



# Scott's Chatter

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## *President's Message*

Hi Members, the club is doing great. Since the last message we had a meeting at Cheryl Bates' house in August. There was a lot of scrumptious food, if you weren't there you missed out.

In September, we had a potluck picnic in Springboro, Ohio. Beth Firulli picked up a brisket from Indianapolis that was the main entree, and it was the best brisket I ever had. Members brought their Scotties to have fun with other Scotties.

Congratulations to Marcia Dawson for getting the Good Sportsmanship Award.

At the October meeting the club decided to have our 2026 show banquet at the University of Dayton Research Institute. It sounds like a Great venue. I'm excited about going there. It will be a great show next year because of our members.

Our annual Christmas party will be at Cheryl's house on the 6th of December. I hope to see you there. The details are coming soon.

Until next time, love your pups and take care.

*Thanks,  
Gary Stroede,  
President STCGD*



## Specialty Banquet Meal

The 2026 Specialty Banquet is scheduled for the evening of Friday, March 27, 2026. The total cost per meal will be approximately \$35/meal. The menu will include the following: Roast Beef w/gravy, Chicken Alfredo w/ Broccoli, House Salad, Butter Broccoli, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Red Potatoes, Carrot Cake, and Layard Chocolate Torte. Dinner will be held in the Kennedy Lounge 4-8 p.m. Stay tuned for more details to come.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Denyse "Deny" Marshall  
Board Member, STCGD*

## 2025 Good Sportsmanship Award

I am delighted to share with you that Marcia Dawson is the recipient of the 2025 STCGD Good Sportsmanship Award. Scottish Terriers entered Marcia's life in the mid 1980's and have never left. Marcia has been a long-standing member of club and has served on the Specialty Show committee for several years. Beyond the STCGD Club, Marcia has been key in guiding the mission of The Health Trust Fund of The Scottish Terrier Club of America. I can personally share that she spends countless hours working for the health of our breed and is always there to offer help and guidance at a moment's notice. She is more than deserving of this honor.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Firulli  
Corresponding Secretary, STCGD*

## Bladder Screening Report 2025

On Nov. 2, 2025, the club sponsored a bladder screening of our Scotties.

We had 22 Scotties screened that day by Dr. Griffin, of Northside Animal Clinic. The results of the screens were 18 normal, and 4 abnormal screens, with follow up recommended by the owners' vet.

Many thanks to the HTF of the STCA for offering grants for clubs to use for these clinics. Many thanks to all who participated for the benefit of their dogs.

We are hoping to offer this clinic again next year.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Zink*



## Congratulations

On behalf of the HTF of the STCA, Marcia and I would like to congratulate the STCGD for their long-standing commitment to organizing a yearly Bladder Screening Clinic for TCC. This could not be a success without the support of Barb Zink, Kim and Gary Stroede as well as Dr. Griffin for taking the time and care that she does with each of Scotties. We would be remiss if we did not also thank the membership for continuously supporting the clinic by participating. The importance of this low-cost clinic is highlighted year after year, with dogs being identified with abnormal findings and requiring follow up care.

Congratulations on another successful Bladder Screening Clinic!

Marcia Dawson & Beth Firulli on behalf of the HTF Board of Trustees

## What is AKC Trick Dog?

- **Tricks for Treats: Try the AKC Novice Trick Dog Title!**

The [AKC Trick Dog program](#) is a fun way to show off your Scottie's skills and smarts, starting with the **Novice** level. Many of our dogs already have what it takes to earn the [AKC Novice Trick Dog \(TKN\)](#) title — and they might not even know it yet!

### What's the Novice Trick Dog Title?

The **Novice Trick Dog title** is the first step in the AKC Trick Dog program. Your Scottie will need to perform **10 tricks**, or just **5 tricks if they already have their Canine Good Citizen (CGC)** certificate.

Tricks can include:

- Sit or down
- High five or shake paw
- Spin in a circle
- Jump over a small bar or through a hoop
- Fetch a toy
- Balance a treat on the nose (if your Scottie is feeling fancy)

Most of these are things your dog may already know — or can learn quickly with some treats and encouragement (and yes, probably a bit of Scottie negotiation).

