

# The Plaid Piper

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are finally into a new year, 2021. Thank goodness 2020 is past. The year 2021 is the hope of new beginnings and healing physically, mentally and spirituality.

For STCC, 2021 promises to be a very eventful year. Our annual Specialty is Friday June 18, 2021 and we host the STCA National Rotating Specialty on Saturday June 19, 2021. Your Board and Committees have been working hard on our task lists and are preparing for successful events. It is not just the Board and Committees that will make us triumph, but our membership. If you have not already volunteered to help, please do so as soon as possible; otherwise, we will hunt you down! Seriously, every member has unique gifts that can benefit our Club. Events will start on Thursday night with a Hospitality get together for the exhibitors. I believe deep dish Chicago style pizza is on the menu. Friday is the STCC Specialty, Saturday is the STCA National Rotating Specialty, Saturday night is the banquet, and Sunday is the Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic. Join us and become part of an amazing experience. Remember, it is all about the Scotties. The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago has other programs besides our June events. Jessica Moore will be conducting her second grooming seminar on "Hand Stripping the Scottish Terrier" on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11am. This will be another Zoom meeting, so, watch your emails for the link. We have a "Rocket Recall" program scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> featuring Nancy Reyes from For Your K9. Last, but certainly not least, Steve Russell will be speaking to us on the "Anatomy of a Conformation Dog Show" in March or April. For those not familiar with the dog show world, this is an opportunity to learn from one of the experts.

Until next issue, stay healthy and keep hugging your Scotties. After all, it is all about them!

Kathy Hufnagle  
President STCC



Dapper & Magnus intensely watching the count down, getting ready to Party



Dapper all set for the Polar Plunge on New Year's Day in Door County

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### TRAINING THE SCOTTISH TERRIER

Richard C. Bumstead. Glen Clark Scottish Terriers

*(Over the summer, I was approached by two individuals who had new Scottie puppies, and was asked for advice on how to train their new family member. I outlined a few basic approaches that I had used with my Scotties over the last 35 years of raising and living with them in my household to share with these folks. This article is based upon those ideas.)*

Training a Scottish Terrier, or most Terriers, is a challenge as you bring them into your household. Most good breeders won't release their puppies until they are at least 12 weeks old as the dam of the litter provides many of their first lessons in good behavior – what is acceptable and what is not. Those puppies that are released earlier will provide more of a challenge to their new owners as they don't have those extra weeks under the 'Rule of Mom'. The Scottie won't mature until they are a full 2 years old, and during that first year, they will test every boundary they can, and some of them numerous times. Be patient, and you will see the light go on at around 12 months of age, and by 2 years old they will have settled into adulthood and life within your family.

Scottish Terriers were bred to be independent, so you need to start there with any training. I always tell people, the first thing that goes through their mind is "What's in it for me?", and that should be the basis of any training. They are also fond of their pack members and when organized, will work together as a pack – and YOU need to be not only a member of the pack, but also the alpha member of the pack. They understand that organization. I like to place my Scottie puppies in a household with multiple dogs as they tend to learn the house rules from their senior pack members.

A young Scottie has an incredible amount of energy and you need to find ways to burn that up, or you will be fighting an uphill battle. The easiest way to burn up that energy is to take them on at least two walks a day, of approximately 1 mile each walk. It's important to start this only after sufficient immunizations are in place for their safety. During these walks they will learn many lessons, including socialization skills as they will most likely encounter other dogs. A backyard Scottie is a handful of trouble if they haven't learned to socialize with other dogs. When you do see another dog, I have learned that it is best to just stop, make them wait until the other dog has passed, keeping them and yourself calm, and then continue with a 'GOOD DOG'. This is really useful when you take the older dogs along during these walks as they know the routines.

When you are out of the house (work, errands, etc.), they need to be crated and then earn the ability to be left out of the crate. This is the safest place for them and for you, and is a big part of their entire training as it sets the stage for your expectations of them. If they slip up, back in the crate for another week while you are gone. I never leave a collar on a dog when it is inside the house, there are just too many things for them to get it caught on if you are not nearby. When at home, the puppy is out and about with me and the other dogs.

The Scottish Terrier breed has a strong prey instinct, and they want to hunt, understand that and include things that move or make noise in the training. They also have a very short attention span and a very long memory. Keep this in mind, as they can easily get bored during training, and if treated poorly, they will remember forever. They appreciate praise, and resent punishment. If they have misbehaved, a stern NO works, or like with any human child, a time out alone in a safe place is the best approach. Often crating them will work, but do it in a neutral manner.

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manner or they will learn to dislike the crate. Just pick them up (if you can get them) and place them in the crate with a neutral "Good Dog".

Some Scotties are food motivated, others aren't. Some will crave your attention, others are incredibly independent. Figure that out before you start any training. Scotties are smart and will know what the score is. Be consistent in the approach to train, reward, and then play. Most of the training I do with my dogs is just by living with them, praising good behavior, and correcting when they get into something or misbehave. They will always want to be in the same room with you and their pack, so use that for your benefit. They don't like being left out and will often have their nose in the middle of whatever you are trying to do. Again, use those opportunities to reward the behavior you want to encourage, or stop behaviors you won't tolerate.

If you want a more formal approach, training sessions should be done in very short stints, no more than 10-15 minutes at a time. Most obedience school classes don't understand the Terrier spirit, and are geared to the Labrador Retriever mindset. Ask the trainer specifically if they have worked with Terriers if you want to go down that path.

With time and patience, you both will get there. But in the meantime, enjoy the puppyhood adventure!

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### ScottieTricks

by Beryl Gersch

Have you ever tried to teach your Scottie a trick or two? I mean beyond the most-famous-of-all Scottie trick of sitting up on their cute little behinds while begging you for a taste of whatever you are eating!

