



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Spring 2021



President's Message — Jeannette Melchior
Spring! Wonderful and longed for Spring – well some of you skiers I'm sure are not delighted but the Tulip and Daffodil admirers are glad it's officially arrived. Not only are these magical botanicals brightening our moods but we have now moved to Phase 3 which gives us (Your Westie Board) the opportunity to start committing to annual and new events for the upcoming summer. We have commitments for June 12th "Westie Fun Daze" and October 30th "Westie Halloween" so be sure and regularly check the website and newsletters for news and flyers.

Sadly the club was notified by the Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association (SSHGA) that this year's Highland Games in Enumclaw (at the close of July) have been canceled and the club will not be participating in the Celtic Kennel for 2021. But they say be ready for 2022 – OK, you wee young and mature Westie Highlanders plan on it.

I know you are looking forward to a Westie Walk and we are on it! It is being planned for in July and for certain by that date (yet, to be determined) we'll be able to meet and greet old friends. Right now a number of the dog training facilities are able to start classes again. So if you have a new pup in the family or just need a basic 101 dog class you'll be able to once again sign up, secondly agility, nose and the Barn Hunt workshop (see flyer) is starting to fill classes.

Hope everyone is safe and you have had your second shot! Soon June will be busting out all over and the Westies will again gather with old and new friends.

Jeannette, Candy & Snow at the from our past Westie Cherry Festival.

Westminster 2022 will be champions only

Earlier this week, we shared the Westminster Kennel Club's announcement that its 2022 show will be coming back to Manhattan on January 24 to 26, with its Masters Agility Championship to be held on January 22.

Here are some additional details:

For dogs to qualify to be invited (top five dogs in their breed), the qualification period will be from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021.

Also, the world-famous dog show will not be open to class dogs in 2022: That is, Westminster 2022 will be champions only. This is a continuation of the policy put in place for this year's show, which, due to the pandemic, has been relocated to the historic Lyndhurst mansion in Tarrytown, New York on June 11 to 13, 2021.



The Kennel Club announced today that Crufts 2021, Britain's iconic show, has been cancelled.

Crufts is held every March at the NEC (National Exhibition Centre) in Birmingham. This year's show had been postponed to July 15-18, but in the end the COVID-19 pandemic made holding the indoor show untenable.

"We are very disappointed that we have had to cancel Crufts for the first time since 1954, in what would have been its 130th anniversary year, and it is a decision we have not taken lightly," said Crufts Chairman Tom Mather.

Among the considerations impacting the cancellation were the limited entries that would have been permitted; the strong possibility that many of the show's popular events, including obedience and Discover Dogs, would not have been able to be included; and the emergence of a third wave of coronavirus on the Continent that made travel unlikely for both overseas judges and exhibitors.

Over the past few weeks, The Kennel Club surveyed those in the canine world to gauge their opinions on returning to dog events. While 60% said they would like to get back to their dog activities as soon as it is safe to do so, 63% did not feel comfortable or were unsure about attending an inside event in the near future.

Crufts 2020 was the world's last major dog event before the pandemic struck in full force a year ago.

Source: dognews.com



Barn Hunt Training – June 5th:

Time: 1:00 – 3:30pm

Cost: \$15 per dog (bring cash)

Location: 11126 Old Snohomish Monroe Rd
"Pemberton Farm"
Snohomish, WA

Reservations Required before April 25 – Contact: seattleblackandwhite@gmail.com

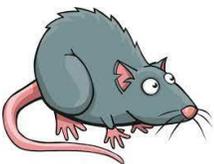
We are hosting training class for intro to barn hunt in Snohomish from 1:30 – 3pm. We are limited to 20 dogs. We have some spaces left or can put you on a wait list.

If you check out YouTube on barn hunt you will see several videos. The training is in an enclosed fenced area. ONE dog at a time. You can also get an overview of Barn Hunt on WHWTCA <https://www.westieclubamerica.com/Versatile-westies/barnhunt.html>

What to bring:

- ✓ a chair
- ✓ water for you and the dog
- ✓ dog supplies (poop bags, towel in case its muddy, no flexi leads)
- ✓ Snacks are not allowed in hunting area. Dogs run without leads, collars or harnesses)
- ✓ I suggest crate in car because you may want to watch and not have a muddy dog bouncing around your car during the waiting period.
- ✓ Bring jacket and rain gear if necessary, mask
- ✓ Please bring cash
- ✓ Barn hunt group is on FB <https://www.facebook.com/CascadeDogWorks> with monthly trials.

