

The Plaid Piper

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Spring!

What a busy spring it is.

The Premium Lists for our two Specialties in June should be going out this week. Mark your calendars for June 17, 18 and 19, 2022. STCC is hosting a Stud Dog Social on Friday night, June 17, 2022. There will be up to 25 stud dogs participating. This is an educational opportunity for breed enthusiasts who want to know more about stud dog management, and the opportunity to learn from experienced STCA breeders, specifically to further the education of the breed in an informal, conversational setting. There will be a hands-on component to the program. The program will take place after all the judging in the main building at the Lake County Fairgrounds (4-6pm) There is no charge if you work the event or participate with your stud dog, but there is a \$10 fee for attendees. There will be food and drinks provided at no charge. This is the maiden voyage for an event like this, so please come and help STCC make it successful.

Apparel sales is one of our Club's fundraisers. If you are interested in a short-sleeved T-shirt, a long-sleeved T-shirt or a hooded sweatshirt, please fill out an order form that is in the Plaid Piper. Send the order form with payment to Debi Russell by May 1, 2022.

Our annual awards banquet has changed. Instead of August, our banquet will be held Saturday night of the Specialty, June 18, 2022. If you earned (your Scottie) have earned an AKC title in 2020 or 2021, please send me a copy of it by May 1, 2022 so that STCC can give you an award at the banquet.

I hope to see everyone in June at the Specialty events on June 17, 18, and 19, 2022.

Kathy Hufnagle,

President STCC

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The New STCC Club Meeting Place for 2022 For Your K9, 706 Industrial Dr, Elmhurst, IL 60126

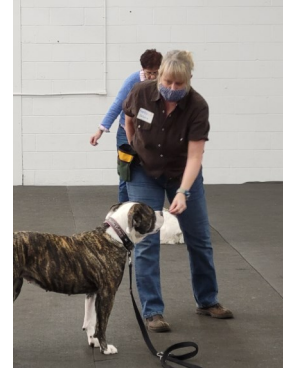
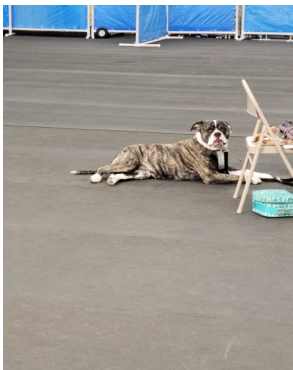
Everyone that came to the STCC club meeting at For Your K9 in mid-March had a great time. The trainer, Debbie Bickford, and her dog, Pinky, gave a wonderful overview of Canine Good Citizen. After the training overview, everyone that brought their dog had the opportunity to take their dog through different parts of the training.



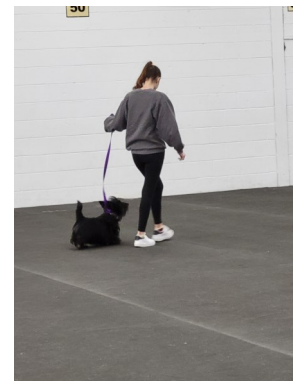
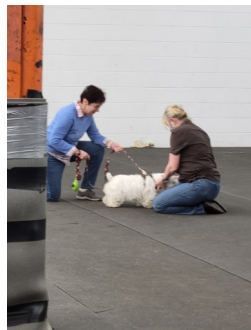
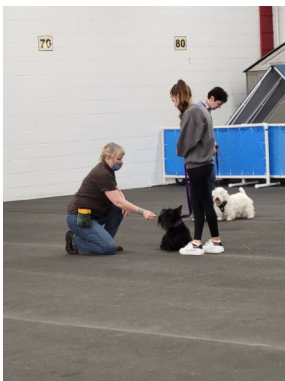
Debbie Bickford providing a dog training overview to the club



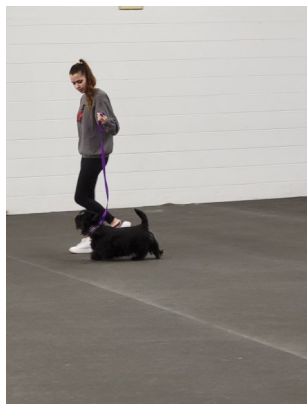
Pinky is Debbie Bickford's dog. When Pinky is at rest she really knows how to rest, but when put to the test she really shines. The right two pictures show Pinky not moving when presented with a treat. The far right picture has the treat about an inch from Pinky's nose and she did not budge at all.



