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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe that it is almost fall, and soon, Halloween. STCC is going to resurrect our HOWLoween Party!! Yes, you can dress up your dog (if he or she will stand for it), dress up yourself, dress like your dog, or just come and enjoy the festivities. There will be judging and prizes for the most creative dog costume, and the most creative dog and owner costumer. There, of course, will be treats for all.

To fulfill the educational part of our meeting, there will be a "Build-A-Scottie" competition. Materials will be supplied for two-four groups (depending on attendance) to compete to build a Scottie closest to the Breed Standard. The Breed Standard will be available for reference. There are certain things like "the varmity look" that may be hard to capture, but you are a creative group of people, so, I cannot wait to see what you come up with.

We are in the process of filling committees. If you are not serving on a committee, you will probably be asked. STCC is a volunteer organization that depends on its members participation to grow and thrive. When a committee chair asks you to serve? Just say 'YES!' Every members input into our Club is valued.

The committees and Chairs thus far are:

Specialty	Marilyn Flanagan
Membership	Kathy Hufnagle
Hospitality	Bob and Sue Grant
Communication	Marilyn Flanagan
Education/Programs	TBD
Fundraising	TBD

Steve Russell has been appointed our STCA Delegate; Marilyn Flanagan our Bagpiper Correspondent. IFDCO representative is TBD.

Thank you, Kathy Hufnagle, President, STCC Page 2

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The Scottish Terrier Information Exchange and its Role in a Mentored Breeding Program *By: Cindy Cooke*

Several years ago, while working on the STCA Handbook, I came across some shocking statistics. In 1972the AKC registered just over 10,000 Scottish Terriers. In 2001, fewer than 4,000 were registered. According to AKC statistics about 30% of all registered dogs are bred in commercial kennels, about 10%are bred by "the fancy," and the remaining dogs are bred by the people we usually refer to as "backyard breeders." In Scotties, however, Mary O'Neal's analysis of the stud books indicate the "the fancy," made up almost entirely of STCA members, produces closer to 5% of all Scottish Terriers registered with the AKC.

While I was mulling over the significance of the AKC statistics, I read Joanne Kinnelly's 15-year history of the breed. I was struck by how many breeders had dropped out of our sport, or significantly reduced their breeding programs in that relatively short period of time.

Finally, I put these facts together: dwindling numbers, fewer long-time exhibitors, and regional clubs struggling to survive because of the lack of working members. Our breed was heading toward trouble. Inmy job at United Kennel Club, I worked with clubs and breeders of rare breeds. These people find theirdogs riddled with genetic problems because of their gene pools being so small. They cannot breed veryoften because there is no market for their pet quality puppies. The Scottish Terrier, long ranked about 30-35 in the AKC registration statistics was slowly becoming a rare breed. I began to think about ways tochange the future of the breed.

The internet provided me with some ideas. For one thing, I got to read the emails of thousands of Scottish-Terrier owners on a regular basis. Most of them had used the web to educate themselves about the breed. – They were beginning to understand the importance of buying a well-bred dog and how to find responsible breeders. Those with pet shop dogs quickly saw how many more health and temperament problems theywere having than the owners of well-bred pet Scotties. They have listened to our message: buy from a responsible breeder. Unfortunately, this epiphany has come when our numbers are as low as they have been for decades.

As I see it, we have three problems. First, we need a bigger gene pool so that we have more quality dogs tochoose from as we work to breed away from genetic health problems. Second, we need more breeders toproduce those dogs. Third, our clubs need more workers. We need a recruiting program.

Most of us are familiar with the phone call or email that says, "I just want a good dog. I'm not interested in showing." It is not easy to attract people to our sport. It is expensive, it is time consuming, and it requires hard-to-acquire skills. Television gives the impression that you need to be a high society millionaire to-succeed in the sport.

It occurred to me that many of our successful breeders actually started as pet owners. In my case, I boughta dog from a local breeder. His sire was a champion, but his mothers background was indifferent. He hadsome serious temperament issues, so local groomers, one by one, refused to work with him. A local Fox-Terrier breeder taught me to strip him. She took me to a fun match where he won a ribbon-- I was hooked. He wasn't a show dog, but I learned some skills, made some contacts, and eventually got my first real showdog from Buffy Stamm. The rest is history.

