



## CLUB OVERVIEW

The West Highland White Terrier Club of New England, Inc. was founded in 1972 by a group of about twenty Westie owners and breeders. The owners' purpose in forming the Club was for bettering the breed through education and responsible breeding programs.

Our By-Laws require that we meet four times a year, with the only stipulated meeting month being June. At that time we hold our "Wild About Westies" Fun Match, Annual Meeting, and Election of Officers. We hold two other general meetings usually in September and January. We hold our Spring Fling Annual Awards Dinner in April. However, there are times when we add extra meetings such as an AKC sanctioned Earth Dog Trial, in October, and a "Holiday Pawty" in November or December. We try to rotate our meetings among the New England states. However, sites for our meetings are determined by the persons who volunteer to chair meetings. We gather on a Sunday for about four hours, and all Westies are welcome! Programs are focused on fun and education for Westie owners and their pets. Our Club is actively involved in Westie rescue and helping to locate responsible member/breeders who may have puppies for placement.

We ask that three items be met before we consider your application for membership:

- (1) You determine which classification of membership you would like to choose. We have two classifications of membership: Full Individual & Joint Membership – entitles member to full Club privileges: to vote, chair or be active in coordinating a meeting or be on a committee,

hold office, and receive all invitations to club events including N\*E\*W Footnotes (our newsletter) and be on our member/breeder list. Attendance at one meeting per fiscal year is required; and Limit Membership – non-voting and not required to attend any meetings nor able to be on our member/breeder list, but will receive all invitations to club events including the N\*E\*W Footnotes newsletter, can chair or be active in coordinating a meeting or be on a committee.

(2) You read and sign our Code of Ethics. We require that ALL members to abide by our Code of Ethics, even if they are not breeders of Westies.

(3) You have a primary and secondary sponsor. It may be necessary for you to attend several meetings as a guest to get to know our Club members who can sponsor you.

Before submitting your application, please read our Constitution and By-Laws located on our website. Your application will be posted on our website in our “Members’ Only” section for our Club members (both voting and non-voting) to review. If there are no objections, your application will be voted upon by the Board and Officers. If accepted, you will be sent our “Welcome!” packet.

If you feel you have something to contribute or are interested in meeting other Westie owners and would like to participate, come and join us in the “Wonderland World of Westies!”

Board and Officers of

THE WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND