

# The Plaid Piper

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With our Regional Specialty in a month, and the possibility of hosting the National Rotating Specialty in 2021, I want to share my thoughts about conformation dog shows and why they are so important to our breed.

I grew up in the country where the yearly County Fair was an event greatly anticipated; not just for the cotton candy, Ferris wheel, and tractor pull, but also to look at the animals.



Farmers brought the best of their livestock to the Fair to compete against other similar livestock for a Blue Ribbon and cash prizes. It was an opportunity for the farmer to have his livestock judged and evaluated against his neighbors and to see if he could change anything with his livestock. Maybe he needed to use a different rooster or hen to produce more or better quality eggs. I look at dog shows the same way. It is an opportunity for breeders and owners to have their best dogs evaluated by a knowledgeable judge and compare them with other breeders and owners best dogs. It is also a way for breeders and owners to look at other “livestock“ to see if there is anything they would like to add to their breeding program. The measuring stick for a judge at a conformation dog show is the Breed Standard.

The Breed Standard is the perfect Scottish Terrier. The judge is comparing each Scottie he/she evaluates as to how close they conform to the Breed Standard.

Here is where the scientist in me comes out. The more chromosomes a species has, the more possibility there is for variability within the species. For comparison: dogs have 78 chromosomes, humans 46, cats 38, cows 60, elephants 56, and mosquitoes 6. If you have ever wondered why there are so many breeds of dogs, this is why. To maintain the integrity of any breed of dog, breeders must be vigilant. Breeding with the Breed Standard in mind is paramount. If not, with 78 chromosomes at play, you could have a totally different breed of dog in 5 or 6 generations that does not even closely resemble a Scottish Terrier.

The mission of STCC is to preserve and protect the Scottish Terrier. In my opinion, the most logical way to accomplish this is with the Conformation Dog Shows. The possibility of hosting the National Rotating Specialty in 2021 is very exciting. Breeders, owners and exhibitors from all over the country will bring their best “livestock“ to this event. What a grand opportunity for STCC and the Scottish Terrier!

*Thank you,  
Kathy Hufnagle,  
President, STCC*



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## Words of Wisdom Never Go Out of Date

### EULOGY ON THE DOG

Provided by Addie Bartlett

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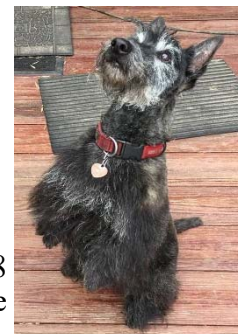
The absolutely unselfish friend a man may have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground when the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be by his masters side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast into the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes and death takes his master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his grave side will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws and his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and free even to death.

## RAINBOW BRIDGE



When tomorrow starts without me  
Don't think that we're far apart  
For every time you think of me  
I'm right here in your heart.



### CONNOR

Connor Bronsky earned his wings on 4/17/2018 when he left his canine earthsuit behind as he crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Of the seven Scotties that have owned us - this boy was the brightest, had the best sense of humor, and was excellent at self-play. I like to think Starbucks created "puppacinos" *just* for him. We miss him every day and are confident that he has an endless supply of balls that always squeak. 8.5 years from the day we rescued him just flew by and although we will never be the same, we celebrate every day we had with him.

Michele Geiger-Bronsky and Tom Bronsky  
Baileys Harbor, WI

## **COPING STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF A BELOVED PET**

*A loving tribute to Connor Bronsky (RB 4/17/2018)*

Undoubtedly, each of us has lost at least one canine family member and many of us have lost multiple. Whether you've experienced that loss once or multiple times it never seems to get easier and whether its a sudden loss or one that you know is coming in the near future quite frankly it hurts like hell. There have been a few instances in which all I could think about was wanting to cross that Rainbow Bridge and be with my Scottish Terrier. Somehow we typically manage to find our way through the loss and get re-grounded. Forever changed, never the same and hopefully able to put one foot in front of the other.

I unexpectedly lost my 4<sup>th</sup> Scottish Terrier just two weeks ago after the dreaded diagnosis of lymphoma. I had been through a lymphoma diagnosis with our 1<sup>st</sup> rescue Scottie 8 years ago, opting for chemotherapy and we achieved a 3.5 year remission after four sessions. This time around our 2<sup>nd</sup> rescue Scot was 12.5 years old and we wanted him to leave his canine earthsuit being fulfilled with his love of balls to his very last day. And that is how Connor left our family---on his terms.

