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### Presidents Message:



Happy Spring everyone!! After what seemed like the longest, windiest, and rainiest winter, we are now in the midst of bright Spring days. Hurray!! Time to get your Westies out for fun walks, road trips, and events with the SFBWHWTC.

In January, we had a great annual meeting with a very informative program on Westie eye disease, by the UC Davis Veterinary Ophthalmology Department.

They also drew blood for the Westie Foundation BioBank. Following that, we had a nice turnout for our Spring Specialty in Lodi. Thank you, Lisa Blutman, for all of your hard work heading up that event. Our next event, arranged by Gail Krieger, will be our general meeting and program at the Pet Food Express in Danville on May 6. After a brief meeting, the program will be presented by Myra Muhammad, an AKC evaluator of Canine Good Citizenship. She will be explaining what qualifies dogs to be good citizens. Our final Spring event will be a members' only party at our home in Atherton on June 24. We will have a meeting, socializing, food, and Westie items for sale. This has always been such a fun event. Our backyard is completely fenced in, so the westies can enjoy off leash play time. I really hope that everyone can attend this and our May 6th event!

In other club news, we have had a few changes on our Board of Directors. Both Linda Snook and Nancy Berger have decided to step down as board members. We want to thank them both



for so many years of dedication and support. Our fundraising committee has launched an opportunity drawing. I hope everyone will support this by buying tickets for the chance to win three great prizes. All of the details about the drawing are on page 16 of this newsletter.

With westitude,  
Debbie

### The Spring Specialty

Our first specialty show was April 14, 2023 as part of the Northern California Terrier Association in Lodi, California. It was a wonderful time for those of us in attendance. Best of Breed was: GCH CH Elvador Starlight Goblet of Fire owned by Roxanna Twedt

Best of Opposite Sex was: GCHB CH Skyheigh's Show a Leg At Reignwood owned by Cynthia Lockwood and RADM John Lockwood

Select Dog was CH Whitebriar Jumanji owned by Nancy Berger and Sherry Bryd

Best of Breed Owner Handler was CH Skyehigh Encoded for Gailaurie Litman owned by Gail Krieger and Lisa Butman

Veteran Sweepstakes winner was: GCHS Pommery's Diamond in the Ruff owned by Nancy Berger

Junior Handler was won by Serena Indriasano

Congratuations everyone!

The Editor has to accept blame for not taking photos this year, but she was busy working for three dog clubs that day and didn't have her camera ringside.

### Fall Specialty and Banquet

Our next specialty will be held on October 28, 2023 at the Dixon Fair Grounds. Our lovely banquet and auction will follow Best of Breed. Please plan on attending!



## Trophy Donations

Trophy Donations: This year we are asking members to help us offset the cost of the trophies for both shows. All donations are \$50.00 for one year, with general donations gratefully accepted. Please send all donations to Gail Krieger, 7721 Sparrowk Rd. Valley Springs, CA 95252. Please let her know which class(s) you would like to support. If you would like to sponsor a class or classes, but pay later in the year, please let Gail know at [gailaurie@hotmail.com](mailto:gailaurie@hotmail.com) to enable her to document in her records.

The classes are:

- Best of Breed,
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed,
- Best of Winners,
- Winners Dog,
- Winners Bitch,
- Best Bred By Exhibitor,
- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes,
- Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes,
- Best in Puppy Sweepstakes,
- Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes.

