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 New England Westie

4th Quarter 2008

President's Message

To My Fellow Club Members,

Well it seems like just yesterday we were at the beginning of the summer with our June fun match and annual meeting and now here it is the end of the year and we are heading toward Christmas.

First of all I want to thank everyone that made our Earth Dog trials such a success. Our Earthdog Team of Rich Marsh, Lisa and Lou Pacheco, Susan Smith, Dale Stetson and Naomi Brown did a fantastic job putting together a very successful trial with over 50 entries and great feedback from all involved. The team and the entire club owe a debt of gratitude to Maria Sacco who helped with the entire trial

including the premium list and tunnels and the entries. THANK YOU very much Maria. We now have a brand new set of tunnels that belongs to the club and are looking forward to making it even bigger and better for next year.

We were all very happy to see a large group of our Westies working the introductory trail learning to find the quarry for the first time. We will have a fun trial during one of our meetings next year so that all of our members that would like to take some time training with their friends can learn some of the basics and enjoy the great time seeing our Westies doing what they were bred to do.



President Anthony Zambuto

We need to get more folks involved in the Club and as always we want to see more pictures and stories of rescue, conformation, performance, pets and just general information on the breed that has stolen our hearts. Happy Holidays and to a Great New Year.

Tony Z



**Remember
Send in
those Brags,**



Wins and Pictures

to share with other members.



IN MEMORIAM

9/8/08 **Judy Swingle**

To: The West Highland White Terrier Club of New England and the West Highland White Society of Connecticut and the WHWTCA

Judy and Chris Swingle were two of the first Westie breeder exhibitors that I went with when we joined the Parent Club. The event was the annual meeting held at Charlie O's Restaurant in New York City's Rockefeller Plaza. The outgoing president was Jolem Marciu and the incoming was Barbara Worcester Keenan. There were not very many attendees.

The club was much smaller; and we were having our Specialty in January or February at The Armoury in The Bronx; in conjunction with the "other terriers." My son Tom - then about 10 years old - and I sat at a table with Judy and Christine. They were delightful dinner companions and looked perfect in kilts and ruffled white blouses. When the New England Westie Club took flight in November of 1979 in my living room in Milton, Mass, Judy and Chris were there to volunteer their help in any way possible. And they never stopped giving in more ways than you can imagine.

They didn't just serve as officers and Board Members, they mentored, they stewarded, they hosted, and Judy made marvelous trophies for all our shows: ceramics, wood, paintings, illustrations for the Club bulletins, meetings and matches. How many of you learned the basics of Westie grooming from Judy? An how many of you learned true sportsmanship and an undying love of our breed from these two sisters? At a guess I would say hundreds. So now we thank dear Judy and send our love to her equally special sister, Christine.

Patty Storey

Toto Brown



A Real Westie Departs

Toto Brown's Giant Heart is stilled, but not his rescue story.

This was Toto in the Montgomery

Hi, I'm Toto and my rescue story began 13 years ago on May 2nd. I was wandering around a mall parking lot. I would follow people to their cars and they would push me away ...over and over again. My "soon to be Mom" Naomi Brown, saw me and took me home. She placed ads in

various news papers but no one claimed me.

I was very hungry and thin, only 15 pounds. On my first night with them, my "soon to be Dad" gave me a prime rib bone. Mom didn't think it was a good idea and went to take it from me...**I didn't think that** was a good idea and I bit her in the face. Yes....I regretfully did! Big mistake....Dad said I had to go to the shelter in the morning,

.....that was over 13 years ago. After one month of no one claiming me, they took me to the doctor, I had all my shots and was neutered. The doctor thought I was around four or five years old ...which would now make me 17 to 18 years old.

I've had a great life, have done obedience, agility, flyball. My Dad was a pilot and he would fly us all over the country. I lost my Dad 4 years ago this past April. He was so good to me and he really ending up loving me. Mom and I sure do miss him.

I have siblings; they are show dogs but I am still number 1 (according

to my Mom). The others know better than to bother me just because I'm old and have slowed down over the years, they will get their turn. I still go to the dog shows with everyone though. I'm never left out. I know I have my issues...but I am loved...**THIS I KNOW!**

My Mom and Dad are Naomi Brown and the late Carl Brown from Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

Toto died 11/07/2008 –he was fearless until the day he died, a true Westie and a great friend that will never be forgotten.



