



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Winter 2020

President's Message — Linda Gray



2020 Board members (l to r) Annette Loy, Dee Thompson, Colleen Brazil, Linda Gray, Laurie Stack, Jeanette Melchior, Sandy Cross – Sharon Newson not pictured

In November we were privileged to have Dr. Melinda Cumming, DVM PhD provide a lecture for us at the Fairwood Library, Renton. There, 20 of us learned more about Westie specific genetic screening, routine ER care you can do at home and what to include in an emergency kit. Dr. Cumming also provided free first aid gifts to get us started. A special thank you to her for her time and support.

And finally, we nearly broke the record with our annual Christmas brunch/gift exchange at

Arnie's in Mukilteo. Every year there's a different couple or attendee who opens gifts everyone wants to steal. Check out the pictures — this year it was Laurie and Spencer.

We also approved another revision to our Bylaws by adding two new membership categories — Junior and Honorary. I'm pleased to also note we already have a new applicant for the Junior category. It's important to start early so please keep this category in mind for your loved ones too. For more please note a copy of the revised Bylaws are posted on our Website under membership links.

2020 will start a little different than most. The Seattle Kennel Club event which usually occurs in March has been moved to January 13 at the Puyallup Fairground. I understand CenturyLink became too expensive. Unfortunately, there won't be any meet the breed events. Please do attend if you can though as we do have Westie entries.

We closed 2019 with three events that continue to grow each year. Our Halloween celebration held Oct 26 had over 40 attendees and nearly that many dogs. Decorations provided by Ileana and John were over the top. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere, company, dogs and events. Thank you to everyone for their efforts in making this event better every year.



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

- WHWTCOPS Specialty and All Terrier Show, Puyallup Fairgrounds, January 10th 1pm
- Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show, Puyallup Fairgrounds, January 13, 8am-5pm
- Valentine Party, Academy of Canine Behavior, Bothell, Feb 8, 1pm-3:30pm

Thank you to all for your time and support. As Jeannette said after our Christmas party — "I wish all dog lovers enjoyed their breed as much as this club does." We love our Westies and it shows. Send articles to Dee Thompson for our next Newsletter please!!! Thank you for your continued support.

Westie Humor

Q: What's a Westie's favorite hobby?

A: Collecting fleas!

How do you keep a Westie from barking in your front yard?

A: Put it in your back yard!

Q: What is worse than a Westie howling at the moon?

A: Two Westies howling at the moon!

Q: Eleven Westies shared one umbrella, but none of them got wet. How did they manage?

A: It wasn't raining!



Q: Why is it called a "litter" of Westie puppies?

A: Because they mess up the whole house!

Q: What happened when the Westie went to the flea circus?

A: He stole the show!



Lost in a Snowstorm

Karin Parish

During a crippling snowstorm in Seattle in February 2019, I was waiting out the ability to get out of my driveway. On day 3, I had a hair appointment. Women never miss their hair appointments. I started the car to warm it up, checked the driveway so I could back out. Then I went inside to round up four dogs and be on my way.

I had three of them in the house and lost the fourth — my Westie who is partially deaf. Ted was 13 yrs old at the time. No Ted. I looked in the yard, in the house, in the bathrooms, upstairs, downstairs, under the bed — NO TED. Then I was worried that I didn't count right and he may be outside. Let the countdown begin. No TED.

I hopped into my car, and back down the driveway — no TED, and started on my way to the hair appointment with visions of Teddy freezing in the snow, and what a bad mom I was. Half way to the appointment, I received a text that my hair dresser was down with the flu, and cancelled appointments. I gleefully turned the car around and headed home. I called a friend on the island and he was going to come over and see if he could track Ted. Meanwhile I am worried he is under the deck.



I pulled up the driveway and I spied tracks! How on earth had he gotten out the front door. I called my friend John and he said he will bring his cairn down and we will TRACK TED. I went out to the tracks and started following, and looked down the snow track and noticed they were deer tracks, not dog tracks. I could see the hoof marks. OH MY GOSH — so much for my Davy Crockett tracking skills.

Meanwhile I drove up and down the street, calling Teddy, around the housing track, down very, very slippery roads, and no TED.

I figured someone will find his carcass on the road frozen in the snow. That is my — glass half full kinda person.

