

## THE TAIL END

Aware of a dissenting storm  
I once discussed the proper form  
a well-groomed Scottie's tail should be,  
and quickly learned not all agree.

Some think that thick and uniform  
describe the one true tail-shape norm,  
while others think that scissors snips  
should make them look like buggy whips.

Some think the perfect visual  
can only be cylindrical,  
while others favor conical,  
and purists tout "au natural."

When facing this divergent mix  
it's obvious no one can fix  
poor picks that spell disharmony,  
but let me tell what works for me.

Hand me my scissors. I'll delight  
in giving trimming to this pup  
that makes his carrot tail look right  
with broad base down and taper up.

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