



Scots Chatter

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A Warm Welcome!

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What a busy fall with the earthdog and barn hunt demonstration, meet the breeds, a fun dog day, bladder cancer scans and the Christmas party! From what I heard and observed everyone attending these events had a great time. The bladder cancer scan may not have had a great time, but at least left with the information they came to receive. The Christmas party was so much fun. Arlene is definitely our party person! She comes up with the best games to play. Thank you Arlene! Hopefully, everyone had a chance to enjoy the holidays, visit with friends and family and rest up.

We start the year off with a meeting at the MCL, Jan. 20. Pandy will be giving us some important information on first aid kits and what should go in them! The Feb. 17 meeting will be at the MCL.

We don't have a theme for this year's Specialty. If you have an idea for a theme and easy table decorations please let us know! Everyone needs to get rested up for the upcoming Spring and our two day Specialty. It's a lot of work, but it's so rewarding! If you haven't signed up to work, then we need your help!!! It's a good way to participate and get to know the members of the club. We need people to donate food/water either Friday or Saturday for lunches, people to work the boutique, and people to sell chuck a duck ducks. Don't forget we will have setup and decorating on Friday and takedown on Saturday. Each family is supposed to donate three items for the boutique. Arlene is looking forward to new things, already priced, to sell this year.

So much to do, so little time! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and the Specialty!

Marcia Harbison, President

Specialty Weekend 2024!

Everyone is invited to attend our upcoming show weekend on March 29 and 30, 2024. We will return to the Dayton Dog Training Club Facility again this year. The Show Chairs will be Pam Williams on Saturday for the annual Specialty and Marcia Dawon and Barb Zink as Show Chairs for the Premier Specialty on Friday. Lisa Ball and Foy Trent are the Show Secretaries.

We are asking each member to participate in some way. The club will provide hospitality at no charge to guests. Please let us know if you will donate food toward this effort. We will offer a light lunch on Friday for workers that come in Friday morning to set up and to any exhibitors that arrive around that time. Saturday morning, we will provide a few breakfast items and coffee and then there will be lunch open to all members and guests. Last year we had a wonderful spread for lunch that everyone enjoyed very much. If members would bring food to share at one or more of these meals that would be wonderful. Please let our hospitality contact know which meal and what you will bring so we have a good assortment. Also, bottled water is needed throughout the weekend. Many thanks to those that donated last year! We received many compliments on the hospitality last year and we know we have some good cooks in our club!

Friday evening is our annual banquet at the Hope Hotel. The reservations are due by March 22 to Kim Stroede. The form can be found in the Premium. The cost is \$40 per person and here is the menu:

Chicken Marsala
Pesto Crusted Grilled Salmon
Chef's Choice of Vegetables and Starch
Caprese Salad & Greek Salad
Tiramisu and Chocolate Mousse for dessert

If you plan on staying at the Hope Hotel reservations are due by March 9 for the block room rate of \$129. There is a one-time pet fee of \$35.

The boutique will be set up on Friday morning. If anyone is able to help with that and to work the boutique in shifts, we could use the help. We ask each member to bring three items for the boutique to sell. No clothing please.

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As we get closer, we will coordinate the times to arrive Friday morning to set up and the times for judging after entries close. We have an awesome venue that everyone enjoys, and we hope to see you there!

Visit the premium for more information – <https://stcgd.com/specialty-information/>.

Pam Williams

Show Chairman–Saturday



**The Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Dayton
Presents our second year of hosting a
two-day Specialty weekend!**

Please join us for our
Premier Specialty
and 4-6 Month Puppy
on Friday, March 29th
and our Annual Specialty
show and Sweepstakes
on Saturday, March 30th

**The
Scottish
Terrier
Club**

Friday: Judge - Nancy Liebes
Saturday: Sweepstakes
Judge – Julie Hill
Regular Classes
Judge– Wyoma Clouss

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Dayton Dog Training Club
3046 East River Road
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STCGD 2024 Raffle- Two Items!

Radley Grab Bag

"Texture Dog" Design

12" x 8" x 6"

Dual handles, 26" detachable strap

Zippered top closure

Multiple Interior compartments, zip & slip pockets

Wipe clean PVC Coated Cotton



Ryobi One+ 18V Hybrid 7.5" Fan

Three settings, Pivoting head

Battery and Charger included

Cordless or Electric



Tickets: One for \$5.00, five for \$20.00

Available Friday and Saturday of show

Available also on line at www.stcgd.com

Drawing to be held on Saturday 3/30/24

between Sweeps & Regular Class judging.

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Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Dayton Christmas Party



The Christmas party was held at Bennett's in Miamisburg on Sunday, Dec 3. We had a large gathering of members. Everyone chose their dinner from the menu, and we had a large selection of desserts that members provided. After a brief meeting, everyone enjoyed the Scottie themed gift exchange and steal. The mood was festive and fun. Arlene led the games with a ball toss and breed guessing game. President Marcia Harbison donated lovely poinsettias as a surprise gift. It was wonderful to see members we have not seen in a while. The consensus was that we liked the restaurant and location, and we'll have to return for future occasions.

Holiday Party Pictures





Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Dayton Fun Day

The first annual STCGD Family Fun Day was held Nov. 11, 2023, at the Dayton Dog Training Club. The day was filled with fun games, enjoyed by the dogs and their humans, prize drawings, an auction and sale table full of Scottie items. A delicious lunch was available along with some very tasty cupcakes. Chairwoman Deny Marshall said everyone had a great time and the only thing missing was more people.



Brags for our Club Members! Congrats to all!

Congratulations!

Afterglow Kennels is proud to announce new champions.

Millie – GCH PLAJ&K Kindness at Afterglow
received her Championship Oct. 14, 2023, and
her Grand Championship Nov. 10, 2023.

Sire: GCH CH MDA Love for PLAJ&K Dai Hard
(Moldova)

Dam: GCH CH MDA PLAJ&K Soul Symphony
(Moldova)

Breeder: Liudmila Patsula



Paris – GCH CH Afterglow's Soir de Paris received her Championship Aug. 3, 2023, and her Grand Championship Sept. 23, 2023.

Sire: Plaj&K Optimus Prime at Afterglow

Dam: CH Afterglows Magie Noire Red Hackle

Breeder/Owner: Lisa Inman Lee



Kenna earned two new AKC scent work titles in November at Columbus All-Breed Training Club's scent work trial held at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio. Kenna is now Wee Black Dug's We Finally Did It FDC ACT1 SWA CGCA TKI FITB.

Owners: Lee Ann Whaley & Katelyn Whaley

Breeder: Janet Marie Cocker

IN MEMORY of IKE (9-5-2010 – 11-14-2023)

By Lucy Berninger McNabney

Our dear Ike was 13 yrs. old when cancer took its final toll. He was one of only two Scotties in the history of the breed to earn an Obedience Trial Champion title. The other OTCH titled Scottie was mine, too, but Ike lived longer and went further by adding on Versatility, Utility Dog Excellent 3 and Obedience Master 7 titles. But before even beginning his obedience career, Ike got his conformation CH at 23 months of age, always handled by myself.



Ike was sired by Barbara Zink's GCH DANZIN TWIN H POWER and out of CH CHARTHILL ILLUMINATES DANZIN, a bitch she got from the Charthill kennels. We picked him up at 10 weeks old and named him in honor of WW II General and President "Ike" Eisenhower, since he was who we can thank for our interstate highway system. Walt and I remembered the days *before* these highways, so whenever we'd be driving to a dog show, we'd raise our hand to heaven & say, "Thanks, Ike!" And "thank You, Father!" Walt lived long enough to see Ike get his conformation CH and Utility obedience title and then I temporarily retired him shortly after.

Because of this little dog, I kept my membership in the Scottish Terrier Club of America where I met my present husband, John, even though we lived 700 miles apart. (Proverbs 3:6 "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.") It was John who insisted I finish Ike's OTCH title and also get back into Open B so he could start earning more UDX titles. Ike was a real trooper and continued to perform for us even at 13 yrs old, a month before his passing, when he earned his last UDX & OTCH points. He had 39 UDX legs and 170 OTCH points when he let us know he didn't feel like doing it anymore. We didn't know he had a tumor inside. Rest in peace, dear one. And thank you, heavenly Father, for this little Ike, whose formal name with titles is CH OTCH AYREWORTH I HAUL IT, UDX3 OM7 VER.

CH AYREWORTH I HAUL IT, UDX OM2 VER (aka IKE), won a big Open B class at the Dayton Dog Training Club Obedience Trial. There were 26 entries; he was among three dogs that scored 199, so they had to compete again to break the tie. All looked superb, but Ike was at his very best and won it, so his final declared score was 199+. Ike was owned by Lucy Berninger and his breeder Barb Zink.



Max Certified as a Pet Therapy Dog

Submitted by Priscilla Orahood



Max was certified as a Pet Therapy dog by Assisted Pet Therapy in October. He has been visiting bi-weekly at a senior retirement center in Beavercreek and the residents love him! We will also be visiting with the USO at WPAFB from time to time beginning this month. I am so proud of Max and glad that he can be an ambassador for the Scotty breed. It is my hope that our new puppy, Guinness, will be trained well enough to follow in Max's paw prints!

