



President's Message

Greetings! ... It is always a pleasure to communicate with members via this great publication!

The Bagpiper is much beloved by members as well as subscribers who cherish the breed. Commendations to the team who dedicate their many hours of work to produce this great quarterly: Pam Williams, Charlene Gann, and Jeff Waite. Also a strong commendation to Barb Zink who manages Circulation. I know that these people are committed to bring the many facets of the Scottie world into your homes, including club information. Financially, the Bagpiper has been converted into a substantial money maker, now in the black, from years as a loss, plus the beautiful layout qualities have been maintained and enhanced.

The fall of 60% of Scotties who are AKC registered in the last 10 years is a prominent issue to your Officers and Directors. We are working diligently with members, regional clubs and legislative issues to attempt to forestall any further depletion of our gene pool. We are welcoming new members regularly. If you know of someone who participates in AKC events and other Scottie functions who may be interested in becoming a member, contact Kelli Edell, Membership Chair with questions. There is a membership application you can print at the STCA web site.

We have developed a lovely tri-fold brochure about the STCA to distribute at all Scottie activities. Kathy Vogt has been using the AKC results as Public Information Chair to contact potential members as one of her projects. She uses the brochure and telephone regularly to try to develop more interest in the breed.

We sponsor Meet The Breeds events in the USA, the two largest being the one at Javits Center in NY and one at Eukanuba in Florida. We wish to thank our members who take the time out of busy schedules to donate hours to man these large events. If members have other Scottie events they plan to sponsor, please let us know in advance so that we can provide materials and give thanks.

We are further looking for more volunteers who can work on legislation issues in their states and through their regional clubs. Please get involved. The future of our beloved breed may be at stake. We invite everyone to participate.

We encourage members to surf their STCA website. www.stca.biz. There is a large team of great workers involved who give up many hours of their time to make the site a fountain of information for members, and to celebrate the Scottish Terrier breed. Web Master Bob Gann is able to get information directly to member's email inboxes and manages so well the soft ware which keeps the site interesting, current, timely and up and running well. The Web Team appreciates member's feedback via the link on the home page there. Glenda Tucker, Michael Krolewski, and Michael Bohl also contribute to keeping the information correct and current and supply a long list of articles there. Steve Russell works as the STCA Liaison and as an important member of the team on regular conference calls. He participates regularly in content delivery to members. The team is dedicated to transparency and information. Suggestions and volunteers to the team are always welcome.

As President, I am hoping that our members can work together to support the club for the good of our breed in every aspect. We are a democracy, with a democratic club. I know that there are differences of opinion as that is life, but to agree to disagree and remain solidly behind the objects of the STCA for the good of the breed should be our only concern. They can be found in the beginning of the



Constitution and By-Laws, Article I Section 2

Section 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote the quality breeding of purebred Scottish Terriers **and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection:**
- (b) to encourage the organization of independent local Scottish Terrier Specialty Clubs **in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club;**
- (c) to urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the Breed as approved by **The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Scottish Terriers shall be judged.;**
- (d) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Breed and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows;
- (e) to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules of **The American Kennel Club.**

We deeply mourn the deaths of all our members. We will greatly miss all those who have dedicated their lives to the breed. Montgomery this year is dedicated to Tom Natalini and Karen Hansen. Next year's Rotating in Michigan will be dedicated to Barbara DeSaye. We celebrate their lives which live on in the good genetics of the dogs born today benefitting from their wise decisions.

I wish to express my gratitude to everyone who is a member and/or a dedicated lover of Scottish Terriers for your continued support of this great club. I hope that you all can come to Montgomery events this year in October. We have planned a magical Scottie weekend. It is a great celebration of all things Scottish Terrier.

See you there!

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