General Membership Meeting October 19, 2026
Natural Grocers Wheat Ridge

Attendees: Pam Buhl, Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Greg Linnert, Lori Elvera, Dan Elvera, Martha Lageschulte, Tamara Barach, Julie Morris, Linda Kitzman, Kent Cherne, Rodney Martin, Cheryl Martin, Rachel Paulson, Cathy An, Valerie Passmore, Lorrie McAllister, Joe Trojan, Shanan Streweler, Samantha Streweler, Joe Morris.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:45 by President Martha Lageschulte

President's Report: Martha Lageschulte - No Report

VP Report: Linda Kitzman - No Report

Recording Secretary: Pam Buhl asked that September 2026 general meeting minutes be approved. Approved

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert No Report

Treasurer's Report: Terry Walb
General Fund Balance $26244.46
Rescue Fund Balance $ 9,161.23
DSR CD Balance $26,762.64 (Matures 11/13/26)

Board Members: No Reports

Agility: Terry Walb – Everything is on track for January

Awards: Kristi Schopfer - No Report

Cheer: Donna Dannen and Tamara Barach - Cards were sent to Shelley Ferland for her illness, and Deb and Gabe Castro for the loss of their dog. A card was sent to Rodney and Cheryl Martin for the loss of their Elkhounds. Donna also sent Joe Trojan and his parents Tim and Cathy a card for the loss of Joe's Grandmother, Frances Trojan. Frances was well known in the Samoyed community, having bred and shown Samoyeds since the 1970's under the Mithril Kennel name.

Legislative Liaison: Pam Buhl and Lorrie McAllister – AKC and CFDCO are hosting 2 seminars Friday and Saturday after BIS judging at the Colorado Springs Kennel Club Shows to present information on possible upcoming legislative issues and how we address future negative legislation and promote purebred dogs. The presentation will include a discussion of bills passed in neighboring states that we could see here in Colorado in the future. All are welcome to attend these seminars.

Fast CAT: Tammy Linnert - The contracts with Harmony and the park are complete and the AKC application is approved. Dates are February 27th and 28th. Set up will be on Friday the 26th. Please plan on helping with set up if you can, and volunteering for the weekend.

Library: Pam Buhl - No Report

IT: Cathy AN - The IT Committee will be bringing outstanding items to the Board at the November board meeting.

Hospitality: Tammy Linnert - Holiday Party planning is on track. It will be Sunday December 13th, 2026. Details to follow.

Local Specialty 2026: Lori Elvera – Worked through some issues with Dogzbit while on the road to the Nationals. Premium list is now online at Dogzbit's website. The contract for the ring equipment rental is being sent. The Saturday Banquet sign up closes the same day as the entries close, Wednesday, November 4th. Don't forget to sign up for the Banquet!! If using coupons for the banquet you can bring them to Tammy at the November meeting. Wear your favorite Derby Dress and Hat for the banquet. Special "virgin" mint juleps will be available. The hospitality and grounds committees need to prepare.

Concurrent Specialty 2027: Still waiting for approval letter from SCA. Judge voting will be under New Business.

Local Specialty 2027: Cheryl Martin - No Report

SOG: Martha Lageschulte - Please get articles and reports to Martha by the 1st of the month.

Social media: Lori and Pam are trying to keep our pages active. Members can also post themselves.

Rescue: Sue Wangerin – No Report

Old Business:

CD for General Fund:
Last month Terry was asked to research the potential for investing a portion of our General Fund money in a CD. She found that PNC bank CDs are different than the former First Bank CDs in that the length of term determines the interest rate, not the amount invested. The interest rates are as follows:
New interest rates:
4 months $1000.00 or more 3.45% apy 3.50%
8 months $1000.00 or more 3.69% apy 3.75%
13 months $1000.00 or more 4.17% apy 4.25%

The Low balance per year of our General Fund account over the last few years:
2026 19,662
2025 10,391
2024 13,127

For liquidity purposes, it was decided that Terry also investigates Money Market accounts and their interest rates, so further discussion on investing General Fund money is tabled until the November meeting.

The Rescue CD matures in November 2026, and the current rate is 3.44%. We discussed splitting the amount between 2 CDs, one long term and one shorter term. After the information on the money market rates is obtained, a more informed discussion can be held and a decision made about investing.

