



Westie Sounds

West Highland White Terrier Club of Puget Sound — Fall 2024

Activities & More Activities



Brody at the PNW Highland Games

There's a lot to catch up on since the last newsletter. We held three Westie Walks (Tacoma, Edmonds, Des Moines), a record number. The last weekend in July, we sponsored a booth for two days at the Celtic Kennel at the Pacific Northwest Highland Games.

Many thanks to the club members who planned, organized, lead, and participated in these events. But special thanks must go to those who lead these events. There's a saying that any difficult task should be shared. So true, because the mutual support and friendship between club members makes all these events possible and enjoyable.

Looking ahead, we have our annual **Westie Halloween Party** and general meeting on Sunday, October 20th in Bothell at the Academy of Canine Behavior. It's a fun way to combine dog skills

(walking on a leash, sitting on command, wearing a costume) with human entertainment. Last year we had a family of Chucky dolls – two dogs, two humans.

We will present the slate of candidates for 2025-26 officers and vote at the October 20th meeting.

This December our president, Christine Corbley, is hosting the **Westie Holiday High Tea** party in Des Moines on Saturday, the 14th at noon. We'll do a gift exchange (\$25 limit), so please bring a wrapped gift. Please RSVP to Christine via email so she can provide complete address details at: ccorbley@comcast.net.

Lesley Wilson,
Newsletter Editor

Westie Halloween Party & Club Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 20th – Join Us!



WHWTCOPS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024

Time: 1pm-3pm

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

Hosts: Melinda Heller/Lesley Wilson

- Westie Costume Parade
- Spooky Games and Contests
- Selfie Photo Area

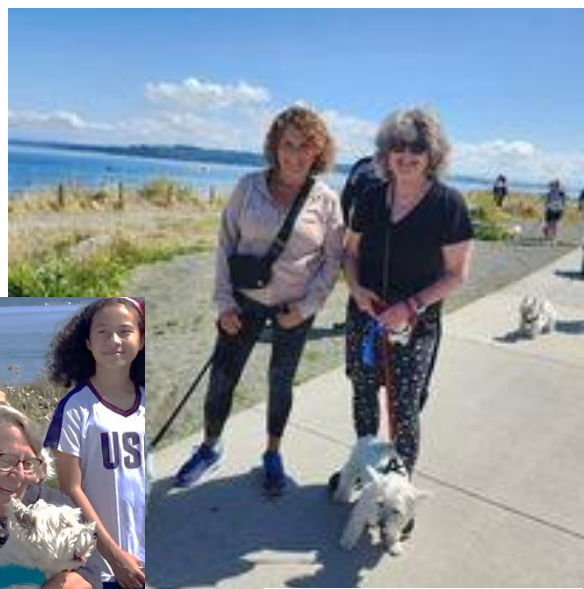
**Come and enjoy good times with
friends!**

**To share: Bring Finger Food to
Share**

Admission \$5 pp/\$10 Family



Scenes from the Aug. 25th Tacoma Westie Walk



Stunning summer weather, stunning views from Dune Peninsula Park!



