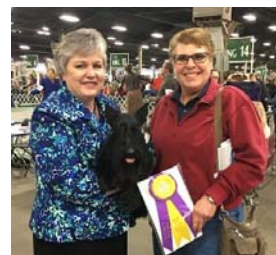


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy almost Spring! For me, Spring is a time of hope and new beginnings. That is especially true this year at our house. We have six three week old puppies, full of energy and scottitude. It is amazing to watch them develop from newborns to puppies and see how soon their individual personalities emerge.



It is a time of new beginnings for STCC as well. We welcome several new visitors and potential new members each meeting. We look forward to increasing our membership with eager new members wishing to learn more about Scotties and to participate in Club activities.

I am encouraging the buyers of my puppies to become involved in a Regional Scottish Terrier Breed Club. The more breeders who instill that interest into their prospective buyers, the more knowledgeable new Scottie owners become with the new addition to their families, and the stronger our Regional Scottish Terrier Clubs and STCA become.

*Thank you,
Kathy Hufnagle,
President, STCC*

REMINDER: Upcoming STCC Meetings

Date: March 25, 2018
Event: Club Meeting and Program
**What Do You Expect From Your Dog
and What Does Your Dog
Expect From You?**

Speaker: Barbara Sciarra
Time: 1 pm to 4 pm
Location: Arlington Feeds and Needs
401 W. Golf Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 437-4738

www.animalfeedsandneeds.com
Reminders: Scotties are enthusiastically invited!
Please: No Flex leashes
Bring your own chairs!

Date: April 22, 2018
Event: Club Meeting and Program
**Understanding a Conformation Show:
Rules, Rosettes, and Regalia
(More details on Page 7....)**

Speaker: Richard C. Bumstead
Time: 1 pm to 4 pm
Location: Arlington Feeds and Needs
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Future Meetings

June 16, 2018 **Specialty Show;** Trophy table volunteers needed!! (Contact Marilyn Flanagan)
August 19, 2018 **Annual Awards Luncheon;** Westwood Tavern, Schaumburg (Details to follow)
October 21, 2018 **Club Meeting and Program;** TBD (Details to follow)



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Submission deadlines are: the 1st of January, March, May, July, September, and October.

BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Name:	Barbara Wicks, Secretary 2017 - Current Past Secretary 2007-2010
Member since:	2004, but came as a guest for about a year before I joined
Current Household:	Bailey, 11 year old Wheaten Scottie girl
Why the Scottie:	This is how I got my first Scottie. ..

Sitting at breakfast one Saturday morning, I asked Fred what kind of dog he likes. He said there is a woman that walks her Scottish Terrier around the block where he works and he liked the look of a Scottie. I thought, I've never had a Scottie and know nothing about the terrier breed; but I'm willing to learn.

That afternoon I went to Noah's Ark, a no-kill shelter in Rockford, IL, and asked if they had any Scotties for adoption? "Why yes, we do have a Scottie up for adoption," she said. "Would you like to see him," she asked? Of course, I wanted to see the Scottie that I was going to take home. I called Fred to come and see him and then we began the paperwork. The shelter offered to bathe and clip him if I wanted to wait until Monday to pick him up. I told her that wasn't necessary, I would do that at the house. I wasn't going to leave him in the shelter for one more night.

I think back on that morning and how lucky I was to find a Scottie at the shelter on the same day. I like to think there was a divine intervention involved for Max and for me on that Saturday in 1991.

Wish for the breed:	AKC registration for the Scottish Terrier is decreasing. I would like to see more breeders produce quality Scotties to the breed standard.
Club priorities:	I would like to see more input from Club members, to continue education on Scottie issues, and to have "fun" and grow the membership.

STCC LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT: Compliments of Kathy Hugnagle and Mindy Smouse

**ROXY AND COOPER WELCOME PUPPIES !!
The Timeline of Events ...**



CH Anstamm Stargate to Infinity and Beyond, aka "Cooper"

Facebook:
December 30, 2017
Mindy Smouse



So are there babies in her tummy?
Roxy and Cooper babies?
We hope so.