This location is a barn. You will have someone outside directing parking. Carpool if you can. There will be signs up directing you to parking



Parking and location map:

https://barnhuntlessonssnohomish.as.me/schedule.php?fbclid=IwAR1ohkPQdwisuKsfo28-orUIXwQh0Et9VkJMa4ooP_yJMU8wFzwdT00PFcaY

Westie Antiques

By Cyndee Lockwood

ONCE a Westie owns you, bless your heart, you begin to accumulate things in your house that reflect your dog and pretty soon your house is overrun with Westie memorabilia; the more you acquire, the more you want. Then you start to branch out to antiques. This is where it becomes more challenging.

Antique Westie items are harder to find than Scottie items, although sometimes they may crossover. You can scour the internet, haunt antique stores, go to antique shows; once in a while you find that special piece that is rare.

Here are a few to look for, two are fairly easy to find; the small box is a one of a kind — that's the real prize, the one of a kind find.



Turquoise Akro Agate Powder Jar: Circa 1930's, comes in a variety of colors, light blue, white, pink, amber. \$50-\$75



Lefton Christmas Westie with Red Cap Japan 1930's-1950's: comes with and without cap. Lefton also has other Westie figurines which are hard to find. \$20



Hand Painted Match Box: 1935 Only one, but look for unusual things like this.

Another reason to visit the larger dog shows, many have antique dealers who specialize in books, sculptures and the like. I always come home with more than I need.