IN MEMORIAM

My Loving Memories of Judy

Submitted by Kathleen May

Judy Swingle was a founding member of the West Highland White Terrier Club of New England. She...along with other founding members....worked tirelessly to bring this club to being recognized as a group of Westie owners who were dedicated to the welfare of our breed. She was also a lifetime member of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America as well as a founding member of the West Highland White Terrier Society of Connecticut.

Judy was my mentor. She taught me how to show groom my Westies. We went to many shows together weekend after weekend. It was not unusual for some other Westie owner at a show to come over to Judy and say, "Could you look at my Westie. I'm having trouble with his/ her"....whatever. Judy would look at the Westie....take a stripping knife in hand and "fix" the problem. That Westie may have been her competition in the ring! It did not matter. That was an era that has now long passed. Too bad.

Judy showed two of her Westies to their championships...Lionel and Wicket as well as two of her sisters Westies....Siarra and Emma. When Judy had nothing to show...I let her show my Billie as I was showing his sister,

Brianna. Judy finished Billie. The picture that was taken on that day is the most beautiful photo of Judy and Billie I own. I will always cherish it.

Her artist's eye was a gift when it came to grooming Westies. I swear to God...she could pull four hairs off a head and make such a difference on how the head looked! She was always chastising me with..."Take more off the shoulders!" I hear that even now every time I groom a Westie! Judy also taught me how to pet groom. That story is too long to go into here.

Judy's Westie artwork is legendary all over the country and beyond. She had an eye on just how to capture the expression of a Westie in any venue...show stance, obedience, agility, portraits....etc. She painted Westies on pillows, trinket boxes, photo albums, wood plaques, pocketbooks, wallets, garden flags...just to name a few. Judy was most generous with creating a unique Westie raffle item for our Society meetings for ten years. There are many, many more instances where Judy contributed her artwork to the Westie Club of NE.

Judy was my good friend. I will miss her dearly. Judy was a "giver" of her grooming knowledge that she was always willing to share. Anyone who has any

of her Westie artwork...cherish it! There will be no more.

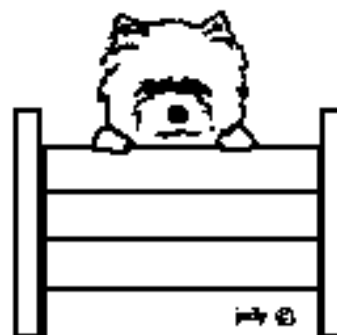
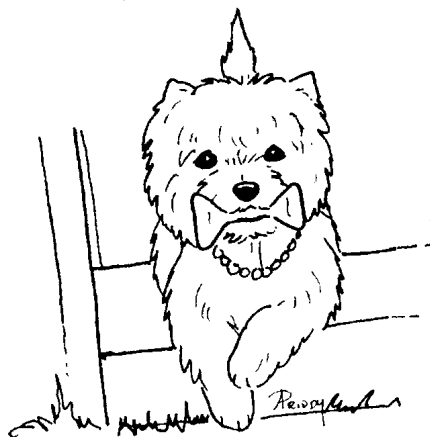
Some of Judy's Designs



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Congratulations!

Performance!



Performance Results

Brags from the National Obedience/ Rally 10/4/ 2008

Novice B

4th Place Rivendel's Bea-Dazzled RA Owner: Nancy Sankus

Veterans

1st Place Ch Lonach Moondawgie VCD1, TDX, RAE, ME Owner: Chris Forbes

3rd Place Lonach Surf's Up VCD1, RAE, AXP,AJP, SE Owner: Chris Forbes

4th Place Chien D'Ours Katie CD, RAE AX, AXJ, AXP,MJP,JE Owner: Nancy Sankus

BRACE

1st Place CH Lonach Moondawgie and Lonach Surf's Up Owner: Chris Forbes

PRE NOVICE

1st Place Rivendel's Bea-Dazzled RA Owner: Nancy Sankus

RALLY OBEDIENCE

Advanced B

2cnd Place Ch Lonach Moondawgie VCD1, TDX, RAE, ME Owner: Chris Forbes

Q'd Lonach Surf's Up VCD1, RAE, AXP, AJP, SE Owner: Chris Forbes

Q'd Chien D'Ours Katie CD, RAE, AX, AXJ, AXP MAP, JE

Excellent A

2cnd Place Rivendel's Bea-Dazzled RA Owner: Nancy Sankus

Excellent B

4th Place Chien D'ours Katie CD, RAE, AX, AXJ, AXP, MJP, JE Owner: Nancy Sankus

Q'd Ch Lonach Moondawgie VCD1, TDX, RAE ME Owner: Chris Forbes 16th leg

Q'd Lonach Surf's Up VCD1, RAE, AXP,AJP, SE Owner: Chris Forbes 15 leg

General Membership

Meeting Sunday

November 16th

10 AM

“Coffee Social”

