also wager that a bitch which has had a previous c-section will likely fail to deliver subsequent litters naturally. So-called "V-BAC" (Vaginal Birth After C-section) in human medicine is discouraged in canine obstetrics. Post-surgical adhesions and scar tissue may inhibit normal uterine contraction, preventing fetal expulsion. Further, we anticipate that the cause of the initial dystocia may recur during future pregnancies. This is especially true of "failure to initiate labor" (technically, Primary uterine inertia), or a developmental abnormality of the bitch's reproductive tract which obstructs passage of the fetus (e.g., broken pelvis, vaginal stricture, vaginal scarring, etc.).

Occasionally, very large litters will be surgically delivered to eliminate the risk of maternal exhaustion and failure to deliver all of the puppies (technically, Secondary uterine inertia). Conversely, breeders faced with very small or single pup litters may elect for cesarean delivery to prevent potential dystocia and loss of very valuable pups.

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Special points of interest:

* **2009 DSA Awards / 2010 SCA Bulletin Recognition Ad Information Needed! Deadline November16, 2009 See Page 11**

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Meeting Minutes

101609 - Membership Meeting

Present: Jan and Kent Cherne, Lori Elvera, Linda Kitzman, Martha Lageschulte, Tom Lisec, Mary Lloyd, Andi Mast, Kathi Metter, Rachel Paulson, Thalia Peletis, Michael Prewitt, Jamie Powell, Michele Sottile, Chris Stewart, Terry Walb, Sue Wangerin, Marijean Zacha

Guests:

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Lori Elvera.

President's Report: Lori Elvera:

Vice President's Report: Michele Sottile
We have three new associate member applications. Mary Jo Willdigg, Lindsey Ragsdale and Carole Selleck. Applications were read. Michele made a motion to accept these nominations. Michael seconded. Passed

Secretary's Report: Terry Walb:
No Report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Michael Prewitt:
No report

Treasurer's Report: Tom Lisec:
As of 9/30/09 our General Fund has \$11,368.38 and our Rescue Fund has \$14,643.65. We have made a profit of \$2756.25 in grocery certificates this year so far. See Treasurers report for details.

**Committee Reports-
Agility – Michele Sottile**
Everything is on track.

Awards – Mary Lloyd:
Awards need to be in by the November 16th meeting since the December meeting will be held earlier in the month. The form is in the SOG.

Breeder Referral – Kathi Metter:
Kathi has had lots of inquiries however she is

not aware of any available puppies. Continue to let Kathi know about puppies.

Cheer - Terry Walb

Birthday cards have been sent.

A card was sent to Heidi Neiman for her loss of "Tahoe" CH Saratoga's Like a Rock

Please let Terry know of anyone who should be sent cards.

Designated Specialty 2010 – Mary Lloyd:
No report.

Historian/Librarian – Tom Lisec:

Please contact Tom if anyone would like to borrow something from the library.

Lori said that Breeders Ed at the National had 2 books that may be we should look at purchasing. She will get the information to Tom.

Hospitality- Michele Sottile

Everything is on schedule for our holiday party to be held on Dec 7. Michele will be sending information out via email.

Legislative Committee – Deb Sencenbaugh
No report

Programs – Mary Lloyd/Tom Lisec:
No report

Public Education – Michele Sottile:
§ Nothing new

Sam-O-Gram/Web Site – Thalia Peletis:
The agility trial premium is out on the website.

SOG deadline first of the month.

Sammy Rescue – Thalia Peletis:

At the national we sold \$2981.10 in leads and collars, which gave us a profit of \$927.00. We had a profit of \$544.00 from the dog packs. We donated \$176.00 in collars and leashes to the rescue parade participants.

We have a female, Becca, who is in a foster home. We have two boys that are coming in from Kansas. We have had a lot of inquiries regarding them.

2010 Specialty Match-
Chair volunteer needed.

'09 Local Specialty – Martha Lageschulte.
The specialty is closed out. Thanks to all who helped. We received a thank you from Nancy Russell.

'10 Local Specialty – Jamie Powell :
We have contracts with the three judges and with the show secretary.

Unfinished Business:
Lori has had communication with the POL committee. We could do one night if we have enough people to participate. Lori will contact the club members to see who is interested. If enough interest we will move forward with this.

There were no additional nominations for the officers.

New Business:
Tom received thank you cards from Morris Foundation and the Rabies Challenge.

The Bob and Dolly Award was presented to Michael on Jane's behalf.

Tom handed out accounts of spending to the officers and board for their review prior to a discussion at the next board meeting.

Barks and Growls:
Terry Walb – Cloundnine's Attitude Matters "Tude" was Best of Opposite on Thursday at the Rapid City Show.
Lori Elvera – Kaelin and Toby are on the cover of the bulletin.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Welcome New DSA Members!

Mary Jo Willdigg & Lindsay Ragsdale
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Happy Birthday to our DSA Members!

November

Carolyn Bateman - 11/01

Lana McClellan - 11/01

Bob Sencenbaugh - 11/10

Kathi Karamigios-Metter -

11/14

Marijean Zacha - 11/17



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Predicting the Due Date:

Puppies require very precise determination of the due date for survival. They will not survive if they are born even 2 days pre-maturely.

Again, I do not possess a crystal ball. Accurate prediction of the due date relies on hormonal evaluation of the bitch BEFORE BREEDING. If an owner determines for any of the above reasons that the bitch will require a cesarean delivery, they should consult a veterinarian to coordinate the breeding with hormone and cytologic evaluation. Serial blood progesterone or blood lutenizing hormone (LH) measurements allow accurate prediction of whelping date. Whelping occurs 65 days after the LH peak, with a variability of 1 day. Armed with this information, your veterinarian can confidently schedule a daytime surgery and safely deliver the pups.

If the rise in LH was not determined, it is impossible to safely schedule a planned c-section. That is not to say, however, that the bitch must commence labor before surgery. Your veterinarian can roughly estimate the due date based strictly on cytology, determining the first day of Diestrus (last day of heat). Whelping will occur 57 days after the change in cytology with a variability of 3 days (outside the safety range of 2 days to surgically deliver viable pups). Fetal gestational age can also be calculated by ultrasound measurements during early pregnancy (~day 25-35); again, variability is at least 3 days. As the estimated due date approaches, the breeder must monitor the bitch's progress through pregnancy, mammary development, nesting behavior, drop in temperature, and loss of appetite. Then blood progesterone level can be evaluated. When it drops below 2 ng/ml it is safe to proceed to c-section.

