

The CA Database Is Active

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On April 4, 2006 the Cerebellar Abiotrophy database went online at STCA Grand Central.

34 owners of CA affected Scotties voluntarily signed releases to have their dogs entered into this database. This action shows great dedication and love for the Scottish Terrier. Thank you to all of these owners and breeders.

Dogs presently affected with CA cannot be treated or cured. However, with the database in place and relative risk pedigree analysis available this summer, our breed has reached a milestone on the road to genetic health. The relative risk analysis provides breeders with a tool to slow the spread of CA in the Scottish Terrier population.

Please remember that the real solution for CA lies in the STCA RTF and CHF research project for a DNA test for CA. Please be generous with your CA contributions to the STCA RTF. STCA and CHF are now sponsoring phase one of this project. More funds will be needed to continue phase two of this project into 2007.

Dr. Jerold Bell will be presenting a seminar on "Relative Risk Analysis and Its Use" at Montgomery on Saturday, October 7, 2006. The Seminar will be held at the Summerfield Suites hotel.

If you have a Scottie that may need CA diagnostic services or if you are interested in having Dr. Bell help you with relative risk analysis, please contact Dr. Jerold Bell at GeneticVet@aol.com.

The STCA Health Committee, Linda Orsborn, Mary O'Neal and Linda St James are currently working on DVDs for each regional club. These DVDs will contain the CA portion of Dr. Bell's seminar held in October of 2004. These DVDs

will help to educate the Scottie fancy on the subject of CA.

Currently, one of the best sources of Cerebellar Abiotrophy information is available at <http://www.wobblyscottie.com>. The other premier source is CA Central located at STCA Grand Central.

Below are the directions for accessing CA Central and the CA database:

To Access the CA Database

1) Visit the **STCA Home Page**, **Education page**, or **Health page** and click on the **Grand Central** logo on the page OR

Go directly to: <http://www.stca.biz/GrandCentral/>

2) Complete the **Grand Central** registration form by providing your name and email address, and then click the **"Access STCA Grand Central"** button. This information will be saved on your computer for your next visit.

3) The **STCA Grand Central** Home Page offers a choice of topics; click on the **CA Central** icon in the upper right corner

4) Once you reach the first **CA Central** page, you will need to read three consecutive articles about CA, Autosomal Inheritance, and Relative Risk Analysis.

A link to the next article is located at the bottom of each Webpage. Once you have read the "Risk Analysis" article, the link to the CA Database will be at the bottom of the page.

5) You cannot reach the CA Database without going through the three introductory articles.