

The Plaid Piper

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What an exciting time to be a member of the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago and the Scottish Terrier Club of America! It is hard to believe that in 2 months, we have the privilege to host the National Rotating Specialty Show of the STCA-at the end of a pandemic. This will be a "really big show". This is the first National Specialty in over a year and a half and **the first one STCC has hosted in about forty years**. In addition to that, The Windy City Cluster (formerly the Summer Cluster) at the Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL is now a ten day show. Can you see the potential magnitude of our Specialties now? And yes, more importantly, these shows are really going to happen. The show rings will be outside and many of the activities will also be held outside.

The schedule of events will be as follows:

Thursday night June 17, 2021

Hospitality Night for Exhibitors STCA has booked a room at the Doubletree Hotel in Libertyville for this event. We were planning on having Chicago style pizza for this event, but may have to use the Hotel's menu instead. There will be a cash bar as well. We will be setting up a table for a silent auction and also a raffle for some of our collectibles. We will also have some Rotating T-shirts, Tote Bags and raffle ticket for sale for a beautiful quilt. Please come to this event and help us welcome our Exhibitors. Without them, we would not have an event.

Friday June 18, 2021

This is STCC's Annual Specialty Show. It will be held outside in a ring close to the back of the main building. We are trying to have a pop up canopy set up near the ring to act as Command Central. There will be a "grab and go" breakfast there for the exhibitors and a boxed lunch pick up there from The Picnic Basket in Libertyville. This will be an information booth, catalog sales, breakfast and lunch pick up, and, of course, another opportunity to buy T-shirts, Totes and raffle tickets.

Friday evening at 6 PM, STCA will host the Top 20 Dinner. This is a celebration held for the Top 20 Ranking for Scottish Terriers for the years of 2019 and 2020. For more information, go to the STCA website, Rotating Packet {STCA.biz}.

Saturday June 19, 2021

STCA National Rotating Specialty Show

This show will probably be held in the same ring as the Friday Specialty Show. Again, there will be a "grab and go" breakfast for Exhibitors at Command Central, and boxed lunch pick up after the show. During lunch, Dr. John R. Hanover from the Animal Hospital of Gurnee will be conducting Patella Luxation Exams. This is sponsored by the HTF {Health Trust Fund} of the STCA. This is one of 3 genetic testing procedures to qualify your Scottie for a CHIC certification from AKC. There will also be genetic testing kits available for purchase at discounted rates for two other tests; CMO {Cranio-mandibular osteopathy} and vWD {von Willebrand Disease}. You can get all the necessary testing for your Scottie

to qualify them for their CHIC certification in one place. By getting your Scottie genetically tested, you can add to the database for genetically transmitted diseases. Knowledge is power. The more we know, the better we can protect the health of future generations of Scottish Terriers.

The STCA Banquet will be held Saturday night at the Doubletree Hotel. I encourage as many members to attend as possible. Reservations can be made on the STCA website. Now we can relax and congratulate the Specialties' winners and participants. We will also announce the winner of the Raffle for the beautiful quilt made by Theresa Matthews and donated to STCC by Pam Straus.

Sunday June 20, 2021

Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic

Please register your Scottish Terrier, 6 years old or older for the Bladder Cancer Screening. Early detection of this terrible disease is critical. Unfortunately, there is no genetic testing yet for this disease.

Our fundraising events for our Specialties include: T-shirt and Tote Bag sales, raffle ticket sales (2 raffles, one for a beautiful quilt and one for collectibles); and silent auction. The Plaid Piper has pictures of the shirts and totes. The totes will have the same logo on them as the shirts. Put your order in for your T-shirts, Tote Bags and Raffle tickets. Be sure to include color and size. T-shirts and Tote Bags are \$20 each and Raffle tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. You can pay either by check or PayPal to STCC. We will have some T-shirts for sale at the Shows, but to guarantee availability, color, and size, please preorder.

STCC is still having educational seminars via Zoom. February was Rocket Recall by Nancy Reyes and March was Hand Stripping Your Scottish Terrier by Jessica Moore. If you missed either of these, they were recorded, so you can still see them. Beryl has sent a link for these. We have nothing planned for April, but Steve Russell will be speaking on the Anatomy of a Show on May 23rd. There will also be a general meeting on May 23, 2021.

Until May, hug your Scot and remember that Scotties Rule!