In the early days of our sport, it was common practice for breeders to sell bitches to homes where thebitches were never shown. Instead, these "pet" bitches were bred to the local champion. Some of theirprogeny ended up in show homes, and others in pet homes, but always breeding was encouraged. –

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In the 70's, as humane organizations publicized the plight of unwanted dogs, it became unfashionable to breed dogs. Clubs began to discourage breeders from breeding their champion sires to "pet quality" bitches. As time went by, these policies hardened into passionate beliefs. As a result, the so-called backyard breeders, unable to buy quality bitches or use champion sires, were reduced to using dogs from commercial breeding kennels. The gap between dogs produced by "the fancy" and all the other Scottish Terriers grew wide. As our dogs improved, their dogs deteriorated into tall, long-backed, coarse-headed, big-eared, soft-coated caricatures of our breed. As we shunned these outcast breeders, they had no access to our vast knowledge base. They knew nothing of good breeding practices. As we learned about Scottie Cramp and vWD, we left them in ignorance.

The result of our refusal to interact with the backyard breeder has been harmful to our breed. Those of us who work in rescue see the results of the ignorance that WE have fostered. Backyard breeders often produce unhealthy, untypical dogs and sell them to inappropriate homes. We rush in and rescue them as fast as we can. But, what if there was a way to prevent this from happening in the first place? I think there is. My solution is called "mentored breeding."

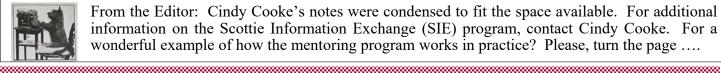
Some years ago, we sold a daughter of CH Anstamm Apache to a couple named Tom and Carol Reese. Tom and Carol loved Scotties, but had no real interest in showing dogs. The bitch they bought was well bred, but on the small side, and not quite what we wanted to keep and show. When they expressed an interest in breeding her, however, we sat down and discussed it with them at length. They agreed to let us select the sire for the bitch, to evaluate the puppies at 10 weeks of age, to buy those that we thought had show potential, and to sell the remaining puppies with spay/neuter contracts. At first, we screened the buyers for them, but as they continued to learn from us, they took over that job, and did it well. After a couple of litters from their first bitch, we helped them select one of her daughters to carry on. After a couple of litters from their second bitch, Tom retired, and with their two spayed girls, they decided to do some traveling.

I used our experience with the Reeser's as a model for a mentored breeding program. STCA breeders would provide selected individuals with breeding quality bitches. These may, or may not be, finished bitches. But, they should be of sufficient quality, that, bred properly, they could produce champions. The mentored breeding program is not for the purpose of breeding pets - pet quality puppies will be a byproduct of this program, just as it is for STCA breeders.

The mentor would be responsible for selecting appropriate stud dogs and for evaluating the puppies. Since the breeder is not an exhibitor, the mentor has the option of purchasing the pups with show potential and growing them up. With Tom and Carol, they did not show, so they generally came out ahead financially. We certainly benefitted from the relationship since it provided us with more dogs of our breeding from which to select future breeding stock. It also enabled us to provide more quality pets to loving homes than we could produce in our own kennel.

Is there a down side to mentored breeding? Of course there is. No one is a perfect judge of character. It is always possible that someone you trust with dogs of your breeding will let you down. But, this is equally possible when you sell someone a show dog. Anyone who has sold dogs for any length of time has dealt with buyers who failed to live up to their agreements. None of us stops selling our puppies because one puppy buyer let us down in the past.

One of the objectives of the STCA is to do all in our power to protect and advance the interests of the Scottish Terrier - all Scottish Terriers. As long as we refuse to help backyard breeders improve their breeding practices and their dogs? Are we really doing all in our power for the breed we love?



From the Editor: Cindy Cooke's notes were condensed to fit the space available. For additional information on the Scottie Information Exchange (SIE) program, contact Cindy Cooke. For a wonderful example of how the mentoring program works in practice? Please, turn the page

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The SCOTTIE MENTOR AND MENTEE Facebook Story!!

