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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Time marches on! Spring 2020 is here already.

The STCA National Rotating Specialty for 2020 is in Dayton, Ohio the 20-22 of March. We are up next! We have 1 1/4 year until we host the 2021 National Rotating Specialty. Yikes! This is truly an exciting time for STCC. It takes all of us working together to make an event of this magnitude successful.

Our June 2020 Specialty is our trial run. Our goal for entries for 2020 is 60 and for the 2021 Rotating, 120, with international participation. This is a lofty goal, but very possible.

At this point, we need each Committee functioning at the highest level possible and coordinating with each other. As you may have already noticed, our Committees often overlap and integrate. We also need each member to contribute their talent(s) to the Club. Everyone has something valuable to contribute. I guarantee that there is a Committee that can use your gift. Just to refresh your memory, our Committees are as follows:

Specialty:	Marilyn Flanagan, Chair
Hospitality:	Sue Grant Chair
Education:	Ben Myers Chair
Fundraising:	Sheryl Bence King Chair
Membership:	Kathy Hufnagle Chair
Marketing:	Ben Myers Chair
Communication:	Marilyn Flanagan Chair
Website:	Matt Lubeck
Plaid Piper:	Marilyn Flanagan
Social Media:	Michele Geiger Bronsky

Each Committee can use more members, especially now. If you are not currently on a Committee, find one you like and join it. Put your passion for Scotties to work and be part of an organization that goes above and beyond to preserve and protect the Scottish Terrier.

*Thank you,
Kathy Hufnagle,
President, STCC*



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UPCOMING STCC MEETING - Scottie Friendly!!



April 19, 2020

Legislative Update: The Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners

Presented by: Lisa Hills, Treasurer

TIME: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

LOCATION: Animal Feeds and Needs
Training Room
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

ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING AND AWARDS

DATE: August 16, 2020

EVENT: Annual Luncheon Buffet:
Great Food; Great Company
Award Presentations and...

TIME: 1 - 4 pm

LOCATION: The Westwood Tavern
1385 N. Meacham Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(847) 969-9500
www.WestwoodTavern.com

REMINDER: Humans only.
Board Meeting after Club meeting



More details will follow

The election of our 2020-2021 board
members and officers will take place during
the annual meeting during the luncheon.

SAVE THE DATE!! SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Screening for Bladder Cancer

Why is it important?

Marcia Dawson, Chair STCA Health Trust Fund

The STCC has been awarded a \$2000.00 grant from the STCA's Health Trust Fund to hold a bladder screening clinic for our members, our friends, and other Scottie owners in our area. This is a great opportunity to put into action what we should all be doing with our Scotties once they reach the age of 6 years: Screen at least yearly for bladder cancer with an ultrasound exam. The earlier we can detect any abnormality in our dogs' bladders, the sooner we can get a diagnosis and start them on more effective therapy. Whichever therapy we choose, from NSAIDS or chemotherapy or alternative medicines and supportive diets, the sooner the better!

Why is this true? Why does early diagnosis translate to much more successful outcomes in our Scotties?

There is a wealth of compelling evidence that treating cancer earlier in its course is more successful than treating it when it is more advanced.

- ◆ Genetic complexity: Early stage cancer is much less genetically complex than later in its course. As a tumor grows, it changes in complexity and mutates and creates more genetic resistance to various therapies. This leads to failure of the drug. The earlier any therapy can get to a tumor, the more effective it will be.
- ◆ Immune compromise: Early in the course of cancer, the dog's immune system is stronger, and more capable of controlling runaway growth of cancer cells. Over time, as the undetected cancer grows unchecked, the immune system gets worn down and used up. This exhaustion of the immune system is a serious result of diagnosing cancer later in its course, and it robs the body of a major weapon of defense. Early detection allows us to provide essential immune support.
- ◆ Blood supply: Early in its development, a tumor is fairly well organized with structure and blood vessels that almost mimic normal cell growth. However, over time, the tumor becomes more and more abnormal with erratic behavior, runaway growth, and abnormal, gnarly blood vessels that are not able to deliver the cancer fighting drugs to the tumor. This translates again to failure of the therapy.
- ◆ General health: Early in the course of cancer, the patient, both human and dog, is stronger, healthier and better able to tolerate therapies. The quality of life is good, and starting the therapy before there are major symptoms, metastasis, and the involvement of other organs can help to prolong that quality of life.

