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Dear Members and Lovers of Scottish Terriers,

In spite of the weather, our Annual Awards meeting was very nice. Thank you to Linda Perry for her beautiful decorations. She made the room look very elegant! Congratulations to all our Medallion winners who are listed in this issue. And a big Thank You to our Medallion sponsors.

The Board welcomes our new members and is open to ideas to keep up with the club's changing needs. We do have two people interested in being mentored. One wants to learn to show, and she and her husband attended the Dayton specialty to see the dogs and meet several breeders. We have also been contacted by a lady in Lansing who has two girls and would like to learn about breeding. They plan to be at our show.

We are planning our Specialty for September 8, 2018. If any member is interested in helping, please contact the Board. This year the STCM specialty's theme is Tailgate Party and we look forward to a great year ahead!

*Sincerely,
Regina Hess
President STCM*

How you can help our Club...

Volunteer and help at sponsored events or by occasionally writing an article for the Tartan newsletter.

Share your expertise with others and help to mentor new members.

Actively participate in Club sponsored activities.

Abide by the STCM Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Ethics and be sportsmanlike always.

Pay annual dues, purchase event tickets, donate items for raffle/boutique or purchase raffle tickets to help ensure the Club stays financially strong.

Thank you,

Scottish Terrier Club of Michigan, Inc

Rescue

We have taken in three rescues, all littermates, two boys, Monty and Graham, and their sister Buffy. All three were boarded at a training facility to be evaluated. All were very shy and would not eat for first few days, but they did get along with other dogs at daycare and eventually came around with people.

Buffy was placed in a wonderful home with other Scotties. Unfortunately, Buffy proved to be very jealous of the other dogs and extremely possessive of the humans. She was returned to the training center. Graham was moved to a foster home and exhibited the same issue with jealousy. We clearly had to find homes for them without other dogs where the new parents understood the shyness and jealousy.

Buffy's was rehomed with a couple who had lost their Scottie. She fits in well there as she is the only dog and gets all the attention. She has been coming out of her shyness little by little.

Graham left his foster home for a lovely home where the people also understand he has to be the only dog. His new mom said when he entered their house he hid behind a chair in living room. So they put a bed and water there. He would peek out from behind the chair, then come out and jump up on ottoman. Then they could put a leash on and take him outside to go potty. So far he has not pottied in the house, although he did have housebreaking issues at his foster home. (Kevin worked hard to housebreak him before sending him to his new home.)

Monty actually went to a home with another dog. The other dog is a 13-year-old rescue from our club named Maisy. She loved her dad who died about a year ago. So Maisy and her mom have been dealing with the loss. Maisy never really bonded with her mom, so they share a tolerant co-existence. Monty, on the other hand, loves his new mom and Maisy appears to have no objection. Mom had adopted Maisy only to be shunned for the love of Dad. Now she finally has a dog that loves her. Monty has been the worst on housebreaking, but hopefully the bellyband will help on that process.

Update on Maggie. A wonderful family adopted Maggie. They were the only people who expressed interest in her. (Thank goodness for people that love dogs that need that extra help.) Maggie is getting wonderful vet care, and the new family has a grandson in vet school who loves Maggie as much as her new parents.

Rescue dogs frequently need extra love, medical expenses, and training. Rescues are not for everyone. They sometimes take that special home. Kudos to those who are willing to take the risk and open their hearts and homes to our Scotties in need.

Susan Calendar is our Puppy referral contact if you're looking for a puppy. She may even know of a retired show dog looking for a home. She may be reached via e-mail at larkspurhill@gmail.com or via telephone at (517) 543-2179.



Lumps, Barnacles and Bumps

When Should You Worry?

No doubt this has happened to you: You are sitting with your Scottie on the couch for TV time, patting him, having a lovely visit, when suddenly your fingers feel *something*- a lump, a swelling, a foreign presence. You grab a bright light, dig through the fur and try to find this invader. There it is! But what is it? Should you be worried?

Lumps and bumps are a very common reason for a vet visit, and you should never hesitate to have your Scottie checked. A lump can be anything from an innocuous wart to a sign of serious disease. How will you know? And just how scared should you be of that lump when you find it?

First, some parameters:

Age Matters- Is this a pup, a middle-aged adult or a senior? Age matters a lot when taking into consideration any unusual finding. What looks to be an innocent insect bite or crusty scab from a clipper burn in a youngster may indicate an altogether different sign in a senior Scottie. Anything new and unexplained in a senior Scottie is reason to visit your vet, and sooner is better than later.