MY FIRST LITTER

By: Sheryl King

At the 2018 Door County Scottie Rally I learned that the Scottish Terrier breed is at an all-time low, and that if I decided to breed my non-show quality female, that I would have the backing of experienced breeders to help me through the process. So, early this summer, Penny went to Anstamm Scottish Terriers in Michigan and Cindy Cooke bred her for us with Anstamm Titan Takes By Storm - boy, is he handsome!

Michele's Katie had a litter of 7 pups and she created a Facebook Messenger group called Katie's Cheerleaders. It was so fun to watch all that went on as Katie got close to deliverin, and all that went into it during, and after, delivery as well. Michele then created a "Scottie Mentor and Mentee" group - she and I being the mentees! All of the information that was given from experienced Scottie breeders on how to get ready, be prepared, and what to expect was amazing! Little did I know that this group would be instrumental in the survival of our Penny and her pups!

Holy cats! Was this a wild ride! Penny's pregnancy was pretty easy except for bit of morning sickness....otherwise smooth sailing. About a month before her delivery we took her to the vet to get an x-ray to see how the pups were doing and how many. Mike, my husband, thought 2-3, I was thinking maybe 5. The vet came out and asked our guesses...he laughed and said, nope, more like 9!



Coming back to the group, I sent out a picture of the x-ray to the group...everyone was amazed! So, again, based on this group Pam Strauss came to stay with us for a few days, get us set up, and was here to help whelp the puppies. Another issue happened in that Penny showed all the signs of going into labor, but she might have had 1-2 small contractions, and then she stopped. We were not sure what to do or what to expect, but again Pam and I turned back to the group and discussed with everyone what we should do. Eventually, it was decided we would go to the local emergency vet. Once there they gave her oxytocin and still nothing happened. They also did an ultrasound and it showed no problems and no one in distress. The vet decided we would not wait for them to be in distress and took the pups by c-section. Pam asked him if they would rub the pups on moms nose as he took them to help her smell them even though she was not conscious - he agreed to do so. One pup struggled after birth, but eventually all came through well; except mom. They called us to a room to tell us the pups were all good, but that mom was still bleeding and her uterus was still not contracting. We had to leave her overnight and take the pups home. We were allowed to put the pups on mom to help get some colostrum, but she really didn't show any interest in them; it was very scary. They showed us how to bottle feed them formula and sent us on our way with the babies. Pam had already gone home, so my first night consisted of feeding 9 puppies by bottle every two hours! At this point we were not sure if Penny would survive or not, and if she did would she accept her pups?



Now comes Nancy Hurren, another Scottie angel! She came all the way from Michigan to help because she had experience with large litters and having to supplement pups, and because she is just kind. She stayed with us as she helped us learn how to put pups on mom, how to tube feed pups, how to keep the pups warm, how to take care of mom and babies. She stayed several days and walked us through how to take care of these little sweethearts!

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STCC BIRTHDAY WISHES!!

Congratulations McBriar!!

15 (yes, 15!) years young. And, obviously still agreeing presents are in order!

Many thanks to Phyllis Stamper for sharing!!



DOOR COUNTY FAMILY PHOTO!!

Magnus (red collar) and Dapper (blue) pose for the annual family photo at Door County.

Many thanks to Bob and Sue Grant for sharing!!



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The group also helped when one of the pups – Ms. Orange - was not growing as fast as the others. The help we received saved her life. We had other smaller issues that most first time breeders would not know how to expertly handle, but with the help of the group we got through without the loss of any of the puppies!



It is because of the Scottie Mentor and Mentee group and Cindy, Michele, Pam, and Nancy, that mom and all babies survived and are thriving! We are so thankful!



