



# Seward County Kennel Club

A CLUB FOR PERSONS INTERESTED IN DOGS AND THE SPORT OF DOGS.

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Information for the newsletter, including brags, needs to be submitted by the first week of the month to be included in the next newsletter. Please email submissions to the editor.

## BREED SNAPSHOT: DANISH-SWEDISH FARMDOG



Known as the Little Big Dog, the Danish-Swedish Farmdog is a companion dog that loves to work and enjoys a challenge. They are a small, compact and slightly rectangular dog, known to mature late. The Danish-Swedish Farmdog, which debuted in January 2025 as part of the Working Group as the 202nd AKC-recognized breed will be included in the registration rankings for 2025..

### HISTORY

Until a few decades ago, the small farmer's dog, originally known as the Danish Pincher, was a natural part of the Danish rural life. The Danish-Swedish Farmdog's everyday functions were many, including mouser/ratter, livestock herder, hunting dog, watchdog and family companion. As lifestyles have changed, smaller family farms have become rarer and so too has the faithful working Farmdog. Efforts from the Danish and Swedish Kennel Clubs to bring back this breed culminated in 1987 with the first breed standard for the Danish-Swedish Farmdog. In 1998, a DSF was imported to the United States to establish the first official breeding program there. The FCI Standard for the breed was officially published March 26, 2009. The Danish-Swedish Farmdog was recorded in the American Kennel Club Foundation Stock Services in 2011.

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## NEXT MEETING March 27, 2025

Pizza Kitchen - 411 First St, Milford, NE 68405  
No Special Program - General Meeting 6:30pm

# MEETING MINUTES

## SEWARD COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

January 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM SCKC met at LaCarreta Mexican restaurant for the annual Awards banquet. Present: Tabitha & Troy Dvorak, Gerold & Diane Nitz, Shelene & Maurice Costello, Mary Bristol, Tanya Williams, Kayla Thomas, Pat Schindler, Linda Soukup, Kathy Jackson. Meeting was called to order by president.

Minutes of December meeting were read from the newsletter by Tanya. Tabitha corrected the November minutes that we do not have Fun Match prizes. Shelene motioned to approve December minutes as read and the November minutes with correction, Pat second, motion carried.

President reported the over payment of \$75.00 to AKC for show fees will be credited to our account.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$8,971.69. Tanya (contact person) passed to Mary the State Non-Profit Corporation renewal notice and asked that the contact person be changed. Tanya also gave a trophy sponsor \$100.00 check from Jones Bank to Mary. Troy motioned to accept treasury report pending audit, Shelene second, motion carried.

Show committee reported Tabitha has a lot of prize items to donate. A draft of the show premium received from Foy Trent was passed around for any corrections.

Obedience classes will be held at Country Bumpkin on highway 6 just east of the Milford Feed Lot. Insurance concerns have been satisfied.

Nominating committee asked for nominations from the floor which there were none, Tanya motioned to accept slate as stated, Pat? Seconded, motioned carried. Officers and board will stay the same.

New business was monthly meetings will change start time to 6:30 PM. Next meeting at Pizza Kitchen in Milford.

Adjournment motioned by Pat, seconded by Kayla, motioned carried at 7:30 PM.

Awards plaques were not available but winners were announced, The Founders Award was received by Linda Soukup. The drawing for the dining gift certificate was won by Pat Schindler.

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Williams.

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## SEWARD COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

February 20, 2025 SCKC met at the Pizza Kitchen in Milford. President, Tabitha Dvorak called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Members in attendance were Mary Bristol, Tabitha and Troy Dvorak, Pat Schindler, Tanya Williams, Cindy Hill and sons. Guest Pam Savoye, Omaha and Stephanie Hudson Friedley, Bellevue were present for membership reading.

Minutes of the January 16 meeting were read, Pat motioned to accept, Troy second, motion carried. Note new start time of 6:30 PM.

Treasurer reported AKC returned the \$75.00



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overpayment to the club. Also, Cindy Hill received 30 cents change from over payment she made. Mary reported a balance of \$8,725.54. Tanya motioned to approve as read upon audit, Troy second, motion carried. Tabitha and Pat will audit treasury books by March meet.

Trophy, Tanya handed off to Cindy the gift cards and certificates for prizes.

Fun Match judges are still needed.

Membership first reading for Pam Savoye (Boxers), Omaha and Stephanie Hudson Friedley (Dogue De Bordeaux), Bellvedere.

Obedience classes March 17 for 7 weeks at the Country Bumpkin,(Christine Strinz) 2325 "O" Street Rd, directions ½ mile east of 238 Rd. on hiway 6 (east of Milford feedlot). Conformation class 6-6:15 PM; Pups pre-registration \$60.00 day of \$70.00, 6:30-7:00 PM; Basic pre-registration \$65.00 day of \$75.00,

7-8 PM.

