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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

We have several baby Scotties celebrating their first Christmas. Do not worry little ones; even if you have been naughty, Santa will still find you and give you presents.

I hope that everyone has a fantastic Holiday Season.
See you in 2023!

Kathy Hufnagle
President STCC

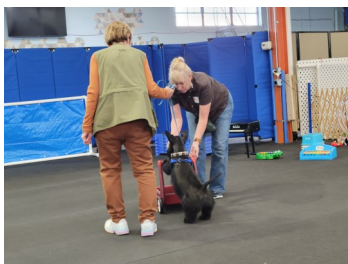
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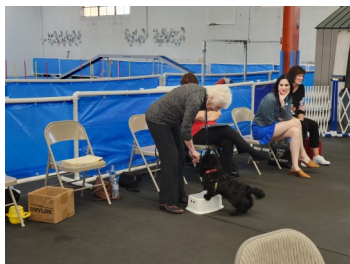


STCC October Tricks & Treats Meeting

Beryl and her well trained Scotties
Bijou, Tell, and Klara
Going thru the paces

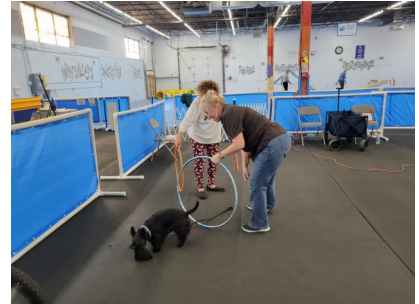


Carol's little Holly learning some new tricks,
including the barrel roll

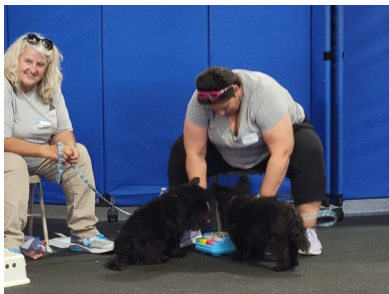


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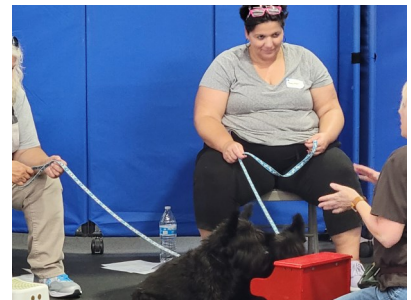
Debbie Sentilik's Scottie getting some bribery to help navigate the cart, but was a pro when it came to hoop jumping.



Mindy and Kathy looking on as Kizzy received some hoop jump training.

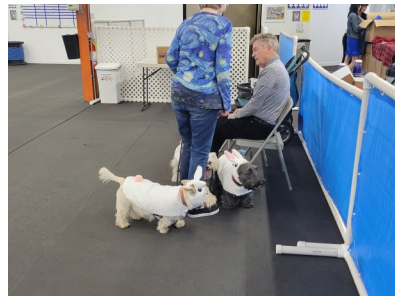


Two new guests attended the session. Their two Scotties played the piano like Liberace, rode the cart and barrel like pros.

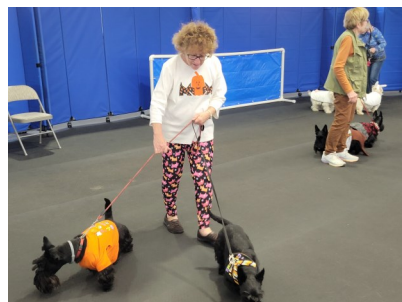
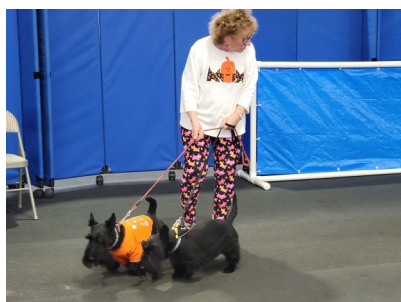
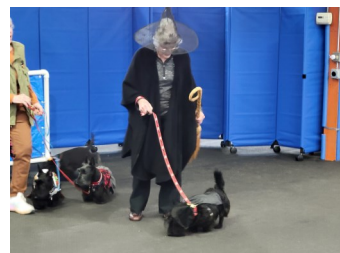


