



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Fall 2023



Julie Redd's puppy, Miss Willow, age 5 months, dashing through winter in her sleigh bed

Happy New Year!

2024 is already upon us, and we have started lining up fun events.

The year starts off with the All Terrier Club of Western Washington Dog Show on January 12 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds starting at 1:00PM. Stop by and see the Westies and other terriers in the ring. If you live in the area and would like to volunteer to work at the hospitality table, contact Karin Parish at kparish@whidbey.com. Or come by and watch the show -- park in the Blue Lot across the street from Fairgrounds.

It's the Chinese New Year or Lunar Year, and our first Westie dog party is Saturday, February 17th. The theme? Year of the Dragon. If you would like to help with the party, please contact Lesley Wilson at LPW98075@comcast.net. We will need help with setup, cleanup, picture-taking, games, tables, and other fun – ok, cleanup. Check out the article on the Lunar Year for more background and costume ideas for your Westie.

Interested in learning to do Barn Hunt with your dog? We have two training classes in March in Auburn at Argus Ranch. Though they are already at capacity, Karin Parish has started a waiting list in case of any cancellations.

If you have not had time to renew your 2024 dues, a form is included near the end of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at club events this year.

Lesley Wilson, Newsletter Editor





Winter Bliss



All Terrier Club of Western Washington
Group Winter Show
Friday - Jan 12, 2024 - **Begins at 1pm**

Western Washington State Fair Grounds,
Puyallup, WA
Superintendent: BaRay

Designated Specialty West Highland White Terrier
Club of Puget Sound

Judging Slate:

#6176 Gary Andersen (AZ)
#97149 Grant Townsend (BC)
#96231 Raymond Yurick (BC)



Followed by Three day Western Washington
Winter Cluster
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Gig Harbor Kennel
Club, Seattle Kennel Club
January 13, 14, 15, 2023
TOTAL of FOUR shows in a row.

NOTE

- Go to BaRay to reserve your grooming area through the Cluster – (premium list)
- No food vendors are open on Friday, but our club will hand out snack bars & treats - so pack accordingly for Friday.
- Gates to grooming area don't open until 11am on Friday ONLY –other days (Sat/Sun/Mon) opens at 6am. (see Winter Cluster premium list)

Chinese New Year celebration YEAR OF THE DRAGON



Date: Saturday - February 17, 2024
Time: 12:30pm – 3:00 pm
Where: Academy of Canine Behavior
4705 240th St SE
Bothell, WA

Admission - *\$5 per person
(children free)

Bring:

- Appetizer or Asian dish to share
- Costume Contest (see below)
- Wear Red for Good Luck
- Poop bags

Games/Events:

- Lucky dog dragon Fortune
- Dragon Dance March Game
- Chinese outfit for costume contest
- New Lunar Year Raffle Basket
- Other lucky events!

*admission covers rental of the facility



Congratulations and wishes for prosperity

LUNAR NEW YEAR

By Karin Parish

Our first Westie party of the year will be held in honor of Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year. The color red denotes good luck, fortune, happiness and abundance in the Chinese culture and is often worn or used for decoration in other celebrations.

The dragon is present in many Chinese cultural celebrations as the Chinese people often think of themselves as descendants of the mythical creature. The dragon represents prosperity, good luck, and good fortune.



When they encounter problems, they do not give up. People with the sign of the dragon are polite, sympathetic, self-aware, have a creative attitude, and are motivated.

They abhor hypocrisy, defamation, and all that sort of thing. Dragons don't back down from a confrontation, yet they hate being taken advantage of or exploited by others.

Red lanterns hang in streets; red couplets are pasted on doors; banks and official buildings are decorated with red New Year pictures depicting images of prosperity. If you're born in a Dragon year, the following are deemed lucky for you:

- Lucky numbers: 1, 6, 7; avoid: 3, 8, 9
- Lucky colors: gold, silver, grayish white
- Lucky flowers: bleeding-heart vine, dragon flowers
- Lucky direction: east, north, south
- Heavenly element: wood

What does the dragon eye mean spiritually?

- The Dragon's Eye symbol stands for the balance of love, power, and wisdom.
- Years of the Dragon include 2024, 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952

What year of the dragon will bring for us:

The Year of the Dragon in 2024 will bring favorable conditions for change, growth, and progress, with the dragon's energy and the grounding influence of the wood element inspiring imagination, leadership, and new ideas.





Barn Hunt Seminar/Practice

SOLD OUT — TAKING Wait List Requests

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Location: Argus Ranch, Auburn

Approximately \$35 per dog for overview, intro to rats, and practice run. Details are being finalized. We are planning morning and afternoon sessions, each with 10 dogs participating. Sessions are 3 hours long. We have a couple slots open and are building a wait list.

The class will be an overview of the rules, and then intro to rats, hay bales, and hay tunnels, then a practice run. Then you can learn how to participate in the sport in future competitions.

Please send your name and how many dogs there are to me on email. I will keep you in the loop. This is a joint event with the Westie and Scottie Clubs.



To get onto the list for March, please email me.

Karin Parish: kparish@whidbey.com



Westie World Traveler

By Melinda Heller



This past November we took a transatlantic cruise departing from Southampton, England, and left our beloved westie, Hilda, at home.

