



# Potomac Piper

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### **Advertise in the Potomac Piper!**

The Potomac Piper is the official newsletter of the Potomac Skye Terrier Club. The Potomac Piper is mailed to Skye Terrier owners and admirers.

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One full page - \$25.00  
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As a PSTC member, you will receive an e-mail invitation to advertise in advance of each issue. The next issue will be published in Summer, 2009, following the Potomac Specialty.

Send your ad and payment to Maida Connor, 225 Opossum Hill Road, Aspers, PA 17304.

## Message from the President

I am pleased to present a new issue of The Potomac Piper newsletter. It has been about ten months since we last published an issue of the Piper. You'll read in this issue that in that time period the club and its members have been quite active. This issue spotlights Potomac's annual specialty held last April and the Devon Dog Show Terrier-ific Booth that was offered during the Skye Terrier Club of America's National Specialty weekend. The April show and the Devon booth once again featured the club's popular Kiss the Skye Public Education Booth.

As this issue arrives in your mailbox, plans will be moving ahead for the 2009 Potomac Skye Terrier Club Specialty. Please mark April 17 in your calendar. With a number of new Skye puppies in our region of the country, I have confidence that we will see a nice entry in April.

Please accept my thanks in advance for all of the Potomac members who are volunteering their time and talents in one capacity or another to make the club what it is. Without your collective work on behalf of the club, we could do not do what we do for the Skye Terrier.

**Michael J. Pesare**  
**President**

## Letters

Dear Potomac Skye Terrier Club Members,

I just wanted to take a moment, as I do at the end of each year, to thank the Potomac Skye Terrier Club for allowing me to judge the Sweepstakes in conjunction with their Specialty show in 2008. Thanks also for the wonderful judges gift I received. I appreciate all of the clubs I judge for each year for thinking of me as they prepared their panels. I send my best to all of your club members for a wonderful and successful New Year!

**Don L. Evans**

Dear Mike,

I just wanted to tell you how much I liked the Spring 2008 issue of the Potomac Paper I have read the previous issues as well, and I really like the warm and welcoming feeling you get, when reading the Piper. I would hope that we could have this kind of attitude in all our Skye clubs all over the world, easy to access also for newcomers. It is heartwarming to read about Skyes and their people.

**Monica Weckstrom**  
**Ceilidh Skyes**  
**Finland**

# Potomac Skye Terrier Club's Terrier-ific Booth and "Kiss the Skye" Public Education Outreach

By Maida Connor

Each year, the members of PSTC watch the weather channel, read the long range forecasts for Montgomery County weekend, and pray to the weather gods that skies will be as bright and sunny as the Skyes in the "Kiss the Skye" booth. Previous years have found members setting up the Devon booth in



Devon Dog Show - October, 2008 - Darren McMillion setting up the Terrier-ific Booth as shoppers begin to arrive.

a hotel room when torrential rains caused the show to be cancelled, setting up tents and shelving in high winds, driving rain, and even snow squalls.

Thankfully, the skies were smiling for the PSTC Terrier-ific Booth featured at the Devon Dog Show Association show on October 4, 2008. Thanks to the incredible efforts of member Darren McMillion who transported the considerable inventory of PSTC "Terrier Group" merchandise featuring artwork by member Cathy Nelson, to the show before the dawn, set up tents, and created an attractive and welcoming booth setup for guests. Since our location was next to Cherrybrook, we enjoyed many domestic and foreign visitors who were drawn in by free apples, candy, and Skye kisses. Guests from Finland who were missing their Skyes, took a moment to "Kiss a Skye" at the booth.

Although shoppers weren't as plentiful in years past, the 2008 PSTC booth brought in sales of over \$2500 which will be very helpful in keeping PSTC fiscally strong in the year ahead. Monies raised at the annual boutique offset printing of educational materials for "Kiss the Skye" Public Education events, as well as the PSTC's publication The Potomac Piper.

Several members' dogs participated in Potomac's Public Education

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# Bailey

**Gleanntan Gale's Grace**

(Ch. Finnsky Gladiator x Ch. Gleanntan Givemebusybee!)



**Winners Bitch & Best of Winners**

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Devon Dog Show Association  
Skye Terrier Club of America Specialty Weekend  
October 4, 2008 - Ludwig's Corner, Pennsylvania  
Judge: Mrs. Sue Weiss

Bailey is owned, handled, & adored by Kate Kozeliski of Arlington, VA

Thank you to Mike & Maida - for your guidance  
and for sharing my beautiful girl with me!