Less preferably, a "planned" c-section can be initiated when the first signs of labor are detected. However, it now becomes an unscheduled, emergency c-section. Failure to initiate labor or delay in performing the c-section risks the loss of part or all of the litter.

Obviously, a little forethought provides a greater safety net and ultimately less stress for the breeder, the surgeon, and the mother-to-be.

Cesarean Section:

C-section circumvents the risk of dystocia during vaginal delivery, all but guaranteeing the safe delivery of the entire litter. The bitch enjoys decreased duration of labor, decreased physical exertion, and the benefits of analgesia. The breeder forgoes whelping anxieties. And cost-benefit analysis will reveal that preventing the loss of even one puppy compensates the expense of the timing and the surgery.

Given all these wonderful benefits, why aren't all whelpings scheduled for elective c-section?

The answer to that question is a moral conundrum. Once the monetary component is eliminated, it becomes a question of ethical consideration. 90% of natural deliveries progress without complications. Therefore, elective C-section of all pregnant bitches necessitates 90% of the bitches enduring unnecessary surgery. Is it worth the risks of surgery to avoid potential complications in 10% of pregnancies? Bulldog breeders have determined that elective c-sections are essential to the breed, their dystocia rate, however, exceeds the 10% natural average.

Summary:

Scheduled C-sections are often a feasible and economic option to guarantee delivery of the greatest number of healthy, viable puppies and preserving the life of the dam. A well established veterinary-client relationship should be developed, and forethought and excellent breeding management should be followed to ensure the greatest success.

Part 2 - THE EMERGENCY C-SECTION

Breeding dogs is not cheap...monetarily, emotionally, or with the amount of time invested. Precious lives are involved. Please breed responsibly.

This is the second of a three part series on C-section delivery in the bitch. My intention is to discuss here Emergency C-sections, deciding to proceed to surgery, risks, consequences, and alternatives. Next month, I will discuss the C-section itself, anesthesia, and neonatal resuscitation.

Innumerable conceivable (and some inconceivable) situations can arise to prompt an emergency c-section. Below are a few plausible situations to consider. In reality, each situation will be different and multiple factors involved which must be considered in making the decision to proceed to surgery.

A bitch is perceived to be "overdue". Very rarely will a bitch actually exceed normal canine gestation. The problem is determining "normal". Often, the gestation period of the dog is arbitrarily designated as 65 days. Or 62 days. Or 57 days. Even as long as 72 days. Such variability makes it impossible to predict whelping based on breeding dates. Determining the first day of Diestrus (D1) with vaginal cytology allows more accurate prediction of whelping 57 days later. Even then, there is a variability of 3 days (remember, as we dis-

cussed previously, delivery even 2 days premature rarely results in viable puppies). The greatest accuracy in estimating whelping date is 65 days after the Lutenizing Hormone (LH) peak, determined by either serial blood progesterone or LH evaluations. This provides accuracy within 1-2 days of whelping. Ultrasound estimation of fetal age base on fetal measurements in early gestation can improve accuracy to within 1 day when combined with the LH peak.

A bitch's temperature will commonly drop 1-3 degrees below its normal range (usually to 98 or 99 degrees Fahrenheit) 24 hours before whelping. This temperature drop is a result of a sudden drop in Progesterone, the hormone responsible for maintaining pregnancy. Bitches will also often go off feed the morning prior to delivery. If a bitch exceeds her expected due date or there are no signs of labor within 24 hours of an obvious temperature drop, Primary Uterine Inertia (PUI) should be considered. PUI is a condition in which the uterus fails to contract sufficiently to elicit labor or deliver the puppies. Causes of PUI are poorly understood, but included chemical imbalances (especially calcium or magnesium), poor quality nutrition (which may result in chemical imbalances), excessive uterine stretching (possibly from very large litters or abnormal fluid retention called Hydrops), or most commonly for no apparent reason at all (Idiopathic PUI-which may be genetic and is likely to recur on subsequent litters).

Failure to initiate labor is another possibility for an overdue bitch. It is poorly documented, but clinical impression suggests that very small or singleton litters lack sufficient fetal input to trigger the hormonal changes necessary to initiate labor.

Whatever the cause, adjunctive diagnostics are warranted to determine if whelping is eminent to prevent delivery of premature puppies. Blood progesterone levels and fetal monitoring (by ultrasound) are most critical. Accurate breeding history, especially LH peak, is also very valuable.

Occasionally, medical intervention will suffice, including calcium or magnesium supplementation. However, most commonly, surgery is required. Administration of oxytocin is rarely successful in treating PUI, and is CONTRAINDICATED in the event that the cervix has not dilated.

Dystocia is the malpositioning or oversize of a puppy which prevents normal delivery. Active abdominal pressing and straining for more than 20 minutes without producing a puppy is highly suggestive of a dystocia. Possible situations causing dystocia include a puppy too large to fit through the birth canal, 2 puppies entering the

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birth canal at the same time, abnormal formation of the puppy, abnormal position of the puppy (side-ways in the birth canal or head bent down in the birth canal).

Diagnosis of the cause of dystocia requires vaginal examination and often X-rays. If the puppy is within the birth canal, occasionally vaginal delivery with ample lubrication and gentle traction is successful. If the puppy cannot be delivered within 30 minutes, C-section is recommended. **THE USE OF OXYTOCIN IS CONTRAINDICATED IN RELIEVING DYSTOCIA.** Stimulation of uterine contraction will increase the pressure against the puppy and may damage the uterus. Increasing uterine contractions will also decrease oxygen perfusion to the remaining puppies.

Secondary Uterine Inertia (SUI) is a condition in which the uterine muscles become exhausted and can no longer contract enough to deliver the puppies. SUI often occurs with persistent contraction during dystocia. It may also result during the delivery of the last puppies in a large litter. This is the only situation, in my opinion, where oxytocin is warranted. And then, if and only if it is certain that the cause of SUI is NOT DYSTOCIA. Calcium supplementation is often necessary in conjunction with oxytocin. If SUI occurs with 3 or more puppies remaining in utero, it may be reasonable to proceed to c-section, as delayed delivery of the remaining puppies may result in fetal hypoxia (suffocation) and death.

