



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Summer 2022

President's Message

From Jeannette Melchior



The weather is headed toward a fantastic summer, though when you love the Pacific Northwest, you love the rain. But at some point, a sunny summer is greatly looked forward to. So far, we've been lucky with our walks and the cooperative weather has been delightful.

Coming up, the [Puyallup Cluster Dog Show](#) will begin **July 8th**. Also, by popular request, we will have another Westie Walk at Point Defiance, so mark your calendar for July 24th. Be sure and always check out our [Club's Calendar](#) for more upcoming Westie activities. I suggest that you bookmark that link on your PC to keep track of event dates and details.

For every dog owner there are the dreaded fireworks of July 4th. Those with prior experience and knowledge about how their

Westies will react are well set. If need be, check with your vet and make sure yours won't be able to panic and clear a fence or break a lead and run. Over the years I've learned McDougal stands his ground and barks his head off, while the girls decide the best place is on the couch under a blanket. In the evening, they are all in their crates and usually just curl up and sleep through all the noise.

Some issues have come to my notice, and I must encourage every new dog owner and those who complain about walking their Westie to take an obedience class. This is one of the best ways to socialize a new or even senior Westie and to reskill yourself in owning a well-mannered dog. The one basic skill of "Sit" is one of the best assets you can have. No one wants a dog to jump on them. It takes time, but everyone loves a Westie with manners.

Please note our **Vice President Cyndee Lockwood's Champion Westie "ZuZu"** was invited to the Westminster Dog Show (June 18-22, 2022) this year, and doggone it, **she won Best Opposite Sex!** Of course, they are all champions in our hearts, but to be judged the **best of the best** is an exciting moment.

We have been through such crazy and unpredictable three years; I wish to thank all of you for your support and continued participation in the club. There have been some clubs that folded, and I'm sad to say they may never reestablish themselves. This year is the 40th year for WHWTCOPS – here's looking forward to seeing as many of you and your Westies as possible for this event. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 20th, 1-3PM** at the Bothell Academy of Canine Behavior. It's going to be a **WHWTCOPS Birthday Party!**

Jeannette Melchior, President

Don't Miss Out on Westie Walks and Club Events!

- Check the [WHWTCOPS Calendar](#) for:
 - Important times / dates
 - Event flyers you can download
- Enjoy informal events like Westie Walks? Want to have one in your area? Consider volunteering to help with a Westie Walk by contacting: kparish@whidbey.com

Skyehigh's Show a Leg at Reignwood Wins at Westminster!



Cyndee and John Lockwood's Westie, American and Canadian Grand Champion Skyehigh's Show a Leg at Reignwood (call name Zuzu), took Best of Opposite at Westminster last week. In this picture she is being handled by Valerie Nunes-Atkinson with Judge Cindy Vogels upon her Westminster win.

"John and I are very proud of our girl as she continues on with her career, and we still hope for more great things for her," Cyndee noted.

Congratulations to Zuzu, Cyndee and John!

SUMMER WESTIE WALK

When: July 24, 2022

Time: Noon

Meet spot: Picnic Pavilion

Location: Dune Peninsula @ Pt Defiance Park,
Tacoma

Host: Vicki Ray



Plenty of parking, easy walking and great views! Plenty of places to sit and rest or have a sandwich and visit. Restrooms are clean and conveniently located. **We will meet in front of the building with the restrooms (Picnic Pavilion) at noon.** Bring poop bags and water for you and your dog/s.

Directions Using Google Maps

Enter your destination as: **Dune Peninsula at Point Defiance Park, 5361 Yacht Club Rd, Tacoma, WA 98407.** Go past the employee lot and the paid parking lot, towards the yacht club. At the dead end, go left. Red Square indicates free parking.





Celebrating 40 years of the WHTCOPS!

Date: Aug 20, 2022

Time: 1pm - 3:00 pm

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

Hosts: Dee Thompson, Karin Parish,
Lesley Wilson

**Snacks ** Birthday Cake
Pupcakes for Dogs
Party Games and Fun Times!!!!**

*Admission \$5 per person, children free

*Covers cost of renting the facility



Party Plans

- Birthday Photos
- Birthday Cake for two-leggers
- Pupcakes for Westies
- Westie Sock Race
- Westie Wet T-shirt Contest
- Melding of Minds (how well do you know your dog?)
- Super Cool Raffle
- Fun Times for ALL!

- ❖ Remember to Sign in at Registration desk, and bring cash/check for admission and raffle
- ❖ NO FLEXI LEASHES PLEASE. Bring poop bags.



GET IN THE CAR AND LET'S GO!

