

# *The Plaid Piper*

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



It is with deep sadness that I report the loss of one of STCC's long time members. Pat Stevenson passed away July 18, 2022. She developed Parkinson's Disease 3 years ago but remained able to care for herself in her own home and was very active; able to work in her garden. Her beloved Mac-Gregor preceded her in death a year ago, but she was very able to take very good care of him. Pat fell at her home. Her friend, Maureen McVey, took her to the hospital to be checked over. She had a few bruises but was otherwise all right. As fate would have it, Pat contracted COVID while at the hospital. Because of her compromised immune system, she succumbed to the virus very quickly.

I would check in on Pat every 3 or 4 months but have not been able to reach her this summer. Maureen contacted us to let us know what happened to Pat.

I would like STCC to set up a Challenge Trophy in Pat Stevenson's honor. If the Club agrees, the Board will work out the details.

I hope to see everyone at the October 23, 2022, meeting at For Your K9 where we will learn about how to earn a Trick Dog title from AKC for your Scot. We will zoom this meeting, so, if you cannot attend, you can join us virtually.

*Kathy Hufnagle,*

*President STCC*

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## **Door County Scottie Rally Zoomie**

### **Topic: The Points and Pitfalls of Finding Your Next Scottie**

#### **A quote from Michele Geiger-Bronski:**

“Scottish Terriers are a lot like potato chips—you just can’t stop at one! Where do you begin when you want to add another to your family? “They’re all cute puppies”—“I just want a family dog—not a show dog!” In this Zoomie Amy Cada, PhD, describes the pitfalls to avoid and the strategies for finding your next Scottie. As you will find out, there is so much more than how cute the puppy is or how nice the breeder seems.”

**Amy Cada** is a toxicologist with 24 years of experience working for the FDA and private industry and currently is staff to six Scotties. She has been a Scottie rescuer for 29 years and a breeder who shows, does therapy, agility and other activities with her dogs for the past 22 years. Amy has been a member of the Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA) for 26 years. This presentation was co-wrote

#### **During the Zoomie Amy Cada presented:**

- How to find, interview and evaluate Scottie breeders/kennels;
- Questions to ask potential breeders;
- Health testing that should be done and why;
- Buyer Beware signs/claims/behaviors /SCAMS;
- Significance of purchasing a puppy with “papers”;
- What drives the puppy price;
- What constitutes an ethical and responsible breeder;
- What to expect if health problems are found in your breeder’s line;
- Best places/options to find breeders beyond Facebook.

#### **How to find, interview and evaluate Scottie breeders/kennels**

##### **Where do I start?**

- Recommendations from friends for a breeder
- Rescues
- STCA.Biz - has breeder referrals
- AKC.ORG - has a list of breeders
- Dog Shows - although owners/handlers will be pretty busy getting their dogs ready for the show
- Facebook - although buyer beware - not everything to see on Facebook is true
- Individual Websites - again, buyer beware

No matter where you find your Scottie, ask questions...lots of questions, and if the seller is not interested in answering your questions, walk away.

#### **Considerations regardless of Scottie Source**

- How far away is the Scottie from where you live? How far are you willing to travel?
- If there is quite a distance, what kind of transportation arrangements can be worked out?
- Can a transport service be used?
- If flying the Scottie, what are the safety preparations for the Scottie?

## **Door County Scottie Rally Zoomie, cont.**

### **When looking for a new companion the most important thing is... **NOT** color!**

- We all have color preferences, but are you willing to give up a puppy matched to you that happens to be in the “wrong color”? If so, you may be passed up entirely by the breeder, unless you are willing to wait for the right temperament in your preferred color.
- There are no genetic strengths or weaknesses associated with specific colors.
- Breeding wheaten to wheaten is no different health or temperament wise then breeding two blacks or two brindles, etc.
- Which is more important? A history of health screening and temperament or color?