Premature placental separation is suspected with the appearance of greenish-black vaginal discharge (Uteroverdin) without delivery of the first puppy. **THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!** It may be a consequence of PUI or secondary to a dystocia. In either event, at least one and possibly all puppies have decreased oxygen delivery and will soon suffocate. Further diagnostics are seldom warranted and immediate c-section is recommended. Passage of uteroverdin after the first puppy cannot be differentiated from the initial discharge and therefore cannot be used to interpret placental separation later in delivery.

In choosing to proceed to Emergency C-section, it is necessary to determine the risk to the puppies and to the bitch. Maximizing live births is the goal, and the sooner a diagnosis can be made, the better. Proper diagnosis of the cause of failure to deliver utilizing blood chemistry and progesterone, ultrasound, and x-ray, greatly hasten the decision to proceed to surgery. Medical management of C-section with calcium, oxytocin, and manual extraction can be rewarding. However, if several puppies remain in utero when intervention is needed, repeated attempts at non-surgical deliver may be too time consuming and stressful to the

bitch and the unborn puppies.

Part 3 - WHEN TO PROCEED WITH THE C-SECTION

Breeding dogs is not cheap monetarily, emotionally, or with the amount of time invested. Precious lives are involved. Please breed responsibly.

As a breeder you may have been or will be faced with the decision to proceed to C-section for management of a whelping bitch. For those of you who would like me to give you the definitive answer as to when to proceed to c-section, proper anesthetic protocol, and best surgical approach; I am sorry to inform you that there are too many variables and too many options for one simple answer.



Veterinarians experienced in dystocia management and cesarean delivery are perhaps the single most important factor for a successful outcome. Expedient delivery increases the survival of pups., shortening the duration of surgery and minimizing the potential for complications.

Fetal oxygenation is the foremost liability during the operation. All anesthetic and surgical decisions pivot around fetal oxygen delivery. Without oxygen, puppies suffocate or become severely debilitated and expire soon after delivery.

Fetal oxygenation can be affected in 3 ways; first, decreased maternal blood flow to the uterus. Uterine blood flow is primarily affected by blood pressure, either being too high or too low. Low blood pressure routinely occurs with the use of any anesthetic. To minimize this effect, maintain the lowest level of anesthesia possible and avoid sedatives such as Acepromazine. Fluid administration before induction of anesthesia and during the surgery will also help maintain normal blood pressures. Finally, avoid hypothermia; low body temperature contributes to low blood pressure.

Anxiety, stress, and pain result in high blood pressure, which also decreases perfusion of

the uterus. Sedation of animals can minimize this effect but should be done judiciously so as not to adversely affect the fetuses. Avoid use of Xylazine (which increases blood pressure), and Acepromazine (as previously mentioned). Opioids (morphine derivatives) are the sedative of choice. Further, hyperventilation of the dam increases blood pressure and should be avoided.

Second, fetal oxygenation can be affected by decrease concentration of oxygen in the dam's blood. This can occur if the dam stops breathing or is unable to take deep breaths. Pre-oxygenating the bitch for 3-5 minutes with 100% oxygen before she is anesthetized maximizes the oxygen concentration in her blood. Positioning the bitch at an angle on her right side (as opposed to directly on her back) will facilitate blood flow to her heart and lungs for re-oxygenation. And administering a deep breath occasionally to the bitch with the ventilator will also improve oxygenation during surgery.

Because it is impossible to directly measure fetal oxygen status, monitoring the blood pressure of the dam and oxygen saturation of her blood provides appropriate estimations of fetal oxygen perfusion. Many veterinary clinics are capable of evaluating these vital signs with capnographs, oxymeters, and blood pressure monitoring equipment.

Third, fetal oxygenation is affected by the fetuses' ability to breathe at delivery. Use of Xylazine and/or Ketamine have been associated with decreased puppy survival, presumably from residual effects on the puppies delaying spontaneous respiration. Stimulation of fetal breathing is best accomplished using gentle, yet vigorous stimulation in towel drying. Clear the airway using an infant suction bulb or a dry cotton-tipped swab, as opposed to swinging the puppy; which may result in neck or head trauma or regurgitation and aspiration of stomach contents. Warming the puppy with a warm hair dryer, incubator, or radiant heat source will also facilitate respiration. If the puppies do not begin breathing within 30 seconds, or the heart rate begins to decrease, provide supplemental oxygen, and attempt positive pressure ventilation with a face mask or intubation. Stimulation of the acupuncture point at the juncture between the base of the nose and upper lip using a 25 gauge needle with rapid, pecking motions may also stimulate respiration. If the heart rate continues to drop and breathing does not ensue, administration of Epinephrine is warranted. Routine use of Doxipram is not advocated: it has not been proven to be efficacious, and may cause cardiac infarction.

Recent studies demonstrate that no single anesthetic drug is superior to another in affecting survival of puppies; with the exception of

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Xylazine and Ketamine mentioned above. My preferred anesthetic protocol is Propofol induction with gas anesthesia using either Isoflurane or Sevoflurane.

There is no single surgical approach which has been proven more effective than another. The important factor is that the surgeon is competent at the approach she/he elects to use. If hysterectomy (spaying) is elected or required (because of uterine rupture or uterine artery rupture) at the time of c-section, fastidious attention must be paid to ligation of engorged uterine vessels. There is no consequence to

the bitch or the puppies if spaying is accomplished at the time of delivery. Anecdotal reports of decreased lactation have been reported; but have no physiologic substance. If the owner elects to delay spaying the bitch, my recommendation is to proceed with the subsequent surgery after weaning the pups and before the next heat ensues.

Post-operatively, greater puppy survival is achieved when the bitch is alert and attentive to the puppies. Maternal stimulation of urination, defecation, nursing, activity and body heat are critical. To this end, decreased exposure to sedatives and anesthetics by lowering doses and decreasing surgery time are most benefi-

cial. Second, use of post-operative analgesics provide pain relief so the bitch will allow the puppies to nurse and be attentive to them. Intra-operative administration of opioids, or post operative use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatories are most effective. Local infusion of a line block over the incision site may provide temporary relief.

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— via <http://www.papillonclub.org/Education/c-section.htm>

DSA to Participate in Denver's Parade of Lights - Dec 4th & 5th

The following DSA Members and Friends will proudly represent our club and our wonderful Samoyed breed by participating in Denver's 2009 Parade of Lights!

Lori, Dan and Nicholas Elvera, Marnie Grube, Heidi and Scooter Neiman, Lana McClellan, Terry Walb, Michele and Cody Sottile, Connie Rudd, Rachel Paulson, Marijean Zacha, Jamie Powell, Chris and Bill Stewart, Thalia Peletis, Alex Hoover, Donna Dannen, Wanda Clipp, Danny Rusak, Cora Bennett, and Kay Sasser.