GCH Anstamm Stargate Moonwalker, aka "Roxy"



Facebook: January 15, 2017
Mindy Smouse



YES! SHE HAS BABIES IN HER TUMMY!!
Her due date is February 16, 2018

Facebook: February 8, 2018
Jessica L. Moore, Groomer

Wishing Roxy girl a happy and safe whelping. She has a belly full of babies that I got to feel move around today while she was in for her last spa day before her babies come next week!

Facebook: February 9, 2018
Mindy Smouse

So excited! Our little girl Roxy has five baby puppies in her tummy! They will come into this world - and our hearts - fittingly on Valentines Day! Thanks for this beautiful girl Cindy Cooke.



February 14th, Valentine's Day - The Litter Arrives



Facebook:
February 14, 2018
Kathy Hufnagle

Roxy and Cooper announce the birth of their 6 puppies; 5 girls and 1 boy. Mother and babies are doing well.

Facebook:
February 14, 2018
Lisa Hugnagle

6 beautiful Scotties have entered our lives today!! What a fantastic day!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



A Breeder's Tale

By: Kathy Hufnagle

Being a breeder will never be boring.

Dogs come into season (heat) every 6 months and it usually lasts about 2 weeks. During that time, ovulation takes place which is the optimum time for conception. Some of the indicators that ovulation is occurring are a slide examination of the female's discharge, a progesterone level, and, of course, an increased interest in the female by an intact male. At the peak progesterone level, which indicates ovulation, there is generally a 3 day window on either side of that time in which the female can conceive. The gestation period, once conception has occurred, is usually 63 days from the time of that peak ovulation date.

Now to our story.

Mindy and I planned on breeding our girl, Roxy, the next time she came into season, which should have been mid February. This would be her first breeding. There are usually signs from your female as to where she is in this process. Her vulva will become swollen and she will start to bleed. The vet will usually run slide tests on her discharge and look at those under a microscope. The red blood cells change in morphology when close to ovulation. After about a week, the bleeding stops, which is generally the time the vet starts running progesterone tests to track her ovulation. If there is an intact male around, he will have an increased interest in your female that first week, but will become frantic when ovulation is occurring.

Roxy had to be unique.

On December 15th, two months ahead of schedule, my 2 intact males, Cooper and Tucker, became very interested in Roxy. We checked Roxy over; no bleeding and no vulval swelling. We thought she was just starting to come into season 2 months early. We were planning on breeding her to Cooper; so, we quarantined Tucker. Saturday, the boys became frantic. We farmed Tucker out to stay at a friends house, and put Roxy and Cooper together. We still did not think she was ready, but we have learned to listen to our dogs and trust their instincts.

We became concerned that something might not be right, so we took Roxy to a reproductive specialist in Lomira, Wisconsin on December 18th, to make sure Roxy was all right. The vet gave her a thorough examination and pronounced her very healthy, but that she was small, and would probably require a C-section if, and when, she became pregnant. She ran a progesterone test, but did not think Roxy was quite ready. However, on the way home, the vet called and said that Roxy's peak ovulation date was the 15th and that we needed to breed her immediately. Remember that it is now the 18th, and we are now at the end of the 3 day window for conception.

Cooper has previously sired a litter, but it was by AI (artificial insemination), and we were unsure of his skill level doing the deed naturally. So we decided to take him to our vet the next morning. The vet performed an AI, and ran another progesterone test on Roxy. He also thought we were on the downside of ovulation.

At this point we have no idea if Roxy is pregnant or not. As time went on she "acted" pregnant, but was she? Now the waiting begins. At 29 days past ovulation, a pregnancy test can be run, or an ultrasound may be done to determine pregnancy. We chose the pregnancy test ... and it was POSITIVE! The due date was calculated to be February 16th.

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The next question. How many puppies would she have? Again, more waiting.