Kathy Hufnagle

President STCC

The Club has been busy so far this year. Busy, busy, busy...busy as beavers.....



- Actually, starting in December, 2020, the Board started planning for the National Rotating Specialty Show coming up in June, and we've been working hard on the planning every month so far this year, see page 3
- The Board is calling out for help for support during the National Rotating Specialty. See schedule of events, p. 4
- In January, the Board selected a beautiful array of t-shirts and embroidered tote bag to sell at the Specialty show. In fact you'll be able to buy the t-shirts and tote per the order form on p. 5. Just print, fill out & mail in.
- The club has had three webinars already this year. A Rocket Rescue webinar in February, starring none other than our very own Beryl Gersch, STCC Board Secretary, see page 6. Thank you Beryl! This presentation was recorded so you can still see it, just send an email to Beryl.
- The second webinar was a very informative and educational session on dental hygiene for dogs. This webinar was in March. Another club member, Michele Geiger-Bronsky sponsored this event, see page 7. Thank you Michele for providing this very valuable information to the club! This presentation was also recorded, just send Michele an email.
- The third webinar, also happened in March, was a very valuable session on Hand Stripping, sponsored by our fearless leader, Kathy Hufnagle, club president, see page 8 This too was recorded so reach out to Kathy if you'd like to see it.
- And this year is only getting started so stay tuned, and get excited for this will be a GREAT year for the STCC!!!

The Biggest Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago Event of 2021

**Come one, Come all
To
The Greatest Show on Earth**

10 Days of Scottie Competition

The most beautiful well trained Scotties in all the lands

will compete

at

National Rotating Annual Specialty

Hosted by Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago

Location

*DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Libertyville-Mundelein
510 East Route 83 Mundelein, Mundelein 60060*

When

Friday, June 11 through Sunday, June 20

**STCC specific events begin on
Wednesday, June 16 through Sunday, June 20**

This is an all hands-on-deck announcement for the biggest event for STCC in 2021

and

We need your help!

**Please volunteer for one or more open slots on the calendar of events on the next page
If you see a date where you think you can help (am or pm), please respond via below**

Email to Bob Grant at grant.robert@comcast.net

National Rotating Annual Specialty—Volunteer Signup

STCA National Rotating Specialty and STCC Bladder Cancer Screening						
Event Date	Day of Week	Activity	Time of Day Needed	Duration Needed (Hrs.)	No. of People Needed	Volunteer
6/16	Wed	Sixth Day of Rotating Specialty				
		Provide goody bags				
		RV to arrive w/ table, chairs, canopies	PM	N/A	1	Kathy H.
		assemble canopies, tables & chairs	PM	3	4	Bob G,
		Post welcome signage.	PM	2	2	
6/17	Thur	Seventh Day of Rotating Specialty				
		Provide goody bags				
		Carpool people to RV	< 5:00pm	1	4	
		Hospitality Dinner	5:00pm			
		Sell raffle tickets	< 5:00pm	3	1	
		Dinner starts	6:00pm			
		Clean up after dinner	8:00pm	2	4	
		Hand out scottie apparel	AM, PM	3	2	Betty H, (PM only-SJ, MZ)
		Collect money from apparel sale	AM, PM		1	Debi R.
6/18	Fri	Eighth Day of Rotating Specialty				
		Provide goody bags				
		Sandra (judge) will need transportation to the Baymont hotel	TBD	TBD	1	
		Hand out scottie apparel	AM, PM	3	2	Betty H, Scot J, Michael Z
		Collect money from apparel sale	AM, PM		1	Debi R.
6/19	Sat	Ninth Day of Rotating Specialty				
		Provide goody bags				
		Banquet				
		Setup for banquet table	PM	2	2	Mary E.
		Setup for banquet table ctr pcs	PM	2	2	
		Bring in trophies	PM	N/A	2	Kathy H, Mary E.
		Setup trophies on table	PM	2	3	Beryl G, Mary E, Bob G.
		Handout checks in envelopes	PM	TBD	1	Supervisor
		Clean up after banquet	PM	3	4	
		Hand out scottie apparel	AM, PM	3	2	Betty H, Scot J, Michael Z
		Collect money from apparel sale	AM, PM		1	Debi R.
6/20	Sun	Tenth Day of Rotating Specialty				
6/20	Sun	Bladder Cancer Screening	7:00am - 4:00pm	9		
		Setup tables for screening	AM	2	2	Bob G, Scot J, Michael Z
		Lead people arriving in parking lot	AM, PM	TBD	2 - 4	Bob G,
		Lead owner/dog to screening room	AM, PM	TBD	2 - 4	Bob G,
		Lead owner/dog to screening table	AM, PM	TBD	2 - 4	AM-Scot J
		Lead owner/dog out the door	AM, PM	TBD	2 - 4	AM-Michael Z
		Clean up after screening	4:00pm	3	2	Bob G,

