



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Spring 2018



President's Message — Linda Gray

Our year started out with a strong showing at the All Terrier Club of Western Washington Dog Show in Puyallup January 12-13. We had a supported entry and 13 Westies were in the competition. Best of Breed was “Margie Munro She’s Full Of It” (female) and Best Opposite Sex was “Arbroath’s Pride” (male). Based on the great showing here we look forward to even more entries in the Westie Designated Specialty on July 6, 2018 at the Puyallup Fair Grounds. Thank you to Jeannette Melchior for chairing this event.

The year keeps getting better. On February 17 we celebrated Chinese New Year (The year of the dog). Karin Parish chaired this event and did a fantastic job. Many thanks to her and her team of volunteers including Dee with the music, Robin’s excellent pictures, Colleen, Dave, Lois, Annette, Ed and

Maryanne for help with décor and raffle/registration table, numerous hands for setting up tables and John and Ileana’s delicious tea pastries. Karin also unveiled our beautiful new club banner.

Congratulations to Robin Ryan our photographer on release of her new book Retirement Reinvention. She and Jeannette Melchior, who was interviewed for Robin’s book, appeared Feb 28 on New Day NW. Jeannette brought two of her Westies, Summertime and McDougal to the delight of the audience.

March 10-11 Dee chaired our Westie booth at the Seattle Kennel Club. Thank you to Dee and to all the volunteers. This event is lots of fun and we can’t do it without volunteers. This was the first time we got to display the new Westie banner.

We have much to look forward to the rest of this year. Be sure to check out our Website for the calendar of the events and volunteer if you can. Here are a few upcoming events:

- We’ve been invited to join the Scotties for a Dog walk and social April 8 at 11am see attached flyer, RSVP
- Lecture on skin diseases by Dr. Melinda Cumming, April 21, 10am at the Kirkland Library. Please be sure to RSVP if you plan to attend since space is limited.
- Westie walk May 19, Woodinville see flyer
- Clash of the Clans (ACB), June 2. The Scotties will again be at the Clash as will the ever popular luring event.

A big thank you also to members getting involved and arranging events. We have an amazing variety this year. Thank you for your support.

AN INVITATION TO YOU

Sponsored by the West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound

"Genetics of Skin Disease and New Therapies"

Guest Speaker Melinda Cumming, DVM

April 21, 2018 10:30 - Noon
ADMISSION: FREE



**RSVP Limited Seating (50 people)

**Email: seattleblackandwhite@gmail.com (pls put SEMINAR) in subject line

Location: @ Kirkland Library - Large Room
308 Kirkland Avenue, Kirkland, WA
<https://kcls.org/locations/1518/>

We are very excited to welcome Dr. Cumming who will be presenting an electronic presentation on Genetics and skin disease and also the new therapies. She will also introduce a short public service announcement about Leptospirosis in our area.

Dr. Cumming has been in practice for 20 years at Spring Glen Veterinary Hospital in Renton, WA. She is also a member of our club! Dr. Cumming graduated from WSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995 after a career in education and electronics (IBM). She also has a PhD in Neuroscience. She says "I am currently owned by a Westie (Doc), a Yorkie (Oliver), and a doodle (Anna) as well as three cats (Zazzle, Eggs, and LillieAnna)." In her free time, she reads, writes, practices photography, and vacations with her husband on road bikes in various international locations. This year is Holland!

Parking: (2 hrs free)
Peter Kirk Municipal Garage
3rd St & Kirkland Ave, Kirkland, WA 98033
Or street parking where you can find it.

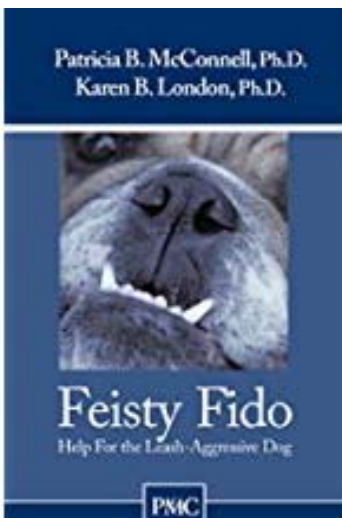




Our new banner was displayed proudly in the Westie booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show March 10-11

Book Review by Colleen Brazil

Feisty Fido: Help for the Leash-Reactive Dog



McConnell, P. B., & London, K. B. (2009), Black Earth, WI: McConnell Publishing.

