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Dear New Scottish Terrier Owner:

Congratulations on a new Scottish Terrier! There is more to learn about the breed, and the more you know the better you will be able to enjoy and care for your Scottie. The Scottish Terrier Club of America would like to help you in this process. Our common bond is love for the Scottish Terrier. The STCA is an active AKC club over 100 years old, comprised of 20 Regional clubs spanning the USA with more than 1,000 members from all walks of life. We invite you to contact us.

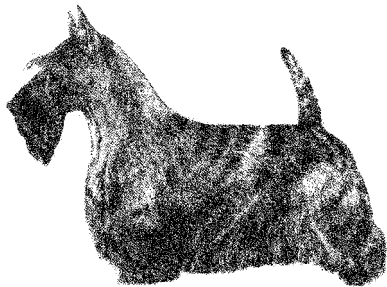
If you live near a regional club, you're in luck. Visit a meeting to become part of a group of fun loving Scottie fanciers in a variety of educational programs, grooming workshops, health clinics, specialty shows and matches, go-to-ground events, obedience training, and agility, collecting, Canine Good Citizen tests, rescue activities, micro-chipping, and parties to celebrate the love of the Scottie. Most publish newsletters. Call **AKC Customer Service, (919) 233-9767** or visit the SCTA Website to find a regional club or any AKC affiliated club. If you don't live near a regional club, ask for a local contact person in your area.

Sometimes new Scottie friends are as near as an Internet chat line, and a lot of valuable information is available via computer from:

STCA's Homepage: <http://clubs.akc.org/stca/>
AKC Homepage: <http://www.AKC.org>
STCA Rescue: STCARescue@wispertel.net

Breed Description

The Scottish Terrier is a small, sturdy dog of good bone. His head is long for his size. He has a hard, wiry, coat, and thickset short body, which is hung between short heavy legs. These characteristics with his very special keen expression, and erect ears and tail, make the Scottie what he is today. Height from the withers (where the neck joins the body at the back) to the floor should be 10 inches.



Normally, a male should weigh between 19 and 22 pounds, and a female, between 18 and 21 pounds. The size is important for the "go to ground" hunting activities for which the breed was developed. The color of the Scottish Terrier can be brindle, wheaten or black. The coat requires regular grooming by brushing and clipping or hand stripping (induced shedding) to keep the characteristic outline that makes the breed recognizable as a Scottish Terrier.

Breed or Spay/Neuter?

To become a breeder is a huge responsibility, and there is much to consider. A responsible breeder will value good health and temperament, genetic concerns, soundness, and appearance before breeding dogs. Responsible breeders also take life long interest in the puppies they produce by keeping in touch with the new owners, following the development, advising buyers on problems and either taking the dog back or finding a new home if needed.

If you do breed, be careful not to use Scotties that carry genetically transmitted conditions. The 1995 health survey conducted by the STCA found 36 diseases affecting Scotties. Important among these diseases are vonWillebrand's Disease (vWD), skin problems, Scottie Cramp, hypothyroidism, craniomandibular osteopathy (CMO), and liver shunt. Many of these will not appear in the adult dog, but will be transmitted to the puppies. For vWD, a devastating bleeding disease, there is a simple DNA test. It is imperative that Scotties have a vWD test before breeding. Research is underway now to develop tests for CMO and Scottie Cramp as well as bladder cancer. Many Scottie owners have donated funds to help support the STCA Health Trust sponsoring this research.

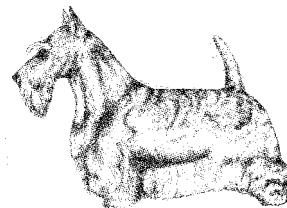
For vWD test information through the use of DNA, contact:
VetGen 1-800-4-Vetgen or <http://www.vetgen.com>

The STCA's Health Trust fund will support future health education and research.
For information on programs or making donations, write
Linda Orsborn, Chairperson at her email address: eowyn236@earthlink.net

A new puppy needs a series of shots and checkups from a veterinarian. Choose a vet you like and trust. To prevent unwanted litters and to avoid some health and behavior problems, many owners spay or neuter their Scotties. Spaying a female before her first heat cycle can help to protect her against some cancers. To spay or to neuter is, for sure, a most responsible act that shows your deepest concern for your dog.

Scotties thrive as house pets. They want to be indoors with their family not only as a daily joy but a good canine citizen, a good neighbor, and a well-behaved companion. Exercise and play with training and a lot of love are as important as good food, shelter and health care. Enroll your Scottie in obedience classes.

That beautiful and distinctive Scottie outline does not grow automatically. The profile is clipped that way. Introduce your Scottie to grooming as a baby. Set aside the time every two days to brush and comb your Scottie and remove all mats. With trimming every month or two, your Scottie will keep that true Scottie look. Bathing with a good commercial brand of dog shampoo will keep him smelling very nice too.



Rescue

Rescue is one activity for which we wish there was no need. Many concerned Scottie owners help find homes for lost or abandoned pets. Sometimes owners who cannot keep their Scottie any longer contact STCA rescue and give the dog up for placement with a new family. It is the better alternative to a local shelter or humane society. Rescue information is available at the STCA website, through the regional clubs, through local breeders, internet rescue lists, and finally the chairmen of the STCA rescue, Pat Gruda, who can be reached at 303-697-1664 or at her email address: agruada@bewellnet.com

AKC'S Companion Animal Recovery

Protect your Scottie in case he is lost. Identify your Scottie with a collar and tags; of course, a permanent identification with a microchip and or tattoo from your veterinarian can be registered with AKC's Companion Animal Recovery. A 24-hour toll-free hotline helps locate the owners. There is a 100% re-homing rate with enrolled animals. For information call (800) 252-7894.

There are many good materials available from the Scottish Terrier Club of America. A good starter is the STCA information packet. Other STCA materials, for purchase, include a grooming manual, handbooks, an illustrated explanation of the Scottish Terrier standard, and the award

winning magazine, *The Bagpiper*, available by subscription. Look at the library or bookstore for *The Official Book of the Scottish Terrier*, Muriel Lee author, TFH Publications, 1994, and *The New Scottish Terrier*, Cindy Cooke author, Howell books, 1996. These two comprehensive editions cover all aspects.

Tips for New Scottie Owners

Protect Scotties from backyard swimming pools.
Many Scotties drown in family pools.

Exercise Scotties on lead or in a fenced area.
Scotties have a very strong chase instinct and don't
come home.

Maintain a flea-free environment.
You can reduce Scottie skin problems.

***Scottish Terrier Club of America members are united in a common love of the Scottie.
Please join us in encouraging responsible dog ownership.***

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