



# N•E•W•Footnotes



New England Westie January February March 2009

## *President's Message*

Dear Fellow Club Members,  
I hope you're getting through the winter without too much trouble! We have several very important events coming up. General Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Jockey Club Route 44 Raynham Ma.

**Please try to make this meeting, it is important to the Future of our Club.**

Nancy Boston one of our veteran members has submitted a wonderful poem on page four that very adeptly asks members to look at their club involvement and asks "are you an active member or do you just belong"?

Our **Annual Spring Fling Banquet & Auction** is April 5th

**2009 at the Publick House in Sturbridge MA.** This was a great event at a fabulous location last year and it promises to be spectacular this year. Our Fun Match and annual meeting is June 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 at Vasa Park in Foster RI.

Finally I asked our vice president Lou Pacheco to highlight in this edition the fact that Purebred Dogs are under attack by PETA! I spoke before a joint committee at the State House on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008 to help kill a Spade/Neuter Bill house#5029 that would have Devastated Purebred Dog Breeding Statewide. **See you at meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> Tony Z**



President  
*Tony Zambuto*



**[www.westhighlandterrierclubofnewengland.com](http://www.westhighlandterrierclubofnewengland.com)**

**General Meeting March 8th 10 AM**

**Jockey Club Raynham Ma. 115 Route 44 Raynham Ma.**

**Light Snacks and Coffee for the Meeting (No Charge)**

**Lunch off the Menu**

**1 mile West of Rt. 24 and 44 on the left.**

**Thank You Jim!**

Special "Thank You" to **Jim McGarr** for all of the help and expertise over the years on the Board and all the work has done on getting our specialty certified.



**Welcome New Board**

**Member**

**Deb Sullivan**

**47 Mount Hope**

**Lane**

**Scituate Ma.**



# Sunday, April 5th, 2009 Annual Spring Fling Banquet & Auction



**START TIME NOON**



**Cocktails Hors D'Oeuvres  
Buffett at 1 O'clock  
Ebenezer's Luncheon Buffet Menu**

**Public House Bakery Basket**

Featuring our homemade rolls, nut bread, cornbread and sweet rolls

Homemade soup of the day

New Potato Salad with Artichoke Hearts, Pancetta,  
Cured Olives, Capers and Fresh Dill

Grilled Asparagus, Mozzarella and Oven Dried Tomatoes

Tossed Spinach Salad with Bacon and Roasted Garlic

**Entrées**

Pork Loin with Chorizo Pine Nut Stuffing

Pan Seared Salmon with Raspberry Thyme Beurre Blanc

**Dessert**

Deep Dish Apple Pie with Vermont Cheddar Cheese and Whipped Cream

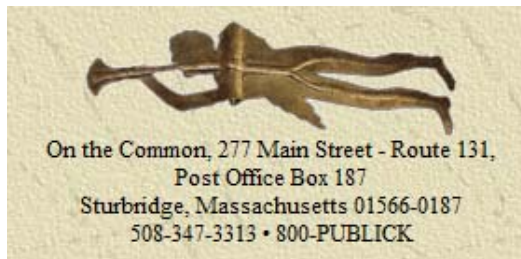
**Beverages**

Freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee and assorted hot teas

Vegetarian Meals Available email [louis.pacheco@comcast.net](mailto:louis.pacheco@comcast.net)

Or mail Lisa Pacheco at 143 Warren Street West Raynham Ma. 02767

Directions Take Exit 9 off the Mass Pike Route 90 to I84 take exit 3b off I-84 to Route 20 West at the lights take a left onto Route 131 Public House is 1/2 mile down on the Right.



On the Common, 277 Main Street - Route 131,  
Post Office Box 187  
Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01566-0187  
508-347-3313 • 800-PUBLICK

Who has made a difference in the quality of your life in Westies? What person has made you feel welcome, done that extra bit to help make a meeting run smoothly. It is time for you to recognize their influence and assistance.

VOTE EARLY AND OFTEN

(Ok, only once for each award but start thinking about it Now!)

## Good Sportsman Award

## Mentor of the Year Award

In addition to the plaques awarded to members and their Westies who have earned titles throughout the calendar year, the Club also recognizes two members for outstanding service to other Club members and to the Club.

**Good Sportsman Award:** This award has become a tradition. *ALL Club members* are eligible. The Good Sportsman Award is generally given to a member who has exhibited exemplary service to the Club. These the “behind the scenes” people who are at a meeting ready to lend a hand, a member who volunteers to chair a meeting, takes the initiative to make guests feel welcome, gladly offers his or her time in whatever way to make a meeting/event a success. Do you know an individual in the Club who is deserving of this award?

**Mentor of the Year Award:** This award was made available to the Club in 198? through the generosity of John and Joyce McNabney in honor of Ruth Birmingham, one of our founding members and life long breeder. Ruth’s influence, input and hard work in forming our Club back in 1972 made our Club what it is today. It was through her caring and “mentoring” many Westie owners, especially the new owners, that this beautiful silver plate in its wooden case was called the “Mentor of the Year Award”. Is there a member of the Club who has been your mentor? Some one who is always “there” for you, to offer advice, lend a hand with your Westie or just *listen* to your concerns/problems regarding your beloved Westie? That is what being a “mentor” is all about.