Thank you



## Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be May 6, 2023, at the Pet Food Express in Danville at 12:00 noon

The location is 609 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Danville, California

### Agenda

Roll Call

Approval of minutes of the January 28, 2023 Meeting (See February Tartan)

Report of the President

Report of the Board

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Report of Committees

Fund Raising

Holiday Lunch

Membership

Program

Spring Specialty

Standing Match and show

Tartan

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

*After a brief meeting, we will have a presentation given by Myra Muhammad on Canine Good Citizen. Myra will cover the basics of the CGC. She will review the basics of the AKC Family Dog Program to include the CGC and the Urban CGC. Dogs will be able to practice in the center area of the store.*



# My Westie Can Be An AKC Trick Dog

By Lynn Reagan-Hull

Can your Westie do tricks, like spin in a circle, jump through a hula hoop or bark on command? What about something basic like SIT, then DOWN three times in a row (also called doggie pushups)? If so, then you and your Westie may want to try AKC's fun new Trick Dog program and earn titles. Clubs around the country are starting to offer Trick Dog classes, seminars and tests where you can earn titles under an approved CGC/Trick Dog evaluator. My club held a morning seminar and then tested for the first two levels of Trick Dog in the afternoon. From the list I chose tricks I thought my Westie Nick would do well at, but also tried a few he'd learned that morning. When test time came, Nick bailed on the "crawl" trick even though he'd done okay learning it that morning. Luring with hot dog pieces and begging him to crawl just wouldn't keep his back end down long enough to crawl the distance. Quickly I scanned the list for something else to try. Balance a dog treat on his nose for 5 seconds, my friends suggested. Uh oh, we'd never tried that one before. Carefully I placed a dog biscuit on his nose, firmly said "Hold" and unbelievably he did it! Twice. When you hear the work trick, don't be intimidated thinking your Westie has to perform like a trained circus dog balancing on a tightrope or leaping through flaming hoops. While there are some true trick type skills in the program, many of the tricks you can choose draw from the foundations of obedience, rally, agility and even nosework. If you're training or compete in any of those areas, then you already have quite a few tricks down pat and can easily earn your Novice Level Title. Then there are other tricks that are just plain fun and make us smile; like rollover, shake hands, take a bow, play dead and give kisses. I know one that lots of Westies excel at...sitting up on their haunches begging. This is called "Sit Pretty" in the trick dog test. Bet your little Westie can do that. This is not so easy for Mastiffs, but tailor made for a Westie. From the obedience and rally area there are several tricks that require a retrieve and/or the ability to hold and carry an object, hand signals for sit/down/come, doggie pushups and more. From agility there is weave poles, weave through handler's legs, walk a very low balance beam, go sit on a low platform, jump through a hoop, run through a tunnel and more. As the levels progress the tricks on the list get harder, but still draw from those same foundations. If you're really interested in training tricks and trying for advanced titles, check out 101 Dog Tricks: Step by Step Activities to Engage, Challenge, and Bond with Your Dog, by Kyra Sundance. There are four levels of titles in AKC Trick Dog: AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN) AKC Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI) AKC Advanced Trick Dog (TKA) AKC Trick Dog Performer (TKP) The first Westie to earn a title in this new venue is Sandy Crawford's girl Saylor (Mardot Hot Lips, CDX, PCDX, BN, GN, RAE, RATI, TKA, CGCU, CGCA). She earned the first three Trick Dog Titles and plans to work on the performer level title in the future. Sandy hopes other Westie owners will be encouraged to train and do CGC and the Trick dog activities because it is so rewarding. Novice Trick Dog Title -- your dog must perform ten tricks from the



