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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My sincere thanks to all of you for your support of our club this year. I hope we see you often in 2019. Our meetings at the Pet Food Express location in Danville and the UC campus east bay in Hayward have drawn good attendance from members and guests. Our programs have been excellent thanks to Lisa, Nancy and David. I hope we can continue to hold a few of our meetings at those locations.

My very best wishes to you for a very happy holiday season.



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



The HIGHLAND TARTAN is published at least four times per year in March, June, September and December. We encourage any Club Member 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 *Gail Krieger, gailaurie@hotmail.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.

Advertisement costs for a Full Page: \$20.00; Half Page: \$10.00; Business Card size: \$15.00; for 4 issues.

Whelping Box: List litter announcements in the Tartan: Number of dog and bitch puppies, sire, dam, whelp date and owners. \$5/ issue, members only.

Please make **check Payable to SFBWHWTC**
Payment must accompany advertisement. Send payment to: *Jim Gilcrest, 1440 Happy Valley Rd, Soquel, CA*

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<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Annual Meeting	1-21-18	Danville
Spec & Sweepstakes	4-13-18	Cal Expo, Sacramento
Spring Mtg & Program	6-2-18	Cal St East Bay, Hayward
Fall Fun Day & Picnic	9-22-18	Cal St East Bay, Hayward
Spec & Sweepstakes	10-20-18	Alameda Frgd, Pleasanton
Holiday Mtg & Luncheon	12-2-18	Brass Door, San Ramon
Annual Meeting	1-20-19	Pet Food Express, Danville

In Memoriam

We wish to take this opportunity to honor our wonderful four-footed friends who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

For future issues, we ask that you send your memorials to us at:

(insert current editor's email address)

Please send a photo, birth (an estimate is fine if you don't have the exact date) and passing date along with a short note to include in the memorial.



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WHAT TO DO IF YOUR DOG EATS CHOCOLATE

By AKC Staff

February 8, 2016

Chocolate is toxic to dogs and depending on the type and amount of chocolate consumed and the weight of your dog, it could cause a serious medical emergency. That said, if your dog ate a small amount of milk chocolate, you don't necessarily need to panic. Learn how much is too much, which types of chocolate are the most dangerous, and what signs to look for that may signal your dog needs treatment.

Why Chocolate is Toxic to Dogs

Chocolate contains both theobromine and caffeine, both which can speed the heart rate and stimulate the nervous system of dogs, the *Merck/Merial Manual for Veterinary Health* explains. The risk of your dog becoming sick from ingesting chocolate depends on the type and amount of chocolate consumed and the weight of the dog ([calculate your dog's risk of toxicity with this easy-to-use program](#)). The concentrations of these toxic substances [varies among different types of chocolates](#). Here are a few types of chocolate listed in order of theobromine content:

1. Cocoa powder (most toxic)
2. Unsweetened baker's chocolate
3. Semisweet chocolate
4. Dark chocolate
5. Milk chocolate
6. White chocolate (not very toxic)

Although a few Hershey kisses are unlikely to affect a medium-sized dog, if you know your dog has eaten chocolate, it's important to monitor him for signs of toxicity (see below), and it's recommended that you contact your veterinarian or the [Pet Poison Helpline](#) (855-213-6680, fee applies) for advice.

RELATED: [Dog Vomiting](#)

What are the Signs of Chocolate Poisoning?

Signs of chocolate poisoning usually appear within 6 to 12 hours after your dog has eaten it, may last up to 72 hours, and include the following:

- [Vomiting](#)
- [Diarrhea](#)
- Restlessness
- Increased urination
- Tremors
- Elevated or abnormal heart rate
- [Seizures](#)
- Collapse and death

Note: Older dogs and dogs with heart conditions are more at risk of sudden death from chocolate poisoning.

What to Do If Your Dog Ate Chocolate

If you believe your dog ate chocolate, **call your veterinarian immediately** and/or call the Pet Poison Helpline (855-213-6680) for advice. Based on your dog's size and the amount and type of chocolate consumed, your veterinarian may recommend that you **simply monitor him** for the clinical signs listed above and call back if his condition worsens.

