



Scot's Chatter

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Message from the President:

At the last General Membership meeting, 03/16/2013, nominations from the floor for Officer and Board for 2013/2014 were called. None were presented.

The slate of Officers and Board members for 2013/2014 presented by Gary Stroede and his committee will be presented at the Annual Meeting, Saturday, 04/20. I want to thank the Nomination Committee, Gary Stroede, Susan Jackson, Susan Moloney, for their good work.

Marcia Harbison was accepted into the membership of the STCGD. As a long time Scottie owner she has provided welcome bags for exhibitors attending the 36th Annual Specialty, March 30th.

Christine and Brad Hawley are reapplying for membership in STCGD after purchasing a Scottie puppy. The Hawleys have been active with the Club and we look forward to having them back.

I have enjoyed my tenure as President and appreciate the support and good work of the other Officers, Board members, Committee Chairs, as well as members, who enabled me to accomplish the tasks and goals of the Club.

From the Editor:

Thanks to all the folks who contributed to the March 2013 Scot's Chatter Newsletter. Next issue will be July 31, 2013. Deadline for the July issue submission is July 15, 2013. Go to WWW.STCGD.COM for future activities.

Elayne Snell

NEWS RELEASE

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FAST FACTS ON STCGD SPECIALTY SHOW

Date: Saturday, 30 March 2013
Time: 9:00AM-4:00PM
Place: Wyndham Garden
Dayton South Hotel (I-75 exit 44)
31 Prestige Plaza Drive
Miamisburg, OH 45342
Cost: Free Admission

The Scottish Terrier Club of Dayton 36th annual specialty show

DAYTON, OHIO— "A small dog with a big heart and an ego to match" describes the Scottie to a T. See the best of the breed at the STCGD 36th annual Specialty Show. This is a AKC Championship show where Scotties are invited to participate and earn points toward their championship levels. Judging times on Saturday, March 30, are 9AM to 11PM and 1PM to 3PM. A Parade of Rescue Scotties is held at noon. Friday, March 29, at 5PM is the Puppy Match, where wee Scots start their show careers. In addition to the show, the STCGD has a boutique with unique Scottie items for sale, a silent auction and a raffle. All proceeds go to support the club and its Scottie Rescue organization. We welcome you to attend and get to meet our wonderful Scotties and the people who love them.

About the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Dayton-

The Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Dayton (STCGD) was established in 1973. The mission of the Club is to raise interest and awareness regarding the Scottish Terrier and to support the Scottish Terrier Club of America breed standard. We serve Dayton and surrounding areas and are open to new members. For more information visit www.stcgd.com.