To *nominate* a member for either of these awards, write a letter...minimum of 25 words, giving your reasons why this person is deserving of either award. Send your letter or email to Lisa Pacheco at [louis.pacheco@comcast.net](mailto:louis.pacheco@comcast.net) or 143 Warren Street West Raynham Ma. 02767 Letters must be received by **March 1st 2009**. At the March 2009 Board meeting, all nominating letters will be read and a vote taken for each award. At least *two nominations* for each award must be received or the award will be withheld. The names of the recipients will be kept secret until the Awards Banquet in April.

**Patty Storey is the Chair  
Person of the Nominating  
Committee. If you would  
like to serve the Club as  
a board Member Please  
call 781-320-9436**

Congratulations to WHWTCNE Club and Board Members Lisa Pacheco  
and Naomi Brown for their Westminster Showing  
Check out the Terriers Video on the Westminster

<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/2009/video/breed/westie.html>



# THE AWARDS ARE COMING ARE YOU GETTING ONE?

**Deadline Date  
February 28th**

Champion Obedience Rally Tracking Earthdog Agility FlyBall Therapy Dog Canine Good Citizen

**Westies eligible for an award at the Annual Banquet must have their owners submit a copy of their championship, title or accomplishment, earned between 1/1/08 to 12/31/08.** The owner or co-owner must be a member in good standing of the WHWTCNE. Only one plaque per dog is awarded. Subsequent awards for the same dog will receive a “dangle” that is attached below the plaque. Those Westies that achieved a title prior to the plaques being offered may purchase a plaque. Send a copy of your certificate and the following information to **Kathleen May, 7 Woodhaven Drive, Portland, CT 06480-1381, (860) 342-4978.** You can also get a Report from AKC’s Online Store of all your Westie’s Q’s in all venues (in case you forgot any). Go to AKC.org > Store > AKC Reports/Points & Awards > Points & Awards >

All recipients of awards are encouraged to bring a picture of their Westie to be displayed with the award. Be sure the picture is labeled with your name and address, as well as your Westie’s name as it appears on the award.

**Please Note:** In order to assure that everyone receives their plaque at the dinner, as Kathleen receives your information, a return postcard or email will be sent to each participant verifying the dog’s name, owner, date and spelling. Therefore, please note—when you send your information to Kathleen, if you do not receive a verifying postcard or email from her in a timely fashion, it will be up to **YOU** to contact Kathleen to inquire. Sometimes things do get lost in the mail so don’t be disappointed come awards time. (Thank you Kathleen and Florentine for 25 years of quiet dedication)

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

Owner(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (To Be Used For Verification Of Information):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Westie’s AKC Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

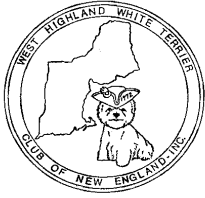
Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Has this dog been awarded a plaque before? Yes  No

I am  am not  planning to attend the Banquet.

*Please clip or photocopy this form and send it with a copy of the dog’s certificate of title(s) achieved and send to: **Kathleen May, Co-Chairperson, 7 Woodhaven Drive, Portland, CT 06480.***



# April 5th 2009

## Annual Spring Fling Banquet & Auction



Location: **PUBLICK HOUSE**

On the Common Route 131 PO Box 187  
Sturbridge Mass 01566

New improved version of an old favorite. Great buffet at last year's location. We will still have the Silent Auction so, if you're too shy to bellow out a bid at the regular Auction (or are just subtle and sneaky), this is for you!!! (See page 6 for reservation form)

**REMEMBER:** While we recognize the achievements of our members, the Spring Fling is not only about awards. It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with like-minded Westie-holics, meeting new people and catching up with familiar faces. The auctions are always a rousing good time. *This year there will be a specialty auction devoted to rescue. The proceeds from that auction going directly to the homeless Westies and our Westie Rescue Program.*

### A Thought by Anne Hutchinson

**Are you an Active Member, one who would be missed?  
Or are you just contented, that your name is on the list?**

**Do you attend and mingle with the flock?**

**Or do you stay away and criticize and knock?**

**Do you take an active part to help the work along?**

**Or do you just belong?**

**Do you push the cause and help to make things tick  
or leave the work to others and talk about the "clique"?**

**Think this over Member and know the right from wrong.**

**Are you an active member or do you just belong?**

**The above was taken from the Westie News a newsletter of the West Highland White Terrier Club of England via Westiegram –WHWTC of Western Pennsylvania.**

**Submitted by Nancy Boston**

# Spring Fling Reservations

PLEASE RESPOND BY March 21st , 2009

Make Checks Payable to:

West Highland White Terrier Club of New England (WHWTCNE)

Mail to:

Lisa Pacheco  
143 Warren Street West  
Raynham Ma. 02767

## Spring Fling Buffet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per person 35.00

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Checks payable to "WHWTCNE"



