



Potomac Piper

Newsletter of the Potomac Skye Terrier Club

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Happy Summer!



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Message from the President

Summer has arrived with warm, humid days in our area. I hope that you are enjoying the days of summer with your Skye Terriers.

A special thank you to all who provided such positive feedback on *The Potomac Piper* newsletter. I'd like to think of our 12-page newsletter as a little gem that offers helpful, friendly information about the breed that we all love. We are working hard to make your membership to the Potomac Skye Terrier Club as meaningful and rewarding as it can be.

The Potomac Skye Terrier Club's mission is to reach out to all in the Mid-Atlantic region who admire and respect the breed. I always welcome your thoughts and input as to how we might strengthen our efforts on behalf of the Skye Terrier.

Michael J. Pesare, President

Grooming Tips for the Not Always So Good Ol' Summertime

By Seymour Weiss

This article originally appeared in the Summer 2004 issue of AKC Family Dog.

Dogs are engineered by Mother Nature to function much more efficiently in a temperate or cold environment than in a warm one. Even though canines are found naturally in all climates around the globe, they are really cool-weather animals.

Each year as the mercury climbs, dog owners are repeatedly admonished to take steps to protect their pets. However, the incidences of dogs who die from heat exhaustion are shocking and, sadly, unnecessary. Every owner can safeguard their dogs in summer. Along with leaving plenty of cool, clean water (with ice cubes!) for your dogs and exercising them (moderately) in the early morning or after dusk, and never leaving them in the car when you run errands, there are a few grooming tips that can make the warm months more comfortable for them.

The Nose Knows

While hot weather poses risks to all dogs, the short-faced breeds are especially susceptible to heatstroke. These brachycephalic breeds include Boston Terriers, Boxers, Bulldogs, and Pugs, but any dog with a short foreface and narrow nostrils can be at special risk. Obviously, dogs with heavy coats will feel the heat more than smooth-coated types, but will be less vulnerable to insect bites—always a problem in warm weather.

Brush, Brush, Brush

This is a good time to lay aside a pervasive myth: Many well-meaning pet owners believe that if they have their dog's coat clipped for the summer, the dog will be more comfortable. If a dog's coat is clipped short, he will be more susceptible to sunburn, insect bites, and skin irritations.

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Life without a Skye is no life at all!

Sandra Goose Allen has moved...

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The Potomac Skye Terrier Specialty

Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland - Friday, April 22, 2005
West Friendship, Maryland

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes

GLEANNTAN GIVEMEBUSYBEE!. RN 06417707. 08-19-04. By Ch Gleanntan Going For It - Ch Gleanntan Grandxpose. Owner: Jo Ann Lyons & Gleanntan Kennels., Aspers, PA 17304. Breeder: Gleanntan Kennels.

Best Junior in Sweeps & Best in Sweepstakes & Best Puppy

ROYALIST DUST DEVIL. RN 06050101. 06-03-04. By Ch Janterrs Showtime! - Ch Lairdoglen Amazing Grace. Owner: Karen Jennings & Haley Reburn., Castle Rock, CO 80108. Breeder: Karen Jennings & Laura Mebes.

Winners Dog & Best of Winners (5 point major)

GLEANNTAN POT OF GOLD. RN 02936609. 08-03-03. By Ch Gleanntan Gee Whillikers - Ch Gleanntan Grandxpose. Owner: Joe & Ginger Lindsey & Gleanntan Kennels., Raleigh, NC 27612. Breeder: Gleanntan Kennels.

Reserve Winners Dog

OLIVIA QUITE AN ARISTOCRAT. RN 01943706. 02-20-03. By Ch Dust In The Wind Of Morningsky - Olivia Jayroy Wild Fantasia. Owner: Sandra Smiley & Olga Smid & Courtney Penner., Sumas, WA 98295. Breeder: Olga Smid & Gregory Anderson.

Winners Bitch & Best of Opposite Sex (4 point major)

PORTREE DANCE ME AROUND. RN 03076406. 06-30-03 By Ch Celticares Cropduster - Ch Portree Amazing Grace. Owner: Kathleen Brodie., Northboro, MM 01532. Breeder: Nancy Phillips.

Reserve Winners Bitch

OLIVIA QUEEN OF ROMANCE. RN 01943708. 02-20-03. By Ch Dust In The Wind Of Morningsky - Ch Olivia Jayroy Wild Fantasia. Owner: Mr & Mrs Mitchell Weiss., Oakland, NJ 07436. Breeder: Olga Smid & Gregory Anderson. (Pam Goldman, Agent).

Best of Breed & Best Veteran

CH CELTICARES CROPDUSTER. RM 14593705. 05-22-95. By Ch Kakumee Rupert - Ch Celticares Tiny Dancer. Owner: Kathleen Brodie., Northboro, MA 01532. Breeder: Kathleen Brodie.



Lynne Kuczynski Veazie and "Lucy"



The Terrier-ific Booth



Autumn

What do we do when our loving pets face the last leg of the race?

We do all we can to help them finish well, of course.

