




# N•E•W•Footnotes



 New England Westie

May June 2007

## *President's Message*

President

Richard  
Marsh



Dear members,

Our annual Fun Match is June 17th, I'm looking forward to a great turnout this year. Don't forget our club really belongs to the individual members and with that ownership comes the responsibility that is dependent upon each member to help keep the club active. Each one of us can help in some small way, there are raffles and drawings and it is always a great time to see the new puppies being shown in the conformation and obedience rings. So let

us work together this year to have a great time and root on those puppies in the rings.

On a more serious note I would like to clarify the reason why the board voted to move the Fun Match from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. This decision was not done without thought and regards to all members of our club.. I don't know how many people are aware of the fact that our parent club is holding its annual Roving Specialty on June

24th in Long Beach California and many of the same people that run the Fun Match will be competing in California. Because of this conflict, the majority of the board thought it was in the best interest of the majority of members to move the fun match to June 17th, which happens to be Fathers Day. It is interesting to note that Fathers Day has been the date of many of our Fun Matches in the past.

Sincerely

Richard Marsh President

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**YOU DESERVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR WESTIE**

**AND HAVE WE GOT FUN FOR YOU...**

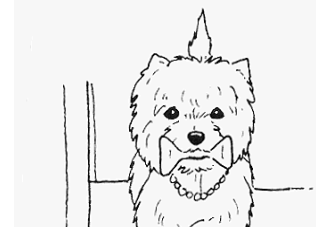
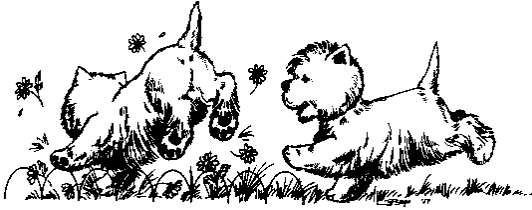
**June Fun Match June 17, 2007**

Breed Show, Obedience, Agility Demo, Schmooze with fellow Westie-holics!

Never Shown or done Obedience? Here's your chance to try it for fun with our Handling Instruction class (both adult & kids versions) and Pre-Novice Obedience (all on leash). Pack up the family for a fun day. Don't have a Westie yet? Here's your chance to check them out at all different ages and interests.

See inside for details and see you there!

# Annual Fun Match And Membership Meeting



- Date:** Sunday, June 17th, 2007
- Place:** Vasa Park, Boswell Trail, Foster RI
- Time:** 9:00 am Coffee and Donuts
- Entries:** Taken from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm
- Entry Fee:** \$5.00 per entry. Multiple entries \$10.00 maximum. There is no entry fee for the adult or junior handling classes.
- Lunch:** 12:00 pm lunch \$5.00. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share
- Meeting Agenda:** Includes the election of Club Officers and Board Members, any old and new business, club reports, etc. The meeting will be held during lunch.

*All Westies are welcome: puppies, pets, show dogs, adults, and seniors. This is the chance to show how special our Westies are. It is also an opportunity to visit with other Westie lovers and have a great day in a beautiful park. Please come!*

Trophies will be awarded in all classes and placements.

**Obedience Classes:**  
**Pre-novice (combined on leash, no CD legs)**  
**Novice (no CD)**  
**Graduate novice (no CDX)**  
**Open**  
**Utility**

Judging of obedience will begin promptly at 10:30 am. The judging schedule will be at the discretion of the judge.

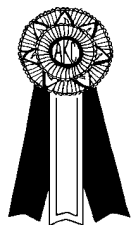
**Classes in Adult Handling**  
**Classes in Junior Handling**

These classes will begin at 10:30 am and judging of these classes will follow. This is an informal fun time that anyone can participate in. Borrow a dog if you have more people than Westies in your family!