Bladder cancer (TCC) in our Scotties is a serious health problem. We need to beat this devastating disease to the punch and detect it as early as we possibly can. Don't wait until your Scottie is straining to urinate, passing bloody urine, and acting uncomfortable. By then, it may be too late to do much good at all.

Carol Mallquest and her committee will be organizing this clinic to be held in September with more details soon to follow. Don't miss this opportunity to have your Scotties screened with a short and painless procedure, and make a New Year's resolution to have your Scotties screened starting at 6 years of age from now on!

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

Everything You Need to Know About Emotional Support Animals

By Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT

(Reprinted with permission of the STC of California newsletter, The Bulletin, March 2020)

Key Points

- Mental health professionals prescribe emotional support animals (ESAs) under the law.
- Legal accommodations differ between service dogs and emotional support dogs.
- ESAs are granted certain housing and air travel accommodations by law.

Every dog owner knows there are many benefits to having a dog, from getting themselves out for exercise to receiving loyal companionship. However, for some people with mental or emotional conditions, the presence of a dog is critical to their ability to function normally on a daily basis. The pet provides emotional support and comfort that helps them deal with challenges that might otherwise compromise their quality of life. These pets are known as emotional support animals (ESAs).

What Is an Emotional Support Dog?

Although all dogs offer an emotional connection with their owner, to legally be considered an emotional support dog, also called an emotional support animal (ESA), the pet needs to be prescribed by a licensed mental health professional to a person with a disabling mental illness. A therapist, psychologist, or psychiatrist must determine that the presence of the animal is needed for the mental health of the patient. For example, owning a pet might ease a person's anxiety or give them a focus in life. The dogs can be any age and any breed.

Emotional Support Dog vs. Service Dogs

ESAs provide support through companionship and can help ease anxiety, depression, and certain phobias. However, they are not [service dogs](#), and ESA users do not receive the same accommodations as service dog users. A service dog, such as a guide dog, is generally allowed anywhere the public is allowed; ESAs are not. For example, ESAs generally cannot accompany their owners into restaurants or shopping malls.

The [Americans With Disabilities Act](#) (ADA) defines service animals as “dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.” The act clearly states that animals that simply provide emotional comfort do not qualify as service animals. Some state and local laws have a broader definition, so be sure to check with local government agencies to learn if ESAs qualify for public access in your area.

The key difference between a service dog and an emotional support dog is whether the animal has been trained to perform a specific task or job directly related to the person's disability. For example, service dogs are trained to alert a hearing-impaired person to an alarm or to guide a visually impaired person around an obstacle. Behaviors such as cuddling on cue, although comforting, do not qualify. The tasks need to be specifically trained to mitigate a particular disability, not something instinctive the dog would do anyway.

Emotional Support Dogs Are Not Psychiatric Service Dogs

There are service dogs, known as [psychiatric service dogs](https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/service-working-therapy-emotional-support-dogs/) [https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/service-working-therapy-emotional-support-dogs/] that require extensive training to work specifically with people whose disability is due to mental illness. These dogs detect the beginning of psychiatric episodes and help ease their effects. Although this sounds similar to the role of an ESA, the difference between a psychiatric service dog and an ESA is again in the tasks performed by the dog and the training received to perform these tasks.

