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# Westie Wagtales



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** Bev Walker

Hi All! Want to thank all who made the 2012 picnic a success. Like specialty, it takes a village. We have been fortunate in having good weather all these years. Although, I think this was one of the hotter/drier ones. Hope to see you at some of the upcoming events that Sue Peters is planning. Have a great summer with your LWD's.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

St Andrew's Scottish Festival (Booth) 8/4/12 All Day  
Dog Day In the Park, Grand Rapids, MI 9/15/2012  
Meeting- September 17, 2012 Howell Rec. Center 7:30 pm  
All American Pet Expo, September 21-23, 2012 Novi MI  
Meeting- November 19, 2012 Howell Rec. Center 7:30 pm (Elections!)  
Christmas Party, December 9, 2012 Howell Rec. Center, 12 noon setup, party from 1pm - 5pm

**EARTHDOG TESTS**

Motor Cities Fox Terrier Club Test - August 11, 2012 (2 tests in one day) Metamora, Michigan  
<http://www.motorcitiesfoxterrierclub.net> Choose Earthdog 2012. Premiums will be available soon.

The Terrier Club of Michigan Test - September 22, 23, 2012 Addison, Michigan

**HOW A DOG'S BRAIN WORKS**



## MEETING MINUTES July 14, 2012

*Present: Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, Janet Lindgren, James Lyddon, Chet Mienaltowski, Sue Mienaltowski, Roxanne Morway, John Morway, Sue Peters, Gary Porrett, Lynda Porrett, Jeannine Price, Martha Sayles, Bev Walker, Cathy Weishaupt, Beth Widdows*

*Guests Present: Rosanne Boudreau, Doris Y. Saygan*

### **General Business**

- ❖ Reading of the Minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting was waived.
- ❖ **Report of President** - None
- ❖ **Report of Secretary** - None
- ❖ **Report of Treasurer** - Jackie Curtis reported the Club's fee of \$333 for the website has been paid; the fee to hold the Howell Recreation Center for the Christmas Party has been paid; and \$345 was paid out for the ordering of new collars and leashes. Jackie provided an update on Rescue obtaining a 501c3 status. There was a delay in filing the paperwork for the reason that the attorney who was hired to file the application did not follow through, because he is running for public office. However, his partner has taken over the file and the application will be filed within the next week.
- ❖ **Committee Reports**
  - Rescue** - Beth Widdows reported that Rescue has taken in 10 dogs so far this year and two more dogs will be surrendered soon.
  - Education** - Sue Peters reported on the status for the All-American Dog Show at the Novi Showplace to be held in September. There are two options available to non-profit groups. Since we are not a 501c3, we do not qualify for the first option, which is to sell tickets in exchange for space. The second option includes paying \$250 for a 10 x10 space and receiving 10 free wristbands for volunteers who work the booth over the 3 day weekend. This will be a smaller space than last year when we had a 10 x 20 space for \$200. This year, a 10 x 20 space is \$395. Sue sent an inquiry to the event promoter regarding their policy of selling only items that are handmade or have our logo. His response was that if the items are associated with our breed it should be fine. Sue suggested Rescue contribute \$125 and the other \$125 come from the Club to cover the cost of a 10 x 10 space. Chet Mienaltowski motioned that the Club rent the 10 x 10 space for \$250; Martha Sayles seconded said motion, and the motion was voted on and passed. Further discussion was held regarding which items were the most popular last year and what to sell this year. Sue also reported on attending the St. Andrews' Highland Games in Livonia on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be two 10 x 10 canopies and three tables available to use. We will have access to electricity, in case fans are needed, if there continues to be hot weather. A parade is scheduled for 12 noon with the various clans that we can participate in with our Westies. If it is too hot, then we won't participate, so not to overheat the dogs.
  - Club Fundraising** - Beth stated that she has volunteered to teach how to make piddle pants as a fundraising item. Jackie Curtis indicated that more collars and leashes have been ordered.
  - Specialty 2013** - Jackie Curtis stated that Adela Rivera, Show Chairperson, has and/or is sending a letter to MBF.
  - Monroe Fall Specialty 2012** - Angela Evans reported that all the paperwork is in order for the Show.
  - Nominating Committee** - Chet reported that the following members are on the slate for 2013: Bev Walker, President; Beth Widdows, Vice President; Angela Evans, Secretary; and Cathy Kelley, Treasurer. For Board of Directors: Janet Lindgren, Gary Porrett, and Cathy Weishaupt.
  - Wagtales** - Articles, pictures and any information are due by July 23, 2012.
  - Website** - Angela Evans asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the new format for the website.

**Membership** - Jeannine Price's second reading took place and Jeannine was voted in as an Active Member. Rosanne Boudreau of Brighton, Michigan, who was referred by Bev Walker, had her first reading for Active membership. Karen and Mike Schultz' application for Associate membership was read and they were voted in as new Associate members.

❖ **Miscellaneous** - Lynda Porrett indicated that she has still not received names from Club breeders who have sold a Westie. Jackie Curtis reported that she mailed a letter to the President of the Board for the AADTC regarding the mess and how dirty the facility was on the day of set up for this year's Specialty. Jackie requested either a refund and/or a discount for next year's rental fee. The AADTC offered a 10% discount for 2013; reducing the rental fee for 2013 to \$675.

