



CLAN CLARION

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2 Summer Specialties Draw Large Entry

The two summer specialties on August 12 and 13th were big successes. We had a large sweepstakes entry of 10 youngsters. In the regular classes there were 3 dogs, 11 class bitches and 1 veteran and 10 specials. Largest entry to date, there were 4 youngsters entered in junior showmanship.



At both specialties, **Best of Breed and Best Owner Handle** went to **GCHS CH J-MAR'S THE SHOW MUST GO ON** which was bred and owned by Bred by Dr. Danica Burge/Jerry Burge/Peggy M Burge. **GCHB FLIPPIX U KNOW I'M THE MAN** which was bred by Heidi Kainulainen and owned by **Kelli Edell** was Best of Opposite Sex both days. **Best of Winners** on Saturday went to **Lisa and Tom Kinchloe's** bitch **GLENKINCH RING OF FIRE**. From the Bred-By Class, **Charlie and Bob Gann's** bitch **GALLICA'S BURNIN' DAYLIGHT** garnered BOWS on Sunday. **Winner's Dog** both days was **MCVAN'S ARCHIE MCPHEE** bred by **Dr. Vandra Huber and Cheryl James** and owned by Nora Lanning was winner's dog both days. **Select Dog** went to **Nora Lanning's** dog **GCHS Kincheloe's CH RAVENBOUTS ZIPPADI DUDAH** on both days. **Select Bitch** on Saturday went to **CH J-MAR'S MISS MONEYPENNY BCAT** owned by **Kathlena Austin**. On Sunday, **Select Bitch** went to **Cheryl James and Dr. Vandra Huber's** bitch **GCHB McVan's Scarlet Witch**. Breed classes were judges by Terrier Expect Peggy McIllwaine and Margaret Moran-McQuinn on Saturday and Sunday respectfully.

Breeder Judge Jeff Jones selected the Burge's 12-18 girl **J-MAR'S THE FORCE AWAKENS** as Best in Sweepstakes and Nora Lanning's dog McVan's Archie McPhee as Best of Opposite in Sweeps. On Sunday, Breeder Judge Richard Bumstead selected **Burge's** bitch **J-MAR'S THIS IS THE WAY** as **BISweeps** and **McVan's Flash Dancer** as **BOSweeps**. At both specialties, Best in Junior Showmanship was **Lillie Vogel** from the Master's class.

DNA Blood Draw To Preserve the Breed and Picnic Set on Sept. 9

The Washington State Scottish Terrier Club will host it's first DNA Blood Draw Event with its annual Fall Picnic. We invites all Scotties (young, old, companions, rescue) and their humans to attend both events. The event will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at the same park as Fala Fun Day was held.

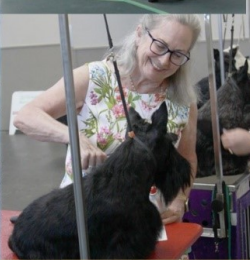
**The Cash Farm/Cold Creek Natural Area
(Not Cottage Lake Park)
Woodinville – Duvall Road at 180th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA**



The blood draws is part of the Scottish Terrier Club of America's breed preservation and medical research program. DNA samples are need from as many Scotties as possible. Two vet techs will be on hand to take a tiny blood sample from Scotties over the age of 6 months. Draws will begin at 9:30 am on a first come, first serve basis. If possible, participants should complete the DNA registration form BEFORE they get to the event. We will have a scanner available for those individuals who have forgotten or don't know if their Scottie has a microchip number. Please bring registration papers if you have any questions about the data. We will have extra forms available should you forget your dogs. Papers. For the picnic, bring a dish to share but remember there is no electricity at this venue.



2023 Summer Specialties



Fun For All Scots At 76th Annual Highland Games

WSTC members have a “piping good time” at the Highland Games in July. The annual event was held at the Enumclaw Fairgrounds. Scottish Terriers were joined by other Scottish Breeds (e.g. Dandie Dinmont, Glen of Imaal, Gordon Setters, Rough and Smooth Collies, Sealyhams, Shelties, West Highland Whites) in the Celtic Kennel. Here, the jam-backed crowd could meet and greet the various breeds.