STCC October Costume Party - Scottie Style

Janet Tatgenhorst and Ron with their two Scotties and Maltese



Carol, Debbie, and Beryl, all prancing proudly with their dressed up Scotties



STCC Christmas Party, December 4th, at For Your K9



Steve Johnson preparing the Christmas Scenery



Steve Johnson with Wallace and Agnes anxiously waiting for Santa



Beryl's Bijou, Tell, and Klara all anxiously waiting for Santa



Santa aka John Altstadt (new club member) ready for the puppies



Santa with Steve & Debi Russell's Keebler aka Woburn Uncommonly Good



Thank you Steve Johnson for providing the beautiful Christmas backdrop and lights.



Santa with Betsy Hasting and Ali

Merry Christmas—Scottie Style



Santa with Steve Johnson's Wallace and Anges



Santa with Janet Tatgenhorst and Ron, with two Scotties (Jamie and Elizabeth), and Teddy (Malese).



Santa with Debbie Sentilik's Scottie



Merry Christmas - Scottie Style



New Club Members

Karla and David Commanday

Karla Commanday-Mirosav has had a life-long connection to Scotties, starting with her parents' dog, "Scotty". Other Scottie generations followed, and Karla's childhood love for the dogs and the breed continues to this day. Her chief mentors include Lena Kardos, Mrs. Evelyn Kirk, and Tom Natalini, with additional grooming guidance from Bergit Coady-Kabel and Margot Park.

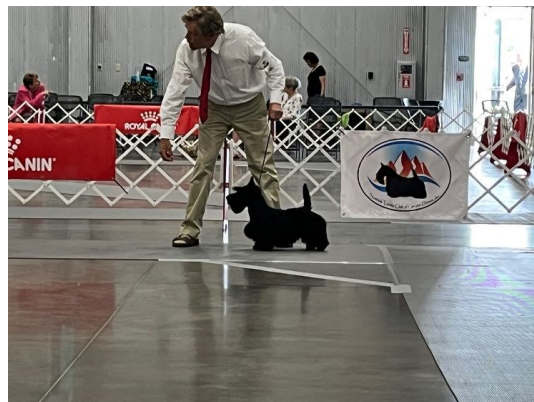
Karla has finished 7 champions, been in the ribbons at Montgomery County with her Malibu Magic foundation bitch, CH Stonehedge Ms. Molly by Golly, and Molly's daughter, CH Malibu Magic Autumn's Aurora - and been honored with invitations to show at Crufts and at the Eukanuba National Championship.

Karla is a professional musician. She studied at Scripps College, USC, and the Vienna University of Performing Arts, and is currently working at the Heartland Festival Orchestras as Associate Video Director, Production Assistant, and Librarian.

David Commanday's involvement with Scotties began when he married Karla – his first birthday gift to her was a Scottie puppy, "Captain Mackie", in Massachusetts. He is a professional conductor, cellist, and professor of music, having studied at Harvard College and the Vienna University of Performing Arts. – and is proud to pitch in as Malibu Magic's kennel help.



Karla with Coco (Royal Dragoons Coco Chanel at Malibu Magic), Judge Robbi Garvin, recognized as BOS to BISweeps at the Montgomery 2022 STCA Sweepstakes.



David with Angel (Malibu Magic Angel Kiss Dancing), 6 mos. old at the Denver Specialty, 2022, 1st place in her class.

New Club Members
Barbara, Katie, and John Altstadt

Hi, we are the Altstadt family: Barbara, Katie and John. We live in South Barrington and we are new parents of a 10 week old scottie named Oliver. He is from Afterglow Kennels. We have owned two Scotties prior to this little guy, and our last one was with us for 16 years, before we lost him to cancer. We are great fans of the breed and love spending time around others who share the same joy. We look forward to future meetings and activities of the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago.

Meet Altstadt's newest family member, Oliver



John Altstadt (aka Santa) and daughter Katie, receiving the official Welcome from our STCC President, Kathy Hufnagle, at the December 4th STCC Christmas party.



Tribute to Tom Bronsky

Rainbow



Bridge

Thomas Scott Bronsky June 22, 1942 ~ December 11, 2022 (age 80)

Tom and Michele Geiger-Bronsky, active members in supporting the STCC, and founders of the Door County Scottie Rally for over 21 years (started in May 2001).



Thomas Scott Bronsky born June 22, 1942 crossed the Rainbow Bridge on December 11th, 2022 at his home in Baileys Harbor, WI surrounded by family and friends.

Tom was born in Chicago, IL and was a graduate of Senn High School where he was a member of the Senn High School Symphony Orchestra. During that time, he attended 8-week sessions in violin and drama from 1957 through 1958 at the National Music Summer Camp, now known as the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

While pursuing his undergraduate degree at the University of IL- Champaign/Urbana he was a violinist and violist with the University of IL orchestra. This orchestra was selected for an extended cultural exchange tour of South America on behalf of the State Department.

Tom received a Master's in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He then spent thirty-one years as an administrative social worker in the Department of Veteran Affairs-initially as the Chief of the Day Treatment Center at the Clement Zablocki Veterans Administration Medical Center in Milwaukee for nearly sixteen years and as the Chief of Social Work at the Long Beach Veteran's Administration Center in Long Beach, CA for fifteen years. Additionally, Tom was co-creator of Caring Together, a couple's communication course designed for couples living with chronic illness. It was through that program he met Michele his beloved spouse of nearly 38 years.

Following his retirement from the VA and relocation to Door County, Tom served as the Director of Community Programs at The Clearing Folk School in Ellison Bay. He was an instrumental force in the development of the Fall Program and integrating the recruitment and expansion of volunteer opportunities. During his tenure at the Clearing Tom became known and often revered for his penchant for being a master of puns and bringing a large group to a groan.

Tom was an alumnus of Leadership Door County, was a frequent volunteer and served in leadership capacities in multiple non-profit organizations within the county. He also was the co-founder of the Door County Scottie Rally and was a recipient of the Scottish Terrier Club of America's The Antonella Visconti di Modrone Health Advocate Award in 2018.

Tom is survived by the love of his life, Michele Geiger-Bronsky and their Scottish Terriers- Sparky, Katie and Violet; brother, Eric (Michele) Bronsky; daughters, Robin (Bronsky) Skibicki, Julie (Bronsky) Newman; and granddaughter, Annabelle Skibicki and many friends who shall miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sol Bronsky and mother, Eleanor (Lipman) Bronsky.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held June 24th, 2023 at the Bronsky home with details to be announced at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to either the Door County Scottie Rally, Inc, The Clearing Folk School, or Wisconsin Public Radio.



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Dog Treats

Dog Cookies

provided by Beryl Gersch

Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups of flour
2 eggs
1/2 cup canned 100% pumpkin
2 tablespoons of peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon of salt
1/2 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon of water

Instructions:

Bake at 350° F for 20 minutes.

Meaty Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 cups almond, equivalent (see sidebar), 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.

**2023 MEETINGS
and EVENT DATES**

January 22, STCC meeting via zoom.

March (date tbd), in-person and zoom at For Your K9, program: tbd.

June 17, STCC annual Specialty and June 18 second STCC Specialty at Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL.

August (date tbd) STCC annual meeting and picnic at park in Palos Hills

October 22 STCC meeting and Halloween party at For Your K9

December 3, STCC meeting and Christmas Party at For Your K9

Dog Treats**Blueberry Banana Dog Biscuits****Ingredients:**

- 3 cups almond, equivalent, 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.

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.