

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: maidac Connor@adelphia.net.

Upcoming Events - 2005

- April 22 -** Potomac Skye Terrier Club Specialty show, Membership Meeting and Dinner
- July (tbd) -** Membership Meeting
- October 8 -** Devon Dog Show - PSTC "Terrier-ific" Booth and Membership Meeting

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according to the internet source.

Coco was unfortunately one of those rare cases - two days after stopping weekly treatment the ears showed signs of infection again. So I went on to the "follow up" solution to get rid of any resistant organisms:

2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1 Cup warm water

Pour a small amount in the ear and massage ear. Repeat 1-2 times a week.

The cost? About \$6. And the results? It has been just a couple of months, but so far, so good. My vet also examined them and confirmed to me that the ears look great. Right now, I am maintaining Coco's ears by using this vinegar solution once a week.

For further information, you can consult the following websites from other breeds: <http://www.finographics.com/schutzhund/health/yeasty-ears.htm> and http://www.maskc.org/health_items.asp



Some PSTC members gather following the February meeting. L to R - Freeman Thibault, Michael Pesare, Anne O'Reilly, Jo Ann Lyons, Cynthia Thibault, Ben Dale, and Rosemary Hodgins and the Thibault's Skye, Marcus.



What about those ears?

By Sue Chandler

My other two Skyes never had any ear infections, but newly adopted Coco came to me with the problem of chronic ear infections (she's 5). This was a challenge I never had to manage with my Skyes before, so I took her to the vet and after several different courses (and kinds) of antibiotics, ear solutions (and lots of \$\$\$) poor Coco's ears cleared while on the medications, but were a mess just two days after stopping the antibiotics. I was frustrated!

I remembered a homemade ear wash that I used on my Komondorok years before and decided to try it as a last resort. I tracked down the recipe which follows:

4 oz. Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol
1 1/4 tsp. Boric Acid
Few drops of Gentian Violet to tint solution to a lavender color
A small glass bottle with screw top to mix the solution

All these items can be found at the pharmacy. You may have to order the last two items at the pharmacy counter.

Mix and shake solution well. Pour a small amount into each ear, fold down the flap and swish the solution around in the ear for 30-60 seconds and they will shake it out. Although it may seem a little harsh, the boric acid actually soothes the ear and the Gentian Violet works as an anti-infective. The solution will stain the dog's ear a little, more of a problem to a white dog, than with a Skye. Beware of white clothing and walls, because it might stain when they shake, and they will. As the Komondor website says, try to do this outside if you can!

Do this twice a day for two weeks, once a day for 1-2 weeks and once a month thereafter for maintenance. Done religiously, it should work in 98% of cases,

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In Memory of "Mr. C"



Kakumee Cedric, CGC

Faithful Companion and Best Friend
May 3, 1990 — December 27, 2004

Cedric was born in Fergus, Ontario. My first Skye Terrier, he came into my life in October 1990. He is sadly missed by Sue Chandler, Jack Prince, Mattie Chandler, Gracie, Coco and many other human friends who were touched by his charming personality, high energy and, of course, great ears.

Message from the President

I hope that you enjoy the latest issue of The Potomac Piper, printed completely in color! Special thanks to Sue Chandler and Darren and Lynn McMillion for your articles for this issue. Thank you also to the advertisers who have helped to make this color production possible. If there is sufficient advertising support, we are going to look into continuing the use of color in future issues.

As this issue goes to press, we are gearing up for the 32nd Potomac Skye Terrier Club Specialty show in West Friendship, Maryland. The Potomac Skye Terrier Club Specialty has a long tradition of bringing together a competitive entry of Skyes and folks who are devoted to the Skye Terrier. Well before Maida and I attended our first Potomac, I read and heard stories about the Potomac specialties at the Old Dominion KC show and later at the Corner Kick soccer arena in Gaithersburg, MD. As I reflect on the past decade of Potomac Specialties, they form a bright reminder of the special people who have been a part of our breed. Some of these folks are no longer active and, sadly, some are no longer with us. However, they all are a part of the fabric of our club's history.