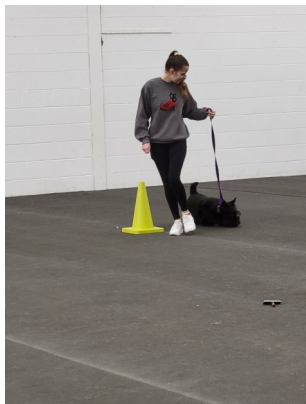
Club members going through the paces



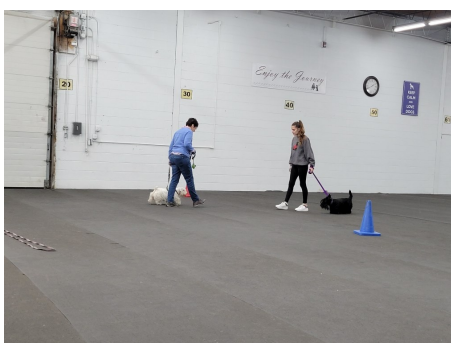
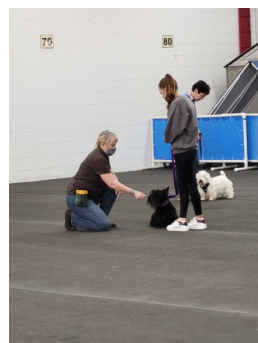
STCC Club Meeting at For Your K9 cont. Club Members taking their Dogs Through the Training



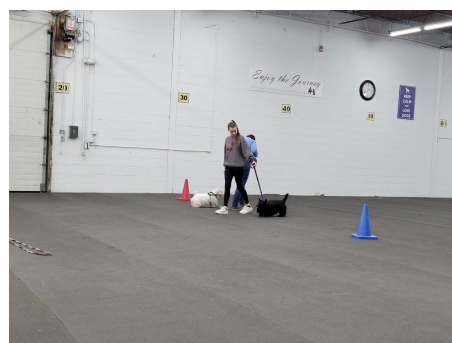
Walking on a loose lead



Passing the treat test

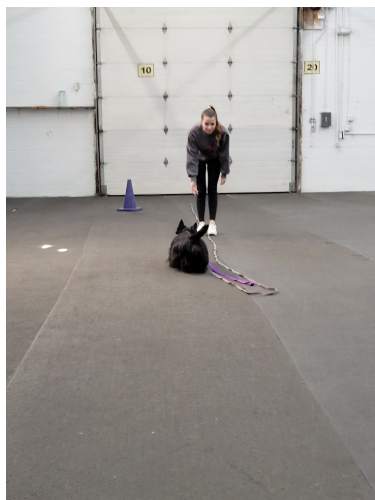


Reaction to another dog



Mary Ellen showing award for her Micah getting his Novice Trick Dog Certificate.

Coming when called



Now that's a Sealyham on the move, there must be a treat within 10 feet



Working and Living with Leashed / Reactive Scotties
by Laurie Haight Keenan
Brought to you by Michele Geiger Bronski's DCSR Zoomie

Reactivity and Scotties

Is it a breed thing?

- Scotties are “naturally” spunky / hardwired
 - ◊ Bred for killing vermin, therefore, fast reaction times, courageous, scrappy / willing to rumble, high energy, high intelligence, opinionated
- When you are handling a Scottie, you're driving a Porsche, not a family van

Note: this Zoomie concentrated on dogs who react inappropriately (bark, lunge, snarl, snap, etc) when on leash in the presence of relatively unoffending situation when other dogs / humans are present.

So, how much improvement can you expect?

It depends...

