



## WESTIE CLUB OVERVIEW

The West Highland White Terrier Club of New England, Inc. was founded in 1972 by a group of about twenty Westie owners and breeders. The owners' purpose in forming the Club was for bettering the breed through education and responsible breeding programs.

Unlike other breed clubs, we meet quarterly. Our annual election of officers is held at the yearly Fun Match.

Meetings are rotated between Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. We gather on a Sunday for the entire day. Programs are focused on fun and education for Westie owners and their pets.

Please read the enclosed application and Code of Ethics. If you feel you have something to contribute or are interested in meeting other Westie owners and would like to participate, come and join us in the "Wonderland World of Westies!"

## **WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND CODE OF ETHICS**

The West Highland White Terrier Club of New England recognizes its responsibility to preserve and protect the West Highland White Terrier. It further recognizes that the quality and reputation of the breed rests squarely in the hands of its breeders. Therefore, as guidance both to the public and its member-breeders, the WHWTCNE sets forth below certain standards of conduct to be followed by its members:

1. No member will knowingly sell any puppy to any pet shop, catalogue house, or any wholesale dealers or in any way knowingly aid or abet the sale of any West Highland White Terrier through a pet shop or catalogue house.
2. A member-breeder will be familiar with the AKC rules governing record keeping, registration, sale, and transfer of dogs, and will abide by those rules. Any warranties or other agreements pertaining to the sale of a Westie will be put in writing, with a copy provided to the buyer, seller, and to the American Kennel Club.
3. A member selling a dog or puppy which he knows to have a physical condition or a serious deviation from the standard which indicates that the breeding of the animal would be detrimental to the welfare of the breed will so inform the buyer, the sale will be made with an agreement in writing, signed by both buyer and seller, that the dog is not to be bred. Additional agreements pertaining to spaying or neutering of the animal are encouraged.
4. All breedings will be planned and aimed at improvement of the breed. The member-breeder will be familiar with the Standard and will do everything in his/her power to discourage breeding from clearly inferior specimens of the breed, or to any such specimen with his/her stud. No dogs exhibiting a disqualifying hereditary defect, unsound temperament, or poor health will be bred.
5. If a dog or bitch produces offspring with the same serious defect detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness or impairment of vital functions, from letters by three different mating partners, the member owning that dog or bitch will refrain from further use of the animal for breeding.
6. No member-breeder will breed a bitch unless he/she has the time and facilities to provide proper care and attention to the physical and emotional development of puppies.
7. Advertising by members will be as factual as possible. Misleading exaggerations or unfounded implications of superiority will not be used.
8. Members will refrain from knowingly making unfair or untrue statements about the dogs or practices of others.

9. No member will knowingly breed an unregistered bitch or procure the use of an unregistered stud.