Everyone deals with loss in different ways and certainly at varying speeds. It clearly is not a one size fits all event in our lives. I do know that no one has the right to tell another to "get over it" or "it's just a dog". For many of us our animals are family members. Some things that may be helpful after losing a loved one can include:

- ◆ allowing yourself the space and time you need to grieve; if I don't want to talk not feeling the need to apologize for needing time;
- ◆ selecting your support people carefully; recognizing that this may involve fellow pet owners and not necessarily relatives;
- ◆ joining a pet loss support group through my local humane society or community;
- ◆ discussing feelings of sadness, irritability, or emotional lability, inability to concentrate, changes in your ability to sleep or oversleep, engage with others, make decisions, or other issues with your medical provider;
- ◆ seeking assistance from a mental health provider;
- ◆ creating a Memorial Garden on your property in which a personalized stone, item or pawprint can be placed;
- ◆ visiting the Rainbow Bridge Memorial Garden at Door County Scottie Rally headquarters;
- ◆ framing collar and tags (we now have a row of four of them in the same frame);
- ◆ creatively placing their bowl in your garden setting;
- ◆ planting a perennial plant or tree in their memory;
- ◆ making a donation in their memory to the STCA Health Trust Fund or your favorite animal not for profit organization;
- ◆ using social media to communicate your loss can minimize repetitive story telling if desired and garner additional support, and
- ◆ incorporating cremains and/or saved fur clippings into a personalized urn or piece of jewelry.

Lastly my personal favorite strategy has been to create a journal. I chose writing a letter every day expressing my feelings free of any judgment. Since I was fearful that I would forget so many things that endeared my Scottish Terrier I chose to close each letter with 1-3 favorite things that (s)he did. When I reached a point of having to write the letter because I was feeling guilty if I didn't, I knew that it was okay to stop. Years later when I pick up that journal so many things make me smile and I realize how many special things I had forgotten.

Although I do not claim to be an expert in the loss of a pet, I thought you might want to share things that may have helped you deal with the loss of your four-footed family member. With that in mind, please send your thoughts/tips to our Editors, Marilyn Flanagan or Mindy Smouse and we'll share them.

*Michele Geiger-Bronsky  
Baileys Harbor, WI*

### PET BEREAVEMENT RESOURCES

**Websites:**

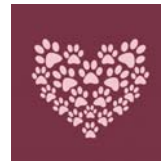
The Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement [www.aplb.org](http://www.aplb.org)  
Pet Loss Grief Support [www.petloss.com](http://www.petloss.com)  
Colorado State University-Argus Institute [www.argusinstitute.colostate.edu/families](http://www.argusinstitute.colostate.edu/families)

**Hotlines:**

College of Veterinary Medicine - Cornell University (607) 253-3932  
University of Florida Pet Loss Support Hotline, Gainesville (352) 392-4700, Ext 4080



Paw stones commemorate the 1st 9 Scotties in attendance at DCSR in 2001



**Books:**

- Paw Prints in the STARS, by Warren Hanson
- A Farewell and Journal for a Beloved Pet by Cynthia Rylant
- When Dogs Go to Heaven by Fred Rogers
- When a Pet Dies by Debby Morehead
- A Special Place for Charlee by Leo Buscaglia
- The Fall of Freddie the Leaf by Judith Viorst
- The Tenth Good Thing About Barney by Alan Wolfelt
- When Your Pet Dies by Mary and Herb Montgomery
- A Final Act of Caring or Good-bye My Friend



Rainbow Bridge Memorial Garden at Door County Scottie Rally (DCSR Headquarters)

### UPDATE ON STCC's NEWEST LITTER - PART 1 (April 15, 2018)



#### THE GIRLS AND BOYS OF COOPER AND ROXY'S LITTER

These are pics at 8-1/2 weeks old and growing!

More pictures in the pages ahead ....

So cute !!!



**STCC CLUB UPDATES**

- The Secretary of State Business Services website now shows that we are “finally” and “legally” “THE SCOTTISH TERRIER CLUB OF CHICAGO!!” Our old name of The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago, Illinois still shows as both a reference to who we were. And, just in case any document or other such item still shows our old name. One thing off of our to-do list!
- Specialty volunteers include Shelly and Alice Kurtz, Barbara Wicks, Renee Jasnoch, and Carol Mallquist. If you can join in for some fun....and some great Scottie love.....please let us know.
- The IRS asked us to re-submit our application with new 2018 forms and fee. This was done and the fee check has cleared the bank. So we are hopeful that we will soon formally, at long last be a 501c7 tax exempt not-for-profit.

We are getting things done. And looking to our future. Thank you everyone who has supported and been a part of this exciting time in our club’s history. The Board of Directors thanks you!!

**From the Editor: THE 2021 ROTATING SPECIALTY - A POSSIBILITY FOR STCC?**

At the April meeting, membership threw its hat into the ring, and voted to be a contender for the STCA Rotating Specialty in 2021. What does this mean? A lot of people are wondering that. And, there were a lot of questions, and a lot of discussion at the meeting before a vote was taken. Many people are quite hesitant to get on board with what could be, and as many feel SHOULD BE, seen as a “great opportunity to see a whole bunch of really great Scotties - all in one place, at one time.” So, to encourage enthusiasm and excitement - and hopefully educate our hesitancy away, I looked back through our annals of history to see what I could find. Some of the history noted in the following articles comes from the research done by our Ad Hoc Committee in 2006, led by Sarah Dye. Some comes from the STCA website. Richard C. Bumstead and Steve Russell helped fill in some blanks for me. And, Steve has presented us with our ‘next step.’ There are some inconsistencies in the historical details - I have done my best. Marilyn Flanagan.