I came into the house, with no hope, let the other dogs back outside to pee, and came upstairs to get a cup of coffee, and I heard a stirring behind the recliner. Ted was asleep behind the recliner, on a blanket that had fallen off the back of the recliner. (just shaking my head) Really — Really — So I called John and said, stay home, I found him.

Jeez Louise. I was very relieved for a happy ending.



VALENTINE PARTY

Date: Saturday, Feb 8, 2020

Time: 1pm-3:30 pm

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

Admission - \$5 pp/\$10 household
(children free)

Bring:

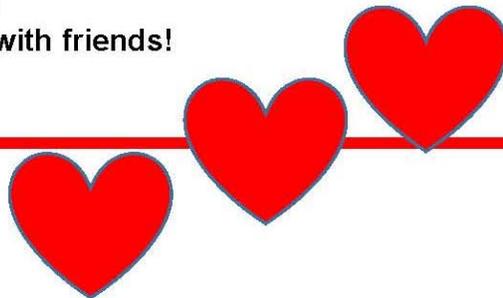
- Appetizer to Share
- Your own poop bags
- Costumes (*contests)



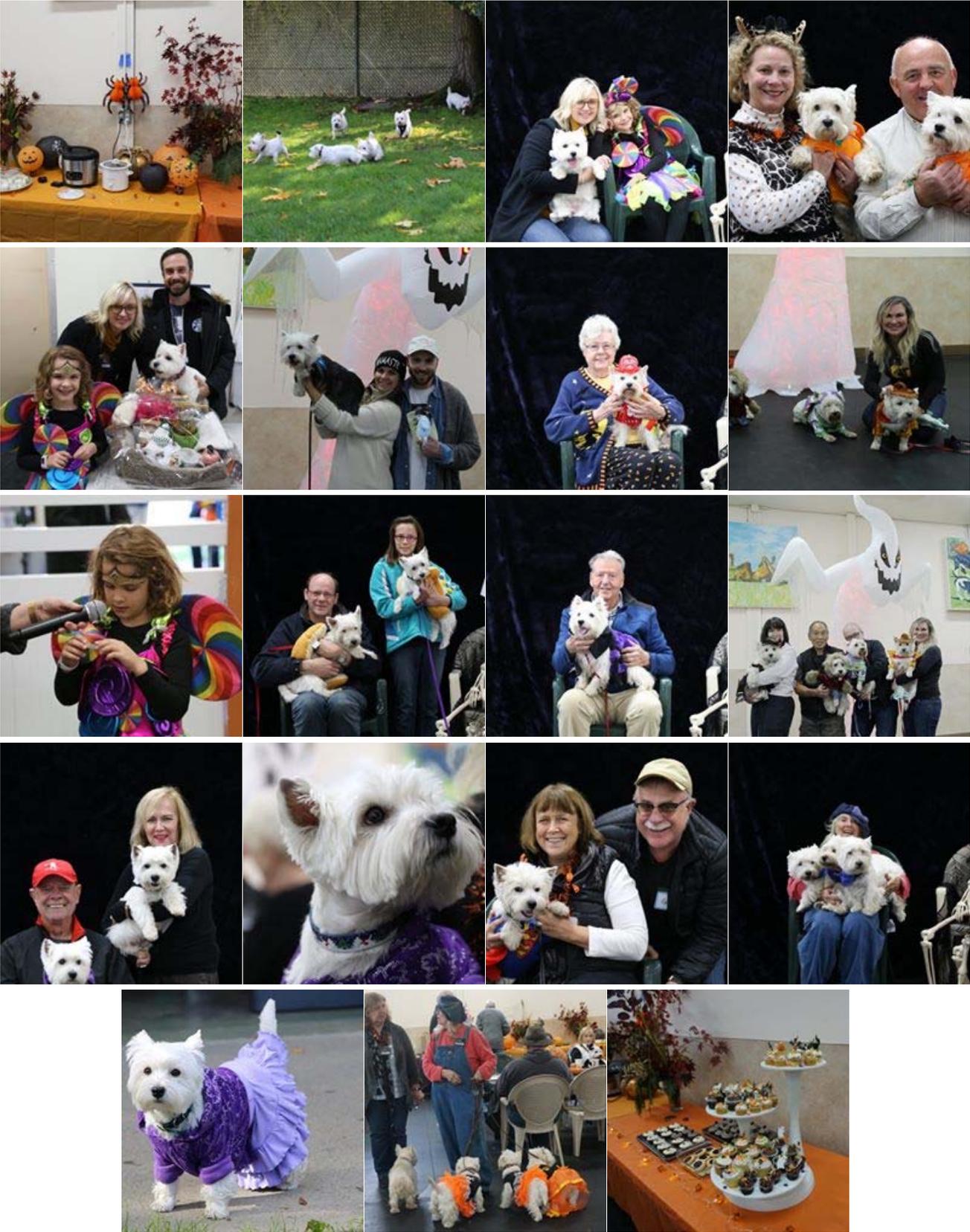
BE my Sweetheart

NO FLEXI LEASHES PLEASE

Come and enjoy good times with friends!