## Potomac Skye Terrier Club's Kiss the Skye Public Education Outreach



Clockwise from left: Judy Umeck kissing "Mackenzie"; Kate Kozeliski and "Cooper" volunteering; Travis Wright and "Cooper"



offering "Kiss the Skye" to introduce themselves and the breed to interested passersby, and offer printed literature on the Skye Terrier including its presence in history dating back to Queen Victoria. As always the prominence of a lovely Skye at the booth's entrance caused many to tentatively ask "can he see?" and "can I say hi?" to which we heartedly replied "YES" and "YES, PLEASE".

It was another great day for PSTC members and their Skyes who enjoyed visiting with friends and new friends under the booth, looking over the PSTC limited edition artwork, merchandise, sharing grooming tips, catching up on PSTC business at the meeting, and ending the day at the Ludwig's Inn & Oyster Bar for the PSTC dinner.

# **Remembering “Emily” Ch. Gleanntan Grandxpose**



**L to R: Emily and her daughter, Glinda (Ch. Gleanntan Glindathegoodwitch) taken December 25, 2007.**

Thank you Emily for enriching our lives and brightening our hearts. The gifts of love, compassion, and empathy you gave so freely enriched us, and the lives of your children and grand children. Your special qualities have created a lifelong legacy and have reminded us about what is really important in life. Ribbons and wins are wonderful, but the love of a cherished Skye lives in the heart forever.

May heaven be a special place brimming with all of your favorite things..

*In one of the stars I shall be living  
In one of them I shall be laughing  
And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing  
when you look at the sky at night. “*

*The Little Prince” by Antoine de Saint-Exupery*



## **Gleanntan Kennels, Reg.**

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## 2008 Potomac Skye Terrier Specialty Highlights

By Travis Wright and Maida Connor

The 2008 Potomac Skye Terrier Specialty was a fabulous testament to the energy and commitment of PSTC members who travelled far and near to attend, support, and show their Skyes. Don and Sandi Smiley travelled from British Columbia with their lovely drop eared Skyes, while members Karen J'Anthony, Nancy Phillips, Travis Wright, Kate Kozeliski, Maida Connor and Michael Pesare and Rosemary Hodgins represented New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, accompanied by their Skyes.

Show Chairman Sue Chandler set out a lovely continental breakfast complete with hot coffee, juices, coffee cakes and fresh fruit, providing a great mingling spot for members and friends to gather and catch up on dog show news and talk "Skyes". Trophy Chairman Travis Wright set out a beautiful trophy display with orchids compliments of member Jo Ann Lyons, hand painted ceramic ware, and copper sculptures created by Black Cat Designs. Members Rosemary Hodgins and Judy Fatzinger ensured that trophies were presented to



Don Smiley, Rusalka Skyes, grooming



Rosemary Hodgins and "Daisy"



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"Kiss the Skye" Public Education Outreach

# ***Congratulations Michael and Boz***



Congratulations to the dynamic duo of Michael and Boz (Ch. Gleanntan Gottalookatme) on a fabulous accomplishment!

Boz, owner handled by breeder and co-owner Michael J. Pesare, finished 2007 as the #1 Skye Terrier - All Systems AND enjoyed a fabulous Best of Breed win at the Westminster Kennel Club show in February, 2008!



Boz is enjoying time at home with Maida and Michael and visiting with kids at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey, PA.

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the winners, and gifts compliments of members Dave and Pat Belew were presented to each Skye Terrier exhibitor.

The Sweepstakes were judged by Don Evans who had an adorable entry of 6 puppies and juniors. Regular Classes were judged by replacement judge Madison Weeks who had an entry of 18 Skyes with 7 absent.

Following the judging, Public Education Co-Chairs Travis Wright and Kate Kozeliski offered the popular "Kiss the Skye" booth featuring members' Skyes to meet and greet fellow exhibitors, and spectators. Many people who had never met a Skye stopped by to pick up literature on the breed prepared by Kate Kozeliski, and of course, to take a moment to check for eyes, and grab a quick Skye kiss. Dogs and people alike enjoyed many heartfelt moments as evidenced by the photos. Treasurer Rosemary Hodgins enjoyed Skye time with her special girl "Daisy" and was on hand to answer questions about living with the breed.