- Is it a matter of training alone? (simply needs to learn social skills, build confidence) or was there a previous issue with deprivation / harm and now trauma with its resulting anxiety / fear?
 - ◊ If there was harm, how deep / long did the Scottie endure it?
- Why leash reactive?
 - ◊ When on a leash they are unable to escape fear
 - ◊ Insufficient early socialization
 - ◊ Territorial or possessiveness of owner / objects
 - ◊ Human handler (you) may be misleading or overstimulating your dog
 - ◊ The dog may be reading fear or concern or disapproval from the owner
 - ◊ Physical or medical conditions

Reactivity or Aggression?

How serious is your Scottie's case?

- Most reactivity consists of a display that humans deem aggressive or violent
- Most aggression in dogs is fear / anxiety-based. An attempt to avoid actual conflict
- Rule out pain (esp. in older dogs) and disabilities (vision / hearing)
- Cushion against fear, and increase confidence / social skills through training
- If over time and continued training the Scottie is showing little / no improvement, there may be a bigger problem than just reactivity

Working and Living with Leashed / Reactive Scotties
by Laurie Haight Keenan
Cont.

- Is your Scottie a biter? If so, how serious / consistent?
 - ◇ Assess and be realistic about how dangerous your Scottie is and act to avoid consequences
 - ◇ Don't forget, your own reactive Scottie could bite you

Goals: manage the reactivity while increasing a sense of safety, increasing social skills, building confidence, and keeping everyone safe.

- Why a sense of safety is crucial (Maslow's hierarchy of needs) basic principles applies to all, people and animals
 - ◇ # 1 is survival (food, water, shelter, medical care)
 - ◇ # 2 is safety
 - ◇ Once your first two needs are taken care of (survival and safety) then you'll be open to the "growth" needs (esteem, cognitive, aesthetic, etc)

Environmental Stressors—Sensitivities

Think about sensing the movement of a predator

- Light: too bright / deficient / modulating
- Movement: quick, coming toward you
- Sound: sudden sounds, level of sounds
- There might be great individual variance in reaction to environmental stressors. Understand how your dog reacts to these stressors

Keep your Scottie Safe and Calm

In your Scottie's terms, not your terms

- Good for all Scotties
 - ◇ Easier to train-in social skills with a calm Scottie that feels safe
- Consider learning to do body work (Tellington T-touch and wraps, massage, Reiki, Chiropractic adjustments) for your Scotties
- Reset your Scottie's expectations that interactions bring GOOD THINGS (treats, praise, toys, gentle interactions)
- Ultimate goal for reactive Scotties: minimize exposure to stress that causes a rise in cortisol

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Minimize Environmental Stressors

- Walk your Scotties at the calmest, most quite, least populated time of the day
- Shorten walk times
- Make use of a fenced in year, if you have one

Keep a Calm and Safe Home Environment

Order, Predictability, Control

- Regular schedule for feeding / walking / bedtime
- If you have a pack of dogs, but they all do not get along, feed and sleep them separately
- Your Scottie does NOT have to be part of every single one of your social engagements. Understand what your Scottie enjoys and can handle vs what is too much / an overload for your Scottie

Factors of Reactivity

- Distance: How far away is the stimulus before your Scottie reacts?
- Duration: How long can your Scottie endure the presence of a stimulus before they react?
- Intensity: How does the energy level / action, reaction of the other dog or person affect your Scottie?

How Dogs react in the Presence of Stress

Calming signals

- Yawning, licking lips
- Turning away / turning of the head
- Play bowing
- Sniffing the ground (acting nonchalant)
- Walking slowly
- Freezing
- Sitting down / lifting one paw

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What Should You Do?

Observe and Anticipate

- Observe: muscle tension, torso movement, gait, breathing, eyes, outh, spatial orientation (facing sideways to target, or squared off to the target), tail (wagging excitedly in big loops, or stiffly / warily, or not wagging at all, tucked under), ears upright and confident, or to the sides, or pasted back, paws (all four on the ground, or one paw raised, which indicates uncertainty, anxiety).
- If your Scottie's attention is drawn somewhere, LOOK to see what it is.
- Test your Scottie's comfort level with treats and pleasant distractions if you think something might be up (before a reaction).

