



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Spring 2022



President's Message

From Jeannette Melchior

Ready! Set! It's a Go! The rescheduled "I Love Westies Party" is coming up on April 9th. At last, we can move forward and get together with our wonderful Westies and catch up with our Westie friends. Sadly, the Celtic Kennel at the Scottish Highland Games in Enumclaw will not be held this year. This event starts organizing in January and by this late date it just cannot be done. We were hoping for this event in which the general public gets to visit and meet our wonderful breed along with all our other Celtic cousins, but Covid and its variants have ruined several fairs and holiday gatherings as the timelines for organizing could not be met. As possibilities

develop and we are able to put activities together, we will. If you have any suggestions, let us know.

With so many of us spending time in front of the TV this past year have you noticed how many times a Westie will pop up on the screen? I was surprised. Of course, the Caesar commercials are a given. I've noticed Westies in different places: news, British films, crowds of folks – and poof! I see a Westie head, tail or a retreating rear and you know it's a Westie. Just an observation, but really have you unexpectedly seen them too?

The WHWTCOPS Designated Specialty will be held at the 2023 Winter dog show next year in Puyallup. We will dedicate this show to Sharon Newsom in the show's catalog and at our booth.

Looking forward to visiting with you and seeing all those wonderful Westies in April.

Jeannette

Join Us April 9th at AOCB!

Games feature an intro to Rally, nose work, obedience, and fun.

I Westies!

Date: April 9, 2022
Time: 1 – 3 PM
Where: Academy of Canine Behavior
4705 240th St SE, Bothell WA
Cost: \$5 per person, children under 10 free



Activities:

- ♥ Dog games and prizes
- ♥ Raffle baskets
- ♥ Goodie bags

Reminders:

- ♥ Sign in at the Registration Table
- ♥ For payments, bring cash or check
- ♥ No flexi leashes, please
- ♥ Bring poop bags
- ♥ Current COVID restrictions apply



In Memoriam

Sharon Newsom

February 17, 1944 - March 2, 2022

I first met Sharon at Sandy Davis's home where she was picking up her new male pup, Ronan. I had come over to pick up my new boy, McDougal, from the same litter. This was in 2010. What fun in comparing and cooing over our new baby Westies. Later we would put in many days and hours at Sandy Davis's, learning to hand strip for a show coat, working and training these boys to go in the ring, and attending classes for showing. The road trips, arriving and preparing for a show, then at the end of the day settling the dogs and getting ready for the next day. Exhausting work, but what fun and lovely memories.

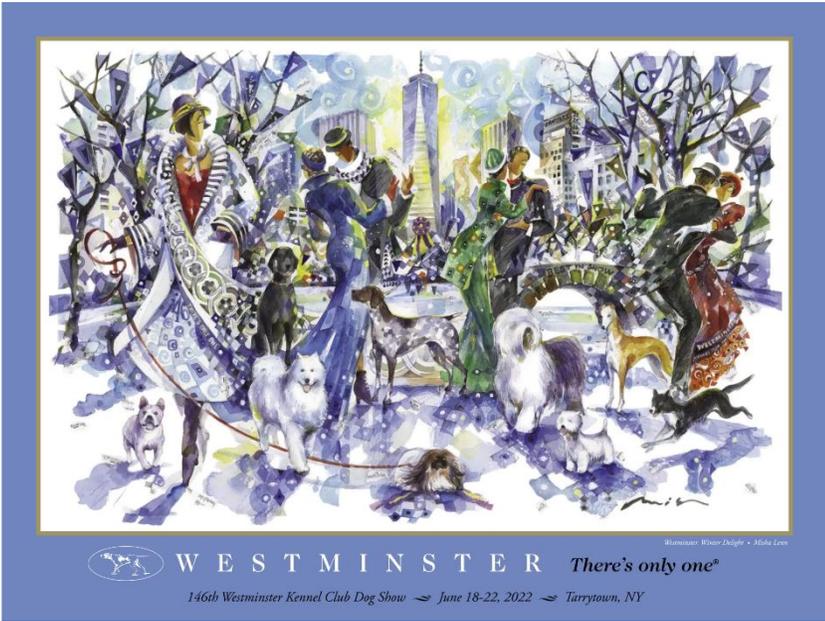
Sharon's boy finished, and thus began her kennel of Kyleakin. During all this time Sharon was a member of the WHWTCOPS. First volunteering and joining the Board as a Director, then moving on to Secretary of the club, where she served until 2021. Sharon assisted with the plans of the many educational seminars, walks, and fun events that make up the calendar year while keeping up with the Secretarial duties of the club.