**THE HISTORY OF THE STCA ROTATING**

The Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA) originally had two specialties each year: one in New York city on Westminster weekend and the other in the fall at Montgomery County. Then, for several years, they added a third specialty - one that rotated across the country. In 1974, the STCA decided to have just two specialties each year: the one in the fall at Montgomery County and one that rotated across the United States. Currently, four regions are arranged with five regional clubs in each. This table shows the geographical locales, the regional clubs in each, as well as the last time each club hosted a rotating specialty.

<u>West</u>	<u>North East</u>	<u>South East</u>	<u>Central</u>
California-2011	Gtr. Baltimore-2016	Gtr. Atlanta-2013	Chicago-1981 (1984?)
Gtr. Dallas-2007	New England-2004	Gtr. Dayton-2009	Heart of America-2018
Gtr. Denver-Sch 2019	Gtr. New York-2008	Gtr. Louisville-2005	Gtr. Houston-2010
San Francisco Bay-2003	Gtr. Pittsburgh-2012	Tampa Bay-1970	Northern Ohio-2017
Washington State-2015	Gtr. Wash DC-2000	Western VA-2016	Michigan-2014

This chart highlights that Chicago is one of two regionals that haven’t hosted in a VERY long time!

**AN OPEN LETTER: From Our STCA Delegate, Steve Russell ... to STCC Membership**

Dear STCC, c/o Marilyn Flanagan, 2017/2018 Show Chair:

The Scottish Terrier Club of America (AKC Parent Club) welcomes the Scottish Terrier Regional Clubs hosting the National Rotating Specialty. Since there are 20 Regional Clubs, the expectation is that each Regional Club would host the event once every twenty years as it roves or rotates from region to region around the country each year.

If my information is correct, the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago last hosted the event in 1984; some 34 years ago (37 years by the next available slot in 2021). Needless to say, the STCA would be ecstatic to have STCC host the event. Chicago offers great transportation, lodging, restaurants, shopping, etc. and it would be an opportunity for STCC members and other locals to see a large number of quality Scotties and their exhibitors from around the country.

The STCA expects a proposal from any Regional Club hosting the event. The proposal needs to answer basic questions about “who” (STCC Regional Club proposes to host), “what” (STCC Specialty & National Rotating Specialty), “where” (Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, Illinois), “when” (normal 24<sup>th</sup> week of the year scheduled in mid-June 2021), and “how”.

The “how” goes something like: This show is part of a 5-day Cluster where Starved Rock KC is on Wednesday & Thursday, Little Fort KC is on Friday & Sunday, and the Great Lakes All Terrier Association (GLATA) Group show is on Saturday. That offers exhibitors as many as 5 shows. We understand Roy Jones is the superintendent managing the facilities for the entire cluster. Typically, the STCA National Rotating Specialty would be held on Saturday with the Regional Club Specialty held the day before or after with the all-breed club. This could be reversed, but would need to be discussed and agreed between the Clubs. STCA Show Chair, currently Pam Williams, will need assistance on interfaces with the local kennel clubs on whichever dates are selected.

Besides the 2 shows, rotating includes meals for Scottie exhibitors and attendees (such as arrival hospitality, lunches, and dinners) which are normally coordinated by/with the Regional Club. This could be at the show site or local host hotel. All meals are by reservations paid by attendees. In 2018, HASTC had hospitality at the host hotel on Thursday night; the STCA had a buffet dinner at the Top 20 on Friday night after the regional specialty, and the HASTC had a post-show dinner at the host hotel a few miles from the show site after the national specialty. HASTC also had a Ways & Means Table and silent auction before dinner to benefit their Regional Club. This is an opportunity for the regional clubs as the national rotating draws increased Scottie exhibitors and spectators to the event.

I hope this information helps with your planning. Please give Pam Williams or me a call if we can answer further questions.

Steve Russell  
STCA Treasurer

**From the Editor: Additional Information Available**

Steve Russell also provided some income/expenses detail and breakdown of prior years shows. This information will be shared with board members and membership via emails, as appropriate. Many thanks to Steve for helping us on our way. Marilyn Flanagan.