This little booklet offers training tips and tricks to help break aggressive habits. I know from experience that my Westie can turn into the Tasmanian Devil if a little Pomeranian or Poodle comes prancing by us on our walk. I'm not sure what triggers it, as she is not consistently aggressive to every dog we pass, but out of the blue she will snarl, growl and bare teeth, usually at dogs smaller than her. I had to face the facts that my little sweetheart with those sparkly eyes and button nose also has bully tendencies! OK, so she is a terrier, but that is not an excuse for aggression.

The authors of this book say some dogs behave as if the best defense is a good offense. They say that aggressive barking and lunging is caused by early experience, genetics or both. But they also say not all hope is lost, most all dogs can learn to avoid this behavior. And one advantage we terrier owners have over many other breeds is that our Westies have incredible memory and are quick learners (when it suits them).

McConnell and London offer a few simple ideas on how to thwart aggressive on-leash behavior.

- 1) Use a harness. This surprised me as in all of the training classes my dog and I have been in, no one recommends using the harness. Clearly there is disagreement in the dog training world on this topic. The authors recommend using a body harness to attach your leash to and they say they avoid the pronged or choke collars like the plague. Many trainers recommend the Martingale collars as an alternative as do the authors of this book.

- 2) Always have high drive treats while training. Not just your everyday treats, but those that make your dog crazy happy. Break the treats into tiny bites as they could easily consume 25 treats or more during a training session.
- 3) Teach your dog to “Watch.” This means that when you tell them “Watch” they make eye contact with you and stay focused. This technique requires diligent practice so that you can use it in surprise situations such as other dogs running at you. This booklet explains this technique in great detail.
- 4) Perfecting this technique is gradual as you teach them to perform in increasingly difficult situations. Progress from practicing it in the kitchen when family comes home or in the yard when a squirrel runs by to walking on leash on the sidewalk when an unfamiliar dog approaches.

They offer several other training techniques such as practicing the U-Turn to avoid trouble and other emergency evasive moves.

While my pooch and I have yet to master these techniques, if your walks have every turned into unpleasant encounters, this one-topic booklet could be worth checking out either from Sno-Isle Libraries or for purchase for under \$10 from Amazon in Kindle or paperback format. However, nothing beats working with a good dog trainer if your dog has behavioral issues, so while this booklet can be useful and informative, it should not preclude consulting with a professional trainer.

FUN & FROLICKING

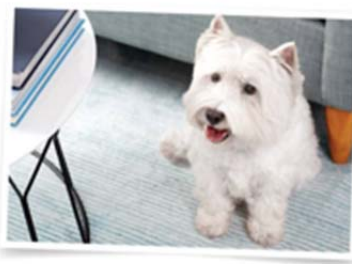
welcome here



Dogs love to spend time outdoors but also enjoy taking a break in a space just for themselves. They need a cool, shady area where they can seek shelter from the sun and enjoy a little snooze. And a doggie dream house in the backyard provides the perfect place to rest.

enjoy FAMILY TIME

together



Sharing time together is your dog's favorite thing, and a family room that makes it easy to do just that makes the space ideal for everyone. Fur-friendly upholstery and an open floor plan that gives your best friend room to roam top the list of favorite features in a dreamy great room.

SNUGGLES

encouraged



Who doesn't love curling up with their pup? Yet you both need your own space to catch up on your zzz's—especially since your dog may sleep twice as many hours as you. After a good-night hug, your dog will look forward to setting down in a cozy bed of its own.

delight in DINING



Make a meal that's perfect for you in your gourmet kitchen and paw-fect for your pooch. With a flavorful dish and a special place setting, your furry foodie will look forward to mealtime every day.

HGTV Dream Home 2018 Features Stewart!

CH Crownview's Stewart Will Do It, bred by WHWTCOPS member Frances Nicholson was featured in the HGTV Dream Home 2018 in Gig Harbor / Henderson Bay and Cesar dog food ads. Stewart was highlighted in the Jan/Feb 2018 HGTV Magazine.

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TALK & WALK
SPRING EVENT

April 8th, @ 11 a.m.

Bradley Lake Park

531 31st Ave SE

Puyallup, Wa. 98374

Spring

Lets have a club meeting with a little dessert.

Afterwards lets take our fur kids for a walk around

Bradley Lake Park, taking in the Spring in the air.

RSVP PLEASE to

Sammi Carlstrom

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Retirement — Unplanned Moments

By Jeannette Melchior

We not only have a wonder photographer with the club but she is a prominent author. Robin Ryan contacted me about a year ago and said “I have a wonderful idea for a book on retirement; I have some questions and would like to interview you concerning your retirement and your involvement with the Westie Club.” That was in 2017 and I didn’t think any more about it so I was surprised and delighted when she called and said, “Jeannette, I’ve finished my book and you’re in it! It has been published and I would like to invite you to the book signing.” I told her I would and she went on to ask if my Westies and I would be available on February 28 to join her for an interview on Channel 5’s “NW Today.” I responded, “oh, well yes, WOW!”



