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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe we are at the end of summer.

I am so disappointed that we had to cancel our Annual August Luncheon, but it was not meant to be. It is our Awards Luncheon, but because of COVID 19, there were no awards earned by any of our members for 2020; so, no awards to be given out. There were several members with scheduling conflicts and others concerned about an indoor venue with the Delta Variant rearing its ugly head.

The Board decided to reschedule our annual meeting at an outdoor venue at a Forest Preserve. A survey was sent out to the membership, and September 12, 2021 was the date selected by the most people. There is no date that will meet everyone's schedule.

Even though the Michigan Specialty is the day before, we are still hoping for a good turnout. This will be the first time in over a year and a half that our Club will have an event where you can bring your Scottie.

There will be games and activities in which you can participate with your Scottie if you wish. The Club will provide drinks, but because our caterer, The Picnic Basket, is closed on Sunday, we ask that you bring a bag lunch. Although we do have some Club business to discuss, we want members to come together and have fun with their dogs.

It has been too long since we have been able to get together. So, come out with your Scotties and join us on September 12th for a great time!

Kathy Hufnagle, President STCC

2021 Annual Meeting on September 12, 2021 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

**Outdoor Celebration
at the
Van Patton Woods Forest Preserve, Wadsworth, Illinois
Pavilion B**

Dogs are Welcome!

Come for Fun and Games with Your Dogs!

We have many important topics to discuss
such as revising our

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by-laws, dividing
the secretarial job into Recording and
Corresponding positions, and setting our
Educational Programs for 2021 - 2022

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Bring a lunch and a dog bowl for water
and
we will provide water and beverages

Please RSVP to beryl.gersch@gmail.com



Kathy Hufnagel and Mindy Smouse's New Litter



The Hufnagle/Smouse family now has a litter of 5 boys who are 4 weeks old. Our girl, Roxy, had a C-section scheduled for 7/30 at 7am, but she was tired of being pregnant and started going into labor at 10:30pm on 7/29. We went to the Emergency Department at Veterinary Specialty Clinic in Buffalo Grove, Illinois where they successfully delivered 5 big, beautiful boys by 2am 7/30. Roxy has been an amazing Mom and, so far, they have had no further vet visits. They have just been weaned and are “big dogs “ now! As you can see, they are big, lovable, sassy, busy boys. We named them for their colors: Beau, Roy, Yancy, Luc and Ernie.



STCC's October Club Meeting will be in a New Facility October 24

At
A+ Dog Training

9362 Virginia Rd

Woodstock, Illinois

Lindy Sander is the owner



**Come Dress up
both you and your pooch
for a
Halloween Party**



Michele Geiger-Bronsky's DCSR Sponsored Zoom Webinar on Fleas, Ticks, and Parasites

Dr. Kelli Ferris
NC State College of Veterinary Medicine
Aug. 21, 2012

- Parasites produce heartworm, tapeworm, hookworm, and roundworm
- Parasites that may be in a mosquito when a mosquito bites your dog can transmit the parasite to the dog. Once the parasite is in the dog's bloodstream, the parasite will produce eggs, and when hatched produce heartworms and other types of worms in your dog
- Therefore, dogs should be tested annually for heartworm, and other worm diseases. Providing a fecal sample for examination is the way a veterinarian tests for a worm infection.
- Fecal antigen testing is a technique to test for parasites before they are developed far enough to produce eggs
- Fleas are typically infected with *Dipylidium* tapeworm . If fleas get on your dog and your dog is doing self-grooming, like licking paws, etc. the dog will ingest the flea or possibly the eggs that the flea has implanted on your dog. Once in the dogs digestive track whether it be the eggs or the flea, the flea will digest away and the tapeworm will be left. If the eggs have been ingested, once the eggs hatch the tapeworms will be produced.
- Ticks can be found in most any state in the United States. However, the Midwest (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri) with their grassy and wooded areas are some of the most populated areas for ticks. Ticks are also found in the heavily wooded area in the New England Northeast states. Such as, New Hampshire, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, upper New York, and even Pennsylvania. Ticks, when they bite, carry numerous diseases like Lyme.
- Veterinarians will take a blood sample from the dog to detect the presence of antibodies that would be present to the bacterial agent of Lyme disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi*). If these antibodies are present, the veterinarian would start administering antibiotics for a 30 day period, or more, to kill the bacteria. Therefore, you should have your dog tested annually for these type of diseases. Also, if your dog is showing symptoms from Lyme (sluggish, not wanting to move, experiencing pain in joints that change to different joints daily) your dog should see a vet and get tested for Lyme.
- **What are the preventative methods to keep your dog protected from fleas and ticks**
 - New products for fleas and ticks: Nexgard and Bravecto. Both are chewable tablets, typically provided monthly, although Bravecto has a 12 week version. With the chewable approach, ticks can live on your dog for up to 12 hours before dying. However, the drug in these chewables will paralyze the ticks quite severely, therefore, after just one bite they may not be able to continue to chew on your dog.
 - Collars are another affective technique for keeping fleas and ticks from even hopping on-board. Bayer Soresto collars are very affective and have a great safety record
 - Topicals like Frontline Plus is another affective way to keep fleas and ticks from even wanting to hop on the dog.