Health and Wellness

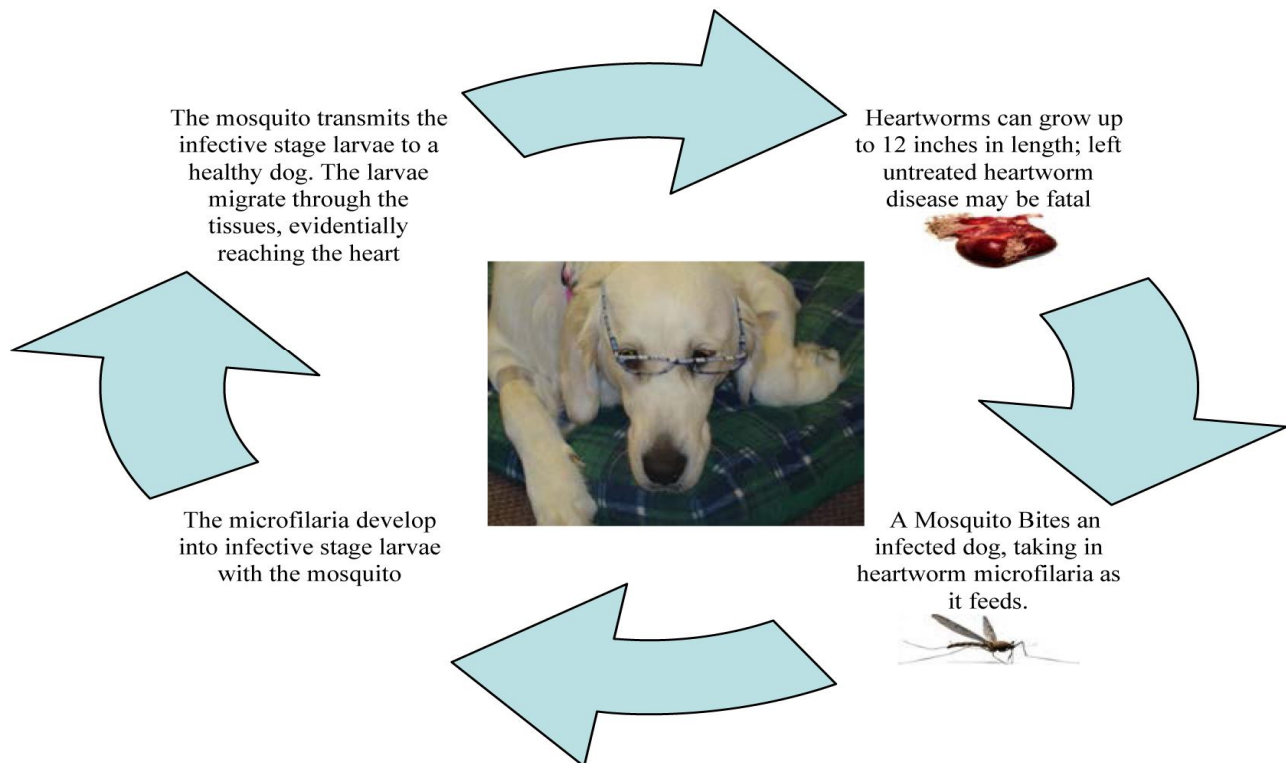
The Facts about Heartworm Disease Dr. Gary Smith

Heartworm disease is a serious disease that results in severe lung disease, heart failure, other organ damage, and death in pets, mainly dogs, cats. It is caused by a parasitic worm called *Dirofilaria immitis*. **The worms** are spread through the bite of a **mosquito**. The dog is the definitive host, meaning that the worms mature into adults, mate, and produce offspring while living inside a dog. The mosquito is the intermediate host, meaning that the worms live inside a mosquito for a short transition period in order to become infective. The worms are called **"heartworms"** because the adults live in the heart, lungs, and associated blood vessels of an infected animal.



Many cases have been reported in Ohio for more than a decade. Ohio clinics report seeing between 5-50 heartworm cases per year. Most frequent areas are near lakes, rivers, heavy wooded areas and even where there are old tires sitting outside.

The Heartworm Lifecycle in Dogs



In an infected dog, adult female heartworms release their offspring, called microfilaria, into the dog's bloodstream. When a mosquito bites the infected dog, the mosquito becomes infected with the microfilaria. Over the next 10 to 14 days and under the right environmental conditions, the microfilaria becomes infective larvae while living inside the mosquito. Microfilaria cannot become infective larvae without first passing through a mosquito. When the infected mosquito bites another dog, the mosquito spreads the infective larvae to the dog through the bite wound. In the newly infected dog, it takes between six and seven months for the infective larvae to mature into adult heartworms. The adult heartworms mate and the females release their offspring into the dog's bloodstream, completing the lifecycle.

Heartworm disease is not contagious, meaning that a dog cannot catch the disease from being near an infected dog. Heartworm disease is only spread through the bite of a mosquito.

Inside a dog, a heartworm's lifespan is five to seven years. Adult heartworms look like strands of cooked spaghetti, ([see picture below](#)) with males reaching about 4 to 6 inches in length and females reaching about 10 to 12 inches in length. The number of worms living inside an infected dog is called the worm burden. The average worm burden in dogs is 15 worms, but that number can range from 1 to 250 worms.



How Is A Dog Tested For Heartworms?

Most common test that we use to check a dog for heartworms is called an antigen test. This blood test detects specific proteins, called antigens, which are released by adult female heartworms into the dog's bloodstream. In most cases, antigen tests can accurately detect infections with one or more adult female heartworms that are at least seven or eight months old, but the tests generally do not detect infections that are less than five months old. There are also tests that detect microfilariae in a dog's bloodstream. Microfilariae in the bloodstream indicate that the dog is infected with adult heartworms (because only adult heartworms can mate and produce microfilariae). Microfilariae can be detected in a dog's bloodstream about six to seven months after it is bitten by an infected mosquito (because six to seven months is the time it takes the heartworms to develop from infective larvae into adults that mate and produce microfilariae).

When Should A Dog Be Tested For Heartworms?

The timing and frequency of heartworm tests depend on many factors. Some of these factors include:

- The dog's age when heartworm prevention is started;
- If the owner forgot to give heartworm prevention and for how long;
- If the dog is switched from one type of heartworm prevention to another;
- If the dog recently traveled to an area where heartworm disease is more common
- The length of the heartworm season in the region where the dog lives.

Dogs older than six to seven months of age should be tested for heartworms before starting heartworm prevention. A dog may appear healthy on the outside, but on the inside, heartworms may be living and thriving. Although they may shorten the lifespan of the worms, heartworm preventives do not kill adult heartworms. **If a heartworm-positive dog is not tested before starting a preventive, the dog will remain infected with adult heartworms until it gets sick enough to show symptoms.** Also, giving a heartworm preventive to a dog that has an adult heartworm infection may be harmful or deadly. If microfilariae are in the dog's bloodstream, the preventive may cause the microfilariae to suddenly die, triggering a shock-like reaction and possibly death in some dogs. We recommend to have your dog heartworm tested every 2 years if the preventative is given year around.

What Are The Symptoms Of Heartworm Disease In A Dog?

Symptoms of heartworm disease may not be obvious in dogs that have low worm burdens, have been recently infected, or are not very active. Dogs that have heavy worm burdens, have been infected for a long time, or are very active often show obvious symptoms of heartworm disease. Many times there are **NO** symptoms till it is too late that usually heartworm test is impeditive There are four classes, or stages, of heartworm disease. The higher the class, the worse the disease and the more obvious the symptoms.

- Class 1: No symptoms or mild symptoms such as an occasional cough.
- Class 2: Mild to moderate symptoms such as an occasional cough and tiredness after moderate activity.
- Class 3: General loss of body condition, a persistent cough, and tiredness after mild activity. Trouble breathing and signs of heart failure are common. For class 2 and 3 heartworm disease, heart and lung changes are usually seen on chest x-rays.
- Class 4: Also called caval syndrome. There is such a heavy worm burden that blood flowing back to the heart is physically blocked by a large mass of worms. Caval syndrome is life-threatening and quick surgical removal of the heartworms is the only treatment option. The surgery is risky, and even with surgery, most dogs with caval syndrome die.

**Not all dogs with heartworm disease develop caval syndrome. However, if left untreated, heartworm disease will progress and damage the dog's heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys, eventually causing death.*

The Best Treatment Is Prevention!

Year-round prevention is best! My dog is on heartworm medicine all year around; this benefit protects your pet from the killer heartworm. I recommend that your pet is tested every two years even if you have your pet on heartworm meds all year long. And remember to watch your pet swallow their pill sometime they may spit it out. Come see us to discuss and to decide which preventative is best for your dog or cat.

A Dog's Last Will & Testament

Before humans die, they write their last will and testament, give their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give my happy home; my bowl and cozy bed, soft pillow and all my toys; the lap, which I loved so much; the hand that stroked my fur; and the sweet voice that spoke my name.

I'd will to the sad, scared shelter dog the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