list of twenty. Each trick must be performed twice. Handler may choose to do up to two Handler's Choice tricks that aren't on the list, something you've trained that would be considered a novice level trick. If your dog has a CGC on record you only have to perform five tricks. CGC + 5 tricks = Novice Trick Dog Title. Food and toys may be used as lures to guide dogs into position. Food and clickers may be used as a reinforcer (a reward after the behavior was correctly done). You may also use lures, hand signals and/or verbal cues unless otherwise indicated. Between tricks you can praise and food reward your little white dog all you want. When looking at the list of tricks, choose ones your dog already knows, or challenge yourself to train for some more difficult ones. Intermediate Trick Dog Title – your dog must perform ten tricks from the Intermediate tricks list of twenty. Each trick must be performed twice. Once again, you may choose up to two Handler's Choice tricks that aren't on the list, but tricks must be an intermediate level and may not be repeated from one title to the next. Check with your evaluator to see if it's the proper difficulty. If not, you will have to select something else. Food and toys may NOT be used as lures, except in tricks where it is specifically permitted, like the crawl and weaves. Food and clickers may be used as a reinforcer. Advanced Trick Dog Title – your dog must perform five tricks from the much more difficult Advanced tricks list. Each trick must be performed once. Food and toys may NOT be used as a lure, so this makes Advanced much harder. Food and clickers may be used as a reinforcer. At this level are some difficult skills that come from obedience/agility and the world of dog fun, but this is where you get to show off what your dog can really do. A cute one is "Tissue out of Box." How adorable would that be to teach your Westie to pull a tissue from the box and bring it to you! We've all seen dogs "Play Dead," but in training this trick you really want the dog to work from a little distance and do it quickly on command. This level also offers two Handler's Choice options that have to be a trick at the advanced level. I taught my Westie Moseley to sneeze on command, and he could do it easily each time I gave the cue word Achoo. Then he'd pull a big hankie from my pocket and roll over, close his eyes and go still as if he were sick. What a marvelous routine to entertain folks at the nursing home. Your Westie might be able to do sneeze on command or pull a tissue from a box and give it to you. Think of what you could do with your therapy dog just by teaching a few fun tricks. Performer Trick Dog Title – now you're really putting on a show and it's all on a video that you send in to AKC. Your dog performs 10 tricks, either previously done or new, from the Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Titles. Your dog must do at least two Intermediate and two Advanced. Blending your tricks into a narrated cohesive story or theme helps make it fun, but isn't required. You may use props and make it as elaborate as you wish, or you may simply do ten unrelated tricks in a row. You and your Westie might never have participated in AKC dog events other than Conformation, but now that CGC is a title and with the fun new Trick Dog title program, you might want to give it a try. I bet your Westie has a few tricks just waiting to come out.





From the AKC

## Is Intermittent Fasting Safe for Dogs?



By Nandini Maharaj

Diets are always coming and going, and people are always trying new ways to lose weight. Whether it's counting calories, keto, or something similar, one diet you that's been growing in popularity is intermittent fasting. Research shows that intermittent fasting is generally safe for humans and promotes moderate weight loss. If your dog is overweight, you may want to consider similar diets that have worked for you to help them shed a few pounds. But is intermittent fasting for dogs actually safe?

Since obesity in dogs puts them at greater risk for health problems, such as cancer and heart disease, some might consider intermittent fasting as an option to keep our dogs at a healthy weight. But even small changes to our dogs' diet can have consequences for their health. Dogs have specific nutritional requirements that can change, depending on their age, activity level, and any underlying health issues. Before adjusting your dog's diet in any way, talk to your veterinarian.

### Digestion and Fasting in Wolves and Dogs

Wild wolves need to hunt or scavenge for food, and go through periods of fasting. Because dog and wolves share genetic similarities, some people might think intermittent fasting could be safe for dogs. However, we don't know much about the specific wolf populations that were dogs' closest ancestors. Researchers suspect that dogs are descendants of a now-extinct relative of the grey wolf, but when and how this evolution occurred remains unclear. Regardless, dogs and wolves are not interchangeable and are not the same, so things like diets for one may not be safe for the other.

In contrast, as dogs became domesticated, their digestive systems adapted in response to living with humans. Learning to understand verbal cues and cooperate with humans meant that dogs had more reliable access to food and did not have to go through as many periods of fasting. "Dogs have the ability to digest certain carbohydrates that wolves generally do not," says Dr. Jerry Klein, DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer for the American Kennel Club. "The environment of dogs has allowed the adaptation of their gut microbiota to handle a starch-rich diet."

### Intermittent Fasting for Dogs

There are several ways that humans practice intermittent fasting, such as not eating during certain hours of the day or specific periods of the week. Advocates of intermittent fasting for dogs have suggested that it can benefit a dog's immune system, digestive health, cognitive



function, and longevity. “These are mostly anecdotal reports and not scientific studies,” notes Dr. Klein.