T-shirts and Totes Available via Order Form and at the National Rotating Annual Specialty Show

STCA ROTATING T-SHIRT AND TOTE BAG ORDER FORM

NAME _____

PICK UP AT SHOW _____ OR SHIPPED _____

ADDRESS (IF TO BE SHIPPED) _____

PHONE _____



Red T-shirt

Size: Small Medium Large Extra Large XX Large XXXLarge

Number _____ x \$20.00 \$ _____



Purple T-shirt

Size: Small Medium Large Extra Large XX Large XXXLarge

Number _____ x \$20.00 \$ _____



Iris T-shirt

Size: Small Medium Large Extra Large XX Large XXXLarge

Number _____ x \$20.00 \$ _____



Embroidered Tote Bag

Number _____ x \$20.00 \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Shipping (if shipped) \$ 8.45

PayPal Fee (if using Paypal) \$ 1.50

TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO STCC AND MAIL TO: Betsy Hastings, 34435 N. Old Walnut Circle, Unit 102, Gurnee, IL 60031

Or PayPal at scottishterrierclubofchicago@gmail.com DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MAY 15TH. THERE WILL BE SOME INVENTORY FOR SALE AT THE SHOWS.

Rocket Recall Webinar February 20, 2021

Rocket Recall Webinar, with Nancy Reyes, at For Your K9 - Starring Beryl Gersch and her Merry Band of Scotties!

For Your K9 is located at 706 Industrial Dr, Elmhurst, IL

Specializes in dog training, dog sports, and behavior modification

Why is Recall Important?

- Life Saving
- Relationship building
- Makes day to day life easier
- Provides freedom for the owner & dog

Anatomy of a Good Recall

- Dog understands
- Handler is consistent
- Long history of reinforcement
- Variety of reinforcement

Recall Steps

1. Collar Grab

This is the first step. Need to make sure you can securely grab your dog when they come back.



Beryl sitting demonstrating the collar grab with her Klara

2. Toss Treat & Recall

Start out close (6 to 8 ft) and work your way to 15-20 ft. Start indoors. Once mastered, continue outdoors.



Beryl tossing treat conducting the recall with Klara

3. Follow me

Walk away from your dog. If your dog follows you provide a treat. Change directions. If they continue to follow, provide a treat.



Beryl conducting the follow me technique with Klara

Beryl's pack

Bijou (age 8) Klara (age 5) and Tell (age 1.7)

Important points from Beryl

I incorporate training in every aspect of our daily lives together, It comes naturally.

I take formal Puppy Classes with the puppies to set up TEAMWORK.

I believe each my dogs, as a pack and as individuals, must form a partnership.

This belief has never failed me or my dogs.

At the same time as puppy classes we also take basic nose work classes.

After Puppy classes we take a C.L.A.S.S. class (Canine Life & Social Skills).

I am so very glad to have Tell's energy in the pack! He has energized not just Klara (who is 5) but also Bijou who is 8. Tell plays a different game with each of his sisters. With Klara he plays bitey face, chases, and wrestles. With Bijou, he plays the classic Scottie Stand-off game and they will run out the door with one dog on each end of a toy!

Michele Geiger-Bronsky provided Dental Webinar with Dr. Dale Kressin DVM, on 3/20/21**Dental webinar with Dr. Dale Kressin—key take-aways**

Keeping your dog's mouth and teeth healthy: Periodontal disease is the number one disease. 10% to 15% of dogs have broken/damaged teeth, oral tumors is the third major issue with dogs.

Periodontal disease defined. What is it? A serious gum infection caused by bacteria growing under the gums (between the teeth and gums). If not treated, will continue to destroy the gums, and eventually destroy the jawbone.