An x-ray was done on February 9th to determine how many puppies were present. I counted 5 little spines. One could count either skulls or spines, but being a chiropractor, I obviously chose spines. We decided to have a C-section for the delivery, to minimize any risk to Roxy. It was scheduled for February 14th ... Valentine's Day. My vet, who breeds and shows Great Pyranees, scheduled Roxy for the last surgery of the morning and closed his office at 11am. His entire vet tech staff, including his wife, were on hand to catch the puppies as they were born, clean them up, and stimulate them. As luck would have it, 6 techs were in the room. That was a good thing since there was a little boy tucked way up into the right uterine horn. Six puppies, 4 girls and 2 boys. (It turned out what we thought was an umbilical cord on one of the girls, turned out to be something else entirely! Thus, not 5 girls and 1 boy ... but, 4 girls and 2 boys!) Their weights at birth were 8.8 oz, 8.4 oz, three at 8.1 oz, and the littlest boy at 6.3 oz. These are large puppies. Roxy would never have been able to deliver them on her own.



After Roxy recovered from anesthesia enough to walk around, the vet techs brought the puppies in to meet Mom. Instinct is an amazing thing to watch. All the puppies knew exactly where to go for their first meal, except for the little boy, who had the general idea, but just wanted to sleep next to Mom. Roxy was a bit shell shocked at these little beings vying for her attention.

We brought Mom and the puppies home and got them settled into the whelping box that has a heated floor. Puppies cannot regulate their own temperatures for the first 2 weeks of life, so it is imperative that you keep them warm. Mom helps with keeping them warm, but after a C-section, she needed a little time to recover and get used to being a Mom.

The first week, we helped her in and out of the whelping box, and limited the amount of time the puppies nurse. She cannot take any pain medications because she is nursing. She was very uncomfortable for the first 2 days; then her instincts took over and she wanted to be with her babies all the time. In the beginning the puppies eat every 2 hours; after the first 3 days, the schedule gets a bit easier. She and the pups have bonded, she is feeling better, and is very protective of her babies. She feeds them, cleans up after them, stimulates them, protects them, and loves them. She is not that crazy about us handling her puppies!

It is important that the puppies get that first mother's milk; the colostrum confers mother's immunity to the puppies that will last for 6-8 weeks, until their first immunizations. They are getting bigger and healthier every day; they have doubled in size in just 10 days. They will open their eyes in about 2 ½ weeks and be able to hear a bit before that.

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This is the most active, energetic litter I have ever had! They have places to go and things to do, and have been trying to escape the whelping box since we brought them home! These puppies have exhibited major Scottitude since they were born and we are in love with all of them ... as is their mama – Roxy!

Lady McBriar Visits the Grand Canyon !!



Phyllis Stamper sent this beautiful picture. A lovely Scottie lass, Lady McBriar, staring at the wonder that is the Grand Canyon. 13-1/2 years 'young' as I write this.

Phyllis also relayed that they had a recent scare. "Lady McBriar experienced Vestibular Disease that looked so much like a stroke. We thought we were losing her because she could not stand and would fall over. Her eye movement was uncontrollable. Her head tilted to the left.

Lady has fully recovered, but it was three days before she could stand and walk on her own. Meclizine HCL for motion sickness helped; plus she had IV fluids and hand feeding."

The Editor: After receiving Phyllis' email, I searched out Vestibular Disease, as I had never heard of it before. So, below is an article I found. And, thank you, Phyllis, for sharing your story, and suggesting that information on this disease be shared with STCC members.

Vestibular Disease - What Is It?

Ernest Ward, DVM
VCA Animal Hospital

The vestibular system is responsible for maintaining normal balance. The vestibular system has central components located in the brain, and peripheral components located in the inner and middle ear. Vestibular disease refers to a sudden, non-progressive disturbance of balance. It is more common in older dogs. It is also referred to as *old dog vestibular syndrome* and *canine idiopathic vestibular syndrome*.

Most dogs present with the sudden onset of loss of balance, disorientation, head tilt and irregular jerking eye movements called nystagmus. Many dogs will become reluctant to stand or walk. Most dogs will lean or fall in the direction of their head tilt.

Causes of vestibular disease include middle or inner ear infections, drugs that are toxic to the ear, trauma or injury, tumors and hypothyroidism. When no specific diagnosis is found, the condition will be called idiopathic vestibular syndrome. These cases are distinguished by the sudden onset of clinical signs and the subsequent rapid improvement with little, if any, medical intervention.

