



# Scott's Chatter

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**Message from the President:**

Hi Everyone,

Hope that you had a good Christmas and New Year. We will be hosting the STCA rotating along with our 40th anniversary show.

The theme for our show is Mardi Paws. There are a lot of activities scheduled for this weekend so I hope you plan on attending has many has you can.

The events will run from Friday March 31 to Sunday the 2nd of April.

Look at our website to see the events schedule. It's going to be a busy weekend for our club. We will do an excellent job has always.

If you have any suggestions for the club as far as activities or events for this year please contact the board or officers and make your suggestions.

I am looking forward to another great year.

God bless everyone and their pups.

Gary

**From the Editor:**

Thanks to all the folks who contributed to the January Scot's Chatter Newsletter. Next issue will be March 30, 2017. Deadline for the March issue submission is March 15, 2017.

**Reminder:** Go to [WWW.STCGD.COM](http://WWW.STCGD.COM) for future activities.

Elayne Snell

Let the Good Times Roll!

## STCA 2017 National Rotating Specialty & Events

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### Mark your calendars and get ready to party!

#### Friday, March 31st

Plan to attend for an afternoon  
of activities leading up to the  
annual STCGD Puppy Match with  
Judge: Robin Geppert!

Followed by Hospitality and the  
fabulous Top 20 event with  
Mystery Judges!

#### Saturday, April 1st

The STCA welcomes you to the annual  
Rotating Specialty event!

Jr. Showmanship Judge: Daniel Fabelo  
Sweepstakes Judge: Cheryl Jennings  
Regular Class Judge: Laurie Herd, UK

The STCA/STCGD annual banquet will follow  
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#### Sunday, April 2nd

The STCGD welcomes you to our  
40th Anniversary Celebration  
Specialty!

Sweepstakes Judge: Dorene Cross  
Regular Class Judge: Robert Hutton

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# *Happy Tails Short Stories – Inspirational*

## Do Dogs Go to Heaven? – Chapter 29

As a dog lover, you've probably had to have one of your beloved pets put to sleep. We have too. Our first dog, Augie, a pointer, was fourteen when our vet had to put him down. I made my husband take him, because emotionally I couldn't handle it. But Earl had a hard time dealing with it too. He came back from that experience saying, "I can't do that again. If it's got to be done, you are going to have to do it."

From then on, the responsibility for easing the passing of our dogs fell squarely on my shoulders. Each one of our beloved pets gave me too much joy to abandon them to the vet to die alone; so each one died in my arms knowing they were loved, and each one received a proper burial in a place of honor in one of my gardens.

I've been asked many times, "do dogs go to heaven when they die?" The simple answer is, I don't know. That's one of the mysteries God chose not to reveal to us in His Word. But He did reveal to us that heaven is a real place, and people who believe in His son will inherit eternal life and go to heaven when they die.

Jesus said, "In My Father's house there are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" Today Jesus sits in heaven at the right hand of God the Father waiting to call us home. When the day comes that we enter to the other side of eternity, we'll know if our dogs are romping and playing in heaven. Until then, I hope they are. We just buried Bo under a dogwood tree in the backyard. An undiagnosed problem caused a slow-moving but full body paralysis one night. And just as Jesus promised me, "I will never leave you or forsake you," I never left Bo's side. I slept with him all night, called a mobile vet to come out early the next morning, and held him as he breathed his last.

While I don't know if Bo is romping and playing in heaven with all my other dogs, I do know that God has promised to comfort me in my grief and wipe every tear from my eyes. I know that He promised to make all things new one day. And I know that all creation waits to be liberated from the bondage of decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

And there is one more thing I know. I know that Bo has eternal life, because his spirit lives on in my heart.

Linda Hultin Winn

In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.  
(Jos 12:19 NIV)

## A New Day – Chapter 30

With a summer of drought and Bo's illness, the dogs and I had not gone canoeing or kayaking at all. Our dock had been out of water all summer due to lack of rain. Even the backs of docks on deep water rested on the shore. So a month after Bo's death, Mac and I launched the canoe for the first time all summer. We put in at the neighborhood boat ramp and looked forward to a time of renewal, restoration, and moving on.

Once we were underway, Mac immediately moved to the front of the canoe to get the first look at each leaf that floated by. It was good to see the wag of his tail leading the way to new adventures of our own. Mac enjoyed being top dog. A slight breeze, blue sky, and water slapping against the hull refreshed by spirit. We rounded point nine passing close to the shore. I looked for fish hiding under the rock shelves, and Mac leaned over the gunnels to examine old tree stumps with root spread out like an octopus hugging the lake bottom. Ten minutes later, we reached out neighbor's dock. He said we could use it for a while. As I tied up to a cleat, I noticed water in back of the canoe and couldn't remember enough splashing or dripping to accumulate that much. I thought the plug might be worn out, so Pete, the neighborhood mariner, came over to take a look.

