



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Summer 2021



How are you? What was this past chaotic year like for you? We are truly interested. This past heat wave created some quick thinking recovery stories and heart pounding moments – write your Westie story and share with us, never fear of spelling or writing styles we can make corrections – Pictures are always welcome.

The 4th will have just passed by the time our Newsletter gets to you and this year I decided to put out a Westie flag in celebrating the 4th along with Old Glory.

First it was just getting vaccinated then next be sure you had a mask with you! What a historical moment in this century. Then to top everything off we have a historic heat wave in the beautiful North West. Enough “historic’s” let’s get back to a natural way of life.

July 17th - Westie Fun Daze went off as promised – Westies bounded with joy at being free to run and meet up with old and new friends. What a pleasure for owners also catching up with old friends and delighted in meeting new Westie Families. The scheduled luring was well timed and made sure these small racers would sleep well tonight. We had old games and new games – me, proud mom of Piper, she burst 4 bubbles as we played a new game with bubbles – same ones you used to do growing up. A number of raffle baskets left with happy folks.

Reay for a walk? We have a Westie Walk be sure and read flyer within this newsletter for time and place on August 22nd.

For those who asked about upcoming dog shows - The Olympic Dog Club shows at Enumclaw Expo Center will be Wed Aug 18 2021 at 08:00 am to Sun Aug 22nd closing at 5:00 pm. The All Terrier Club will be showing at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday Aug 19th.

With this report I wish to announce that this is the final newsletter by our Editor Dee Thompson. She has been managing this task now for 5 years and she feels it’s time for her to pass the Editor’s Pen. I asked Lesley Wilson if she would accept the Pen and continue are quarterly news – she has accepted and will be working on the Fall Newsletter so there will be no interruption.

WHWTCOPS SUMMER WESTIE WALK



When: August 22, 2021
Time: Noon
Location: Dune Peninsula @ Pt Defiance Park
Host: Vicki Ray

Directions: [Use Google Maps](#)

Google maps and put your destination as: Dune Peninsula at Point Defiance Park, 5361 Yacht Club Rd, Tacoma, WA 98407. It will take your destination. Go past employee lot, paid parking towards yacht club. Red Square indicates free parking. You hit dead end and go left.



Plenty of parking, easy walking and great views. Plenty of places to sit and rest or have a sandwich and visit.

Restrooms clean and conveniently located: We will meet in front of the building with the restrooms (pavilion) at noon. Bring Poop Bags and water for you and your dog/s. Overview



Don't let your dog get dehydrated on warm days

Reprinted from Vets-now.com

Our vets see a lot of cases of heat stroke during the summer months. Many of these are very serious and some end in tragedy.

One of the saddest aspects of this is heat stroke is easily avoidable if proper precautions are taken. So here are our top tips on how to keep dogs cool in the heat.

1. Circulate cool air

Open the windows, turn on a box fan or keep the air conditioning at a reasonable temperature. Your dog will appreciate having a cool place to relax indoors if it's scorching outside.

2. Keep dogs out of conservatories and greenhouses

These areas can get dangerously hot even when it may only feel mild outside. Bear in mind that there are no cooling breezes inside these sun traps and they magnify the heat.

3. Prevent sunburn

Don't forget dogs are susceptible to sunburn, particularly those with white ears and noses. This can lead to painful blistering and sores, and long-term exposure can lead to skin cancers. It is possible to buy pet sunscreen to apply to the hairless areas on the end of the ears and nose. It's also advisable to keep white-faced dogs indoors during the heat of the afternoon.

4. Never leave dogs in a parked car

Temperatures inside cars can reach astronomical levels on a warm summer's day, and it can take just 15 minutes for a dog to start overheating. Watch our video to see what happened to one of our members of staff when he was stuck inside a car in the height of summer.

5. Leave a bowl of water out for your dog to drink from

It is common sense but you should check your dog's water bowl regularly and fill it up whenever it's low. If you take your dog for a long walk, please remember to pack water and a bowl to ensure he doesn't overheat and suffer dehydration.

6. Try giving your dog cool snacks

If you are at home or out in the garden try giving your dog a few ice cubes to lick or freeze one of his favorite chew toys.

7. Watch when you exercise

Make sure your dog doesn't play too hard while in the sun. During particularly hot spells walk them early in the morning or later in the evening. And make sure they take breaks between playing. This includes swimming, particularly if your dog doesn't venture into the water regularly. Swimming in a safe place can be fun but overdoing it can cause exhaustion, low blood sugar and 'swimmer's tail' where the tail can be painful or immobile.

8. Check the pavement

On very warm days, there is a risk the pavement may be too hot for your dog's paws. It's worth checking the tarmac before you head out for a walk. If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your dog's paws. If that is the case stick to grass.

During the heat of summer, dogs can't regulate their temperature like humans.

9. Ensure there's a shaded spot

If there are no naturally occurring shaded spots in your garden, or even in your house, create one by placing some cloth or cardboard over an area to keep the sun out.