We take time to read the unspoken needs of the friends we've come to know so well.

We give the simple reassurances of a loving touch, when the old boy seems confused for no reason.

We groom them faithfully, but more gently, as age brings muscle wasting, and the arthritic bones aren't so well padded.

We learn to slow for their sake, as they enjoy the scent of the wind, or track a visitor's trail across the yard.

We expect to be inconvenienced, and aren't angry when it happens.

We watch for pain and treat it, watch for changes in vision and hearing and do what we can to help preserve those precious senses for as long as possible.

We take care of their teeth, and make sure their food is a manageable texture for them.

We remind them of the need for a potty walk, when they seem to forget.

We remember the little rewards.

We scratch the greying ears and tummy, and go for car rides together.

When the pet we love has an unexplained need for comfort, we give it freely.

When infirmities bring a sense of vulnerability, we become our old guardian's protector.

We watch their deepest slumbers, when dreams take them running across long forgotten fields, and we remember those fields too.

When they cannot stand alone, we lift them.

When their steps are uncertain, we steady them.

And if their health fails, it falls to us to make the choice that will gently put them to rest.

But until that is absolutely necessary, we pause to let the autumn sun warm our old friend's bones.

And we realize, autumn is not a bad time of year at all.

Old age is not a disease or a reason to give up.

It is a stage of life that brings its own changes.

Autumn can be a beautiful time of harvest.

And sometimes, the harvest is love.

Author Unknown

Thank you to PSTC member Carol Fink for forwarding this beautiful piece.

"Bea" - a puppy on the move...

Gleanntan Givemebusybee!

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



Best in Sweepstakes
PSTC Specialty
Judge: Marieann
Gladstone

Best of Breed
from the puppy class
and made the cut in
the group at the
Bucks County KC
show

Group 3
Mattaponi KC
Breeder/judge:
Sandra Goose Allen



Bea is owned by Jo Ann M. Lyons
& Gleanntan Kennels

Visit our web site at: www.gleanntan.com



Dear Jo Ann,

I would like to thank the Potomac Skye Terrier Club for inviting me to judge their Specialty at the Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland show. I enjoyed my day and received a nice entry of Skye Terriers to make my placements from. I appreciate the club's hospitality and a special "Thank you" to my ring steward.

Sincerely, Dorothy Taylor



Maryanne Gallagher and Robyn Hand



Don and Sandi Smiley



Anne O'Reilly and Ginger Lindsey

Advertise in the Potomac Piper!

The Potomac Piper is the official newsletter of the Potomac Skye Terrier Club. The Potomac Piper is mailed four 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
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Send your ad and payment to
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Welcome New Member

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Meet the Member: Anne D. O'Reilly

Dogs have always been a part of my life. I have lived with, enjoyed and loved Irish Setters, Cockers, Jack Russels and Bassets. My first Basset was Beauregard but my adventures showing, breeding and judging began with my beloved Fiona. Ch. Brendans Fiona ROM and her littermate Ch. Brendans Archdeacon ROM introduced me to the sport of dogs.

Fi was my foundation bitch and established Ador Bassets. She whelped three litters and produced 11 champions. This was a great way to start a kennel of superb bassets but her greatest accomplishment was teaching me how to handle. Fiona came to live with me at

18 months and was ring wise and knew how to express her displeasure when I stacked or gaited her incorrectly.

In 25 years I have breed about 18 litters and have finished about 40 champions. My newest champion is Drummer, Ch. Ador's Fife and Drum.

Two years ago I was invited to visit the newest Gleanntan litter. One of the breeders asked if I would like to view the new egg plants. I had no idea why they were called eggplants until I looked in the whelping box and saw puppies that honestly did look like eggplants.

Last summer I saw another Skye litter that my good friend Emily had whelped and fell in love with several girls. I watched the litter grow and pass each important developmental step and at four months I was asked to pick a puppy! The task was exhausting but extremely rewarding, I left with a sweet bitch now known as Gladys. She is the joy of my life, my constant companion and Drummer's best friend. I hope I can give you updates on Gladys's show career and of course I'll have an ad with her finishing picture for you all to see.

I would like to thanks all the Skyes devotees that I have met for welcoming me to the breed and extending their friendship to me. Thank you.



To keep your dog cool in the summer, start by giving him a good bath and blow-dry with a brush and a hand-held dryer (set on cool). When the coat is dry to the touch, brush and comb your dog thoroughly before allowing for that ceremonial roll in the grass. Smooth-coated breeds (like Beagles) need only a quick polish with a curry brush or a hound's glove, but double-coated dogs (like Bearded Collies) will benefit from the removal of a portion of the undercoat. A wide-toothed comb with long, widely spaced teeth will thin out unwanted undercoat. In this way, the skin gets ventilation and is still protected from the creepy-crawlies that plague our dogs every summer.

Talk to your groomer about the best grooming options for protecting your dog's coat and skin in the hot months.

