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President's message

Happy Winter everyone. I hope the rain isn't keeping you from all your fun westie activities. We got off to a great start at our annual meeting. The Staff at Pet Food Express gave a wonderful presentation on Dog Food. This was especially interesting considering the research on

Dilated Cardiomyopathy that is in the news today. Thank you, Nancy Berger, for arranging this.

I hope to see everyone at the Spring Specialty on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Cal Expo. Even if you are not showing a dog, there are a lot of vendors and fun to be had watching the westie puppies and seniors strut their stuff.

At the January Board of Director's meeting the board gave approval to move our Fall Specialty to a show other than the Harvest Moon Cluster. I am happy to announce the show will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 as a designated specialty of the Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers at the Dixon May Fairgrounds. As opposed to a formal dinner banquet we have arranged for an on-site barbecue featuring an assorted array of food. More on this to come.

There will be fun days coming up when the weather is warmer. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events!



For those of us who are single...7 Doggie Dates That Won't Break the Bank

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Yes, we know you have found your soul-mate. He or she greets you every day when you come home, never complains (too much), and acknowledges you for being the absolute best person who has ever lived.

Let's face it, nothing beats the love of your dog.

However, there might (we say, 'might') come a time when you are looking for the companionship of the two-legged variety. When you meet that person, you will inevitably fall into the world of 'dating.'

Dating can be tough, but it's something we all have to go through in order to find that special somebody. However, who said you have to navigate the dating scene all alone?

How about taking along your best friend? Besides, how else can you get a reliable opinion about your date?

When planning the perfect date, let your faithful pup be your guide. You'll see there's plenty of excursions for the three of you.

1. **Your local dog park.** Of course, you knew we were going to say this, but honestly, what better place to get to learn about your date? It's cheap, open, and you get to learn how honest your date was when they [checked 'loves dogs' on their dating profile](#).

2. **Your kitchen.** Nothing says you have to go out, [you could hang out at home](#). Why not bake some [homemade doggie treats](#) for your best friend? You not only get to hang with your pup, but you also get to see if your date is handy in the kitchen. We guarantee your dog will approve of this date!

3. **Shopping at your local pet supply shop.** Most pet supply places allow you to bring your dog inside the store, leashed of course. Set up a shopping date and cruise the aisles. Much like shopping for kids, you'll learn who is the most pragmatic!

4. **Go for a drive.** We all can agree, the cutest sight is when you see a pup with his head hanging out the car window and gulping air, ears flying in the wind. Take a drive with your date and your pup! You should probably let your date sit shotgun but make sure to prep the [backseat for your dog to safely ride in](#).

5. Bring a whole new vibe to the **"just coffee" date by bringing your dog** along. Many cafes allow dogs inside, and they almost never have a problem if you talk and sip in an outside eating area.

6. For simplicity and ease, you can always [go for a walk in the park or at the beach](#). This is a pretty common date until you introduce your dog to it. They always have a way of livening things up!

7. Grab your favorite camera or phone, and **hold an impromptu photo shoot!** The best part of this is it can be done during any time of the year. If you do it at home, you'll be able to live out your dream of being a [wardrobe manager](#). Besides, you were never really going to wear your old prom dress again anyway!

This is only a sample of the things you can do on your doggie double-date, use it for inspiration. If you look around your neighborhood, you're sure to find other activities.

From the Wanderer, AKC Link



AKC share weird pet insurance stories for 2018

Puppies are a lot of wonderful things – snuggly, playful, spirited – but sometimes they can be a little too curious for their own good. No matter how puppy-proofed a home is or how careful owners are, puppies have a way of finding trouble. We've chosen six pet health insurance claims from 2018 in which puppies (under the age of 12 months) managed to create some serious trouble for themselves!

Ingestion of Foreign Bodies

Most puppies are extremely food motivated, which helps make training considerably easier! Unfortunately, puppies tend to follow the mindset of eating first and determine if it is edible later. Some of the most expensive pet insurance claims come in the form of a puppy who has eaten something that he shouldn't have. Foreign body ingestion is one of the [top puppy claims](#) every year!

Corn Cob Conundrum

One curious puppy was enjoying a fun night when she realized that a trash bag had been left unattended. Without hesitation, she began chowing down on the delicious-smelling corn cob sitting on the top of the trash pile. While several [vegetables](#), such as corn, have nutritional benefits for dogs, the cob can be dangerous as it often will cause an intestinal blockage. When her owners realized their pup had eaten something that was causing her distress, they rushed to their veterinarian. Two X-rays, a surgery to remove the cob, and \$2,400 later, their puppy was back to her normal self.

Toy Trouble

While many dog toys promote that they are “puppy safe,” it is important to supervise with any toy. One owner of a determined [Golden Retriever](#) puppy learned this lesson the hard way when her new dog ate the squeaker from a toy resulting in \$5,055 in veterinary bills. The young puppy had been vomiting off and on for several days when her owners brought her to their veterinarian. An ultrasound showed an obstruction in her small intestine, and she was kept for observation for the following two nights. On the third day, another ultrasound showed the obstruction was no longer moving through the intestinal tract. Surgery was performed to remove the squeaker toy.

