



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Winter 2019



President's Message — Linda Gray

2018 was an action-packed year for the Westie Club of Puget Sound. It was also a year where Membership grew dramatically. We now have over 100 members. I was so pleased many members outside of the Board arranged activities on their own. We had two health educational seminars and plan to have more this year. We started out in January with a Specialty dog show in Puyallup, Chinese New Year, three dog walks, Clash of the Clans, Halloween celebration, etc, and concluded with a Christmas celebration at Arnie's, Mukilteo.

Please be sure to check the calendar on our website for activities already scheduled for 2019. We also look to members for input

to planned activities. You can contact a Board Member with your suggestions. Another survey is planned in the next couple months to make sure we are addressing your needs.

We need volunteers for our booth at the Seattle Kennel Club (SKC), CenturyLink Event Center, March 9-10. This is the last year this event will be held in Seattle. SKC will be moving to the Puyallup Fairgrounds in 2020. For those who haven't experienced this event you will thoroughly enjoy it. Booths are decorated for nearly every breed and SKC offers activities such as conformation, agility and obedience. It's a great dog show so please contact Christine Corbley to volunteer.

We plan to hold AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing during our Clash of Clans event, June 8, at the Academy of Canine Behavior, Bothell. This early notification will give those interested time to prepare for the test. See information pertaining to requirements for testing later in this newsletter.

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Again, please plan to attend and if possible volunteer for the following events. Flyers with more information are included in this newsletter, Facebook and on our Website.

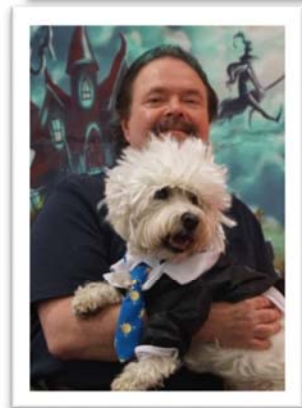
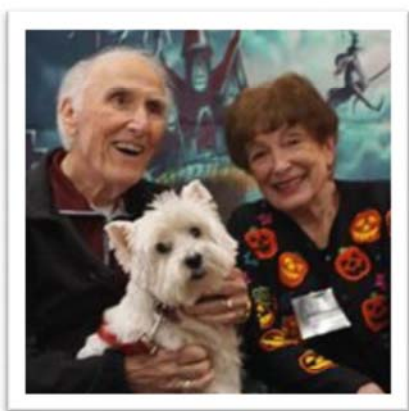
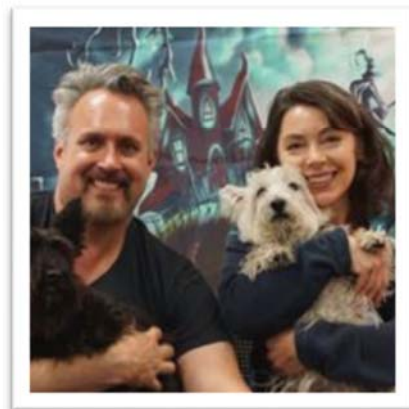
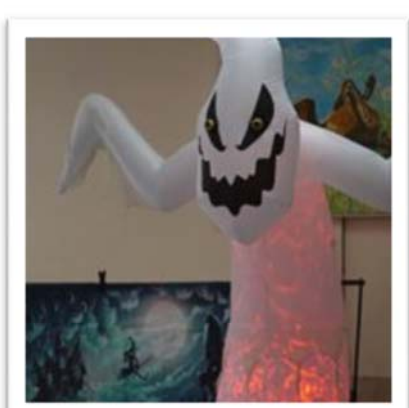
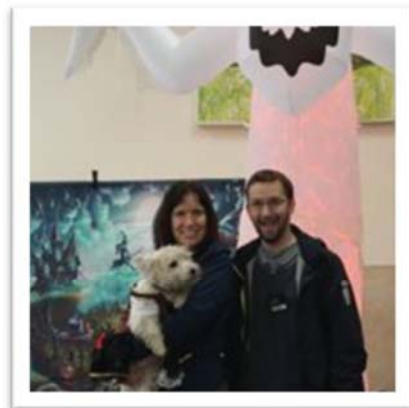
- Cherry Blossom Festival, Academy of Canine Behavior, Bothell, Feb 9, 1pm-3pm
- Seattle Kennel Club, CenturyLink Field, Seattle, March 9-10

Thank you for your help and support.