Show chair reported vendors were Definite Dogs-supplies, Jeanne clothing etc. in Ag and craft vendor in Harvest Hall all require 10 'x 30' space. There will be a donated items raffle and the POOP raffle. AKC effective October 1 to increase their portion of entry per dog from \$3 to \$4.50, therefore our too will increase.

Election of officers and board were accepted as presented at January meeting all retain positions.

President's daughter Ally Wagner will celebrate her graduation in the 4-H building after the Saturday show at 6 PM.

Pat motioned for adjournment at 8:15 PM, Cindy second, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Williams

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"The determination of this woman is seen in her expression and the strength of her hand on the bag and her arm out and her elbow pointed," Visbal says. "She has made the decision to leave, and it takes courage. The purple leash symbolizes the bond between pets and their people and is seen in the dog's loving expression."

Visbal used a new 3D technology to sketch the design of *Courageous Together*. The statue was made of a fused polymer and a lightweight fiberglass material to ease its transportation around the country. Finally, it was painted to look like bronze.

The Purple Leash Project came about from Purina's mission to strengthen the bond between pets and people alongside RedRover's mission to provide care and support to animals and their owners during times of crisis. Since 2019, Purina and RedRover have provided 48 Purple Leash Project grants to domestic violence shelters nationwide.

"Ultimately, this sculpture is for the purpose of inspiring someone ensnared in a domestic violence situation to take action and find the courage to exit and exit now because their lives may depend on it," Visbal says. "We hope to inspire survivors to walk away with courage and their pets in tow."

*Courageous Together* will be on display at the Ladies Professional Golf Association tournaments in September in Cincinnati and in Rogers, Arkansas. For information, visit <https://www.purina.com/purple-leash-project/initiatives..>

*Article by Pro Club Expert Team. July 11, 2024. <https://www.purinaproclub.com/pro-resources/learning-hub/courageous-together-statue-raises-domestic-violence-awareness>. Photo by Mikaella Fancy Art.*

# "COURAGEOUS TOGETHER" STATUE, A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PURINA AND REDROVER, BRINGS AWARENESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## Statue Brings Awareness to the Need for Pet-Friendly Domestic Violence Shelters

*Courageous Together*, a new statue depicting the brave first step of a domestic violence survivor and her beloved dog, is on tour across the U.S. in 2024 and early 2025.

The statue was commissioned by the Purple Leash Project®, an innovative partnership between Purina and the nonprofit RedRover®. Artist Kristen Visbal created the inspiring sculpture that aims to raise awareness of the crucial role of pets in surviving domestic violence and the bond between humans and their pets.

"Less than 20 percent of domestic violence shelters in the U.S. allow pets," says Noa Hefer, Purina Brand Manager.

"Our goal is to ensure that at least one-quarter of all domestic violence shelters offer pet-friendly services by the end of 2025.

"Nearly half of survivors of domestic violence stay longer in their abusive relationship because they are concerned about their pet's safety," Hefer adds. "It is heartbreaking that someone might have to consider leaving their pet behind to escape domestic violence. A pet may be their only source of unconditional love and support."

The statue was unveiled May 6, 2024, on Good Morning America. Purina CEO Nina Leigh Krueger and actress Mariska Hargitay, founder of the Joyful Heart Foundation, teamed up for the unveiling.

"Art has an incredible way of opening minds and starting conversations, and *Courageous Together* is meant to do both as we continue to shine a light on the journey that domestic violence survivors with pets face," Krueger said.

"Through the Purple Leash Project, Purina hopes to drive fundamental change to the landscape of domestic violence services for survivors with pets, so no survivor has to choose between their own and the safety of their pet," she said. "It's hard to overstate the lifesaving role a pet can play in helping a victim survive the isolation that is so prevalent in abusive situations," said Hargitay, whose foundation supports victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse. "I deeply admire the Purple Leash Project's vision and understanding of how a pet – and a leash – can be a lifeline for a survivor."

Every year more than 10 million people in the U.S. are physically abused by an intimate partner, according to RedRover, an organization that has worked over the past 16 years to change how domestic violence shelters serve survivors and their pets so that they may have access to a safe, secure place to recover from trauma.

Seventy-one percent of women in domestic violence shelters report their abuser threatened, injured or killed a pet as a means of control, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

"This sculpture was designed to capture the moment when this woman has made a definitive decision to leave the violent relationship," says Visbal, who is known for creating the Fearless Girl statue installed in 2017 in Manhattan's financial district to encourage companies to recruit women to their boards.

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