



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

With the publication of this second edition of the STCA Newsletter, I am happy to continue our close contact with you the members on a regular basis with the news and breaking events in the Scottie World.

Congratulations to Sadie, her owners and breeders on winning the group at Westminster. Seeing our breed at the forefront of such a prestigious American showcase is very special. With so many states facing dog specific and anti-breeder legislation, a show like this is a testament to our dedication to the sport of purebred dogs. Join with other STCA members in your state in their work to fight unreasonably restrictive laws and to make legislators aware of the good that dogs can bring to our lives. Contact your lawmakers with strong opinions as often as you can, and be present when others rally. We must all be involved to keep our rights.

The board will be meeting on Friday April 24 before the Rotating in Dayton at the Holiday Inn Airport.. The morning session will be open to any member who wishes to visit and observe. We invite you to attend.

I continue to encourage you to contact me and your Board members at any time. I am hoping that in my term as President, I am able to personally meet every member either in person or by phone. Please call and write. It is through the dedication to our breed, in all aspects of its care and activities that we will improve and enrich our lives and those of our beloved Scotties.

Connie Smith, STCA President

RECENT NEWS:



We are saddened by the recent passing of long time STCA member Robert A. Marshall. Robert joined the STCA in 1959, and he was a successful breeder under the prefix Raab Hill as well as an AKC judge. Our sincere condolences to his family.



We invite you to make the trip to Dayton, Ohio for the Rotating Specialty weekend April 25-26. It promises to be a special time with great friends and beautiful Scotties. Thanks to Pam Wilson for preparing the information packet which was recently mailed to members by email, and hard copy to those who do not have online access. If you did not receive your packet, please contact Pam at wilscot@sbcglobal.net, or you can find it at the STCA website at this link, which is clickable online <http://clubs.akc.org/stca/PDFFiles/2009Rotating.pdf>



Don't forget the special price for vWD kits from VetGen ends this month, so you must order your kits with checks made to VetGen from Helen Prince so they reach her before the month ends. Absolute deadline is the end of Feb. Send your CHECKS MADE TO VETGEN to Helen Prince 2810 Allspice Rd, Port Republic, MD 20676-2619. 410-586-8421 haprince@comcast.net



In our last newsletter, we announced that the Board was planning to make the Doubletree Hotel on Germantown Pike our host hotel. We planned to hold Sweepstakes as well as Obedience and Rally, all

in the hotel. Unfortunately we have been informed by AKC that the ballroom intended for the show rings does not meet AKC's recommended safety guidelines, and so we will be returning to Lulu Temple for Sweepstakes, Obedience and Rally events. The hotel still has a block of rooms available for STCA members.



A Request for Help From Your STCA Rescue Committee

The current economic crisis is having a negative effect on many Americans and on their ability to care for their family pets. Abandoned animals and animals taken to shelters is at an all-time high. Our Club's Scottie Rescuers are currently struggling to help all the dogs in need and to support our affiliated rescues. Many geographic areas of our country do not have adequate coverage because the states are so large. We don't have rescue volunteers in place or clubs in all regions. Since we do have STCA members in most states we are appealing to all members to help make sure that we can save the dogs that need us the most. We appreciate your generous donations to the RTF, and, if now is not a good time to donate funds, we will be grateful for a donation of your time. If you are available to foster dogs, help with transport, groom dogs, or just watch your local shelters and notify us when Scotties come available, please contact Jeanne Lishia at jlshia@americassports.com or Erica Cerny at ecerny@optonline.net. Please help us help the Scotties that are counting on us.



The STCA Health Trust Fund recently contributed \$2500.00 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation toward the cost of Grant 1147: Identifying Mutations in Genes Associated with Canine Hemangiosarcoma. This is a collaborative effort between numerous breed health arms and AKC CHF to further refine understanding of the genetic mutations causing this cancer in many breeds. Canine hemangiosarcoma is a common and highly lethal cancer associated with a poor prognosis and rapid progression.



The Nominating Committee (2009) has begun its deliberations to nominate a slate of Officers and Directors for the Club. You are encouraged to make suggestions and comments to the Committee, but for your input to be considered, it must be sent in writing (email is suitable) to the Chair by March 15.

If you wish to be considered for a position as officer or director, the STCA petition to serve form is located on the STCA website :<http://clubs.akc.org/stca/Forms.htm#Ref4>
This form has an earlier deadline of Feb. 21 to be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, Marcia Dawson. Her address is on the form.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you in advance for your input.

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