Halloween Party Photos



New Year's Resolutions!

Eight New Year's Resolutions for the Dog Parent

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1. **Be Proactive with Vet Visits** — make sure your furkid sees Dr. Pokey for his/her annual check-up or if any signs of an issue cropping up.
2. **Sign up for a Training Class** — you can teach an old dog or a young dog new tricks. Maybe your furkid would benefit from a training class or a refresher course!
3. **Be Adventurous with your Westie** — Expand your furkid's horizons with a visit to a local dog park or a visit to a dog-friendly restaurant.
4. **Exercise with your Westie** — you and your furkid will benefit with a walk in the park!
5. **Photograph your Westie** — take a picture each day of your furkid and save those memories.
6. **Keep your Westie's Stuff Clean** — choose one day a week to clean blankies, bowls and check toys for hazardous parts.
7. **Challenge your Westie's Mind** — Introduce your Westie to a doggie puzzle.
8. **Review your Westie's Nutrition** — has your furkid put on a few pounds? Take stock of the food and treats your furkid eats and consider a joint supplement for the older dog.

10 New Year's Resolutions for the Westie

1. Greet everything!
2. Eat more stuff that makes you feel good.
3. Poop often.
4. Pick fights with shoes and pillows.
5. Smell things that look interesting.
6. Run outside and yell more.
7. Fart without shame.
8. Be nice to nice people.
9. Be brave with telephones and strangers.
10. Forget what you were doing and take a nap instead.



Christmas Party Photos



For those who have not had a chance to send in your renewal yet, here's a copy of the renewal form.



WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB

Membership Renewal 2020 Due by January 31, 2020

Dear Current Member:

Please note that some of you joined our club late in the year, therefore your payment will flow over to 2019 and your dues are not required (I have put your names on the email)

Everyone else:

- We are now offering two types of membership – Household or Individual
 - If you want to remain individual its \$20 for the year
 - If you want to switch to household its \$30 for the year

Please fill in the info below and mail to our Treasurer. Remember to put in your email or phone # or residence if they have changed since January 2020 .

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Names of your dogs _____

Volunteers are always needed, and it's fun. Let us know if you'd like to help in any of the following:

_____ Being an officer _____ Help with hospitality table at dog show

_____ Assisting at events- circle interest (set up, clean up, registration table, decorations, _____planning parties cohosting)

_____ Photography ___ DJ skills? _____ Planning dog walks

_____ Creating flyers for events Other ideas? _____

Include this form with dues. Check or money order payable to :WHWTCOPS

Mail checks to Treasurer : Dee Thompson, 4511 153rd Place SW, Lynnwood, WA 98087

Thank you - Karin Parish, Membership Chair

Club Officers, Directors and Contacts

Upcoming Events



**President
Linda Gray**



**Vice President
Jeannette Melchior**

**Valentine's Party –
February 8, 1 – 3:30 pm**
Academy of Canine
Behavior, Bothell

**Board Meeting –
March 7, 12 pm**
Bellevue Library



**Treasurer and
Newsletter Editor
Dee Thompson**



**Secretary
Sharon Newsom**



**Director
Colleen Brazil**



**Director
Laurie Stack**



**Director
Annette Loy**



**Director
Sandy Cross**

New Members

**Alan and Becky
Rencowski**

Derek and Denell Reeve



**Membership Chair,
Webmaster
Karin Parish**

**Rescue
Karin Parish and
Vickie Ray**
pugetwesties@gmail.com

New Member Applications

**Natalie/Jasen and
Mae Samford**
Bruce/Penny Beane
Devon/Becca Newsom
Vicki Campbell



**Westie Foundation
Liaison
Cyndee Lockwood**



**Robin Ryan
Photographer**

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