**Rotating Specialties Over the Years - Where Were They Held??**

1969	<b>STC of Chicago, Illinois</b>	1996	Greater Pittsburgh STC, Pennsylvania
1970	STC of Tampa Bay, Florida	1997	STC of Greater Dayton, Ohio
1971	STC of Greater Baltimore, Maryland	1998	STC of Michigan
1972	STC of California	1999	STC of California
1973	STC of Greater New York	2000	STC of Greater Washington DC
1974	STC of Michigan	2001	STC of Atlanta / STC of West Virginia
1975	STC of Greater Atlanta, Georgia	2002	Heart of America STC, Missouri
1976	STC of Greater Denver, Colorado	2003	San Francisco Bay STC, California
1977	STC of California	2004	STC of New England, Massachusetts
1978	STC of Greater Dayton, Ohio	2005	STC of Greater Louisville, Kentucky
1979	STC of Greater Baltimore, Massachusetts	2006	STC of Northern Ohio
1980	STCC of California	2007	Greater Dallas STC, Texas
1981	<b>STC of Chicago, Illinois</b>	2008	STC of Greater New York
1982	Washington State STC	2009	STC of Greater Dayton, Ohio
1983	STC of Michigan	2010	STC of Greater Houston, Texas
1984	STC of California	2011	STC of California
1985	STC of Greater Atlanta, Georgia	2012	Greater Pittsburgh STC, Pennsylvania
1986	STC of Greater New England, New Jersey	2013	STC of Greater Atlanta, Georgia
1987	Greater Dallas STC, Texas	2014	STC of Michigan
1988	STC of Greater Denver, Colorado	2015	Washington State STC
1989	STC of New England, Massachusetts	2016	STC of Baltimore / STC of Washington DC
1990	Greater Dallas STC, Texas	2017	STC of Dayton in Wilmington Ohio
1991	STC of California	2018	Heart of America STC, Missouri
1992	STC of Greater Baltimore, Maryland	2019	STC of Greater Denver, Colorado
1993	STC of Greater Atlanta, Georgia	2020	
1994	STC of Greater Baltimore, Maryland	2021	<b>Can Chicago be listed for 2021????</b>

**Chicago - A Good Choice For The 2021 STCA Rotating For Many Reasons !!**

1. The central location of Chicago for nationwide Scottish Terrier exhibitors.
2. The availability of flights into Chicago O'Hare and Midway airports.
3. The number of hotels and motels in the area.
4. The fact that STCC has not hosted a rotating specialty since 1981(or 1984?).
5. GLATA will support us by working with Little Fort and Roy Jones for the show preparations.
6. Being a part of a five day cluster of shows.
7. STCC has had many years of experience hosting an annual specialty with our own group of experienced club members.
8. STCA sharing the responsibilities and the costs of the event.
9. An anticipated increase in entries for the day of the rotating specialty.
10. Having a full three years to prepare for hosting the rotating show.
11. Having time to raise additional funds needed through various fundraising projects that could be held slowly each year for the next three years.
12. Many club members who have been successful raising monies for other organizations as volunteers. These through fundraising events, raffles, auctions, and even on-line Facebook fundraising events.
13. Club members who have attended various national and rotating specialties around the United States and know the ins and outs from that perspective.
14. The Westies, Irish, and Fox Terriers are all having their national rotating shows over the next several years at the June cluster and we can learn much from these local clubs' experiences.

There must be a lot of benefits that haven't been mentioned yet?

**CONFORMATION SHOWS****RIBBONS, ROSETTES, AND REGALIA -  
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?**

Some highlights of the presentation given by Richard C. Bumstead on April 22, 2018

The Westminster Kennel Club is the second oldest organized sporting event in the country. The first show was in 1877.

(The oldest is the Kentucky Derby.)

The Scottish Terrier Club of America, as our parent club, sets the standard for the Scottish Terrier.

The American Kennel Club was founded in 1884. It is the largest dog registry in the United States.

It takes fifteen points, including two 3-point majors, under two different judges, to become an AKC "Champion of Record"

The maximum number of points awarded to a dog at any show is five points.

Only the best male (Winners Dog) and the best female (Winners Bitch) receive championship points. They can then go on to compete for, among others, Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed for additional Championship and Grand Championship points.

**Future  
Plaid Piper  
issues will cover  
more of the depth  
and wealth of  
show information  
Richard shared!  
Stay tuned.....**

The Grand Championship was developed by the AKC in 2009.

Points are awarded for the number of dogs defeated for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog and Select Bitch.

There are five Grand Championship levels:

Grand Championship - 25 points, 3 majors, 3 Champions defeated  
Grand Championship (Bronze) - 100 points  
Grand Championship (Silver) - 200 points  
Grand Championship (Gold) - 400 points  
Grand Championship (Platinum) - 800 points

The color of the ribbon awarded indicates the type of award the dog has won.

Blue, red, yellow, and white ribbons represent 1st through 4th in regular classes; by a rosette in group competitions.

Purple indicates Winners Dog and Winners Bitch - these are highly coveted as championship points are earned.

Purple and White indicates Reserve Winners (the runners-up to Winners Dog and Winners Bitch)

Blue and White indicates Best of Winners (the better of the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch winners)

Purple and Gold is awarded for Best of Breed (Highly coveted; it allows advancement to the Group Competition)

Red and White indicates Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed

Light Blue and White awarded to Select Dog and Select Bitch in the Best of Breed competition. Points are also earned towards a Grand Championship title.