Priscilla Orahood and Max



Future Activities for our Club
Save the date for upcoming meetings!
Feb. 17, 2024
March 16, 2024
Noon for lunch; 1 p.m. General Meeting
MCL Cafeteria
4485 Far Hills Ave.
Kettering, Ohio

Please RSVP either way – aftonscots@aol.com

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The Service of a Scottish Terrier

by Beth Firulli



Monty the Therapy Dog

Monty the Therapy Dog is a handsome, Wheaten colored, Scottish Terrier. Yes, you read that correctly – Scottish Terrier. We all know the jokes about being owned by a Scottish Terrier and of their independent and often stubborn personalities. We also appreciate that there is something very special about the relationship between a Scottie and their human. What we do not often consider is a Scottie having that relationship with others outside of their person/family. I think that is what makes Monty extra special. I also think it takes a special owner to be willing to share that love from their Scottie with others who really need it.

I was first introduced to Monty (Afterglow's Broomcorn's Uncle BN RI BCAT THD CGC TKN) about a year ago when Lisa and Geiger Lee of Afterglow Kennels shared a Facebook story about Monty as he started his therapy work in the Lehigh Valley, PA area. I did a little cheer at with the

announcement that a Scottish Terrier could work as a therapy dog. Given my job, I regularly observe the many Collies, Golden and Labrador Retriever therapy dogs walking through the halls at Riley Hospital for Children, but I have never encountered any terrier let alone a Scottie walking the hallways. Pet therapy has positive effects on both physical and mental health. For the kids (and adults too), having a pet pay attention to them and giving a snuggle or two can have positive effects such as lowering blood pressure, relieving anxiety and the hormones released trigger a response in the brain making them feel happy and more optimistic which is critical as they undergo serious long term hospital visits. Plus, who does not love those snazzy service vests or in Monty's case a kilt.

In addition to his career as a therapy dog, Monty is very active in the performance sports like Rally and Fast CAT where he can let his hair down. That is Monty's "me time" where he gets to do fun things for himself. I think that all dog people understand the emotional support and therapy that our dogs provide for us every day. What we may not fully understand is that you cannot just bring your pet into an environment like a hospital and share that experience with people who need it. There is quite a bit of training that both dog and human need to accomplish to become an official therapy dog and that training comes with many responsibilities for the K9/human therapy team.

Last September, I finally met Monty and his Humans, Tracy and Randy Krapf, at the Wooster College Spirit Day event that celebrated Archie the very tall and bipedal Scottish Terrier mascot of the college. While chatting under the big Scottie tent, Tracy's love of Monty and their shared therapy work came through in

our conversations. In the months since, I have found myself wondering about what it would take to make such a serious commitment both in time and emotion, so I reached out to Tracy asking if she would be willing to share her story. She quickly responded to all of my questions. What a story of healing for both herself and others she shared. The email interview goes as follows:

Beth: *Do you come from a counseling background or what sparked your desire to train and have a therapy dog?*



Tracy and Randy meet Monty

Tracy: I do not come from a counseling background. Your question is complicated to answer and I can offer more in depth if you would like but the short story is... I had a Westie with a wonderful personality. The boarding kennel offered a training course on therapy dogs and I took the Westie to the class as I wanted to share his personality with everyone. In my own journey, I have a daughter that has struggled with mental health issues since she was in her early teens. As she got older, we ran into more and more trouble with her including, suicidal ideation, reckless behaviors and drug and alcohol abuse. With all the obligations I had because of my daughter's mental health issues, I never had the Westie tested for the therapy dog

certification, but he completed the classes. My daughter eventually went into a rehab facility and the parent therapy we received was so liberating. We learned to take care of ourselves and set healthy boundaries. We learned to follow our own paths and passions. I've loved Scottie's since I was a child. We got Monty in December of 2021 as part of my healing. I knew I wanted to try training for therapy dog again, but it was too early to tell if Monty's personality was a fit. I joined a local dog training club because the kennel where I originally trained, no longer offered therapy dog training, so I decided to try on my own. The training club though only offered AKC STAR Puppy classes, obedience, and rally classes. Monty and I loved the classes so much, I took as many as I could with many different trainers.