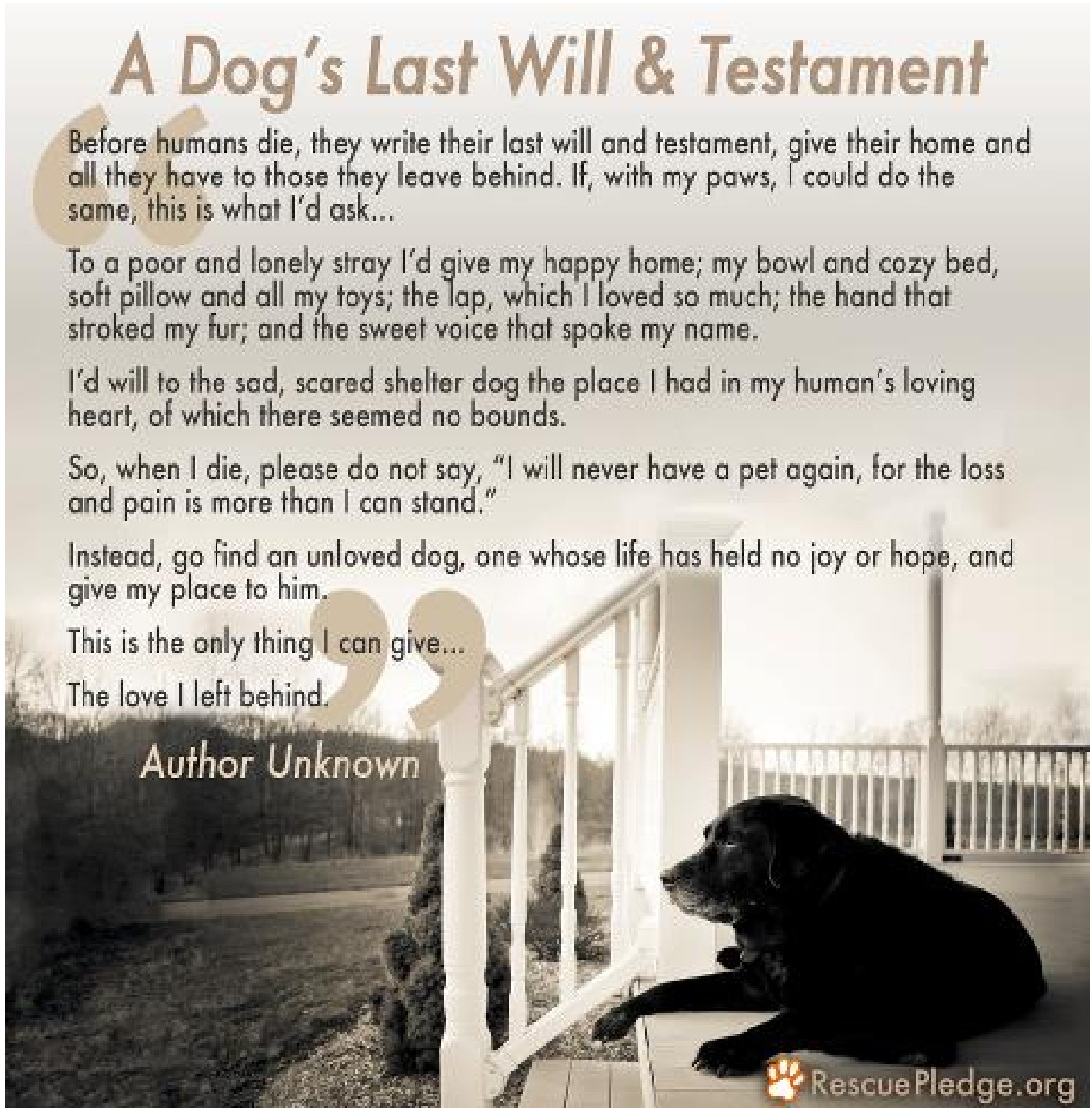
So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope, and give my place to him.

This is the only thing I can give...

The love I left behind.

Author Unknown



 RescuePledge.org

Happy Tails Short Stories – Inspirational

Bo: Separation Anxiety – Chapter 5

During Bo's first week with us, we managed our schedules so that one of us was at home with him at all times. We enjoyed watching him relish his newfound freedom. He galloped across the yard to pounce on a thrown ball, carried it with one cheek slobbered over the side, and strutted back only to tease us and turn away.

He sat with us on the couch and let us snack without begging for a bite. He never growled or showed any signs of aggression when we played with him, tugged on his toys, or placed a hand near his food bowl. He was a combination of all the good traits of all our dogs in the last thirty years.

Bo even conducted "bed check" to make sure we were still there when the lights were turned off. He came to my side of the bed and nudged my elbow. "I'm here, Bo." Then he went around to the other side to nudge Earl's elbow. "I'm here too! Bo."

Comforted by our presence, he went to his bed nearby and slept there all night. That was Bo's nightly routine for months until he believed in our faithfulness to be where he hoped we would be. Some nights he even slept in the bed with us to make sure.

Bo loved us so much he followed us from room to room and curled up to sleep wherever we were. His symptoms of separation anxiety--a panic response to being separated from us--started out so subtly that we didn't even notice. After all, we adopted him to be a companion dog, and he certainly lived up to his job title.

