



# CLAN CLARION

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## Judges For March 20 WSSTC Specialty

Hold onto your hats! Our specialty date has changed from January to March 20, 2026. It will be held on Friday, March 20, 2026 as a concurrent but separate specialty. That means there will be the Washington State Scottish Terrier Specialty on Friday March 20, 2026. There will also be a separate All Terrier Club of Western Washington Group Show on the same date. Two all breed shows by Peninsula Dog Fancier will follow on Saturday and Sunday.

## December Calendar

Saturday January 10, 2026 3-6 p.m.	WSSTC Holiday Party Poodle Dog Restaurant 1522 54th Ave E, Fife, WA 98424 Bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Bring one gift/ person.. Separate checks.
Saturday January 31, 2026	Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic Patella Checks Evergreen Veterinary Clinic 14423 124 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA 98034
Saturday- Sunday Feb. 7-8	Terrier Grooming & Handling Seminar Travis Liutjen
Tuesday February 18 6:30 p.m.	Regular Monthly Meeting Scottish Terrier Anatomy
Friday March 20 7:00 p.m.	Spring Time Specialty With ATCWW specialty Bergit Coady-Kabel Breed & Juniors Doug McFarlane Sweepstakes & 4-6-month puppies
Friday, Saturday, Feb. 27 & 28	Rotating National Specialty Hosted by HASTC Host
Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting via zoom More Fun and Less Taxing

Judges for the shows include:

Bergit Coady Kabel  
Breed and Junior Showmanship  
Doug McFarlane  
Junior Showmanship and 4-6-month puppies  
Maripi Wooldridge  
ATCWW Group and breeds including Scotties.

We also are co-sponsoring an after-the-show panel discussion, featuring Maripi, Bergit, Doug and handler Tiffany Skinner (See seminar flyer in this newsletter). Everyone is invited. There will also be a silent auction and hors d'oeuvres for attendees.

In January, we will be sending out trophy donation requests. If you wish to make a dollar contribution to be used as needed, you can send it in now with your dues payment or wait. Just indicate the amount on the Paypal payment for dues.



New Year  
WSSTC  
Celebration

Saturday January 10, 2026  
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Join Us at the Poodle Dog  
Dinner Fun Friends  
Yankee Gift Swap N Steal

# Bladder Cancer & Patella Screening Clinic Set

Pending approval of STCA grant application, the Washington State Scottish Terrier Club will hold a Bladder Cancer Screening Clinic on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Screenings will be conducted by Dr. Jessica Wilcock. Evergreen Veterinary Hospital, 14423 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA 98034, have offered the use of their facilities for the clinic. Appointments will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until all registered dogs have been screened.

Scotties must be 5 years of age or older to qualify for the testing. The last time a screening was conducted one Scottish Terrier was identified with bladder cancer. The testing identified the disease and helped to prolong the dog's life. See the attached flyer for more information.

## New Officers for 2026

President	Dr. Vandra L. Huber
Vice President	Cheryl James
Secretary	Alina Briazgunova
Treasurer	Michael Krolewski
Board Members	Gisselle Dew Oleg Dolgikh Sally Jones

## All Skill Levels

### Grooming and Handling Clinic Planned

This year's grooming clinic will include a full day of hands-on grooming with follow-up the next day. Our presenter is Travis Liutjen. Travis is best known for Westies and Scottish Terriers. But he has shown and groomed all terrier breeds as well as Brussels Griffons.

The seminar will be held on February 7 and 8 at the Pawsome K-9 Training Center 20330 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Spanway (about 6 miles south of our old location). Cost of the seminar is \$250 for both days and \$175 for one day. This year's seminar will feature a special section on Day of the Show grooming and preparation.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

## STCA Bestows Honors On Several WSSTC Members

At the Scottish Terrier Club of America's (STCA) annual meeting in October, several Washington State Scottish Terrier Club (WSSTC) members were honored.



**Nora Lanning** was awarded the **Ch Duff-De Pac-man Puppy Dog Award** for her home bred dog **GCH Ch SRS Ace of Spades**. He topped the field with 27 Points. Nora's handler Cheyenne

Calvert attended the ceremonies on her behalf

**Cliff Hewitt** and **Mae Brado** were honored as 25-year member of the STCA. Congratulations for being Scottie diehards.