Beth: *Monty is not your first or only dog. Is Monty the only dog that you have done therapy work with? What about his personality has made him so successful as a therapy dog?*

Tracy: As I said, Monty was not my first dog to train as therapy dog. My Westie, Louie, was one of the best dogs I ever had the pleasure of working with. I got Monty when Louie was 11 years old. Louie was a vital part of Monty's training; he was the best doggie mentor to Monty and they were inseparable. Louie passed in 2022, unfortunately, but I still see him in Monty's mannerisms. Monty, like Louie, is a gentleman. He has a fun personality that just makes you smile. Monty is very calm, even as a puppy he was calm and confident. I knew very early in our training he would be a great therapy dog and he definitely has

exceeded my expectations with it! Because of his calmness, the hospital we volunteer at has specifically requested Monty on several occasions to visit patients.

Beth: *Can you give us an idea of the training that goes into getting therapy dog certifications? I am assuming that there are different levels and certifications. Can you explain some of the differences?*

Tracy: For training, I started with an AKC STAR Puppy class. It teaches puppies basics like sit, stay, and down. The course was a one-hour session over 7 weeks with lots of homework training to do on our own. After that, we continued with obedience classes that were geared towards showing but the basic lessons can be applied in everyday applications. It teaches dogs to watch their owner, execute commands like sit, stay and down but it also builds your confidence to work as a team. When I felt Monty had a good basic obedience knowledge, I had him tested for the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) is a 10-skill test that teaches good manners to dogs and responsible dog ownership to their owners. Once certified, dogs earn their CGC title. Monty received his CGC before he turned one year old.



Tracy & Monty working as a

I also enrolled Monty in a class designed to help with distractions. Dogs were asked to follow basic obedience commands while walking closely past other dogs and handlers. Or sitting quietly while handlers had a conversation. We also trained around equipment like baby carriages, wheel chairs, crutches, canes and even desk chairs. You don't realize, especially for small dogs, the need to desensitize them to large objects moving around them. They need to learn that you as a handler will not put them in a harmful situation.

We continued to work on basic obedience and distractions until at one year and five months old Monty tested to become a therapy dog. Testing is done by contacting one of the national organizations like Alliance of Therapy Dogs or Therapy Dogs International. Monty was tested and certified by Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Testing requires three or more supervised/observation visits to see how you and your dog work as a team

and if the dog really has the right temperament to be a therapy dog. There is a written questionnaire handlers complete showing that they understand the rules of being a therapy dog team and that the proper equipment is used (no training collars, 3-foot leash). The AKC program recognizes AKC dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team. Monty currently has his THD title (see below). He is 25 visits away from earning the next level THDA.

In addition to the therapy dog titles, different organizations require the handler to have criminal background checks and/or child services background checks. Some hospitals require volunteers to go through an interview process and additional observations if entering children's units.

Therapy Dog Titles

* AKC Therapy Dog Novice (THDN)

Must have completed 10 visits.

* AKC Therapy Dog (THD)

Must have completed 50 visits.

* AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA)

Must have completed 100 visits.

* AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX)

Must have completed 200 visits.

* AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD)

Must have completed 400 visits

Beth: *What is your favorite part of doing therapy work? Do you have a favorite assignment?*

Tracy: My favorite part about doing therapy dog work, is seeing the smiles Monty brings. I also love being an ambassador of the Scottish Terrier breed. Many people in our area have never seen a Scottie in person and Monty is Wheaton color, which makes him even more rare. I love educating people about Scottish Terriers and bragging about all of Monty's accomplishments. Our favorite assignment is "Read to Dogs" program at the local schools and libraries. Monty loves children and helping special needs children with their reading confidence is so rewarding. We have had children change character names in books to "Monty" while they read and others curl up next to Monty and his little head turns like he listens to every last word. It's the most endearing thing ever.

Beth: *What are your goals for you and Monty?*

Tracy: Currently, we are working towards Monty's THDA, Therapy Dog Advanced, title which is 100 visits. Our next goal will be testing at our local airport for their C.O.P.E. Program (Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement). Monty needs to be a therapy dog for one year to qualify, February will be his one-year mark as a therapy dog.

The primary function of the C.O.P.E. program is to give the opportunity for therapy dogs and their handlers to provide and overall enhanced customer experience, providing stress relief and comfort to passengers.