**Adult Showmanship Judge** - Linda DeLuca

**Junior Showmanship Judge** - Naomi Brown

These classes are judged on the handler's ability to show a dog to its best advantage. The dog is not being judged. All dogs are eligible to be handled, including neutered, spayed, clipped, shaggy, and "just pets". This is your chance to shine!



### Breed Show Classes

Breed judging will commence **promptly** after lunch.

Judge: Jill Keushgenian

Breed Classes: For Dogs and Bitches

Puppies: 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months

Adults: 12-18 months, Open

Veterans



### Support your Club – Buy Raffle tickets and visit the Sales Table!

Parade of Champions, Title Holders, Veterans and Rescued Westies will be held after the general meeting. This class is not to be judged, but to show off our Champions, Title Holders, and “oldies but goodies”!

### Match Chairperson

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Volunteers are needed for the day to assist with general duties: breaking down of rings, clean up around Vasa Park etc...If you would like to help, please call either Co-chairperson.



### Directions to Match

**From Worcester:** Route 395 South to Route 6 E. After crossing the State line Boswell Trail is one mile on the right, opposite the Texaco station.

**From Boston:** Route 95 S to 295 S to Route 6 W. Cross Route 116 and 102. Continue 2 miles west after flashing lights, past Shady Acres restaurant on right. Turn left onto Boswell Trail just before Gas station.

**From CT (New Haven area):** Route 95 N to 395 N to Route 6E (follow directions above).

**From Hartford:** Route 6E and follow above.

### Accommodations

*Call to see if dogs are accepted in rooms before making reservations.*

Putnam, CT: The Kings Inn Route 395 at Exit 96 (860-928-7961)

Foster, RI: Stone House Motor Inn Route 6 (401-647-5850)

Johnson, RI: Sky-View Motor Inn 2880 Hartford Ave. (401-934-1188)

Situate, RI: Hillview Motel Route 6 (401-647-5846)

Warwick, RI: Holiday Inn 801 Greenwich Ave (401-732-6000)

Master Host Inns 2138 Post Rd. (401-737-7400)



# Thoughts on Rescue

By Lucy Riley

As someone who has been involved with rescue for numerous years, I feel I must add my two cents in this on going rescue debate.

In response to the statements made regarding the National rescue program, the following is from the NRC mission statement. Reprinted with permission of the WHWTCA.

The purposes of the National Rescue Committee (NRC) of the WHWTCA are:

- to provide for the rescue of Westies in areas of the country where there is no Regional club rescue program
- to assist Regional clubs in their rescue efforts
- to provide rescue liaison with Regional clubs and the WHWTCA
- to publish articles and information on rescue
- to exchange information with Westie Rescue Coordinators
- to promote the recruitment of rescue volunteers
- to help promote responsibility for the pet population by breeders who are WHWTCA members to assist the WHWTCA in its goals and objectives toward public relations

The National Rescue Committee is not a placement service; however, when possible it will assist finding a rescue Westie a new home

- A rescue Westie is any West Highland White Terrier who is without an owner or home for any reason and who is surrendered to Rescue.
- A Westie who faces destruction by its current owner may come into rescue. However, a Westie in need of a new home, who is owned by, bred by or sired by a dog owned by a member of the WHWTCA or one of the Regional Westie Clubs is the responsibility of the owner, breeder or owner of the sire. Any such member will be contacted, if possible, and asked to accept that responsibility. If such request is denied, the Westie will be rescued and the club member denying responsibility shall be reported to the Board of the WHWTCA and/or Regional Club for appropriate action. If necessary, WHWTCA rescue funds can be used to facilitate the rescue of this dog.

**Regional Clubs** - All Regional Westie Clubs are encouraged to have their own rescue service, and in this case, should choose their own Rescue Coordinator to work with the Rescue Committee and must immediately notify the Rescue Committee if there is a change in Rescue Coordinator. The Regional Club should establish policies and procedures, and provide a copy of same to the National Rescue Committee.