Although he'd been crate-trained at Christi's, we didn't have a crate, so the first time I left Bo alone I put him in the bathroom where to clean-up, if needed, would be easier. Then I secured a gate in place instead of closing the door. When I returned thirty minutes later I found Bo sound asleep on the living couch. He had knocked down the gate, trotted down the hall, and lifted all the floor length blinds in the living room to look outside for me.

Then we discovered Bo had a problem with any barrier that kept him away from us. Outdoors, when we worked in the outer yard and left him inside the fence, Bo ran up and down the fence barking and trying to bite through the chain links. Indoors, when I put him in the bathroom with a gate, he knocked down the gate to reach us. When we bought a crate, he turned it over and escaped out the bottom, then chewed through the wires of another one. But when I left him in the bathroom with the door closed, full blown madness possessed his kind and gentle soul.

I returned to find the bathroom floor littered with splinters, paint chips, cosmetics, prescriptions, and clothes. Everything that had hung on the back of my door was ripped to shreds. He scratched the paint off the door and door jamb, gnawed to splinters the entire width of the bottom of the solid wood door, and scraped the wallpaper off the wall

next to the door. Then he grabbed a tray on the back of the countertop, yanked it to the floor, and chewed up my makeup bag.

He stripped and shredded a roll of toilet paper, pulled the blinds down off the window, and excreted two huge piles which he stepped in and smeared all over the floor, walls, door, bath towels, and blinds. And after all of that, he somehow opened the door, jumped on our bed, and collapsed from the exhaustion. He continued to snore while I examined the carnage.

Was I angry? Yes, but only over the circumstances of his former life that had brought him to this point. We felt nothing but love and compassion for this poor, pitiful pup. We knew that he had acted out of fear of losing the love he'd finally found, and we vowed to love him and care for him the rest of his days.

Bo continued to follow me from room to room and sleep at my feet wherever I was. I started leaving him for briefs periods of time, often standing just right outside the door, to desensitize him to being separated from me. Our only concern was where to leave him when both of us were gone.

After much discussion on how to solve the problem we theorized that because we always found him sound asleep on the couch or on our bed after each escape, he might be more comfortable with free reign of the house instead of limiting his freedom. As a test case I left him alone in the house for thirty minutes.

In my absence Bo separated the blinds to peek out, pulled a bag of muffins off the counter in the kitchen, and turned on the stove.

Those were problems we could handle. We removed food from the countertops and threw the switch to the stove every time we left so our counter-surfing spaniel wouldn't accidentally burn down the house.

After that, Bo slept or paced in our absence. When we returned, we always heard his soft, mournful moan until the key turned in the lock. The instant the door opened and he saw us, his countenance turned to pure, hyperventilating joy.

Bo threw his head back and sang, wooooo-woo-woo which I interpreted to mean, "I am not alone for my master is with me."

I know how Bo feels. Don't you?

My anxiety turns to unabashed joy when I'm in the presence of my Master. It's the joy of knowing that I still have His love, mercy, and forgiveness regardless of the mess I have made. In His presence I find what we're all looking for:

Joy beyond measure,
Rest for my soul,
And the love of my Master
To make me whole.

Bo knocked down gates, opened doors, and escaped cages to get closer to his master. Aren't you glad that nothing can separate us from ours?

Linda Hultin Winn

For he(Jesus) himself is our peace.. and has destroyed the barrier.
Ephesians 2:14 NIV

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 38-39

Bo: Harnessed, Not Shackled – Chapter 6

Bo's raspy, muffled bark clearly told us he had trachea damage from all those years of pulling against the chain that bound him to a tree. Every time he walked on a leash, he remembered those days and continued to pull, further aggravating his throat. So we measured the depth of his chest and bought him a harness to use instead of a collar.

The minute his collar was removed, Bo shook all over, threw his head back, and pursed his lips in praise.

Woo-woo-woo-o-o-o!

The shackles were gone.

Then together Bo and I figured out how to dress him in his new blue harness. Relieved of the pressure of a collar against his throat, Bo shook the harness into a comfortable position and pranced around the room. His harness stretched across his strong chest and shoulders, eliminated further damage to his throat, and gave it an opportunity to heal. It also allowed Bo to cut more of the mental ties of bondage to the past. His leash attached to a ring on the top of his harness and shifted the pressure from his throat to his shoulders. The more we walked together, the more he realized he was tethered to me in a bond of love.