According to WSSTC co-chairs **Karen McLaughlin and Sara Jack** the annual event is not only fun but serves as a great outreach effort. Attendees could meet and touch Scottish Terriers. Members of the WSSTC were on hand to provide information regarding the original function of Scottish Terriers. Additionally, they provided information on what wonderful companions our stoic Scottish Terriers are for families, seniors and older kids. Sara also said it was a great way to spend some time with kids.



Karin Parish, WSSTC board member, indicated that she enjoyed the parade of the various Scottish Breeds. Additional, she enjoyed watching the various Scottish games, dancing and music. Karin had her hands full because she also coordinated the presentations by West Highland White Terriers and Sealyham Terriers.

Cheryl James, WSSTC Board Member, said the event was great opportunity for her to socialize her 5-month old puppy Danny and his auntie Wanda around LOTS of people. Club member **Sara Wickline** came all the way from Leavenworth and **Betty Whitlock** drove in from Aberdeen. She looks forward to this event all year. “It’s worth the drive to socialize my dog!” WSSTC Vice President **Paul La Fontaine** brought his two Scotties from Poulsbo. “It’s important to interact with the public and share what we know and what they need to know. You never know who will be next to fall in love with a Scottie and want to add one to their human family.”

The event was also an opportunity for club members to show off the club’s brand new green Tee Shirts and wave the club banner in the parade of the Celtic breeds. Club members and supporters may still purchase Tee Shirts for the low price of \$15. Contact club president Vandra L. Huber, at vlhuber.88@gmail.com to get your own shirt. They will also be available at the Grooming Seminar and other club events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 9 Saturday 9:30 am-2 pm	Clan Picnic and DNA Collection Cash Farm/Cold Creek Natural Area (Not Cottage Lake Park) Woodinville/Duvall Road -180th Ave NE.
October 14 & 15	Grooming for Perfection Seminar With Bergit Coady-Kabel. A few Openings Still Available.
October 28	Howl-o-ween walk & Costume Contest Dress your Scotties and if you wish yourself for a fun walk
November 12	Bladder Cancer Ultra Sounds Evergreen Veterinary Hospital Kirkland, WA
December	Christmas Party Maybe Tacoma Parade
January 13	Winter Specialty

Bladder Cancer Screening Set In November

The WSSTC’s first ever bladder cancer screening clinic will be held on Sunday, November 12 at the Evergreen Veterinary Hospital
14423 124th Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

Dr. Jessica Wilcock will be conducting the screening. Screening consists of an ultrasound examination (about 15 minutes of time) by a qualified veterinarian. Any Scottish Terrier over the age of 6 years is eligible for the screening. Choice of time will be on a first come, first service basis with the first screening beginning around 9:30 a.m.

Like human breast cancer, colon and rectal cancer, early detection leads to much better outcomes over time. Recall that Scotties are 20 times more likely to develop Transitional Cell Carcinoma (TCC) bladder cancer than other breeds.

The screening clinic is funded by a grant from the Scottish Terrier Club of America’s Health Trust Fund.

Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering July 2023



Judge's comments – WSSTC specialty, Day #2

Marg Moran McQuinn

Many thanks for inviting me to judge your specialty. I didn't keep detailed notes on each of my placements so the remarks that I have been requested to provide some weeks later will be at a pretty high level.

Some of you may remember that I bred and showed Scotties in Canada and the US for decades under the Hopscotch prefix. Our last Scottie passed away a few years ago at a ripe old age. Although I did special a few males while showing, I did my best winning with bitches...both blacks and brindles. At the time, assuming you were willing to ship, there were many good males to choose to breed to and I'm happy that many of the dogs I bred to have stood the test of time producing lovely animals. So I decided to focus on building a strong bitch line. But enough about me.

It was my honour to sort through the entry and find the dogs (and bitches, of course) that came closest to my interpretation of the breed standard ON THAT DAY! I capitalized the previous three words because for me, judging is in the moment and on that day. A dog's coat may be in better condition in another show or it might be more mature. It might show better under different conditions...on the grass or not...in hot weather or not...its interactions with other dogs or handler in the ring may differ on another day...and so on. Scotties are not the easiest breed in the world to show, as you likely well know that they can decide to participate or not, depending on their mood. And other dogs in the ring with you may be better or worse than they have been on another day. You get the point, I hope.

And, of course, we all have different priorities. For me, fronts on Scotties are very, very important. I want the front legs set well back on the dog and that means proper bone length and layback. I want a nice fore chest and for the dog's body to be slung low between those legs. Heads are also very important to me...of sufficient length, punishing jaws, yet clean through the backskull and cheeks. And I want proper Scottie temperament that is stable and sane. On that point, I will not budge or forgive because we not only need to be able to live with these dogs...we need to be sure that their offspring will do well in pet homes, which is where most dogs that we breed end up living their lives.

By necessity however, judging is about making trade-offs because there is no such thing as a perfect dog. Personally, I will forgive a gayer tail (provided it isn't curled like a basenji) because I think that beats the alternative of a low set on and/or 2 o'clock tail. I view coat (and grooming) as something transitory, so provided I can find some hard hairs, I will overlook less than perfect coats if the dog has other important qualities that I value. For the record, I care naught about colour. A word about size: I don't obsess about it, but I think too many Scotties are getting far too big.

We were fortunate to be indoors in an air-conditioned building as it was screaming hot that day and while I like hot, sunny weather, typically Scotties despise it.

Overall, I found temperaments to be very good and as I recall, bites were also all good. Most had good eyes and stops but some head planes could have been better. I don't remember any grotesquely large, wide ears. I think most, if not all exhibits, were pretty good going away; a few didn't have great elbows. I did spar for Winners classes (and BOB) but offered puppies the option of participating in the spar. All said "yes", we want to be sparring. All of the spars were good and I don't happen to remember anyone not sparring correctly...some just were a bit better than others. None of the dogs were nasty or out of control, so congratulations to all in that respect. All dogs were well-behaved during their examinations and I didn't need to excuse any dogs because I was unable to examine or they menaced or attempted to bite me. I think I remember one exhibit with a kink in its tail but for the life of me, I can't remember which one. And while that isn't the end of the world, it's a minor blemish in my mind. Some coats could have been in better condition and that could alter placements on another day.

Continuation of Marg Moran McQuinn critique.

My BOB (and breeder-owner-handled) brindle bitch, had a gorgeous front that took my breath away...it's been a long time since I have touched something like that. She also had a really pretty headpiece with nice eyes; and her femininity was apparent. Very, very low to the ground, good legs, a nice chunky body, great condition, with a gorgeous tail and ears on the spar, and was shown perfectly throughout. Just my kind of Scottie and one that I would have happily taken home with me and bred repeatedly. If you see her at a show, ask to be allowed to go over her front because once you have touched a great front, you will never forget it. Then hopefully you can figure out where that came from, breed to attain it and/or reward it because I don't think we are seeing enough of them throughout the breed these days. It's a quality that is almost lost.

My BW brindle bitch made a very pretty outline, due in no small part to her correctly made body and front assembly, great topline, good size, condition and great attitude. Her handler let her stand on her own and didn't have to get down on her knees to stick her together, which I like to see. I forgave her tail carriage as she did pull it pretty far forward around the other Scotties but like I said...it is better than the alternative, IMO.

My BOS was a handsome, masculine black dog, in gorgeous condition and shown to perfection. I wish I could remember more to say about him but memory fails...I am going to chalk that up to my advancing age and the time gap.

While this may seem like a small thing, to me it is not: I genuinely appreciated the good sportsmanship exhibited across the board. It makes judging and exhibiting more pleasurable and encourages people to stay in the ring for the long haul. We all love our dogs to bits and want them to win but I think it shows maturity when people can appreciate the quality of other dogs in the ring that have defeated them.