10. Spray them with the hose or put out a paddling pool

If you're using a paddling pool for your dog, remember to test the temperature. It takes a lot longer for water to warm up than it does the surrounding air. When water is too cold it can cause dogs to become hypothermic.

11. Avoid long car journeys

If you decide to take your dog in the car, make sure the air conditioning is on or the windows are open. Also, take plenty of water and regular breaks for fresh air.

Barn Hunt Training

By Lesley Wilson

The WHWTCOPS hosted the club's first ever Barn Hunt Training session on July 25th at the Pemberton Farm in Snohomish. Shiriah Jelenek of [Cascade Dog Works](#) led the group of 13 dogs and their handlers. As some of you know, the event was rescheduled twice: once by the trainers due to a medical emergency and a second time due to the 100-degree temperatures at the end of June. With the date changes, event coordinator Karin Parish invited other dog owners to participate so we could qualify for a group rate. Six Westies, six Sealyhams, and one amicable Scottie enjoyed the training together.

What is Barn Hunt? It is an up-and-coming sport for dogs and their handlers to work as a team to find rats in a barn setting. Of course, the barn hunt rats are safe in large PVC tubes that have cozy bedding and plenty of air holes. This training session was held in a real barn on a working farm, though only an enclosed space with hay bales is needed. The sport is gaining in popularity with lots of different dog breeds, and there are several levels of competition. Check out the [Barn Hunt Association](#) for details on the sport.

Shiriah and assistant trainer Chas led us through two rounds of training, working individually with each dog and handler. First time up, each dog had a chance to sniff around the fenced-in pen. Hay bales formed a tunnel, and dogs were encouraged to explore the area. Two PVC tubes were placed on the ground, and Paul Meshke's Westie Jackson quickly figured out which PVC tube held the rat. On the second round, Shiriah and Chas hid the rat tube in different spots to reinforce the training. Jackson barked, growled and attacked the tube like a veteran barn hunter. My 8-month-old Westie puppy Skye, however, is a true friend of rats. She did not want to disturb the rat, much less bark at it, but she did enjoy going through the tunnel and sniffing barn smells. Maybe next time for Skye?

The Barn Hunt session was my first time as event host, and I really enjoyed the experience. Our Cascade Dog Works trainers had the most active role in leading the 2 and ½ hour training session. Shiriah and Chas supplied training tips, shade, chairs, and water for the dogs. I brought clip boards (very useful), a dog water bowl, water for people, and a couple more chairs. The venue had good parking, pleasant restrooms, and total authenticity. Cows and chickens watched us from a safe distance.

Cascade Dog Works owner Shiriah told me that she will move training to a new location in Lake Stevens in the near future. Karin Parish put the event together, and we owe her thanks for all her efforts to make it finally happen.

Links:

[Cascade Dog Works](https://www.cascadedogworks.net/)

[Ratatat Barn Club](https://www.ratatatbarnclubllc.com/)

[Barn Hunt Association](https://www.barnhunt.com/)



Pictured: Paul Meshke and Charlotte Bertsch with Jackson, Pam Olney with Oliver, Lesley Wilson with Skye, Jen Tachiyama with Winston and Gracie, Leslie with Sealys and her friend Shirley, Dana Fox with Lilly, Michael with Zoe, Daniel Statt with Gaia and Claire Beich with Raya. If we missed your name, apologies!

Paul and Westie Jackson get their first training from Shiriah (right) and assistant trainer Chas (left)



