



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Summer 2026

The Summer Update



Summer has arrived in the Pacific Northwest, and our Westie community has some fun activities coming up, and new roles for two of our members to announce.

First, we are excited to be part of the Celtic Kennel exhibit at the Pacific Northwest Highland Games in Enumclaw. Our Westies will join their canine Celtic cousins in greeting visitors,

sharing a bit of Highland heritage, and taking part in the kennel parade. It is always a lively and welcoming event, and volunteers are still encouraged for Saturday, July 25, especially those with calm dogs who enjoy meeting new people.



Webmaster Dawn Perry & Crumpet

We are very happy to welcome Dawn Perry (left) as our new webmaster and flyer creator. Merrill Cohen (right) is a new club director. Their willingness to serve helps keep the club connected, organized, and moving forward. Please join me in thanking them for stepping into these important roles and supporting the work of the club.



Merrill Cohen & Rocket

Mark your calendars for Westie Fun Day on Saturday, August 15, a favorite summer gathering filled with Westie energy and opportunities to enjoy time together.

Looking ahead, plans are also beginning for our December Holiday Party. We are searching for someone to play Santa for family photos with our Westies.

Finally, we pause to remember Diane Hover, a long-time member of our club, who passed away in May. Her presence and friendship were part of our Westie community for many years, and she will be fondly remembered by those who knew her.

Lesley Wilson, President



Looking for a Santa for Our Westie Holiday Photos

Do you own a Santa suit and love holiday cheer? Or know someone who does? Our club needs a Santa for our Christmas party on Saturday, December 12th, 1:00–3:00 PM

You'll pose for photos with families and their Westies, they'll stand and hold their own dogs next to you, no worries about dogs on your lap. Interested, or know someone who might be?

Contact Robin Ryan: rr@robinryan.com or 425-765-6576



WESTIE FUN DAY!

When: Saturday, August 15, 1-3PM

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

What: Treat Toss, Agility, Recall
Race, and More!

\$5/person

Bring a snack to share



Celtic Kennel Call for Volunteers

WHWTCOPS has been invited to participate at the **Celtic Kennel** exhibit at the **Pacific Northwest Highland Games** July 25-26th at the Enumclaw Expo Center.

Along with our canine Celtic cousins, we meet and greet dog-loving fair goers and share our dog's Westie Highland heritage. We walk in the Celtic Kennel parade and participate in the activities presented by the kennel.



Please consider volunteering to work in our Celtic Kennel booth on **Saturday, July 25** (morning or afternoon). Our Sunday roster is full thanks to those who volunteered. Calm dogs do best.

If you are interested, contact **Lesley Wilson at LPW98075@comcast.net** with your name and phone number. Key details will be sent to you prior to the event.

Pacific Northwest Highland Games & Clan Gathering

July 25th & 26th

Enumclaw Expo Center
45224 284th Avenue SE
Enumclaw, Washington 98022

For those participating in this event:

- Free entry to the PNW Highland Games
- Show your Westie to the public for petting (calm dogs, please)
- Work in our booth for **3 hours** either morning or afternoon (between 9am-3:30pm)
- Parking on fairgrounds is approx. \$15 (cash only)

Edmonds Westie Walk – Sunday, May 17th, 1PM



Lake Sammamish State Park Westie Walk

Saturday, June 6, 2026





POEM OF A DOG

I am the one who always waits for you.
Your car has a special sound that I
have imprinted on my senses, I can
recognize it among a thousand.
Your steps have a magic timbre.
Your voice is music to my ears.
If I see your joy, it makes me happy!
Your scent is the best,
Your presence is what moves my
senses.
Your awakening wakes me up.
I watch you sleep and for me you are
my God, I am happy watching over
your sleep.
Your gaze is a ray of light. Your hands
on me have the lightness of peace and
the sublime display of infinite love.
When you go out, I feel a huge
emptiness in my heart.
I wait for you again and again.
I am the one who will wait for you all
my life today, tomorrow and always:

I am your Westie

'Dog' by Lawrence Ferlinghetti is a philosophically complex poem that uses the perspective of a dog to speak on free will and religion. Lawrence Ferlinghetti was an American poet and painter. Submitted by Jeannette Melchior who says she couldn't resist changing the last part from Dog to Westie



Looking for Westie Health Resources?

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,
Newsletter
Editor,
Lesley Wilson**



**Secretary,
Jeannette
Melchior**

Celtic Kennel, Scottish Highland Games

July 25& 26, 9-3PM
Enumclaw Expo Center
Enumclaw, WA



**Treasurer,
Dee Thompson**



**Vice President,
Membership
Chair,
Rescue
Representative,
Karin Parish**

Westie Fun Days

August 15th 1-3PM
Academy of Canine Behavior
Woodinville, WA

Westie Halloween Costume Party

October 24th, 1-3PM
Academy of Canine Behavior
Woodinville, WA



**Past President,
Rescue
Assistant/
Foster,
Christine
Corbley**



**Director
Kathy Reed**



**Director,
Lois Briscoe
Kimball**



**Director,
Melinda Heller**

New Members



**Photographer,
Robin Ryan**



**Director,
Merrill Cohen**

New Member Applications

Robin Ott, Auburn
Al & Shawn Keck, Lynwood
Dawn Perry, Seattle
Wes Geesnab, Everett



**Webmaster,
Dawn Perry**



**Breeder Referral
Vicki Fulton**