If you met or remember Sharon from an event or as a breeder of Westies, you were instantly welcomed and charmed. But for myself and a few others, Sharon was a close friend, a friend that we were lucky enough to have as part of our lives.

Sharon's Celebration of Life gathering will be on May 22, from 3-5 pm held at Ivar's Salmon House in Seattle. A formal announcement will follow as details become firm.

Jeannette Melchior





146th ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW ANNOUNCES 2022 LOCATION AND DATE

2022 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show events will return to the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, NY after the Omicron surge in New York City caused a postponement.

Westminster Week 2022 will kick off with the Masters Agility Championship on Saturday, June 18, 2022, followed by Junior Showmanship, Breed, Group, and Best in Show judging on June 20 - 22, 2022. The Masters Obedience Championship will be on Monday, June 20, 2022.

FOX Sports Television Schedule

Sunday, June 19, 2022

- FOX - The Masters Agility Championship will be televised from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (EDT)

Monday, June 20, 2022

- FS2 – Select daytime breed judging and highlights from the Masters Obedience Championship will be televised live from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (EDT)

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

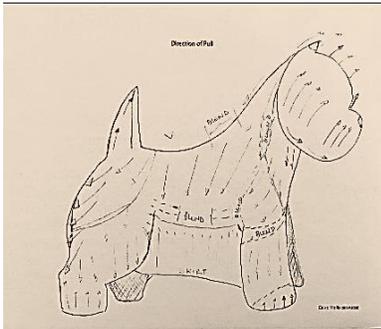
- FS2 – Select daytime breed judging and junior showmanship preliminaries will be televised live from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (EDT)
- FS1 – Pre-show televised live from 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (EDT)
- FS1 – 4 Groups televised live from 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (EDT)

Wednesday, June 22, 2021

- FS2 – Select daytime breed judging and junior showmanship preliminaries will be televised live from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (EDT)
- FS1 – Pre-show televised live from 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (EDT)
- FS1 – 3 Groups and Best in Show televised live from 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (EDT)

Information from [146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Announces New 2022 Event Location and Dates](#)

Westie Grooming: Hand Stripping Resources



Grooming show dogs requires hand-stripping, and for most pet owners it seems like a daunting task. If you are interested in learning how to do hand stripping, there are several excellent videos and books available online.

An internet search for “how to do hand stripping for terriers” returns a healthy list of resources, some free and others for purchase.



Online videos can be especially helpful, and one suggested videographer is Celso Mollo, professional photographer and Westie fancier located in Ontario, Canada. You can view and subscribe to his YouTube instructional videos at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChbmlvsGyvq4K88qfnC7RPO>

Plus, a Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Celsomollowesties>

In Person Hand-Stripping Seminar – August 2022

For show dog handlers and owners looking for in-person training, a “**Hand-Stripping and Finish Work for Short-Legged Terriers Seminar**” is scheduled for August 6th and 7th. The one to two-day class is sponsored by the Washington State Scottish Terrier Club. The event flyer with contact information is included in this newsletter.

Hand-Stripping and Finish Work For Short-Legged Terriers Seminar

(Scotties, Westies, Cairns, Norwich, Norfolk, Sealyhams, et al.)



Featuring Cruft's BIS & Westminster Group 1

Terrier Expert Rebecca Cross

Saturday August 6, 2022

Sunday August 7, 2022

Win-Star Bed and Biscuit Kennel

3602 112th Street East.

Tacoma, WA

First Time on the West Coast!

Only 30 Hands-On Slots With Dogs Available

Advanced Registration Required

\$175 for Saturday Only

\$250 for both days

\$100 Auditors (No Dogs)

Lunch Available

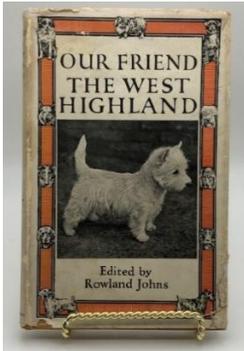
Day 1 - Why and How To Do It	Day 2 – Hand-On Workshop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimize Faults & Enhance Virtues • Trimming Heads to Perfection • Blending Furnishings & Eliminating Cocker Spaniel Furnishing • Improving Neck to Back Line • Leveling out Toplines • Bang on Tail Stripping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands On Evaluation of Your Terrier • 1 on 1 Critique & Instruction • Small Group Demonstrations • Evaluation and Presentations • Secret Tips for In Ring Presentation • Bring Your Own Tools (some will be for sale) and Dog (Loaner dogs may be available)