It was very exciting entering the studio. Summertime thought the audience and applause was for her! She interacted before and after the taping and could have been a real scene stealer as something off camera really got her attention. I had to make sure she stayed still and with me. McDougal looked the audience and Margret Larson (lovely person) over, got bored with the interview and just snoozed on the couch through the show, so typical of him.

Robin’s book, “Retirement Reinventions” is available now.

Save the Date!

If you are interested in canine reproduction and whelping, hold Saturday, November 3, 2018 on your calendar.

The club is presenting a seminar by Myra Savant-Harris chaired by Cyndee Lockwood. Ms. Harris is a dog breeder and Registered Nurse with many years of experience working in labor & delivery and neonatal ICU. Along with her interest in genetic research and experience dog breeding, she brings a wealth of knowledge and techniques to help you in your breeding program. She also is a sought-after and highly informative, entertaining speaker who had published several books.

For more information and to register, check out the flyer in the Calendar section on our web page

<http://www.whwtcops.org/calendar.php>

Keoki Earns Title

Diane Hover and Alan Hasegawa are busy many weekends throughout the year with their little athlete, Keoki. Keoki runs agility and participates in barn hunts. He poses here with a number of his place ribbons and title ribbon.

UPDATE! Last week he also got his CGCA & Novice Trick Dog Title.

Congratulations Keoki, Diane and Alan!





When: Saturday, May 19

Time: 10 am – 1:30 pm

**Where: Brightwater Treatment Plant
22505 State Route 9, SE**

Woodinville

Free – Just Show Up

Host: Colleen Brazil & Annette Loy

Come and Join us 2018 Spring Westie Walk



Please join us to kickoff the first Westie Walk of 2018! What a great way to get out, stretch your legs, and treat your best friend to some fun. Meet us at the garden area behind the buildings @ 10am. (see below under directions)

First order of business is sign-in followed by a group photo. Then we will alight off for our trek. It will be a fun afternoon to share time with other Westie owners.

Bring: your own lunch and a blanket, or towel to sit on. We will have our lunch “noonish” as well as a short general meeting. *Remember to bring your poop bags, and water for your dog.*

Directions: : When you enter the site keep going past the first set of parking spots and go towards the buildings. Follow the road around to behind the buildings and park there. We will meet in the garden area behind the buildings where there are picnic tables and benches. To get to the Treatment Plant from north or south, follow these directions:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/brightwater-center/directions.aspx>

The walk will be around a mile and a half, but there are many options for those wanting to do shorter or longer walks

This is an informal get together. Lace up those shoes and meet us out there for some Fresh Air!

9 Facts About West Highland White Terriers

BY Rebecca OConnell

Reprinted from Mental Floss September 21, 2015 (all photos are STOCK)

These adorable dogs were bred to be hard-working and fierce—but that doesn't mean they won't want to cuddle. Learn more about these fluffy white dogs.

1. THEY STARTED OUT AS RATTERS.

West Highland white terriers were bred in Northwestern Scotland as working dogs, and were used to clear out mines, farms, and barns of rats or other vermin. Westies would also accompany hunters on fox and rabbit hunts, scaring the game from their burrows. They're very closely related to other terriers in the area, such as Cairns and Skyes.



2. THEIR WHITE FUR KEEPS THEM SAFE.

The Westie's distinctive snow-white fur helped it stay visible during hunts. In the 1800s, Colonel Edward Donald Malcolm of Poltalloch, Scotland (in Argyllshire) was hunting with a pack of Cairn terriers, when he accidentally shot his favorite dog after mistaking it for a rabbit or fox. Upset by this loss, Malcolm vowed to only hunt with white dogs, which could easily be seen even when obscured by foliage. [PDF] Some Cairn terriers and Scottish terriers are born white, so these lighter-furred dogs



were bred until the offspring were consistently white.

3. THE BREED HAS HAD A FEW DIFFERENT NAMES.

While Malcolm was breeding his Poltalloch terriers (named after his estate), George Campbell, the 8th Duke of Argyll was also attempting to breed all-white terriers under the name Roseneath terrier, after his castle in Roseneath. The breed was accepted by the American Kennel Club in 1908 as the Roseneath Terrier, but the name was changed to the West Highland white terrier a year later.



