

STCTB Service Committee
Structure and Activities (v6-20-2023)
Chairperson: Colleen Rafatti

Purpose: To encourage community service, providing additional opportunities for our members to engage with their dogs, each other, and their communities as well as showcase the Scottish Terrier's ability to bring joy in yet another meaningful way.

What Is Community Service?

<https://blog.prepscholar.com/129-examples-of-community-service-projects>

Community service is work done by a person or group of people that benefits others. It is often done near the area where you live, so your own community reaps the benefits of your work. You do not get paid to perform community service, but volunteer your time.

Community service can help many different groups of people: children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, even animals and the environment. Community service is often organized through a local group, such as a place of worship, school, or non-profit organization, but you can also start your own community service projects. Many people participate in community service because they enjoy helping others and improving their community.

There are numerous benefits to participating in community service, both for yourself and others.

- *Gives you a way to help others.*
- *Helps improve your community.*
- *Can help strengthen your resume and college applications.*
- *Can be a way to meet new friends.*
- *Often results in personal growth.*
- *Gives you a way to gain work experience and learn more about certain jobs.*

Goals of the STCTB Service Committee:

- Engage club members in service-related volunteer activities in their own local communities, with or without their Scotties, in a way that requires little travel or expense.
- Connect with STCTB members and Scottie owners in their own geographic area.
- Increase STCTB member awareness of dog-centered activities and sports, and about health and education programs and services available to Scottish Terrier owners.
- Support efforts to help ensure the longevity and health of the Scottish Terrier breed.

Service activities completed by STCTB members and their Scotties will be catalogued, summarized, and recognized each year at the STCTB Annual Meeting.

A broad perspective of “service” will be focused on these three categories:

Service to Your Local Community. This category of activities provides benefit to the community in which you live, primarily focused on helping dogs. Activities of general service to the community carried out by groups of Scottie owners working together would also be included. Some examples are:

- Volunteer with local shelters or humane societies to assist with daily animal care, pet adoption events, educational activities, special projects and fundraisers.
- Assist local all-breed dog or kennel clubs with training classes, dog shows, or community education projects. (This is a great way to build friendships, as well as to become knowledgeable of local dog resources such as groomers, trainers, and veterinarians.)
- Host a fundraiser to benefit a local shelter or humane society.
- Organize a supply drive to collect the things most needed on a wish list for a local shelter or humane society, including food and items from your home that can be reused to help the animals (blankets, towels, etc.). This could also include local homeless shelters for people that provide food for homeless clients' pets.
- Host a group crafting or sewing project to make dog beds, blankets, or toys for a local shelter or humane society.
- Participate in locally organized dog walks to support causes of your interest.
- Volunteer to help local 4-H dog clubs.
- Become involved in canine reading programs in schools, therapy dog work in nursing homes and other settings, and related endeavors.
- Temporarily foster a dog to help an overcrowded local shelter.
- Help exercise and train shelter dogs (at the humane society, hospice "pet peace of mind" programs, service dog training programs, prison dog programs, etc.)
- Engage with other local dog owners in projects of general benefit to the community at large such as Earth Day, clean-up days, and the like.

Service to the Scottie Community. Participation in Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay (STCTB), Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA), and/or Scottish Terrier Rescue of Florida (STROF) activities, or in programs or research designed to help preserve and maintain the health of Scottish Terriers are included in this category. Examples are:

- Volunteer to help STCTB with projects and activities (serve on a committee, or assist with the annual Specialty show, fun days and picnics, or the 2024 Rotating Specialty show).
 - Engage your own Scottie(s) in activities to help them become a well socialized and well behaved "canine ambassador", such as:
 - Take obedience classes your local dog training club.
 - Earn a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) credential- a great place to start for any Scottie!
- <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>

The AKC Canine Good Citizen™ (CGC) program provides a perfect framework for training your dog to become a polite member of society. Based on you and your dog's training needs, you have multiple options to get started.



You can teach your dog the 10 CGC skills yourself, work with a CGC trainer or attend a CGC training class where the test is given at the end of graduation.