MEMBER AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS - 2018

Diane Murray:	Anstamm Demur Lady of Maryscot, owned by Diane Murray and Mary O'Neal, earned her Champion and Grand Champion titles
Steve and Debi Russell:	Woburn Travelin Man earned his Champion title GCH CH Woburn Barbary Iron Man earned his Grand Champion Silver and Grand Champion Gold titles GCH CH Woburn Iron Maiden earned her Grand Champion Bronze title
Bob and Sue Grant:	Dapper earned his CGC title

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STCC MEETING NOTES: Annual Luncheon, August 18, 2019

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

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Club Meeting (1:15pm to 3:00pm) <u>President</u> : (Kathy) Kathy welcomed members and guests to the 2019 Annual Luncheon. She reported that the scheduled presenter, Cindy Cooke, was unable to attend due to a weather delay in Denver.	introducing ourselves to members and guests as board members and STCC members at each meeting.
Luncheon Presentation: Joanne Kinnelly gave Cindy Cooke's presentation on the Scottie Information Exchange, which asked "Will Scottish Terriers Be the Next Rare Breed/" Members participated and voiced	will include premium list, ring side assistants, trophies and trophy table)
their ideas to promote the Scottish Terrier breed.	<u>Treasurer:</u> Matt Lubeck reported that the club has $$4,014$ in the bank.
Committee Reports: <u>Treasurer</u> : Matt Lubeck reported that the club has \$4,014 in the bank.	Secretary: Barbara Wicks reported that she would file the STCC Annual Report with the Illinois Secretary of State.
Board Meeting (3:00pm to 4:30pm)	<u>Communication:</u> Matt Lubeck (Website) will continue managing the online profile of STCC. He
<u>President</u> : (Kathy) Kathy called the meeting to order.	will set up an Internet Store so the Fundraising Committee can conduct raffles/auctions and sell
The main topic of the meeting was the formation of committees, and recruiting potential committee	
members to participate in and perform the responsibilities of the STCC for the coming year. Many suggestions were made. Kathy Hufnagle will	The next meeting will be October 20, 2019 at the Algonquin Feed and Needs in Arlington Heights, IL.
contact various members to ask for volunteers. Beryl Gersch, Secreta	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2019-2020 STCC 2019/2020 MEETING	
	DATES
Kathleen Hufnagle, President Marilyn Flanagan, Vice President Barbara S	<i>n Kanthack</i> October 13, 2019 - <i>Sciarra</i> "HOWLoween Party"
and Show Chair Barbara V	
Matthew Lubeck, Treasurer	December, 2019 - TBD

STCC MEMBERSHIP?? This newsletter is "OURS!" Ours to share news of the club. Ours to share the achievements of our Scots. Ours to share our kudos, photos, concerns, and information to share. Be in the Editor inbox anytime!!

Mary Ellen Kanthack, we send Congratulations to Micah on the recent CGC accomplishment !!!!!!!

March, 2020 - TBD April, 2020 - TBD

June 13, 2020 -Specialty Show Lake Country Fairgrounds Grayslake, IL

August, 2020 -Annual Luncheon - TBD Page 8 👘

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STCC 2020 SPECIALTY!!

Date: June 13, 2020

Your Specialty Committee: Marilyn Flanagan, Chair Alice Kurtz, Premium List Mary Ellen Kanthack, Trophies

Our Role: To lead the conversation, provide guidance, reach out to volunteers anddonors, work alongside other committees (such as hospitality), and report ongoing tothe board and membership as to how things are going, and what things are left to do. – So far, the 2020 theme!! (Compliments of Alice Kurtz! Thank You, Alice!!) –



<u>About the theme</u>: It is our intention that this theme will carry from the trophy table display, to the trophiesthemselves, and then on to the luncheon. If you have any ideas as to how you can help us with this-"theme", please speak up. You might have seen a similar idea at a show you attended. You might knowwhere we can buy dog treats or souvenirs befitting our "fancy" Scottie stars! You might be able to helpdecorate the trophy table. Or be crafty and able to make a special notecard or envelope. Or be willing tobake a "fancy" dessert for the luncheon! All suggestions are welcome.

<u>What's next?</u> In 2020 STCC, and our Scottie stars, will be Steppin' Out In Style" for our "dress rehearsal" to ready ourselves to host the STCA National Rotating in 2021 with the pomp and circumstance a national, and possible international, event deserves. Help be a part of the excitement. Both behind the scenes. And inside and outside the runway!!

<u>The trophies</u>: We are also hoping you would consider sponsoring a 2020 prize for one of the classes in the-Scottish Terrier Specialty (dollar amounts range from \$25 to \$200), but if not, any monetary donation-towards our trophies would be greatly appreciated.