2022 SUMMER CLUSTER RING STEWARD SEMINARS

Seminar by: Mayno Blanding

PUYALLUP VALLEY DOG FANCIERS, GIG HARBOR KENNEL CLUB

Saturday, July 9, 2022 –10:00AM (approx. 2 hrs.)

WHO: All exhibitors interested in learning about ring stewarding.

WHERE: Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup, WA (Seminar will be in the Showplex Classrooms on the west end of the building)

Questions: Mayno Blanding, email: maynob@gmail.com

Send fee and registration information to PVDF Treasurer, PO Box 7464, Bonney Lake, WA 98391. Checks payable to PVDF or via Square to: pvdftreasurer@gmail.com and note "Ring Steward Seminar" FEE \$15 for Ring Steward Seminar

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Below please provide a little information about your experience and what you hope to take away from the seminar:

Note: Coffee, Tea, and bottled water will be served during the seminar.



Scenes from June Westie Walk at Lake Sammamish St. Park



How I Came to Be a Dog Sitter

By Linda Smith



We got the first family Westie when I was 12 years old. She was a beautiful puppy, and we named her Candie. She was the gateway to my obsession with Westies!

I didn't get my own westie until I was about 33, and I got her from a breeder in Oregon who turned out to be a very shady woman who wouldn't let me see the "pawrents" or any of the other dogs. I named my first baby Miss Trudy, and away we went to experience PUPPY TERRIER WORLD. You all know how that was ... so cute but so painful with those shark teeth!

I eventually found Westie Rescue Seattle and met Karin Parish and Judy Lane who helped me adopt 3 senior Westies that had lost their mum. Then they found a couple more from Oregon who needed a home. And there were some Westies that were rescued through Aberdeen Scottish Terrier Rescue (ASTR) out of Renton. I was a "foster failure" for two more who were rescued from China! Recently, I just "failed" again and adopted another puppy through ASTR.

My friends think I'm a nut case for having so many dogs, but Westies are so special as you all know. They are such smart creatures, with outgoing personalities and attitude for miles ... and of course, so much LOVE ❤️. Honestly—and maybe I'm a little biased—but I do think they are the BEST breed!

I started caring for dogs overnight out of my home because my first Westie, Miss Trudy, had medical challenges, and every time I left town, I just couldn't stand leaving her in a kennel. I wanted her to be able to stay home. I'm located in Shoreline and listed as a dog boarder on a website called HomeGuide.com.

I have been boarding in my home for several years now and have many great references from people who have come to trust me to care for their dogs. I have a lot of personal history with Westies, as they are my breed of choice. I would be thrilled to provide dog sitting services to members of the group! Feel free to call or email me anytime to discuss.

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So, What Is AKC Rally?

By Lesley Wilson



What is AKC Rally? (Excerpted from [AKC Rally](#))

Think of an AKC Rally event as any team sport: You and your dog navigate a course, side-by-side, as you steer him through a course of 10-20 different signs. Each of these signs provides instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. The dog and handler move continuously throughout the course with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There is a clear sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during and between the numbered signs. Although each performance is timed, having a good race time is not the goal; it's all about working as a team while performing the skills, with the dog under control.

Started in 2005, AKC Rally is a fun family sport and participation increases each year. All dogs are welcome to participate in AKC Rally, whether purebred or mixed breed. It's a perfect starting point for those who are new to canine sports, as AKC Rally provides a challenging introduction to all AKC Companion Events for dogs and handlers to strengthen their skills.

- ❖ Where to begin? See a Rally trial in person. Resource: [Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers](#)
- ❖ Take a class. One resource: [Seattle Agility Center's Rally Obedience Class](#)
- ❖ Five levels: Novice for those getting started, followed by Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Master
- ❖ Entry a Rally trial!

At the April "**I ♥ Westies**" party, we featured a mini rally course as an introduction to the AKC sport. It was a fun, no pressure course, and all Westies got bandanas for participating.



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)



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Contact Vandra L. Huber, WSSTC President for more information and registration materials

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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.

Websites of Interest:

- [The Westie Foundation of America](#)
- [2022 AKC Olympic Kennel Club Show](#)
- [The West Highland White Terrier Club of America](#)

Club Officers, Directors and Contacts

Upcoming Events



**President
Jeannette Melchior**



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**Director
Paul Meshke**



**Photographer,
Robin Ryan**

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

**WHWTCOPS 40th
Anniversary Party**
August 20th, 1-3 PM
Academy of Canine
Behavior
Bothell, WA

Halloween Party
October 29, 1-3 PM
Academy of Canine
Behavior
Bothell, WA

New Members

Merrill Cohen, Renton
Claire Beich, Ferndale

New Member Applications

None currently

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