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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall!

It looks like Virtual or Zoom meetings are becoming the new normal. STCC is adapting and moving forward with this new media. Our next 2 meetings; October 11, 2020 on Nutrition and December 6, 2020 on Grooming will be Zoom meetings. These meetings may be accessed by computer or phone. If anyone needs assistance with Zoom, please contact Mary Ellen Kanthack and she will walk you through it. She usually does a trial run the day before for those needing help.

The focus for STCC until June 2021 will be the National Rotating Specialty. Our logo for the specialty is pictured above. The Specialty Committee has been developing a timeline of what tasks need to be completed and by what date. They will keep the membership informed every step of the way and asking for help. Everyone has something valuable to offer, so don't be shy.

Kathy Hufnagle, President

The Scottish Terrier Club Of



FROM THE CLAN CONNECTION

By Carol Mallquist

Like most organizations, the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago has been significantly impacted by Covid-19. The annual June 13, 2020 Specialty held as part of a cluster of shows at the Lake County IL Fairgrounds was canceled when the presenter canceled the entire cluster.

A general membership meeting was held June 28 via zoom as virtual meetings were launched. As fall begins, STCC presented a virtual membership meeting on October 11 with an educational program, Scottish Terrier Nutrition with Cheryl's Healthy Pets.

Our December 6, 2020 a membership meeting will be held virtually presenting a grooming seminar led by Jessica Moore, grooming judge and educator.

STCC was honored to be awarded a grant from the STCA Health Trust Fund to hold a bladder cancer screening. Regrettably, the scheduled screening, September 13, 2020, had to be postponed due to insufficient registration attributed to reluctance by many to participate during Covid-19. Plans are to reschedule when it is safer and individuals are more comfortable participating in this important screening opportunity.

STCC is moving forward with plans to host the STCA National Rotating Specialty on June 19, 2021, and the STCC annual Specialty June 18, 2021. It is our hope that by that time regular shows will have resumed and breeders everywhere can return to their lives of proudly presenting their dogs in competition.



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In Remembrance of Eleanor Goss

Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago

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With special thanks to Gloria Urquhart
and Sharon Ward

Eleanor Goss, a long-time member of STC Chicago, with her beloved Scottie, Mackenzie, was an example of dedication to what a Scottie can do, and what the relationship between a Scottie and its owner can accomplish. Together they achieved many titles while pursuing their performance journey together. Eleanor sadly passed away on March 1, 2019 and one of her final wishes was to have Mackenzie recognized for all her many accomplishments. These include:

CGC	Canine Good Citizen
CGA	Canine Good Citizen Advanced
THD	Therapy Dog Completed 50 visits
THDA	Therapy Dog Completed over 100 visits
TKN	Trick Dog Novice
TKI	Trick Dog Intermediate
TKA	Trick Dog Advanced
TKP	Trick Dog Performer
RATI	Barn Hunt Instinct
RATN	Barn Hunt Novice
RATO	Barn Hunt Open
RATS	Barn Hunt Senior
RATM	Barn Hunt Master
BN	Beginner Novice
CD	Companion Dog
CDX	Companion Dog Excellent
RN	Rally Novice
RA	Rally Advanced

As a close friend of hers has said, "It is not too often that a Scottish Terrier can achieve these titles.



Eleanor was so proud of her exceptionally smart and beautiful girl and the two of them worked so very hard to attain these titles."

We wish everyone safety and comfort surrounded by your beloved Scottie, as we anticipate more meetings and more future champions and stars.

RESCUE: The Rock Island 13

On a dark and stormy night...that is how Sara's story began along with the 13 other Scotties that Sue Severtzen plucked from the Rock Island shelter. She resembled Bob Marley with long, dredded hair and a lump of dirt, poop and heaven knows what else attached to right ear that once removed would leave her with a crumpy ear and an endearing look. This frightened, little ragamuffin would become my first and only foster failure.

She would have to learn how to eat and drink out of a bowl, walk on a lead and not to run under dressers and large hostas; she would learn to trust us. Our dear, sweet Sara made the decision to leave us a simple one, she stopped eating one day, had trouble breathing and the doctor let us know that she had tumors on her spleen and most likely in the lymph nodes of her stomach. After giving her 10 years of security and love, we would not fail her at this critical moment when she needed us most. With her kind Vet, and her family surrounding her we set her free.



I've no doubt the first thing she did when across the bridge was to seek out her beloved Cai. I am also sure that she quickly found her protector and "brother" Toby. She now haunts the periphery of our home and when Seamus visits I see him looking down the hallway and up the stairs for his friend. I have a magnet on my car "who rescued who?" (sic), indeed we rescued each other.

*Respectfully,
Liz Timmer*



Oh, I've been looking for a new love....a new puppy nose and puppy breath....oh, the one I almost got this spring that my husband out of fear of Covid said no.....oh, but the elation of hearing those special words, "we have a litter and we want you to have one"! Waiting, waiting, waiting. you know what I mean; time just seems to slow down and your heart to speed up. Then the date for the puppy party- and the meeting. The words, she is show quality; nice puppy- take this little girl. Should I? Heck yeah! That little girl went right into my car and came home with me. We walked in to meet our other three Scotties and she wasn't one bit scared or standoffish....it was more like, I'M HERE!!!! COME PLAY AND WORSHIP ME!!! (she is a Scottish Terrier after all!) No crying through the night, slept in her kennel Immediately, no transitions in food, play, love...she was meant to be.

This is our new girl. She is our hope for showing and breeding. I am so in love with this little bit of earth dog. After having to have our Penny fixed I knew I wanted a new female we could breed eventually. To possibly get to show her!! To help propel the breed forward in a most amazing and beautiful lineage! I am so proud to introduce you to Terra - We haven't registered her yet, so I don't have her full name...but she's Terra here at home! *By Sheryl Bence King*

**FUTURE MEETING
and EVENT DATES**

October 11th Meeting
Nutrition Seminar (ZOOM)

December 6th Meeting
Grooming Seminar (ZOOM)

March 2021 Meeting - TBD

April 2021 Meeting - TBD

June 18, 2021
STCC Annual Specialty

June 19, 2021
STCA National Rotating

Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic
June 20, 2020

August 15, 2021 - Annual
Luncheon / Awards

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.