**Remember  
Send in  
those Brags,**



**Wins and Pictures**



**to share with other members.**



## **Pure Bred Attack Alerts**



Almost every pure bred dog breeder and owner has found that they are under attack by PETA and some of the spin off organizations that want to eliminate purebreds like our Westies, You be the Judge according to them, —quote “The American Kennel Club (AKC) is devoted to keeping bloodlines "pure," labeling mixed breeds as inferior, and creating a dominant "master race" that meets their prejudiced ideas of perfection. Please join us to let the public know that the AKC is the KKK of dogs. A PETA campaigner clad in a “KKK” costume will set up a faux registration table to remind both breeders and attendees that every time an animal is bred and born, a shelter animal loses his or her chance at finding a loving home.” (virginiaf@PETA.org)

These organizations have unlimited funds and they are pushing to change laws in multiple States; see the article archived at:

<http://eaglerock814.proboards107.com/index.cgi?action=display&board=general&thread=16>

*There is no doubt that they are working to stop us from breeding and owning West Highland White Terriers*

# **How does that fit with our ByLaws?**

The objectives of the club shall be:

- A. To encourage and promote the breeding of purebred, AKC registered West Highland White Terriers and to do all possible to bring the unnatural qualities to perfection.
- B. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which West Highland White Terriers shall be judged.
- C. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, field trials, and agility trials.
- D. True conduct matches, clinics, and appropriate programs for the benefit of club members and Westie enthusiasts.
- E. To do all in its power to protect the breed from exploitation and overpopulation by encouraging spaying and neutering of pet quality puppies WHWTCNE By-Laws



### **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 have pictures or stories,

share them!! [louis.pacheco@comcast.net](mailto:louis.pacheco@comcast.net)

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



# Fallen But Not Forgotten 'In Memoriam'

Woodbriar Glengavin Arthur  
(Ch. Gardner's Forget Me Not X Ch.  
Woodbriar Whisper Brianna, TD)

Arthur arrived in this world at 11:56 PM on May 27, 1994. He was the fourth and last puppy in the litter preceded by two girls and one boy. I held him in my hands and rubbed him. I heard his first breath of life. Arthur, however, did not know that he was suppose to breathe all the time...not every 10 seconds or so. Fortunately, at the time I worked for my vet so I had the private phone number. Dr. Art Fettig was on call and was in the office. Off we went. Of course, by the time I got there, the puppy was fine. I started calling him Little Artie. My friend, Bill Breuler, always wanted to own a Westie. He and his wife Doris bred Dandie Dinmont for years. So, Bill and I co-owned Arthur. Ironically, Arthur died on what would have been Bill's 81st birthday.

Many of you know that I was very involved as a Tester/Observer for Therapy Dogs, Inc. for twelve years. Five of my Westies....Joy, Billy, Brianna, Robyn and Arthur were all registered Therapy Dogs. They were all good....but Arthur was the BEST! I've said it a hundred times and I will say it again. Arthur felt that he was put on this earth to love everybody and every living creature! He did not have an aggressive bone in his body! That's why he could never get his Earthdog title! He would go down the hole in a flash! But then he'd lay there for two minutes and try to make friends with the mice!

Arthur also enjoyed his one time experience with lure coursing which is an activity for the speed dogs. Try telling Arthur that he was not a speed dog! His two experiences on agility apparatus was phenomenal! Arthur never read the book that says that dogs are afraid of heights! He went up and across the dog walk like he had been doing it forever.

I was fond of telling people that Arthur did not have two brain cells to rub to-

gether. But I loved him dearly. Over the years, I got to understand that Arthur was sly like a fox! He wanted me to believe that he was dumb. But he wasn't.

Helen....Birch Bark Hell On Wheels....was Arthur's constant companion when she came to live here at one year of age. Helen is now 12 1/2 years old. She misses her buddy.

On January 5, 2009, I held Arthur in my arms while he was put to sleep at 10:50 AM. He was suffering from kidney disease. As I held him...like I heard his first breath of life...I witnessed his last breath of life. This was my final act of love for my beloved Arthur.

I could have written a poem about Arthur. I could have made his obituary much shorter. But I needed to let all of you know WHO Arthur was because of the many, many phone calls and cards of sympathy I received with your outpouring of love and support. I thank each and everyone of you so much.

Westie Love,  
Kathleen May



## JUST A DOG

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

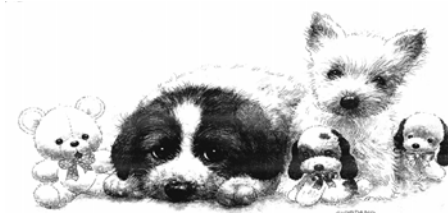
"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

Because of "just a dog", I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog", but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog", just smile -- because they "just don't understand." "Musings" by Richard Biby, Contributing Editor, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma Roca (C) 2006.



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# *News From The Whelping Box...*

Naomi Brown and Lisa Pacheco proudly announce their new litter born Dec. 3rd, 2008.

Two boys and two girls

Sire: Am BIS Ch Glengrogan's *Cooper's Kilt*. "Cooper"

Dam: Ch. Ashgate U.S. Pilgrim's Progress "Hallie"





# SPRING Fling Is Coming!

## April 5th 2009

First Class Mail



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