

The Plaid Piper

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas

The Scottish Terrier Club Of



I hope this Holiday Season finds all our members healthy. 2020 has been a year which has challenged us mentally, physically and emotionally. We have learned to cope; social distance, wear masks, and go to Zoom meetings. We have prevailed! **Let's move on to 2021.**

From now until June 2021, our Friday Specialty and the National Rotating Specialty are our focus. We need participation from as many members as possible. The Specialty Committee, Hospitality Committee and Fundraising Committee need the most help. These 3 Committees will be holding a joint meeting monthly (this Sunday, December 13th at 2pm. is the next meeting). If you are interested in helping out, please let Beryl know and she will send you the Zoom link. Please consider joining a Committee; you will receive more than you give. It's very rewarding to be part of an event this large and making it successful.

If you have not attended one of our virtual meetings via Zoom, please consider it. It is not difficult to participate; you can do it from your phone. The membership voted to have mini meetings once a month for us to stay connected, educated, and on task for the Specialties. Our next meeting will be early January, probably the 10th. It will feature Jessica Moore teaching us about the Hand Stripping Grooming process. February will feature a program called Rocket Recall. Nancy Reyes from "For Your K9" will teach us via Zoom. Details on both these meetings will follow via email.

See you in January 2021.

Happy Holidays to all.

Kathy Hufnagle, President STCC

"The Scotland Kid"

December 4, 2020 National Purebred Dog Day®

An excerpt from Holland's Magazine in 1926 read:

"... that odd little chunk of canniness, merriment, sadness, joy, steadfast devotion, courage and rare powers of discrimination [is] the Scottish Terrier. The old Highland saying that "guid gear goes in mickle bundles," might well have been framed specially to fit the Scottie or Diehard, as many of his friends delight to call him. Compact, quick as a cat, alert as only a real terrier can be, he possesses strength far beyond his apparent stature, and a spirit which, once he decides is just, knows no limit."

Merry Christmas—Scottie Style



Merry Christmas from Kathy and Mindy's family



Phyllis Stamper's McBriar, what did Santa bring me?



Elizabeth Trimmer's Sara, Who needs a gift when you have a Scottie?



Elizabeth Trimmer's Cai, Christmas Humbug



Merry Christmas—Scottie Style



Sarah Hellmich's Angus in Zermatt Switzerland



Sarah Hellmich's Duffy Christmas 2019



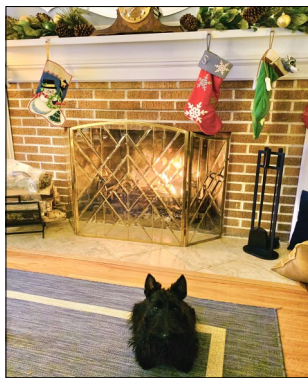
Scot & Michael's Moira, First gift under the tree!



Elizabeth Hastings' Ali with Santa



Scot & Michael's Moira, What Scotties do best



Scot & Michael's Moira, Just warming my bumbum



Beryl Gersch's Klara & Bijou, Waiting for the big guy



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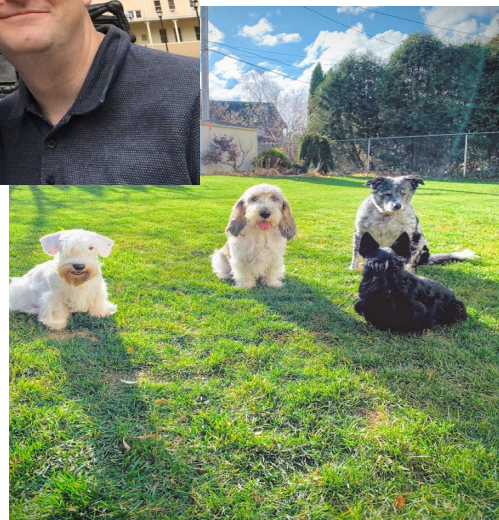
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New Club Members



Scot Johnson and Michael Zywicki are pure bred dog enthusiasts, currently owning 4 dogs, and working on number 5. They've been married for 8 years and live in Madison, WI.