Red, White and Blue - only one awarded, at the end of each show. It represents the ultimate winner - the Best in Show



## **VESTIBULAR SYNDROME: What Makes Your Pet Suddenly Dizzy and Act Drunk?**

Phyllis Stamper did more research on this condition and found additional information online from Healthy Pets with Dr. Karen Becker. Below are reprints of several paragraphs. The entire article can be found at:

[https://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2018/04/18/peripheral-vestibular-syndrome.aspx?utm\\_source=petsnl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=art1&utm\\_campaign=20180418Z1&et\\_cid=DM200560&et\\_rid=278687988](https://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2018/04/18/peripheral-vestibular-syndrome.aspx?utm_source=petsnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20180418Z1&et_cid=DM200560&et_rid=278687988)

Thank you Phyllis!

### **Caring For Your Dog When They Come Home:**

When caring for your dog at home, you may need to place food and water very close to her (perhaps in elevated bowls) to encourage her to eat and drink. Some dogs even need to be hand-fed until they're feeling better. Many dogs also need help getting back and forth to their potty spot. If your dog is too heavy to carry, you'll need to use a harness to support him as you guide him outside.

It's also a good idea to trim your dog's nails and use Dr. Busby's ToeGrips to help him stabilize his body when he's standing and walking. Cover slick floors and limit access to stairs.

Your dog may also benefit from being confined to a small space or pen in your home until he's no longer at risk of falling. It's important that he can see and hear you while he's resting, so don't crate or confine him in a separate room. Also provide him with very supportive bedding that makes it easy for him to get comfortable.

A body harness with easy handles for support and stability can also be beneficial. Be sure to spend some extra time down at floor level with your dog, talking softly and reassuringly to him, and petting and calming him.

### **Beneficial Natural Remedies:**

I've used homeopathic remedies (in particular, the remedy *Cocculus*) with some success, as well as rehabilitation therapies to help dogs with vestibular syndrome learn better body awareness and improve their physical health.

Many older dogs are really stressed by episodes of vestibular disorder, so natural calming agents like the amino acid L-theanine, as well as herbs such as passionflower, hops, skullcap, valerian and chamomile can be given to help them cope. Other remedies such as tryptophan, GABA, CDB oil and flower essences can also be very beneficial in calming overwhelmed dogs.

It is important to know that idiopathic vestibular syndrome isn't a painful condition, so while your dog may seem miserable due to dizziness, fortunately, you can at least be assured he's not in pain.

### **Potential Triggers for Vestibular Syndrome in Old Dogs:**

My suspicion is conditions such as vestibular syndrome that suddenly appear "out of nowhere," especially in older pets, probably do have an underlying cause - it just hasn't been identified yet. I would be interested to see data on vaccination histories and old dogs who develop the syndrome, because it's possible over-vaccination plays a role.

Also be very, very careful about how your older dog's ears are cleaned, as there seems to be a connection between ear cleaning and/or cleaning solutions and the development of vestibular disease.

**MEMBERSHIP THOUGHTS FROM OUR MARCH MEETING**

Many thanks to our March speaker, Rosemary LoGiudice, DVM, for the guidance and input for us Scottie owners to ponder. We heard from membership as to what they left the meeting thinking about. Thoughts included .....

- ◆ It was intriguing and comforting to hear that “aging is not a disease; it is more a phase of life - so, don’t treat it like a disease.” It happens to all of us! Our dogs should get to just “grow old”, too!
- ◆ Aging happens differently in dogs than we experience as humans. Dogs grow up and go through the early phases of life much more quickly. Thus, their senior years come earlier than we would like to think. That fact, combined with the knowledge that a yearly vet exam is akin to us going to the doctor once every 5-7 years? We do need to look at more routine exams and full blood panels more frequently as our dogs age. Maybe from every year to every six months, at least?
- ◆ Dr. LoGiudice reinforced how very important it is to keep those toenails trimmed. Especially given that long nails can impact movement and posture. For our seniors who might be experiencing failing sight, hearing, and just pain and stiffness in those joints? Even that much more important.
- ◆ Protein is a very important element of our dogs diet. But, it is also important to make that “good” protein. The ingredients in the food we buy should be carefully read to be sure that protein isn’t a “chicken feather!” (Her words!!)
- ◆ Dr. LoGiudice also relayed that for her dogs, she changes the brand of kibble she buys each time. As recalls do occur in almost all foods over time, she feels not depending on one alone can minimize the effects of a recall that could have meant bags on the shelves for months that she could have repeatedly bought.
- ◆ It was highly suggested that we only buy small bags of kibble to retain freshness. One member noted that the rule of thumb is only to buy what can be consumed in a couple weeks so that things like the vitamin E and fats in the food don’t go rancid.