Why pets do not get dental care? 1. Owner fears the use of anesthesia and the dog dying, 2. Owner fears the high cost, 3. No recommendation to get dental care

Good periodontal health is important for bacteria in the mouth will spread and infect the rest of the body, like the heart, kidneys, liver, lungs, spleen, and more.

How do you keep your dog's mouth healthy? Learn to look in your dog's mouth for changes.

When should we begin checking the teeth? Tooth development - teeth form in 3 to 5 weeks, therefore, getting good nutrition from the mother is important.

How do you identify dental problems? You need to understand what is normal. Defining what is normal depends on the shape of the skull, the length of the snout. Scotties are considered Mesaticephalic (middle head) where the length and width are equal proportions giving a square shape appearance.

Facial irritation - Dogs will rub their face on the ground as a result of oral discomfort. If your dog chews on sticks they might have a piece of the stick stuck in their teeth.

Conduct your own oral exams. Be calm and patient. Do not force their mouth open. Just lift their lips and look at the teeth top to bottom, both sides. Look at the gums, should be smooth and pink. Look at the tongue for any bumps or discolor. Look under the tongue. Look at the roof and the bottom of the mouth. If you are consistent with looking in your dogs mouth you will notice when there are changes. You will then be able to tell your vet what the specific changes are.

Brushing teeth, how and when? Start brushing teeth when you see the baby teeth. Don't use a brush. Just use your finger. Look in your dogs mouth and brush their teeth every day. Use Verback toothpaste, not human toothpaste. When the adult teeth start coming in start using a tooth brush (finger brush is fine) for you need to get under the gums where the bacteria is. Hopefully, if you've brushed their teeth since a pup they will be used to it.

Is the bite right? An incisor bite is right, which is where the top premolars are in between the bottom premolars.

Chew toys - Not too hard (nylabone) for this could chip their teeth. Kongs are a safer option. OpaVet can be chewed, works like dental floss. Vohc can be used for plaque control (www.vohc.org).

Vetradent is a water additive that can be used to remove plaque. Don't use scalers to remove plaque for scalers will remove the calcium on the teeth, but the bacteria will still be under the gums, and the pockets will keep get deeper and deeper.

Kathy Hufnagle provided Hand Stripping Webinar on 3/21/21**Hand Stripping with Jessica - key take-aways**

Before you start your stripping make sure that the hair is tangle free, brush out the hair completely, use a slicker, don't bath your dog before stripping. Real clean hair will slip through the knife, and the skin might get irritated. Jessica uses Terrier Chalk for dry cleaning. Use a 7" to 10" stainless steel comb. Comb all through the coat. Concentrate on the rear end, belly, and tail. Use a small slicker on the face. Need to use a grooming table with a strap/noose to keep the head up. Jessica said that it'll take about 2 hours to hand strip your dog.

Evaluate the coat, how long is the skirt, its layers, if you have a black hair scottie and you're going to show you might want to think about plucking out the light hairs.

Start at the back of the head/neck. Use an assortment of stripping tools (3 sizes, 3/4", 1/2", 1/4"), you'll find what works best for you. The stripping tool is a Steel knife, the feel on the knife is like ruff sandpaper, no teeth. Start with a fine tooth carting knife to pull out the undercoat without cutting the top coat. Use a course knife for bulk coats, however, a course knife will remove a lot of hair at one time.

Some people like to use an undercoat rake, which is in between a fine and course tool. Pull the undercoat out with a few swipes. You have to know when to stop, otherwise you'll end up with bald spots.

Start at the shoulders and rake to the rear, and blend into the skirt. Always go in the direction of the coat. Always make sure that the skin is taught. If you have the knife in your right hand, use the thumb on your left hand to hold the skin taught at the top of your stroke. When you get to the rear (base of the tail) pay close attention to carving at the base of the tail so when the tail comes up there is not a lump of hair.

For stripping use a rubber thumb guard. Use rubber finger protectors, which will help with the grip. You can also use latex gloves. Hold the nap of the neck with one hand and with the other hand take the hair between the thumb and knife and pull in the direction of the coat growth. Start at the top at the back of the neck and work your way down. Moving your thumb that holds the skin down as you go.

