

# Michigan Tartan

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## Winter 2019

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### ***President's Message:***

Dear Members and Lovers of Scottish Terriers

Happy New Year 2019!

Let this be the year for inspiring people new to our breed and the love of purebred dogs. Explore new things to do with your dogs. There are all kinds of wonderful things to learn along with your dog - like Lure Coursing, Fast Cat, Barn Hunt, Nose Work, Obedience and many other fun things.

Some people use the start of a new year to join a gym or start exercising. Agility and even dog dancing are great activities to do with your dog. It will keep you both fit and trim, and you will have a lot of fun.

So let's make 2019 a great year and help preserve our wonderful breed.

Sincerely,

***Regina Hess***

***President STCM***

### ***Editor's Note:***

STCM Club Members,

I need your help! Please send photos of your Scotties at work and play! Just send them via email in a jpeg format to [kinross@mac.com](mailto:kinross@mac.com) . I will try to use as many as I can.

Kind regards,  
Lisa Hills

# Club News

## ***SAVE THE DATE!***

**What: ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS DINNER AND MEETING**

**When: APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> from Noon-4pm**

**Where: Ron and Maurine McConnell's Home**

**22158 Schweitzer Road**

**Centreville, MI 49032**

**Please RSVP by April 8<sup>th</sup> to Lisa Hills [kinross@mac.com](mailto:kinross@mac.com)**

**(more information will follow)**

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## **Calling All Champions!**

If your Scottie earned an AKC Title in 2018 we'd like to congratulate you with an STCM medallion. Please email the title and dog's registered name to Regina Hess [hiqscot@comcast.net](mailto:hiqscot@comcast.net) If the dog is co-owned and you would like an additional medallion, they can be purchased for \$7.00 each.

## **Medallion Sponsors Needed**

Each year our Club members generously donate monies to recognize achievements of STCM member owned Scotties. Once again we are asking for donations of \$20.00 to go toward making these medallions possible. If you would like to be a medallion sponsor, use the paypal link located on the STCM webpage to donate. Please include a note stating the donation is for medallions. Thank you!

**<https://www.scottishterrierclubofmichigan.com/donate>**

## **Winner's Bitch Challenge Trophy Sponsorship Available**

The Winner's Bitch Challenge Trophy was retired in 2018. We are looking for someone to sponsor the trophy beginning in 2019. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Callender [larkspurhill@gmail.com](mailto:larkspurhill@gmail.com) By April 8<sup>th</sup>. In the event that we have more than one party interested in sponsorship, the sponsor will be determined via lottery drawn at our Annual Awards Dinner on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## **The Scottish Terrier Club of Michigan**

Susan R. Callender - [larkspurhill@gmail.com](mailto:larkspurhill@gmail.com)

Greetings and Happy New Year from the club in the "Mitten."

I would love to tell you that we have beautiful snow however it seems more like Spring here. We ended the year with our Christmas Party that was held at my home. In the past years we gathered at a hotel, however this year it was decided to meet at a member's home. We were a small but mighty group. There was plenty of wonderful food and some great items to purchase, including six Bakelite scotty napkin rings. Along with these and other items we were able to fully pay for our party. Not always that easy.

Thanks to the hard work of Maurine McConnell the club was able to use e-bay and sell several scottie items that had been donated to our club. Watch for more items up for sale as we get closer to Valentine's Day.

We will soon begin planning and working on our September Specialty which will again be held at the Kalamazoo Kennel Club. More information will be coming in the months ahead. Many of our members have been busy traveling to dog shows including Royal Canin in Orlando, Florida and to the "Show of Shows", Westminster, in New York. Some go for the thrill and others have dogs entered. Whatever your reason for making the trip have a wonderful time.

Photos from the STCM Christmas party held December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Susan Callender





# STCM Health Trust

## Off the Menu

*I use raisins as training treats for my dog and he loves them. But I heard that eating grapes and raisins can make him sick. Is this true or is it one of those Internet hoaxes?*

Grape and raisin toxicity does sound suspiciously like a hoax. How could these wholesome, enjoyable foods possibly be toxic to a dog?

But wait! This is **not** a hoax! As early as 1999, veterinary toxicologists at the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center (AAPC), began to notice an increase in the reported cases of acute kidney failure in dogs that had eaten grapes and/or raisins or currants or raisin containing cereals or trail mixes. At first, grape and raisin poisoning seemed unlikely, but the kidney failure was very real with a sudden onset and often irreversible course. Recent ingestion of grapes or raisins was a constant part of the history in each case. Since that time, more and more cases have been identified and entered into the huge APCC AnTox database, generating diagnostic information and treatment guidelines for veterinarians.

Unfortunately, there is no well-established toxic dose for dogs, but the greater the amount a dog ingests can be critical as well as each dog's individual sensitivities to the toxic agent(s). And there is no way to predict which dog will be more sensitive than another.

A dog that eats (for him) a toxic load of grapes or raisins or currants will typically begin to vomit within a few hours. Sometimes the owner will report seeing raisins or grapes in the vomit and in the diarrhea that soon follows. By this time, the dog will quit eating, will be lethargic and depressed, and he will have a real belly ache. If nothing is done to help the dog, these symptoms can last for several days with no improvement, eventually leading to total kidney failure and death. But thankfully, most owners will bring their sick dog to the vet after the first 24 hours or even sooner, especially if raisin or grape ingestion is suspected.

Kidney damage occurs within the first 72 hours. If the ingestion was recent, inducing vomiting and administering activated charcoal will help to prevent absorption of the potential toxins. In addition, IV fluids for at least 48 hours to flush the kidneys and close monitoring of blood chemistry values are essential for a positive outcome. Unfortunately, even if timely veterinary care is sought, the kidney damage can be severe and potentially irreversible.

But what is it about grapes and raisins that can make our dogs so sick? According to the Pet Poison Hotline, the exact cause remains a mystery. Whether the grapes are bought at the grocery or organically grown in the back yard does not matter. The brand of grape or raisin eaten does not matter either. The region of the country or the world where the grapes or raisins came from does not matter. Toxicologists have screened the suspected foods for

pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, heavy metals (such as lead, iron, manganese or zinc), and mycotoxins (fungal contaminants), all with negative results. Speculation abounds on the toxic principle: environmental toxins, high concentration of sugars, high levels of Vitamin D, naturally occurring aspirin-like substances, or other unknown compounds. So far, no definitive answer. But give these scientists time. They'll figure it out.

Meanwhile, the take home message for us is: **FORGET** the grapes and raisins as treats for your dog! It sure makes that little milk bone treat look like a winner, doesn't it?



# Club Member Brags

**Regina Hess & Nancy Schaus:**

**GCH Hiq's Cumbria Ready Set Go** 2018 AKC National Owner Handled Series Number one Scottish Terrier, number two terrier and 12 over all ( Regina Hess, Nancy Schaus)

**New Champions**

**CH Hiq's Ring Side Gossip** ( Regina Hess, Nancy Schaus)

**CH Hiq's Despicable Me** ( co-owned by Chris Gamble)

**Marcia Harbison**

**Harbiscots Rough and Tough Carlin** – Carly Fort Wayne show got Friday got BOS - 1 point and Saturday got WB - 3 point major. Columbus OH show Saturday WB - 1 point

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## In Memoriam ~



**Joe and Denise Zydrski**

Oh beautiful Gabby, run free sweet girl!

Thank you for all the years of joy and unconditional love that you gave to everyone and for your service and protection of your humans and domain... job well done girl, rest now and be at peace ♥

Gabby Girl STCM Specialty Official Greeter

# Technical Bit

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Lisa Hills at [kinross@mac.com](mailto:kinross@mac.com)

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Type of Announcement & Info required:

### New Member Announcement—

- Name & information of new members

### Notice of upcoming events and activities—

- Location & time of event
- Sponsor of event
- Cost & contact information

### In Remembrance—

- Name & age of Scottie
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- jpg picture

### Member Ads

- Quarter Page \$10.00
- Half Page \$15.00
- Full Page \$30.00
- Business Card \$5.00

### Deadline for Newsletter Submissions:

Winter: January/December 15<sup>th</sup>

Spring: April/March 15<sup>th</sup>

Summer: July/June 15th

Fall: October/September 15th

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