



Presidents Message:



Hello members! Our last meeting at Cal State East Bay was a lovely gathering and picnic with very few members in attendance. It was really disappointing to rent the space and not have enough members for a quorum- necessary to conduct club business. I am definitely looking for recommendations as to what people want for meeting locations and types of programs. We do set club meetings on non-show dates to make it easier for all to attend. I know

that life gets busy- but we can't continue this club if our attendance at events is so low!

Looking ahead, our next big event is our Fall Specialty on October 28 at Dixon May Fairgrounds in Dixon. Lisa Blutman, our show chair, has been working very hard to secure judges and trophies to make this a great event. She also recently sent out a notice with details about the Specialty and a sign up for the barbecue dinner after the show. Please try to attend the



Specialty and the dinner! It is so much fun to see the beautiful puppies and dogs strutting their stuff. The dinner afterwards is always delicious and will include an auction of special Westie items.

Our final event of the year is our Holiday Party and General Meeting at the Brass Door restaurant in San Ramon on December 2. Please plan to attend! Let's celebrate the year together with a festive lunch, lively auction, and fun gift exchange. Also, we will be drawing the winners for our fabulous raffle- the prizes are a 2-night stay in Monterey, a 65 inch tv, and an Apple iPad. Tickets for the raffle are still available. Please contact Gail Krieger to purchase tickets. Thank you to Marie Thompson for once again chairing the Holiday Party.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next events! Please try to attend- we really do need everyone to participate to keep the club going. Also, please email me with suggestions about meetings and events. My email is dsklarinet@comcast.net. I would love to know your thoughts!

With westitude,
Debbie

August 5th Fun Day

Our August 5th Fun Day Meeting failed to have a quorum. There are no minutes for this meeting. For those who attended, it was beautiful and fun. Pictures courtesy of Ron Kangas .



Fall Specialty and Banquet

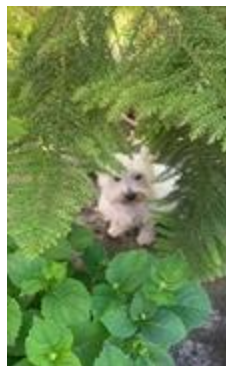
Our next specialty will be held on October 28, 2023 at the Dixon Fair Grounds. Our lovely banquet and auction will follow Best of Breed. Please plan on attending! Our sweepstakes judge is Michelle Shultz and our class judge is Mrs. Louise Leone. We will be selling our drawing tickets plus other delightful items on our auction table.

The dinner will be on the grounds and will be provided by Cattlemens Restaurant.

Selections will be: Slow Roasted Sliced Strip loin. Grilled Salmon, and BBQ Chicken.

All meals come with a baked potato and seasonal vegetables, sourdough bread, and butter and a Napa Salad.

Enter your Westies, and if not showing, come for the show to cheer everyone on and stay for our wonderful dinner and auction. There is a flyer attached to the Tartan as we must have a confirmed number of attendees by October 10, 2023,



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 greatly 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 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.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

You may be contacted to be on the nominating Committee or to serve as an officer or board member, please consider helping the club out by doing this.



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 do not only involve Westie Club members.

Ticket

This year, we will have an opportunity drawing:

1st Place: Our Monterey Get Away Package:

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

2nd Place: Entertainment for Your Home

65-inch Hisense Smart TV delivered to your home

3rd 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. Gail has 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.



Autumn Dangers in Dogs

Each season has its own pitfalls and hazards, and autumn is no exception. The most frequent of the autumn hazards are typically related to the ingestion of toxins, both natural toxins and man-made. The reaction to these toxins can vary depending on the type of toxin ingested and the amount that was absorbed.

The dropping temperatures in autumn also trigger many wild animals to start preparing for hibernation, making them restless and irritable and while encounters with large or venomous animals such as bears and snakes have obvious dangers, interactions with smaller hibernating animals such as rodents may trigger infections. Even bees and wasps may be more aggressive this time of year, leading to more stings.

The autumn months have their share of seasonal hazards, ranging from toxins to cold weather. Preventing the majority of the dangers of autumn can be achieved with a little extra vigilance.

Symptoms of Autumn Dangers in Dogs

Ingested toxins can be common in the autumn, and it is important to be able to recognize the signs of poisoning. Signs that your pet ingested a toxin could include any of the following:

- Black, tarry stools
- Collapse
- Coma
- Diarrhea, possibly containing blood
- Excessive drooling
- Irregular heartbeat
- Labored breathing
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite
- Loss of consciousness
- Loss of coordination
- Pupillary change
- Seizures
- Sensitivity to light
- Vomiting, possibly containing blood
- Yellowing of the eyes

TYPES



- Exposure to cold - Although the temperatures in fall are not typically as low as they are in the middle of winter, they can still get quite chilly in the autumn months; dogs with thin or very short coats or sensitive feet should be properly outfitted with coats or booties
- Exposure to heat - Increased use of space heaters and fireplaces can lead to burns for inquisitive dogs
- Ingested toxins - There are several toxins that are found more frequently in the autumn months; fall is a prime time for both non-toxic and poisonous mushrooms to grow, and toxic chemicals such antifreeze and rodenticides tend to be employed more often as the temperature starts to drop (dogs may also be more likely to be exposed to candy containing chocolate or xylitol during the fall holiday of Halloween)
- Encounters with wildlife - Many wild animals are irritable as they prepare for hibernation during the autumn months, including venomous snakes, skunks, bees, and bears.

