



# Potomac Piper

Newsletter of the Potomac Skye Terrier Club

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*Promoting the special bond  
between Skye Terriers and  
their owners and admirers*



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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 three times a year to Skye Terrier owners and admirers.

Advertise a big win, a promising youngster, a deceased cherished friend, or send a message to others who love the breed.

One full page - \$25.00

Half page - \$15.00

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, 2008, following the Potomac Specialty.

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

## Message from the President

We are very pleased to have just completed another issue of The Potomac Piper newsletter for members of the Potomac Skye Terrier Club. Our year is getting underway and it won't be long before we are visiting with many members at the Specialty in April. In addition to the conformation show, there will also be opportunities for performance events and we will once again offer the very popular and positive "Kiss the Skye" Booth. Further details will be forthcoming.

As you will read in this issue of the Piper, the Potomac Skye Terrier Club had another active year - a successful specialty at a new venue last April in Baltimore; our summer meeting that was combined with a picnic in July; and the Terrier-ific Sales Booth and "Kiss the Skye" Public Education table at the Devon Dog Show during the Skye Terrier Club of America National Specialty Weekend in October. We welcomed eight new members to the club in 2007. We also published a larger 24-page issue of the Potomac Piper in the Summer, 2007.

I hope that you enjoy this latest issue of the Potomac Piper. We are always grateful to those members who contribute articles, photos, ads etc. An important focus of our little "jewel" of a publication is to support and strengthen the bonds that you cherish with your Skye Terriers and the friends who share in your love of the breed.

Looking forward to see you soon!

**Michael J. Pesare**  
President



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

Frank and Holly Basta, McMurray, PA  
Kathleen B. Denton, Harrisburg, PA  
Gina Lindsey, Hickory, NC  
Janice Zuckerman, Sherman Oaks, CA

**Cover Story:** Featured on this issue's cover is the work of artist Kaytee Esser. Kaytee Esser, a talented animal portrait artist who is located in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, has generously donated the rights to make giclees of her original oil painting "The Skyes the Limit" that she did from lots of Skye puppy photos and old pictures in Skye books. *The Skyes the Limit* - Giclee Print has been created to benefit Skye rescue. The giclee print measures 12" x 16" and is mounted on stretched canvas and is ready to hang. Price is \$160. plus shipping with proceeds to benefit The Skye Terrier Foundation - Rescue. Please contact Pat Belew at: [belewskyes@aol.com](mailto:belewskyes@aol.com) to place your order. For more information on The Skye Terrier Foundation, visit: [www.skyeterrier.org](http://www.skyeterrier.org)



*Wishing the Blessings of the New Year  
to you and all those you love -*

*Health,  
Joy,  
Good friends to make memories,  
and Skyes to curl up with,  
wet noses, kisses  
and cookies.*

*With hugs and love,  
Carol & Panya  
Yountville, California*

# Potomac Skye Terrier Club Meeting and Picnic

By Ginger Lindsey

On Sunday, July 22, 2007, Potomac Skye Terrier Club members, their friends, spouses, and guests gathered for a picnic at the home of Michael Pesare and Maida Connor. Potomac members and guests from California, North Carolina, New Jersey, Virginia and Pennsylvania traveled to rural Aspers, Pennsylvania, nestled among acres of apple orchards.



In attendance were: Carol Fink, Kathy Denton, Barbara and Blanche Nichols, Julie Howard, Darren McMillion and "Mya"; Rosemary Hodgins; Mitchell and Janet Weiss and "Cozy"; Jim and Sue Samuel with "Max" and "Millie"; Frank and Holly Basta and "Buddy"; Travis Wright and Marc Diaz and "Cooper" and "Lizzie"; Judy Fatzinger with "Gertie" and "Duffy"; Shirley and Neil Deasy with "Emmee", "Teddy" and "Betsy" and Joe and Ginger Lindsey with "Cookie".

It was a wonderful blue-sky day with a gentle breeze, and the view out back of the apple orchard and mountains was just spectacular.

Guess what Skye people talk about when they get together? Why, Skyes, of course! Everybody had a story to tell about his favorite Skye, and these shared memories combined with the opportunity to hold 12-week old Skye pups made for an especially fun afternoon.