### **I've met what I think is a good breeder, now what?**

- Yes, you will probably be waiting for that Scottie. The BEST owners will be willing to wait for the right dog.
- **First step, ask questions!**
  - ◇ How long have you been breeding Scotties?
  - ◇ Where do you register your puppies? Do have AKC Pedigree with papers that show lineage?
  - ◇ What health testing have you done on your dogs? And what is the frequency?
  - ◇ What health issues have you seen in your breeding? (Scotties are prevalent with bladder cancer)
  - ◇ What do you do when health issues come up?
  - ◇ Do you provide any health guarantees?
  - ◇ Can you provide references from OTHER BREEDERS, previous puppy buyers, rescue adopters, etc.
  - ◇ Are you a breeder with merit with the AKC?
  - ◇ What health tests do you do before you place your rescues?
  - ◇ Do you use a contract? If so, may I see an example?
  - ◇ How many litters do you usually have in a year?
  - ◇ Do you register your health results (breeders) with the OFA (Orthopedic Foundation of Animals)
  - ◇ When is your next planned litter - what is the “usual” wait for a puppy?
  - ◇ Do you place older dogs? (sometimes breeders will sell their dogs after showing them)
  - ◇ Rescues - how often do you get puppies in rescue? (if a lot and often this is another form of puppy-mill)
  - ◇ Would you breed a dog with less than ideal temperament? If so, why?
  - ◇ What should I expect in temperaments in Scotties from you (breeder)?
  - ◇ What specifically do you breed for regarding temperament?
  - ◇ How often do your dogs get eye, ear, or skin infection?
  - ◇ Have there been any allergies reported from placed dogs?
- Be prepared to answer LOTS of questions from good breeders
- What do you want to do with your puppy? (show, home companion, agility, etc.)
- A good breeder should be your lifelong support.
- Are you comfortable talking with this person?

## **Door County Scottie Rally Zoomie, cont.**

### **• Be Prepared To Answer lots of Questions**

- ◇ What is your History with Scotties?
- ◇ What animals do you have now?
- ◇ What is your work/travel/activity schedule?
- ◇ Do you have children? If so, what are their ages?
- ◇ Do you have a pool? If so, is it fenced? If not, will you fence the pool and have it locked?
- ◇ Do your pets now, or in the past go to the vet regularly?
- ◇ Can you provide your veterinarian information so we can verify?
- ◇ Can you provide pictures / video tour / home visits (particularly for rescues)?

### **Health Testing**

- vWD (von Willebrand Disease - is an inherited bleeding disorder caused by the lack of von Willebrand factor protein that circulates in the bloodstream and must be present at the site of a blood vessel injury in order to control bleeding from that vessel)
- CMO (Craniomandibular Osteopathy - a noncancerous, proliferative bone disease that commonly affects the lower jaw)
- Thyroid - can be done over a period of time.
- Eye
- Heart - a cardiologist can provide a heart scan for about \$50.
- General Health
- Patella (a small bone located in front of the knee joint). Patellar tendinitis is a common overuse injury, caused by repeated stress on the patellar tendon. The stress caused tiny tears in the tendon. As the tears in the tendon multiplies, they cause pain from inflammation, and weakening the tendon.
- Bloodwork

### **Potential Warning Signs When Talking with a Breeder**

- “I only have one puppy left, you know what to do!” “This puppy is just waiting for your call!”
- “If we don’t get your deposit, you won’t be guaranteed to get the next wheaten boy / black girl / brindle boy, ...”
- “I don’t believe in vaccinations.”
- “I have teacup / miniature Scotties.” (there is no such thing)
- “I never had any health issues with my dogs.”

## **Door County Scottie Rally Zoomie, cont.**

### **More Possible Warning Signs—Red Flags**

- Refusal to let you see the puppies virtually or physically (many breeders will do virtual visits).
- Puppies are placed based on “next in line” or deposit, and not based on best fit for the puppy.
- Puppies placed under 10 weeks (10 weeks is the minimum per STCA code of ethics)
- Breeder or rescue providers do not ask many questions, doesn’t ask you about your history.
- If you ask the breeder why these parents were chosen to breed together? The breeder doesn’t have a definitive response, and doesn’t talk about health, temperament, or type.