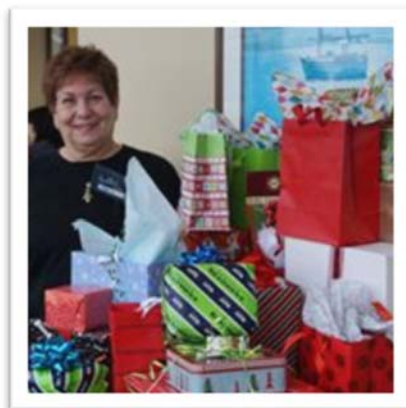
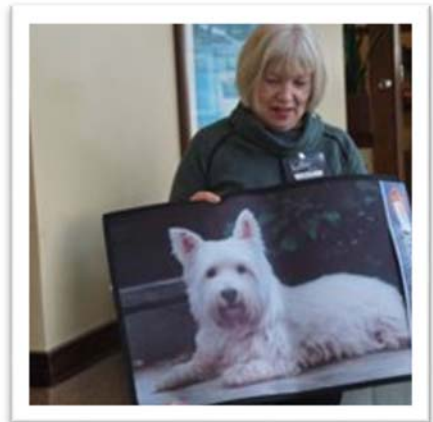
Photo Roundup

For more photos from recent Westie events see our page on Facebook.

Halloween Party



Christmas Party





Date: February 9, 2019

Time: 1:00p – 3:30p

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

Admission - *\$5 pp/\$10 per family
(children free)

Bring:

- Appetizer or Asian dish to Share
- Costume (see below)
- Wear Red for Good Luck
- Poop bags
- Bring your Own Chairs Please.



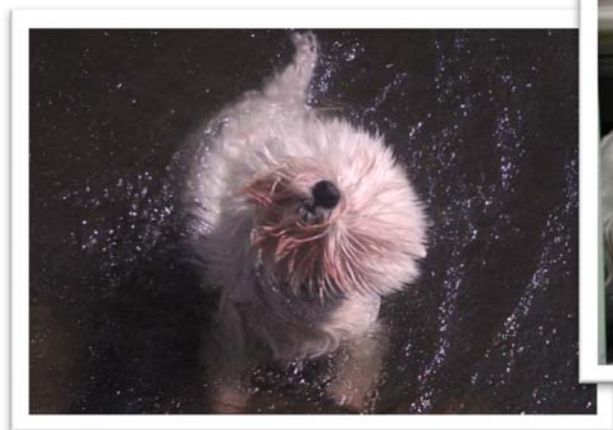
Games/Events:

- Lucky dog Musical chairs
- Dress Up Cherry Blossom Parade
- Chinese outfit contest
- Raffle Basket Drawing

*admission covers rental of the facility

Westie Cherry Blossom Festival

Attention, Attention! Your Photos Wanted!



Cover Photo – 2016

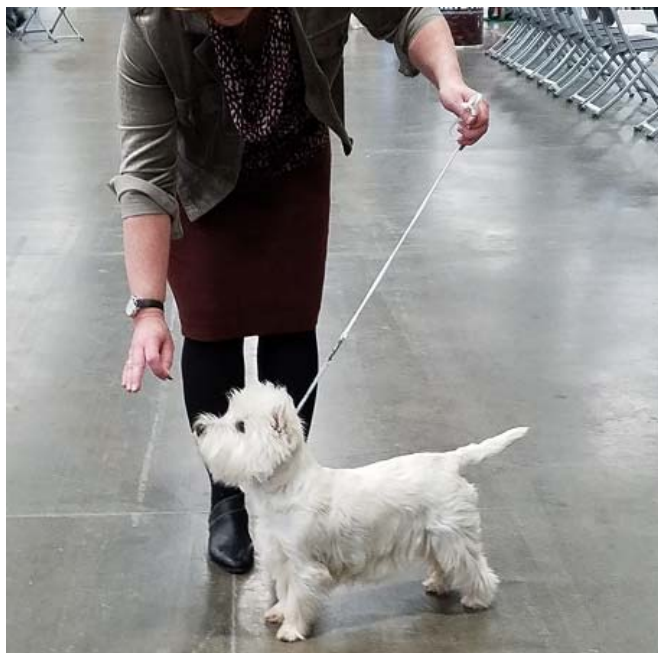


Cover Photo – 2017

The club plans to publish a member photo calendar for a fund-raiser again this year. Please send you photos to dee.thompson@gmail.com. We expect to have the calendar available for sale at the Halloween party.