Regional Clubs will be responsible for funding their own rescue program. The Rescue Committee may recommend financial assistance from the WHWTCA to the Clubs in unusual circumstances i.e. a large number of dogs, dogs that are in an emergency situation, or dog's that need extensive care.

The entire mission statement can be found at  
<http://www.westieclubamerica.com/rescue/mission.html>

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As to my own personal experience, we have never refused a dog. Yes we have taken so called "biters" Most of the time, they are not true biters but a mouthy westie or one who was put in a situation where it needed to defend itself. i.e.: a toddler hurting the dog, or someone abusing the dog, dogs who do not get along with other dogs, but is allowed to go to a doggy park and the owners tries to break up a fight and gets bit. There are numerous reasons why the dog "bites". It's the rescuer's job to try and figure out why the dog "bites" and try to rehabilitate the dog. Not all dogs can be, however don't they deserve the chance? A lot of times the dogs have not been taught any manners or were owned by someone who had no clue about the westie personality and end up being terrorized by their dog. These dogs need a firm but gentle hand to become adoptable. They do not know why they have been uprooted and are in an unfamiliar surrounding. It is not their fault they are where they have ended up.

Twice I almost had to put a dog down. It bit not only me, but my husband and son. There was just no hope for this dog. As I went to pick up the phone to call the vet, the phone rang and it was someone looking for a dog. She was told about the biter I had and was going to put down, she was in my driveway within half an hour. The dog must have had a guardian angel looking after it. The woman has done a wonderful job with this dog. Riley is now a house dog that plays with her grandchildren. The second was another neither I nor my foster people could rehabilitate. There is a wonderful sanctuary that will take any dog and work with it. The man who runs it is a retired psychiatrist. Wesley was brought there. The place was wonderful. Air-conditioned runs, large exercise areas where the dogs run free. If they get along with other dogs they are allowed to be with other dogs. He has volunteers that come and work with the dogs. Wes has since been adopted. There are GOOD sanctuaries. Connecticut I believe is in the process of building one. Lastly about biters... This was a dog, refused by your own rescue people because she felt it was not a good situation. Not a slam on your program. The woman called me and begged me to help her. Said it was not the dogs fault but her daughters that she was bit. What I did in that situation was to put another woman who was looking for a dog in direct contact with each other and had them do a direct placement. I had the woman who wanted the dog, put in writing that she was informed of the entire situation and that our rescue program was in no way involved with the adoption. These were three dogs who would have been most likely been euthanized that have wonderful homes.

As to hard to place dogs, there is a wonderful support group that helps each other in these situations. Another group took two 12 year olds from me that I could not find homes for. The group is by invitation only. This way we know only reputable people are on the list. We also have a group the will help transport dogs.

Sorry to be rambling but... This is a subject very dear to my heart and being a strong advocate of rescue and dogs in general, all dogs regardless of the reason it needs to be rehomed, it is our responsibility to give back to the breed for all the joy and pleasure it has given us and do what we can do for it. Instead of criticizing rescue, open up your heart and get in the trenches with those who are trying to do right by the dogs.

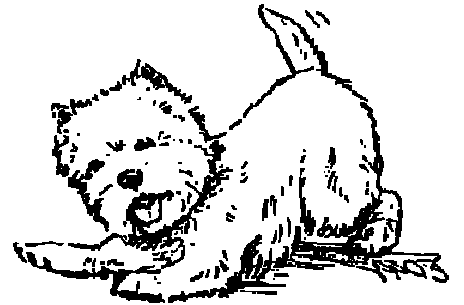
Lucy Ryley  
Rescue Chair Person  
WHWT Society of Connecticut

# **Poll Results Regarding Rescue**

## **Continue Club Rescue**



**108**



## **Dis-Continue Club Rescue**

**8**

**Voter Turnout was 63 %**

**The vote was a resounding 93 % for continuing Rescue.**

**Thank you all for taking the time to vote!!!**

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