New Business:

Nominations for 2027 Officers and Board: There were no nominations from the floor.

2027 Concurrent Specialty:
A vote is needed for the judge at the 2027 Concurrent Specialty. The judges on the Flatirons Kennel Club panel who judge Samoyeds are Rick Gschwender, Carl Liepmann, Dana Cline and Ann Roth. A vote was taken and the top vote recipient was Rick Gerschwender. Carl Liepmann was second. Mr. Gschwender will be contacted to see if he will judge our specialty. If he declines, Mr. Liepmann will be contacted.

We also nominated Sweepstakes judges for the 2027 June specialty. We will vote on these judges at the November meeting. Nominated Judges are as follows:

Andrea (Drea) Dunkle
Pat Griffin
Brandy Howard (Burke)
Connie Rudd
Christine Stewart
Linda Kitzman

There was a discussion that in our initial conversations debating offering a concurrent specialty that we talked about not offering any trophies, just rosettes. For 2026, the board approved collecting trophy donations for the major trophies at a lower amount than what is collected for the November independent specialties. In 2026 then, both rosettes for the major wins and trophies were offered. Some members feel that collecting donations for the concurrent

specialty negatively impacted the trophy donations for the 2026 November specialties and the pros and cons were discussed. The question of whether trophies should be included for the 2027 concurrent specialty was brought to a vote.

Motion 26-019: Move that for the 2027 concurrent specialty we ask for sponsorship of the major win trophies that we had in 2026, offered through the Denver Samoyed Association store. Pam Buhl made the motion and Linda Kitzman seconded.

Motion passed

The subject of offering Junior Showmanship at the 2027 concurrent specialty was raised. Junior Showmanship was not offered last year at the concurrent specialty. DSA will see if there is a judge on the current panel who can judge juniors for us and if not we will find a local judge who can judge our junior showmanship classes. We then voted on whether to offer Junior Showmanship at the 2027 concurrent specialty.

Motion 26-020: Move that Denver Samoyed Association offers Junior Showmanship at the 2027 Concurrent Specialty. Pam Buhl made the motion and Tammy Linnert seconded.

Motion Passed

Additional discussion included asking for an earlier start time for the specialty and more time between the specialty and the all-breed show. Linda will discuss with the Flatirons show chair these requests and request reserved specialty parking in the lot closest to the rings.

New Business
The **Columbine Norwegian Elkhound Association, Inc** asked if they could also hold their regional specialty at the Pavillion on Saturday. Their entries are smaller, and Denver Samoyed Association agreed that if Flatirons KC and Onofrio agreed to place another show ring at the Pavillon that there should be no interruption of our shows.

Barks and Growls:
Happy Birthday to Lori Elvera, celebrating her birthday at the DSA Meeting!

Kent Cherne: Becca and Buzz both earned their FCAT1 titles at the Evergreen KC shows on September 6th, 2026

Julie Morris: Tracy, Catalina's Life's a Dance. also earned her FCAT1 title at the Evergreen KC shows.

Rodney and Cheryl Martin: Savannah Martin was Best Junior at the SCA 2026 National Specialty showing Sue and Gary Bost's Tripper because her girl Charity was in season
Savannah also finished Kathy Smith's boy Loki by going Reserve Winners Dog at the National

Hoss earned a BPUP Group 2 at the Arapahoe Kennel Club shows his first time in the ring and had fun showing at the Nationals!

Lori Elvera: Miles earned an AOM at the 2026 National Specialty

Lorrie McAllister: Keena, Wintersong's Keen on RTE 66 had a great trip to Kingsport TN and the SCA National Specialty. At the Regional show on Sunday Keena was 2rd in puppy Sweeps under judge Heidi Nieman, and 2nd in her regular puppy class under judge Mardee Ward.
At the National, Keena was 3rd in puppy sweeps under judge Pat Griffen and 2nd in the regular puppy class under judge Jan Cherne.

Terry Walb: Travis earned his FCAT at the Arapahoe KC shows

Rachel Paulson: Carly was bred and if pregnant she will be due the same weekend as the November Specialties

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm