

# *The Plaid Piper*

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Happy New Year!

A new year gives us the hope of new beginnings and a prosperous future. Our Specialty Committee has been working hard meeting deadlines for GLATA and the Windy City Cluster for our 2 Specialties in June; Saturday June 18, 2022, and Sunday June 19, 2022. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for all the activities surrounding this event.

STCC's Secretary, Beryl Gersch, had a mishap while training her dog at class Saturday, 1/22; she fell and fractured her hip. Join me in sending Beryl healing thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting is in person at For Your K9 in Elmhurst, IL. March 13, 2022. You can also join us via Zoom. We will be learning how our Scotties can become "Canine Good Citizens" [CGC]. Nancy Reyes will be conducting the Class and will also be testing any Scotties who think they are ready to pass the CGC test, earning their CGC Title from AKC.

Until March, stay warm, stay healthy, and keep hugging your beautiful Scotties.

*Kathy Hufnagle,*

*President STCC*

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### **Edition Contents**

- 1/16/22 Club Meeting, and DNA Bank and Database Webinar by Marcia Dawson
- Two Specialties, Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19, 2022
- STCC T-Shirt and Sweatshirt Order Form
- Newest Club Member - Sue Johnson
- Dog Treats

## **Jan. 16, 2022, STCC Club Meeting via Zoom Marcia Dawson, DNA Bank & Database Webinar**

With STCC's first club meeting of 2022, the STCC kicked off the year with a great presentation by Marcia Dawson, DVM and Health Trust Fund Chairman for the Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA). Marcia presented the case for a Scottish Terrier DNA bank and database. Below are the highlights from Marcia's presentation.

The STCA Health Trust Fund was established on 10/8/1994 (28 years ago).

The mission of the Health Trust Fund is to:

- Identify important health issues in the Scottish Terrier breed
- Support research to enhance the understanding, the preservation and the cure of these diseases for the betterment of the Scottish Terrier
- Communicate new health and breeding information, and research findings to all Scottie owners through education and outreach
- Monitor health in the Scottish Terrier through registries, health databases, and periodic breed-wide surveys
- Support Scottish Breeders with discounted health testing, clinics and screening
- **Key: Advocate for the future health and preservation of the Scottish Terrier breed.**

Step one: Find the answer to the question - Where have all the Scotties gone?

Therefore, in 2017 a strategic planning committee was formed with the objective to generate data to understand and categorize the decline. Determine contributing factors and consequences. Develop recommendations to the parent club. The recommendations included, promote the breed and the STCA, encourage and support breeders, reach out to the Scottie world at large, and preserve the genetic heritage of the breed.

### **Health Trust Fund is for ALL Scotties**

- Supporting research on Bladder cancer, Lymphoma, and hemangiosarcoma
- Scottie specific research: Scottie cramp, CMO, Cerebellar Abiotrophy, elevated liver enzymes
- Supporting other CHF research, kidney disease, atopic dermatitis, tick borne diseases, periodontal diseases, canine reproductive disorders
- Hosting health seminars and webinars
- Providing Grants to clubs for bladder screening clinics and health seminars
- Provide educational articles and updates in the Bagpiper and social media outreach
- Also produce a quarterly eNewsletter, "the Scottie Guardian", at HTF page

## **Marcia Dawson, DNA Bank & Database Webinar (cont.)**

### **Scottish Terrier AKC Registration 1992 - 2021 (30 years of decline)**

All Scottish Terriers registered with the AKC: 1992 -7,914 2021 - 1,013

All Scottish Terrier litters registered with the AKC: 1992 - 2,819 2021 - 479

### **What has contributed to the decline?**

Per survey that was sent out, and receiving 5,086 responses:

- People have given up looking for Scotties, too hard to find one
- Cost too high, too expensive
- Too many health issues
- Reputation of being too aggressive
- Not enough breeders producing Scotties
- Out of sight out of mind. If you're not seeing Scotties you don't think of Scotties

### **Most commonly reported health issues per 4,704 responses**

- #1 response - Elevated liver enzymes, Cushing, and Atypical Cushing's (823 responses)
- Bladder cancer (743 responses)
- Allergies (587 responses)
- Liver disease (478 responses)
- Lymphoma (438 responses)
- Dental and Periodontal disease (407 responses)
- Scottie cramp (279 responses)
- Kidney disease (274 responses)
- Orthopedic Issues (ACL, Patella, etc) (225 responses)
- Hypothyroidism (155 responses)

## **Marcia Dawson, DNA Bank & Database Webinar (cont.)**

### **Next Question: Where have all the Breeders gone?**

- Left the business due to the expense to breed (equipment, supplies, stud service, testing, screening, veterinary costs)
- Breeders are aging out
- Changes in work, home, or family situations
- Fear of producing puppies with genetic diseases

### **What to do about this?**

- Encourage breeders to continue and find mentors to teach the skill
- More education to pass on the knowledge
- Honest and open exchange of information

### **Survey to breeder - 1,514 total responses**

- 82% of breeder responses indicate that genetic diseases and defects are of critical importance in the breed
- Concern about the genetic bottleneck caused by overuse of a few popular sires by breeders
- Strong desire for more education on basic genetics and genomics
- Therefore, the time has come for a Scottie DNA bank to preserve our breed's genetics and maintain control over our own genetic material

### **The committee emerged with the direction to build a DNA bank**

How will the DNA bank benefit the breed?