This will be a terrific public education opportunity to SHOW-off the Samoyed breed to over 375,000 people in one weekend!

The Sammys will wear their dog packs, which will be covered with 60 LED lights!

WHERE
Downtown Denver

WHEN
Friday, December 4th - 8 PM
(This parade will be televised on Channel 9)
Saturday, December 5th - 6 PM

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PARADE INFORMATION
<http://www.denverparadeoflights.com>



Please show your support of your fellow club members that are volunteering for this public education opportunity. This is a very positive event for our club and our breed.

The parade organizers contacted over 20 specialty breed / kennel clubs and only two responded and of those, only DSA stepped up to the plate to participate.

DSR Tribute

"Sam"

**Adopted on December 10, 1999.
Sam was 2 years old.**

**Crossed Over Rainbow Bridge on
October, 5, 2009**

A tribute to our fantastic furry friend "Sam".

What terrific companion Sam has been what a void he has left ... we will miss him greatly.

All dogs are very special but rescue dogs are super special, and they are different. They are appreciative! They know they have had a difficult past and they can spot a "forever home" immediately, and, they never forget! That was "Sam". Sam was smart and he knew immediately that he was home to stay with family. What a great time we have had for almost 10 years!

In the year 2000, we had a big family – all rescues, but in November of 1999 we were down to only one rescue, an amazingly smart German Shepherd, Linde. Another special Samoyed rescue friend, "Kenzie", had recently passed away, and I was searching the internet for adoption possibilities.

It's been a long time ago, now, (December 10th, 1999), but it seems like only yesterday that our new furry friend, "Sam" arrived, a gift from Deb Castro and the Denver Samoyed Rescue via Northwest Airlines at the Memphis Airport. I spotted "Sam" on the internet, and the name "Sam" caught my attention right away because with a name like that surely the fellow had to be a great guy! And was I right!

When we were younger, we hiked parks and trails all over the states of Alabama and Tennessee. We backpacked and camped out. We had fun. There is nothing

ing a furry friend, and I, would rather do than to go hiking, and we did it often.

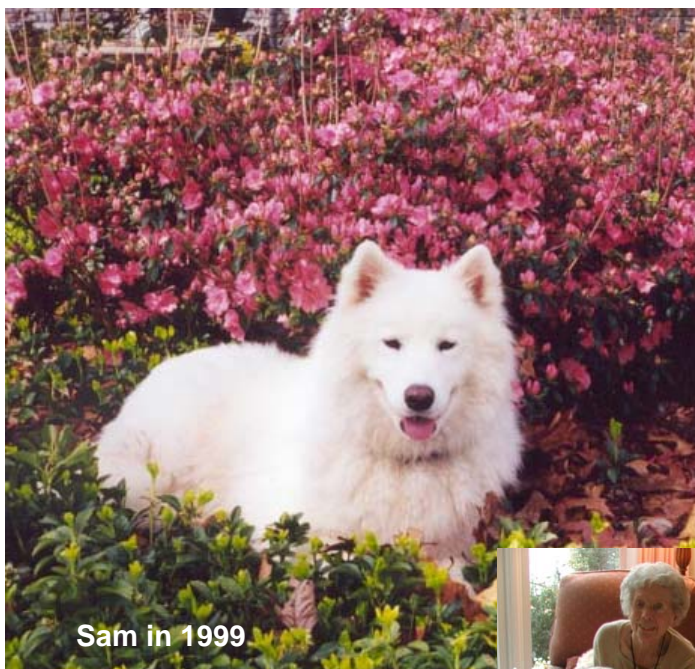
By summer of 2000, a beautiful Golden Retriever runaway stray found us. We checked with all vets, and shelters in the area, and ran ads on the radio and newspaper for six weeks no one ever claimed

our growing family. Max recovered, and has also made a special pet and is doing well. Of our rescues, Max seems to really appreciate his home the most! Max is like a white shadow that never leaves your side, ever! One can only wonder how desperate his situation was.

Sam's real name was "Sampson" a fitting name for sure. Over the phone, Deb told me that he was big, and big he was, and that he was skinny, but she thought he would "fill out". Did he ever! A lean, strong 100 pounds eventually! He looked like a white wolf when he first arrived from Wyoming via Denver Samoyed Rescue. (A last minute rescue in Cody, Wyoming and an interesting story in itself).

After Linde passed away in 2003, Sam has been our pack leader and my favorite. Instinctively, you loved Sam. Sam was very special.

Some day we will adopt a rescue dog again. Kids and pets are what life is all about. Nothing is more rewarding.



Sam in 1999

her. Steffie was home to stay and has never left our yard since except to go hiking. Sweet Steffie is still with us, but sadly she has slowed considerably. A younger Steffie would retrieve tennis balls all day. Sammys won't retrieve tennis balls, but they will go an intercept them to keep them from retrievers. By the way, on hikes, retrievers go swimming at every opportunity. By instinct, Sammys will only wade up to their bellies to cool off.

Sam's brother "Max" arrived a year later. I picked Max up at a shelter in Hopkinsville, KY, and was to take him to Alice Barz, Bar-zsamrescue, near Athens, GA but, we never made it. Max was covered with démodé tic mange, and I figured no one would ever adopt him, so Max joined



Sam and his family

Thanks to our good friends, Deb Castro and Alice Barz, for introducing us to our special friends, Sam and Max. It is sad that they are with us for only a short time, but how wonderful that short time is!

We will miss Sam very much!

Sam and Paula Brentnall
Muscle Shoals, AL

A Tail of Two White Knights, a DSR Success Story

The following is an example of the effort that is sometimes involved with Samoyed rescue. We are lucky that we have an expanding team of Samoyed Rescue volunteers. These two adoptions involved five volunteers to accomplish this wonderful outcome.

BJ's and Snowball's (now Kodi) journey began on 9/22/09.

On 9/22/09, National Samoyed Rescue's Jim Becklund contacted DSR to help Snowball. Snowball was a 1 year-old male from Wichita, KS that tied out on a chain link collar, which ended up cutting into his neck. Joyce, the neighbor, kept an eye on him making sure he got food and water, and then one day asked the owner for the key to pad lock on the chain. She had enough of the neglect. His neck by then had a deep cut, and she nursed him back to health. She fostered him for a spell until she decided she needed to place him since she had other animals already in her household and knew he deserved more attention.