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Psychiatric service dogs (recognized by the ADA as service dogs) have been trained to do certain jobs that help the handler cope with a mental illness. For example, the dog might remind a person to take prescribed medications, keep a disoriented person in a dissociative episode from wandering into a hazardous situation such as traffic or perform room searches for a person with post-traumatic stress disorder. If it is simply the dog's presence that helps the person cope, then the dog does not qualify as a psychiatric service dog.

Accommodations for Individuals Who Use Emotional Support Dogs

Individuals who use ESAs are provided certain accommodations under federal law in the areas of housing and air travel. The [Fair Housing Act](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint) [https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint] includes ESAs in its definition of assistance animals. Under the act, people cannot be discriminated against due to a disability when obtaining housing. Rules such as pet bans or restrictions are waived for people who have a prescription for an ESA, and they cannot be charged a pet deposit for having their ESA live with them.

The [Air Carrier Access Act](https://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/disability) [https://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/disability] allows service animals and ESAs to accompany their handlers in the cabin of an aircraft. The airline can require documentation stating that the person has a disability and the reason why the animal must travel with them. If you intend to travel with an ESA, contact the airline ahead of time to ensure you can provide the appropriate paperwork.

ESAs can be any common domestic animal including dogs, cats, or ferrets, and more. To qualify, the animal must be reasonably well behaved and under the control of its handler at all times. It also must be housebroken, and cannot be a nuisance or danger to others. Airlines may exclude certain types of animals from accompanying passengers. Like, service dogs, emotional support dogs are not required to wear identifying equipment, such as a vest or a harness.

Emotional support dogs can perform an important role in the life of a person with mental or emotional conditions. When people who do not have a disability abuse the system by misrepresenting a pet as an ESA to obtain special accommodation, they undermine important accommodations for individuals with a legitimate need for this assistance.

A SCOTTIE GROUP ON FACEBOOK - EVERYTHING SCOTTISH TERRIERS USA

With permission of Beth Cloven Hernandez, I am sharing the "about" information of this Facebook group. Its mission is to help educate people in every possible way about Scotties. In less than a year they have almost 2,000 members. As she says, "people want to learn, along with cute photos." Check them out!! (Marilyn)



"Welcome to Everything Scottish Terriers USA! We are your one stop for those that would like to learn and know more about the Scottish Terrier. We are preservation breeders, participants in obedience, agility, earth dog, barn hunt and conformation. We welcome everyone that has questions about the breed, looking for a mentor to help with any event you are interested in, grooming or breeding. We want this page to help all breeders improve their breeding stock, and gain access to the wealth of available knowledge about breeding healthy Scottish Terriers that are show quality whether or not the breeder chooses to show.

If you are looking for a nice healthy well bred puppy or adult to love we ask that you go to the Scottish Terrier Club of America website and click on the breeder link. www.stca.biz. No puppy sales or stud service postings allowed on this page. Please enjoy the photos, videos and files all about the Scottish Terrier. Questions and comments are encouraged and welcome. We want to preserve the Scottish Terrier for years to come. A friendly informative place where you can ask your questions, exchange ideas, and maybe find a new best friend and several great hobbies! Please read our rules before posting! Thank you and Enjoy! UPDATE: we do allow STCA/Regional club members (those being mentored by a club member may have their mentor post available puppies) to post available puppies. You will find the guidelines for posting puppies in the announcement section. Thank you to all for joining us!"