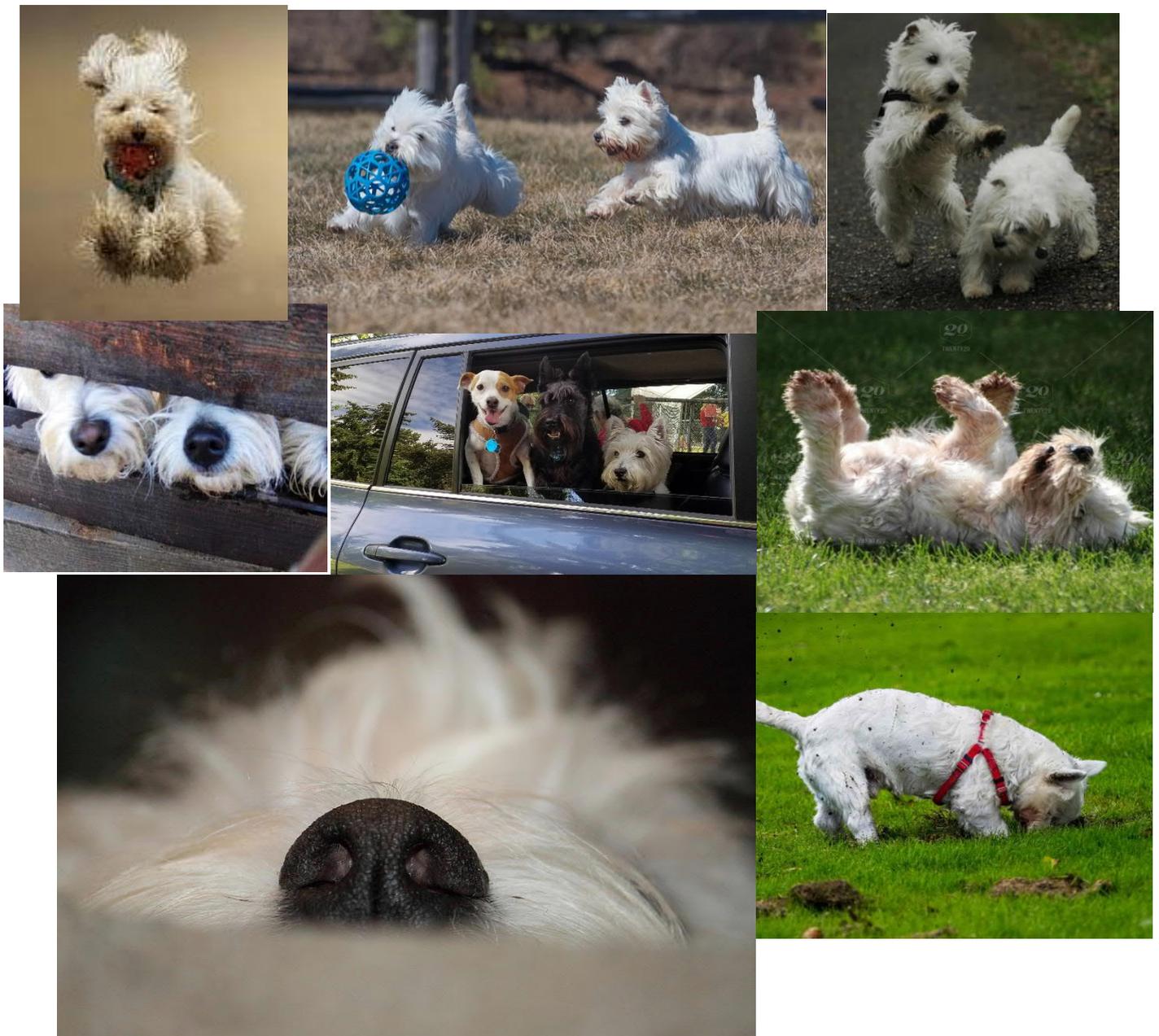


WESTIE FUN DAZE - JUNE 12

Academy of Canine Behavior Bothell

This is still a tentative event at this time. More info to follow, but mark your calendars.

Plans include: Lunch, games, luring and prizes. Anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome just let me know. (Karin email: seattleblackandwhite@gmail.com)



AKCs Top Popular 195 Breeds in 2020 Top 30 listed

1. Retrievers (Labrador)
2. French Bulldogs
3. German Shepherds
4. Retrievers (Golden)
5. Bull Dogs
6. Poodles
7. Beagles
8. Rotweilers
9. Pointers (German Shorthaired)
10. Dachshunds
11. Pembroke Welsh Corgis
12. Australian Shepherds
13. Yorkshire Terrier
14. Boxers
15. Great Dane
16. Siberian Huskies
17. Cavalier King Charles Spaniels
18. Doberman Pinschers
19. Miniature Schnauzers
20. Shih Tzu
21. Boston Terriers
22. Bernese Mountain Dogs
23. Pomeranians
24. Havanese
25. Cane Corso
26. Springer Spaniel
27. Shelties
28. Brittany Spaniels
29. Pugs
30. Cocker Spaniel

Terrier stats

Ranking

44. Westies
181. Dandie Dinmont
148. Sealyham Terrier
73. Cairn Terriers
57. Scottish Terrier
104. Wire Fox Terrier
58. Soft Coated Wheaten
19. Mini Schnauzers
130. Norfolk Terrier
133. Kerry Blue
191. Cesky
109. Norfolk



Keeping Active During COVID



Every night to get out of the house after work because of COVID, I would take the doggies for a drive. They like riding in the car. Steve and I take DUFFY and ZOEY to Marymoor off-leash park. They are so happy there. And Jack and I have walked them around Greenlake.



Contributed by
Robin Ryan

If you'd like your dog(s) to be featured in a future issue of our newsletter, please forward photos and a brief description to dee.o.thompson@gmail.com

Westie Art

By Cyndee Lockwood

Each day when I sit at my desk, the first thing I see is a small painting of a Westie with its head in a garden pot investigating whatever while the red ball he or she were playing with lay forgotten nearby. Obviously, there is something mighty interesting in that pot! It never fails to make me smile.

First is a piece by Denise Randall: Westie with head in flower pot - it's silly, but so typical Westie. Denise captures the essence of Westies so well, their playfulness, their wistful looks, their longing. Denise sells mainly on eBay under "good-dog-jack." Her website is fabulous, she is a Westie rescuer as well and has wonderful stories about her dogs. Give her a look.