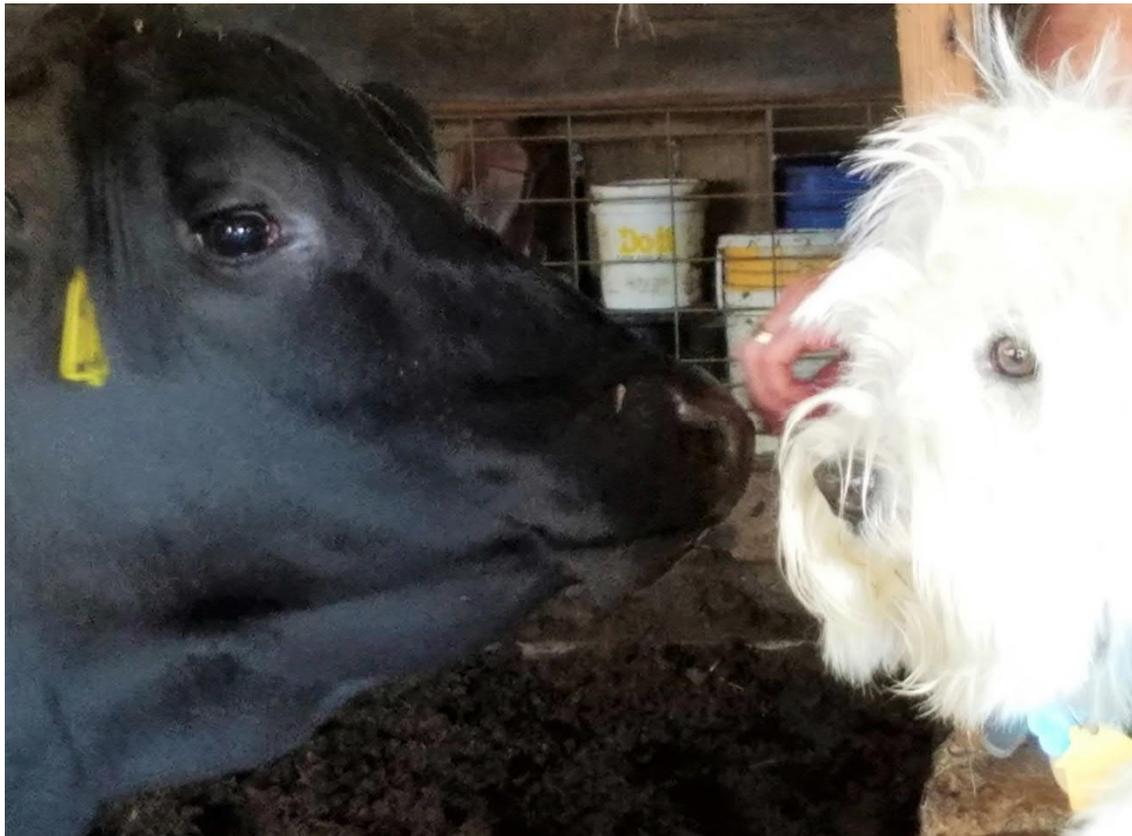
Jackson finds the rat!



Sealyham Oliver and the tube with the rat



And yes, there were cows



Westie Antiques

By Cyndee Lockwood

WESTIE ANTIQUES

Our wonderful Westies, we can't get enough of the little darlings, no matter if they are with us or in print or in collectibles. Here are a few more to look for to add to your collection, most can be found on eBay, Etsy or in antique shops. The price has come down in the last couple of years. Perhaps there are not as many collectors as there used to be.

Westie collectibles have many different designs and manufacturers, I like looking for the oldest that really capture the Westie character. These are also the ones that are made out of porcelain not resin like the modern ones.

The largest Westie is made by Sylva C and is English, circa 1940. Look for good paint, slight crazing, no chips or repairs. \$20-\$40. 5-1/2" L x 5-1/2" T.

The Medium Westie is made by John Beswick, also English, circa 1940. Again look for good paint, slight crazing, no chips or repairs. \$20-\$40. 5" L x 4-3/4" T.

Small Westie, is English, circa 1930-1940 made by Melba Ware. Again, look for good paint, no chips, slight crazing, no chips or repairs. \$20-40. 4-1/2" L x 4-1/4" T. Prices may vary of course.

Good Luck and Good Hunting!



Westie Art

By Cyndee Lockwood

Collecting Westie art is a whole different area of collecting.

Vintage Westie art goes back hundreds of years, but finding it and affording it are two different things. I find many paintings at auctions that I would love to have but the price is untenable (for me at least, I'm talking thousands of dollars or pounds sterling). So for me, I haunt antique shops/shows and the internet.

I found the painting of the Westie Mom and Pup about 10 years ago on the internet and I think I paid about \$30 for it. It's an original oil, quite large, my husband hates it, but I love it.



About three years ago I was at the Puyallup Dog Show and took a walk while waiting for BIS and went to a local antique store where I found this old poster book of dogs. What was in it? The photo of the painting of my Westies! See what you find if you look!



WESTIE BOOK NOOK

By Cyndee Lockwood

Tucker Flips by Leslie McGuirk
1999 Dutton Children's Books

Tucker Flips is the first in a series of picture books by the author. They are fun and colorful and full laughter about a littler terrier who can't help but get into mischief. There are 9 books in the series.

Bonnie Ramona of Oz by Charles Wells
1997 Backbone Press

The story of Ramona will appeal to everyone. It speaks of friendship, joy, love and loss. For those who have ever had a Westie choose them you know how important that connect of love is.

Prince Lachlan by Nette Hilton & Ann James
1990 Orchard Books

A young Prince in Scotland creates havoc with his faithful Westie in the castle wherever they go.

Enjoy!



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Upcoming Events



**President
Jeannette Melchior**



**Vice President
Cyndee Lockwood**

Westie Walk
August 22
Point Defiance Park,
Tacoma



**Treasurer and
Newsletter Editor
Dee Thompson**



**Secretary
Membership Chair,
Webmaster
Karin Parish**



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Linda Gray**



**Director
Kathy Reed**



**Director
Vicki Ray**



**Director
Lesley Wilson**

New Members

Ella and David Panther,
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Terry Floyd, Wenatchee



**Director
Paul Meshke**

**Rescue
Karin Parish and
Vicki Ray**
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**Robin Ryan
Photographer**

New Member Applications

Rick, Sally and Hannah
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Susan L. Killen, Seattle
Lyssa and Michael DeHart

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