On 9/28/09, Alex's House, a small rescue group in Wichita, KS, contacted DSR to help place BJ. The first owner was taking him to the pound, when the second owner intercepted and said they would keep him. They later realized they did not have the means to care for him and contacted Alex's House for help. Alex's House assistance did not end there. Because the family did not have a phone for over two weeks, they physically drove 30 miles into town to give the family our release form and on a multitude of occasions relayed messages to the family while transport arrangements were being made.

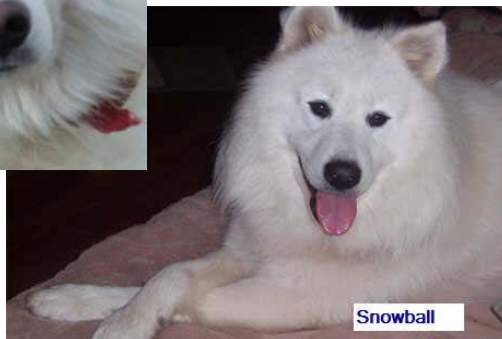
It took two weeks while we arranged and rearranged transport for these two dogs from Kansas. It was complicated by the fact that we had to make arrangements with two different families, and one of those families did not have a phone while most of the coordination was taking place.

The dogs were then transported to Denver, by C.A.R.E. (Colorado Animal Rescue Express) Transport, a volunteer group

that helps transport dogs, on Friday, 10/23/09 and arrived at the I-70 and Tower Road Wal-Mart at 6:45 PM. We picked them up from this point and transported them to Silveracres Kennel in Morrison, CO.

Silveracres opened up the kennel for us at 9:30 PM that Friday night. Later, they also brought Snowball into the office while they

worked, to get some extra attention since he was the more needy of the two. In addition, they helped us arrange for both boys to be groomed right before they were to be transported to the vets to be neutered.



his girlfriend if you know what I mean! He also was the first dog I have ever seen that actually made snow angels in the snow. It was hilarious.

Snowball, had quite a bit of energy too, but after a fifteen minutes of play, all he wanted was to be held and petted gently. Understandable, given his background.

While that meeting was occurring one of our volunteers was performing a home check of one of our applicants to better understand their setup and get to know them better.

After meeting with the dogs and getting the results from the home check, it was very clear who would be chosen to adopt these boys.

We chose a previous DSR family that had three children (the youngest was 9 years old) to adopt BJ. The whole family led a very active lifestyle, enjoyed jogging and hiking, and we felt they could wear off some of BJ's excess energy.

We chose an active, retired couple, who were previous Samoyed owners (one Sam came from a breeder and the other was a rescue Sam), but were currently had no dogs. We felt Snowball needed the undivided attention and time that this couple could provide to overcome any trauma he has endured to date.

Before the adoptions could take place one of our volunteers visited the kennel and microchipped both of the boys. Then later that week, another volunteer transported them down to the Deer Creek Animal Hospital for their neuter/pexy procedure.

Finally, this past weekend, a little over a month after this journey began BJ went home with his family on November 7th, and Snowball, now renamed to Kodi, when to his forever home on November 8th.

After seeing the dogs with their new owners and hearing initial reports on their progress at home, it reaffirmed our decision on the families we choose for these dogs.

We wish Bj and Kodi the very best with their forever homes!

Given that they were young, and there were hardly any rescue Samoyeds in the area (area meaning CO, WY, NE, NM, KS, MT), (which is a very good problem for rescue), once we posted the dogs on the website, we were inundated with e-mails, and hotline phone messages. We had to take the listing down after two days.

We had five volunteers returning emails and phone calls, sending out applications, and processing the completed applications. We had families from as far as Canada and Washington State that were wanting to adopt these dogs.

We had several good applicants, so then came the hard part. Which family would be the lucky one to adopt these boys?

To help us make that choice, a couple volunteers spent time with the dogs while at the kennel to better understand their temperament.