Second: a one of a kind ceramic sculpture by "Zolla." She attends most of the larger dog shows but also sells on eBay under "Zolla." She sculpts other dogs besides Westies as well. Besides fanciful pieces she does plaques, sugar bowls and small jewelry containers with dogs on top.



Third: Bronze sculpture of Westies going to ground. Usually sold at the larger all breed dog shows but occasionally you can find on eBay. Made by T. Acevedo who does a wide range of animals. He does have a website:

www.t.acevedo.com. If interested in bronze, just look bronze dog sculptures on eBay or Etsy.

Things to do with your dog!



YOUTUBE

See Barn hunt with Westie or Scottie (Snohomish) Local events

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vWzaFH4Rj0>

See: agility with Sealyham AKC Title) - local at several facilities

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WESxo_2kn7Q

Trick training for AKC title

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxlhN4ODZwQ>

Lure Coursing: (AKC title) Events listed on AKC calendar by state

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2x9buivrTOg>

Earthdog: (Whidbey Island) (AKC Titles)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1v4p1yBBkM>

Rally (AKC titles) -check AKC calendar under events

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqyM5251268>

Rally signs: look on YouTube for rally signs

Nose work classes (local in Seattle, Woodinville, etc.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otPCbMG_EIQ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFYKoldNrFM>



Dear Members:

We had a brainstorming session at the last board meeting and two ideas came up for a couple of remote activities that we could have a lot of fun doing.



Remote Bingo Party

We could do a remote bingo party with prizes. We could send you bingo cards to print, and we have the other equipment. We need to know if this is something you'd like to try once to see how it goes? FREE



Sip and Paint From Home – Paint your Pet

Painting with a Twist and potentially other Sip and Paint companies do a Paint Your Pet events both virtually and live. You send in a picture of your pet, they draw it on the canvas of your choice, you pick up the paint kit which includes paint brushes, paint and the canvas and then an instructor teaches you how to paint your pet. It is about a 2-3 hour event and costs 35-45 dollars depending on the canvas type.

Please reply to Karin Parish if you are interested in any of these events. Please type Remote Events in the subject line and email me by April 30, 2021

Thank you

Karin Parish

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WESTIE BOOK NOOK

By Cyndee Lockwood

Good Westie Day! I have been a collector for 35+ years and find it quite a challenge to even find a book that 'stars' a Westie in the story (with the exception of Rosemary Wells' McDuff Series). This is the first in a series to introduce you to the world of collecting books about our beloved dogs. These books are fun and fanciful, some old and some that are new. So here you go, I've photographed them and challenge you to find them for your "new collection of Westie memorabilia." I've given you a few easy ones to start with.

1. *The Weeds & The Weather* by Mary Stolz, 1988: Mrs. Weed, a former teacher, and her dog and cat enjoy their daily routine - with occasional disruptions - throughout each season of the year.
2. *Glen Robbie: A Scottish Fairy Tale* by T.E. Watson, 2006: A magical village in the Highlands of Scotland reappears to do good will for others.
3. *Westie the Dog* Words by Colette Anjou, Pictures by Kim Niles: 2004-2005, great teaching tool for little ones. [Kim Niles has come to our events to sign books in the past.]



Westies? Social media obsession with 'flat-faced' dogs like Pugs and Frenchies blamed for plummeting popularity of the terrier

Attributed to: Joe Pinkstone for Mailonline published: 06:08 EST, 3 September 2019

- Less than one in 200 (0.43 percent) of dogs born in the UK are Westies
- The average age of UK Westies is a rather long-in-the-tooth 7.8 years
- Researchers say the current popularity of flat-faced dogs on social media may be behind the severe drop in popularity

Findings come on the back of a scientific paper published by Royal Veterinary College (RVC). 'Flat-faced (brachycephalic) breeds are currently the darling of the nation but this has created huge welfare problems for breeds such as the Pug and French Bulldog. Breeds such as the West Highland White Terrier and Cavalier King Charles have fallen sharply out of favour.'

Club Officers, Directors and Contacts

Upcoming Events



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**Vice President
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Westie Fun Daze
Tentative, June 12
AOCB, Bothell



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None



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New Member Applications

Ella and David Panther,
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Terry Floyd , Wenatchee

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