4. THEY'RE BUILT TO MOVE UNDERGROUND ...

When burrowing underground to flush out game, Westies need to be able to squeeze through some tight spots. Their bullet-shaped bodies and thinner, heart-shaped thoraxes help them wriggle through underground caverns to chase after rodents.



5. ... BUT THEY STILL OCCASIONALLY GET STUCK.

Westies are an ambitious breed, and might attempt to squeeze into spaces smaller than their bodies will allow. When they find themselves wedged somewhere they can't escape, it's up to the owner to pull them out. The hunting dogs have been bred to have an extra sturdy tail that can be used to yank the dogs out of holes. (That being said, don't go around pulling a Westie's tail unless it's absolutely necessary.)



6. THEY'RE LOUDMOUTHS.

These verbal dogs like to alert you of everything from passing cars to squirrels in a tree. West Highland white terriers were bred to have big barks so that hunters could hear their dogs barking underground (an especially useful trick if they got stuck). Their bark also makes for a great alarm, but don't expect to use them as **guard dogs—they're more likely to become friends with any intruder.**

7. THEY HAVE A DOUBLE-LAYER COAT.

Westies have a wiry coat on top with a soft undercoat underneath. The top coat sheds the dirt and debris that the dogs used to collect underground, while the bottom coat keeps the canines warm. Westies require regular haircuts and brushing to keep their white coat clean and bright.



8. THEY REQUIRE A LOT OF TRAINING.



Westies are not an ideal choice for first-time dog owners. The willful dogs are independent and like to do things their own way. If you remain diligent, you can usually have yours fully trained within six months—but that's a big "if."

9. WATCH FOR SUNBURN (ESPECIALLY ON THEIR EARS).

The little dogs have sensitive ears, so some sunscreen is recommended if you plan on spending a lot of time in the sun. Yes, dogs can get sunburned too.



Clash of Clans Event Scheduled

Did someone say luring??!!! It was so much fun last year, we're giving it a reboot.



BRING

- Check or Cash (we can't take credit cards)
- Potluck item for 8 people
- Bring poop bags & clean up after your dog

NO FLEXI LEASHES PLEASE

Hosted Jointly by:

West Highland White Terrier club of Puget Sound
Washington State Scottish Terrier club

Date: June 2 , 2017

Time: 11am- 3pm

Where: Academy of Canine Behavior
4705 240th St SE, Bothell, WA

Admission

Admission: \$5 pp or \$10 family

Humans: Free w/**POTLUCK** item

- A-J Salad or Fruit or Appetizers
Chips/dip, etc , Jello salad
- K-P Main Dish
- R-Z Dessert

CLAN FESTIVAL ADMISSION INCLUDES:



Clan Parade March (Bring your Tartan outfits)
Tartan Colors PRIZES



Black and White Posing for Photos!



Mystery game (practice DOWN command)



Disappearing Haggis Competition



Scottie Raffle/ Westie Raffle (bring \$\$)



Lure Coursing (FREES STYLE)

Pot Luck Lunch Buffet with beverages provided



For a schedule of events, see the club webs event page <http://www.whwtcops.org/calendar.php>

2017 Rescue Report Posted

Thanks Karin and Vickie for all you do!

http://www.whwtcops.org/rescue/2017/2017_Rescues_writeup.pdf

The White West Highland Terrier

By Colonel Malcolm, C.B. of Poltalloch (excerpted – Story submitted by Sandy Davis)

“Tir na beann na Gleann sna gaisgeach” – Land of hills, of glens, and of fighters, of thee do I sing; but of the hills and glens as the homes of the badger, otter and fox, and as the birthplace of the little fighters who follow them into their cairns, and entering joyously into the strife, fight with each and all to the death, or till defeat of the quarry drives it into the open to meet, or at any rate run the risk of meeting, death from man by the aid of villainous saltpeter, or other lethal engines.

Those who know the Highlands of Scotland, even slightly, must have remarked many places where bare rock stands out upon the hill-side, and below the rock face a chaos of huge stones – debris fallen from the rock face in years, in ages, gone by; whilst some, perchance, were added but yesterday to the heap.

Within the chaos, however, there may be dry and comfortable lying for the objects of our chase; whilst food being plentiful, they may take their ease, increase and multiply according to nature’s laws, and live happy and undisturbed lives unless –

Unless what? Well, sufficient for present purpose to say – unless a tidy pack of terriers comes by, as is still a possibility in the West Highlands.

I have striven in the foregoing to present a picture of the conditions under which the terrier must do his work in the West Highlands, for a knowledge of these conditions will prepare the reader to appreciate the sort of dog that is required.