An Unexpected Snack

A 12-week-old [Havanese](#) was rushed to the emergency veterinarian after his owner suspected that he had eaten two of the metal letters off of the dishwasher. After his veterinarian performed abdominal radiographs and determined the letters should pass naturally, the puppy's owner was able to take him home under observation. The young puppy passed the metal letters; however, his owner was left with a \$441 bill for the radiographs and emergency exam visit.



Broken/Fractured Bone

Young dogs are seemingly accident prone, and some of the worst accidents result in broken or fractured bones. While many puppies take a tumble and shake it off, sometimes they end up injured. Because a puppy's bones won't reach maximum strength until after puberty, a sudden impact will often result in a fracture or break. This type of injury is costly between diagnostics to determine the type of fracture/break and providing the best treatment. Many dogs require some form of physical therapy after more severe breaks, which means incurring additional costs for [complementary treatments](#) to get a puppy back on his paws.

Misjudged Heights

A [French Bulldog](#) puppy was enjoying an afternoon snuggling on the couch when he saw his favorite toy peeking from underneath the coffee table. Ready to play, he leaped off the couch and immediately realized his mistake as he tumbled to the ground. Noticing that their new puppy was hurt, the owners rushed him to the veterinarian where he was diagnosed with a severe humerus fracture. The puppy underwent surgery and, after several months, was back to his usual playful self. His owners, unfortunately, paid a veterinary bill of \$2,689.

Chewing Concerns

While puppies learn how to go up and down the stairs, they spend a lot of time playing on the steps. One unsupervised Collie was chewing on the spindles of the stair railing in his home when his tooth got stuck. In a panic, he yanked himself free, but he fractured his tooth in the process. His veterinarian extracted the tooth and provided medications for a total bill of \$318.

Learning to Play

[Toy Manchester Terriers](#) are known for their spirited and athletic nature. This trait got a 7-month-old puppy in trouble when he was playing on the kitchen table with his family's cat. When the cat decided she was bored of the game, she shoved the puppy off the table. The family rushed to the emergency veterinary clinic where the puppy was diagnosed with a severe break. Ultimately, he had a metal plate inserted into his leg. After several weeks of rest and physical therapy, the puppy was back on his feet; however, his owners were left paying off a veterinary bill for \$1,709!

Linda Gilcrest will be sharing her search for the best pet insurance based on her location and available plans in the next edition of the Tartan





Annual Spring Specialty Show

Come join the fun at the annual Spring Specialty and Sweepstakes

April 12, 2019

Cal Expo
Fairgrounds and Center

1600 Exposition Blvd. Sacramento, CA

Show held in conjunction with the Northern California Terrier Association

Thursday, Supported Entry: Judge Gayle Denman

Friday, Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes: Judge Duff Harris

Regular classes: Judge Diane Fenton

We also support the entry of the Sacramento Dog Club on Saturday and Sunday

Saturday Judge Beth Sweigert

Sunday Judge Clay Coady

One set up, 4 days of Fun





Memorials



In Memoriam

GAILAURIE'S 'BOUT TIME, December, 2005 - March, 20019

Definitely not a Westie, but she could have been. Our most precious Surrey had the perfect temperament for living with terriers. Never the alpha, Surrey was quite content to stay in the background and allow the Westies to be Westies. She was babysitter to our Westie babies. Out-weighting them by many, many pounds, she was ever so gentle with them during play time. Always allowing them to think they had the upper hand (paw?) until mom decided it was rest time for the babies.

We had wanted a big dog to protect the Westies and intimidate the coyotes once we moved to the country. She definitely served us well in her role as protector. More than once she shot out of the patio door racing to the fence to frighten off whatever critter didn't belong there. And, more than once she and the Westies did what the Westies were born to do – chase down rabbits and squirrels that climbed into the yard. Surrey chased the critters down and cornered them and the Westies did the rest. The Westies could not have asked for a better foster mom.

Surrey passed at the grand old age of 13, very senior for a Standard Poodle. We will miss her and always love her.
Gail and Gen



Whelping box



Litter-5 males, 1 female

Ch. Mac-Ken-Char Wandering Rockstar Litmangailaurie X Arbroath Abigail Rose of Litman

Whelped – January 25, 2019

Breeders: Lisa Blutman and Gail Krieger



litter - 2 males, 3 females

Ch. Mac-Ken-Char Wandering Rockstar Litmangailaurie x Ch. Arbroath Full of Pride at Gailaurie

Whelped - Feb 15, 2019

Breeders - Gail Krieger, John Low and Bill Matthews



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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 Lisa Blutman. We need assistance with Programs, Assistant Web Master, Special Events.

2019 Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Spring Specialty and Sweepstakes	April 12, 2019	Cal Expo, Sacramento
Spring/Summer Meeting	June 15, 2019	TBA
Fall Funday and Picnic	September 14, 2019	TBA
Fall Specialty	October 26, 2019	Dixon May Fairgrounds
Holiday Luncheon	December 7, 2019	Brass Door Restaurant San Ramon

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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:

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.



Send me pictures of your dog for inclusion in the next edition of the Tartan.

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