If you should have any follow-up questions about the above report, or if you would like to discuss anything further with Dr. Kelli Ferris, you can reach Dr. Ferris at kkferris@ncsu.edu or call Dr. Ferris at 919-606-2752.

Rainbow



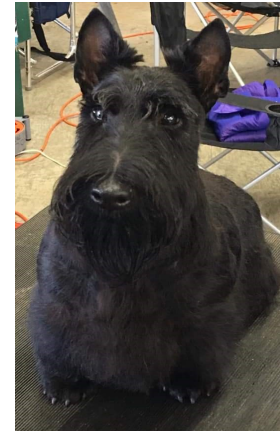
Bridge

Kari's Grayson

Birth date: 12/11/17

Passed: 8/15/21

Grayson was only 3 years 8 months old



Kari's Bridget

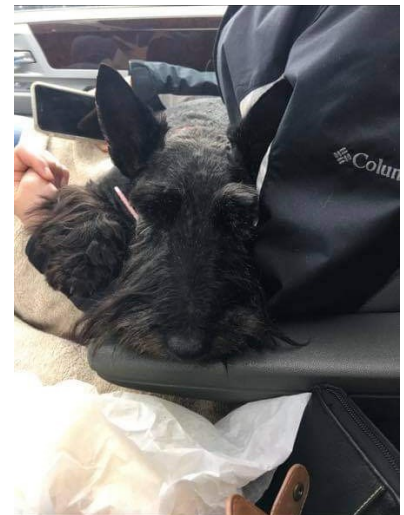
Birth date: 8/25/2009

Passed: 8/26/2021

Bridget was 12 years and one day old

Bridget was the matriarch of Kari's Four Paws Pet Center Scottie pack.

Grayson passed 10 days earlier. As Kari stated, Bridget needed to watch over Grayson.





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Ginger Apple Dog Treats

Grain free dog treats made with apple & ginger

Prep time 10 min

Cook time 25 min

Total time 35 min

Serves 25

Ingredients

- 1 cup brown rice flour
(use Bob's Red Mill Organic)
- ½ cup apple, finely diced
- ⅔ cup Greek yogurt (plain)
- ½ tsp fresh ginger (finely minced) or 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl.
3. Stir together until well combined. If necessary, thoroughly mix together with hands.
4. Turn mixture out onto a floured, flat surface and roll out with a rolling pin to approximately ¼".
5. Cut into desired shapes and place on a baking sheet coated with nonstick spray.
6. Bake for 25 minutes, until golden brown.

FUTURE MEETING and EVENT DATES

September 12, 2021 - Annual Meeting,
Outing / fun & games with your dog at the Van Patton Woods Forest Preserve, Wadsworth, Illinois (Pavilion B)

October 24, 2021 - Club Meeting & Halloween Party at the A+ Dog Training facility,
9362 Virginia Rd,
Woodstock, Illinois
Come dressed up, both you and your dog

December 5, 2021 - Club Meeting & Christmas Party at the A+ Dog Training facility,
9362 Virginia Rd,
Woodstock, Illinois

Diabetic Dog Treats from All Recpe

If you have a diabetic dog then you know it is hard to find a treat that will do no harm. This is one of those treats. It is easy to fix, and even dogs without diabetes will enjoy them.

½ cup whole wheat flour
2 eggs
1 ½ pounds beef liver, cut into pieces

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line a 10x15 inch jellyroll pan with parchment paper.

Directions

Place the liver into a food processor. Pulse until finely chopped. If you have room, add the flour and eggs, and process until smooth. Otherwise, transfer to a bowl, and stir in the flour and eggs using a wooden spoon. Spread evenly in the prepared pan.

Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the center is firm. Cool, and cut into squares using a pizza cutter. The treats will have a consistency similar to a sponge. Store in a sealed container in the refrigerator.

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.