



# Scott's Chatter

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**Message from the President:**

Hello again Club members.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work and support this year. I think this is a great club. It is a great club because of our members that give so much time and effort.

With every year there are sad and happy times. We need to grieve those sad times and rejoice with the happy ones. I look forward to getting together with fellow Scottie lovers this year.

Planning on having a good time at our 39<sup>th</sup> specialty. This year it will be at the Hope Hotel at Wright Patterson AFB. It is a lot of work, but I know we will do a fantastic job again this year.

Thank you for the privilege and honor to be your president. God bless you and all your Scots.

Gary Stroede

**From the Editor:**

Thanks to all the folks who contributed to the March Scot's Chatter Newsletter. Next issue will be July 30, 2016. Deadline for the July issue submission is July 15, 2016.

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

Elayne Snell

The Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Dayton, Inc. Presents  
*39th Annual Specialty Show (unbenched) AKC Specialty  
and Sweepstakes Event*

STRUTTIN' SCOTTIES  
DIXIELAND  
STYLE



Hope Hotel and Richard C Holbrooke Conference  
Center 10823 Chidlaw Rd., Area A, Gate 12/12a  
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433-5000

Saturday, April 2, 2016 (Entries Close Wednesday,  
March 16, 2016)

**Puppy Match Judge: Rose Shacklett.**

**Sweepstakes Judge: Nancy Hurren.**

**Regular Class Judge: Charlotte Patterson**

<http://www.stcgd.com/Specialty2016.html>

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# **Celebrate Life – In The Nursery**



Congratulations to Bill and Judy Pool – Annie and her puppies.  
Born 12/28/2015 Anstamm Maryscot Sharpshooter ( Annie ) bred to Ch. Ravenraig Iron Chief (Boxer ) and Annie had 4 puppies 1 boy 3 girls  
They are about 8 weeks in the photo.





Congratulations to Gary and Kim Stroede – Parents Hannah and Maximus.  
Nine puppies were born on January 10, 2016



***Pure Puppy Love***

# *Happy Tails Short Stories – Inspirational*

## The Gate Is Closing – Chapter 24

A couple of weeks after Mac got used to being fenced in, I began letting him run for a few minutes before breakfast. It was the only free run he was allowed. I knew he wouldn't be gone longer than five minutes. He didn't want to miss a meal. But one morning Mac scoured the shoreline of the cove while I stood at the back gate calling him.

"Mac? Come. Here, Mac"

He bounded halfway up the hill and stopped.

"Good boy, Mac. Come on. Let's go to the house." I said.

He looked at me, and then looked back at the lake. I didn't know whether he'd rather feed his belly or his instinct to hunt, but I hadn't won him over yet, so I softened my voice.

"Mac, come on, buddy.

He took another step in my direction, and then he looked back at the lake again.

While he was still trying to decide whether to follow my call or to follow the call of the wild, I spoke his name once more.

"Come on, Mac," I said. "The gate is closing."

His eyes widened as he watched my hand pull the gate toward me. Then with a sudden burst of energy, mac sprinted inside before being completely shut out.

As we walked to the house I thought, *we humans are just like Mac*. We stand on the edge of eternity not knowing when that narrow gate will close, but one thing we know for sure, the date will close. So today we have to make the same decision Mac had to make. Will we follow the Good Master home or will follow the ways of the world.

Jesus said,

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying Lord, Lord, open for us, and He will answer and say to you, I do not know you, where you are from... There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out."

Luke 13:24-25, 28

Today while the gate is still open, Jesus urges us, "Come follow Me."

But one day Jesus will step out on a cloud and call His followers to the home He has prepared for us. People will come from all points of the globe to feast in the kingdom of God. Will you be among them? Will you have made the only decision that matters during your life here on earth?

The gate is closing now. Do you feel the urgency for deciding? Mac did. He sprinted to be inside the gate with his master. How will you respond?

Linda Hultin Winn

## Pay Careful Attention – Chapter 25

The dogs and I returned from our evening canoe ride. I held onto the side of the dock and said, "Okay, guys, Get out."

Bo stared at me, panting, with that dumb "who, me?" look on his face that is common to Springers. He loves canoeing. He's always the first one in and the last one to get out, while Mac just jumps joyously from one event to the next with eager anticipation of what life has to offer. But at that moment, Mac's attention riveted on a floating leaf.