**New Litters** - Bev Walker has three new puppies; Cathy Weishaupt, one litter; Jeannine Price, two litters are soon due.

**Member Activities** - On June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Livonia Kennel Club Show, Jeannine Price's, 2 year old GlenLea's Believe In Your Dreams (Reagan), was awarded the title of Champion. Jake Widdows has earned 2 legs out of 3 for coursing ability.

***Adjournment  
Next Club Meeting  
September 17, 2012***

<b>Dog Show Information</b>			Jackie Curtis
Date	Location	Type of Event	Sponsoring Club
Aug 2-3	Marshall	Conformation, Obedience	Jaxon KC
Aug 4-5	Lansing	Agility	Capital City Agility Club
Aug 10-12	Lansing	Obedience, Rally	Obedience Training Club of Lansing
Aug 11-	Metamora	Earth Dog	Motor Cities Fox Terrier Club
Aug 18-19	Buchanan	Obedience	St. Joe Valley Agility Club
Aug 24-26	Grand Blanc	Agility	Companion Dog Training of Flint
Sept 1-2	Marquette	Conformation, Obedience, Rally	Marquette KC
Sept 7-9	Whitmore Lake	Agility	AADTC
Sept 14-16	Kentwood	Obedience, Rally, Agility	Grand Rapids Agility Club
Sept 15-16	Goodells	Conformation, Obedience, Rally	St. Clair KC
Sept 15-16	Rockwood	Lure Coursing	Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Sept 22-23	Addison	Earth Dog	TCM
Sept 28-30	Monroe	Conformation, Obedience, Rally	WHWTCSEM, Monroe KC
Sept 30-	Frankenmuth	Lure Coursing	Italian Greyhound Club

## New Jersey makes drivers buckle up pets

MEGHAN NEAL Tuesday, June 05, 2012

New Jersey is cracking down on pets in transit — and says “click it or ticket” now applies to cats and dogs, too. The SPCA and Motor Vehicle Commission teamed up at a public education event last week in the Garden State to talk about the dangers of transporting animals without proper restraint. New Jersey is the only state where driving with pets loose in the car is a violation of animal cruelty law. Drivers cited for failing to properly secure their pet can face a ticket of between \$250 and \$1,000 and as much as six months in jail.

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### Everyday Dangers: The Car Ride (Reprinted with permission: [http://www.woofology.com/car\\_safety.html](http://www.woofology.com/car_safety.html))

Things to watch out for and ways to make the car ride safe

By Devene Godau, CPDT-KA

For many dogs, the car ride is one of life's greatest joys! But joy can quickly turn to trauma or tragedy in certain circumstances that, for most of us, are unforeseen. But taking some simple precautions, the car ride can remain safely joyful.

#### Automatic Car Windows

We were forwarded an e-mail about a dog named Blaze. Blaze's mom had always been aware of the dangers that an automatic car window present.

"I ALWAYS lock the main power lock on the console," she wrote. "If your dog steps on their window button - should they stand on the arm rest on the door - they will roll it up, or down and can fall out, or crush their neck. While they are doing this you CANNOT work the main power control and roll it back down if they are standing on it."

One evening, Blaze's mom and dad went for a drive and Blaze's dad was driving.

"I told him roll the windows down for the dogs. I forgot to tell him to lock them!!" she wrote. "...all of the sudden I hear her (Blaze) gasping. I look back and screamed at hubby to quit rolling the window up as her head was in it and he said 'I'm NOT'. She was standing on it and I had to turn around and lift her foot off the controller as hubby couldn't override it by his. She was gasping for several minutes."

I have a personal horror story with automatic windows. The car I was driving had window controllers that you lightly tapped and it rolled all the way up. I had stopped at a drive through for some lunch. As I pulled out, I lightly touched the switch and went on my way, until I heard my dog scream and I realized his head was caught. I quickly hit the button again, and this time it rolled all the way down, and I was worried that because he was so frantic to get away from the pain that he would jump out of the window. I was able to grab a hold of his lead, and we pulled into a parking spot so we could both recover.

So, words to the wise:

- Lock automatic windows, as Blaze's mom suggests.
- Be aware of where your dog is when rolling your windows up and down.
- An even better way to prevent any tragic accidents? Use a seatbelt or crate.

#### Airbags

My dog loves to sit in the front seat. And he looks so darn cute, riding shotgun. But then I heard about three dogs in one month's time that lost their lives to air bags. It was something that horrified me because it was something I had never thought about before.

We are all aware that air bags are too powerful for our children (anyone who has had children can attest to the fact that information about air bags is drilled into you head before you are even allowed to bring your child home from the hospital), but do we ever think about the consequences of air bags to our dogs? Even minor impact can set off the air bags with such power that it can crush a dog.

So I stopped allowing him in the front seat. Of course, being a big fan of riding shotgun, he kept trying to sneak up there, introducing a new danger: the dog knocking my car into neutral while I was driving. But with the use of seat belts and click/treating him when he settled down in the back seat, we were able to change his behavior.

So to keep everyone safe, commit yourself to using a doggy seat belt, or a crate. Not only will this keep your dog safe from air bags, and reduce the ways your dog can distract you, it will keep them confined upon impact... because even a small impact can project a dog across the car, possibly even through a window.

By practicing car safety, everyone can have a joyful ride! Drive safely!