Donations may be made <u>In Memory Of</u>. Please indicate on your check or in an enclosed note which classyou would like to sponsor, and/or to whom you are dedicating your donation.

Please make your check out to: STCC (Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago). Mail your check to: Marilyn-Flanagan, Show Chair, 1101 Camden Court, Glendale Heights, IL 60139 -



Thank you so much for your anticipated donation. We need to receive your donation before January 1, 2020. (STCC is a 501c7 non-profit. Donations are not tax deductible, but, highly appreciated.)



TROPHY DONATIONS NEEDED !!

Best of Breed - \$200 Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed - \$200 Best of Winners - \$175 Winners Dog - \$150 Reserve Winners Dog - \$100 Winners Bitch - \$150 Reserve Winners Bitch - \$100 Bred By Exhibitor Dog - \$125 Bred By Exhibitor Bitch - \$125

Other Regular Class Prizes \$25 - \$35 each.

Best in Sweepstakes - \$125 Best Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes - \$100



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INTRODUCING MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS - Part 1 ...

Elizabeth (Betsy) Hastings:

Current Household:	I am a single retiree who just got an eleven week old Scottie puppy named Ali! Ali is my third Scottie. Ali has a big brother (a Skye Terrier) nameds Murray.	
Scottie History:	My first Scottie was a pet store purchase in Brooklyn, New York, in 1973. Midnight was a very special dog who lived to age 11 with Cushings. My second Scottie was Snowie and she lived to be 13 years old with CMO.	
Why joining STCC?	When I got Snowie, I joined the STCC shortly afterwards. I learned about the STCC fom an old Grayslake Show Catalogue that I found at the Library Book Sale. I participated for many years in the club activities, but when I moved to Beach Park, going to the southwest suburbs all the time was a little more than I could handle. I am rejoining the STCC because I have free time as a retiree to participate in activities.	
Favorite Scottie Activities:	My favorite activities to do with my pups are taking long walks in the dog park, and going to dog shows around the country.	
Why the Scottie?	I choose Scotties because they have such an expressive personality and they love to play.	
Observations of the Breed:	There is no doubt that owning a Scottie is challenging but the rewards are great. They make my life bright.	
Current Priorities:	iorities: My priorities are to be happy and healthy, and provide a good home for Ali and Murray. The more things we do together the more fun we find.	
Wish for the Breed:	I wish that Scotties would increase in popularity so that their future would be assured with other pure bred dogs.	

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR SCOTTISH TERRIERS

At our luncheon in August, membership was asked to give input on future meeting discussions. Many topics were chosen, and new ideas given. The most votes went to the following topic areas:

- What's In My Dog's Food Bowl? (Grain free, raw, big pet industry) What and Who Am I to Believe?

- Having Fun With Your Scottie: Simple Games You Can Both Enjoy!
- Who's Calling the Shots? What Do My Dogs Really Need?

- Being An Ambassador of the Scottish Terrier: Simple Things to Do!

Other suggestions included Breeding, Mentoring, Scent Work, Grooming, Health Issues, Breed Preservation, and just Sharing Stories About Our Scotties!

If you have information you would like to share, know speakers with knowledge in these areas, or have another suggestion?? Please contact our Education Committee.

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INTRODUCING MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS - Part 2

Florentina Ramniceanu and Jim Beard:

Current Household:	We are a married couple with furry children, presently two Scotties and one Miniature Schnauzer. We are both professionals, concert violinist and periodontist, with a great love for dogs, particularly Scotties.	
Scottie History:	We rescued our first Scottish Terrier in the winter of 1999-2000 and fell in love with the breed! In 2007 we bought a second Scottie, she is now 12 and, finally, we were fortunate to get a puppy this last November from Janet Bartholomew. We are now showing our beautiful puppy and learning more about the many intricacies of grooming, showing, as well as meeting wonderful people that are dedicated to the breed.	
Favorite Scottie Activities:	We travel with our dogs, and walk and play with them. One could say that we do everything together!	
Why the Scottie?	We love the strong personalities, determination, playfulness, and loyalty.	
Current Priorities:	We would like to promote and spread the word about the breed since there are not so many Scotties around.	
Wish for the Breed:	We would like to see more Scotties trotting in our city of Chicago and elsewhere. They make such wonderful companions for city, suburbs, or country living!	
Observations of the Breed:	Scotties are intelligent and outgoing, wise yet sensitive, loving yet independent, adorable yet strong. These are some of the things we love about Scotties.	