Arthur (11) is their border collie/blue heeler rescue, Quentin (2) is a PBGV, Moira (1) is their Scottish Terrier and Ffion (9 months) is their Sealyham Terrier. They will soon be the proud parents of a Cesky Terrier, who was born just before Thanksgiving. Scotties have always been Michael's first love, and their house is not a home without one.

They've recently become more involved in the dog world, working on conformation with Ffion and taking classes with Moira and Ffion at the local kennel club. They're looking forward to taking Moira to her first barn hunt next year, she's a natural!

Our club welcomes both Scot and Michael as they look forward to being active members in the STCC.

Club Member Articles

Calling all Scottie Breeders and Owners!

The STCA and the Health Trust Fund and Resero Genomics are excited to announce the official roll out of a ground-breaking Scottish Terrier DNA Bank, a repository to preserve our Breed's precious genetic heritage and to provide ample and high quality DNA for critical research on Scottie health, both now and in the future. Be a part of history by contributing samples from your Scotties to this valuable and unique bank! Follow the link to read the Press Release, and stay tuned for more details to follow:
https://stca.biz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Resero-STCA-HTF-press-release_Final.pdf

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Winter Weather and your Scottie

By: Alice Kurtz

Winter! Just like us, many dogs love to be out in the fresh snow while others prefer to be snuggled in a cozy blanket on the couch. A pet's cold tolerance depends on its health, coat, fat stores, and activity level. In all cases your dog needs to be protected from the elements. Here are some tips and thoughts for winter care.

Walking:

Your dog's walk in very cold weather probably needs to be shortened to protect you and your dog from weather-associated health risks. Dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia therefore no dog should be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing weather. Thick-coated dogs tend to be a bit more cold tolerant than those with short hair, but short-legged pets, like Scotties may become cold faster because their bellies and bodies are more likely to come in contact with snow-covered ground. Dogs with chronic health issues such as, diabetes, Cushing's, heart or kidney disease, to name but a few, may have a harder time regulating their body temperature.

Hypothermia:

Occurs when a dog's body temperature falls below normal. If the temperature continues to fall muscles stiffen, heart rate and breathing slow, and the dog could die. If you notice any of these symptoms, you need to get your dog warm. Wrap the dog in blankets, and take it to the veterinarian who can monitor the heart rate and blood pressure and give warm fluids through an IV if necessary.

Frostbite:

Can also occur particularly on the dog's ears, tail, and paws. The dog's ears, paws, or tail can get so cold that ice crystals form damaging the tissue. The thing to remember about frostbite is that it's not immediately obvious. The tissue doesn't show signs of damage for several days. If you suspect your dog has frostbite, bring it into a warm environment right away. You can soak the extremities in warm water for about 20 minutes to melt the ice crystals and restore circulation. It's very important that you don't rub the frostbitten tissue, however—the ice crystals can do a lot of damage to the tissue. When your dog warms up, wrap the dog in blankets and take it to the veterinarian. The veterinarian can assess the damage and treat your dog for pain or infection if necessary.

Shivering is an obvious sign that your dog is cold. Some dogs exhibit anxiety when they are too cold; they will act anxious or fearful. They may turn and head for home or begin whining or barking.

Arthritic and elderly pets may have more difficulty walking on snow and ice and may be more prone to slipping and falling.

While walking be sure to stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and other water. You don't know if the ice will support the dog's weight, and if the dog breaks through the ice it could be deadly.

If you want to put a coat or sweater on your dog and the dog will wear it, go for it. It may help a little, but remember that dogs lose most of their body heat from the pads of their feet, their ears, and their respiratory tract. The best way to protect your dog from winter weather damage is to watch them closely and make sure they are comfortable.

If you are not comfortable outside in the cold, then probably your dog isn't either.

Club Member Articles

Winter Weather and your Scottie (Cont.)