- **How to Earn an AKC Novice Trick Dog Title**

You can earn the title by demonstrating the tricks in front of an **AKC-approved evaluator**, or even through a **video submission** with an AKC-approved evaluator that offers virtual testing. It's simple, fun, and a great way to bond with your dog.

Better yet, it gives our Scotties a chance to shine — because we know they love to strut their stuff when an audience is watching!

For help finding an evaluator for in-person or virtual testing, email [cgc@akc.org](mailto:cgc@akc.org).

### **Why Try Trick Dog with Your Scottie?**

Scottish Terriers are famously independent, but also incredibly intelligent and eager (on their own terms, of course). Trick training taps into their clever minds and offers:

- Mental stimulation
- Confidence building
- A stronger bond with you
- And a chance to say, “My Scottie has a title in tricks!”

Plus, it's a fun way to spend some quality time with your Scottie. Whether your pup is a seasoned show dog or your home's official couch gremlin, trick titles are for *every* Scottie.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Firulli  
Corresponding Secretary, STCGD*

## **Get Moving with Your Dog — Join the AKC FIT DOG Program and Turkey Trot!**

This fall, join fellow STCGD club members in embracing fitness, fun, and our beloved dogs! The AKC FIT DOG program lets your dog earn titles for being active with you, while the Turkey Trot 5K gives you a special event to walk or run together and boost wellness. Strut your stuff and wag your tails for the Turkey Trot 5K!

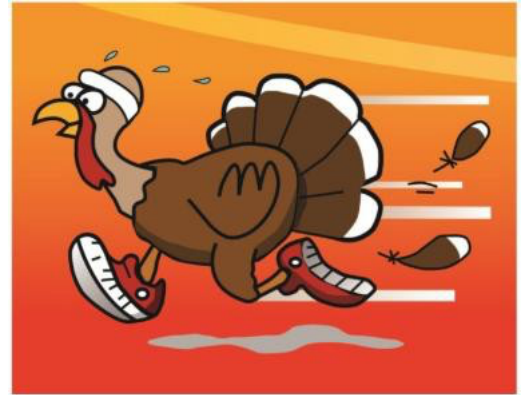
### **What is the Turkey Trot?**

The Turkey Trot is the FIT DOG program's signature event for the fall season — a fun “virtual” 5K (3.1 miles) that you and your dog (or dogs and handlers) can complete together, at your own pace.

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**Highlights:**

- It's a 5K walk/run event (you can do it all at once, or break it into shorter segments over several days).
- You and your dog can participate anywhere you're comfortable: neighborhood path, local park, trail — whatever suits your dog.
- Registration includes a commemorative Turkey Trot medal (fun keepsake!) and proceeds support the AKC Juniors program.
- Counts toward FIT DOG activity points—so it helps with titling too.
- No pressure: The aim is fun, fitness, and shared time, not competition. Your dog wins simply by being active with you.



*Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Firulli  
Corresponding Secretary, STCGD*

**Brag for our Club Members! Congrats to all!**

WILD WIND SPITFIRE "Sasha"  
06-14-25 Clermont County KC - WB, BOB  
06-15-25 Clermont County KC - WB, BOB  
8-2-25 - STCNO - Best in Sweepstakes  
  
- *Kim and Gary Stroede*



Congratulations also go out to Kim Stroede for winning the STCA CH Deblin's Back Talk Memorial Award for 2024.





### AKC Temperament Test/AKC Fetch Program/ AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen Test

Freddie and Kenna both passed the AKC Temperament Test ([AKC Temperament Test – American Kennel Club](#)) in Erie, PA this fall to earn a new title. In the ATT, dogs are tested in six categories of stimuli that include:

1. Social
2. Auditory
3. Visual
4. Tactile
5. Proprioceptive (motion)
6. Unexpected stimulus

Kenna also earned an AKC Fetch novice title ([AKC Fetch Program – American Kennel Club](#)) and passed the AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen Test ([AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen – American Kennel Club](#)). It's been a busy fall!

- *Katelyn and Lee Ann Whaley*



Schedule and Deadlines for the Newsletter:

The newsletter for the STCGD will be published quarterly.  
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