WSSTC treasurer **Michael Krolewski** was one of two STCA members to be awarded the STCA Good WSSTC treasurer **Michael Krolewski** was one of two STCA members awarded the STCA Good Sportsmanship Award. This award honors a member's contribution to the STACA and to the breed. Recipients are the "behind the scenes" workers who have given unselfishly of their time and talents for the STCA.

Michael has served as the chair of the Awards Tally committee for 7+ years. It is a tiresome, unending job to keep accurate track of awards points.



# Howl-o-ween Fun at the Tacoma Parade



Members of the Washington State Scottish Terrier took to the streets of Tacoma for their annual Halloween Parade. The Scotties and their owners had a howling good time amid the ghosts, goblins and dead people. There were vintage cars and even the ghost busters complete with their ghost slaying hearse showed.

Showing up to the event were **Giselle Dew** and her grand daughter who brought to life Cruella de Vil with Scotties portraying dalmatians. **Alina Briazgunova** and husband **Oleg Dolgikh** representative the lighter side as a fairy and a garden nymph. McVan's Bitsy Boo Boo was a fairy, complete with wings. **Michael Krolewski** got down to the bones as a skeleton and wife **Vandra Huber** was Malnificent –complete with horns. Scottie Jude was Dracula and. Vandra's only problem was her devilish horns fell off once when she went to adjust Jude's cape.



The kids watching the parade seem to enjoy the Scotties and wanted to pet them all. Of course, we also candy for them to share.

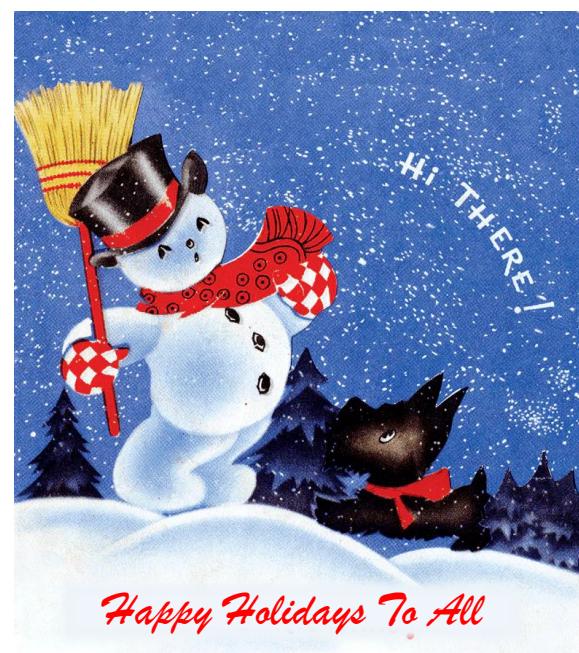
We were particularly grateful to members of Tacoma Scots Pipe Band who provided Scottish Bagpipe and drum music for us. They made the parade all the more fun.

## Show News for WSSTC Members

We are happy to report that two WSSTC members finished their diehards recently. MCVAN'S DANCE TO THE MUSIC finished in fine fashion with a BOB win from the classes. Owned by **Dr. Mark and Sally Anne Jones**, Digby was owner handled for all his wins. Sally and Digby represented the breed well in the Group and Owner Handler rings. J-MAR'S POETRY IN MOTION owned and handled by Giselle Dew picked up a couple of breed points at the same show and was Best of Opposite. Both dogs showed at the Greater Clark County show.

We are particularly proud of Giselle Dew's grand daughter **Evelyn Walsh** who showed J-MAR'S POETRY IN MOTION FD in the Open Junior class in Junior showmanship. She placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in this highly competitive class. And it was the first time she showed in this class! Well done Evelyn.