Do Like the Pros

Because so many dog shows are held outdoors in summer, exhibitors have developed a number of techniques and tools to help their champions keep their competitive edge while staying comfortable. It may be something as simple as a towel soaked in ice water, wrung out and draped over the dog like a horse blanket. Or it may be any one of a number of wonderful products developed in response to the demand for show dogs to keep their cool.

Visit a dog show and you will find these marvels of practical technology. Like the pros do, you could clip a small fan to the front of your dog's crate—it will keep him cool and ventilated in his den. Cooling cloths, made of chamois-like material, will also hold down temperatures. And there are even collars that you can store beforehand in a cooler that will keep a dog happy in the heat. Year-round reflecting blankets will keep the sun's rays off an exercise pen or portion of the kennel. In cold weather, the reverse side of this cover helps keep a dog dry and warm.

The best part is that your dog doesn't need to be a champion to use these innovative products.

Heartworm Basics

For many years now, dog owners have been aware of the perils of heartworm infestation and the need for an effective regimen. Happily, modern medicine makes keeping on top of prophylactic measures much easier. As a caring owner, you must be mindful of the possible danger represented by mosquitoes and the heartworms they host. As the warm months are already here, speak to your veterinarian and get your dog on a recommended program of prevention.

The Heat is On

Another point to remember is that unlike humans, dogs perspire from their footpads and their tongues. That's it. Panting allows your dog to cool off naturally, but abnormally heavy panting could be a sign that an overheated dog is nearing a state of distress. It is better to be too watchful than not watchful enough.

Dogs can suffer heat stroke. If you notice your dog breathing loudly and rapidly, you may be looking at an early symptom of this dreaded killer and you should seek professional veterinary help immediately.

Summer can be a season of great enjoyment for you and your dog. Understand how your dog's body works, and practice some preventive husbandry, and you and your canine companion will be able to soak up this golden season.

No Limit to These Skyes

Dedicated Volunteers Share Love of Dogs and PAL

Reprinted from the April, 2004 issue of the P.A.L. (People Animals, Love) newsletter

Since her retirement 22 years ago from the Foreign Service, Elizabeth Brown of Washington, DC has loyally volunteered in the PAL Pet Visiting Program with one or another of her dogs, all of whom happened to be Skye Terriers. We're talking about Hamish the 1st, Daisy, Jennifer, Hamish the 2nd, and now Glennie.

Oh, and then there's Elizabeth's friend Betty-Jane Jones (B.J.) Jones who was introduced by Elizabeth to PAL and started volunteering with her Skye Terrier Wanda. When Wanda died at age 13, Rachel an almost-4-year-old Skye came into B.J.'s life and now continues along with Elizabeth's Glennie their marvelous work in bringing happiness and comfort to individuals at Knollwood Nursing home and the U.S. Armed Services Retirement Home.



B.J. Jones and "Rachel" (left) and Elizabeth Brown with "Glennie" make pet visits to several sites in the Washington area. The dogs, the most recent in a long line of Skye Terriers that B.J. and Elizabeth have introduced to PAL, bring comfort and happiness to those they visit.

In the early days of PAL, when Hamish the 1st started visiting places like the Washington Home and the Louise Lisner Home, Elizabeth says few had seen a Skye Terrier and Hamish caused quite a sensation. People invariably commented, "Did you come to mop the floor?" Twice their height in length with a long, profuse coat, naturally parted from toe to tail, Skyes do look moppish.

The impetus for B.J. and Elizabeth's long-term volunteerism with PAL stems from the effect they have on people who are isolated, ill, and often lonely. B.J. "always loves the reaction of people" to her visits. She describes a "very positive" response and notes it can often be seen in Alzheimer's patients. Elizabeth says that "the most important thing is that you make contact with people" through their interaction with dogs. Elizabeth added that in pet therapy visiting, it is "terribly important that dogs are temperamentally suited and don't mind being petted." The Jones and Brown Skyes have made good therapy dogs because of their natures and sensitivity; however as Elizabeth notes, "It is amazing the variety of dogs that make good visitors."

PAL currently has 150 certified pet visiting teams, going to 20 facilities in the Washington, DC area with plans to reach more persons over the next 5 years. The PAL Pet Visiting Program is supported solely through contributions from generous individuals.

Thank you to long-time PSTC members Elizabeth Ann Brown and Betty-Jane Jones for contributing this article.

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

July 9 - Membership Meeting - 2 pm - Upper Marlboro KC show, Howard County Fair grounds, West Friendship, Maryland

October 8 - Devon Dog Show - PSTC "Terrier-ific" Booth and Membership Meeting

2006 Specialty Judge

Kirsti Smith will be unable to travel abroad for the assignment. However, Colin Smith has accepted the club's invitation to judge the 2006 specialty (pending AKC approval).

Potomac Piper Now On the Web

This is the first issue of the Potomac Piper that was produced entirely in digital format. As a result, this will be the first issue that will be available on the Potomac web site at: <http://potomac4.tripod.com> in Adobe PDF format. Here is a volunteer project for one of our computer -saavy members!! — scan all previous issues to make them available on the web site as well (can be done a little at a time!!) Interested?