Canine Good Citizen Test Items

Test 1 : Accepting a friendly stranger

Test 2 : Sitting politely for petting

Test 3 : Appearance and grooming

Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

Test 5: Walking through a crowd

Test 6: Sit and down on cue and stay in place

Test 7: Coming when called

Test 8: Reaction to another dog

Test 9: Reaction to distraction

Test 10: Supervised separation

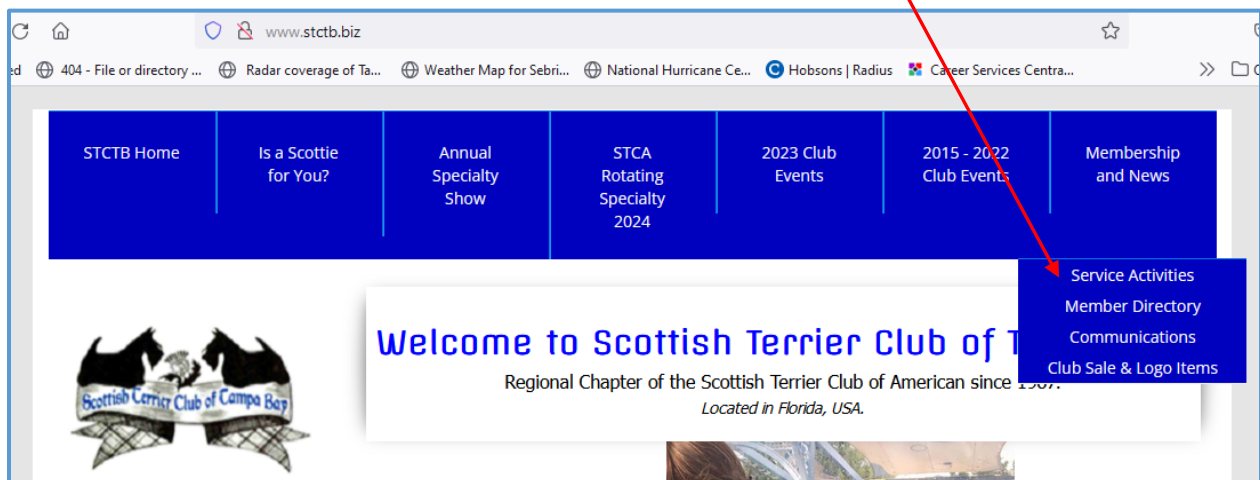
- Obtain training and certification to become a Therapy Dog so you can visit the public in nursing homes/rehab facilities, schools and other settings where presence of a well-behaved Scottie can bring comfort and joy to others.
 - Enjoy a dog sport and possibly earning credentials/titles in events such as conformation, obedience, rally, agility, barn hunt, earth dog, scent work, lure coursing/FAST CAT, trick titles- and more.
 - Participate with your dog in the American Kennel Club (AKC) Fit Dog program.
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- Host a fundraiser to benefit STCTB.
 - Engage in educational workshops (in person or online) related to the Scottish Terrier breed standard, canine health issues, canine nutrition and care, overcoming problem behaviors through using positive training techniques, and similar topics.
 - Become a volunteer for Scottish Terrier Rescue of Florida (STROF). <https://scottierescueflorida.org/>
 - Temporarily foster a dog that needs placement through STROF.
 - Become a member of Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA). www.stca.biz
 - Support the STCA Scottish Terrier Health Trust Fund. <https://stca.biz/about-the-breed/health/health-trust-fund/>
 - Enroll your Scottie in the STCA DNA Bank project: <https://stca.biz/about-the-breed/health/the-stca-htf-dna-bank/>
 - Complete necessary testing and/or registration for Scottish Terrier Health Registries- such as the CA (Cerebellar Abiotrophy) Registry, CHIC Registry (Canine Health Information center) and Longevity Registry. See: <https://stca.biz/about-the-breed/health/health-registries/>
 - Add your Scottie's pedigree and photograph to the STCA Pedigree Database: <https://stca.biz/about-the-breed/pedigree-database/pedigree-change-form/>
 - Participate in letter-writing campaigns in response to dog-specific legislation.
 - Increase visibility of Scotties in our communities through attendance at parades, Scottish games, and other community dog-themed events.

Service to Our Members (Each Other). Broadly sharing information with other STCTB members, and participating in events with other Scottie owners in your geographic area is included. Some examples are:

- Form an AKC Fit Dog Club with other Scottie and dog owners in your area- and set up Fit Dog walk events, an annual “Turkey Trot” walk, or Fit Dog classes!
- Develop a list of resources for members interested in participating in service-focused activities.
- Provide educational materials/workshops to inform members about how they can become involved in service projects and dog sports/activities.
- Share information about new advances and events important to Scottish Terrier welfare and health.
- Mentor other STCTB members interested in learning about new puppy training and socialization, conformation, grooming, breeding quality and healthy Scotties, obedience and other dog sports, and therapy or service dog work.
- Share “success stories” about your involvement in service activities with your dog in your own communities.

Documenting Participation in Service Activities

A sub-page has been created on the STCTB website, under the Membership and News tab to promote Service Activities. Upcoming events of interest, links to resources, and photos of recent STCTB member involvement in service will be highlighted on that page. A brief online form is included on that page through which members can document their service projects and activities.



Member participation in service projects, and “star performers” in accruing service hours, will be recognized at the STCTB Annual Dinner/Meeting (details to be announced).

Sources of Information About Service Programs and Activities

American Kennel Club (AKC): www.akc.org

Dog sports and events: <https://www.akc.org/sports/>

This brief quiz may help you narrow down the many dog sport events to those that best fit your dog and lifestyle: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/which-sport-should-you-do-with-your-dog/>

- Conformation: <https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/>
- Agility: <https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/exhibitor-resources/>
- Performance Dog Sports: <https://www.akc.org/sports/beginners-guide-performance-sports/>
- Obedience: <https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/>

Canine Good Citizen Title and Testing (CGC): <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>

Therapy Dog Title and Training: <https://www.akc.org/sports/title-recognition-program/therapy-dog-program/what-is-a-therapy-dog/>

AKC Fit Dog Titles, Clubs and Events: <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>

Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA): www.stca.biz

STCA Scottish Terrier Health Trust Fund. <https://stca.biz/about-the-breed/health/health-trust-fund/>

STCA DNA Bank project: <https://stca.biz/about-the-breed/health/the-stca-htf-dna-bank/>

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STCA Pedigree Database: <https://stca.biz/about-the-breed/pedigree-database/pedigree-change-form/>

Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay (STCTB) website: www.stctb.biz

Scottish Terrier Rescue of Florida (STROF): <https://scottierescueflorida.org/>

One of the best resources of all is your fellow STCTB members who have experience and expertise in your areas of interest. Contact the Service Committee Chairperson for names and contact information:

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