“Groom that Westie”

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Safe Exercise Area

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you have one.



Earth Dog 2008



Confirmation

Ch. Ashgate US Pilgrim's Progress



Hatboro 2008 Winners Bitch —which was a repeat performance as she got WB 2007 at Hatboro at 9 mos. old.

Montgomery Kennel Club 2008 WHWTCA Specialty "Hallie" wins Winners Bitch and Best of Winners. Making Champion with all Majors

C0-Owners Naomi Brown and Lisa Pacheco



Ch. Yorsar Finean of Ashgate



Finn wins 2 AOM(Awards of Merit) at Hatboro Dog Show
Owned by Lisa Pacheco
And Naomi Brown

**Welcome two new Board Members
Fran Costa & Sue Sabert**



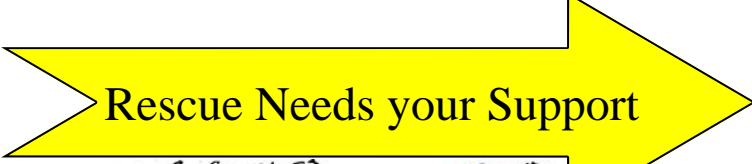
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Molly



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volunteer to help Westie Rescue?

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Mike & Mac Made It!

This Spring we learned of 2 Westie brothers, Mac & Mike, who needed rescuing. Their owner was moving to a smaller apt. and decided he could no longer care for the eight year old westies he'd owned since they were pups. While the owner tried his best, it became clear that he hadn't had time for them and Mac and Mike were suffering when Linda Jones and her husband David White went to meet them for the first time.

Mac & Mike had spent so much time on pallets in their crate that their paw pads were stained from the pallets.

Their nails were over an inch long and lack of exercise had left them with very little muscle tone. Linda wasn't even sure she would keep them but decided on the spot that she couldn't leave them the way she found them so she and David took them home.

Mac & Mike barked and cried all night for the first week or two in

their new home. Mike still has panic attacks and cannot spend much time in a kennel. Linda and David were loving, patient and creative. They gave the dogs lots of walks and did their best to calm them. They took Mac and Mike to the groomer and then to the vet for check ups. Both were infested with fleas and one had a skin irritation. Both had elevated blood levels and Mac needed to be on antibiotics for a time. Mike had abscessed molars that required dental work. Linda knew that she and David were in for a long recovery period. At this point, she still hadn't decided whether she and her husband would keep Mac and Mike but she felt both dogs desperately need to be rehabilitated, both physically and spiritually.

Linda recently wrote to let us know that now, almost six months later, Mac and Mike are happy, thriving and are now part

of the family. Mike unfortunately has been suffering from seizures but, they are working closely with the vet to resolve these. Prednisone has helped and Mike will most likely be on a low dose for the rest of his life. Both continue to make progress and are noticeably stronger; their skin has improved as well. Mac and Mike have full access to a large backyard with a fence. They have become part of the family and have mixed in well with the rest of Linda and David's pack.

The love and kindness shown by Linda and David have given Mac & Mike a new lease on life. They are now happy and fortunate indeed to have found this wonderful new home. We are reminded again of how very important Westie Rescue is in the lives and welfare of Westies everywhere.

God bless that beautiful family.

Susan Smith WHWCNE Rescue



Just Plain Bragging

Cassie announces the birth of three special pups
 A girl and two boys whelped 08-18-08
 Dam CH Paddywaggin's Cassandra of Lonsdale (Cassie) Owner
 Tony Zambuto Sire CH Yorsar Finen of Ashgate (Fin)
 Owner Lisa Pacheo & Naomi Brown



Tony Zambuto's "Lazarus" was only one of the pack last Christmas but is now a Cover Boy



Book Look



Speaking for Spot: Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life (Trafalgar Square Books)

This book is written by Dr Nancy Kay and has received some great reviews from other dog Clubs around the Country. See www.speakingforspot.com . The book is written in plain language and helps the pet owner navigate through the "Veterinarian Experience" that many of us have come to dread. With some common sense help from Dr. Kay and a connection to the Internet, I think the information contained in this book will help the reader keep a healthier and a happier pet.