I also reflect back on the great Skyes that have made an appearance at Potomac - the magnificent champions in their prime in beautiful condition, the proud veterans in the twilight of their lives, and the promising youngsters, some of whom later went on to successful show records and made their mark on the breed.

The Potomac Skye Terrier Club's annual gathering of Skyes and their breeders, owners, and admirers is a ritual that is the heart of this regional club.

This year we have a dinner planned at the Dutch's Daughter Restaurant on Friday following the show; all of the shows from Saturday through Monday will now be indoors at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland; there will be an expanded Columbia Terrier & Potomac Skye Terrier Club Terrier-ific Booth; Columbia is offering a wonderful quilt raffle featured whimsical patterns of the entire terrier group created by PSTC member and CTAM president, Cathy Nelson.

All in all, the weekend should be great fun and I look forward to sharing another Potomac Specialty with you!

Michael J. Pesare, President

Meet the Members: Darren and Lynn McMillion

My wife Lynn and I are the proud owners of Mya. Mya is our Skye which we got from Gleanntan Kennels in October of 2002, shortly after swearing that we would not have another dog anytime soon, if ever again. It had only been a few short months since we lost our beloved Jordan.



Jordan had been Lynn's little shadow for twelve years when he suddenly passed in July 2002 from congestive heart failure. It was almost a guarantee that when you saw Lynn, Jordan was not far behind. He was a faithful and loyal member of the family that we miss everyday.

We never knew what kind of dog Jordan was; only that he was a terrier mix. It was Lynn's quest to find out what mix of breeds he might have been that led us to Mya. She spent countless hours browsing websites in search of her Jordan. She happened upon a list of breeds and began clicking on all the breeds she did not know. When she got down to the "S" portion of the list she saw "Skye Terrier". For some reason the name sparked her curiosity. She clicked on the name and there he was, her Jordan. At that moment she screamed to me from our office that she had found him!

The next day Lynn began searching for information on the breed. Luckily she found a link to the Gleanntan Kennels website. She signed the guestbook and left a short message saying she had recently lost Jordan and it was nice to finally know that there were other dogs out there just like him. Michael sent Lynn an email expressing his sympathy for her loss and offered to give her more information about the breed. It was then that she realized that Gleanntan was located in Gettysburg, PA. Lynn's mother lives in Gettysburg and she knew then that it was meant for us to have a Skye.

She sent Michael an email expressing her interest in getting a Skye and that if one should ever be available to keep her in mind. Michael replied asking if she would like to see one up close and personal. He told her that they would be showing at Old Dominion in Leesburg, VA in September. Since we live in Stafford, VA this worked out great since Leesburg is only forty five minutes from us.

That Saturday we met Michael and Maida at the show. We were also introduced to two beautiful Gleanntan girls Emily and Gertie. We spent the entire day with the girls soaking up all they had to offer. We were hooked.

Due to the extensive application and interview process that Gleanntan uses to ensure that all of their dogs go to good homes, Lynn and I were left sitting on pins and needles hoping we would get good news. Then the day came. Michael let Lynn know that we had been approved and that they had a girl who was available.

We made the trip to Gettysburg as soon as possible and from the moment we saw her we knew it was meant to be. I don't know if there is such a thing as fate or divine intervention, but I do know that Jordan will always have us looking to the Skye.

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Introducing Bea...

Gleanntan Givemebusybee!

(Ch. Gleanntan Going For It x Ch. Gleanntan Grandxpose)



Bea - age 7 months

Bea and her littermates will be making their way into the ring in United States, Canada, and Denmark in 2005.

In addition to Bea, watch for:

- Gleanntan Grammy Girl
- Gleanntan Gila Of Hellas
- Gleanntan Goodytwoshoes
- Gleanntan Glindathegoodwitch
- Gleanntan Goodnessxposed
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**Bea is owned by Jo Ann M. Lyons
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March 10, 2005

Birmingham, England

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