Since hospitalized dogs are at risk of underfeeding and depressed immunity, researchers conducted a study on the [effects of intermittent fasting on immune health](#) in healthy dogs only. They randomly assigned 10 healthy dogs to three different feeding regimens. Dogs in the intermittent fasting group tended to lose more weight and had lower blood glucose and insulin concentrations. Fasting didn’t cause immunosuppression, but the sample size was small and only contained healthy dogs.

The link between how frequently you feed your dog and various health outcomes has also been a subject of study in the [Dog Aging Project](#). Since 2019, researchers have been collecting information on over 24,000 companion dogs to determine how genetic, lifestyle, and environmental factors affect the aging process. Included in the study are dogs of all ages, sizes, and breeds.

According to [data](#) from the study, dogs fed once a day had fewer health problems, including cognitive dysfunction, gastrointestinal issues, dental disease, orthopedic problems, kidney or urinary problems, and liver or pancreatic disorders. Although this was differentiated between dogs by the rate of which they were fed, the decreased health problems cannot be solely attributed to that. More research is needed to establish a direct cause-and-effect relationship between once-daily feeding and improved health, versus other contributing factors.

### **When Should I Fast My Dog?**

You should only fast your dog after consulting your veterinarian and being advised to do so. For example, if your dog is experiencing gastrointestinal issues such as [diarrhea](#) or [vomiting](#), your veterinarian might recommend temporarily fasting your dog. Typically, your dog would fast for 12 to 24 hours and only consume water during this period, Dr. Klein explains.

As your dog’s condition improves, you can gradually introduce a small amount of [bland food](#) such as pumpkin or plain boiled white rice. This allows time for the gastrointestinal tract to rest and for any inflammation to clear.

Regardless of their feeding regimen, your dog always needs access to fresh drinking water. Dr. Klein explains that dogs are more likely to suffer ill effects and die from [dehydration](#) than malnourishment.

### **When to Avoid Fasting Your Dog**





Often, our goal is to keep our dogs fit and lean. Intermittent fasting “should only be considered in healthy, adult dogs,” says Dr. Klein. He advises that fasting should be considered only after a thorough discussion with a veterinarian or a board-certified veterinary nutritionist. An expert should help you determine if there is a need for fasting or if it’s the best approach for your dog. That said, intermittent fasting is *not* appropriate in the following situations:

- Puppies under 18 months, particularly if they belong to giant breeds that grow rapidly, such as the Bernese Mountain Dog, Mastiff, and Newfoundland
- Very small dogs or Toy Group breeds, such as the Chihuahua or Yorkshire Terrier
- Pregnant or nursing dogs
- Dogs with underlying medical issues, such as diabetic dogs being treated with insulin
- “Appropriate daily feeding, using minimal low-calorie treats, avoiding table scraps, and exercising them regularly [is best],” Dr. Klein explains, “rather than having to resort to fasting.” For adult dogs engaged in normal activities, you can consider feeding them once a day.
- Although intermittent fasting is having a resurgence among people, there are risks when we apply these dietary practices to our dogs. “Dogs have different metabolisms and nutritional requirements than people and most other animals,” Dr. Klein says. His advice is to feed your dog a complete and balanced diet as directed by your veterinarian and the dog food’s label.

### **AKC Government Relations Update**

*The AKC is very concerned about many bills introduced not only in California but also federally which will impact California breeders and owners. It is important to contact your legislators to voice your opinion.*

*The First one is R 1624 with is a one-size-fits-all bill that is harmful to best practices, and disproportionately impacts small hobby breeders. Many lawmakers signed on to this bill not realizing what it does. Here is the information from AKC:*

April 21, 2023

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-update-bills-impacting-dog-owners-5/>

AKC is monitoring several bills impacting dog owners in California. Below are a few highlights, including three bills with upcoming hearings, and three pending bills that could use comments of support.



