

President's Message



The STCA belongs to you, the MEMBER!

Special greetings to all STCA members,

The future is in your hands.

This is a friendly reminder that every member is an important cog in the working of the club as a caretaker, not only just for your beloved dogs at home, but of the breed as a whole. Every missing cog disables the wheel.

Your strength and participation can make a difference for Scotties in today's world. Can you imagine how much we could do for our precious Scotties if we all came together, became active with a lively and positive mind set, and every one of us worked our buns off! Wow!

Members, please applaud and join your volunteer friends who do work for STCA, and think about joining in. They give selflessly to promoting our breed in every good way. So many great member volunteers have come forward to develop the member's advantages below:

1. Fantastic STCA events.
2. Breed information and care, as well as every kind of AKC events.
3. A modern web site where credit cards and PayPal allow: ordering of beautiful Scottie items, pay dues, make reservations, enter your Scotties at the Rotating as well as Sweeps, Obedience and Rally on Friday at MCKC, placing ads in the Bagpiper, as well as reading about all current Scottie events and how to compete, documentation of all STCA workings, free breeder listings, a specialty calendar, results and award tallies, historical records and old Bagpipers, hundreds of thousands of Scottie pedigrees and information about what affects our breed such as legislation, and where to find a regional club and many more.
4. Active & enthusiastic Rescue network across the USA.
5. Health seminars, health initiatives, and clinics as well as an extensive health library called Scottie Phile on the web site.
6. A strong network of regional clubs and support for all they do.

So, if you think that something is lacking, or done wrong, don't complain, just get busy and join a STCA committee or project! Get involved in making things better. You can do it!

Looking at the list of Committees and Trusts, there has to be something you personally can do. Can't you find an extra hour or two? We are only as good as we make it. Membership means that individuals give back to these dogs who cannot speak for themselves. Are you one who thinks the club should do something for you? Hey, wake up, you are the club.

People and energy drive this organization. How much time and money do you spend to participate in AKC events, collectors clubs, pet groups and unofficial Scottie clubs? Can you direct even 1% of that to helping out at an STCA or regional club show, and/or is there something you can do from home? If you are not active in these events, what about donating even a few hours time to the STCA or a regional? Monetary donations are wonderful, but it takes real people to work on where it will be spent. How amazing that Scotties had the largest entry at Montgomery of all the terriers! That means a lot, and how much more impact could we have if every single person in this club did one little thing to help?! We can all be a team!

At the Hospitality reception, there were over 100 people. Each volunteer who participated in the working of the STCA this past year received a thank you pin. It came with heaps of thanks. In the guest bags for everyone, were little pink papers listing talents that you might have to make the club stronger. These are a few skills you may be able to offer.

___ Drawing & painting ___ Sewing, Arts and Crafts ___ Office and secretarial work ___ Knowledge of Microsoft Xcel or Microsoft Word ___ Proof Reading ___ Writing stories and articles ___ Web site creation / Programming ___ Advertising & page layout. You name it; the club can use it.

Find out what is in the works and who is involved. See the Minutes of the Montgomery meetings and the list of committees in the After Dinner Minutes on another page in this issue. The future of the Scottish Terrier is in your hands. **Everyone, this club is you!**

Charla Hill

President