CAUSES OF AUTUMN DANGERS IN DOGS

- Freedom to roam - Pets that are allowed to wander off leash or out of sight are more likely to run across wild animals or eat something toxic like rodenticides, poisonous leaves, or mushrooms, or drink from water puddles contaminated with antifreeze
- Indiscriminate eating - Dogs tend to sample the world with their mouths, and they can be quite attracted to sweet flavors; chocolate, candies containing xylitol, and even antifreeze have a sweet flavor, but can be highly toxic to canines
- Temperature extremes - For dogs that are susceptible to the cold, protection from the elements will help prevent chills and joint pain; dogs can also run into problems being curious about lit fireplaces and working heaters.

DIAGNOSIS OF AUTUMN DANGERS IN DOGS

The examination and testing methods utilized to diagnose the patient will be dependent on the type of hazard that was experienced and the symptoms that are exhibited by the animal. Most visits will start with a thorough physical examination, which will typically include standard diagnostic tests, such as a complete blood count, urinalysis, and a biochemical profile.

During the physical examination, your dog's doctor will check to see if there are any wounds present and information about the animal's breathing and heart rates may be



very revealing. The diagnostic tests will rule out any infections, evaluate the health of the patient's liver and kidneys, and may uncover any toxins in the bloodstream, and the examining veterinarian may also choose to evaluate the dog's blood gasses. If there are any suspicions that the internal organs are involved at all, imaging techniques like x-ray technology and ultrasound imaging may be utilized to better visualize the abdomen and chest area.

TREATMENT OF AUTUMN DANGERS IN DOGS

The treatment for the dangers that are more likely occur during the autumn months will differ somewhat, depending on the type of hazard they have encountered. Many of these dangers will require veterinary care to correct, and dogs that are in distress when they are brought into the clinic will have supportive treatments administered, which could include the administration of intravenous fluids, both to prevent dehydration and to allow the veterinarian to correct any imbalances that are found, and possibly supplemental oxygen if the patient is having trouble breathing. Treatments will vary from there depending on the circumstances and symptoms. Burns and external wounds from bites or scratches from wild animals will be cleaned and treated, and dogs that have been bitten by a wild animal will also be tested for infections and given any appropriate medications to fight whichever infections or venoms are found in the system. Dogs that have recently ingested a toxic substance may need to have vomiting induced, or a gastric irrigation completed to expel as much tainted material as possible if they are not vomiting up the substance on their own and activated charcoal will be administered to soak up as much toxic material from the stomach as possible.

RECOVERY OF AUTUMN DANGERS IN DOGS

The prognosis for dogs that have encountered the dangers of fall will again depend on the danger encountered. Certain toxins and venoms that are more frequently found this time of year will cause only mild gastric upset and can be recovered from quickly, while others are fatal even with aggressive treatment. Most of these situations can be avoided by being vigilant about your canines surroundings. It is also worth remembering that your animal's diet may need to be adjusted when seasons change. Canines that spend a great deal of time outdoors may need to have their caloric intake increased to compensate for the dropping temperatures, while dogs that are susceptible to the cold may be kept inside more and get less exercise during these months, leading to a decreased need for calories.

Copied from <https://wagwalking.com/condition/autumn-dangers>



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
Members Only	June 24, 2023	Atherton, CA
Meeting Fun Day Open to all	August 5, 2023	Cal State Hayward
Meeting/Program	September 30, 2023	Meeting Canceled
Fall Specialty and Banquet	October 28, 2023	Dixon May Fair Grounds, Dixon, CA
Holiday Party	December 2, 2023	Brass Door Restaurant, San Ramon, CA
Annual Meeting and Program	January 20, 2024 11:30 am	TBD

The Board of Directors held a special on-line meeting and canceled the September 30 meeting





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



Charlie Sklarin

August 1, 2006-August 15, 2023

We are very sad to announce that our sweet Charlie crossed the rainbow bridge on August 15th. He was over 17 when he passed- an amazing little guy! We rescued Charlie as a puppy.

The club had rescued his dad, Weber, and his very pregnant mom. At first, we thought we would only keep Weber, but the thought of having one of Weber's puppies was too irresistible.

Both Weber and Charlie lived long beautiful lives. We miss them both terribly!

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

Lisa.blutman@aol.com or lblutman@gmail.com

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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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

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

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 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 updat



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, CA 95620*



San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club 51st Specialty and Sweepstakes

Please come and join us at our Fall Specialty and Sweepstakes and Banquet Dinner

Saturday, October 28, 2023. Show time will be sent out when posted by the Superintendent.

Location: Dixon May Fair Grounds 655 S. First Street Dixon, California

The Host Club is the Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association.

The show superintendent is BaRay.

Watch the puppies and seniors in the Sweepstakes and everyone in the Specialty.

Cheer on those showing their dogs with your support.

Dinner will be provided by Cattlemen's, Dixon \$45.00 per person.

All meals include Napa Style Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Baked Potato and Sourdough Bread and Butter. Coffee, iced tea, and water will also be provided.

The dinner selections will be (all are available for your selection at the dinner)

Slow Roasted Sliced Beef Striploin

Grilled Salmon

BBQ Chicken

To enable us to have an accurate count of those attending the dinner, please mail this to Lisa Blutman 710 Wiegand Way Dixon, CA 95620 no later than October 10, 2023.

Name: _____ Number attending: _____

Enclosed is (\$45 per person) \$_____

If you have any questions, contact Lisa at lisa.blutman@aol.com