Joe Lindsey and Neil Deasy helped with the cooking for the day, and they served up hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken fresh off the grill. Carol Fink and Maida served up delicious sides, and Sue Samuel furnished us with cookies and brownies for dessert.

But hey, this wasn't just a picnic for the people! Dogs were invited, too, so Maida made sure that the dogs got an opportunity to try "Frosty Paws" which is a frozen concoction made especially for dogs. Maida also sent everybody home with goodie bags that included treats for the dogs as well as for their owners.

Those of us who attended this delightful gathering of friends are hoping it will become an annual affair.

## Potomac's Summer Picnic - July, 2007



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# Clicker Training Your Skye

By Shirley Deasy

Clicker training starts with an eager learner (your wonderful Skye) and a clicker. There are a number of clickers on the market but the one pictured below is the traditional model. When the center mental strip is pushed, a two-toned “click sound is made.

This method of teaching is what animal behaviorists call “operant conditioning”. One way animals (and humans) learn is by association. When something happens, an action, event, etc. and something occurs (a consequence) then the animal associates the event with the consequence, pleasant or unpleasant. The more a certain event or environment is paired with a particular consequence, the stronger the association. Clicker trainers call teaching the dog that the click sound results in positive action by the trainer (food, play for example), “charging the clicker”.

Clicker trained animals try to learn new behaviors. They remember behaviors even years later because they were aware of them as they learned them, rather than acquiring them without awareness. The dog develops confidence because he has control over the consequences of their actions. They are enthusiastic because they expect those consequences to be pleasurable.

## **Charging the Clicker or Teaching the dog the meaning of the CLICK**

- \* Have a hungry Skye and your treats ready. Wait until your dog looks at you. If he is distracted, after about 30 seconds, say his name to get him to look at you.
- \* As soon as he looks at you, click and give your dog one treat. The click means “what you just did is what I wanted” – for this to work, the click must be immediate and the treat follows after the click.
- \* Repeat 10 times.

## **Pointers**

- \* Almost anything your dog really likes can be training treats. Use soft, easy to chew treats. Keep the pieces small. It is amazing how little you need to give to reward a dog!
- \* Do not let the dog snatch the food – you deliver it with open, flat hand at your speed.
- \* Vary delivery. Sometimes from your hand, or toss on the floor, throw (some dogs love to catch it), or place it on an object. Be different – keep it fun.
- \* Only put 5-10 small treats in your hand at a time. It is easiest if you are training in a room or area where you can do this off lead (a small space is best to keep attention), If you need to work on leash for safety and are

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# *“We Met at Donna’s!”*



**Ch. Gleanntan Galvanicxplosion - “Ahriel” and Jo Ann  
Ch. Sonsie Gareloch Goddess - “Zoe” and Michael**

**September 12, 1999**

Ahriel - November 8, 1997 - December 9, 2007 - 3:25 a.m.

Zoe - September 4, 1998 - December 21, 2007 - 12:37 a.m.

**Jo Ann M. Lyons  
Amissville, Virginia**

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having trouble holding the leash, the clicker and your treats, try putting the treats in the under the clicker. Or put the treats in your pocket or on a table nearby. Another way to manage it all is to attach the leash to your pants or tie a long leash around your waist. But don't stress about being quick - remember the treat comes after the click but it doesn't have to come instantly.

\* Avoid the dog's ears. The sound is loud and could hurt their ears close - we want the dog to have a pleasant association with the clicker.

\* Do not click AT the dog - it is not a TV remote control!! Learning is quicker if they are concentrating on listening for the click, not watching your hand.

### **First Clicker Lesson**

**Teaching Sit:** Does your dog or puppy know how to sit? Of course she does! You actually are not training her to sit but teaching a non-English speaker that the word "sit" means, I would like you to sit. If you are lucky, while you have the clicker and treats in hand, the dog sits - Click and Treat. If sit doesn't just happen, hold the treat just above the dogs nose and move it until the dog has to put its bottom down to stay balanced - Click as the bottom moves downwards -(don't wait until it hits the floor - you are clicking for muscle movement.

Do not say "SIT", until you know the dog will offer the behavior. Learning does not speed up because you give a behavior a name that the dog does not know yet. Wait until you can reliably get the behavior and then start associating the word (cue/command) with the action.