Beth: *I know that you participate in several additional performance and companion sports with Monty. Can you give us an overview on all of the different events he is participating in? Is there a particular one that is his favorite?*

Tracy: In addition to therapy dog, Monty shows in Obedience trials, Rally trials, and Fast CAT events. Monty has earned his Beginner Novice title in Obedience which tests his ability to heel on leash, a



controlled recall, figure 8 healing, and his ability to stay as I walk around the ring without him. Obedience requires Monty to receive one command and execute it. He is currently practicing to move up which will have him performing healing off leash. In Rally, Monty has earned his Rally Intermediate title. Rally is my favorite because it's like performing a dance. Handler and dog complete a course of rally signs with commands like 360 degree turns, pivots, and even jumps. The course is timed and scored based on how the dog performs. In Rally, you are allowed to communicate verbally with your dog the whole performance. We are currently training for Rally Advanced

"Me Time" for Monty. Running Fast CAT

which will also take us off leash. Off leash is a lot of work, but we are doing well in training. Monty's favorite sport is Fast CAT (Coursing Ability Test). Fast CAT is a 100-yard dash. The dog chases a "lure" and results are timed and converted into an MPH speed. For the AKC, Fast CAT scores the average of the dog's top 3 speeds. Scores are listed by breed. For 2023 Monty finished #7 for all Scottish Terriers with an average speed of 17.07MPH. Monty currently has his BCAT title and will be earning his DCAT this spring.

Beth: *What would you look for in a dog's personality that would make it compatible with being a therapy dog? What is a big no?*

Tracy: Therapy dogs should be well mannered around people as well as other dogs. They should show interest in meeting new people, be calm, friendly and not disruptive like barking or growling. I also feel like the dog should have patience for things out of the norm. Many times, we encounter wheelchairs, hospital equipment, kids dropping things, loud noises etc. If a dog is scared, it could result in less than favorable behaviors. Dogs should know you as the handler will not put them in a harmful situation. There is a lot of trust needed to be a therapy dog team.

As far as a no, I would say, if a dog is reactive to other dogs, like if they lunge, or growl/bark at other dogs or people, they would not make a good therapy dog. Also, dogs that scare easily would not make good therapy dogs. Their reaction could be dangerous to clients.

Beth: *While everyone thinks of therapy work as being very positive and uplifting – there have to be days that are particularly hard. Can you share a bit about the highs and lows?*

Tracy: Therapy Dog work is very uplifting. The accomplishment and pride I have when we walk into a room and people exclaim “Monty’s here!” And the joy brought to clients is so fulfilling; however, yes there has been difficult situations we’ve encountered. Working in the hospital, we see many hardships and sadness. I’ve noticed drops in energy with Monty, so I know he feels it too. The Fast CAT events we do with Monty is for fun and nurturing his mental health too. I try to space his visits out so he gets equal amounts of fun with the difficult cases. Fun would be working with children in the Read to Dogs program. It’s something Monty loves doing. Working at the hospital is more draining on Monty. We work the first and third Thursday of the month in the hospital’s behavioral health department and every other Friday in the main hospital. Limiting his visits in the hospital and also mixing up things like visiting the cancer infusion center and then going to the pharmacy for treats, helps keep him balanced when there are difficult situations.

Beth: *How many hours a week do you spend visiting and working?*

Tracy: Currently, we work every other Friday for 1 to 2 hours at our local hospital. We also visit the mental health unit for 1.5 hours twice a month. In addition, we have a 1-hour monthly visit to a retirement community as well as other one-off assignments such as college visits, read to dogs’ program and rehab facilities. The nice thing is we can pick and choose how much we want to volunteer. I try to keep him active and have at least one visit a week. The holidays and winter illnesses sometimes limit us. Currently, behavioral health is not allowing visitors so we haven’t been doing our twice a month visits.

Beth: *What is your advice to anyone thinking about getting into therapy work with their dog?*

Tracy: My advice for someone wanting to be a therapy dog team is pay attention to your dog’s needs. Some dogs respond better to children and some are better suited for adults. Schedule visits where you know your dog will excel. Also, keep training and working with your dog. It strengthens your bond.

Beth: *Is there anything else that you would like to share?*

Tracy: Monty has exceeded my expectations as a therapy dog. I noticed times at the hospital we would be walking down a hallway and he would stop and pull me towards someone he thought needed him. He has an uncanny ability to seek out those people. I often times let him lead me in the hospital. It is amazing to watch him at work.

On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank Tracy for sharing so much of her great experiences with Monty both in service and sport. Tracy and Monty are members of the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs (<http://www.LVTherapyDogs.org>). Tracy would also like to give credit to Tall Tails Training in Slatington, PA and Allentown Dog Training Club in Macungie, PA.

Black and White Agility Trials

Opening date is
December 29, 2023

Random draw is
January 16, 2024

Closing date is
February 5, 2024

The prizes are
high in trial rosettes
for the three-day
trial plus trophies.

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Sunday, March 3, 2024,
hosted by the West Highland Terrier Club of America



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