After a full day of preparation, showing, visiting, and discussing the breed, members and guests departed for the PSTC Dinner Meeting at the Steak 'n Ale restaurant.

The PSTC membership numbers over 70, yet understandably not everyone can attend the Specialty or meetings regularly. The spirit of camaraderie, and shared love of the breed, however, keeps the Potomac Skye Terrier Club vibrant and committed to doing its utmost to share the 'heavenly breed' with interested people.



Nancy Phillips, Portree, grooming



Sweepstakes, 9 to 12 months Puppy class



Darren McMillion getting kisses from the Specialty Best of Breed Winner, "Tony"

# Can They See?

(Frequently Asked Question #1)



How many of us have taken our Skyes out into public settings only to be posed with the question, "Can they see? OR Why does the coat cover your dog's eyes?"

I encourage you to read a copy of Dr. E.S. Montgomery's outstanding book, *The Complete Skye Terrier*, published in 1962. While the book is out of print, it can still be found through antiquarian booksellers. Dr. Montgomery's book is filled with well-researched facts about the Skye's history.

From page 34:

"His coat, too, of hard, lanky hair - sufficiently long [averaging five and one-half (5 1/2) inches] to cover his head, eyes, and body, but not so long as to impede him in his work - serves as a protection against weather and foes. While the undercoat gives warmth, the overcoat serves like the thatch of a cottage - to carry off the rain; and I have seen the hair of the forehead torn, the flesh lacerated, and the blood flowing over the face in encounters with vermin on the Tweedside, when I fully expected to find my dog blind, but I have never seen the eyesight injured."

*Written in the 1890's by Reverend D. Dobbie, Honorary Secretary, Skye Terrier Club of Scotland*



**Welcome new Potomac Skye Terrier Club members!**

Darren Modricker, Willow Street Pictures,  
Reading, Pennsylvania

Judy M. Davis, Yuba City, California

# The Theory of Puppy Socialization

*Editor's Note: The author of this piece is unknown. While much of the information is geared towards puppy socialization, I think there is plenty of advice here for even adult socialization.*



Socialization is the single most influential factor in determining the success with which your dogs relate to their environments. The following guidelines will help to optimize your dogs social development:

## **Begin Early!**

Proper socialization (from 3 to 16 weeks of age) is critical in establishing confident, well-adjusted dogs. Research has proven that most puppies that have been isolated during these critical weeks are unable to interact comfortably with new people or novel situations, and often display fearfulness and/or aggression when compromised.

## **Provide Wide-Ranging Positive Exposure**

As soon as your pups have received proper inoculations socialize them whenever and wherever you can. Expose them to as many different types of people as possible: male and female, tall and short, young and old. Expose them to parks, shopping centers, car rides, and other homes. Avoid isolating your pups in yards, garages, or basements, and when control of their actions is needed, crate them in the family activity centers of your homes.

## **Enroll Early in a Training Class**

Enroll in a sound training program that promotes positive reinforcement, works to establish strong leadership roles, and promotes non-confrontational methods. A sound program should teach dogs to be responsive, trusting and confident, while learning to control themselves in the presence of other dogs and people.

## **Avoid Reinforcing Fear or Aggression**

Dogs often display fearful or aggressive behaviors when confronted with unusual situations. However, attempts to console, soothe or calm pups may actually be interpreted as rewards for their behaviors. On the other

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# We did it again!



**Brenmoor Beguiler at Gleanntan, CGC, TDIA**

Coco has completed over 50 visits to nursing home and assisted living facilities in Northern New Jersey and was awarded the title of:

## **Therapy Dog International Active Volunteer (TDIA)**

by Therapy Dogs International in May, 2008.

Her sister, Grace, attained her title in January, 2007.

Congratulations to Miss Coco from Sue, “sister” Gracie (Gleanntan Graceunderpressure, CGC, TDIA) all her “fans” at Arden Court and Llanfair House in Wayne, New Jersey who always want to see her eyes.

**Sue Chandler**

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hand, corrections may also serve to reinforce fearful behaviors if dogs associate pain (corrections, yelling or swatting) with the presence of strangers, animals, or things. Take care not to strengthen the very behaviors you may want to eliminate.

### **Reinforce Wanted Behaviors**

Whenever your dogs are confident with the approach of strangers, remain calm during thunderstorms, maneuver confidently over or under obstacles, or manage noisy objects (vacuum cleaners, etc.) they should be reinforced for these positive responses.