JOIN US FOR THE ULTIMATE

Westie Holiday High Tea

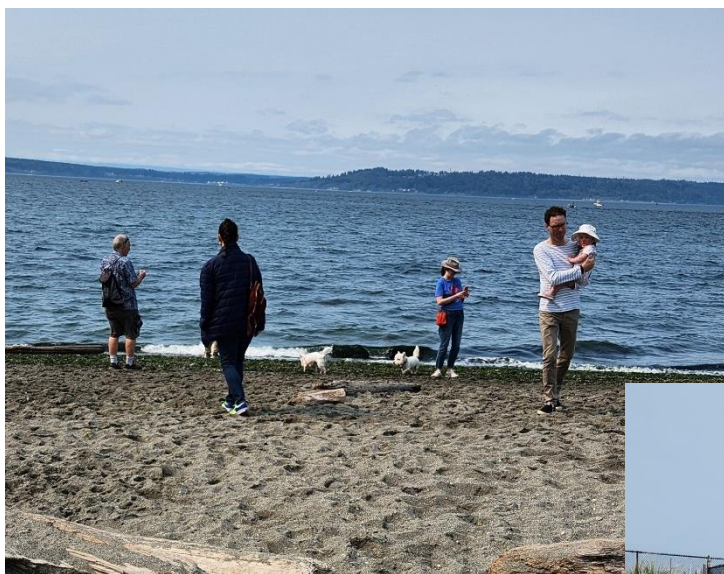
12:00PM
14TH DECEMBER

CORBLEY RESIDENTS
DES MOINES, WA 98023

*Gift Exchange, no more than
\$25, no gag gifts*

RSVP
CORBLEY@COMCAST.NET

Westies on the Waterfront in Edmonds, Sept. 8th



Report on the PNW Highland Games Celtic Kennel

by Summertime Melchior



I'm a Westie and my name is Summertime. My Mom Jeannette said I could give the report on the Celtic Kennel fun at the Scottish Highland Games.

OK, it's the last weekend in July and I just know Mom's taking us to the Celtic Kennel at the Scottish Highland Games this year! We missed last year, but we're going this year. I just know it!

Today is the day! We've done weekend gigs before, but this time it's only Sunday and that's OK, 'cause I love everyone, the pats and hugs are great, but I sure get tired by the afternoon.

Our car is packed. Me and Snow snooze in our crates until we get to Enumclaw. Everything is unloaded and we finally get to stretch our legs and head in to our booth. We pass the Scottie booth and yes, well yes, we do have a few exchanges and of course the hoomans ask us to knock it off. As we settle in the Cairn terriers pass by and they bark "Hello."

What a day. People start arriving at 9AM and we can hear the different events taking place on the parade grounds. Brodie has arrived along with Skye. Oh, almost forgot, Mom brought puppy Bristol (5 months), and this is her first time meeting people. We meet and greet the eager folks attending. Hilda has arrived and now Bailey to share our table. We keep folks busy petting us, and our hoomans answer questions and listen to some fantastic Westie stories from all the families who come to admire us.

Rocket and Lollipop arrive and take our places on the table. We get to hop down and have a potty break. What a relief. Now it's time to savor all those wonderful smells outside the arena and up the grassy knoll behind the Celtic Kennel. Hooray!

It's noon and time for the Grand Parade of the Highland Clans with us Celtic Breeds strutting behind the pipers and drummers. Our people hold the Westie club banner, and we march through crowds of people taking our pictures. Hey, it's pretty tough to stop, sniff, and pose as we move along. But really so much fun. When we return to our booth, more people come by to love us. Plus, I get to go to the exhibition ring and get introduced as a shining example of my breed, strutting my stuff in front of the fans.

Wow! This long day has ended. The hoomans pack up and we hit the road home. It was a great day. Snow and I curl up in our crates and rest. That (spoiled) puppy Bristol is asleep in Bonnie's lap (mom's daughter).

Will we do next year? Hey, I'm willing, but it's up to Mom.



Daniel Statt's 6 year old Westie Gaia with 6 year old fair-goer Gaia

Product Reviews

[Zesty Paws Allergy & Immune Bites](#) – Karin Parish



My dog has had crusty bumps on her skin for the past several years. The bumps are similar to scabs, but they don't seem to go away. A groomer friend of mine said her mini schnauzers have something similar.

So, I went to Chewy.com and decided to order some Zesty Paws Allergy & Immune Bites, lamb flavor, one treat for a 25 pound dog. I just started using it four days ago and already the bumps are disappearing! If your dog is itchy and it's not fleas, I suggest you might try it. I have no idea why I chose this brand other than it had the most "stars" on the review. \$32/90 chews.