Tricks are more than just simple "parlor tricks". So what are Tricks good for? Tricks training can limber up your Scottie, build confidence in your dogs and strengthen the bond between you and give you some tools to use in stressful situations such as the veterinarian's office, or in any new situation to your Scottie.

Tricks training is beneficial to help build core strength and general muscle tone. In addition, tricks training will make for a dog who is willing to learn, while having fun.

Consider the possibility of your Scottie pushing and riding on a skateboard, or a pushing baby buggy or a barrel or a fitness peanut? The action of pushing an object forward engages the Scottie core as well as his brain. WEAVING is another great exercise for Scotties. You can train your Scottie to weave in between your legs or weave through a bunch of traffic cones (available at Menards, etc). You can make a tunnel out of blankets or sheet and chair and teach CRAWL

How about a "play dead" behavior? What good is this for a Scottie? Well, what if the vet needs you dog to lay flat on her side for an exam? Answer: Play dead or my personal preference: Flat! What if the vet needs to check your dog's paw for an injury? Answer: "Shake" for front paws and "Lift" for rear paws.

All tricks start out as simple behaviors that can be built upon. One of my favorite is PAWS UP, where the Scottie perches on a low table, chair, benches, garden wall, even a tree trunk while you are out and about! This is the

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best tool for getting great photos of your Scotties. When combined with a WATCH ME cue, you will have some great photos to share.

Here are my examples of Scottie On Perches: <https://berylgersch.smugmug.com/SCOTTIES-ON-PERCHES/>

One of the best resources on tricks training is “The Dog Tricks and Training Workbook” by Kyra Sundance. Kyra explains in detail how to ensure safety for your Scottie and how to get the results you want.

Another excellent source is “Playtime for your Dog” By Christina Sonderman. This book teaches you how to use everyday household objects to entertain and engage your Scottish Terrier. Both books are available on Amazon.

The American Kennel Club now offers Virtual TRICK DOG Titles. For more information is here: <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>

There are some adorable Scottie Trick videos on YouTube as well. Just Google YouTube for Scottie Tricks. See one of Reggie at the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrU32h8H99k>

Scotties love getting your undivided attention. All Scotties enjoy games, whether it is a game of chase or a game of earn-while-you learn. Put the two together and you will succeed in strengthening the bond between you and your Scottie, teaching tricks is a form of enrichment for your dog’s daily life, engaging his brain, increasing his self-confidence and trust in you and building his endurance and strength.

Check out this lovely video from Companion Animal Psychology: The Prince and the Pea <https://bit.ly/3gXYyLJ> So please, go play with your Scottie dog!



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**SCOTTISH TERRIER**

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### Once Upon a Christmas Eve

By Beryl Gersch

Once upon a Christmas Eve, a very long time ago, my mother and I were busy wrapping gifts while my Scottie, The Amazing Tess, and her cohort in crime, The Rocket, (Golden Retriever) were busy stealing the ribbon, the scissors and the wrapping paper rolls. I swear they worked in tandem, one running off with a roll of paper while the other one ran off with the tape or scissors. (Rocket had a very soft mouth)

So we decided to lock them both into the bedroom, together! Mom and I were almost done with the wrapping when I suddenly realized that it was way too quiet! I opened the bedroom door and found the room filled with Feathers! Down feathers filled every nook and cranny of the room! My mom and I laughed until we cried! It is one of my favorite memories of my mom and Tess and The Rocket!



### **FUTURE MEETING and EVENT DATES**

Part Two of Scottie Grooming,  
Hand Stripping,  
January 31 2021 (ZOOM)

Rocket Recall Seminar  
February 21, 2021 (ZOOM)

March 2021 Meeting - TBD

April 2021 Meeting - TBD

June 18, 2021  
STCC Annual Specialty

June 19, 2021  
STCA National Rotating

June 20, 2020  
Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic

August 15, 2021 - Annual  
Luncheon / Awards

### **HOMEMADE LIVER TREATS**

by Kathie Lawrence

PREHEAT OVEN TO 200°F  
1 POUND BEEF, OR CHICKEN, TURKEY OR PORK LIVER  
1/8 TEASPOON GARLIC POWDER  
WAX PAPER OR PARCHMENT PAPER  
LARGE JELLY ROLL PAN OR COOKIE SHEET WITH LIP ALL AROUND (11x15 or 12x18)  
PUREE LIVER IN BLENDER OR FOOD PROCESSOR UNTIL just LIQUIFIED- CONSISTENCY OF HEAVY CREAM  
ADD GARLIC POWDER  
SPREAD WITH A SPATULA AS EVENLY AS YOU CAN (an offset spatula makes this easy)  
INTO PAN LINED WITH PARCHMENT OR WAX PAPER  
AND BAKE FOR 1 HOUR AT 200°F.  
REMOVE FROM OVEN FLIP OVER THE SHEET OF LIVER and peel the parchment paper  
SCORE LIVER INTO STRIPS OR SQUARES WITH PIZZA CUTTER OR CUT INTO PIECES WITH SHARP KNIFE.  
PLACE PIECES BACK ONTO SHEET MINUS THE PARCHMENT OR WAX PAPER AND BAKE ANOTHER HOUR AT 200°.  
TIP: If you have a cooling rack you can place the pieces on the rack after the 2nd baking place the rack on top of the cookie sheet- this allows air to circulate all around. Continue baking in low oven. Check strips and see if they are crisp- if not let it go for another hour and then  
TURN OFF OVEN AND LET SIT IN CLOSED OVEN OVERNIGHT.  
STORE IN REFRIGERATOR or Freezer

### *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.