"Get out," I repeated.

Both ignored my second command, too. They like to be where I am, and since I was still in the canoe, they were going to stay put. Realizing that, I stepped out of the canoe and tied it to a cleat on the dock, Mac followed me.

The powerful push of his back legs catapulted the canoe out of my reach, yanked the rope out of my hand, and set Bo adrift to the far side of the cove.

If Bo had paid attention and jumped out when I told him, he would have been safe with me on the dock instead of drifting along, tossed by every wave.

The canoe finally floated to the opposite shore. I walked around to the other side of the cove, waded into the water, and stepped back into the canoe.

As I paddled back to the dock, I thought about the times I've gotten in to trouble because I didn't pay attention. Like Mac and Bo, I hear what I want to hear and ignore the rest. Do you do that? And yet, the Good Master's directions to us are so simple.

Listen and obey. I need to be so attuned to God's voice that I'm listening for it before He speaks; because if I'm not listening, I might not hear it at all. So I must pay more careful attention, too, lest I become influenced by the prevailing wind of thought or the next new theory about God, or someone else trying to push me in another direction. How about you? Isn't it time we paid attention? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will perfect out faith if we don't drift away from Him.

Linda Hultin Winn

*Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth.*

Psalm 86:11



# **Health and Wellness**

## ***Are You Brushing Your Dog's Teeth wrong?***

In honor of Dental Health Month, we need to spotlight the at-home dental care task that many pet owners (and even some vets) are guilty of rarely — or barely — doing: brushing their dog's teeth. Unfortunately, periodontal disease affects most dogs by the time they are 3 years old. Thankfully, one of the best ways to help battle dental disease is to learn how to best take care of your dog's teeth.

### **You're using human toothpaste.**

It may seem easier to squeeze out a dollop of your own toothpaste on your dog's toothbrush, but you absolutely shouldn't do it. Many human toothpastes contain xylitol, a sugar substitute that is toxic to dogs. Even if your toothpaste doesn't contain xylitol, dogs can swallow foaming agents, which could lead to stomach upset. As for toothpaste alternatives like baking soda, those aren't safe bets either, since baking soda can upset the acid balance in your pet's stomach. You should only brush your dog's teeth with toothpaste formulated for dogs. Another great reason to use dog toothpaste? It's usually flavored with something pooches actually enjoy, like beef or chicken.

### **You're not praising or rewarding him.**

It can take time for dogs to warm up to the idea of letting someone stick a toothbrush with toothpaste on it in their mouth. Rewarding him with extra treats and praise may help. Showing your frustration or punishing him will not. The key is to take things slow. Start off by letting him sniff the toothbrush and taste the toothpaste. Then get him used to having his mouth touched. Eventually work your way up to actually brushing his teeth. This may take a few weeks, so you'll have to be patient.

Just remember to reward and praise him along the way. If you ever think that your dog is going to bite you, stop what you're doing immediately and ask your veterinarian how to best care for his teeth.

### **You're not brushing your dog's teeth consistently.**

Ideally, you should brush your dog's teeth every day. That's right: every day. Why is this necessary? The plaque that leads to dental disease can recolonize on the tooth surface in as little as 24 hours after a dental cleaning, so brushing every few days won't be as effective. Remember: The key to getting your dog to accept getting his teeth brushed is to be patient and to give him plenty of rewards and praise.

## **You're ignoring signs of dental disease.**

Brushing your dog's teeth is a great way to keep track of his oral health. If you notice any changes like bad breath, yellow-brown tartar, inflamed gums, bleeding gums, unusual growths, pawing at the mouth, difficulty chewing or excessive drooling, you need to take him to the veterinarian. Those could all be signs of dental disease (or other oral problems) and should not be ignored.

## **You've never gotten his teeth professionally cleaned.**

Even for the most diligent owner, brushing your adult dog's teeth every day isn't enough to stave off dental disease. That's why your veterinarian may recommend a professional cleaning. During this procedure, your vet will remove the tartar buildup that brushing can't and may recommend dental X-rays to check for hidden signs of disease under the gum line and in the bones.