**Other First Lessons:** Any behavior your Skye offers can be his first lesson. If your dog sits or downs or offers a paw, all are excellent first lessons. Approach the training of any behavior like you are teaching a fun trick and your Skye will learn to love to learn.



**Hello "Gimpy"** - this young buck came into the yard as an injured spotted fawn. He came up to Beamer like a pal. When "Gimpy" comes, Beamer lets him eat food for chips, turkeys and birds we feed daily. Others from deer herd - not allowed. "Gimpy" still limps but is growing nicely. (Submitted by PSTC Member Nancy Zeferjahn, Cazenovia, New York)

# BOZ



## **Ch. Gleanntan Gottalookatme**

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

**#1 Skye Terrier in the United States - All Systems - 2007**

**62 shows**

**57 Best of Breed wins**

**16 group placements**

**2 group wins**

**2007 Potomac Skye Terrier Club Specialty Winner**

**Always breeder/owner handled by Michael J. Pesare**

**Boz is owned by:  
Travis S. Wright, Ed.D.  
Washington, DC  
and Gleanntan**

# Shuffles

Submitted by Frank and Holly Basta

Hi - I'm a Skye Terrier puppy. Being a Skye Terrier, I'm pretty special, but I'm especially special to my people. I was born 1-of-9, a pretty big litter. My brothers, sisters, and I had an American Mom and a Finnish Dad. That's how I got my name, "Gleanntan Shuffles to the Finnish", "Shuffles" for short.



By the time I was 13 weeks old, I began to notice that my brothers and sisters were leaving me. First Cooper left, then Sadie. One day I was handed to a stranger, I liked this stranger. Being a Skye puppy, I knew instinctively if I gave this stranger lots of kisses, I'd be hers and I am. I drove in a car for several hours and came to my new house. It was different. There were no short-legged dogs. The dog at this house had long legs. Long Legs pretty much ignored me at first, but he came around. My new person had a little person, a grandson I think she said. She called him Ryan, and he was great. He was just my size and I knew if I kissed him enough, he'd be my new best friend, and he is.



I'm now 4 months old and my friend Ryan and I play all the time. My friend Long Legs and I have become great friends. But, my two best friends are these two old people. I have them trained so well. If I need to go outside, they take me outside. They actually carry me down the stairs, can you imagine that? If I'm hungry, they feed me by hand if I pretend not to



be hungry. I get treats at night and they play with me all day and all night. They take me for walks and they have lots of little people that come to visit me. I love the little people. My life is great.

Just last week a big person, 2 little people, and a big yellow dog came to visit me. The people were fun, but that big yellow dog was the greatest. He could chase a ball and return it. He could actually catch the ball in midair.

Sometimes I would get the ball if I annoyed him enough. He tried to ignore me at first but, I was not to be ignored. I had the best time with that big yellow dog, but he and his people left one day. I hope he comes back soon. Now it's back to me and Long Legs to explore my new backyard, I have lots of exploring to do.



## SAVE THE DATE

34th Potomac Skye Terrier Club Specialty  
in conjunction with the Columbia Terrier Association  
of Maryland Terrier Group Show

Friday, April 18, 2008  
Maryland State Fairgrounds  
Tinonium, Maryland

Regular Classes Judge: Dr. Harry Smith  
Sweepstakes Judge: Mr. Don L. Evans

Also don't miss these shows at the same site -  
Old Dominion Kennel Club - Saturday, April 19  
Baltimore County Kennel Club - Sunday, April 20  
Catoctin Kennel Club - Monday, April 21

Further information will be e-mailed and mailed soon!

## **Terrier-ific Booth and “Kiss the Skye” Public Education Booth: Devon Dog Show 2007**

Thankfully, the weather cooperated and the day of the Devon Dog Show Association show was sunny, and actually by day's end, very warm. This fact made everyone happy, but perhaps the happiest of all were PSTC members Darren and Lynn McMillion who once again set up the massive PSTC tent and created a welcoming “storefront” and displays to encourage browsing and buying.

The PSTC Booth enjoyed many foreign visitors as well as “regular” customers stopping by to purchase the terrier group design on aprons, sweatshirts, tshirts, and denim shirts. Members Rosemary Hodgins and Sue Chandler encouraged people to look at gifts for themselves and others ranging from clothing to housewares, to artwork to jewelry.