Diagnosis is based on medical history, clinical signs, and the results of blood and urine tests. In some cases, diagnostic testing will include radiographs of the head to assess the appearance of the middle and inner ears and the tympanic bullae. Occasionally, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or computed tomography (CT) scans will be performed to look for tumors or other abnormalities. Brainstem auditory evoked response (BAER) testing may also be performed in some patients.

The criteria for diagnosing canine idiopathic vestibular syndrome are:

1. Older dog
2. Sudden onset of peripheral vestibular signs
3. No detectable cause - no signs of outer or middle ear infection, ototoxicity, trauma, hypothyroidism, rickettsial disease, etc.
4. Signs resolve over several weeks

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Treatment is directed at the underlying cause, if one can be identified. In severe cases, supportive therapy such as intravenous fluids and hospitalization may be required until the pet can eat and walk on its own. If the pet is seriously disoriented or ataxic (stumbling, unable to stand or walk), it may be given sedatives to help it relax. Drugs that help combat nausea or motion sickness such as dimenhydrinate may be beneficial. Antibiotics may be used in cases suspected of having middle or inner ear infections. Although corticosteroids have been used in the past, there is little scientific evidence to support their use in this condition.

The clinical signs associated with vestibular disease are often most severe during the first twenty-four to forty-eight hours. Many pets begin to improve within seventy-two hours. The head tilt and stumbling often improve over a seven to ten day period. Most patients are completely recovered within two to three weeks although some will have residual symptoms such as a head tilt or mild “wobbling” for life. If the patient fails to improve or worsens, then a more severe underlying disorder should be suspected and advanced diagnostic testing should be pursued.

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<https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/vestibular-disease-in-dogs>

A couple final bits of advice and reflection from Phyllis: “One other thing that helped us was using a dog stroller to take her outside. She weighs 20 lbs. and it made it much easier. We also feel so blessed to see her fully recovered and back to her spunky self. The only thing we cannot protect her from now is time. Each day is a gift.”

SCOTTIE ADVICE

STCC friend Laurie Haight Keenan shared a FaceBook tip:

“The site link <http://seespotgrin.com/swift-return> has a great free tool for creating a Lost Pet flyer. Create the PDF of the flyer now, have it on hand to print up in case of an emergency.”

UPCOMING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: April 22, 2018

APRIL MEETING: Dog Show Protocol

Richard C. Bumstead

Dog shows can be confusing, for both the participant as well as the observer. As a teenager, I had gone to dog shows as my sister’s best friend showed Irish Setters. But at the first show I participated in as an exhibitor, I was totally confused as to why I kept being called into the ring. And we won’t go into the details of my first stewarding assignment, however nobody died. But after 20+ years in the sport as an exhibitor and steward, I think I finally understand. So at the April STCC meeting, I will present a program to explain the various aspects of what is taking place in the ring. We will walk through what the catalog tells you, the record keeping required by AKC for each show, explain the various roles of the people inside and outside the ring, and the various awards and prizes as the show progresses from classes to Best in Show. So bring your questions and hopefully we can answer them, as the STCC gets ready for yet another Specialty in June! See you ringside!

AD HOC BYLAW COMMITTEE**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW COMMITTEE: Update**

Richard C. Bumstead

At the March club meeting, the proposed changes to the STCC Constitution and Bylaws will be presented and discussed. Richard Bumstead will lead the discussion regarding the purpose of these documents and the guidance provided by AKC for clubs such as STCC. Additionally, the comments received from the membership and the board will be presented and discussed. Any changes from these discussions will be voted on at the April meeting and then sent to the AKC.