INTRODUCING MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS - Part 3 ...

Sheryl King:

At least 25 years ago I decided I wanted a dog companion, but did not want a German Shepherd (which I grew up with and love, but was tired of all the hair and the neediness of the breed). I found an online questionnaire that helped
figure out a good dog breed that meets your personality. I got Scottish Terrier! I got my first little girl - Lydia - from a home breeder. She was a sweet little thing and totally a Scottie all the way throughsince then I had one rescue and now Pablo, who is fixed and close to ten years old, and Penny the momma who is 3.
Pablo loves barn hunt and earth dog - we have not competed, but he goes whenever they have it at the Scottie Rally in Door County. Once he gets a smell of the rats, "he's done" for the day! Penny also has a high prey urge and the two of them keep our yard free of vermin. Pablo has gone through good citizen classes and sometimes accompanies me to school. I know many don't like dog parks, but we all love the one near us and have spent a lot of time there. I am more worried about doggy day care and boarding than my dog park. <i>Continued on Page Eleven - Membership Applicant 3</i>

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Why the Scottie?	In addition to the above, I keep with the breed because I truly love their amazing personalities.
Why joining STCC?	I want to help to promote and grow the knowledge of the breed, as well as learn more. I also enjoy being around others who love the little die-hards!
Why the Scottie?	I love how my Scotties have always been persistent and curious - that if I am busy they can find their own thing to do, that they are sturdy and feisty! And those teeth!
Current Priorities:	To learn to provide not only healthy and beautiful Scottish Terriers, but to keep the original attitude that I sometimes see lacking.
Wish for the Breed:	My wish for Scottish Terriers is for them to continue in their amazing history, and never become a "scottydoodle!"

INTRODUCING MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS - Part 4 ...

Kari Endvick:

CurrentMy Scottie household consists of 6 dogs at the moment. Soon to be 7. Bridgett, Cora,Household:Colin, Bugzy, Greyson, and Nikki the Naughty!

- Scottie History: I got my first Scottie when I was 10 years old. I worked all summer to save enough money to buy him. His name was Ruffy. KJ's Ruffles and Flourishes. I bought my next Scottie, a retired show dog, from Scott and Susan Jacobson when I was 22. It was not long after that I inquired about getting a show dog from the Jacobson's. They agreed to sell me a 18 month old male named Blade. I finished Blade and wanted a female. Scott and Susan agreed that I could now purchase a female show dog. Delilah would become my foundation bitch. Since then I have bought and bred several more Scotties, most of which I have finished.
- Why the Scottie: I wanted a dog. I knew that much. I also knew that I didn't want a big dog or a "fu fu" dog. I wanted a dog medium in size with a big heart and attitude. So I started looking through a terrier book that I checked out from the library. Page by page studying the pictures. When I came to the Scottie it was love at first sight. Shortly after that my mother took me to a dog show near our home. Sure enough there was a Scottish Terrier entered in the show. She took my breath away. This particular dog was owned by John Sheehan Firebrand Scottish Terriers. I did not talk to him at that time but got to know him later on in my show career. I was hooked on the Scottie.

Why joining
STCC?I want to become a part of the STCC because I believe that I can be helpful in the
breeding aspect. To help new or future breeders to breed the correct type of Scottie. I
also want my daughters to be in touch with more Scottie people so they can continue to
gain knowledge and friends.

Why the Scottie? I have always loved the Scottish Terrier. I am lucky enough to have two wonderful daughters that also love the breed and showing.

Observations of the Breed: I love this breed. I can't imagine my life without this loving, mischievous, naughty, smart, stubborn and stylish dog.



Bugzy, Bridgett, Cora, Nikki, Greyson, and Colin with Lauren Endvick.

Wish for theMy hope for the breed is that it does not disappear. We need breeders that will preserveBreed:the breed according to the standard. I want Scotties that look and act like Scotties.

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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.