STCC MEETING NOTES: December 1, 2019

<p style="text-align: center;">Club Meeting (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)</p> <p>President (Kathy): Welcomed members and guests to the 2019 Holiday Meeting.</p> <p>Treasurer (Marilyn reporting): The club has \$4,014.</p> <p>Specialty (Marilyn): Requested trophy donations for June 2020. There as discussion re: the need for funds and marketing for the 2021 Rotating Specialty.</p> <p>Communication (Marilyn): The question of Skyping meetings was put to the members. She will research if there are rules regarding this.</p> <p>Fundraising (Sheryl King): Kathy agreed to store the clubs donated Scottie collectibles for now. Beryl Gersch, Marilyn Flanagan, and Deborah Senalik will go to Kathy's and assist in photographing and cataloging the items for auction or raffle to benefit the club.</p> <p>Membership (Kathy): Sheryl Bence King was voted in as a new member.</p> <p>New Business: Kathy addressed the opportunity for the club to host a</p>	<p>Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic with the help of a grant from the STCA Health Trust Fund. Carol Mallquist agreed to head an ad hoc committee to draft the proposal.</p> <p>Kathy suggested the need for a marketing committee. Ben Myers volunteered to be chair.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Board Meeting</p> <p>There being no quorum, the officers present held a short meeting (4:00 pm to 4:15 pm). Present were Kathy, Beryl, and Marilyn.</p> <p>Skype was discussed, both for meeting presentations, and for committees to do their work. Marilyn stressed that voting can only occur by members in the room.</p> <p>There are still some outstanding membership dues. Beryl offered to send out notices.</p> <p>With membership approval of the Bladder Clinic, and time constraints for the proposal due date, this will move forward, as needed. The board will formally ratify its full agreement at its next meeting.</p>
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(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.)

The 2020 Specialty Committee thanks the following STCC members for their trophy donations:

- Best of Breed (\$200)** - Marilyn Flanagan
- Best of Winners (\$175)** - Bob and Sue Grant
- Best of Opposite Sex (\$200)** - Kathy Hufnagle and Mindy Smouse/Stargate Kennel
- Winners Dog (\$150)** - Pat Stevenson
- Reserve Winners Dog (\$100)** - Stan and Deb Senalik
- Winners Bitch (\$150)** - Shelly and Alice Kurtz
- Reserve Winners Bitch (\$100)** - Betsy Hasting
- Bred by Exhibitor Dog (\$125)** - Steve and Debi Russell/Woburn Scottish Terriers
- Bred by Exhibitor Bitch (\$125)** - Marcia Dawson/HiJinks Kennel

- Best in Sweepstakes (\$125)** - Carol Mallquist
- Best of Opposite to Best in Sweepstakes (\$100)** - Beryl Gersch

Additional donations for 1st Place in Regular Classes and Non-Regular Classes from John and Mary Ellen Kanthack, Lynn St. Pierre, and Beryl Gersch.

(Donations are not tax deductible, but, highly appreciated!)

Trophies designed and made available by artist Barbara A. Guitas

*Thank
you*

STCC SPECIALTY 2020



“Steppin’ Out In Style! Scotties Are On The Runway!”

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A 5 DAY CLUSTER OF SHOWS TO START THE SUMMER !!

It will be **“Show Stopping Scotties”** at the STCC Specialty Show and Sweepstakes in conjunction with The Great Lakes All Terrier Association, Inc. (GLATA)
Onafrio, Superintendent at www.onafrio.com
Entries close: May 27, 2020 at noon

Join us on June 13, 2020 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL

Judges:
Regular Classes: Marjorie Underwood
Sweepstakes: Christine O’Brien

STCC SPECIALTY 2021 and STCA National Rotating



“ CHICAGO IS BACK!! “
And, We Are ROARIN’ in 20’s STYLE!!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A 5 DAY CLUSTER OF SHOWS
TO START THE SUMMER OF 2021 WITH PIZAZZ !!!**

Join us for **“Chicago and Scots! And, Scots in Chicago!”**

The STCC Specialty Show and Sweepstakes June 18, 2021,
and the STCA National Rotating June 19, 2021.

Shows to be held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL.
Both in conjunction with
Little Fort and The Grayslake Summer Cluster.
Onafrio, Superintendent at www.onafrio.com

Please check our Facebook page for further details or updates to all of the above
[@ScottishTerrierChicago](https://www.facebook.com/ScottishTerrierChicago). Or on our website at www.STCChicago.org.

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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.