The one area where there was disagreement among members was the use of Omega 3. Dr. LoGiudice felt it benefited our senior dogs, especially. However, studies have swayed many vets to tell owners not to use this. Maybe we can cover this topic in a future Plaid Piper issue. Editors look forward to more member input in this area. Thank you!

**STCC PRIDE!**

I've been a member from the late 1980's and served as Secretary, Vice-President and President in the very late '80s and early 90's. I have not been showing for the last 8 years, but now have a puppy out with a handler. Bella (Anstamm Demur Bearded Lady of Maryscot) has won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at Steel City (April 22) for 2 points and Progressive (April 28 and 29) for 2 points and 1 point.

*Diane Murray  
Holland, MI*

## ABOUT THE SCOTTIE

### TEMPERAMENT

Each Scottie has an individual personality. As a result, one dog may be a lifelong play-dog who lives to chase his favorite toy, while another might settle down to a more staid adult life on his owner's lap after leaving puppyhood behind. Similarly, one dog might like nothing better than to meet new dogs, while another may only be comfortable around dogs he already knows well. But, a true Scottie has enormous self confidence and knows, deep inside, that he's not really a "small" dog.

Reprinted from "Introduction to the Scottish Terrier" brochure, Scottish Terrier Club of America

## INTRODUCING MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS ....

### John and Mary Ellen Kanthack

#### Why the Scottie?

In 1996, Pete, our first Scottie, was an abused stray, dumped off at a playground in my hometown of Richmond, IL. A friend called and asked if we wanted him since she knew we had just lost our family dog, an old Bassett. Years ago, John had taken care of a family friend's Scottish terriers when he was in high school and had always wanted one of his own. Ironically, it was my favorite breed since childhood...and so it began! Pete moved in like he had always lived with us, was wonderful with our children, sang, on pitch with the piano as each student came into my studio and vocalized all of his thoughts with no inhibition. A character! Friends visited him during his last days as strokes were taking over and Cushings had done its damage, just to say farewell. He passed away at home in my arms. I am grateful for all he brought to us.



Molly, our second, came to us by way of my mother who could no longer take care of her. She was a lovely little girl with a sweet temperament, loved sitting on the back porch with Pete, tiki torchlight, and both became great pals after Pete had her trained to be a proper Scottie. Shortly after Pete passed away, a stray kitty, we named Pedro, wandered into John's cabinet mill and adopted him. Molly and Pedro became great friends when Pedro moved in and eventually had full run of the house, making her less lonesome.

Molly made frequent visits to the nursing home to see my mother but also loved the other residents. Last year, within weeks after my mother passed away, Molly developed symptoms of cancer of the spleen, which rapidly made her suffer. And so, the ultimate decision had to be made, breaking our hearts. She was 14 and was healthy until she passed. She loved the Scottie Rally and skipping rocks at Sister Bay!

Life was empty, for us and for Pedro. Those pointy ears at the door, waiting...the aroos, and the wonderful companionship was something we could not be happy without. When Michele Geiger-Bronsky returned my call for help in searching for a Scottie, she led us in the direction of Afterglow Kennels -Lisa Lee, of Grandville Ohio. In the process of the search, Michele guided me to understand what quality was about and supported that we had made the right decision not to adopt a shelter Scottie for our family.

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Lisa responded and sent us a photo of six little chaps she had for sale. We chose the one on the end with the twinkle in his eye. We arrived at Lisa and Geiger's home to be greeted with Micah. Instant bond! We visited the other puppies, learned about her beautiful Sealyhams and the work she is doing to preserve the breed. We were so honored that she would part with Micah for us. We wished we could have taken his Sealyham buddy too! We are forever grateful to Michele for coming to our rescue.

Micah is now 11 months old. He is going to agility school (once a week at W.A.G. in Spring Grove), enjoys being outdoors in the garden with me. He loves truck rides with John and long walks, trotting along with his bone in his mouth. He loves our grandsons too! Everything is a new adventure! His first year has gone by so quickly and we are treasuring every minute. Pedro and he are "best buds," and the Kanthack household is complete again with laughter and "aroos."



**My wish for the breed:** That irresponsible breeding/purchasing is eradicated through education and commitment and that they are understood better by the general public.

**Club Priorities:** Helping with club activities and participating in events that educate people about the breed.

Mary Ellen Kanthack

UPDATE ON STCC's NEWEST LITTER - PART 2 (May, 2018)



Birdie (nee Rosie) and Daisy will remain sisters! A home for two in Kentucky.



Introducing Annabelle (nee Violet)



Clover will remain loved by Roxy and Cooper. The next generation begins!



Roman Valentino A Valentine's Day Heartthrob!



Pearl is now and forever Bentley P. Earl. What a guy!