BJ was a powerful, excitable boy, and wanted to make everything and anything

Treasury Report - As of October 31, 2009

General Fund						
Beginning General Fund Bank Balance			\$20,043.10			
Beginning General Fund Outstanding Checks (from 2008)			(\$344.73)			
Beginning Grocery Certificates Balance			\$0.00			
Total Beginning Balance			\$19,698.37			
	Calendar Year			Budget Year 2009 (2009 Committee Reports)		
Category	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Agility						
Entry Fees	\$10,929.00	\$432.00	\$10,497.00	\$10,929.00	\$432.00	\$10,497.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Food & Beverages	\$0.00	\$790.84	(\$790.84)	\$0.00	\$790.84	(\$790.84)
Judge's Fees	\$0.00	\$1,547.20	(\$1,547.20)	\$0.00	\$1,547.20	(\$1,547.20)
Judges Gifts	\$0.00	\$52.40	(\$52.40)	\$0.00	\$52.40	(\$52.40)
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$121.45	(\$121.45)	\$0.00	\$121.45	(\$121.45)
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$2,180.00	(\$2,180.00)	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	(\$2,250.00)
Rental Fee	\$0.00	\$970.00	(\$970.00)	\$0.00	\$970.00	(\$970.00)
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$150.10	(\$150.10)	\$0.00	\$150.10	(\$150.10)
Secretary Fees	\$0.00	\$1,446.96	(\$1,446.96)	\$0.00	\$1,446.96	(\$1,446.96)
Agility Total	\$10,929.00	\$8,190.95	\$2,738.05	\$10,929.00	\$8,260.95	\$2,668.05
Awards						
Plaques/Tags	\$0.00	\$156.78	(\$156.78)	\$0.00	\$156.78	(\$156.78)
SCA Bulletin Ad	\$0.00	\$297.00	(\$297.00)	\$0.00	\$198.00	(\$198.00)
Award Total	\$0.00	\$453.78	(\$453.78)	\$0.00	\$453.78	(\$453.78)
Charitable Donations						
MAF	\$0.00	\$650.00	(\$650.00)	\$0.00	\$650.00	(\$650.00)
Medical Research	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Samoyed Rescue	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Charitable Donations Total	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Cheer						
Cards	\$0.00	\$178.64	(\$178.64)	\$0.00	\$178.64	(\$178.64)
Ink Cartridge	\$0.00	\$86.98	(\$86.98)	\$0.00	\$86.98	(\$86.98)
SCA Foundation	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Cheer Total	\$0.00	\$515.62	(\$515.62)	\$0.00	\$515.62	(\$515.62)
Designated Specialty						
Entry Share	\$168.00	\$0.00	\$168.00	\$168.00	\$0.00	\$168.00
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$15.00	(\$15.00)	\$0.00	\$15.00	(\$15.00)
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$164.55	(\$164.55)	\$0.00	\$164.55	(\$164.55)
Trophies	\$0.00	\$140.00	(\$140.00)	\$0.00	\$140.00	(\$140.00)
Designated Specialty Total	\$168.00	\$319.55	(\$151.55)	\$168.00	\$319.55	(\$151.55)
Hospitality						
Holiday	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Local Specialty	\$0.00	\$295.82	(\$295.82)	\$0.00	\$295.82	(\$295.82)
Specialty Match	\$0.00	\$70.51	(\$70.51)	\$0.00	\$70.51	(\$70.51)
Supplies	\$0.00	\$14.64	(\$14.64)	\$0.00	\$14.64	(\$14.64)
Hospitality Total	\$0.00	\$480.97	(\$480.87)	\$0.00	\$480.97	(\$480.87)
Insurance : Liability	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)
Library						
Books/Video	\$0.00	\$17.81	(\$17.81)	\$0.00	\$17.81	(\$17.81)
Library Total	\$0.00	\$17.81	(\$17.81)	\$0.00	\$17.81	(\$17.81)
Legislation						
Dues	\$0.00	\$75.00	(\$75.00)	\$0.00	\$75.00	(\$75.00)
NAIA	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Legislation Total	\$0.00	\$175.00	(\$175.00)	\$0.00	\$175.00	(\$175.00)
Local Specialty						
Catalog	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00
Entry Fees	\$1,625.00	\$6.00	\$1,619.00	\$1,625.00	\$6.00	\$1,619.00
Judge's Fees	\$0.00	\$253.01	(\$253.01)	\$0.00	\$253.01	(\$253.01)
Judge's Gifts	\$0.00	\$159.43	(\$159.43)	\$0.00	\$159.43	(\$159.43)
Judge's Lunch	\$0.00	\$56.00	(\$56.00)	\$0.00	\$56.00	(\$56.00)
Postage	\$0.00	\$63.80	(\$63.80)	\$3.52	\$63.80	(\$63.80)
Premium List	\$0.00	\$157.91	(\$157.91)	\$0.00	\$157.91	(\$157.91)
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$164.00	(\$164.00)	\$0.00	\$264.00	(\$100.00)
Rental & Cleanup Fees	\$43.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	\$43.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$517.40	(\$517.40)	\$0.00	\$517.40	(\$517.40)
Show Secretary Fees	\$0.00	\$315.58	(\$315.58)	\$0.00	\$315.58	(\$315.58)
Sweepstakes	\$7.41	\$432.16	(\$424.75)	\$7.41	\$432.16	(\$308.66)
Trophies	\$811.25	\$1,324.84	(\$513.59)	\$1,396.25	\$1,324.84	\$230.64
Local Specialty Total	\$2,595.18	\$3,650.13	(\$1,054.95)	\$3,180.18	\$3,750.13	\$1,415.20

**Grocery Certificate
Fundraiser 2009
Profit: \$3,006.75
Donated: \$175**

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Calendar Year				Budget Year 2009 (2009 Committee Reports)		
Category	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Membership : Dues						
Dues	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$365.00	\$765.00	\$0.00	\$765.00
Membership Total	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$365.00	\$765.00	\$0.00	\$765.00
Miscellaneous						
Digital Recorder	\$0.00	\$49.99	(\$49.99)	\$0.00	\$49.99	(\$49.99)
Postage	\$0.00	\$43.04	(\$43.04)	\$0.00	\$43.04	(\$43.04)
State Periodic Report	\$0.00	\$10.00	(\$10.00)	\$0.00	\$10.00	(\$10.00)
Miscellaneous Total	\$0.00	\$103.03	(\$103.03)	\$0.00	\$103.03	(\$103.03)
Public Education						
Booth Fee	\$0.00	\$25.00	(\$25.00)	\$0.00	\$25.00	(\$25.00)
Booth Supplies	\$0.00	\$180.41	(\$180.41)	\$0.00	\$180.41	(\$180.41)
Canopy	\$48.79	\$226.71	(\$226.71)	\$0.00	\$226.71	(\$226.71)
Sign Holder	\$0.00	\$20.05	(\$20.05)	\$0.00	\$20.05	(\$20.05)
Table	\$0.00	\$31.24	(\$31.24)	\$0.00	\$31.24	(\$31.24)
Public Education Total	\$0.00	\$483.41	(\$434.62)	\$0.00	\$483.41	(\$434.62)
Sammy Rescue						
Supplies	\$183.00	\$183.00	\$0.00	\$183.00	\$183.00	\$0.00
Sammy Rescue Total	\$183.00	\$183.00	\$0.00	\$183.00	\$183.00	\$0.00
Sam-O-Gram/Web						
Copy Services	\$0.00	\$41.48	(\$41.48)	\$0.00	\$41.48	(\$41.48)
Postage	\$0.00	\$72.58	(\$72.58)	\$0.00	\$72.58	(\$72.58)
Subscription	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Web Hosting Fee	\$0.00	\$119.40	(\$119.40)	\$0.00	\$119.40	(\$119.40)
Sam-O-Gram/Web Total	\$10.00	\$233.46	(\$223.46)	\$10.00	\$233.46	(\$223.46)
Specialty Match						
Entry Fees	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Rental Fee	\$0.00	\$32.00	(\$32.00)	\$0.00	\$32.00	(\$32.00)
Specialty Match Total	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$23.00	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$23.00
Supported Entry						
Trophies	\$0.00	\$266.00	(\$266.00)	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$133.00)
Supported Entry Total	\$0.00	\$266.00	(\$266.00)	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$133.00)
Taxes : Tax Prep	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Trophy Donations						
SCA National	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Trophy Donations Total	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Ways & Means						
Barks & Growls	\$35.50	\$0.00	\$35.50	\$35.50	\$0.00	\$35.50
Grocery Certificates	\$60,125.00	\$61,750.00	(\$1,525.00)	\$60,125.00	\$61,750.00	(\$1,525.00)
Ways & Means Total	\$60,260.50	\$61,750.00	(\$1,489.50)	\$60,260.50	\$61,750.00	(\$1,489.50)
Grand Total	\$74,614.47	\$79,069.28	(\$4,454.81)	\$75,599.47	\$79,106.28	(\$3,506.81)
Outstanding Checks (EOY)			\$0.00			
Total Ending General Fund Balance			\$15,243.56			
Ending Grocery Certificate Balance			\$4,700.00			
Total Ending Balance			\$19,698.37			