Bailey Shows at Puyallup

Christine Corbley's Bailey is learning the ropes of what it takes to be in the ring.

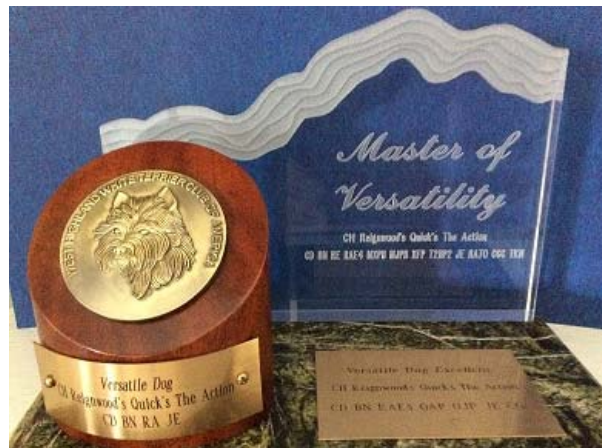


Bosco's Journey

By Karen Tilbury

CH Reignwood's Quick's The Action CD BN RAE4 MXP3 MXPB MJP4 MJPB XFP T2BP2 JE CGC TKN RATO a.k.a. Bosco. We are experiencing quite the journey! Bosco traveled around the Pacific NW ten years ago to earn his Championship and is now my team member in several AKC events.

Bosco earned the Master of Versatility from The West Highland White Terrier Club of America in 2018. The Award acknowledges Westies who have achieved high levels of accomplishment in their lifetimes and have earned titles in AKC events which include Conformation, Companionship (Obedience, Rally, Therapy, CGC), Performance (Agility, Flyball, Coursing Ability), Scenting (Tracking, Nose Work) and Hunting (Earthdog, Barn Hunt). Less than 10% of Westies and their owners have earned this honor from the Club.



Bosco and I have had many adventures during the last ten years. Earthdog got us started and was always exciting, challenging and unexpected as Bosco so loved barking at the caged rats in the tunnels; his recall was non-existent. Probably not a pretty sight with my head in the tunnel entry with "you know what" up in the air trying to get Bosco's attention.

I moved to Boise and bought a trailer and traveled from Seattle to Salt Lake to compete. We participated in many Obedience and Rally events earning a CD and RAE4. After several hundred sits, stays, downs and maneuvers around rally signs, it was time to give agility a try. We had great fun, well I probably enjoyed it more than Bosco. The courses were challenging to analyze and run; meeting new people and hanging-out all day was fun. Bosco is my first agility dog and he is always so willing to put up with my novice mistakes. I'm looking forward to more agility in 2019.

We moved-on to Barn Hunt and after "miles" of heeling, dodging rally signs and tolerating agility, Bosco got to hear "RATS" again. It's always best to let terriers do what terriers do best, go to ground, or straw bales.

I would like to thank Bosco's breeders John and Cyndee Lockwood of Woodinville WA for allowing him to enrich my life in so many ways. Also, a huge thank you to trainers, mentors and new friends we've encountered on our journey.



Agility Photos by Randy Gaines

What Is Canine Good Citizen?

From the AKC Website

Welcome to the AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program. Started in 1989, the CGC Program is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. As you work with your dog to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with—they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life. We sincerely hope that CGC will be only a beginning for you and your dog and that after passing the CGC test, you'll continue training in obedience, agility, tracking, or performance events.



AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program is one of the most rapidly growing programs in the American Kennel Club. There are many exciting applications of this wonderful, entry level that go far beyond the 10-step CGC test.

Many other countries (including England, Australia, Japan, Hungary, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, and Finland) have developed CGC programs based on the AKC's CGC Program. A CGC Neighborhood Model has been established, police and animal control agencies use CGC for dealing with dog problems in communities, some therapy dog groups use the CGC as a partial screening tool, and some 4-H groups around the country have been using the CGC as a beginning dog training program for children.

A number of specialty (one breed only) clubs give the CGC at their annual national dog show. Dog clubs have discovered that the CGC is an event that allows everyone to go home a winner. Veterinarians have recognized the benefits of well-trained dogs and there are some CGC programs in place in veterinary hospitals. State legislatures began recognizing the CGC program as a means of advocating responsible dog ownership and 34 states now have Canine Good Citizen resolutions.