Evidently such an one must, for his own life’s sake, be exceedingly active, his bite must be terrible, his courage without end, his strength must be great, his body light, and as small as other circumstances admit of; he must, at any rate, be able to follow where a fox can go; though I am prepared to confess to knowing one place at least where there is room for an otter to pass between two rocks one over the other, where no dog fit to tackle an otter could hope to pass; in addition he must have lots of brain-power to foil the stratagems of wily hunting beasts the moment he meets them.

Then, as befits a country so washed by the tempestuous seas, he needs a coat in which he may meet the weather and by dry and warm, indifferent to what the winds or the skies may do.

Let me sum up qualities which I consider indispensable –

- Courage
- Bite and Grip
- Activity
- Strength
- Lightness
- Brains
- Coat as described



In fact a multum in parvo.

The ideal White west Highland Terrier should not exceed 18 pounds in weight, and his lady wife should not weigh more than 16 pounds; he must be strong and active, but not heavy in build. A picture will say more than words can, and one is given of “Boidheach”, who is a great favourite wherever shown, at present the leader of my fighters.

His neck should be rather long. His jaws must be light, holding very powerful teeth, as much like a fox’s as possible, for the lighter the fore part of the under jaw, the more successfully can the strong muscles at the back of the jaw, which close the mouth, act.

His face is the better for growing mustachios and whiskers, and his neck a thick ruff. These act as armour in a fight. But how shall I describe his fine, beautiful thoroughbred head – broad, capable, with loving, trustful eyes – a type which can only be learned by seeing, but which cannot be written or explained in cold black and white? The best type has on the forehead the softest, silkiest hair, which gradually becomes harsher as it approaches the haunches.



His body must be clothed with a thick down to keep him warm, covered with longish hair to keep him dry; coat not like that of the impossible show-bench Skye, trailing along the ground, but like the practical Skye, sufficiently long for protective purposes without impeding the dog’s activity in any way.

A great many people set store on the coat being hard and harsh to the touch. I know that I shall be exclaimed against, but the fact is that there is no value in harsh hair to make it desirable; whilst there is this against it, that for bench purposes it is the easiest thing in the world to fake.

The Ears. – This is entirely a question of fashion, which it seems now has declared for prick ears; personally, I think that drop ears are a better protection for the hearing apparatus and keep sand out more effectively than prick ears, and whilst prick ears give the impression of sharpness, drop or half-drop ears give the impression of wisdom. The eyes should be dark and not set closely together, and with a broad forehead should give a gentle confiding look. The nose and the roof of the mouth should be black.

Room for plenty of brains is sine qua non for an animal that has to invade the stronghold of another and kill him at sight, in a place he never visited before. I want to impress upon my reader that the dogs I am writing about are genuine “terriers or earth-dogges”, as King James called them, and have to fight for their lives in fastnesses, which they have never seen, deep in the bowels of the earth, and in most cases where it is perfectly dark.

As companions they are easily taught, very cleanly in the house, and altogether lovable.

E.D. Malcom C.B. of Poltalloch

Dog Food Recall Alert

Blue Ridge Beef is recalling one lot of its BRB Complete raw frozen dog food due to possible **contamination** with **Salmonella** and **Listeria monocytogenes**. To learn which products are affected, please visit the following link:

[Blue Ridge Beef Dog Food Recall of March 2018](#)

Also...

Darwin's Natural Pet Products is recalling 4 lots of its raw dog food because they have **tested positive** for **Salmonella** and **E. coli O128**, bacteria that can cause **serious** and sometimes **fatal** infections. To learn which products are affected, please visit the following link:

[Darwin's Dog Food Recall of March 2018](#)



PRINTED COPIES OF **THE WESTIE HEALTH BOOK** ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

A printed copy of **THE WESTIE HEALTH BOOK** provides an easily accessible reference to help ensure your Westie's health. There are up-to-date sections on health, breeding, genetics, common diseases, complementary and alternative medicine, and sections on each of the health problems affecting our beloved Westies, written by the foremost researchers and veterinarians who have the greatest knowledge about the health of our breed.

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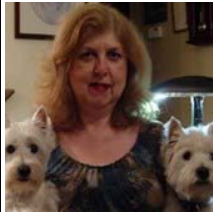
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April 14, 10 am
Board Meeting
Redmond Library

April 21, 10:30 – 12 noon,
Genetics of Skin Disease
and New Therapies
Seminar by Dr. Melinda
Cumming, Kirkland Library

May 19, 10 am
Westie Walk
Bridgewater Treatment
Plant, Woodinville

June 2, 11 am – 3 pm
Clash of Clans
Academy of Canine
Behavior, Bothell



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