

Denver Samoyed Association

SAM-O-GRAM

October 2026



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2027 Concurrent Specialty Judges

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING VOTE NOTIFICATION

We need to vote for judges for the 2027 concurrent specialty at the October meeting in order to have a say in who will be judging our specialty. The following judges are on the Flatirons panel and approved to judge Samoyeds:

Dana Cline

Rick Gswender

Carl Liepmann

Ann Roth

We will also be nominating sweepstakes judges, so bring your suggestions! Please plan on attending the October meeting on Monday, October, 19 at 6:45 pm, at the Natural Grocers, located at I-70 and Kipling.

THANKS!

Linda Kitzman

Meeting Date and Location for October Meeting!

October 19, 2026

6:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Natural Grocers Wheat Ridge

I-70 and Kipling

**DSA September Board Meeting -
Thursday, September 15, 2026**

Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:11 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman,
Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Pam Buhl, Dan Elvera,
Tamara Barach, Sue Wangerin, Lorrie McAllister.

President - Martha Lageschulte

No report.

Vice President - Linda Kitzman

No report.

Corresponding Secretary - Tammy Linnert

Announced slate for 2027 Officers and BOD
provided by the nominating committee.

President: Pam Buhl

VP: Linda Kitzman

Recording Secretary: Dan Elvera

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

Treasurer: Terry Walb

Board of Directors: Tamara Barach, Rodney Martin,
Julie Morris, Shanan Streweler

Treasurer - Terry Walb

Terry received bill from CPA for taxes. Taxes filed.

Librarian/Historian

Inventory is at Pam Buhl's house, and she is
working on making a list of everything.

IT Committee - Lorrie McAllister

The IT committee is looking at making it possible
for online signatures on the pdf documents
through Adobe Sign. Also looking into Forms
from Office 365 which will allow online surveys
and voting anonymously. Lorrie has an additional
Office 365 license that she is willing to let DSA
use. The license would be set up by DSA, and no
other entities would be able to view data from this
license. Dan and Lorrie volunteered to look into
Office 365 and see what applications could be
beneficial to DSA.

A concern was raised that the website is not being
updated in a timely manner. Cathy An is out of the
country on business, but it was suggested that
the IT committee hold a zoom meeting to address
these concerns.

Rescue - Sue Wangerin

Several people reached out about the Samoyed
in the shelter in Albuquerque. There may be some
people in Durango and Las Vegas interested.

Old Business

Microchips

The Microchip inventory has been restored. There
was a discussion last year about splitting the
revenues (and expenses) from the microchips

between DSA and DSR, but no motion was made
at the time. We will bring this up at the general
meeting. Currently Linda has the historical
documentation of the microchips from DSA, and
Pam has possession of the Microchips. A quarterly
report is requested from the committee of Pam
Buhl, Linda Kitzman, and Pam Arnold.

AKC Treasurer Recommendations

A review of AKC suggestions for the Treasurer
Duties and Responsibilities. AKC has a document
that they send to clubs yearly with suggestions for
the structure of the Treasurer position for all dog
clubs. This is a "one size fits all" list, with many
items aimed at larger all breed and parent clubs
with large cash reserves. Terry and Pam reviewed
the list and presented how DSA addresses
the items listed. One of the items listed was to
develop a financial review committee to review the
transactions of the treasurer on a yearly basis.

Motion 26-017B: Terry motioned and Linda
seconded. A financial review committee will be set
up consisting of 2 DSA members in good standing.
Not more than 1 board member will be on the
committee. The review will be done at the end of
the year prior to the new board taking office.

Motion Passed.

It was requested that the letter and the notes be
sent out to all the board members for review about
some other items. Discussion was tabled until the
next meeting.

Pam moved to adjourn at 8:31. Tammy seconded.

Pam Buhl, Recording Secretary

**DSA September Membership Meeting -
Monday, September 21, 2026**

Natural Grocers, Denver

Meeting called to order 6:50 pm

Present: Pam Buhl, Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Sue Wangerin, Lori Elvera, Dan Elvera, Martha Lageschulte, Tamara Barach, Michele Schmitt, Linda Kitzman, Julie Beth Yelin.

President asked for August 2026 Minutes to be approved. Approved

President: Martha Lageschulte

No report.

Vice President: Linda Kitzman

No report.

Recording Secretary: Pam Buhl

No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

We received a Thank You note from the 4H group for our donation to their show. The nominating committee of Cheryl Martin, Heidi Nieman, Sue Wangerin and Jan Cherne presented the nominees for next year's Officers and Board:

President: Pam Buhl

VP: Linda Kitzman

Recording Secretary: Dan Elvera

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

Treasurer: Terry Walb

Board of Directors: Tamara Barach, Rodney Martin, Julie Morris, Shanan Streweler

Nominees will be accepted from the floor at the October meeting, and voting will take place at the November meeting.

Treasurer: Terry Walb

General Fund \$28,614.41

Rescue \$9,544.59

CD \$26,762.64

Bill from the CPA who filed the 2025 Taxes received and paid. A question was posed about investing funds from DSA in a CD, Terry will research.

Board: Tamara Barach, Dan Elvera, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin

No report.

Committees

Agility: Terry Walb

No report.

Awards: Kris Schopfer

No report.

Cheer: Donna Dannen, Tamara Barach

Donna sent a card to Alex and Margaret for the loss of Alex's father.

Colorado Liaisons: Pam Buhl, Lorrie McAllister

The Farm Bill Passed with the inclusion of the Healthy Dog Importation Act. The EU passed a bill to limit the breeding and showing of certain breeds, but the details are not defined yet. This could have an effect on the US in the future.

Concurrent Specialty: Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl

Request for approval to hold Concurrent Specialty in 2027 was sent to SCA.

FastCat: Tammy Linnert

The Contract with Harmony is complete and we are talking with the park to get it reserved.

Historian/Librarian: Pam Buhl

Pam Buhl has not finished inventorying the library material that was received from Donna Dannen. Linda Kitzman and Lori Elvera volunteered to help, and will get together after the 2026 SCA National.

IT: Cathy An, Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Lorrie McAllister, Elisabeth Walker

The IT Committee has a meeting scheduled for September 30th.

Hospitality/Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert

Holiday Party planning is on track and details will be announced at a future meeting.

Local Specialty 2026: Lori Elvera

Douglas County Fairgrounds sent a final invoice, and the Certificate of Insurance was sent to them. If you purchase a 2026 Tee shirt and you are attending the National in Tennessee, please wear your shirt on Thursday at the National!

Local Specialty 2027: Cheryl Martin

No report.

Programs/Public Education: Pam Buhl

No report.

Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte

Need articles and items by first of month.

Social Media: Lori Elvera, Pam Buhl

Lori and Pam are trying to keep our pages active. Reminded members that they can also post themselves.

Rescue: Sue Wangerin

There was a 5-year-old male Samoyed in the Albuquerque Shelter that was adopted and now being fostered in Durango. We have a potential adoptive family, so DSR will pay for vet work.

Old Business

Microchips: Currently the Income and Expense for microchipping is part of DSR. We discussed splitting income and expenses between DSR and DSA.

Motion 26-018: Motion Pam Buhl, 2nd Tamara Barach. Move that the income and expenses from microchipping be split evenly between Denver Samoyed Rescue and Denver Samoyed Association.

Motion Passed.

New Business

No new business.

Barks 'n' Growls

Martha Lageschulte: At the Cheyenne KC shows, Capella finished her Grand Championship. This is her 6th title for the year. She also received an invite for Novice Obedience to the National Obedience Classic in Orlando.

Tamara Barach: Jimi Was Select Dog on Saturday at the Arapahoe KC Shows and also earned his BCAT that weekend!

Tammy Linnert: Winter earned her DCAT, and was BOS on Saturday and Sunday at the Arapahoe KC shows.

Pam Buhl: Hiccup finished her Championship at the Evergreen shows winning BOS 2 days from the classes and BOW the 3rd day.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm

Pam Buhl, Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 9/30/2026

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 28,909.78
Income	
Agility Trial	12,276.00
Concurrent Specialty Income	1,814.99
FastCAT Income	7,497.25
Local Specialty Income	5,253.67
Membership	682.36
PayPal Income Shipping	23.00
Ways & Means	566.67
Total Income	28,113.94
Expenses	
Agility Expense	(9,614.78)
Bank Charges	(18.30)
Charitable Donations- 4H	(75.00)
Cheer	(39.00)
Concurrent Specialty Expense	(1,985.58)
FastCAT Expenses	(720.18)
Holiday Party Expense	(250.00)
Hospitality	(60.88)
Insurance	
- Liability and Property	(600.00)
Legislation	(100.00)
Local Specialty Expenses	(6,568.58)
Local Specialty Shipping fees	46.00
Microchip Inventory	(112.00)
PayPal fees Concurrent Specialty Grooming	(17.70)
Paypal fees Concurrent Specialty Trophies	(35.75)
Paypal fees Dues	(34.07)
Paypal fees Local Specialty T- Shi	(112.55)
Public Education	(91.14)
State Periodic Report	(25.00)
Summer Social	(194.02)
Taxes	
- Tax Prep	(500.00)
Treasurer	(70.20)
Treasurer Expense	5.24
Website Expenses	(1,652.40)
Zoom Subscription	(185.45)
Total Expenses	(23,011.34)
TOTAL	5,102.60
Ending Balance	\$ 26,537.51

RESCUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,544.59
Income	
Donation to DSR	5,148.50
Fundraiser	
- Microchip	(224.00)
Transfer from CD	21,642.82
Total Income	26,567.32
Expenses	
Charitable Donations	
- Samoyed Rescue	(1,250.00)
DSR CD	(5,000.00)
Transfer to CD	(21,642.82)
Total Expenses	(27,892.82)
TOTAL	(1,325.50)
Ending Balance	\$ 9,656.59

SAVE
the
DATE!

