

**RESCUE SILENT AUCTION**

Carole Beaudry

Rescue is doing something a little different this year. Instead of a Silent Auction we are going to have a Chinese Raffle. There will be two tiers. One with higher priced items and a second with lower price items. We will be having some themed gift baskets and are still looking for donations. If you would like to donate a themed basket (perhaps two or three people might want to go in on this together) or if you would like to donate a single item, please contact me via email [2westiemom@comcast.net](mailto:2westiemom@comcast.net) or (734) 455-9239 so we can make arrangements for me to get your donation. We will also accept any monetary donations as well. We will put funds together to purchase goods. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN TAG SALE**

Chris Finkbeiner



*Westie Rescue Michigan is having a Tag Sale of dog-related items to help me and all my rescue friends. Will you come?*



Many wonderful items have been donated by Linda Gassman, including this Show Aluminum Tack Box (retail price \$175).....**Tag Sale Price \$80!**



**All prices as marked!**  
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**Half-Off Sale at 2 pm for any items not sold!**

**Westie Rescue Michigan Tag Sale**  
**Dog-Related Items Only**

Saturday, April 27, 2013 | Sale Hours 8 am to 3 pm  
at  
WHWTCSEM's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Specialty Show  
1575 E. North Territorial Road, Whitmore Lake, Michigan

***If you have dog-related items to donate, arrangements can be made in advance with Chris Finkbeiner.....***

via email: [cfinkbeinerhome@aol.com](mailto:cfinkbeinerhome@aol.com)

or

by phone: 586-774-6573

or

by shipping to: 21812 Benjamin Street, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

or

pre-arranged drop-off location

It is preferred to have dog-related items in advance prior to sale day but will take donated items the morning of sale

**All proceeds benefit Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc.**

[www.westierescue-mi.com](http://www.westierescue-mi.com)

## 2012 Membership Drive Winner Drawn

Carole Beaudry is the winner of the 2012 Membership Drive. Carole won a one-year free membership to the WHWTCSEM, plus a \$25 Pet Smart gift card. Thank you Jackie Curtis, Eileen Michael, Carole Beaudry, Sue Peters, Bev Walker, and Cathy Dickens for recruiting new members to our club during 2012.

## Having Fun With Our Westies By Sue Peters, Education Committee

Westie training can be very interesting when you go beyond basic obedience. Westies can be trained to do many things including **Earthdog**, an outdoor exercise that is designed to test the natural instinct and working ability of small, short-legged terriers. The West Highland White Terrier was originally bred to control the population of vermin and other quarry (prey), such as rats, foxes, otters, etc., that live in dens underground. They would go under the earth, find the den of the pest, bark to alert his owner of its whereabouts, who would then dig down to capture the animal.

**What is Earthdog?** Earthdog trials features artificial underground tunnels through which your Westie moves while following the scent of the quarry. The Westie must continue tracking until he finds the vermin, at which point he then must proceed to "work" (bark, paw, scratch, etc.) the prey. The live bait used is protected; thus, neither it nor the Westie is in any danger.

**Where are Earthdog trials held?** In southeastern Michigan, the Motor Cities Fox Terrier Club [www.motorcitiesfoxterrierclub.net](http://www.motorcitiesfoxterrierclub.net) sponsors monthly Earthdog trials (practices) beginning in May at a location in Metamora. In August, if you choose, you can have your Westie participate in a test which counts towards an AKC Earthdog title. (Editor note: Check AKC website or ask Sue or Beth about other tests in Michigan or adjoining states.)

**How will I know if this is the right activity for my Westie?** If squirrels, chipmunks, or bunnies seem to bother him, there is a good chance your Westie still has some hunter in him, so it is likely he will enjoy this Westie training. Dogs that are registered with the AKC and are six months of age or older may participate in AKC earthdog tests. They do not need to be intact, and purebred dogs that have been assigned PAL/ILP numbers, may also participate.

Sources:

[www.westiesavvy.com/training/westie-training/](http://www.westiesavvy.com/training/westie-training/)

[www.motorcitiesfoxterrierclub.net](http://www.motorcitiesfoxterrierclub.net)



Entering the Earth



Underground-heading to the rat

**Whoa! Howdy "Paw'dner!**

Join us at the WHWTCSEM's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Specialty

## **"WILD, WILD WESTIES"**

Saturday, April 27, 2013 | Showdown begins approx. 10 am

Premises opens 7:30 am with continental breakfast grub

Chuckwagon pulls up at high noon

Everyone is welcome! No dinero to attend!

*Catch a glimpse of some purdy eye-catching Westies from far and near!*

*Judges: Ms. Judith White and Mr. Paul DeBene*

*And don't forget to stick around to see the....*

Westie Rescue Parade starring

### **"THE 2012 RESCUES"**

*So, giddy-up and move on down to the*

Ann Arbor Dog Training Center

1575 E. North Territorial Road | Whitmore Lake, Michigan



<http://westieclubmi.com/2013specialty/>

*Mutation Present in 100% of Study's Diagnosed Cases in West Highland, Cairn and Scottish Terriers*

**[Houston, TX]** - (November 28, 2012)/ -- The Westie Foundation of America (WFA), the University of Bern Switzerland's Department of Veterinary Biosciences and Research Programs Unit, Molecular Medicine, and the University of Helsinki and Folkhalsan Research Center, Finland announced today the discovery of the genetic mutation that causes Craniomandibular Osteopathy (CMO), a debilitating head and jaw bone condition that occurs in West Highland White, Cairn and Scottish Terrier breeds of dog.