[Itchy Paws and How We Solved It](#) – Melinda Heller

My westie, two year old Hilda, developed itchy paws and chewed off her fur. She also had pink patches on her belly. I planned a four point regimen to try and resolve this myself before allergy testing. And it worked! For now, two months in, we are itch-free.

- #1) Restricted diet. Salmon and fish based kibble. No chicken per my vet.
- #2) Dr. Google advised Omega 3 vitamins and supplements.
- #3) Therapeutic weekly baths with chlorhexidine shampoo. (By the way, that is what we RNs use in the hospital to wash our hands.)
- #4) If that didn't work I was prepared to do the RAST allergy testing at online sites, and there are many. [Five Strands](#) is one of them. Some sites want hair samples, some want saliva. This route is a much less expensive option than visiting the dermatologist vet.

Hilda's fur and skin are fully recovered. I did not need to proceed to step #4. Here are the products I used: [Ketowell Vetwell Shampoo](#), and [TrizCHLOR4 Shampoo](#). TrizCHLOR4 has twice as much chlorhexidine as Vetwell and costs twice as much. We use both. The supplements we use are [Soothe Skin and Coat](#) chews. All of these products are available at Chewy.com.

I hope this article relieves westie distress.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR SHOW RIBBONS?

by Cyndee Lockwood



Several months ago, I was reading a copy of a dog show magazine in my veterinarian's office while waiting for an appointment with one of my Westies. An interesting article caught my interest; it contained some ideas of what to do with some of the show ribbons we've been fortunate to win over the years. Some of the ideas were to weave them into placemats, shred them into confetti (!!!!), give them to school kids for book marks, etc.

Then I happened to pick up a horse show magazine and in the immortal words of Keanu Reeves, "Whoa!" I came upon an ad by an amazing person, Nancy Pierson, whose business "The Repurposed Rider" up-cycles equestrian ribbons. Well, I thought, why not try the same for our dog show ribbons as well? I took down this wonderful person's email and website and hoped to be amazed. I sure was. I had never envisioned being able to preserve our ribbons in forever items like a quilt, a pillow, a wreath, Christmas stockings and even toys. So, I came up with a plan. My husband and I had recently gone through boxes of our ribbons trying to decide what to do with them, toss or keep? We could not bear to part with so many warm memories, so we packed them away again except for a few and put the others away thinking we'll let the kids deal with them when we're gone. There were lots from the last 30+ years, all types, puppy, breed, awards of merit, a few BISS, a couple BIS, even a few from Westminster. Wonderful memories of Westies we have been privileged to show and love. It's been a life we have enjoyed, more than we can say.



So, my husband's birthday was approaching. I never know what to get him that is unique, so I thought about The Repurposed Rider. I called Nancy and we agreed on what I wanted made. I boxed up a bunch of ribbons and shipped them to her via Fed-Ex. We kept in touch throughout



the planning and construction, but I could not have been more pleased with the outcome of all the pieces. Who knows, we may not be finished yet.

My husband was so thrilled with the quilt that I had made for his birthday gift. I think it's the first time I saw him shed a tear over a gift I gave him. So many warm and wonderful memories of our dogs in the ring

have been captured in the quilt and other pieces. We look at them now and say: Remember this show? Wasn't our boy great? Wasn't that a nail biter? Remember where we were, how fun the show was and how well our dog did?

I hope you enjoy the pictures of the quilt and the pillows and perhaps you might like this idea of preserving your ribbons. I am beyond happy of what we did with ours. Memories.

All the best,
Cyndee Lockwood
Reignwood Westies

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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
Christine
Corbley**



**Vice President,
Webmaster,
Newsletter
Editor
Lesley Wilson**

Westie Halloween Party
Sunday, Oct. 20 5th, 1 PM
Academy of Canine Behavior
Bothell, WA

Holiday High Tea Party
Gift Exchange \$25 Limit
Saturday, December 14th, Noon
RSVP for address
Des Moines, WA 98023
Humans Only



**Treasurer
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Robin Ryan**