At the Whidby Island Kennel Club show, MCVAN'S FOR YOUR EYES ONLY finished his championship. He is owned by **Laura and Mae Brado and Vandra Huber**. Nancy Warfield and Vandra Huber's girl, MCVAN'S DREAM GIRL got a major the hard way. She went Best of Breed over two specials to earn a major. It was Nancy's first time to appear in the group wing. Nancy's granddaughter **Eleanor Camp** was there to see the win and to participate in junior showmanship. We wished she would have brought some of the cookies and treats she makes every Wednesday with Grandma Nancy to celebrate with.



# SAVE THE LIFE OF YOUR SCOTTIE

Scotties are 20 times more likely to get bladder cancer than other dog breeds.



## Noninvasive Ultrasound Scan

Scottish Terriers 5 Years of Age or Older

Cost: Free to WSSTC members, \$100 non-members

**Saturday, January 31, 2026**

Evergreen Veterinary Hospital

14423 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA 98034,

Funded by a Grant from the Health Trust Fund of the Scottish Terrier Club of America

## Patella Checks

Must be one year of age or older

Cost: Free for WSSTC members \$20/ exam for nonmembers

## CMO and VWD DNA Testing (Any Age)

Purchase VWD Type 3 and CMO DNA Sample test kits BEFORE the Health Clinic.

Kits can be purchased from Orivet.com @ \$50/Test or Gensoldx for \$23.98/test

We can help you with paperwork or with collecting a DNA sample from your Scottie

Appointments are about 15 minutes/dog plus 5 minutes for patella testing

Clinic begins at 10 a.m. Each Slot is 15- 20 Minutes

(You Must Schedule a Test in Advance. Walk-Ins taken only if time permits)

**(You will be emailed your appointment time)**

## Registration Form

Owner's Name

Member

Yes

No

Email:

Telephone #

Registered Name of Scottie:

AKC Number:

Birth Date

Gender

Male

Female

Color

Black

Brindle

Wheaton

Tests Requested

Bladder Cancer Screen

Patella Checks

CMO DNA Swab Help

VWD DNA Swab Help

Send one completed form per dog to **Cheryl James at CherylJames66@gmail.com**. She will assign you a time slot for testing your Scottie and send you an email confirmation with required paperwork. There are a limited number of time slots, so register early.

# Required and Optional Health Tests for Scottish Terriers

The Scottish Terrier Club of America suggests the following health tests for Scottish Terriers. If required and optional tests are conducted, your Scottish Terrier can become CHIC certified by the [Canine Health Information Center \(CHIC\)](#), a database for dog health records,

To become CHIC certified, a Scottish Terrier is required to be tested for Von Willebrand's Disease (VWD Type III) and Cranial Mandibular Osteopathy (CMO) and patella luxation. You then must choose one of the following tests (Thyroid, Eyes, Serum Bile Acid, Kidney Screen or Leg-Calve Perthes. The least expensive option is to have an eye examination conducted by a certified veterinarian at a dog show for a minimum cost. It is recommended that these tests be conducted prior to breeding your Scottish Terrier or using your male at stud.

<b>Von Willebrand's Disease</b>	DNA-based vWD test from an approved lab; results registered with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
<b>Cranial Mandibular Osteopathy (CMO)</b>	DNA test from an approved lab with results registered with OFA.
<b>Patella Luxation</b>	Veterinary Evaluation of Patellar Luxation with results registered with OFA. Form is completed by your veterinarian who manually manipulates the patella.
<b>Optional Tests for Scottish Terriers (Choose One)</b>	
	One of the Following:
<b>Health Elective</b>	<b>Autoimmune Thyroditis.</b> Evaluation from an approved Lab with results registered with OFA. Ideally should be done repeatedly over time.
	<b>ACVO Eye Examination.</b> Results registered with OFA. Often offered at dog shows for a reduced/reasonable price.
	<b>Serum Bile Acid Test.</b> Evaluation from approved lab and results registered with OFA. A first step test to deduce whether a puppy is likely to liver shunt.
	<b>Kidney Screen (Urine Protein:Creatine Ratio).</b> Evaluation from an approved lab and results registered with the OFA.
	<b>Leg-Calve-Perthes.</b> Radiographs submitted to OFA for evaluation.

# Screening for Bladder Cancer: Why Is It Important?

Marcia Dawson, HTF Chairman



The Health Trust Fund of the STCA continues to offer grants to clubs for holding a bladder screening clinic for members, friends, and other Scottie owners in the area. This is a great opportunity to put into action what we should all be doing with our Scotties once they reach the age of 5 years: Screen at least yearly for bladder cancer with an ultrasound exam. The earlier we can detect any abnormality in our dogs' bladders, the sooner we can get a diagnosis and start them on more effective therapy. Whichever therapy we choose, from NSAIDS or chemotherapy or alternative medicines, supplements and supportive diets, the sooner the better.

Why is this true? Why does early diagnosis translate to much more successful outcomes in our Scotties?

There is a wealth of compelling evidence that treating cancer earlier in its course is more successful than treating it when it is more advanced.

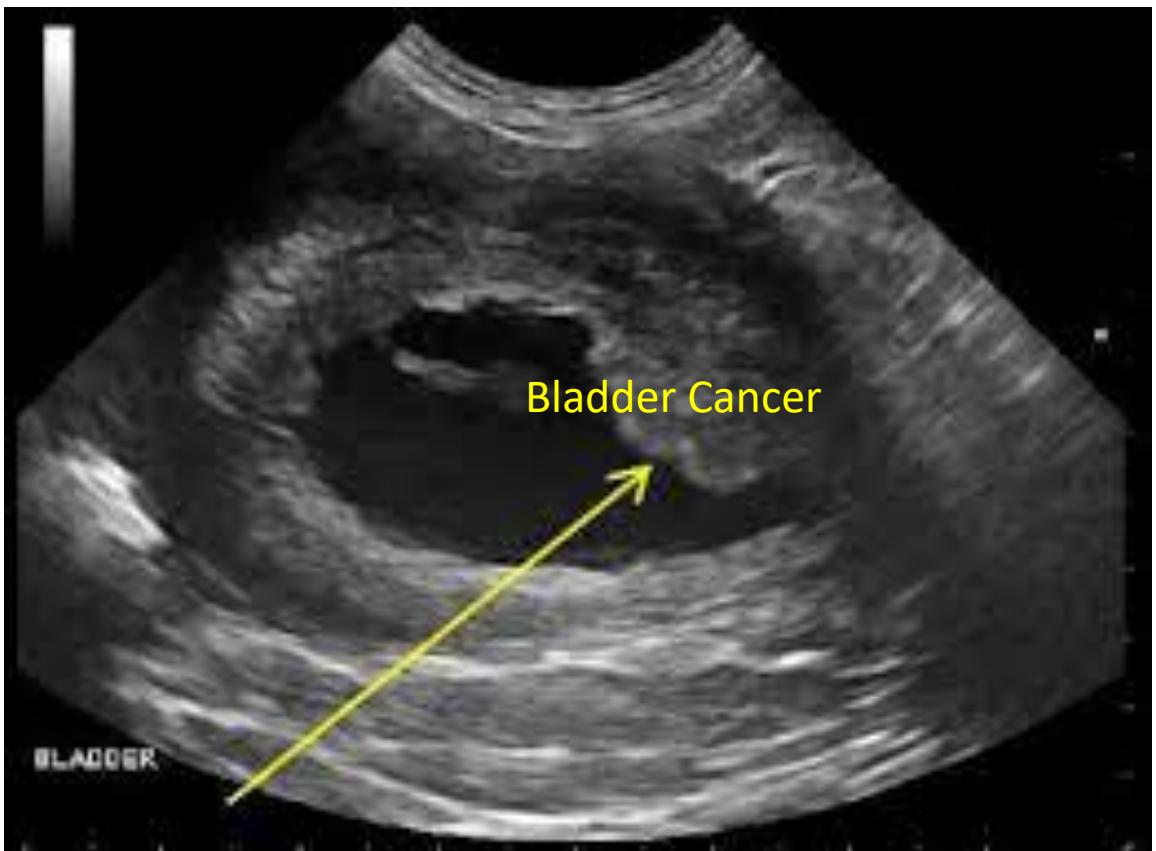
- Genetic complexity: Early-stage cancer is much less genetically complex than later in its course. As a tumor grows, it changes in complexity and mutates and creates more genetic resistance to various therapies. This leads to failure of the drug. The earlier any therapy can get to a tumor, the more effective it will be.
- Immune compromise: Early in the course of cancer, the dog's immune system is stronger, and more capable of controlling runaway growth of cancer cells. Over time, as the undetected cancer grows unchecked, the immune system gets worn down and used up. This exhaustion of the immune system is a serious result of diagnosing cancer later in its course, and it robs the body of a major weapon of defense. Early detection allows us to provide essential immune support.
- Blood supply: Early in its development, a tumor is fairly well organized with structure and blood vessels that almost mimic normal cell growth. However, over time, the tumor becomes more and more abnormal with erratic behavior, runaway growth, and abnormal, gnarly blood vessels that are not able to deliver the cancer fighting drugs to the tumor. This translates again to failure of the therapy.
- General health: Early in the course of cancer, the patient, both human and dog, is stronger, healthier and better able to tolerate therapies. The quality of life is good, and starting the therapy before there are major symptoms, metastasis, and the involvement of other organs can help to prolong that quality of life.