Scientists reported a mutation on chromosome 5 caused the condition in 100 percent of the CMO affected dogs in the study.

Veterinary Scientists mapped a causative mutation to a small region of the genome on dog chromosome 5 via a genome-wide association study using DNA from 10 CMO-affected dogs and 41 unaffected or control dogs of West Highland White Terriers or Westies. Further experimentation confirmed the same mutation or CMO associated chromosome 5 haplotype was present in all CMO cases in Cairn, Scottish and West Highland White Terriers. The majority of the dogs held two copies of the mutation while a smaller number had at least one copy.

"This is really big milestone for the WFA and Westie breeders. We are grateful to our donors who have supported our research efforts for hanging in there with us and supporting our choices of research projects to fund and with which to provide biologic samples," said Bebe Pinter, President of the Westie Foundation of America. "Our efforts in CMO have definitely paid off. With this discovery, we can now work with owners and breeders to prevent the condition from being inherited in next generations of these dogs."

Dogs suffering from the disease experience severe pain and lose the ability to open their mouths, resulting in some cases in death from malnutrition or from euthanasia due to the condition.

CMO occurs when the angular processes of the mandible and tympanic bullae become so thickened they cannot be opened. The disease is seldom recognized until signs of discomfort due to chewing or eating are noticeable, typically between the ages of four and seven months of age in the dogs. More importantly from a breeder's standpoint, animals may be affected without showing significant clinical signs. This makes the DNA screening test that much more important to clear the problem in the breed.

"We particularly encourage owners of clinically affected dogs to submit samples," said Cord Drogenmuller, Professor at the Institute for Genetics, University of Berne, Switzerland. "This information will help us to evaluate the penetrance level of the mutation, to possibly refine the risk prediction in the future, if necessary, and to start to investigate possible additional cause(s) of CMO in the three terrier breeds."

Blood samples from affected dogs that are submitted with the x-rays, will be tested free of charge, according to the scientist.

"We are very pleased with the findings of this study and believe it will have a rapid impact on the health and viability of the Westie breed and the other terrier breeds," said Dr. Kay McGuire, a veterinarian and member of board of directors of the Westie Foundation of America who assisted with the study.

Because of the diagnostic value of the identified mutation, a direct DNA test for CMO will be launched in Switzerland on December 1, 2012 at a cost of approximately \$110 U.S. dollars. Full details are available at [http://www.genetics.unibe.ch/content/service/dog/index\\_eng.html](http://www.genetics.unibe.ch/content/service/dog/index_eng.html). The test will also be available soon in the U.S. Please contact the Westie Foundation of America for more information at [\(888\) 928-3943](tel:888-928-3943), [\(281\) 326-3843](tel:281-326-3843) or [health@westiefoundation.org](mailto:health@westiefoundation.org).

## 15 Minutes of Fame

### Obedience

Sat, May 19, 2012 - CKC - Connor Roth earned Novice Leg 1, 1st place w/188.5 High in Trial

Sat, May 19, 2012 - CKC - Connor Roth earned Novice Leg 2, 2nd place w/189.

Sun, May 20, 2012 - CKC - Connor Roth earned Novice Leg 3, 1st place w/189 High in Trial

Sun, May 20, 2012 - CKC - Connor Roth earned Novice Leg 4, 1st place w/187 High in Trial

Sun, Oct 7, 2013 - Ann Arbor - Connor Roth earned Leg 1, 2nd place w/188.5, Graduate Novice Obed.

Sun, Nov 4, 2013 - Flint - Connor Roth earned Leg 2, 2nd place w 189, Graduate Novice Obedience

### Rally

Fri, Mar 23, 2012 - Flint - Connor Roth earned his 1st leg in RA w/189

Fri, May 4, 2012 - TCDC - Connor Roth earned his 2nd Rally leg w/93

Fri, May 4, 2012 - TCDC - Connor Roth earned his 3rd Rally leg w/92 and us RA title.

## CLUB RAFFLE AT SPRING SPECIALTY

### West Highland White Terrier Club of SE Michigan

## Spring Specialty Show Raffle

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Drawing 1 pm – You need not be present to win



### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Westie Birdhouse

Show your Westie pride by displaying this white wood birdhouse. Dimensions 12" high x 12" long x 10" wide



### 2nd Prize Westie Weathervane

You can mount the weathervane on your roof or display it on a flat surface. Approx. 3' high

**1 ticket for \$2**  
**3 tickets for \$5**

To order tickets, contact Lynda Porrett:

[obieone5@comcast.net](mailto:obieone5@comcast.net)

or

Lynda Porrett | 1305 Aspen St. | Columbus MI 48063

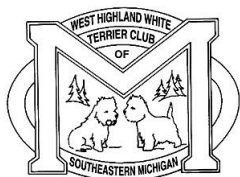
*When ordering tickets by mail, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Checks should be made payable to WHWTCSEM*

License # X82698

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