

It's fun being outdoors with our dogs during the warm weather months! But are you being a responsible pet owner on those on sultry days?

Visit the Vet. Start the season off right. Get your dog tested for heartworm. Maintain a flea & tick program.

Water, Water, Water. Dogs can get [dehydrated](#) quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors.

Find the Shade. Symptoms of overheating include excessive panting, difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse.

No Parking! Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. A parked car can turn into a furnace!

Water Fun. Make sure dogs wear flotation devices when on boats. Do not leave your dog unsupervised around a pool. And no drinking pool water!

Screen Test. Are all your house screens tightly secured?

Summer Haircut. Giving your dog a lightweight summer haircut helps prevent overheating. Be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your dog is labeled specifically for use on animals.



Walking on asphalt....Ouch! When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn.

Avoid Chemicals. Commonly used flea and tick products, mouse & rat baits, and lawn & garden insecticides can be harmful to dogs if ingested. Keep citronella candles, oil products and insect coils out of pets' reach as well. Call your veterinarian or the [Poison Control Center](#) at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect your dog has ingested a poisonous substance.

Let's Party! Taking your dog to a backyard party? The food and drink offered to guests may be poisonous to your dog. Keep alcoholic beverages away from dogs, and the snacks enjoyed by your human friends should not be a treat for your pet. Avoid raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate and products with the sweetener xylitol.

Fireworks + Dogs = Bad Idea. Please leave your dog at home when you head out to fireworks celebrations and never use fireworks around pets. Lit fireworks could result in severe burns & trauma to your dog. Even the toxic substances in unlit fireworks can be hazardous.

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Our Club on the Move!

Dog Bowl 2012

Our club attended the Frankenmuth Dog Bowl on Saturday, May 26. It was a beautiful day and attendance was heavy. Visitors to our booth who already have Westies in their family told us they were happy to see us. Questions were asked about membership & foster home participation. Thank you to Carol Beaudry, Sue Peters, the Bogart's, the Curtis' & Sherry Bittles for traveling to Frankenmuth to support the club. And a big thank you to our club dogs: Rocket Peters; Megan, Finley & Kirby Bittles; Kirby Bogart; Butch & Riley Curtis; and Abby, a Rescue foster dog.



Upcoming Events

Plans are underway for the Club to attend the St. Andrews Highland Games in Livonia on August 3 & 4. Please check the Club website for details as they become available.

We will also be at the Grand Rapids Dog Days in the Park, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Kennel Club. The event is held in Riverside Park, along the Grand River. Join us on Saturday, September 15! More information will be posted on the club website.

The club hopes to be represented at the Novi Pet Expo, September 21-23 Suburban Showplace in Novi. In the past, this event was held in November.

Westie Rescue Raffle Winners!

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*1st Prize – Handmade Westie Quilt won by Club Member Dee Fenner
2nd Prize - \$100 Amazon Gift Card won by Steve Engerer*

Thank you to all who purchased or sold raffle tickets!

Membership Drive 2012 is in Full Gear by Sue Peters
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At the May 21 meeting, the Club voted in two new active members, Gary & Lynda Porrett of Columbus, Michigan. The photo shows President Bev Walker welcoming Gary. Lynda was absent for the picture. Both were referred by Bev.

So far, we have 5 entries in the drawing! The purpose of this membership drive is to promote membership into our Club. This is meant to be a fun event with simple rules. Each time a current member refers someone to the Club as an associate or an active member, that person's name

will be entered into a drawing. At the end of the year, the name drawn will receive a fabulous prize.

1. Open to all active and associate members.
2. Club Secretary & Membership Chair will track referrals.
3. Prospective member must be voted in during 2012
4. If no one refers associate member, then no one gets credit.
5. If no one refers active member, then 1st sponsor gets credit.
6. If current associate becomes active, then associate's name gets credit.
7. Drawing will be held at the 2012 Christmas Party.

Dog Show Information	Jackie Curtis
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DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	SPONSORING CLUB
June 1, 2, 3	Lapeer	Agility	Sportsmens Dog Trg Club
June 9, 10	Mt. Pleasant	Conformation, Obed, Rally	Mt. Pleasant KC
June 9, 10	Buchanan	Obedience	St. Joe Valley Agility Club
June 9, 10	Fenton	Agility	Up and Over Agility Club
June 15-17	Traverse City	Conformation, Obed, Rally	Traverse City KC
June 22-24	Kalamazoo	Agility	Kalamazoo KC
June 23, 24	Armada	Conformation, Obed, Rally	Macomb KC
July 7, 8	Monroe	Conformation, Obed, Rally	Ann Arbor KC
July 13-15	Marshall	Conformation, Obedience	Battle Creek and Kalamazoo KC

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Southern Michigan West Highland White Terrier Specialty
Whitmore Lake, Michigan
April 28, 2012

I greatly enjoyed the experience of judging Sweepstakes at the 27th Annual Specialty Show of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Southeastern Michigan.