To see the complete list visit the AKC legislative action center at [www.akcgr.org](http://www.akcgr.org) and/or the [AKC legislative tracker](#). AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) will continue to provide updates and alerts on these and other bills that could impact you.



### **Bills With Upcoming Hearings:**

#### **Senate Bill 89 – Crimes: Stalking.**

*Status:* Passed Senate Public Safety Committee; hearing scheduled for April 24 in Senate Appropriations

*Summary:* This bill would bring California’s stalking laws in line with federal law in protecting a domestic violence victim’s pets from being targeted by an abuser without consequence. AKC has worked with Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh on this bill and supports its passage.

*What You Can Do:* **The bill is before the Senate Appropriations Committee and set for an April 24 hearing; to register your support, simply send an email to [sapr@sen.ca.gov](mailto:sapr@sen.ca.gov) stating that you support protecting domestic violence victims and their pets.**

#### **Assembly Bill 1518 – Service dogs.**

*Status:* Set for April 25 hearing in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

*Summary:* This bill would require the Department of Consumer Affairs to conduct a statewide education campaign to raise public awareness on both the value of service dogs and to ensure they do not suffer from abuse.

*What You Can Do:* **This bill has been introduced by Assemblymember Laura Friedman. Although it is too late to submit official testimony, you may email the committee consultant, Robby Sumner ([robert.sumner@asm.ca.gov](mailto:robert.sumner@asm.ca.gov)) to express your support for protecting service dogs.**

#### **Assembly Bill 742 – Law enforcement: police canines.**

*Status:* Passed Assembly Public Safety Committee; referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee for April 26 hearing.



*Summary:* This bill would prevent the use of police canines for the purpose of arrest, apprehension, or any form of crowd control. AKC recognizes the value of highly trained working K9s for a wide variety of jobs including detection, search and rescue, and other public safety functions. Rather than limiting the safety functions of properly trained working K9s, AKC encourages the bill's sponsor to focus on ensuring that law enforcement canines and their handlers have the proper and up-to-date training, certifications, and knowledge of best practices to keep all Californians safe.

*What You Can Do:* **Those who wish to comment on the bill before the April 26 hearing can direct their comments to the Assembly Appropriations Committee ([approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov)).**

### **Pending Bills Supported by AKC:**

#### **Assembly Bill 703 – Residential property insurance: dog breeds.**

*Status:* Referred to Assembly Insurance Committee

*Summary:* This bill would ban breed specific discrimination in residential insurance policies against dog owners. AKC strongly supports this bill.

*What You Can Do:* **This bill has been introduced by Assemblymember Gregg Hart. You are encouraged to express your support for this bill to the Assembly Insurance Committee. [Click here](#) to find contact info for members of the committee. Be sure to say that dogs should not be discriminated against simply by breed.** If you are a constituent, be sure to mention that when contacting them (Click [HERE](#) to find out who your assemblymember is).

#### **Assembly Bill 1215 – Pets Assistance with Support Grant Program: homeless shelters: domestic violence shelters: pets.**

*Status:* Passed the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee; referred to Assembly Suspense File.

*Summary:* Currently, many shelters for domestic violence victims and homeless people are not able to accommodate people with pets, causing many to avoid the shelter system. This bill would use state grants to allow for domestic violence and homeless shelters to be able accommodate pets with the goal of removing more people from harmful situations. The AKC supports this proposal.

*What You Can Do:* **This bill has been introduced by Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo. Please send your support for this bill and domestic violence victims and**



***their pets to the Assembly Appropriations Committee ([approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov)) and Chairman Chris Holden ([assemblymember.holden@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.holden@assembly.ca.gov)).***

**Assembly Bill 781 – Accessibility to emergency information and services: emergency shelters: persons with pets.**

*Status:* Passed Assembly Emergency Management Committee; referred to Assembly Suspense File.