Duration- How quickly did this lump appear? Did it pop up overnight or has it been there for a while and is just slowly getting bigger and more noticeable? A sudden appearance often indicates an injury, a bite, or an allergic response. A slowly growing lump that has been there for several days or weeks and just won't go away can indicate anything from a benign barnacle to a more sinister process such as a tumor.

Location, Location, Location- Where is the lump? Is it on the skin or under it? Does it move with the skin or is it anchored in place under the skin? Is it in the mouth or along the jaw, on the feet or the nails, or in the area of the palpable lymph nodes? An important rule of thumb to remember: **Any lump on the foot, in the mouth or under the jaw needs to be checked out ASAP!**

Description- What does this lump look like? How does it feel? Lumps can be tiny to huge, hard as a rock or soft and squishy, dry and crumbly or crusty, bleeding and scabbed. Is it smooth, pale and round like a marble or irregular in shape? Does it bother the dog? Is he licking or chewing incessantly or ignoring the lump altogether? Bleeding, bumpy and bothersome are all signs that the lump needs to be checked out as soon as possible.

Now, let's put some of these parameters together into three common Scottie scenarios:

Case #1: *Your 13-month-old puppy has a lump on the top of her rear left foot. It is round, smooth, raised above the skin, pink, and sometimes it bleeds. She licks it now and then, and you swear it just popped up in the past 2-3 days.*

A raised pink rapidly growing, button-shaped growth in a young Scottie is most likely a histiocytoma. This is a canine specific, benign tumor that appears suddenly, grows rapidly, and eventually disappears altogether in about 8-12 weeks. This tumor may bother the dog in some cases and may even bleed on occasion, but for the most part these tumors come and go with little fanfare. Surgery is not usually necessary unless the tumor is bothersome to the dog by its location, size or behavior. In some breeds (for example the Bernese Mountain dog), any kind of histiocytic tumor is a very worrisome finding indeed, but thankfully in our Scotties, a histiocytoma is merely an ugly but temporary blemish. These growths are easily diagnosed by your veterinarian with an examination of cells under the microscope. A warning: Never assume this growth is benign however, as there are other dangerous look-alikes (mast cell tumor, for example). **Always have the vet check.**

Case #2: *Your 5-year-old neutered male has lump on the skin of his back, just behind the withers area. It is raised, round, firm and black as coal. It has been there for several months, and it does not seem to be bothering him, as far as you know.*

The Scottie is a breed with lots of pigment cells and therefore carries a high risk for melanoma. The growth described in this case is most likely a melanoma, but given its location on the skin of the torso, it carries very little risk for malignancy. Unlike human melanoma on the skin, these kinds of canine melanomas are relatively harmless. They are slow growing tumors that do not bother the dog in the majority of cases. An exception is the Melanoma in areas that are subject to trauma (like the tip of the tail, for example) that can be bothersome by bleeding on occasion and should be removed for that reason.

However, the **BIG** threat to our Scotties is the melanoma that appears in the nail bed of the foot or anywhere on the foot, or anywhere in the mouth or in the eyes. These tumors are viciously and rapidly malignant. Treatment is very difficult and the prognosis is poor. Watch your Scotties closely for any excessive licking or chewing on their feet, or any sign of a problem with vision or in the mouth (drooling, difficulty eating, REALLY

bad breath, lumps on the gums, tongue or inside the cheeks.) Your vet needs to be seen right away in these cases, and remember that some melanomas are sneaky and are not even black in color.

Case#3: *Your 10-year-old spayed female has a lump the size of a walnut just in front of her right shoulder by the side of her the neck. It is under the skin, non-moveable, soft to the touch, and is not painful to her.*

The 10-year-old spayed female is at a high risk for cancer, and we must be vigilant with anything new or unexplained that we find on her. The lump described in this case could be nothing more than a lipoma (a fatty tumor), which is common in many middle-aged and older dogs. A lipoma is soft, almost squishy, anchored under the skin, and is completely non-painful and benign. No worries. It is easily diagnosed by your vet, and rarely causes any problems unless it grows to a massive size and impedes the dog's ability move around or get comfortable. On rare occasions, lipomas take on a sinister, malignant nature and must be surgically removed.

On the other hand, the lump in this location of our older Scottie also raises the very real warning flag of a possible lymph node. It is critically important that you ask your vet to show you where the palpable lymph nodes are on your dog. You should be checking these areas once a month in your older Scotties, and if you feel any swelling in these areas, off to the vet you go! Enlarged lymph nodes may indicate many things, including infection. However, Lymphoma is sadly a very common cancer in our Scotties, and the first sign of this disease is a non-painful enlargement of the external lymph nodes.

Your Scottie's health and well-being are completely up to you. Be prepared and be proactive with the health of your precious dogs, and don't hesitate to get your vet involved!

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Health Tips



Spring has sprung! And to herald the season are those happy Daffodils, welcomed by all. But did you know that these familiar and jolly blooms are in fact toxic to your Scottie? Especially those curious puppies who are exploring in your garden: They see something new and bright and bobbing in the breeze, and they do what they always do: grab and eat! However, daffodils contain poisonous alkaloids that can cause vomiting, excessive salivation, diarrhea, convulsions, tremors and heart problems. The blooms will make your Scottie vomit, but the bulbs are the most dangerous part of the

plant. Other common names for the daffodil include narcissus, jonquil and paper white. So, enjoy your new spring garden but keep an eye on your Scotties!

STCM 2017 Service Award

We proudly present this service award to

Donald Henry Dieck

We would like to express our deep appreciation for your many years of outstanding dedication and commitment to the Scottish Terrier Club of Michigan.

Thank you for your compassion and devotion to the Health Trust, and for your role in elevating the Club's promotion of health and prevention of disease in our beloved Scottish Terriers.

Thank you for your generosity, support and assistance to our Club and its members.

And, thank you for inspiring, encouraging and challenging all of us to be better champions of health for the Scottish Terrier breed.

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Celebrate your kennel and your Scotties!

2017 Medallion Winners

CH Hijinks Isla of KinRoss

Owners Marcia Dawson and Lisa Hills

CH Wild Wind Vintage Black

CH Wild Wind Lilac Wine

CH Wild Wind Will-O'-The Wisp

Owners: Edwin, Marilyn and Kimberly Lindsay

CH Wild Wind Dark Obsession

Owners: George & Nancy Bowles and Kimberly Lindsay

GCH Woburn Iron Maiden

Owners: Steve & Debi Russell

Co-Owners: Ron & Maurine McConnell

GCH Woburn Bold & Beautiful

Owners: Steve & Debi Russell

GCH Beltaine Woburn 1 Rockin Family Jewel
Co-owned by Annamarie Blawat

GCH Bronze Woburn Barbary Ironman
Owners: Ron & Maurine McConnell
Co-Owners: Steve & Debi Russell

Scottish Terrier Club of Michigan, Inc.

Awards Banquet

April 14, 2018





BEST IN SHOW



GCHB WOBURN BARBARY IRON MAN “JUNIOR”

OWNERS RON AND MAURINE MCCONNELL, CO-OWNERS STEVE AND DEBI RUSSELL

Starts the year out with a stunning Best in Show in Nashville, TN with his new friend Geoff Dawson

#1 Scottish Terrier 2018

New Champion



CH HIQ's Serious Drama With Attitude (Drama)

Finished with all specialty Wins

Breeder/Owner Handled Nancy Schaus and Regina Hess

Clan Connection

What a way to start the year! Ron and Maurine McConnell's boy "Junior" GCHB Woburn Barbary Iron Man won a Best in Show and several group placings. Junior is co-owned with Steve and Debi Russell. Junior was also BOS at Heart of America and Select Dog at the National Rotating.

Skylar, GCH Cumbria's Ready's Image won the 2018 Top Twenty at the STCA Rotating held at Purina Farms. GCHG CH Cumbria's Ready Jet Go took Best in Veteran Sweeps and Best Veteran. GCH Cumbria's Ready's Image was BOB at the Scottish Terrier club of Greater Dayton, CH Cumbria's Where There's A Will was BOS and GCHG Cumbria's Ready Jet Go from the Veteran class received an Award of Merit. Owned by Pat and Tracy Wooster.

Kim Lindsay's McVan Wild Wind Solar Eclipse was RWD at Heart of America and Rotating. Speaking of Rotating, Kim's boy Wild Wind Walk On The Wild Side was Best in Sweeps. Dayton Specialty Wild Wind Walk On The Wild Side WD, BOW. Atlanta Specialty McVan Wild Wind Solar Eclipse was Best in Sweeps and WD, BOW.

Lisa Hills' KinRoss Scotties won both RWD and RWB at the Dayton Specialty. Kinross Caledonian Thistle, bred and owned by Lisa was RWD from the 6-9 class. Kinross Ailsa Craig, bred and co-owned by Lisa, was RWB from the 12-18 class.

At the Dayton Specialty HIQ'S Serious Drama With Attitude took WB and GCHB HIQ'S Cumbria Ready Set Go was Select. Then the next week at The Atlanta Specialty, HIQ'S Serious Drama With Attitude took WB for her fourth major at specialties, and she is a new champion. GCHB HIQ'S Cumbria Ready Set Go was BOS Owned by Nancy Schaus and Regina Hess.

Congratulations to all!

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- Date of death
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