SCOTTIE LOVE GOES FAR AND WIDE!**FACEBOOK CAN BE A FUNDRAISING OPTION**

Michele Geiger-Bronsky, Baileys Harbor, WI
STCC Member and Door County Scottie Rally Founder

Recently, the Door County Scottie Rally stepped into the arena of fundraising via social media. Over the past decade a plethora of Scottish Terrier vintage and collectible items have been reproducing themselves in our garage at Scottie Rally headquarters. Although the Rally holds a successful Silent Auction every year, there are always a number of donations that arrive on Rally weekend. Armed with the idea of how we could turn an inventory of donated items into tangible dollars, we tapped into relationships with other non-profit organizations that had done auctions to help us figure out the logistics. The key was finding reliable volunteers who had the flexibility to commit the time needed. We truly struck gold in this arena and within 2 weeks we launched a Scottie Rally Store and a Scottie Rally Auction launched 2 weeks later. In the middle of one of our coldest streaks in January a small group of hearty Scottie devotees gathered in our unheated garage where we spent 2-3 days selecting items from our inventory, photographing them, creating the descriptions and posting them via Facebook. The Store took a BUY IT NOW approach and will be maintained year-round, replacing inventory as needed. The Auction was held over 5 days to coincide with the Valentine season. Using our desire to "spread the Scottie love" we named our 1st Facebook Auction the SCOTTIE LOVE-IN Auction and quickly garnered over 500 members by the time the auction ended. When all was said and done we assembled items, packed them and shipped over 250 packages out across North America. And although it took a lot of work, raising just under \$9,000 was well worth the effort. The DCSR Board will determine the recipients of funding this week. We are already planning to hold another auction before the end of summer and make our SCOTTIE LOVE-IN an annual event.

**The Litter:
2-1/2 weeks**

Earl (originally Pearl!),
Val (Valentino),
Rosie, Daisy,
Violet, and Clover



STCC MEMBER THOUGHTS TO PONDER ...**“TAKE HOME” THOUGHTS
FROM THE NATIONAL STCA ROTATING SPECIALTY**

After returning from the 2018 STCA National Rotating Specialty held at Purina Farms in the greater St. Louis area, I must share that the Heart of America STC did an outstanding job as the host club. It was great fun for me to attend my 3rd STCA event in the past year and I continue to learn a bit more about the world of conformation. I was able to share in the joy of a 2nd generation 10 year old exhibitor step into the same ring with professional handlers and breeders with her six month old bitch for her very first show. I was so proud of Isabelle Endvick and her mother, Kari, for instilling confidence and love of the Scottish Terrier breed. It warmed my heart to see three youth under the age of eleven compete; one of them being the 3rd generation to show Scottish Terriers!

I enjoyed reconnecting with our Scottie Rally attendees from the St Louis area as they gathered to present a few of the Rescue Scotties in a Parade the same evening as the Top 20 Scottish Terriers were highlighted. *Sadly, they were placed at the end of the evening's schedule with less than thirty percent of the event attendees remaining to hear their stories.*

I was struck by how open and friendly some of the Scottish Terrier exhibitors were, and yet saddened by the lack of engagement and/or simple social politeness that was exhibited by others. How some could walk right by and avoid eye contact, and yet thrilled that renown handler, Geoff Dawson, authentically and easily engaged with Kari Endvick and myself while I was deciding on grooming shears.

I was thrilled to be able to help socialize a few of the puppies that accompanied their siblings and proud that I was able to return home without any additional four footed sibling to expand my family of four! I was impressed with STCA President Lori Kelly's continued enthusiasm for helping to move STCA forward and her comments following Saturday evening's dinner. She addressed numerous ways in which the STCA Board has a plan in response to the "Where Have All the Scotties Gone" survey we conducted in June, 2017. Lori was the best cheerleader I've seen in a while as she spoke about the potential for the Scottish Terrier to be the best breed and gain popularity.

Each of us that are members of the STCA and/or STCC have a responsibility to be ambassadors for our breed. We are the experts in being able to *turn on* or *turn off* others to what wonderful dogs they are in performance events such as barn hunt, agility and rally; as loyal companions in our homes and families, as well as in conformation. So, in the spirit of recruiting and maintaining members and spreading passion for our breed, I leave you with one very important question. When was the last time you took the minutia of time that it takes to be warm and welcoming?

*Submitted by:
Michele Geiger-Bronsky*

STCA REQUEST**STCA SCOTTISH TERRIER HELP NEEDED**

If you are someone who is looking to do a bit of volunteer work, but likes to work independently and in the comfort of your home, the STCA is looking for people to help enter data regarding registered Scottish Terriers into a database. For more information, please contact STCA Historian, Janet Tomlinson, at scottiesbyfloragem@hotmail.com or (561) 345-3996 office or cell (828) 455-2658.

