



Presidents Message:

Happy holidays, everyone! Hope you and your westies are enjoying this wonderful season. So many fun things to do-how are you and your westies celebrating?

Recently the club held its annual holiday lunch at the Brass Door restaurant in San Ramon. We had a nice turnout of 14 people, who enjoyed the lunch, gift exchange, and silent auction. The winners of or raffle were also announced. Michele Belshaw won the Monterey trip, Marie Thompson won the TV, and Anne Marie Krieger won the iPad. Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to Marie Thompson for, once again, chairing the lunch, and to Lisa Blutman for taking over the President's duties since I had to be away.

Looking ahead, please plan on attending our Annual Meeting on January 20, 2024 at the Pet Food Express in Danville. During our meeting we will have the election of officers and board memebers. After we adjourn, we will have a fun and informative program about barn hunt-an activity that our westies love. Please join us-with your dogs-to see friends and learn new things.

Wishing you the happies of holidays! See you in 2024!

With westitude,

Debbie



Holiday Party

The annual holiday party was held on December 2, 2023, at the Brass Door Restaurant. We had only 14 people in attendance, but the food and ambiance was wonderful.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee read the report at the holiday party. The following individuals were nominated for officers and board positions for next year. President: Debbie Sklarin, Vice-President: Lisa Blutman, Secretary/Treasurer: Gail Krieger.

Board of Directors: Sherry Byrd, Helaine Campbell, Marie Thompson. There were no nominations from the floor or sent to the secretary and nominations were closed.



Fundraising Drawing

The Fundraising drawing was held. We are pleased to announce the following winners:

Monterey Holiday: Michele Belshaw

65-inch Hisense TV: Marie and Marianne Thompson

Apple iPad Air: Anne Marie Krieger



Congratulations to all!

Membership

Membership dues are payable no later than the last day of February 2024. If you have not paid your dues, you may not vote at the annual meeting.

If you have not already done so, please send \$25.00 per person to:

Cindy Kangas
1828 Humboldt Ave.
Davis, CA 95616-3135



Annual Awards

GCH Skyhigh's Stellar Mont Blanc [Stella]. Owned by Ronald and Cinthia Kangas. Stella earned her AKC Grand Champion title on December 9, 2022.

GChB CT Camcrest-Rime Twizzle On Ice BN RA SWM SHDE ELT3 NJP NFP MXE SXE3 RATCHX [Twizzle]. Owned by William R & Anne C Sanders & Sandy Campbell. No plaque requested Twizzle earned her AKC Variable Surface Tracking Title and her Champion Tracker title in March. Then in May she earned her RATCHX (Rat Champion Excellent). And in April her NACSW Elite Nose Work 2 followed in August with her Elite 3. GCH Camcrest-Rime Ice Dancer TD TDU SWN RATS ORT [Dancer]. Owned by William R & Anne C Sanders & Sandy Campbell.

Dancer earned her Barn Hunt RAT Open in May and her RAT Senior in June. In September, she earned her AKC Scent Work Novice by having earned all four novice odor elements.

GCH Whitebriar Jumanji [Winston]. Owned by Nancy Berg and Sherry Byrd. No plaque requested Winston aka Whitebriar Jumanji earned his AKC Grand Champion title on September 14, 2023

Ch Wyndbrae's Tally Ho of Mendocino Hill owned by Pamela Whiting, received her championship on December 9, 2023.

Ch Whitestar Wendbrook Melanie of Wyndbrae owned by Pamela Whiting, Mary Bradley, and Ginny Wenzel earned her AKC Championship on January 5, 2023.



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Five things to keep away from your westie at Christmas

Clare Palmer Westies and Besties

If your Westie gets a hold of some human goodies this Christmas, your dog might land himself in big trouble.

Ah, Christmas. The house is stocked to the brim with all your favorite things. From fabulous foods and drink to plants and Christmas decorations but many items on our list of seasonal goodies are a serious danger to our Westies' health.

1. **Artificial sweeteners** are a danger at any time of year but during the holiday season xylitol may have a bigger presence in your home than usual as it can be found in many of the sweet treats we consume.
 - **Chocolate** – even in small quantities, chocolate can be a real danger to your canine pal and can result in an emergency visit to your vet if eaten.
 - **Grapes, currants, sultanas, raisins** – Christmas cake, Christmas pudding and mince pies need to be stored away from your dog.
 - **Nuts** can cause vomiting, pancreatitis, and diarrhea.
 - **Alcohol** – you might be planning on getting tipsy on your favorite tippie but keep your glasses out of reach of your canine pal.



Winter Safety Tips for our Westies

As much of the country is in a deep freeze right now, it's the perfect time to talk about how to keep your dog safe this winter.

Winter poses a lot of hidden hazards that you may not have considered before, so it's good to be aware of the extra things you need to pay attention to this time of year.

[Here are our top 5 tips to keep your furry friends cozy and safe this winter.](#)

#1 – Keep them warm

Even the most snow-loving dogs will get cold eventually. If your dog is small or has short or thin hair, they may need a coat when they go outside on frigid days. When they're at the back door ready to come in, don't hesitate to bring them inside. Make sure there's a warm spot in the house for them to come into. If it's really cold out, a dog house is not enough protection for them against the elements.

Remember: *no dog should "live" outside 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.* Every pup parent should know the symptoms of hypothermia. They include a blue tinge to the skin or lips, lethargy, and a lack of appetite. Shivering is another sign that something may be very wrong with your dog. Hypothermia is a medical emergency. If you suspect your dog has become hypothermic, they need to be taken to the vet immediately.

#2 – Limit bathing

You know how your hands dry out quickly in the winter if you wash them too much? The same goes for your dog's skin. Washing them too often in the colder months can dry them out. While you don't want



to go the entire winter without washing or grooming your dog, try to limit baths to no more than once a month. When bath time is over, dry them as best as you can afterward.