In other cases, the veterinarian may prefer you bring the dog into the clinic. If your pet consumed the chocolate less than two hours ago, your veterinarian may induce vomiting and give him several doses of activated charcoal, which works to move the toxins out of the body without being absorbed into the bloodstream. For more severe cases, veterinary intervention may be needed to provide supplemental treatment, such as medications or IV fluids, to resolve the effects of the poisoning. Dogs suffering from seizures may need to be monitored at the clinic overnight.

How to Prevent Your Dog from Eating Chocolate

Even though small amounts of milk chocolate may not cause a problem in larger dogs, it's still not recommended that pet owners offer their dog chocolate **as a treat**. To prevent your dog from sneaking chocolate, follow these tips:

Put it away: Make sure all chocolate items, including cocoa powder and hot chocolate mix, are stored where the dog cannot reach them, such as on a high shelf in a closed-door pantry. Remind your children and guests that chocolate should be kept out of the dog's reach and **not left on countertops**, tables, or in purses. Keep this in mind during the holidays, too, making sure to place **trick-or-treat bags**, Easter baskets, Christmas stockings, and Hanukkah coins (gelt), for example, in a place where a dog cannot get to them.

Teach "leave it": The command "leave it" is extremely effective in preventing dogs from eating something that falls onto the ground or is left within reach during a walk. It's also a very easy command to teach. **Find instructions** for training from the **AKC GoodDog! Helpline**.

New Title Holders



Ch. Mac-Ken-Char's Wandering Rockstar Litmangailaurie, proudly owned by Lisa Blutman and Gail Krieger. Bowie earned his championship title at the tender age of 12 ½ months owner-handled.



Ch. Wynbrae's Trailblazing Tobias, proudly owned by Nancy Rasor, Pam Whiting, Sherry Byrd and Winnie Noble. Toby earned his title from the 12-18 month Jr. class.



Silver GCh. Pommery's Diamond in the Ruff, proudly owned by Nancy Berger. Bijou has on most occasions been shown by Nancy in Best of Breed competition and has moved on to Owner Handler group competition.



Lindenka US Blitzn, proudly owned by Linda Limon and Francesca Sciolino. Milo has earned his titles in limited competition.

Congratulations to these beautiful Westies and their owners.

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San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club Report of the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors November 10, 2018

The Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 26th, and via conference call on Thursday, November 1st. There was extensive discussion about possible candidates, their qualifications, and their willingness to serve on the Board. These meetings were followed up by email updates among Nominating Committee Members. Each member of the Nominating Committee agreed to call 2 to 4 potential candidates to ask if they would serve.

The Nominating Committee would like to recommend the following officers and Board members for the 2019 slate:

President: Lisa Blutman

Vice President: Winnie Noble

Secretary: Gail Krieger, IPP

Treasurer: Jim Gilcrest

Board Members: Sherry Byrd, Linda Snook, Kim Smith, Bruce Campbell

All of the above nominees have agreed to serve. Respectfully submitted, Winnie Noble Linda Snook Linda Gilcrest, Chairperson

Further nominations may be made from the floor at the December 2, 2018 meeting with approval from the nominee (in person or written approval) or by mail to the secretary with written approval to serve from the nominee. *No further nominations can be made following the presentation by the Nominating Committee. By-laws - Article IV, Section 4, items C & D*

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB
2018 FUND RAISER**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2018
BRASS DOOR RESTAURANT
(11:00 a.m.)
SAN RAMON**

**1ST PLACE WINNER - RADLEY LEATHER HANDBAG
2ND PLACE WINNER - RADLEY PRINT HANDBAG
3RD PLACE WINNER - RADLEY LEATHER WALLET**

RAFFLE TICKETS - \$10 EACH OR 3/\$20

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON MEETING

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**REMINDER - 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE
JANUARY 31, 2019**