### **Send Appropriate Signals**

Use calm body movements to guide your dogs into potentially fearful encounters. If you are tentative or nervous your dogs may respond accordingly.

### **Be a Confident Leader**

Your dogs will learn that there is nothing to fear in the face of unusual or stressful situations, if their leaders are confident and calm.

### **Attend to Problems**

Begin working with fear induced behaviors at the first signs of concern. Dogs do not outgrow problem behaviors. Left untreated, these behaviors will grow, since they are typically being reinforced in some way. (You may be unaware that their behaviors are being inherently reinforced.)

### **Control Your Dogs' Environment**

Carefully control your dogs' exposures to people, things, or situations that frighten them. Exposures should be limited to situations that your pups are completely comfortable with and then gradually increase the intensity of the exposures (stress) as they adjust to each level. For example, you would not want to take your pups to a crowded event if they are not yet comfortable with individuals.

### **Reap the Rewards**

Take a well-socialized dog everywhere you go. Enjoy the company of your best buddy and he will help you live a healthier life!

# Remembering Java



## Remembering a cherished friend....

Java was one of our treasured family members, a special buddy to the Skyes, and a fabulous “good-will ambassador” for visitors to our home.

When Java left for the Rainbow Bridge in 2008 at age 11, he took a piece of our hearts with him.

We will forever be grateful that this loving boy introduced us to the Borzoi and brightened our world with his winsome spirit and eagerness to go on many walking adventures.

The gifts of love and silliness Java gave so freely reminded us to “stop and play with the dogs” for they are here for such a short time.

Dear sweet Java, may you be enjoying romps in heavenly meadows bursting with cookies, toys, and many of our favorite people and Skyes!

Love, Maida and Michael

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# JAVA



My heart broke when my favorite four-legged nephew went to join the angels. When I first met this handsome boy, he had my heart, and spoke to my soul. His gentleness amazed me, as did his love of small toy critters and I loved his sense of amazing grace.

To Michael and Maida - thank you for letting me be his adoring "aunt". May he be finding peace, as we remember always his elegant, gentle spirit.

I miss him so much.

His loving Aunt Carol (Fink)

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# Skye Terrier Management

**Shirley S. Deasy**

So you have a new puppy or just adopted a new Skye. Where to begin? First, I would like to discuss briefly the difference between training and managing and when each is appropriate or not.

Your new Skye comes with a very active little mind that will be working almost all the time unless asleep. Whether you are formally training her or not, she will be learning. This informal learning could be wonderful, learning to come when you call to play or feed her, or it could be not so wonderful – learning that when the people are ignoring her, it is great fun to chew anything in sight!



No-pull harness: leash attachment on chest

## The Importance of Managing the Dog

So if you have a new 12 week old puppy, managing the environment is critical when you cannot be in a training mode or at minimum, watching her in a supervised fashion. When you cannot watch her, if she is safely in her crate or x-pen it reduces her ability to learn something you really don't want her to learn!

Another example is leash walking. You are going on a nice walk, you want to allow your Skye to wander a bit, smell all the great dog smells, may be even do her "business". So you put her on a regular collar and leash and off you go. But wait ... what will she be learning during this "non-training" session. She will undoubtedly learn that pulling is wonderfully rewarding – everywhere I go, that wonderful human just follows me. If he stops and I pull harder, he eventually will follow. Cool, I'm the leader! Even better if he puts me on a flexi-lead – the more I pull, the farther I get to go.

To manage this situation I highly recommend either a no-pull harness or head halter. The no pull harness looks like a normal harness but with one important difference. The leash is attached to a ring on the center of the dog's chest. Obviously, this would not work well, if you were thinking you could harness up your 8 Skyes to a sled and go for a ride across the frozen tundra! That is why a regular (tracking) harness has the leash attachment on the dog's back, near the shoulders. This allows the dog to put all their shoulder muscles into play and pull the sled forward. In

tracking, it allows the dog to work ahead of the handler and is important in maintaining a connection between dog and handler. But for casual working, this type of harness will not only allow your dog to pull but is not good for puppy bones. Many breeders do not recommend this for puppies. The leash attachment on a No-Pull Harness is on the chest. The dog cannot get any force behind the harness attachment. It is a great way to walk an untrained dog without allowing her to learn that pulling works.

