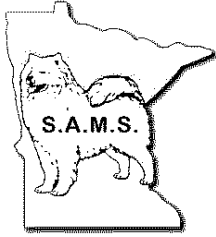


# Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul



## CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**The next general meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday, April 18th at the United Methodist Church.** Address: 1524 W. Co Rd. C2 and Snelling in Roseville. The church is at the SE corner. Use the east (main) entrance. Signs will be posted to direct you to the meeting room. **Directions:** from hwy 36, take Snelling north and turn right (east) on Co. Rd C2. The parking lot is east of the church. From I694, go south on Snelling and turn left (east) on Co. Rd. C2.

## **Scheduled General/Board Meetings for 2005**

**Board:** Monday at 7:30pm: 5/16 location tbd.

7/18/05

10/17/05

12/12/05

**General:** Monday at 7:30pm: 6/13/05 location tbd

9/19/05

11/14/05

## **Upcoming Events:**

**April 30th** - AHBA Herding Instinct Test at JoAnna Yund's. For more information go to her website at [www.trainingcampinc.com](http://www.trainingcampinc.com)

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Race for the Cure at Mall of America. SAMS team is setup again for this year. Go online to register under group **Samoyed Assoc of Mpls/St Paul** at <http://www.racecure.org/team.htm>. It's not too late to join our group of walkers. Please contact Lori Sorenson if you're interested in attending this year's event.

**May 21-22** – SAMS Spring Specialty at Animal Inn, Lake Elmo. This is a 2 day show including Agility Trail and Sweepstakes. Banquet/Auction will be held May 21<sup>st</sup> at The Wildwood in Lake Elmo. Contact Lori Sorenson if you have an auction or raffle item to donate and sign-up for the banquet.

## **President's Message:**

By Ann Musker

SAMS has had another successful Heartworm clinic again this year. Thanks go to Bob and Barb Gage for generously letting SAMS use their warehouse again, and to Dr. Camille McArdle for doing the heartworm testing for us. It is always a well appreciated event.

As well, our Spring Specialties are coming up on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year. The Committees are working very hard to see that we have a wonderful 2-day show again this year. Everyone should start seeing the premium lists in their mailboxes any day now. We are in need of funds to the General Trophy fund again this year. If you would like to contribute a donation to the General Trophy fund, please contact our Trophy Chairperson Jane Anderson. If you would like to donate items to the Raffle or Auction for the Specialty, please contact our Raffle/ Auction Chairperson Lori Sorenson as soon as possible.

We are having 2 special programs at the April 18<sup>th</sup> General club meeting. We will be having our annual awards & plaque presentation where a beautiful cake will be served, and Laura Wolfe will be doing a presentation on the benefits of being a member of the Samoyed Association of Minneapolis- St. Paul. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

## **Spring Specialty Auction/Raffle Donation**

Dear SAMS member:

The 2005 Speciality Raffle and Auction Committee needs your help! The Spring Specialty is just around the corner on May 21-22. This year's Auction will be held on Saturday evening, May 21<sup>st</sup> at The Wildwood banquet center in Lake Elmo. A buffet dinner will be served and the Auction will be held immediately following dinner. Please plan on attending this fun event.

The Raffle will be held at the show site with drawings on Sunday afternoon for all prizes. Tickets are \$1.00 per ticket, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, and 25 for \$20.00.

Most of the Specialty earnings come from the Auction and Raffle proceeds. We need everyone's help in offering a variety of Raffle and Auction items and count on our club members for donations. I have only received a few items for the raffle and 2 items for the auction. The success of our club's Specialty depends on our membership's involvement in these events. Even if you cannot attend the specialty or banquet, you can still donate an item for the auction. Arrangements can be made for collecting auction ahead of time.

Can't think of what to donate? Call me and I'll give you some ideas. In the past, Samoyed design items are the most popular including pictures, cards, notepads, clothing items, trinkets. However, everyone can use dog related items such as leashes, collars, crate pads, blankets, and show gear such as folding chairs, collapsible dishes, show leads, grooming supplies, etc.

If you have a special item that you would like to donate for either the Raffle or the Auction, please contact Lori Sorenson at [gsorenson@mn.rr.com](mailto:gsorenson@mn.rr.com). If needed, I will begin calling club members for auction/raffle donations beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank You!

Lori Sorenson  
2005 Spring Specialty Banquet/Auction Chair

## **Therapy Dog Int'l Testing Event - Recap**

SAMS hosted a Therapy Dog Int'l testing event on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The event tested 11 dogs for Therapy Dog Int'l/Canine Good Citizen certifications. This certification allows dogs to visit any type of skilled care facility including hospitals, assisted living residences, nursing homes, schools, etc. Our member, Linda Murray graciously offered her services for the day along with husband Donovan and her friends Dawn and Leann. After testing for 7 hours, Linda concluded the event by passing 10 dogs (8 of which were sammies). There are now 10 new dogs that will be able to provide comfort, pleasure, and entertainment to people in need.

You really can't ask for more than that. Thanks to EVERYONE that helped with this event. Barb Gage, Bob Gage, Donovan Murray, Dawn, and Leann. Thanks also to those participants who stayed and helped out with crowds and volunteered their dogs for the meet & greet portion of the test. A good time was had by all and we dedicate this SAMS event to the memory TJ Gage who attended this event and will be greatly missed by Barb, Bob, Buca, Ranger, Gunnar, and Sky.

## **Heartworm Clinic - Recap**

Another successful Heartworm clinic was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. McArdle reported that all dogs tested negative for heartworm and provided medication for this year's mosquito season. She credits our club for preventing incidences of the disease as she continues to see cases of Heartworm each year. SAMS would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Muriel Anderson for organizing her sixth Heartworm clinic for the club. We are looking for a new volunteer to organize next year's clinic. Please contact Ann Musker if you're interested in setting up the 2006 clinic.