Bladder cancer (TCC or Urothelial Carcinoma) in our Scotties is a serious health problem. We need to beat this devastating disease to the punch and detect it as early as we possibly can. Don't wait until your Scottie is straining to urinate, passing bloody urine, and acting uncomfortable. By then, it may be too late to do much good at all. The added bonus of these screening exams is finding other potential health problems in the prostate, kidney, and even gall bladder of our Scotties.

The best plan is to form a screening clinic committee in your club and organize the details. The HTF can help with recommendations, protocols and paperwork. Don't miss this opportunity to have your Scotties screened with a short and painless procedure, and plan to have your Scotties screened starting at 5 years of age from now on!

# Facts About Bladder Cancer in Scotties

1. Scottish Terriers are 20 times more likely than ANY other breed of purebred dogs to get bladder cancer.
2. Female Scottish Terriers are more likely than males to get bladder cancer.
3. Invasive transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) is the most common type of bladder cancer in Scottish Terriers.
4. A 2024 study found that Scottish terriers exposed to cigarette smoke (in the air or licking it off clothing) were 6 times more likely to develop bladder cancer than those who were not exposed.
5. Scotties who consume cruciferous vegetables (green leafy, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, kale, Brussels sprouts, collards, etc.) at least 3 times a week are less likely to get TCC cancer in their bladder.
6. An association has been found between exposure to lawn herbicides and pesticides and the risk of TCC in Scottish Terriers.



# 2026

## Holiday Party

Saturday January 10, 2026

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**The Poodle Dog Restaurant**

Rainer Room

1522 54th Ave E, Fife, WA 98424

**Exit 137 along I-5 in Washington**

Bring a Wrapped Scottie or Dog Motif Gift

One Per Person

(\$35 or less in value)

Yankee Swap Rules Prevail

Individuals Pay for Meal

Club Pays for Room Rental



WSSTC RSVP Preferred  
Alina Briazgunova  
[opppossum@gmail.com](mailto:opppossum@gmail.com)





## Make It Lucky for You

Washington State Scottish Terrier Club and All Terrier Club of Washington

2 Sets of Points on Friday, March 20, 2026

### **Washington State Scottish Terrier Club**

WSSTC Sweepstakes & 4-6 puppies

Doug McFarlane

WSSTC Breed and Juniors

Breeder-Judge Bergit Coady-Kabel

### **All Terrier Club of Western Washington**

Breeder Judge Maripi Wooldridge

Followed by 2 All Breed Show

Peninsula Dog Fanciers

Kitsap County Fairgrounds

1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd.

Bremerton, WA

Baray Events

[dogshows@barayevents.com](mailto:dogshows@barayevents.com)

Closing Date: Wednesday - March 04, 2026

Show Chair: Cheryl James [CherylJames66@gmail.com](mailto:CherylJames66@gmail.com)

Assistant Show Chair: Oleg Dolgikh [olegdolgikh2@gmail.com](mailto:olegdolgikh2@gmail.com)

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