The head halter is another tool for preventing pulling and teaching the dog that you are on the end of the leash. It works like a horse halter. It fits snugly behind the dog's ears (not on the neck) and goes around their muzzle. With one of these on, the dog can still bark and drink (do not use this in an emergency situation when you want to prevent biting). The leash is attached to a ring under the dog's chin. Again, the dog cannot use the force of her front end to pull – any attempt to do so, just causes the head to come towards the handler (a wonderful reward moment if you have treats). Some dogs when placed in a head halter learn for the first time that someone else is actually attached to the other end of the leash! There are a few negatives with head halters, however. One important rule is NEVER EVER pull forcibly while this is on. If your dog suddenly bolted for a rabbit and you pulled hard the opposite direction, you could seriously injure your dog's neck. (If your dog does bolt for the rabbit, try to get her attention and while going with her, gently turn her back towards you.)

While most dogs accept the head halter after a few short sessions, some really hate the feel of it. If your dog fights it at first, leave it on for only a few minutes. Try giving the best treats while it is on so she learns that it is rewarding to wear it. Do not try to walk your dog with this on until she is comfortable wearing it. If she does not get used to it after a few tries, you should probably use the no-pull harness when doing causal walking.

The down side of both methods is that they rarely teach a dog to walk on just a collar without pulling. In addition, the no-pull harness restricts shoulder movement, something you may want to consider if you need to teach your Skye to do an extended trot or have full range of motion for agility. So... next time – how to teach loose leash walking.

### **Sources for Gentle Leader and Easy Walk (No-Pull Harness)**

- PetSmart (make sure you can return it if you buy the wrong size or ask if you can try it on your dog in the store)
- SitStay.com: [www.sitstay.com](http://www.sitstay.com) This site also sells some great dog treats and other items
- JBWholesale: [www.jbpet.com](http://www.jbpet.com)
- CherryBrook: [www.cherrybrook.com](http://www.cherrybrook.com)
- CleanRun: [www.cleanrun.com](http://www.cleanrun.com)



## **Skye Terrier Presentations**

**By Marijane Parrish**

In mid-April I had the opportunity to speak about Skyes to a 3rd and 4th grade class at Unionville Elementary School located in Southeast Pennsylvania. Seven of the eight Skyes that I have owned in my life were illustrated in the form of 8 x 10 print-outs posted on foam core boards. Also, there were large photos of rescued and adoptable Skyes sent by Pat Belew of The Skye Terrier Foundation.

After reviewing these with the students, I told them about the history of Skyes, including their origin, purpose and popularization. Also, recent vulnerability and endangerment was discussed. Walt Disney's film, "Greyfriars Bobby", was offered to be shown sometime in the future. Under Rights Reserved, a one-time showing to each group of students is allowed in a public school. The teacher librarian, Irene Owens, had researched this and confirmed it.

Since April was National Poetry Month and the 4th grade classes were writing poetry, I read two of my newly published poems, "Anticipation" and "What is a Skye?" Students clapped and expressed their appreciation.

The week of April 14th was National Puppet Week so I showed the students my frog puppet which runs on a battery singing "Are You Sleeping", "Old MacDonald" and "London Bridge". Also, I showed them

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my Dalmation puppet. Can anyone make a Skye Terrier puppet? If so, please let me know.

I told the 3rd grade class that Judy Garland's little dog, Toto, in the Wizard of Oz might be a Cairn Terrier, relative of the Skye. Then I broke into song with "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." A small voice chimed in with "bluebirds fly". A boy raised his hand and asked, "Were you Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz? (How I wish!) How delightful! I'll never forget it. Teacher librarian Irene Owens sent me some photos and thanked me for the inspiring presentation.

**Marijane Parrish**  
Owner of Skyes since 1961



## **PLEASE JOIN US!**

**35th Potomac Skye Terrier Club Specialty**  
in conjunction with the Columbia Terrier  
Association of Maryland Terrier Group Show

**Friday, April 17, 2009**  
Maryland State Fairgrounds  
Timonium, Maryland

Sweepstakes judge: Mrs. Gloria Lewis  
Regular Classes judge: Mr. Terry W. Stacy

Also don't miss these shows at the same site -  
Old Dominion Kennel Club - Saturday, April 18  
Baltimore County Kennel Club - Sunday, April 19  
Catoctin Kennel Club - Monday, April 20

## Three Generations of Skyes Participate in Read Across America

By Michael J. Pesare

*This article was written early in 2008. In August, 2008, Emily passed away at age 11.*

In March, 2008, Maida and I, and three generations of Gleanntan girls - Ch. Gleanntan Grandxpose - "Emily", her daughter, Ch. Gleanntan Givemebusybee! - "Bea", and her granddaughter, Gleanntan Glorious Legacy - "Mackenzie" participated in the national Read Across America celebration. Sponsored by the National Education Association, Read Across America is designed to focus attention on how important it is to motivate children to read.