Beginning Rescue Fund Bank Balance	\$12,814.65
Beginning Rescue Fund Outstanding Checks (2008)	\$0.00
Total Beginning Balance	\$12,814.65
Rescue Fund	Calendar / Budget Year 2009
Category	Income Expenses Net
Adoption Fee	\$650.00 \$0.00 \$650.00
Bank Charges - Service Charge	\$0.00 \$5.00 (\$5.00)
Boarding	\$0.00 \$753.00 (\$753.00)
Charitable Donations: ABRN	\$0.00 \$40.00 (\$40.00)
Donations Received	\$2,234.00 \$0.00 \$2,234.00
Fundraiser	
Collars & Leashes	\$6,629.60 \$3,264.05 \$3,365.55
Dog Packs	\$1,501.00 \$1808.00 (\$307.00)
IGive.com	\$38.74 \$0.00 \$38.74
Microchip Clinic	\$235.00 \$125.00 \$110.00
Santa Pet Pictures	\$225.00 \$0.00 \$225.00
Fundraiser Total	\$8,629.34 \$5,197.05 \$3,432.29
Grooming	\$0.00 \$100.00 (\$100.00)
Placement Fees	\$125.00 \$0.00 (\$125.00)

Rescue Fund	Calendar / Budget Year 2009
Category	Income Expenses Net
Rescue Misc	
Licenses/Membership Dues	\$0.00 \$190.00 (\$190.00)
Pet Food	\$82.20 \$0.00 \$82.20
PO Box Rental	\$0.00 \$58.00 (\$58.00)
Recognition Gift	\$0.00 \$100.00 (\$100.00)
Rescue Misc Total	\$82.20 \$433.84 (\$351.64)
Tags	\$0.00 \$40.00 (\$40.00)
Veterinary Services	
Discount	\$174.99 \$0.00 \$174.99
Gastropexy	\$0.00 \$125.00 (\$125.00)
Heartworm Meds	\$0.00 \$201.13 (\$201.13)
Heartworm Test	\$0.00 \$125.00 (\$125.00)
Microchip	\$0.00 \$52.00 (\$52.00)
Neuter/Spay	\$0.00 \$600.00 (\$600.00)
Shots/Meds	\$0.00 \$97.25 (\$97.25)
Veterinary Services Total	\$174.99 \$1,200.38 (\$1,025.39)
Grand Total	\$11,895.53 \$7,769.27 \$4,126.26
Total Ending Rescue Fund Balance	\$16,940.91

2009-2010 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
Nov 27-30	Yuma KC Imperial Valley KC	Show - Close 11/11	Yuma, AZ	Bradshaw	Andrea Bradford LaMar Mathis Robert Caswell Robert Menaker
Dec 11	Buckeye Samoyed Club Medina KC	Designated Specialty - Close 11/25	Cleveland, OH	MB-F	Sheri Wright (Sweeps) Joan Luna
Jan 8	Samoyed Club of Los Angeles	Specialty - Close 12/23	Indio, CA	Bradshaw	N/A
9-10	Columbine State Poodle Club	AKC Agility - Open 11/4	Castle Rock, CO	Hittesdorf	Dan Butcher
16-17	Denver Samoyed Association	AKC Agility - Open 11/18	Golden, CO	Hittesdorf	David Nauer
17-18	Longs Peak Dog Training	Obedience - Close 12/30	Greeley, CO	Ascher	Carol Melt / James Ham/ Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell
23	Samoyed Fanciers of Central Florida / Clearwater KC	Designated Specialty - Close 1/6	Brooksville, FL	MB-F	Wanda Krauss (Sweeps) Jean Fournier
24	Willamette Valley Samoyed Fanciers / Tualatin KC	Designated Specialty - Close 1/6	Portland, OR	Onofrio	Wendy Sorrell (Sweeps) Ronald Menaker
30-31	Pikes Peak Obedience Club	AKC Agility / Obedience - Open 11/30 / Close 1/27	Elbert, CO	Misegadis	Linda Kipp (Agility) Pat Maynard(Obed)
Feb 5	Sahuaro State KC	Show - Close 1/20	Phoenix, AZ	Onofrio	N/A
6-7	Hobbs NM KC	Show - Close 1/20	Hobbs, NM	Onofrio	Keke Kahn Marion Hodesson
6-7	Samoyed Association of Madison Greater Milwaukee Samoyed Fanciers	Specialty - Close 1/20	Fond Du Lac, WI	Emerson	Joseph Deleo (Sweeps) Gary Bassett Tammy Szabo (Sweeps) Beth Riley
Feb 7-8	Lost Dutchman KC	Show - Close 1/20	Phoenix, AZ	Onofrio	N/A
11	Peak to Peak Working Dog As- sociation	Show - Close 1/27	Denver, CO	Onofrio	Donna Beckman
12	Denver Samoyed Association / Plum Creek KC	Designated Specialty - Close 1/27	Denver, CO	Onofrio	Jan Warner (Sweeps)
13-15	Plum Creek KC / Colorado KC	Show - Close 1/27	Denver, CO	Onofrio	Nancy Simmons/Peter Emily
12-15	Colorado KC	AKC Agility - Open 12/16	Denver, CO	Horacek	Scott Stock/Carole Evans Randy Reed
27	Chicagoland Samoyed Club International KC of Chicago	Designated Specialty - Close 2/10	Chicago, IL	Onofrio	N/A (Sweeps) Donald Booxbaum
Mar 4	Samoyed Club of Central AZ	Specialty - Close 2/17	Scottsdale, AZ	Onofrio	N/A (Sweeps) / N/A
MAR 5-8	Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Superstition KC	Show - Close 2/17	Scottsdale, AZ	Onofrio	Lisa DeRoulet James Reynolds
12-14	Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club	AKC Agility - Open 1/20	Castle Rock, CO	Ascher	N/A
13	Samoyed Club of Austin	Designated Specialty - Close 2/24	San Antonio, TX	Onofrio	N/A
26-28	Madera Canyon KC Canada Del Oro KC	Show - Close 3/10	Tucson, AZ	Onofrio	N/A / Katie Gammill Judy Harrington
Apr 9-12	Kachina KC / Arrowhead KC	Show - Close 3/24	Glendale, AZ	Onofrio	N/A
10-11	Terry-All KC	Show - Close 3/24	Brighton, CO	Onofrio	Lawrence Stanbridge Edward Lyons
Apr 18-19	Buckhorn Valley KC	Herding Test/Trial Close 4/1	Wellington, CO	Hansen	
24-25	Mile High Agility Club Boulder	AKC Agility - Open 3/4	Golden, CO	Makowski	Don Farage
May 8-9	Intermountain KC	Show - Close 4/21	South Jordan, UT	Onofrio	N/A
16-17	Rocky Mountain GSD Club	Herding Test/Trial Close 4/26	Fort Lupton	Morgan	
Jun 11-13	Front Range Agility Assoc	AKC Agility - Open 4/15	Castle Rock, CO	Horacek	Edith Allyn / Terry Culley Karen Paulukaitis
20-21	Mile-High Rottweiler Club	Herding Test/Trial Close 6/3	Fort Morgan, CO	Bolton	

