

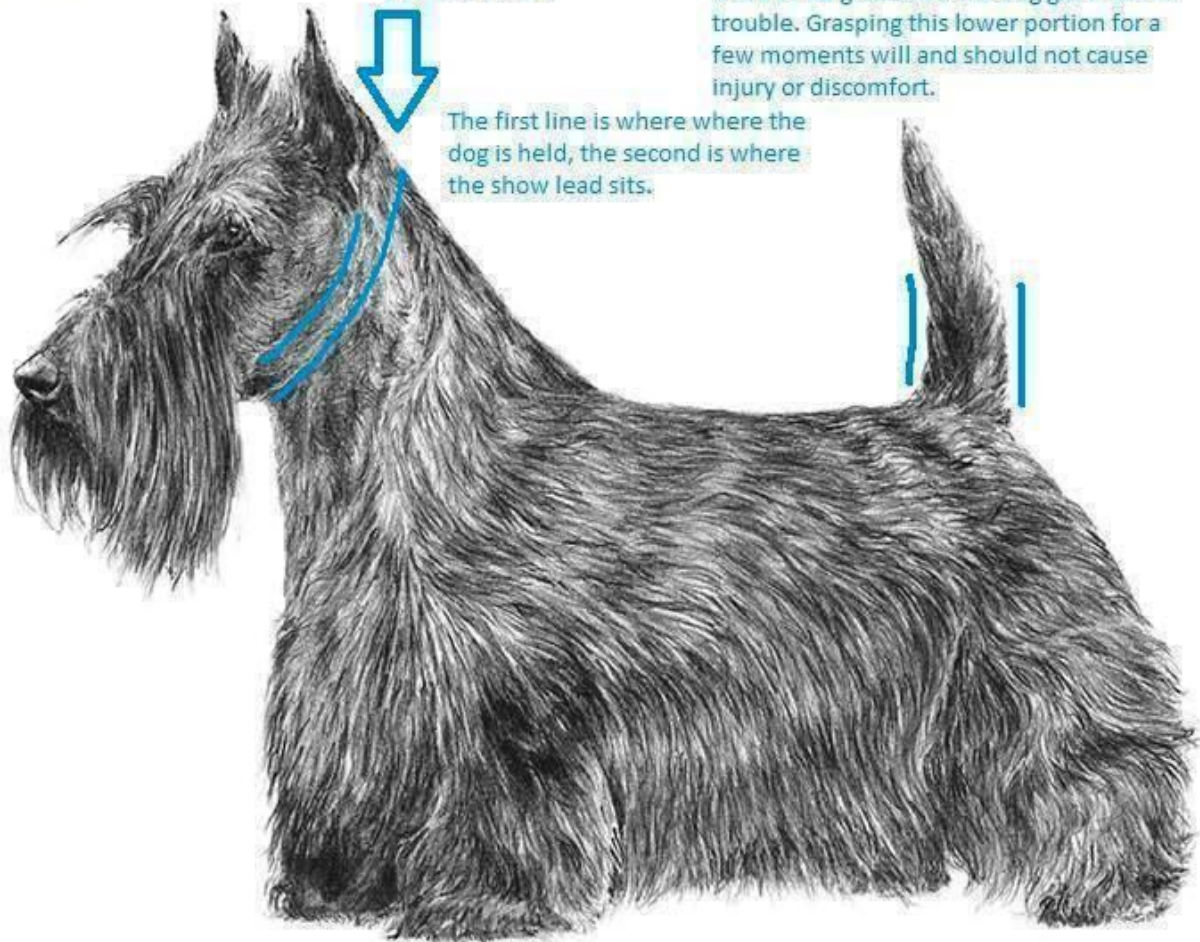
HEY! You can't lift a dog like that!

(The lifting of show terriers)

The dog is grasped under the **JAWLINE**, **NOT** the throat

According to the breed standard the Scottie tail is very thick at the base. These dogs were to go to ground after vermin and the tail was there to be grabbed if the dog got itself in trouble. Grasping this lower portion for a few moments will and should not cause injury or discomfort.

The first line is where where the dog is held, the second is where the show lead sits.



Despite public perception, lifting a terrier (not just Scotties, but Sealyhams, Welsh, Lakelands, Wire Fox, etc.) in the way seen at dog shows is not cruel or harmful to the dog. Handlers at dog shows are some of the best and most knowledgeable when it comes to canine behavior, structure, and physiology. They are also more than happy to educate the public on handling techniques if the public is willing to ask and learn.