This is the third year we have visited a local school to read to students. In 2006 and 2007, we visited with Emily and read passages of the Greyfriar's Bobby novel and the Greyfriar's Bobby children's book. This year, we decided to try something a bit different by visiting the same school with not only Emily, but also Bea and Mackenzie.

In her retirement, Emily is the much-loved matriarch of Gleanntan, living with Ben Dale and periodically spending time here at her Aspers retreat when Ben is traveling. All three girls visit as therapy dogs at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey, PA. Emily started visiting the house in 2004 at age 7. Bea also began doing therapy work in 2004 at the tender age of 4 months. Mackenzie is just starting her therapy activities with visits beginning last Fall.



Emily makes friends after the reading

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After Maida and I arrived at the school, we walked to the school's gymnasium where about 75 children, ranging from kindergarten students to 2nd graders, were gathered. As part of my brief introduction, I explained to the children that Skye Terriers are an old and rare terrier breed with less than 100 dogs born each year in the U.S. I asked the children how many of them owned dogs. Within seconds, the room was filled with raised hands. I then read passages of "Skippy the Little Skye Terrier". After about 20 minutes of reading, the children were allowed to visit with the Skyes. The teachers had the children form two long lines and the Skyes made their way down the lineup of kids.

Next we walked down the hall to another large room where another group of 75 children were gathered. This group was comprised of multiple combined classes of kindergarten students and 1st graders. After the reading, the kids remained sitting on the floor and formed two large circles. Emily, Bea and Mackenzie made their way around the circles of children. Emily displayed her keen empathy as she visited with groups of kids, occasionally climbing up into a lap to give kisses. As you can see in one of the photos below, Emily walked around each circle of kids on her own. Bea and Mackenzie were also very tolerant of the kids, even though at times, children approached them from all different angles. Bea and Mackenzie are best of friends at home and I could see young Mackenzie relying on her mom to set the pace for interactions.

We enjoyed taking part in Read Across America. The children enjoyed hearing the story of Skippy the Skye Terrier and they were fascinated by the Skyes.

We look forward to participating again next year.



# All Skye Terrier Owners are Encouraged to Participate in the Skye Terrier Club of America Health Survey

A new Skye Terrier Club of America (STCA) Health Survey is available online at:

<http://www.kolumbus.fi/skye/healthsurvey.html>

The Survey has been authorized by the Board of the STCA. This time the STCA Health Survey goes international, as we try to get as much information as possible from our world wide limited population. However, we also need to get answers at the national level and therefore the only mandatory question concerns the country where the answer is coming from.

Please, fill in the survey and simply use the SEND button! The answers are coming directly to me and depending on the amount of information you fill in I have either a possibility to identify the individual dog or on the other hand the identity of the dog and the person that sends the answer remains unknown. This is completely up to the person who fills in the Survey. Needless to say, all the answers are strictly confidential and the STCA will eventually get a summary report and analysis of the answers. No information, where the individual dog or information concerning the owner or breeder could be recognized, will be published.

The Survey will remain on line at least for this year. It would be great, if as many answers as possible could be collected. Especially the activity of the breeders, but also of the individual dog owners is needed.

I will make the first international and national reports of the progress. Let's see where we get and what happens. This is for the good of our heavenly breed, so I sincerely hope that each and every one of you will take the action NOW.

**Dr. Kirsi Sainio**  
STCA Health Committee Chair  
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James Praff's Piper and  
Sandy Grant from 1886

## **About the Potomac Skye Terrier Club**

The Potomac Skye Terrier Club is an AKC-sanctioned club devoted to preserving and promoting interest in the Skye Terrier in the Middle Atlantic region of the United States. Since 1972, the club has fulfilled its mission by annually holding a Specialty show as well as meetings, educational seminars, and through communication with its members.

If you are interested in supporting the Potomac Skye Terrier Club through membership, please contact Maida Connor, Secretary, 225 Opossum Hill Road, Aspers, PA 17304-9504, Phone: 717-677-0700 or e-mail: [maidaconnor@comcast.net](mailto:maidaconnor@comcast.net).

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