In a little over one decade, the Canine Good Citizen Program has begun to have an extremely positive impact in many of our communities. This is a program that can help us assure that the dogs we love will always be welcomed and well-respected members of our communities.

Who Can Participate?

All dogs, including both purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcome to participate in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program. Dogs must be old enough to have received necessary immunizations such as rabies vaccines. Owners will sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge attesting to having the dog under the routine care of a veterinarian who will work with the owner to determine an appropriate plan and schedule for vaccines and other health care procedures.

There is no age limit for the CGC test. A dog is never too old to be a good citizen. Puppies who have completed all immunizations and boosters may be tested, however, because we know that behavior and temperament can change over time, when puppies pass the CGC test, owners should have them re-tested as adults.



There are a few exceptions relating to participation in a CGC test. If the CGC test is given at an AKC show, the age requirements for the show apply to CGC also. Further, when the CGC test is administered at an AKC show, the test may be restricted to only dogs entered in the show or to purebred dogs.

Some dogs who are entered in CGC tests will have completed CGC classes or basic obedience classes. Owners who have trained their dogs themselves may also have their dogs tested. Clubs and training programs in almost every city can provide CGC training to owners and dogs who need to learn a few more skills before taking the test.

PRE-CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® TEST BEHAVIORS

1. Allows (in any position) petting by a person other than the owner
2. Grooming-Allows owner handling and brief exam (ears, feet)
3. Walks on a Leash-Follows owner on lead in a straight line (15 steps)
4. Walks by other people-Walks on leash past other people 5-ft away
5. Sits on command-Owner may use a food lure
6. Down on command-Owner may use a food lure
7. Comes to owner from 5-ft when name is called
8. Reaction to Distractions-distractions are presented 15-ft away
9. Stay on leash with another person (owner walks 10 steps and returns)



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

March 9 – 10, 2019

It's that time of year again! We volunteer in the educational booth at the Seattle Kennel Club show and showcase our breed along with about 50 different breed booths. We meet the public and answer questions about the breed. We need volunteers to bring their dogs and volunteer for a four-hour shift during the two-day show. You do not have to have a "show dog" to attend. This is part of our educational program to retain AKC Club status. Great event for new members.











Please contact Christine Corbley- CHAIRING. She will give you details, time and directions and answer any questions.

SIGN UP DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28.

CONTACT: ccorbley@comcast.net

- We need volunteers to work in the booth for half a day on either Saturday or Sunday
- You will meet & greet the public with your dog
- This is a **FUN** event – It's a great way for new members to participate in the club
- This is an educational booth for the public – and we meet a LOT of people
- Having adequate volunteers in the booth allows us to rotate out & see all the AKC events (agility, herding, conformation, rally, dancing, working dogs and vendor booths with free giveaways and great items for sale)
- Booth hours are 9 am – 3:30 pm Saturday & Sunday – we plan to schedule volunteers for ½ day shifts
- The club will cover your parking. We will receive a limited number of stickers for entry. The club will subsidize entrance fees where necessary.



Club Officers, Directors and Contacts				Upcoming Events
	President Linda Gray lgn899a@gmail.com		Vice President Jeannette Melchior melchior323@centurylink.net	February 9, 1 – 3 pm Cherry Blossom Festival Academy of Canine Behavior
	Treasurer and Newsletter Editor Dee Thompson dee.o.thompson@gmail.com		Secretary Sharon Newsom Sharonsnewsom@gmail.com	March 2, 10 am Board Meeting Bellevue Library
	Director Colleen Brazil collbraz@gmail.com		Director, Westie Foundation Liaison Cyndee Lockwood jclock4@comcast.net	March 9 – 10 Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show CenturyLink Event Center
	Director Annette Loy bunnywestie@comcast.net		Director Kathryn Watanabe Kwatanabe.wa@comcast.net	April 13 Westie Walk Farrel-McWhirter Park, Redmond
	Membership Chair, Webmaster Karin Parish kparish@whidbey.com		Rescue Karin Parish and Vickie Ray pugetwesties@gmail.com	May 18 Westie Walk Seward Park, Seattle
			Robin Ryan Photographer	New Members Tracy (Jeff) Goldberg Linda Hagemeyer
				New Member Applications Jordan/Brittany Entler Carolyn McKernan James/Barbara Dibble John Rose/ Ileana Calinoiu Richard Columbare
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