Grooming Tips And Other Stuff for Winter

As a groomer, I very often hear, "My Westie likes to play in the snow, so I don't need him groomed. He needs his hair for warmth". Well...let's take a look at that. Where does your Westie spend the majority of his time? Outside or inside? Westies are indoor dogs. Yes...they enjoy romping in the snow for a short period of time. But they live indoors with us curled up in their cuddle beds next to the fireplace. Leaving a lot of coat on them will only make them hot.

Here are a few grooming tips to consider for the winter coat. Use a #5 or #7 blade on the back coat. This will leave the back coat a little longer. Trim side, leg and head furnishings as usual. Do not clipper the tummy. Hair on the tummy keeps your Westie warm. It's the reverse of summertime when you need to clipper the tummy hair to expose the skin so your Westie can cool off by laying on his belly. Get it?

Your Westies feet should never be ne-

Members Questions and Discussion

I know that atopic dermatitis is a concern to many Westie owners, and after 8 years of good health, my female Westie developed it. After unsuccessful trials of changing diets, antibiotics, medicated baths and courses of prednisone, we are trying Atopica, an immunosuppressant. So far, so good. We are in the process of decreasing her dosage, and hope to eventually be able to discontinue it altogether.

Do any of the other members have any experience with this drug or other suggestions of how to deal with atopic dermatitis? Our male has skin irritations and small lesions, but not to the severe extent that Lassie

glected whatever the time of the year. Cut out the hair between the pads using a blunt nose scissor. Long hair in between the pads can mat as well as harbor debris. If you walk your Westie on the street in the winter time.....you need to wash the feet when you get home to rid them of salt and chemicals on the road. If you don't, your Westie will lick his feet and ingest the salt and chemicals which could lead to other health problems.

Frolicking in the snow is a great joy for Westies! Tossing snowballs for them to catch is so much fun! When playtime is over...you have a Westie with "snowballs" clinging to their furnishings. Put your Westie in the bathtub and with a sponge and warm water, melt them away. Towel dry and then blow dry. A wet Westie will become chilled very quickly. So get them dry.

Coats and sweaters and other winter paraphernalia for dogs is a HUGE in-

had. It all seems to stem from the dog food/China disaster last year when we had to change their food. Neither dog has been the same since.

Thank you very much.

Diana Lavoie

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Diana,

Great question and I am sure that there a many members out there that will talk to you directly about their experiences. I have put a link to our parent organization WHWTCA (West Highland White Terrier Club of America) and I think you will find the Club also an extremely valuable resource for all "Questions Westie"

<http://www.westieclubamerica.com/health/atopicdermatitis.html>

Submitted by Kathleen May

dusty for pet owners.....especially small dogs. I don't have a problem with that...except...you need to use your own judgment. Westies have not one...but two coats...their outer coat and the soft undercoat. It is the soft undercoat that actually keeps them warm. Some Westies do not have the soft under coat. Older Westies may no longer have a good coat. In these cases...a sweater or a coat is certainly advisable. Boots on Westies? Sorry...I don't even what to "go there"!

Never EVER leave your Westie outside for more than five minutes when the temperature is 20 degrees or below. Frost bite on their ears can happen. If you are dressed for outdoor weather and are cold...so is your Westie. Get inside ASAP.

Winter is great fun for our Westies. But don't neglect regular grooming. That will not be in the best interest of your four footed family member.

Don't forget
about the Spring
Banquet!!
Great time last
year—lets make
it even better.



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From the Interim Editor

I am only the interim editor of our Footnotes Newsletter so I really appreciate all the help from folks like Kathleen May and others now, who have shared much of what you read in these Footnotes. We have gotten some fine feedback from Confirmation, Rescue and the Performance folks for the Footnotes. We are hoping to get more of our Pet friends involved. If you got pictures or stories share them!!

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PS And don't forget we need an permanent real Editor!!





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