

# The Plaid Piper

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Most of us are experiencing winter fatigue, but it is now March and Spring is finally on its way. To me, Spring means newness and hope; longer, warmer days, crocuses and tulips poking through the ground, budding trees, new green grass and currently, rowdy puppies. One of the coolest things about breeding is helping to bring these beautiful dogs into the world and watching over them as they grow and develop into the brilliant, sassy, willful feisty Scottish Terriers that we have come to love. The hardest part of breeding is letting them go to their forever homes. It is like raising children in a compressed time frame and sending them off to seek their fortune after 4 months. This is why we try to form relationships with the families of our puppies, so that we can follow up on their adventures and accomplishments. We have a lot of ourselves invested in these little bundles of joy and will always be there for them if and when needed.



*Thank you,  
Kathy Hufnagle,  
President, STCC*

## A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

### Eleanor Goss

It is with profound sadness that I inform the membership of the death of Eleanor Goss (7/16/43-3/1/19). Eleanor was a long standing member of STCC, at one time also being a Director. Members may remember her photo extravaganza at the December 2017 Scottie Christmas party.

Eleanor and I trained our Scotties (her Mackenzie and my Henry) both in Barn Hunt and Obedience. It always amazed me to see how gentle she could be with Mackenzie and yet produce such a versatile dog in AKC venues such as Rally, Obedience, Therapy, Trick Dog, and Barn Hunt. I think Mackenzie ended up with 17 AKC performance titles.

She bore her disease (lung cancer) with a great stoicism, suffering as much from drugs and chemotherapy side effects as the cancer progressed relentlessly.

Her good friends Gloria and Bill Urquart (he was our 2018 Santa) adopted Mackenzie and she shares their love and affection with their two Airedales, Tara and Scarlet.

When I visited her at Northwestern Memorial Hospital on February 21st, she was to return to hospice in Deer Park near her brother's house in Barrington. Her oncologist had run out of viable options. Eleanor said to me, "It's so unfair." It was, and it is.

Dear friend, Rest In Peace

*Barbara Sciarra*



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## Preparing for a New Puppy !!

1. Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
  2. Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.
  3. Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying "Be a good puppy, go potty now, hurry up-come on, let's go."
  4. Cover your best suits with dog hair. Also float hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning.
  5. Play catch with a wet tennis ball.
  6. Run out in the snow in your bare feet to close the gate.
  7. Tip over a basket of clean laundry scattering the clothing over the floor.
  8. Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that's where the dog will drag it anyway.
  9. Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favorite TV program and run to the door shouting, "No no! Do that OUTSIDE." Miss the end of the program.
  10. Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning and don't try to clean it up until you return from work that evening.
  11. Gouge the leg of the dining room table several times with a screwdriver - it's going to get chewed on anyway.
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12. Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap.

*Thank you,  
Joyce Hoffman  
c/o The Bulletin  
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of California  
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**A NEW STCC LITTER !!**  
 Welcome Joy, Ollie,  
 Kelsey, Sammy, and Nala

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**CONGRATS TO..**

**Roxy**  
 Anstamm Stargate, Moonwalker  
 and  
**Tucker**  
 Anstamm Stargate, Back to the Future  
 (Kathy Hufnagle and Mindy Smouse  
 couldn't be prouder!)



**UPCOMING STCC MEETING - Scottie Friendly!**

DATE: March 24, 2019  
 TOPIC: **“What Do You Expect From Your Scottie and What Does Your Scottie Expect From You”**  
 PRESENTER: Barbara Sciarra  
 TIME: 1 pm to 4 pm  
 LOCATION: Animal Feeds and Needs  
 401 W. Golf Road, Arlington Hts. 60005  
 (847) 437-4738  
[www.animalfeedsandneeds.com](http://www.animalfeedsandneeds.com)

REMINDERS: Scotties are enthusiastically invited! Please: No Flex Leashes. Bring your own chairs!

**FUTURE STCC MEETING DATES**

April 14 or 28, 2019 - Agility  
 June 15, 2019 - Specialty  
 August 18, 2018 - Annual Luncheon  
 October 20, 2019 - TBD



## What Are the Differences Between the AKC, CKC and UKC Breed Registries?

Thank you Beryl Gaush for sending in the article.  
It originally appeared on the Dogster website April 5, 2017, by Karen Dibert.

You can find it (and much more useful information at:  
<https://www.dogster.com/lifestyle/what-are-the-differences-between-the-akc-ckc-and-ukc-breed-registries>

If you have a purebred dog, you've likely been asked if they are AKC registered. I find that many people who ask this really mean, "Is your dog purebred?" These are actually two different questions. Let me explain.

"Purebred" means that both of the dog's parents are of the same breed, and neither is a cross with any other breed. The dog is a "pure" strain, with no mix of any other breed in their ancestry.