#3 – Don't leave them in the car

Just like how a car can turn into an oven on a hot summer day, it can become a refrigerator very quickly on a cold day. Do your dog a favor and leave them in the warmth of your home when you are out running errands.

#4 – Protect their feet

Salt, snow, and [de-icing chemicals](#) can wreak havoc on your dog's feet in the winter time. It's extremely important to wipe off your dog's feet every time they come in from outside in the winter. Salt and other de-icing chemicals can be toxic if your dog licks its feet, and snow stuck between the pads of your dog's paws can become uncomfortable mats. Wiping your dog's feet also gives you the opportunity to check for sores or cuts that may be caused by ice or other obstacles. Booties and waxes can also be a great way to help protect your dog's paws.

#5 – Beware of antifreeze

Antifreeze is a deadly danger for pets, as it has a sweet taste that is appealing to animals but is highly toxic. If you catch your dog drinking something that might be antifreeze, you should take them to the vet IMMEDIATELY. Antifreeze can be deadly. It's always a good idea for pet parents to keep the [ASPCA Poison Control](#) number in their phones or somewhere accessible in case of emergency: **(888) 426-4435**.



FUND RAISING DRAWING FOR 2023

Frist Place, Monterey weekend – Michele Belshaw

Second Place, 65”Hisense TV - Marie Thompson

Third Place, iPod Air – Anne Marie Krieger

San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club 2024 Calendar

Annual Meeting and Program	January 20, 2024, 12:00 noon	Pet Food Express, Danville
Spring Specialty	April 12, 2024 April 11, 13, 14 we will support the entry	Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
Other meetings TBD		



**GENERAL MEETING OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB
DECEMBER 2, 2023
BRASS DOOR RESTAURANT, SAN RAMON, CA.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Lisa Blutman, in absence of President Debbie Sklarin at 12:55.

Members present: Lisa Blutman, Nancy and Walt Berger, Jim Gilcrest, Ron and Cindy Kangas, Gail Krieger, Marie Murphy Totah and Patrick Totah, Marie Thompson

Guests present: Gen Krieger, Juanita Luna, Marianne Thompson

Report of the President: none

Report of the Secretary/Treasurer: none

Committees:

Membership Chair – Cindy Kangas reported there are 2 member applications pending.

Nominating Chair – Lisa Blutman announced the officers and board of directors' slate proposed for 2024: Debbie Sklarin, President; Lisa Blutman, Vice President; Gail Krieger, Secretary/Treasurer; Board of Directors, Sherry Byrd, Helaine Campbell, Marie Thompson. As no further nominations were received, the nominations were closed.

Lisa Blutman asked for a motion to suspend the normal order of business. Nancy Berger made a motion to suspend the normal order of business. Marie Murphy seconded the motion. M/S/C.

Old Business: Gail announced the next general meeting will be held at the Pet Food Express store in Danville. She thanked Patrick Totah for helping to set up the January 20, 2024, meeting with Catherine Levitt, a barn hunt trainer, who will speak following the meeting.

New Business: Lisa presented the 2023 title awards and acknowledged the titles earned in 2023 by the members not able to be present at the holiday luncheon meeting. The awards list is attached to the December 2 minutes.

As there was no further business, Lisa asked for a motion to adjourn. Marie Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Marie Murphy seconded the motion. M/S/C at 1:10 pm.



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
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,

Helaine Campbell, IPP

2023 COMMITTEES

Tartan Lisa Blutman

Awards: David Snook

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

Specialty chair: Lisa Blutman

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

Historian: Helaine Campbell

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

WHWT 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 wonderful 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 Tartan.

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





Rainbow Bridge

The HIGHLAND TARTAN is published at least four times per year in March, June, September, and December. We encourage any Club Member or Subscriber to submit articles or information which they feel would be of interest to the Club. Please send material of interest to the Editor by the first day of the month of publication. All materials are published at the discretion of the Editor. Opinions are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Editor or the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club. Send materials for publication to Lisa.blutman@aol.com.

When submitting information for an ad, please have it camera ready. Indicate the size (full or half page) and mark the areas to be used for written copy. Copy should be typed to size on white paper. Your photos and copy will be returned, if requested.

Subscription cost for non-members is \$15.00 per year. Advertisement costs for a Full Page: \$20.00; Half Page: \$10.00; Business Card size: \$15.00; for 4 issues. Advertisements are any show wins other than specialty photos in the specialty edition or professional advertisements of interest to the membership.

Whelping Box: List litter announcements in the Tartan: Number of dog and bitch puppies, sire, dam, whelp date and breeders. \$5/issue, members only. **This is not an advertisement for the sale of puppies.**

There is no charge for Rainbow Bridge notices

Please make **check Payable to SFBWHWTC**. Payment must accompany advertisement. Send subscription requests to SFBWHWTC, and mail to: *Lisa Blutman 710 Wiegand Way, Dixon*





Don't forget the Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 12:00 noon at the **Pet Food Express**. The address is 609 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Dublin. This meeting is important to the club as we will be voting on a new slate of officers and Board members. We will also be voting on an updated By-law and Constitution. In addition, we have a wonderful program planned. Please bring your lunch and support our presenter. Dogs are welcome to attend on leashes.

Program

Let's learn about barn hunt. Barn hunt allows your Westie to exercise its natural instincts. The Westie uses scent to locate rats hidden in straw bales. Westies love this sport because they can do what comes naturally. Our dogs can earn multiple AKC titles in Barn Hunt. We are incredibly lucky to have Ms. Catherine Levitt, a barn hunt trainer who lives in the south bay area, to give us this exciting presentation.