*Summary:* This bill would require a county, on or before July 1, 2024, to update its emergency plan to designate emergency shelters able to accommodate persons with pets. The AKC supports this bill.

*What You Can Do:* This bill has been introduced by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein. **Please send your support for this bill and for emergency shelters to be able to accommodate people AND their pets to the Assembly Appropriations Committee ([approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov)) and Chairman Chris Holden ([assemblymember.holden@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.holden@assembly.ca.gov)).**

**Additional Bill Monitored by AKC:**

**Assembly Bill 554 – Corporations for the prevention of cruelty to animals: enforcement of laws.**

*Status:* Passed Assembly Judiciary Committee; hearing in Assembly Banking and Finance Committee on April 24.

*Summary:* As originally drafted, this bill could have made it make it easier for an owner's animals to be seized without traditional due process protections. After working with the bill's author to amend the bill, AKC's concerns have been adequately addressed. We thank Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel for his willingness to work with us.

*What You Can Do:* **AKC continues to monitor this bill, but no action is necessary at this time.**

AKC Government Relations continues to monitor bills in California impacting dog owners and will provide updates. For questions or more information, contact AKC GR at [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).



April 4, 2023

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/member-congress-sponsored-arbitrary-breeding-restrictions-last-year-respectfully-ask-stop/>

Dear Club Officers, Legislative Liaisons, and Delegates,

Please share this message with your club members.

We are reaching out to you because your representative in the U.S. Congress sponsored the Puppy Protection Act last year. This bill to restrict dog breeding has been re-introduced in Congress again this year. **Your action is urgently needed to contact your member of Congress and respectfully ask them to not sponsor or support the Puppy Protection Act again.**

**Many lawmakers signed on to this animal-rights-supported bill (H.R. 1624) without realizing that its one-size-fits-all requirements are harmful to best practices, and disproportionately impact small hobby breeders. Contacting your Member of Congress now can help protect the rights of responsible dog breeders and the future of purpose-bred dogs.**

Scroll down for information on how to contact your lawmakers.

Background: The Puppy Protection Act has been introduced in each of the last two Congresses. Last year, animal rights groups obtained more than 200 sponsors on the bill, vastly over-representing support for the bill and increasing likelihood of passage this year. Your voice is especially important because your Congressman sponsored the bill last year, and has likely been asked by animal rights groups to support it again this year.

*Scroll down for talking points and more information on how to contact your lawmakers.*

### **Puppy Protection Act Government Mandates Include:**

#### Prohibiting the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian
- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.

Additional arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:



- Mandated unfettered access from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride". This would create a potentially dangerous environment for multiple dogs.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure. For family dogs that live in their owner's homes, the primary enclosure may be considered the dog's sleeping crate.
- Mandated pre-breeding screenings. No specific details are provided for what the screening would involve or who would make these decisions.
- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or that must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain types of kennels and with certain breeds.

### Why This is a Problem

While some portions of the measures include reasonable *generalized* guidelines for canine care, ***arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates***. One-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs, or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that permit expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding. Arbitrary restrictions can be expensive and undermine small hobby breeding programs because of an overly-broad definition of "breeding female" that impacts who is subject to federal requirements.

To learn more, see and share [Breeder Expertise, Thoughtful Analysis Demonstrate Dangerous Flaws in 'Feel Good' Dog Law.](#)

### Who This Applies To





Anyone subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 “breeding females” (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and transfer even one of the offspring “sight unseen”. “Breeding females” include *any combination of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.* ([Learn more](#)).

## What You Can Do

Your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Please **call, email, or write to your member of Congress today**. (Visit AKC’s Legislative Action Center and type your address in the “Find Your Elected Officials” box to [find out who represents you and get their contact information](#).)