Slowly he began to respond. When he heard me pick up his leash, saw me kneel down to his level, and open my arms to him, he learned that "Come" meant reward, not punishment. He knew that even though he voluntarily let himself be tethered again, I was right there to lead him on to a new adventure. His leash became to him the tie that bound us together and allowed Bo the freedom to walk with his master.

That's what the Lord has done for us. He has broken our bondage to past sins and guilt and tethered us to Himself in a bond of love that is no longer painful, injurious, or isolating. And we know that when we hear His voice in our spirit say "Come," we have received an invitation to walk with our Master in freedom.

Linda Hultin Winn

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:1

Rescue News

What's going on in Rescue -

Life got a bit more hectic in March. Sammie, the 18 month old Scot who had been in at least four homes (counting the Greene Co shelter) in his short life, found another, forever home on March 9. His adopter, Cathy, has been a dog owner for 30 years and was lonely when her last Scottie passed away this past winter.

She contacted STCGD Rescue, and decided that Sammie was the guy for her. As she lives in Chagrin Falls, getting Sammie and Cathy together required coordinated planning. Marcie & Bruce Kelsey picked him up from Cheryl Saturday morning and drove the first leg of his journey, to Jennifer Jones Carver in Columbus. Jennifer took him to Mansfield, where Cathy and a friend met them at the highway rest stop, to take him home. For those who have heard the stories of Sammie's exploits, let us just say that he blazed another memorable trail across the state. Cathy reports that she is thrilled to have Sammie in her life and that she is taking him to obedience school at Canine University.

On March 10th, a 2 1/2 year-old Scot named Fletcher was surrendered by his family. Although they obviously loved him, he was too rough playing with their young children and rather than risk an incident, decided to re-home him.

He has food-guarding issues that his foster mom's Scotties have already corrected and would make a great companion for a single person or a couple. He is a smart good-looking, and big boy at 30 pounds. He is posted on the STCGD website. A potential adopter has been contacted.

Ohio Senate Bill 130 takes effect in March. Large volume or commercial dog breeders, producing for sale at least nine litters or 60 dogs each year, are now subject to an annual licensing and inspection process. How does this affect STCGD? Rescue groups are required to register with the Ohio Department of Agriculture (there is no fee).

The foster homes listed on our registration application COULD be subject to inspection IF a complaint should be made. Neither Melanie nor Cheryl have any issue with this; they are the fosters who will be listed on the initial registration. There have been an increasing number of 'rescues' in the news lately, mostly well-meaning people without a support system or resources who became overwhelmed.

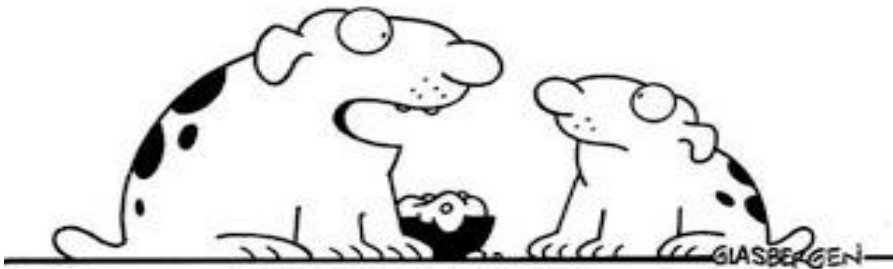
Cheryl's cousin, Dr. Lisa Nadasi, DVM, has been the triage veterinarian in three of these cases, involving 200 to 400 dogs (living and dead) in each instance. These are sickening episodes that SB 130 gives redress while protecting the reputations of effective rescue programs such as STCGD's.

Thanks and a hearty ARROOO from Scotties in need, and from those who have all they need.

Cheryl Bates.



DOG MATH



"If I have 3 bones and Mr. Jones takes away 2, how many fingers will he have left?"

Raising Duncan by Chris Browne





The Cincinnati Scotty Friends, 30th Anniversary Scottie Collectors Convention will be on June 15th , 2013. If you are interested, contact Gary Moore at CincinnatiScottyFriends@fuse.net or call Gary Moore at 513-777-8134.