Some tips that Jessica provided: Get into a rhythm, keep skin taught at the shoulders, pull skin in the opposite direction then the knife direction, easier to pull when the hair is longer. For beginners, cutting the coat is the biggest problem. Hold the knife edge perpendicular to the coat. Do not let the knife touch the skin. Use a medium size, plain steel knife. Keep your wrist and hand as one unit fused together. Do not rotate your wrist. Stripping the top and the sides of the tail is easy, but most dogs do not like stripping the underside of the tail. To strip the haunches some use a second strap around the waist to keep the rear up. Some just hold the dog up at the waist with the one hand. You want to expose the butt muscle and transition over the haunch.

For the skirt, strip down to the front elbow. To check that you have it right, hold the front leg out to the front, you should not see any definition at the elbow from the front, just see definition from the rear. The skirt should be 1" to 1 1/2" off the floor. If you find that static electricity is making the skirt hair stand out you can use a little water so when you comb the skirt the hair stays down.

Use carting knife with the eye brows in the direction of growth. Do this once per week to help train the eyebrows.

Kathy Hufnagle provided Hand Stripping Webinar on 3/21/21**Hand Stripping with Jessica - key take-aways - Continued**

The armpits are pretty sensitive, so instead of stripping the armpits you can clip and blend to the body by using thinning sheers. Do blending by checking the widest point on the dog at the ribs.

Use thinning sheers to clip straight or curved at the bottom of the beard depending on your preference.

Use a 10 blade or 15 blade to shave the back of the ear from the base to the top, and back of the bell underneath in front. Hold the back of the ear and push the ear out to shave the front of the ear.

Use a curved or straight sheer, hold the ear and clip the inner edge of the ear with your fingers at the edge of the ear, clip the outer edge of the ear.

Leave hair in the front of the ear as a tuft. Also, Jessica never plucks the hair that is in the ear canal unless the dog is prone to ear infections.

Hold the dogs head firm and up to see the dog's expression to make sure you're giving the dog the right accents.

As far as the front on show dogs, comb out the leg fronts. Pull long dead hair out with your fingers. Pull the hair around the toes with your fingers. Make sure the hair is level all around the foot.

As far as the skirt from the front, pull the front of the skirt so there is a little definition between the front legs. If the dog does not like the front of the skirt pulled you can trim it to get the definition. The look you want to get is an upside down U. Do the same thing for the rear legs. Pull the long hair so it's all the same length, then trim it to get the upside down U definition.

With regard to the hair at the base of the tail on the underside, hold the tail up and use a 10 blade to clip around the rectum. Pull the hair away from the rectum, and clip from side to side going away from the rectum.

Strip the end of the tail. Just pull a little off at a time. Then taper it at the tip just to get a little shape. If it's just a pet, not a show dog, you can use thinning sheers at the tip. You can also use thinning sheers at the bottom of the tail. Just hold the tail out and trim the sides.



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Recipes to Win your Dog's Heart

Dog Treat 1

By Beryl Gersch

Does your dog have doggie breath! Make her some homemade healthy breath mints. Fluffy will love them and you will love that her breath is not funky anymore! Combine these ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats,
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh mint, finely chopped
- 1 large egg (see tip below for dogs with allergies to chicken products)
- 1/4 cup of water, plus 1 tablespoon (more water as needed to form the dough)
- 3 tablespoons melted coconut oil (unrefined extra-virgin is best)

Shape however you like and cook for 35 to 40 minutes in a 325-degree oven

Dog Treat 2

By Beryl Gersch

1 tablespoon of quick oats, 1 tablespoon of peanut butter, and 1 tablespoon of water or chicken broth. Mix together and shape into little balls you can shove a pill into.

**FUTURE MEETING
and EVENT DATES**

May 23, 2021 Club Meeting

May 23, 2021
Anatomy of a dog show webinar
by Steve Russell

June 17, 2021
Hospitality Night for STCA
Exhibitors

June 18, 2021
STCC Annual Specialty Show

June 19, 2021
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Specialty Show

June 20, 2020
Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic

August 15, 2021 - Annual
Luncheon / Awards

Dog Treat 3

By Beryl Gersch

This recipe is so easy, you can make it with your eyes closed! Well, you may need to peek a little to set the oven. And you can make them in any flavor your dog likes. Just combine 1 ½ cups of oat flour with two 4-ounce jars of baby food in whatever flavor you think your dog will like. They have so many flavors now you can literally make a new flavor every day for a month. Shape them into balls or dog bones or whatever you want and bake them at 350 for 20 to 22 minutes.

You can use any kind of flour you like.

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.