

## 15 MINUTES OF FAME

### AGILITY

**John Jacob, Jumpin 4 Joy, owner Beth Widdows:**

March 6, 2011 Sportsmen's Dog Training Club Judge: Sam Banks

- Agility Open Fast 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 60 points and NEW TITLE
- Agility Open Standard 1<sup>st</sup> place (extra leg)
- Agility Open Jumpers 1<sup>st</sup> place and NEW TITLE

### CONFORMATION

**CH Glenlea's South Shore Qwik Step**

- Detroit Kennel Club, March 5, 2011 Judge: Dr. Richard Meen  
Best of Opposite
- Detroit Kennel Club, March 6, 2011 Judge: David Kirkland  
Grand Champion Select Award
- Louisville Kennel Club, March 18, 2011 Judge: Richard William Powel  
Grand Champion Select Award

**South Shore It's All About the Qwik Step**

- Detroit Kennel Club, March 5, 2011 Judge: Dr. Richard Meen  
Best of Breed (from 9-12 Month Class), Winners, Best of Winners 1 point
- Detroit Kennel Club, March 5, 2011 Judge: Mr. Carl Gomez  
Best Puppy in Show Competition: Terrier Group Four

### RALLY

**Loch Thistle Connor Mac Braveheart (Connor), owner Helen Roth**

March 25, 2011, Companion Dog Training Club in Flint Judge: Nancy Withers

Rally Novice 95 points

## CLUB AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES by Jackie Curtis

The Education and Rescue groups are setting up some activities that will allow us to educate the public about Westies and rescue. It will also allow us to get together as a club with our dogs at some really fun events. We will have a booth where we can talk to people and pass out our literature, and at some events, sell our fundraising items. Hopefully we can generate interest in our club and rescue. We need new club members who want to get involved in our club and rescue. We have 4 events lined up for the spring. We are looking into others throughout the summer. They are not just in the Detroit area. We are planning events all over the state.

**May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Barks and Boundaries Festival at Bark A Bout** on 14660 23 Mile Rd, Shelby Twp. This is a meet and greet event.

**May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Dog Bowl in Frankenmuth.** This is at Riverplace park in downtown Frankenmuth. It is a 2 day event that includes all kinds of dog activities. One that is of interest to many of us is the Doggie Dash Lure Coursing. We will have a booth here for 2 days as well as it being a great dog event that will be fun for all of us and our dogs. If we have enough people come, we can man the booth and also participate in the other doggie events. The website is [www.dogfunfest.com](http://www.dogfunfest.com).

**June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Dog Day in the Park at Riverside Park** in downtown Grand Rapids. This is a full day of dog activities. We can have a booth and there are lots of doggie things to do. The website is [www.dogdayinthepark.com](http://www.dogdayinthepark.com).

**June 18<sup>th</sup> Adoption Event at the Bark A Bout** on 14660 23 Mile Rd, Shelby Twp. This is an adoption event, however, we will have a "vendor" booth, not an adoption booth. We do not adopt on the spot, but it will allow us to talk to people about Westies and our rescue.

If you are interested in attending any of these events and help us "man" the booth, please contact Sue Peters, Chris Finkbeiner, or Jackie Curtis. We will be posting a notice to the club and foster Yahoo Group lists asking for people to sign up. If you want to just come out and have fun to any of these events, please do so. The more the merrier. And don't forget to bring your WESTIE!!!



**Saturday, April 30, 2011**

Show Hours: Approx. 10am to 2pm;  
 Building is open from: 7:30 A.M. to 5:00  
 (See Schedule below)  
 Public Welcome - No Admission Charge

Ann Arbor Dog Training Center  
 1575 E. North Territorial Road  
 Whitmore Lake, Michigan

**3-day dog show weekend with the Terrier Club of Michigan All Terrier Show (Fri, April 29) and Progressive Kennel Club All Breed Show (Sun, May 1)!!**

**Entries Close at Noon, Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at MBF**

**SPECIALTY SHOW SCHEDULE**

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Rescue and Club Silent Auctions Open  
 10:00 a.m. Sweepstakes Class Judging

10:45am or 15 minutes after close of Sweeps, whichever comes last

**Rescue Parade**

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch (available on site)  
 12:45 p.m. Rescue Silent Auction Closes  
 1:00 p.m. Regular Class Judging

**Show Completion**

Whenever judging is completed  
 Usually 2 p.m. or slightly later

Club Silent Auction Closes 15 minutes after regular class judging is complete

Show Theme is:  
**"MADE IN MICHIGAN"**

(Unbenched - Indoors)  
#2011245401

**WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN, Inc.**  
 (Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

**JUDGES**  
**Sweepstake Judge:**  
**Lindy Barrow**

**Regular Class Judge:**  
**Peggy Haas**

**PHOTOGRAPHER**  
**Photos by Susan & Lenna**  
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**Haslett, Michigan 48840**  
**(517) 655-6124**

Show Chair:	Jackie Curtis
Show Secretary:	Martha Sayles
Ring Stewards:	Barb Boggess Cathy Kelley

## Volunteers needed for Gus the Dog Reading Program in Detroit

My name is Paul Avsharian, and I am an attorney and Westie owner living in Huntington Woods. I am volunteering with a golf and education charitable nonprofit at Dixon Educational Learning Academy in Detroit, adjacent to Rouge Park. I've been told the school's Gus the Dog Reading Program canine is aged and looking forward to retirement. I offered to see if I could recruit one or more loving owners with well behaved Westies (aren't they all?) to take over for Gus! I love the school's location - it offers opportunities for everyone to read indoors and outdoors, and will give the Westies and volunteers room to roam and unwind during the day. The school is very safe, clean, and well supervised, and is a focus school of a Skillman Foundation initiative. I have met some of the staff: they are gracious, dedicated to the children, and looking forward to welcoming new volunteers. The person I am working most closely with is a youth & family development director at the school who volunteers from a church in Northville.

The program runs during the school year, from September 2011 to June 2012. The volunteer and Westie will spend an hour one afternoon each week in an office outside a schoolroom so a child (K - grade 3) can read out loud to the Westie. If a question or problem occurs, the volunteer can report them immediately to the teacher next door. No special education or training is required.

I'm told volunteers and companions are vital to a child's reading development because some children are uncomfortable reading with other children who may giggle or criticize. Their development suffers. Some youngsters also are more comfortable with a dog as they begin to develop these critical education skills. I think the program is great because it offers children opportunities to engage with dogs in a positive way, helping develop compassion and empathy for our special companions.

Thank you again for taking the time to distribute my invitation, and good luck to all your members! We love Cassie more than words can describe! My e-mail address is [paulavsharian@gmail.com](mailto:paulavsharian@gmail.com) and my phone number is 248-544-8882.

Warmest regards,

Paul Avsharian, Esq.

(This was previously posted to the email list; Paul called and asked if I had heard any response and I had not. I told him I would post it again and thought, since the timing was right, the newsletter was a good spot for it so it might reach those not on the email list. Beth Widdows, Editor)