Most of the cruise passengers were Brits. Upon going through customs at our arrival in San Juan, Puerto Rico, we were astonished to encounter a little Westie girl! She had traveled with her elderly British owners as a “Medical Support Dog.” She then traveled with all of us on an island tour and went to the beach. This little girl was fourteen years old! She was very well behaved and friendly. I was very impressed. Perfect little carrot tail!



World Traveler Westie age 14



Hilda left at home. Oh, the guilt!

Scenes from the December 9th Holiday Lunch



About a dozen members gathered at Arnie's in Edmonds for lunch and a gift exchange on December 9th.



Could Your Westie Benefit from Water Therapy?

By Robin Ryan



When our Westie Duffy started shaking and his back legs gave out, we rushed him to the veterinarian emergency room. His 13½ years had finally caught up with him, with a diagnosis of bad arthritis, and some back and leg issues. His days of running free at the off-leash dog park were over. So, what should the owner do?

Enter Claire McLaughlin who offers canine hydrotherapy with massage. She specializes in surgery or injury rehabilitation, as well as helping older dogs with aging mobility and other conditions. After one hour in that warm swimming pool working with Claire, Duffy comes out wagging his tail with a smile on his face.

More info: SaintlyTouch.com

Locations in Sammamish & Woodinville



The Rainbow Bridge

By Jeannette Melchior

My Candy Girl is at the Rainbow Bridge – this was going to be an article about her passing but on reflection my writing is an open letter to all.

Dear Westie Members,

At 1:00AM, December 1st, as my alarm woke me to get up and give my Westie Candy her antibiotic pill (every 8 hours), I found her not asleep, but passed.

Candy, a tear still creeps down my cheek as I think you left this world alone, I wasn't there to hold you and tell you how much I love you; I hope it was easy for you, but I'll never know. How do we do it, how do we bear this pain, we do so because it's what we accept they come into our life for their life not ours and give us the privilege of being there everything.

Candy was a Champion Show girl “Lanarkstone’s By Candle Light” and a mother to other pups who became champions. She came into my life at 6 years and together we had a remarkable fun 9 years, 15 altogether – good life for a Westie.

I thought about the saying, “the Rainbow Bridge”. I don’t why we say it or even why it occurs to everyone as these loves leave us. So, I did some investigating and found the story – the why. Her name is Edna Clyne-Rekhy and below is the link so you can read without taking up pages of our newsletter. As I read and reread this poem, the tears have soaked another tissue – I know all the names of those dogs who have shared my life and someday I’ll cross that rainbow bridge and we’ll be together again.

<https://www.orderofthegooddeath.com/article/the-rainbow-bridge-the-true-story-behind-historys-most-influential-piece-of-animal-mourning-literature/>



WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB

2024 Membership Renewal Due January 31, 2024

Dear Current Member:

If you have not yet renewed your membership, we have options! We can accept a check, or we can accept electronic payment via Zelle. If you have changed address/phone, please complete this form, scan it, or take a photo, and email it back. **Please note that if you joined our club late in 2023**, your payment covers 2024.

We have two types of membership – Household or Individual

- Individual — \$25 for the year
- Household — \$35 for the year

Please complete the info below and send it to me (or mail, if paying by check) if you have a change or address, email, phone, etc.

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Names of your dogs _____

Include this form with dues if mailing. You only must change the renewal form if you have Changes. Check or money order payable to WHWTCOPS

Mail checks payable to WHWTCOPS c/o Karin Parish, 4371 Hilltop Drive, Clinton, WA 98236

****I will email you back confirmation that I received your check.

Electronic payment via Zelle: whwtcopswa@gmail.com Please add your name to comments section w/note: 2024 dues renewal. EMAIL me to let me know you used Zelle.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you - Karin Parish, Membership Chair



Looking for Westie Health Resources?

The **Westie Foundation of America** has a free, downloadable PDF file that you can access for comprehensive coverage of Westie health issues. The URL is:

https://westiefoundation.org/files/galleries/WFA_Westie_Health_Ebook.pdf

Have questions about allergies, nutrition, dry eye, spaying or neutering? These topics and more are covered by authorities in the field. Brief overviews cover general health and disease in Westies. Specific diseases are covered in depth with illustrations and references.

Club Officers, Directors and Contacts

Upcoming Events



**President
Christine
Corbley**



**Vice President,
Webmaster,
Newsletter
Editor
Lesley Wilson**

**ALL TERRIER CLUB OF WESTERN
WASHINGTON DESIGNATED
SPECIALTY WHWTCOPS**
Saturday, January 12th, Begins at 1PM
Western WA State Fairgrounds
Puyallup, WA



**Treasurer
Dee Thompson**



**Secretary,
Membership
Chair,
Rescue
Representative,
Karin Parish**

YEAR OF THE DRAGON PARTY
Saturday, Feb. 17th, 12:30-3PM
Academy of Canine Behavior,
Bothell, WA

**BARNHUNT SEMINAR / PRACTICE
SESSIONS**
Saturday, March 16th
Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA



**Past President
Jeannette
Melchior**



**Director
Kathy Reed**



**Director,
Rescue
Representative,
Vicki Ray**



**Director,
Melinda Heller**

New Members

Dawn Smith, Seattle, WA



**Director
Lois Briscoe
Kimball**



**Photographer,
Robin Ryan**

New Member Applications

Cecila MacClure, Seattle
Roberta Woods, Seattle

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