### **Puppies are Very Expensive**

#### **Ethical Breeders:**

- ◇ Do not breed for profit
- ◇ Prices are set by: health testing, proper raising, socialization, proper training, veterinary care, microchipping, registration, effort and time
- ◇ Will keep a puppy longer and will care for puppies with issues

#### **Casual Breeders:**

- ◇ Generally breed for profit.
- ◇ May apply pressure to unload dog
- ◇ May give away a puppy with problems, or provide at a discounted price
- ◇ Usually require puppies to be taken home by a certain age

### **Conclusions**

- Ask a lot of questions!
  - Be prepared to WAIT for the right Scottie
  - Be patient, don’t get discouraged
  - Health testing of breeding stock, or for rescues, is important
  - Don’t take the first puppy offered without research.
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**STCC Annual Meeting & Picnic  
Sunday, August 7th  
Pioneer Woods, Willow Springs, IL**

Kathy Leading the meeting



Socializing and having lunch after the meeting



Puppy training in the field



### STCC Annual Meeting & Picnic cont.

Kathy with her new puppy, Kizzy



Kizzy meeting a new friend



So much for friends when Kizzy smells food on the table



And that food smells pretty good!



Here is Beryl's well trained Tell



**STCC Halloween Party and Scottie Tricks and Treats Seminar  
at For Your K9, Elmhurst, IL  
Sunday, 10/23 at 1:00pm**



The STCC is Delighted to Announce:  
A Scottie Tricks & Treats Seminar

Presented by Debbie Bickford

A Certified Trick Dog Instructor, she has taught innovative tricks and circus dog classes for many years..

Why teach your Scottie Dog Tricks?

- Dogs love to learn new things
- Mental stimulation and activity helps improve your dog's overall behavior
- New tricks prevent boredom (which can lead to bad behavior)
- Tricks and other learned behaviors give your dog confidence
- Teaching and playing tricks with your dog is fun, fun, fun!

When: October 23, 2022 at 1:00 P.M

Where: For Your K9: 706 Industrial Dr. Elmhurst IL

Please join us for this amazing training seminar!

**Bring your dog and lots of favorite treats!**

Please register via email to [beryl.gersch@gmail.com](mailto:beryl.gersch@gmail.com)

This seminar will be Zoomed as well as presented live.

Pre-Registration is required!

Non-club members are welcome either by Zoom or in Person to attend for a nominal fee of \$5.00



**STCC Halloween Party and Scottie Tricks and Treats Seminar cont.**

**Beryl's 10 year old Bijou warming up for the STCC  
Scottie Tricks and Treats Seminar October 23, 2022**





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## Dog Treats

### Savory Cheddar Cheese Dog Treats

#### Ingredients:

2 cups almond, equivalent, 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

#### 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.

### Gummy Gelatin Dog Treats

Gelatin is the key ingredient in sweet or savory dog gummies. Unflavored gelatin powder is available from Great Lakes, Knox, and other widely sold brands. Compare labels if you prefer gelatin from grass-fed cattle. Gelatin is recommended for aging joints, increased mobility, improved digestion, strong bones, and skin and coat health. Unfortunately, gelatin does not freeze well. Use these homemade dog gummies as training treats or additions to your dog's dinner.

To make gummies for dogs, sprinkle 2 tablespoons gelatin powder over 1/4 cup unheated

coconut water, bone broth, soup stock, or other liquid and let stand a minute or two until the gelatin is absorbed. Heat 1/2 cup of the same liquid until almost boiling, add it to the gelatin, and stir.

If desired, add 1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped meat, fish, chicken, pumpkin puree, or other additions. Pour into a lightly oiled silicon mold, loaf pan, or tray. Refrigerate until firm. Remove gummies from silicon molds. If using a loaf pan, remove the single slab of cold gelatin and cut it with a knife or cookie cutters. Refrigerate gummies, tightly sealed, for up to 2 weeks.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENT DATES**

October 23, 2022 STCC Club meeting and Trick Dog Program at For Your K9, Elmhurst, IL

December 4, 2022 STCC Holiday Party at For Your K9, Elmhurst, IL.

### **Dog Treats**

#### **Homemade Sweet Potato Dog Chews**

Sweet potato chews are incredibly easy to make, cost a fraction of what you'd pay for them in a pet supply store – and most dogs absolutely love them. If you've ever picked up a \$20 bag of sweet potato chews and thought you could make them yourself for a lot less, you're right. In fact, nothing could be simpler. Here's how to make these dog treats.

Cut raw sweet potatoes or yams into slices (lengthwise or crosswise) between 3/8 and 1/2 inch thick. Bake at 250° F for an hour, turn slices over, bake for another hour, and repeat until they're completely hard. Or let them finish drying in a food dehydrator set to low heat. Once completely dry, these chews have a long shelf life and do not require refrigeration. Several of my tester dogs preferred these to all the other treats.

### *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 Cushing's 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.