DENVER SAMOYED

Holiday

BRUNCH
&
AWARD BANQUET

DEC **13** 2026

10am - 1pm

FOX HOLLOW GOLF COURSE

13410 W MORRISON RD
LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

Bloat

Important PSA about bloat in dogs. I hope this information will help others prevent bloat in their dogs or recognize the symptoms immediately if it happens.

Bloat happens when a dog's stomach fills with gas, food or fluid and becomes enlarged. Sometimes the stomach stays in its normal position, but in the more dangerous form, called GDV (gastric dilatation-volvulus), the enlarged stomach twists on itself. This traps the contents inside and can cut off blood flow to the stomach and other organs. GDV is a life-threatening emergency that requires immediate veterinary treatment.

Bloat can happen to any dog but there are several important risk factors to consider.

- 1) Large size with a deep chest
- 2) Tendency to chug down water or eat their food very quickly
- 3) Travel and other stressors like thunderstorm or fireworks can increase this risk for many dogs
- 4) Family history of bloat
- 5) Recent C-section for female dogs

What are the symptoms of bloat?

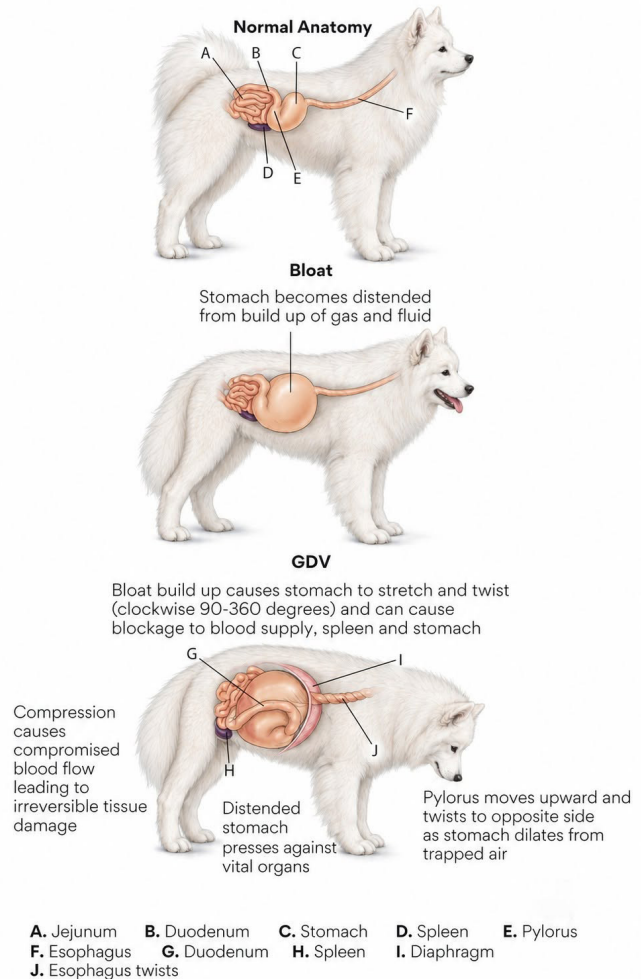
- 1) Trying to throw up with nothing or just some foam/saliva coming out
- 2) A distended abdomen
- 3) Crying in pain and/or pacing about unable to get comfortable
- 4) Hunched over posture

Time is of the essence if your dog bloats. Without emergency surgery bloat with GDV is 100% fatal. The longer you wait to get treatment, the greater the risk of shock, stomach damage and death.

How to prevent bloat?

- 1) Slow eating/drinking bowls: We just purchased stainless steel floating disk bowls for home and travel, these bowls only allow for small amounts of water to be licked making it impossible to chug down large volumes. Slow eating bowls have ridges that make it impossible for the dog to inhale their food.
- 2) Prohibit large volumes of food or water after exercise or travel: Never allow your dog free access to a giant bucket of water immediately after heavy playing, running, or stress. Offer a few laps of water, wait 15–20 minutes for their breathing to normalize, and then offer a bit more.
- 3) Elevate vs. floor feeding: Historically, people believed elevating bowls prevented bloat. However, modern veterinary studies show that elevated bowls can actually increase the risk of bloat in some large breeds because it alters the angle of the esophagus and encourages air swallowing.

Bloat in Dogs/GDV in Dogs



Keep water and food bowls on the floor unless medically directed otherwise by your vet.

4) If your dog eats too fast offer them 3 smaller meals a day instead of 1-2 larger ones.

5) Ask your vet about a prophylactic gastropexy. For dogs considered at increased risk for GDV, a gastropexy can be performed preventively, sometimes at the same time as a spay/neuter. It does not prevent the stomach from becoming bloated, but it greatly reduces the risk that the stomach will twist (GDV).

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