- Provide ample high quality DNA for current and future health research needs
- Trace the genes and mutations that are inherited from generation to generation in the Scottie breed
- Whole blood provides the best samples. DNA is harvested from white blood cells.

## **Marcia Dawson, DNA Bank & Database Webinar (cont.)**

### **The Scottie DNA Bank**

Resero Genomics (formerly Agritech Genetics), based in Salt Lake City, UT.

Privately owned Genetics Institute. Not associated with a university

A subsidiary of United BioResearch Institute (UBRI)

Essentially a human lab that has now opened the door for canine DNA storage

Marcia Dawson will provide DNA sample kits upon request

Health Trust pays for the processing and storage

You just pay for the veterinary fee to draw the blood, and first class mail cost to ship the sample

DNA stabilizer allows you to send your sample first class mail versus overnight

To order your DNA sample kit, send your request email to Marcia Dawson at [hijinkscot@gmail.com](mailto:hijinkscot@gmail.com)

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**TWO SPECIALTIES!**

**SAVE THE DATES!**



**Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022**

Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL

More information regarding banquet and other events at [www.stcchicago.org](http://www.stcchicago.org)

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## Newest Club Member Sue Johnson

Sue Johnson is our newest club member. Sue attended her second club meeting on January 16, 2022, and was voted in to the club.

Actually, Sue's club joining journey began at the June 2021 Specialty show when she came for the first time and through a raffle won a beautiful quilt. Picture of that is below.

Sue lives 50 miles northeast of Madison, Wisconsin in the Village of Kingston. Sue and husband, Norm, have two Scottish Terriers; Gus age 8 1/2 and Emma at 2 yrs 4 months. Both dogs came from Janet Bartholomew in Reeds, Missouri at Hillview Kennels. Gus is our third Scottie and Emma our fourth.

Per Sue, "Emma and Gus share a grandfather. Emma is also a companion Scottie. I call her my bridge dog since I don't know how many years Gus will be with us and Emma is my last puppy. She has worn me down at times.

Norm and I are busy retirees dividing our time between our home in Kingston and our camper in Hancock Wisconsin about 50 miles north of us. The dogs join us for many of our adventures. "

Emma on left in pink. Gus on right in red check.



First time at the club, Sue Johnson won the quilt in a raffle





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## Dog Treats

### Meaty Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

3 1/2 cups almond, or all-purpose flour blend

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 cup butter

1/2 cup finely chopped cooked bacon, fish, meat, or chicken

1/2 cup milk or coconut milk

Instructions:

Combine ingredients and mix well to create a soft dough. If you have a cookie press, experiment with different shapes and press cookies onto parchment. If you don't have a cookie press, create balls and press them with the tines of a fork. Bake at 275 ° F for 30 to 45 minutes or until light brown.

### Blueberry Banana Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

3 cups almond, or all-purpose flour blend

1 cup blueberries

2 ripe bananas, mashed

2 eggs

2/3 cups unsweetened peanut butter or nut butter

Instructions:

Combine ingredients, roll to 1/2 inch thickness, and cut to desired size and shape. Bake at 350° F for 20 to 30 minutes or until slightly brown.



**FUTURE MEETING  
and EVENT DATES**

March 13 in person and zoom at  
4 Your Canine - program: Ca-  
nine Good Citizen

June 18 STCC annual Specialty  
and June 19 second STCC Spe-  
cialty at Lake County Fair-  
grounds in Grayslake, IL.

**Dog Treats****Savory Cheddar Cheese Dog Treat****Ingredients:**

2 cups almond, or all-purpose flour blend  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup cold cubed butter  
1/4 cup milk or coconut milk  
1 tablespoon Herbs de Provence or dried savory herbs such as rosemary,  
thyme, basil, marjoram, lavender, parsley, and/or oregano

You'll be tempted to share these Savory Cheese Ribbons with your dog – but ask first!

**Instructions:**

Combine ingredients and mix well to create a soft dough. If you have a cookie press, use a star-shaped or sawtooth tip and move the tip while pressing the plunger to create ribbons. Cut the ribbons into 2- to 4-inch lengths. Bake at 350°F for 18 to 25 minutes until light brown.

*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.