Respectfully urge them to not sponsor or support the Puppy Protection Act again. Tell them:

1. H.R. 1624 is bad policy because it mandates arbitrary one-size-fits-all requirements for temperatures, kennel engineering standards, and breeding bans that are not appropriate for all types or breeds of dogs and could actually harm some dogs.
2. Explain you are a constituent. Respectfully share your experience and concerns as a dog owner/breeder/expert and based on the talking points above. Breeders: Relying on your experience, explain in practical terms how the new mandates could adversely impact your breeding program.
3. Ask them to not support advancing the bill out of committee or in the Farm Bill.
4. Ask them to instead support additional financial resources for USDA so they can appropriately enforce the requirements they already have.
5. If you can, let the AKC GR team ([doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org)) know you contacted your lawmakers and if you received any response.

For questions or more information, contact [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org), visit [www.akcgr.org](http://www.akcgr.org) or contact 919-816-3720.



## Fund Raising Committee Report

Your fundraising committee has been busy at work coming up with new and exciting ways to raise money for our club that does not only involve Westie Club members.

This year, we will have an opportunity drawing:



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Our Monterey Get Away Package:

2 nights at the Monterey Marriot Hotel, \$250 gift card, and 2 adult tickets to the Monterey Aquarium

2<sup>Nd</sup> Place: Entertainment for Your Home

65-inch Hisense Smart TV delivered to your home

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Information at your fingertips

Apple Air I Pad

The Drawing will be at our Holiday Party on December 2, 2023, and you do not need to be present to win.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Lisa and Gail have some and they will be available at all club functions, and we will be happy to give you some to sell to your neighbors and friends.



## San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club 2023 Calendar

Annual Meeting and Program	January 28, 2023, 12:00 noon	Pet Food Express, Danville
Spring Specialty	April 14, 2023	Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
General Meeting and Program	May 6, 2023 Noon	Pet Food Express, Danville
<b>Members Only</b>	June 24, 2023	Atherton, CA
HOLD THIS DATE	August 4, 2023	TBD
Meeting/Program	September 30, 2023	TBA
Fall Specialty and Banquet	October 28, 2023	Dixon, CA
Holiday Party	December 2, 2023	Brass Door Restaurant, San Ramon, CA



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**WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB**

**2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*President: Debbie Sklarin*

*Vice-President: Lisa Blutman*

*Secretary/Treasurer: Gail Krieger*

*Board of Directors: Sherry Byrd, Marie Thompson, and Roxanna Twedt*

**2023 COMMITTEES**

*Tartan Lisa Blutman*

*Awards: David Snook*

*By-Laws: Lisa Blutman, Gail Krieger, Jim Gilcrest*

*Fundraising: Lisa Blutman, Chair, Debbie Sklarin, Gail Krieger, Helaine Campbell, Marie Thompson*

*Holiday Luncheon: Marie Thompson*

*Education and Program: Gail Krieger*

*Job Descriptions: Gail Krieger*

*Membership: Cindy Kangas*

*Obedience, Rally, and Performance:*

*Standing Match and Show: Gail Krieger, Chair, Lisa Blutman, Sherry Byrd, Roxanna Twedt*

*Sunshine: Helaine Campbell*

*Trailer and Inventory: Gail Krieger and Lisa Blutman*

*Webmaster: Linda Gilcrest*

*Web Information Coordinator: Helaine Campbell*

*WHWTC of America Liaison: Lisa Blutman*

*WHWT Foundation: Roxanna Twedt*

*Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California (WRAP) Liaison: David and Linda Snook*

Please consider volunteering your time by serving on one of the Club's committees. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and to help shape the future of our organization. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Sklarin. We need assistance with Programs, Assistant Web Master, Special Events, and the Tartan.

Visit us online at <http://www.sfbaywestieclub.com> for the latest news and updates!



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### *Whelping Box*



Litter born to Lisa Blutman and Gail Krieger

February 13, 2023

3 boys, 2 girls

CH Gailaurie Roxie Hart of Litman X CH Skyehigh Encoded For Gailaurie Litman