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Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
Aug 21-22	Jesse James KC	Show - Close 7/29	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	N/A
26-29	Manhattan Kansas KC Topeka KC	Show - Close 8/11	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	N/A
Sep 12-13	Pikes Peak Herding Assoc	Herding Test/Trial Close 8/26	Elizabeth, CO	Walsh	N/A
18-19	Flatirons KC	Obedience - Close 9/8	Longmont, CO	Ascher	N/A
19-20	Continental Divide Herding	Herding Test/Trial Close 9/2	Fort Morgan, CO	Hansen	N/A
Oct 10-11	Buckhorn Valley KC	Herding Test/Trial Close 9/23	Wellington, CO	Hughes	N/A
17-18	Rocky Mountain GSD Club Mile High Rottweiler Club	Herding Trial - Close 9/30	Fort Lupton, CO	Galey	N/A
Nov 6-7	Flatirons KC	AKC Agility - Open 9/22	Longmont, CO	Ascher	N/A

2009 Denver Samoyed Association Awards

Dear DSA Member:

Congratulations on earning an award from the Denver Samoyed Association! DSA awards are given to recognize AKC and SCA sanctioned conformation and performance titles earned by club members' dogs. Awards are earned from January to December 31st of each year. The Awards will be a 6 x 8 walnut plaque engraved with your kennel name given only with your first award; a brass hang tag will be given to honor each dog's title. The cost is as follows: DSA and the recipient shall share equally the \$20 cost of the plaque and its engraving (50% each). The hang tag's cost and its engraving shall be paid totally by DSA. Additional hang tags may be purchased (\$3.50 each) by the owner or breeder and paid for at their expense.

You will be notified two weeks prior to the Awards Meeting in December if you owe anything towards the cost of your awards.

The information indicated below will also be included in the DSA Recognition Ad for the Spring 2010 SCA Bulletin.

**>> If you do not wish to receive a hang tag, please write zero (0) in the Number of Tags field below. <<
The information will be recorded for DSA history and included in the Recognition Ad only.**

Please complete the following information LEGIBLY:

OWNER'S NAME: _____

KENNEL NAME (for inscription on plaque): _____

DOG'S NAME WITH TITLE/TITLES* (for inscription on tag): _____

*Go to www.akc.org for the complete list of AKC Titles and www.samoyed.org/SCA/index.htm for SCA Titles

NUMBER OF TAGS (co-owner, breeder, etc): _____ DATE TITLE EARNED: ____/____/____



Please send completed form to:

Mary Lloyd, DSA Awards Chairperson
3534 Pleasant View Drive Castle Rock, CO 80104
E-mail: mlbraveheart@prodigy.net Phone: 303-688-4684

DEADLINE: November 16, 2009

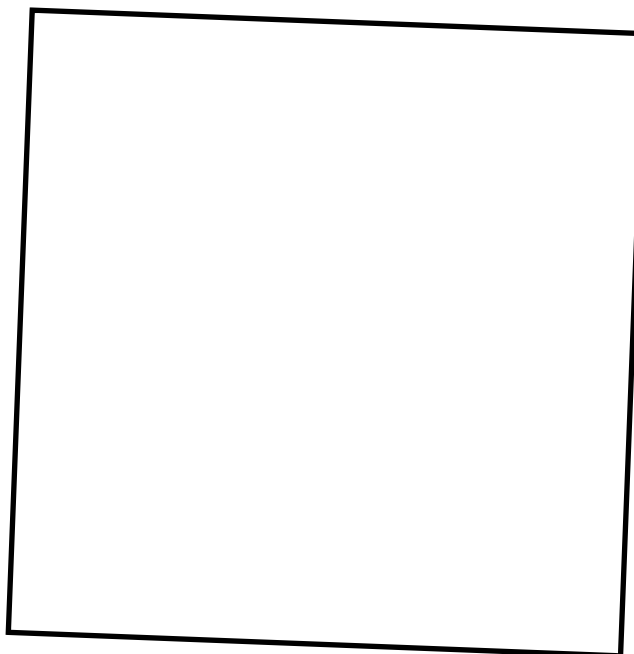


Denver Samoyed Association

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Nov **16**, 2009 Meeting Reminder - 7:15 PM - St. Joseph Episcopal Church

- **Accept slate for 2010 Officer and Board members.**
- **Deadline for newsletter articles is 1st day of the month!**

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no **HOME**, all **ALONE** As of 11/09/09, we have the following Sammies available for adoption!

Female (**Bekka**) 10 years Housetrained Fostered

Comments: Samoyed. 10 years old. Medium size. 38 pounds. Bekka is the epitome of ageless beauty. Just look at the pictures! She is groomed to perfection, white as fresh snow and simply gorgeous! Not your typical rescue dog by any means! She is a treasure waiting to be found by you! Bekka is very sweet. Walks well on a leash. She does not appear to have any health issues, other than a little arthritis in her back legs. She does love to play, which can be interpreted as dominant behavior if the other dog is not receptive to this fun! She has been fostered for a month now, and has been in contact with several dogs and got along well with all of them.



Bekka

Reason: Owner surrendered.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call the DSR at 303-453-1360, or contact one of the Rescue committee members:
Andi Mast, Sue Wangerin, Thalia Peletis, Michele Sottile. Pam Arnold or Deb Castro, Thanks!