DID YOU KNOW?**2018 YEAR OF THE DOG**

Michele Geiger-Bronsky, Baileys Harbor, WI

You've probably heard that 2018 is the Year of the Dog, and you might be interested in acquiring a shirt portraying a Scottish Terrier. While there may be a number of options available on the internet, those purchased via the Door County Scottie Rally website at www.doorcountyscottierally.com result in 100% of proceeds supporting Scottish Terrier Rescue and Health Research.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS****MAGNA CUM "LOUDER!" AT THE 18th DOOR COUNTY SCOTTIE RALLY**

Michele Geiger-Bronsky, Baileys Harbor, WI
STCC Member and Door County Scottie Rally Founder



Those of us at Door County Scottie Rally headquarters in Baileys Harbor are in full swing preparing for the arrival of more than 150 Scottish Terriers and their families from across North America for the 18th Annual Door County Scottie Rally on May 18-19th. This gathering is the largest of any Scottish Terrier group in the United States and is responsible for donating more than \$200,000 since its inception in 2001. We invite you to take time for a holiday with your Scottish Terrier family and participate in our Parade of Scots, test your furkids' paws in barn hunt with STCA member, Pam Straus, or agility with STCA Performance Chair, Barbara Gibson. Pick up some key tips on Motivating Your Scottish Terrier with STCA member, Lucy Berninger. Attend Laurie Haight Keenan's session on Reading and Speaking Scottie: Two Way Communication, or a variety of other educational topics including a Breeders Panel on the Scottie Facts of Life and a session on Dental Care featuring one of the country's dental veterinary diplomates, Dr. Dale Kressin. For more information, including registration, log onto:

www.doorcountyscottierally.com



"STAR SPANGLED SCOTTIES. EVERY SCOTTIE IS A STAR!"
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A 5 DAY CLUSTER OF SHOWS TO START THE SUMMER WITH A BANG!

It will be "Stars, Fireworks ... and Scotties!"
at the STCC Specialty Show and Sweepstakes
in conjunction with the Great Lakes All Terrier Association, Inc. (GLATA)
Roy Jones Dog Shows, Superintendent at www.royjonesdogshows.com
Entries close: May 30, 2018



Join us on Saturday, June 16, 2018
Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL



Judges:
Regular Classes: William F. Potter
Sweepstakes: Jacki Forkel

Please go to www.stcchicago.org for further details or updates to the above.



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The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago

The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago was founded in 1930 by T.E. Weible and Mrs. M.F. Hills. On September 17, 1979, we were formally incorporated as a Not For Profit in the State of Illinois.

Our club is the 2nd oldest Scottish Terrier club in the nation. (California being the oldest club.) It is interesting to note that in 1959 there were still only eleven regional clubs. However, today, STCC is proud to be one of twenty Scottish Terrier regional clubs recognized by the Scottish Terrier Club of America.

STCC held its first Specialty show in November, 1930. Today, our Specialty shows are held annually the third Saturday of June at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL.

Across the years our club has changed leadership and direction, as has every regional club. The allure of the Scottish Terrier has dwindled, and nationally there is a strong conversation as to how to rebuild the breed, and our clubs. At our height we had almost 80 members. We struggled down to a level half that amount. Our current initiative is to expand our clubs footprint, and we are reaching out full force to add new members and, thus, new energy and ideas. Today we boast 57 members and counting.

Most of our tenured members have served this club in a leadership capacity - at least once. And, there is a strong knowledge base across our club, focused on our mission. Breeders, exhibitors, and those with companion Scotties have come together with determination to improve the lives and futures of our Scotties.

In recent years, successes have been made for our breed. A test is available for Cushings Syndrome through Dr. Zimmerman and UTenn. Studies at Purdue University focused on learning more about bladder cancer. And, there is now a home kit available to test for this awful diagnosis, made possible by Dr. Breen.

If this is the first (or 100th) time you are reading *The Plaid Piper*, you may have a strong, personal interest in our breed you would like to share. If so, consider joining as a member of STCC. Thank you.