A dog registered with the AKC means that they are purebred, and have papers through an organization called the American Kennel Club to prove that the ancestry has also been registered with the organization. While this sounds like the same thing, the difference is that a purebred dog can be unregistered, or registered with any number of other organizations. Having a dog with AKC papers doesn't make them more or less valuable, or a better or worse companion than a purebred dog without papers, or a dog with papers from another registry, or a mixed breed for that matter. So what do these different registries offer, and what are the pros and cons of each?

### The American Kennel Club (AKC)

**Pros:** They will only allow a dog to be registered if both of the dog's parents are also registered with the organization. This is an attempt to ensure that your puppy will be purebred and not mixed with another breed.

**Cons:** Not allowing any dogs to be registered if their lineage hasn't previously been registered with the organization does not allow in new blood, and inbreeding can happen due to a lack of available AKC registered dogs. AKC has begun transferring some registries from other countries, however, which greatly helps with this. Sometimes inbreeding can cause genetic defects and/or health problems in a puppy, so breeders want to avoid this.

### The Continental Kennel Club (CKC)

**Pros:** The CKC will register a dog without their parents being registered, as long as two witnesses verify validity of the breed and three photos are submitted (from different angles) to show conformation. If the photos show that the dog does not meet breed standards, they will not be registered. I like that this allows for expansion of the gene pool, while still maintaining the breed's qualities. It also ensures that all dogs adhere to breed standards, based on the photos.

**Cons:** Allowing dogs to be registered in this way can (and will) allow in mixed-breed dogs who look fully like one parent and not at all like the other. While it's not evident in that particular dog, if that dog is bred, the other breed's genes may be more evident in the next generation. While a mixed breed-puppy is every bit as good a companion as a purebred, if you're purchasing a purebred for particular character traits or looks, you may not be getting what you expect. You may end up paying top dollar for a Frenchie, for instance, and not getting what you wanted.

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### United Kennel Club (UKC)

**Pros:** In addition to registering dogs whose parents are on record with the UKC, the organization will use DNA testing to prove a dog's parentage and issue papers to a dog with unregistered parents. This is a better way to ensure that the dog being registered is purebred, while also allowing expansion of the gene pool.

The UKC also promotes the "whole dog," and places great emphasis on working dogs performing to their breed's abilities rather than simply looking good. This ensures that herding or hunting dogs will do their work well, when needed. Farmers still rely on herding dogs, and many hunters need pointers or retrievers while in the field.

**Cons:** They can sometimes change the standards of a breed listed with them. This is only a problem if you're showing a dog who conformed to the old standard, and now will never become a champion. It in no way affects the quality of a companion.

All registry companies simply keep track of registration information and pedigrees, and while they inspect kennels and conduct random DNA testing, it's nearly impossible to catch everything that is illegally happening. Larger kennels must be licensed with their respective state, and are subject to USDA and that particular state's regulations. (Each state has their own set of rules and regulations, as well as what size kennel constitutes needing to be registered with them.) If someone is raising one or two litters of puppies per year, they do not fall under any regulations, and registries do not monitor every single breeder; their main job is to keep records.

The bottom line is that a dog registered with one organization vs. another isn't really going to matter. What matters is finding a breeder that you can trust, and a dog that you are willing to love until the day they die.

## SPECIALTY 2019

The Specialty Committee would like to thank the following individuals who have donated towards trophies:

**Best of Breed (\$200)** - Marilyn Flanagan, \$200

**Best of Winners (\$150)** - Alice and Shelly Kurtz, \$150

**Best of Opposite Sex (\$200)** - Kathy Hufnagle and Mindy Smouse, \$175; Michael and Ruth Joseph, \$25

**Winners Dog (\$150)** - Michael and Ruth Joseph, \$150

**Reserve Winners Dog (\$100)** - Beryl Gersch, \$100

**Winners Bitch (\$150)** - John and Mary Ellen Kanthack, \$150

**Reserve Winners Bitch (\$100)** - Stan and Deb Senalik, \$75; Beryl Gersch, \$25

**Bred by Exhibitor Dog (\$125)** - Patricia Stevenson, \$125

**Bred by Exhibitor Bitch (\$125)** - Steve and Debi Russell, \$125

**Best in Sweepstakes (\$125)** - Richard C. Bumstead, \$125

**Best of Opposite to Best in Sweepstakes (\$100)** - Carol Mallquist, \$100

Additional donations are still needed for 1st Place in Regular Classes and Non-Regular Classes.  
(Donations are not tax deductible, but, highly appreciated!)

This year's Specialty will highlight "**Our Newest Litters and Rising Champions**" through trophies designed by artists Barbara A. Guitas and Jim DeArmond.

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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 decreased, and nationally there is a strong conversation as to how to rebuild the breed, and our clubs. At our height we had 80 members. Although our membership declined, 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 have increased our knowledge of bladder cancer. A home collection kit, made possible by Dr. Breen, allows owners to send in urine samples for diagnosis.

If this is the first (or 100th) time reading *The Plaid Piper*, you may have a strong, personal interest in our breed you would like to share. If not already, please consider joining as a member of STCC. Thank you.