On another day, the outcome could be different but that was my opinion on the day and I was very happy with my choices. Thank you for inviting me and for your trust in allowing me to assess your treasured Scotties.

Sweepstakes Judge's Comments, – WSSTC Specialty, Day # 2

Richard Bumstead

What a privilege it was to be asked to judge the Sweepstakes Classes at the WSSTC Specialty on August 13, 2023. And it was such a nice group of puppies, showing the full spectrum of coat colors for the breed! Thank you to all the exhibitors who brought their young dogs to the show.

Overall, the quality of the dogs was really very good. I was especially pleased with numerous aspects of these Scottie puppies: everyone had a correct scissor bite; the proportion of muzzle to skull was equal with a defined stop; nice dark eyes; well positioned and sized ears; rear angulation was evident on all; and even on young puppies I could feel the proper heart shaped rib cage.

Several things I noticed on some dogs that concerned me: numerous puppies were out at the elbows, and I understand some were very young and will experience additional development; a few lacked sufficient drop of chest; others did not have parallel head planes; and I would keep an eye on proportions as they grow, overall balance is key to the breed.

My Best in Sweepstakes was a brindle bitch that was beautifully put together on every aspect, in lovely coat and moved with correct reach and drive. My Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes was a 6-month-old (to the day) wheaten dog, and at that tender age was nicely proportioned and had a really nice headpiece, body, and tail carriage. I really look forward to seeing what these two will do over the next several years.

Again, thank you for the honor to go over these puppies! I really enjoyed the experience.

DNA \$500 & Bladder Cancer \$1000

STCA's Health Trust Awards WSSTC 2 Health Grants

The Washington State Scottish Terrier Club has been awarded two health grants aimed at preserving the breed. The grants were awarded by the Scottish Terrier Club of America's (STCA) Health Trust Fund (HTF).

DNA Grant of \$500

The Health Trust Fund has established a Scottish Terrier DNA Bank with [RESERO GENOMICS](#) in Salt Lake City, UT for the preservation of Scottie DNA, to monitor genetic and genomic data of the breed, and to provide high quality DNA samples for future research and DNA testing to benefit all Scotties. This one-of-a-kind DNA Bank provides a unique opportunity for all Scottie owners to contribute to the body of Scottie genetic data while maintaining control of their own dogs' DNA. The DNA Bank will serve as an important asset for breeders and researchers, both now and in the years to come.

We will hold the clinic in conjunction with our September Clan Picnic. This is a **must attend** event for everyone, all your dogs and all Scottie puppies you have sold.

This grant will pay for:

1. Special PAXGene Collection Tube;
2. A shipping box with label and shipping materials;
3. Application to include with sample submitted to DNA Bank; and
4. A Vet Technician to draw blood samples.

If you cannot attend, we can arrange to have collection kits mailed to you for each Scottie you own, but you will have to pay your veterinarian to collection the sample. There will be a letter for your veterinarian to explain the project.

Bladder Cancer Grant of \$1,000.

Bladder cancer is a very serious health problem. In fact, Scottish terriers are 20 times more likely to develop Transitional Cell Carcinoma (TCC) bladder cancer than other dog breeds, a 2022 Purdue University study indicates. Accordingly, we need to beat this devastating disease and detect it as early as possible.

Research by Professor Melissa Knapp, showed that 27% of Scotties over the age of 6 were found to have early stage TCC – even though there were no outward signs of disease.

Screening consists of an ultrasound examination (about 15 minutes of time) by a qualified veterinarian. Like human breast cancer, colon and rectal cancer, early detection leads to much better outcomes over time. The grant the WSSTC received will pay for the veterinarian to conduct the examinations (by appointment only), the use of equipment and the veterinarian offices.

“You can't wait until your Scottie is straining to urinate, passing bloody urine or acting uncomfortable. By then, it may be too late to do much good at all,” Marcia Dawson, DVA and Chair of the Health Trust said. Screening should be done annually on all Scotties over the age of 6 years.