**STCC MEETING NOTES: March 25, 2018**

*(These notes are provided as an overview of the business conducted during both the board and general meetings. Please read the official minutes for full details. The Editors.)*

**Board Meeting**

(12:10pm to 12:50pm)

**President:** (Kathy Hufnagle) Stated she has enjoyed watching the committees coming together.

**Vice President:** (Marilyn Flanagan) Said her main priorities are getting the 501c7 and Club name change completed at a cost of \$500 total paid by the Club.

The name The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago is to be our correct name on the Articles of Incorporation, and all legal documents. Passed unanimously.

Marilyn stated that a 501c7 fits us best as a non-profit Club. She also stated that we should file a tax return to the IRS annually. Passed unanimously that the Club apply for a status of 501c7.

**Secretary:** (Barbara Wicks) Signed contract received from Lisa Hills for the 2019 Sweeps Judge.

**Treasurer:** (Michele Harland) \$940 collected for 2018 trophies. Motion passed for \$200 deposit for Westwood Tavern.

**Committee Reports:**

**Specialty:** (Marilyn Flanagan, Chair) Written report includes Glen Clark Winners Dog and Winners Bitch donations, premium list complete and submitted to GLATA, Kim Woods is providing hand-made, theme inspired envelopes for cash awards, trophies are artwork by Barbara Guitas, 2nd thru 4th prizes are doggie treat bags donated by Alice Kurtz, application approved January 20, 2018, complimentary ad in the March Bagpiper provided by STCA, and \$35 1/2 page add will be in the GLATA catalog.

**Plaid Piper:** Members get this with dues. Kathy asked if it can be used for marketing? Marilyn asked if it could be moved from member portal to the Plaid Piper webpage link? Board decided it would be moved as a marketing tool and to increase membership.

**Membership:** (Kathy Hufnagle, Chair) Kathy is referring her puppy buyers to Club. The Joseph's have met criteria for membership.

**Education:** (Barbara Sciarra, Chair) Change of speaker for today. Rosemary J. LoGiudice, DVM, speaking on the "Aging Dog". April will be Richard C. Bumstead.

**Fundraising:** (Barbara Wicks, Chair) Today's raffle items donated by Deb Senalik and Richard Bumstead. There is a bake sale too.

**Club Meeting**

(1:15pm to 2:15pm)

**President:** (Kathy Hufnagle) Kathy greeted membership and introduced visitors Deborah Mallquist, Ruth and Michael Joseph, Brenda and Andy Kawano, Lynne Kelley and Matt and Roseann Lubeck.

**Vice President:** (Marilyn Flanagan) By resolution, membership agreed that all legal documents have the name The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago and cover the \$100 fee to the Secretary of State. By resolution, membership also agreed we file for 501c7 and cover the \$400 fee to the Internal Revenue Service.

**Secretary:** (Barbara Wicks) Michael and Ruth Joseph have met criteria for membership.

**Treasurer:** (Michele Harland) Club has \$5,592.42 in bank. This includes \$1,899.76 in the trophy fund.

**Committee Reports:**

**Specialty:** (Marilyn Flanagan, Chair) Richard C. Bumstead has donated challenge trophies for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. These are signed and framed etchings by Marion Needham Krupp.

**Hospitality:** Sue Grant said our annual luncheon is August 19, 2018, at the Westwood Tavern.

**Communication:** Website: Kim Woods is adding new articles and updates and making necessary changes. Plaid Piper: Marilyn Flanagan thanked Kathy Hufnagle for the litter story. Stated the Plaid Piper would be moved from the member portal to the link so that everyone could read on the website. Kim Woods stated there is a charge and requested only the 2018 issues be moved. Social Media: Marilyn Flanagan reported for Michele Geiger-Bronsky that the Club could go on Pay-Pal for payment of items sold on the internet.

**Education:** (Barbara Sciarra, Chair) Barbara Sciarra reported the speaker today was Rosemary J. LoGiudice, DVM, speaking on the "Aging Dog". In April, Richard C. Bumstead will speak on "Understanding a Conformation Show: Rules, Rosettes, and Regalia."

**Fundraising:** (Barbara Wicks, Chair) A raffle and bake sale were held during the meeting. Deb Senalik suggested the Club consider raising dues to make money.

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**Ad Hoc By-Laws:** (Richard C. Bumstead, Chair) Richard reported on the constitution and by-laws under review. Under American Kennel Club sanction, the Club is required to follow AKC rules. The constitution and by-laws were originally adopted in 1974, and the last record at the AKC is 1999. (1) The membership process is attending two meetings, getting two sponsors, and then the membership votes. Do you want secret paper ballots rather than a vote of hands? A secret ballot was agreed on. (2) A draft was sent to the membership eliminating the dollar amount of membership dues from the by-laws. It was agreed they should only be on the application form. (3) The Board term limits raised most questions. Presently, the president is allowed three consecutive terms, other board members and directors have unlimited terms. It was agreed on unlimited terms for all positions. It was also agreed that the by-laws shall state meetings will be held within 50 miles of Chicago. Membership will vote on the constitution and by-laws at the April 22nd meeting.