## ***Why Your Pets Seek You Out When Something's Wrong***

We probably all remember Aesop's fable about Androcles removing a thorn from a lion's paw and being rewarded later on when the lion saves his life. But do animals really come to us when they're hurting? The answer is often yes, although we don't always realize it.

I have to admit, I was blind to pets presenting themselves to a human caretaker for help until I was in the process of writing *The Healing Power of Pets* in 2000. That's a little embarrassing coming from not just a pet lover but a veterinarian who is trained to look past the obvious and see what lies beneath. What I learned changed my dog's life and made me a better veterinarian and pet owner.

## **Actions Speak Loudly**

As part of the research for my book, I traveled to Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine to interview integrative medicine expert Narda Robinson, DVM. With a dog in front of us on the floor of an exam room, she told me how dogs and cats will lick or rub areas that hurt or are inflamed, just as we might rub our own sore shoulder.

When I went back home to Idaho, she suggested I should start observing my pets to see if they were rubbing certain areas of their bodies on the couch or licking a particular area.

“You don’t really even need to catch them in the act,” she said. “Just look for areas where the fur is roughed up from rubbing or licking. When you see the spots, feel them. You typically find that they are warmer from inflammation than surrounding tissues.”

When I asked her what to do after I saw the sore areas and felt the inflammation, she advised gently massaging those spots, using a gentle, steady touch and avoiding bony prominences. Most importantly, never hold pets against their will. (And if a pet is coming to you with a sore spot, it is crucial that you find out what the underlying cause is.)

I filed Dr. Robinson's advice away, not realizing how soon it would come in handy.

## **Eyes Wide Open**

A few days after I got home, I was working at my desk, pounding away on the keyboard like a woodpecker, when our elderly Wire Fox Terrier, Scooter, came up the stairs to the loft where I write and over to my desk to be petted. I looked down, and I could see that the fur over her left hip was roughed up.

I took my hands off the keyboard and put them on that spot, and I could feel the heat. I started massaging Scooter as Dr. Robinson had instructed, and soon Scooter was groaning with delight.

For the next week, at least twice a day, our beloved 12-year-old girl would seek me out (at my desk, on the toilet, you name it) and would back up to me for a massage. I could almost hear a sound like those warning beeps trucks make when they drive in reverse. I'd start massaging, and Scooter would push up into my hands and almost purr with relief.

After about a week, I took Scooter to North Idaho Animal Hospital and radiographed her hips. Eureka! She had hip dysplasia in her left hip joint. Looking back over the past several years, I realized she would present that area to be petted or rubbed first and for the longest. But I had ignored her communication with me.

From then on, I started watching our other pets much more closely, and I saw the same type of behavior. On one occasion, our Lab, Sirloin, gave me his foot, because he had a cheatgrass awn embedded in it. I heard from other pet owners about their experiences, too. Their pets come to them with cut pads, broken toenails, arthritic pain or stomach upset, lifting a paw, rolling over or just wanting to be extra close to their faithful humans. How special is that, that our animals trust us so much?

The human-animal bond is a wonderful thing in and of itself. But once we learn to go deeper and read our pets’ actions more clearly, it binds us even more strongly. That’s good for all of us, pets and people alike.

# *Jacques Rescues Annabelle*

**January 2016, BOSTON** -- A Scottish terrier, Annabelle, owes her life to the quick thinking of her canine companion, Jacques. Earlier this week, the elderly owner of the dogs had a medical issue. During the confusion, the dogs ran off into the woods.

Orange Police Officer Chris Bisceglia found Jacques, but Annabelle was still missing. Then Jacques sent a message that led rescuers right to Annabelle -- just like a real-life Lassie.

"He'd bark. He'd come toward me and then he'd run away. And he continued to do this," Bisceglia said.

"I got close enough and I ended up hearing the female terrier was down the embankment stuck on a downed tree and she was trapped surrounded by water.

And it was all ice, a steep embankment so she couldn't get back up."

Once they found Annabelle, fire rescue crews scooped her up, but they couldn't have done it without Jacques.

Animal Control Officer Jennifer Arsenault said Jacques deserves all the credit.

"It doesn't surprise me. Especially dogs that have been together for a long time, they become very bonded with each other and they're very intelligent," she said. "People don't give dogs half the credit they deserve."

Both dogs are doing well and staying with animal control until their owner is well enough to return to her home.



# Raising Duncan by Chris Browne