This was a good entry of quality westie puppies. Overall presentation was excellent. One or two would have benefitted by a better-groomed top-line. In general, front angulation was good with some rears needing a little more in the hocks. Necks were in proper proportion to the size of the dog and movement was generally acceptable.

Only one entry had a bite that I would classify as iffy. Ear sets and pigmentation were very good. A few of the puppies had slightly high rears which maturity and remedial grooming will help. Tails were well set and carried properly. The breeders and owner-handlers did an excellent job of handling and grooming. The practice of some of our breeders mentoring their co-owners to handle and groom their puppies was evident and an excellent way to increase participation of westie owners at shows. We need to encourage and support all the new owner-handlers that we can get!

While I had little difficulty judging the winner of each class, I was very happy to see the class winners come into the ring for Best in Sweeps. My Best in Sweeps dog had everything that I was looking for in a puppy and deserved the lofty placement. The Best of Opposite puppy showed great potential and except for a small lapse in tail carriage gave the BIS Puppy a run for his money. There were a few other puppies in the ring that deserved a good close look and will no doubt do well in the future.

Thank you very much for inviting me to your annual party. It was my first time visiting your show and I was very impressed by the energy of club members and their obvious hard work. Your hospitality is second to none. I enjoyed my time with your members and would especially like to thank John Morway for driving me to the motel and Janet Lindgren for being such an excellent host.

Greg Shively
Skerryvore Westies

It was an honor to be asked to judge your specialty. It was my birthday weekend and I could not have asked for a better gift than to judge my own breed. The day started off with a little hitch, in that my tape recorder would not work; so I made written notes, which were inadvertently picked up by someone else. However, it wasn't difficult to remember the excellent quality of the dogs and my critique was easy to prepare.

Winners dog - My winners dog came from the Open Class "Rosewood Jacobs Ladder". He is a lovely dog but a bit immature. I found later he is only 18 months old. He has a square outline with a level topline and good tail set. He has an exceptionally straight hard white coat with good pigmentation. Masculine head, wide skull and strong muzzle with a good bite. He also had correct deep set almond shaped eyes. He is good coming and going with a terrier tails up attitude.

Winners bitch and Best of Winners - My winners bitch and best of winners also came from the Open Class, "Napoleonka Urwiska Szocji" a lovely feminine bitch. She is the proper size with a square outline, level topline and good tail set. She took my eye immediately; has a beautiful head with good back skull and strong muzzle, good bite and again, properly set dark almond eye. She is very showy and covered ground easily.

Both winners were "made right so they moved right".

Veterans 7 years and under 10 years - Ch. Jubilhill Jefferson". He literally moved around the ring like he owned it. I learned afterward he had turned 8 years of age in December. Brought me to chills. Wonderful example of the breed.

Best of Breed - My Best of Breed is a very feminine bitch, Ch. Mac-Ken-Ghar's I'm So Vain". She is the epitome of a Westie bitch. She caught my eye the moment she entered the ring. She has the correct outline and size. She was beautifully groomed and properly presented. She is excellent coming and going with a great tails up terrier attitude.

Best of Opposite - "Ch. Skyehigh's MKG Bonaparte". A wonderful masculine dog. He has the proper square silhouette and a good tail set. He has an outstanding straight hard white coat and beautiful head piece. He is a wonderful mover with great showmanship.

I have seldom had a more difficult choice in placing Best of Breed and Best of Opposite.

Select Dog - "Gh. BarOne Semper Fi"

Select Bitch - "Gh. Nsase Penelope"

Both of these specials have the outstanding qualities that the breed standard calls for and on another day could have easily been my winners.

I was very pleased with the quality of the dogs. I was impressed with the "tails up" terrier attitude. I only saw one dog with a bad bite. Teeth seem to be small and this has been a problem in the breed. I feel improvement is needed in proper almond eye shape, but for the most part, the eyes were dark and deep set. Some of the shoulders were upright thus affecting proper reach in movement. Overall my entry was excellent and I was impressed with the beautiful white coats and "tails up" attitude!

Respectfully, Linda L. Wells