**Membership:** (Kathy Hufnagle, Chair) Michael and Ruth Joseph were voted in as members.

**New Business:** Richard C. Bumstead announced GLATA is having AKC Earthdog tests at Roscoe, IL, May 26-27 at the Northern Illinois Brace Club. Training, games and practice planned for Friday and Saturday after judging.



**The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago  
wishes to thank the following members for  
their generous donations to the Trophy Fund.**

Deb & Stan Senalik  
Renee & Jim Jasnoch  
Richard Bumstead  
Michele Harland

Pat Stevenson  
Marilyn Flanagan  
Pat Pochocki  
Lynn St. Pierre  
Kathy Hufnagle & Mindy Smouse

Alice & Shelly Kurtz  
Steve & Debi Russell  
Marcia Dawson  
Liz Timmer

**STCC MEETING NOTES: April 22, 2018**

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**Board Meeting**

(12:04pm to 12:55pm)

**President:** (Kathy Hufnagle) Stated any awards for 2017 need to be turned in by June 1st.

**Vice President:** (Marilyn Flanagan) Name change request for the Secretary of State will only be \$25.

**Secretary:** (Barbara Wicks) Answered STCA questionnaire re: board, Specialty and members a part of STCA. Sent members a ballot for the Constitution and Bylaws. After board discussion, we will consider hosting the 2021 Rotating Specialty and submit that info to the STCA by June 1st, as requested.

**Treasurer:** (Michele Harland) After deducting outstanding checks, balance is \$4,828.36; \$2,039.76 trophy, \$2,788.60 general. Michele stated we are spending a lot on unauthorized expenses and members need to ask before purchasing and submitting receipts.

**Committee Reports:**

**Specialty:** (Marilyn Flanagan, Chair) Trophy table volunteers needed. Kim Woods is donating handmade envelopes for cash awards. There will be reserved grooming space this year. Premium list is finalized.

**Hospitality:** Kathy will coordinate with Sue Grant for the Specialty luncheon.

**Membership:** (Kathy Hufnagle, Chair) The Lubeck's have met criteria for membership. We need to look at revising our membership application after bylaw vote.

**Plaid Piper:** An information only disclaimer will be added to rescue and breeder pages of the website.

**Education:** (Barbara Sciarra, Chair) She is working on a Barn Hunt for the club meeting in October.

**Fundraising:** (Barbara Wicks, Chair) December raffle made \$92; March raffle and bake sale \$89; total \$181 in revenue for the club. We will be researching the possible use of PayPal for dues and donations.

**Ad hoc Bylaws:** Michele concerned that bylaw language states that "the treasurer will be personally responsible and bonded." She voiced that this language could mean bonding insurance would not cover any discrepancy.

**New Business:** Kathy will ask Pat Stevenson if she will chair the nominating committee. Marilyn has submitted the 501c7 application.

**Club Meeting**

(1:12pm to 2:20pm)

**President:** (Kathy Hufnagle) Kathy greeted membership and introduced visitors Matt Lubeck, and Mary Ellen and John Kanthack.

**Vice President:** (Marilyn Flanagan) Expect to hear back from Secretary of State in about three weeks.

**Secretary:** (Barbara Wicks) Motion made, seconded, and approved to consider hosting the National Rotating Specialty with our Specialty in 2021. Alice Kurtz suggested we ask Christine Obrien to be our guest speaker at the luncheon to help guide us.

**Treasurer:** (Michele Harland) Balance before checks outstanding is \$5,592.42. She said going forwards expenses be approved before purchase/reimbursement.

**Committee Reports:**

**Specialty:** (Marilyn Flanagan, Chair) Ads in GLATA catalog and Bagpiper. Trophy volunteers needed.

**Communication:** Piper information on website will list Marilyn and Mindy addresses and emails, like on the Plaid Piper. Private information of members will be emailed, rather than put in the Plaid Piper.

**Education:** (Barbara Sciarra, Chair) June is the Specialty; August the luncheon at Westwood Tavern; October she is planning a Barn Hunt, details TBD.

**Fundraising:** (Barbara Wicks, Chair) Silent auction held during the meeting.

**Membership:** Matt Lubeck requested a vote on their membership be held til the Specialty when Roseann will also be in attendance.

**Ad hoc Bylaws:** Michele Harland explained her concern about the treasurer being "personally responsible and bonded." She did not feel she wanted to be personally responsible for the clubs money. She was willing to offer her resignation if that sentence was not removed. Motion made, seconded, and a majority vote amended the bylaws to delete the sentence in its entirety. A secret ballot was held during the meeting. Absent members can mail their votes to the secretary by April 30th. An email notice of the ratification will be sent to membership by Barb Wicks after May 1st.

**New Business:** See Board notes.

## *The Plaid Piper*

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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 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 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.