By: Alice Kurtz

Check the paws:

Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage, such as cracked paw pads or bleeding. The dogs are walking through snow, slush, salt and chemicals, and their feet may pick up deicers, antifreeze, or other chemicals that could not only be injurious to the paws but also toxic to the dog. When you get back inside, wipe down/wash your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove these chemicals and reduce the risk that your dog will be poisoned from licking them off its feet or fur. Dog booties and or various salves are available at pet stores. You may be able to reduce the chance of ice ball accumulation by clipping the hair between the dog's toes.

The most important thing to do is to clean off the dog's feet each time it comes into the house .

Cars:

A car can rapidly cool down in cold weather becoming like a refrigerator. It can rapidly chill a dog. Dogs that are young, old, ill, or thin are particularly susceptible to cold environments and should never be left in cold cars. If the car is left running with an unattended pet, especially in a garage, then carbon monoxide poisoning is a real threat. Dogs should never be left in cars unattended no matter what the season

Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly, as even small amounts of antifreeze can be deadly. The antifreeze has a sweet taste and dogs will readily lick it. It is extremely toxic. Keep the dog out of the garage or driveway where they may encounter antifreeze.

Heat Sources:

During the winter, dogs often seek warm spots for resting. Occasionally they wind up snuggling too close to heat sources and they burn their tail or paws. Be watchful of space heaters, unprotected baseboard heaters, and make sure that the fireplace is pet-proofed to avoid burns.

General well being:

Dogs can dehydrate just as quickly in the winter as they do in summer. Eating snow is not a good substitute for fresh water. Make sure the dog is hydrated with plenty of fresh water.

Dogs do not really need extra calories in the winter. Cold temperatures tend to bring on lazy behaviors, so make sure to monitor your dog's activity level and adjust the calories accordingly.

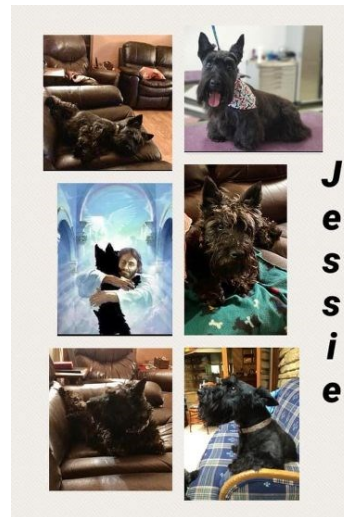
The dog needs a clean well-groomed coat to keep the dog properly insulated. Be sure to thoroughly dry the dog after bathing before allowing it to venture outside in the winter.

Just a little extra attention will keep your dog at its best throughout the cold winter.

Rainbow



Bridge



Mindy Smouse and family: November 16, 2020 was one of our hardest days. We had to said goodbye to our girl Jessie, the last of our original Scottie pack; she was 13 1/2 and had fought a valiant battle with bladder cancer. On the same day, we also lost our boy Cooper who somehow contracted a bacterial infection that affected his spleen and the Internal Medicine doctor at Buffalo Grove Specialty Clinic felt the bacteria had likely showered into his brain. Coop was experiencing hard neurologic signs ... he couldn't walk or stand and it almost seemed as though he was seizing. The doctor felt even if a splenectomy were done his prognosis would be grim. Our boy had just turned six in October. We are beyond devastated and completely heartbroken. 2020 has been the worst year. Far too much loss.

**FUTURE MEETING
and EVENT DATES**

Part Two of Scottie Grooming,
Hand Stripping, TBD after
January 8 2021 (ZOOM)

Rocket Recall Seminar
February 2021, date TBD

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

Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dog Cookies

by Beryl Gersch

1 cup pure pumpkin
2 eggs
3 heaping tablespoons of peanut butter
2 1/2 cups wheat flour
3/4 cup rolled oats
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 cup ground flax seed

Mix dry ingredients (flour, oats, cinnamon and flax seed) together. Stir in peanut butter. Beat eggs into pumpkin, then mix pumpkin mixture into dry mixture. Knead together into ball in bowl and roll in cellophane. Refrigerate for an hour. Roll out and cut into shapes. Bake in 350 degree oven for approximately 35 minutes. Cool and enjoy.

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.