Sponsored by the Washington State Scottish Terrier Club
Contact Vandra L. Huber, WSSTC President for more information and registration materials

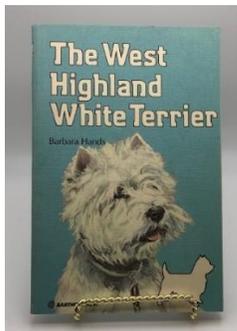
VLHuber.88@gmail.com or WSSTCspecialty@gmail.com

VINTAGE WESTIE BOOKS by Cyndee Lockwood



Our Friend the West Highland

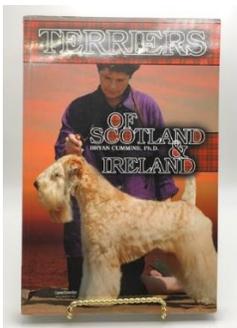
Edited by Rowland Johns, First Edition 1935, Second Edition 1947. A great little book just packed with historical information about the breed. From the very origin of the breed, the character, buying of puppies, grooming and show, kenneling and even dog law. Just fascinating if you are a Westie lover.



The West Highland White Terrier

Barbara Hands "Boz", First Edition 1977, Great Britain. Barbara Hands is an accomplished Westie breeder and a superb Westie artist. This gem of a book, although small, contains more information about grooming and care than you will ever need. The pictures are fabulous and again show you what a Westie should* look like.

[From Cyndee: Please note the picture. In my opinion, this is how a Westie should look. There is a move by many to make Westie heads look like dandelions (round like a Bichon) which is rather unnatural, does not show the ears well or the bone of the head. Westie heads are beautiful and should show their eyes, ears, short snout, and personality.]



Terriers of Scotland & Ireland

Bryan Cummin, Ph.D. First Edition 2003. Nifty book about all the Scottish/Irish Terriers. If you are a Westie lover, you really should familiarize yourself with all their relatives. Read a little about a lot of dogs and then go to a dog show and really enjoy what you have read about. All these books are from my personal collection, and if you look on the internet or in used book stores you may be able to find them.

Don't Miss Out...

- Check the [WHWTCOPS Calendar](#) for upcoming events
- Volunteer to help with Westie Walks, club events and at dog shows by contacting: kparish@whidbey.com

COLLECTIBLE WESTIE SCULPTURES by Cyndee Lockwood

The Westie Duo is by Guiseppe Armani and titled: "Westies," #732S, and sells for \$295 new. I found mine on eBay for considerably less. Shop around if you like this sort of thing. The piece is 7" L x 5-1/2" H x 2-1/2" W; base is 7-1/2" L by 5" W. There are new pieces in the market place, however, I do not know if they are still in production.



The large **Westie** is from Intrada of Italy. It is heavy porcelain. The dog is 15" Tall x 11-1/2" Long x 5-1/2" Wide. You can find them from time to time on the internet (eBay, Esty, etc.). I found mine at an auction or you can go directly to intradaitaly.com and buy one. The cost is \$165. Still very much in production.



Websites of Interest:

- [The Westie Foundation of America](#)
- [AKC Rally – How to get started, events, news and updates](#)
- [The West Highland White Terrier Club of America](#)

Looking for Westie Health Resources?



Westie Health

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The **Westie Foundation of America** has a free, downloadable PDF file that you can access for comprehensive coverage of Westie health issues. The URL is:

https://westiefoundation.org/files/galleries/WFA_Westie_Health_Ebook.pdf

Have questions about allergies, nutrition, dry eye, spaying or neutering? These topics and more are covered by authorities in the field. Brief overviews cover general health and disease in Westies. Specific diseases are covered in depth with illustrations and references.

Club Officers, Directors and Contacts

Upcoming Events



**President
Jeannette Melchior**



**Vice President
Cyndee Lockwood**



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Dee Thompson**



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Webmaster,
Newsletter Editor,
Lesley Wilson**



**Director
Paul Meshke**



**Photographer,
Robin Ryan**

I ♥ Westies Celebration
NEW DATE: April 9th, 1-3PM
Academy of Canine
Behavior
Bothell, WA

**Westie Walk – Point
Defiance Park**
July 24, Time TBD
Tacoma, WA

**WHWTCOPS 40th
Anniversary Party**
August 6, Time TBD
Academy of Canine
Behavior
Bothell, WA

**New
Members**

**New Member
Applications**

Merrill Cohen, Renton
Claire Beich, Ferndale

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