

STUD BOOK HISTORY BY PETER HUNTER

The STC Inc. has kindly been gifted a copy of work carried out by Peter Hunter of the Stud book history of when Scottish Terriers were first brought to Australia and many other details that will be treasured by all Scottish Terrier enthusiasts both here and overseas.

In the early stages of Peter's interest in Scottish Terriers, he saw a copy of old English pedigrees that had been put together by Dorothy Caspersz, one of the foremost experts on the breed at that time, she was also a judge and wrote a number of books describing the origin of our breed and her opinions on them in the era around the 1950's.

Although computers were not available at that time, Dorothy Caspersz had gathered a lot of information and established a basis for Peter to use in our breed history in Australia.

Around the mid 1970's, Peter purchased a micro computer to embark upon the mammoth task of collating information not only on pedigrees but on all Scottish Terriers imported to Australia, the people who owned them, how many litters they produced and the names of the pups and the list of details goes on.

Peter was a QANTAS pilot which enabled him to travel to all parts of the world and on his days off obtain details from like minded people to assist him with his research.

Elisabeth Blower in the UK and Neatha Robinson in the USA were part of the group of people that gathered information which Peter diligently filed away to come up with these absolutely priceless details that form our Stud history of Scottish Terriers in Australia.

It has been a huge task that Peter embarked on all those years ago, and it is a credit to him and all the people that assisted in supplying the information on things that were not clear in the works that he had gathered from libraries, RAS bodies around Australia, dog show catalogues and Scottish Terrier enthusiasts.

On behalf of Peter Hunter and The Scottish Terrier Club Inc. we hope you enjoy seeing and reading the history of the breed in Australia and the background of possibly the Scottish Terriers owned by you.

Also, on behalf of all Scottish Terrier owners, breeders and exhibitors in Australia, we would like to thank Peter for his undeniable dedication, persistence and unrelenting ability to complete this work after so many years.

Warren Goldsworthy