Key: Anticipate so you can Interrupt and Redirect your Scottie before a big reaction happens.

Interrupt

- Turn and walk away, at an angle if possible
- Put something physical between your Scottie and the target (stepping between is a calming signal for your dog
 - ◇ First put yourself (but not squared off against the target) between your Scottie and the target, you can also use a parked car, tree, or building
- Speak calmly, smoothly, and in an upbeat manner as you are moving away

Redirect Your Scottie's Attention to something Positive

- Yourself, praise, happy talk, treats, toy, stick
- Comforting / rewarding a fearful / anxious dog is NOT reinforcing the fear (you are not making them think, "Oh, she likes it when I tremble like this!")

But if you fail to Anticipate / Interrupt / Redirect - Protect yourself, your Scottie, and others as much as possible

Is it just your Scottie... or is it also you?

- Keep yourself calm and be aware of what you convey via body posture
- Check-in on yourself
 - ◇ Posture: relaxed vigilance, shoulders down, muscles loose
 - ◇ Facial expression: mouth open and slack, not tight lips in a line
 - ◇ Voice: slow, drawn out speech
 - ◇ Keep breathing and blinking

**Two Specialties, Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19, 2022
and Stud Dog Social on Friday, June 17**

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

Superintendent BaRay Dog Shows <https://barayevents.com>

2022 STUD DOG SOCIAL



Save the Date!

**Friday, June 17,
2022**

**Lake County
Fairgrounds
Grayslake, IL**

**Hosted by the
Scottish Terrier
Club of Chicago**

- Round-Table Discussion on Stud Dog Management Featuring Experienced Scottie Stud Dog Managers
- “Speed Dating” with Some Handsome Scottie Boys
- Handouts & Refreshments Provided
- Preregistrations Required
- Watch for Details Coming Soon!

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

Kathy Hufnagle & Mindy Smouse's Newest Litter

Kathy & Mindy's newest litter born February 10th; 3 boys and 3 girls.

Sire is Anstamm Jacglen By The Seaside (Surfer) and Dam is Stargate Sam I Am (Sammie)

They are going to their forever homes in a couple of weeks and yes, Kathy & Mindy will be keeping one





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Dog Treats

Peanut Butter & Bacon Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 cup tiger nut, almond, or equivalent flour
- 1/2 cup toasted carob powder
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 cup milk or coconut milk
- 1/2 cup diced cooked bacon
- 1/2 cup unsweetened peanut butter or nut butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil or coconut oil

Instructions:

Combine ingredients and form 1/2-inch balls. Press into lightly greased silicon molds or place on parchment-lined cookie sheets and press to flatten with your hand or the tines of a fork. Bake at 350° F for 18 to 20 minutes or until brown.

Pumpkin, Carrot, Coconut Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 cup almond, equivalent, or all-purpose flour blend
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened peanut or almond butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 1 cup shredded dried coconut

Instructions:

Combine ingredients, roll to 1/4- to 3/8-inch thick, and shape with cookie cutters. Bake at 350° F for 30 to 35 minutes or until light brown.

**FUTURE MEETINGS
and EVENT DATES**

June 18 STCC Annual Specialty and June 19 second STCC Specialty at Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL.

June 18 our Annual Awards Luncheon will be held at the Specialty Saturday night at Bob Chins

August STCC Club meeting and picnic at a forest preserve. Date and location tbd

October STCC Club Halloween Party. Date and location tbd

December STCC Christmas Party. Date and location tbd

Dog Treats**Double Sweet Soft dog Treats****Ingredients:**

- 2 cups cooked, mashed sweet potato or pureed pumpkin
- 1/2 cup grated apple or 1/4 cup applesauce
- 1/4 cup honey or vegetable glycerin
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups almond or equivalent flour

Instructions:

Combine ingredients and scoop the dough with a spoon to form mounds on prepared baking sheets. Bake at 350° F for 20 minutes. Refrigerate after baking to maintain soft consistency and prevent mold growth.

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.