We turned the canoe around and pulled the transom up on the shore. Pete examined the plug the put it back in. A minute later he said, "It' not the plug. You've got a leak in the boat." He pointed to small ripples where the hull met the transom. "Look right here." "Yep, I'll have to take it out of the water. Can we make it around the point?" "Yeah, but stay close to the shore. I'll call Earl and tell him to meet you at the ramp." Mac jumped back in the canoe, and we shoved off. I prayed, *Lord please don't let the water pressure cause a leak big enough to sink us.*

Mac had his life jacket on, and I out mine back on. As we rounded the point I prayed, "Let me not sink, let me be delivered from...out of the deep waters"(Psalm 69:14 NKJV) Mac wasn't worried about sinking, and after praying, I wasn't either. Then, with the ramp in full view, we could see Earl in the distance. He already had the trailer in the water waiting to receive our disabled canoe. So our first boating adventure of the summer ended with a leak in the stern and a limp into port. After Earl pulled the canoe onto the trailer and out of the water, he examined the leak, poking and prodding with his finger until the fiberglass gave way to reveal a one-inch gaping hole that most certainly would have sunk us had it given way. We ended our journey knowing that a season of our lives has come to an end.

Looking back, we've has good times in that old canoe, but now that it's in dry dock to have all her dings and scrapes repaired, I've decided to sell it. That season of our lives has ended, and a new one is beginning to bud.

I'm content walking along the lake shore with Mac. He swims and walks a few steps, then looks up at me to be sure I'm still there. His docked tail wagging in the water spins like small propeller and creates ripples of joy as we move on to new adventures and God's promise of a new day coming.

Linda Hultin Winn

# **Health and Wellness**

## **Will My Dog Get Sick If He Eats Bugs?**

Does your dog hunt bugs? You'd think he'd go for bigger prey, but plenty of dogs, small and large alike, enjoy snacking on a nice, crunchy June bug or other insect.

Whether you have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel or a Labrador Retriever, the motion of a crawling beetle, wiggly worm or flying insect is sure to catch your dog's attention and activate his prey drive. Dogs have been known to eat flies, moths, grasshoppers, crickets and stink bugs, to name just a few.

I can't tell you the number of times I get calls from worried pet owners, concerned because their dogs have munched down bugs. The idea gives most of us a queasy tummy, and we're likely to avoid that dog's kisses for a while, but in most cases, eating a grasshopper or some termites won't harm your dog and can even add a little protein to his diet. Think of bugs as the canine equivalent of corn chips.

Not surprisingly, though, there are exceptions. Some bugs are toxic when eaten or can pass on parasites to your pooch. And as with plants, the most colorful insects have the greatest likelihood of toxicity. Here's what you should know.

### **Bug Overload**

June bugs aren't toxic, but if your dog eats a lot of them, he could get an upset stomach, accompanied by vomiting and diarrhea.

Stink bugs taste nasty, according to people who have accidentally ingested them. They aren't necessarily toxic, but their bitter exudate can cause your dog to drool or vomit if he bites into one.

Sometimes a large number of bugs go down the canine hatch. They can form a bezoar — a hard mass — in the stomach that is unable to pass through the digestive tract. It may need to be removed surgically.

### **Burns and Venom**

Asian lady beetles may look harmless, but they can cause severe chemical burns in a dog's mouth and gastrointestinal tract if eaten. In one case, 16 of the beetles became embedded in a dog's palate and had to be removed by hand. Another dog died after ingesting several dozen of them.

Caterpillars seem innocuous as well, but they can be big trouble on a number of fronts. Monarch butterfly caterpillars feed on milkweed, which contains cardiac glycoside poisons that can affect dogs who ingest the pretty striped butterfly larvae.

Some caterpillars are known to sting or inject venom. They include the saddleback caterpillar, notable for its pair of horns with spines; the monkey slug caterpillar, which has stinging hairs and frequents orchards; and the cottony-looking puss moth caterpillar, which looks soft but has venomous spines that are extremely painful on contact.

Dogs who ingest venomous spiders, such as black widows or brown recluses, can become seriously ill or die if the eight-legged predators bite them back. Bees or wasps may sting the mouth, causing pain and swelling.

Large flying insects, such as tarantula hawks, are often attractive to dogs with an interest in birds, but don't let your playful Spaniel or other bird dog go after one. These spiderlike wasps hunt tarantulas — hence their name — and their sting is among the most painful of any insect.

### **Parasite Load**

Some bugs carry parasites: Your dog can pick up stomach worms from eating beetles, cockroaches and crickets, and ingesting fleas can lead to tapeworm infections.

A tendency to eat bugs is one good reason to keep your dog on parasite prevention year-round. If you're bugged by your dog's snack habits, keep insects at bay by mowing and raking your lawn regularly to reduce leaf litter and other debris.

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## **Rescue News**

We haven't had any more Scotties seeking forever homes to rescue. Our total for 2016 was four; so there are enough to make a parade at the Rotating (although just ask any Scottie - one is enough to bring out the ticker tape)!

Denni Marshall has been working on a rescue focused FaceBook page for STCGD. It is accessible if you search for it but it has not yet gone 'live'.

Because of the slow-down in need for our original purpose, I will be soliciting ideas to revise our rescue mission, in order to keep it fresh, effective and proactive. Please be thinking about ways to affect positive change.

Arrooo for now!

Cheryl Bates

# Raising Duncan by Chris Browne