As a new offering, PSTC welcomed Willow Street Pictures and its owner/photographer Darren Modricker, to exhibit some of his exquisite photographs which lovingly depict the bond between humans and animals, most notably dogs. Since it was the Potomac Skye Terrier booth, Darren brought along a special head study photograph of a Skye Terrier, which drew many people into the tent.

Many guests to the booth enjoyed not only the photographic display, and great shopping finds, but also the PSTC “Kiss the Skye” booth. Members Judy Fatzinger, Karoyle Smith, and Sue Chandler introduced Skyes, answered questions about the breed, and offered free copies of *The Potomac Piper* to interested visitors. It was a great experience for the Skyes who loved meeting new people and offering lots of kisses, and it was a great experience for the breed as it offered a chance for people to meet this very rare breed in their “casual clothes”.

As another memorable Devon show came to a close, the PSTC team of tired volunteers, packed up the few remaining items and celebrated the booths fundraising efforts en route to the members' dinner meeting at The Eagle Tavern.

## Meet the Member: Kate Kozeliski

### 1) Tell us a bit about yourself. I

was born and raised in Gallup, New Mexico, usually surrounded by multiple cats, dogs, and other animals! I went to college at the University of Michigan (majoring in psychology) and I moved to Washington, DC one year ago to attend George Washington University for my Master's degree in Infant Special Education.



### 2) How did you first become aware of the Skye Terrier - what attracted you to the breed? Ever

since I was a little girl, my family and I have watched the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. As I got older, our family's English Setter was being shown, and I became even more interested in attending shows and learning about my favorite breeds in each group. It was then that Skye Terriers first caught my eye. I was drawn to their unique look; the long, flowing coat attracted me but particularly the body length! I thought they were beautiful and thought I'd like to have one someday.

### 3) Now that you own a Skye, what are the qualities that appeal to you?

Besides their distinctive look and profile, I love the amount of expression they show in their faces and especially their ears – they are very able to showcase their personalities! Now that I live with a Skye and have come to know several others, I simply love their temperaments – affectionate, loyal, but also so easygoing! People have often commented to me that they enjoyed meeting Bailey because she is very friendly but not “too hyper” or high-strung like many dogs they encounter.

### 4) Describe your involvement with your Skye in the sport of dogs. I was

lucky enough to have the help and support of PSTC members Michael Pesare, Maida Connor, and Travis Wright to ease me into the world of showing dogs. Bailey and I attended a handling class, and have since traveled to conformation shows in MD, VA, and NC with some of her littermates. Since I have always been a spectator at dog shows, it is a real

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## Through the Eyes of a Skye

*In Memory of "Tommie"*

*by Marijane Parrish*

Look into the eyes of a Skye  
And tell me what you see.  
"Please, give me time  
To figure you out.  
I may take longer  
Than most, you see,  
Because of who I am  
For I am a Skye."

"If I can learn to trust you,  
I promise you, you will never be sorry  
For I can always be your Loyal friend.  
Just give me a chance and be patient  
And you will reap your just reward  
With a companion who can only give  
unconditional enduring Love.  
That's all I know to give  
For I am a Skye, you see."

Deep in my heart I know  
Where I came from -  
From my Loyal ancestors and  
from Heaven above.  
I come only to care for  
those I grow to love.  
So look into my eyes and  
you will see  
The depth of my soul  
and all that I am  
and can be.  
For I am a Skye, you see."

"Whether I am shy  
Or whether I am strong,  
Please, give me a chance  
To prove that my heart is good.  
Keep looking into my eyes  
And you will find  
I am sensitive, I am tender -  
I can be as gentle as a lamb.  
For I am a Skye, you see."

"Just nurture me and  
Be patient with me and  
In time, I will become  
What you are looking for.  
I always want to please you.  
I will do my very best -  
As always I should  
For I am a Skye, you see."

"And when I must leave you,  
I will go reluctantly.  
Waiting for you  
Will not be easy.  
Longing to be at your side  
Will always be my dream.  
I want only to be your loving  
And loyal companion -  
This is the greating longing  
of my heart  
For I am a Skye, you see,  
And that's all I can be."



# Remembering two very special Skyes



**Ch. Gleanntan Gee Whillikers - "Michael"**  
Eng. Ch. Talyot Dionysis x Ch. Gleanntan Good Golly  
1997 - 2007



**Ch. Gleanntan Godfada At Santlin - "Roger"**  
Int. Ch. Finnsky Oliver x Ch. Gleanntan Givmsmthngtotlkabt  
1995 - 2007



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# Ways to Popularize Your Skyes

By Marijane Parrish

Have you ever shared the Potomac Piper with someone? It's another way to get the word out. I showed the Summer, 2007 issue of the Piper to Jane and Bill Edwards who I had just met while shopping. Bill is a pet portrait artist and was interested in the Personalized Pet Portraits ad by Colleen McKinnon and even wrote down her phone number. Jane kept looking at all the Skye photos. She was enthralled with them and "smitten" by their looks. Then and there I should have given them one of my extra copies of the Piper.

On another day I met Juanita Johnson, a psychiatric nurse, who noticed in a parking lot my car bumper sticker that says, "Happiness is owning a Skye Terrier". She told me that hearing about my Skyes gave her a big lift which she needed that day. This time I gave up my copy of the Piper and I was delighted to do so!

*Note: We typically print a limited number of extra copies of the Potomac Piper. An extra copy of two could be mailed to you or directly to someone who is interested in Skyes. Simply drop a note to PSTC Secretary, Maida Connor or e-mail her at: [maidac Connor@comcast.net](mailto:maidac Connor@comcast.net).*

## Potomac Skye Terrier Club Website

We are pleased to announce that Potomac website is now being managed by co-Web Masters, Shirley Deasy and Ginger Lindsey.

### **Wanted!! Skye Terrier Photos**

As new pages are added to the Potomac website, there may be a need for a photo of that perfect cute puppy, adorable adult or perhaps a Skye participating in performance events or even perhaps pet therapy. If you have an image that you'd like to share, please send it to PSTC co-Web Master, Shirley Deasy, [sdeasy@nc.rr.com](mailto:sdeasy@nc.rr.com). We can't guarantee that it will be included, but we'd like to build a catalog of images that could be used.

## **AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days: Meet the Breeds Public Education Event in Raleigh, NC**

On September 15, 2007, Shirley Deasy and Joe and Ginger Lindsey participated in the AKC "Meet the Breeds" event that was held in conjunction with the Responsible Dog Day festivities at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC.

Shirley Deasy reported: "We felt that having the Skyes, Cookie and Emmee, participate in this activity was a good idea. You would have been thrilled with the fact that there were a number of people who had never seen our breed and at their favorable comments about Skyes after having seen our two dogs. Several commented on how sweet the dogs were and also how surprised they were to see such quiet, easy going, laid-back terriers. I guess most people are most familiar with the "more outspoken" members of the Terrier Group.

*Meet the Member: Kate Kozeliski*  
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thrill now to be handling my first show puppy! Bailey seems to be a happy girl in the ring so far, so I look forward to learning more about showing as she grows and staying in the sport for a long time.

**5) What advice would you give to others who might be interested in the Skye?** If someone is interested in owning a Skye, I would recommend that they first go to a dog show to meet several Skyes and their people. I fell even more in love with the breed when I met all the various personalities in the dogs and heard from their owners about how pleasant they are to live with! Also, asking questions about things like growth, coat maintenance, and temperament helped me to make the decision that a Skye was right for me.

**6) What role does the Potomac Skye Terrier Club play in your involvement with the breed? What do you value the most about being a member of the regional Skye Terrier club?** My first real exposure to Skyes and their owners was at the most recent PSTC Specialty in April. I enjoyed meeting all the dogs and felt most welcomed by all the friendly people! Reading the Potomac Piper has helped me to learn more about the breed as well as allowing me to see dogs that I have not had the privilege of meeting in person. I value having such a supportive network of people, and I also am incredibly inspired by members' devotion to their own dogs as well as their efforts to gain exposure for the breed.

## **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: [maidacConnor@comcast.net](mailto:maidacConnor@comcast.net).

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**Bailey enjoys watching the football games in her big chair!**