



# Highland Tartan

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## President's message

### Our first Westies



Ownership of your first Westie is often a strange journey and so was ours. We had a lovely German Shepard that we named Heidi Hope of The Highlands. We lived in a development called the Highlands west of Chicago thus the name. This was our first showing experience and although she was lovely the competition was fierce. So, after a number of shows we took her home and had a lovely litter of seven. The A litter Ash, Aron, Amy, and so forth.

In the meantime, I had decided that I wanted a small white dog and looked at the Bichon Frise. But at that point the Bichon was not yet recognized by the AKC and were not being shown. I then looked at the

Westie of which there were a significant number being shown in the Chicago area. I watched from ring side as Berget Cody, at that time, new to handling and showed some beautiful pups. I asked her about breeders in the area and she suggested that I contact Dorothy Hillner who just happened to have a litter. Well, that is when I met not only Dorothy but a 10-week-old pup who we fell in love with and called Sam. We then joined the West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Illinois.

We also bought an older bitch named Sootie who had been championed and had two litters to her name. Now we were active in the Westie club and met many of the local breeders and learned so much about the breed. Fun times going to shows as a family and showing Sam who turned out to be a bit small as a dog so didn't win the way we had hoped.

And then came the company transfer to San Francisco and a new adventure in Westies. But before we left the Chicago area, we became co-owners a male champion called Tiger. Nice dog, good conformation and young just what we need to continue our journey in Westies. All this within a three-year period of time.



Please send me your story of your introduction to our Westie breed and how did you acquire your first Westie? For without all of you we would not be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Take care

Helaine

## It is Summertime Everyone.

Many of us take our dogs on walks. This is something we need to keep in mind during these lazy, hazy, days of summer.

### Hot Asphalt

Air Temperature	Asphalt Temperature
77 <sup>0</sup> F	125 <sup>0</sup> F
86 <sup>0</sup> F	135 <sup>0</sup> F
87 <sup>0</sup> F	143 <sup>0</sup> F

At 125<sup>0</sup>, skin destruction can occur in just 60 seconds. Always check the asphalt prior to allowing you pet to walk on it. PAWS WILL GET BURNED. Tip: If it is too hot for your bare feet it is too hot for theirs.

### Summer foods for our westies

Watermelon (please remove seeds)

Cucumber

Coconut water (dilute with 25% water)

Yogurt and Buttermilk

Mangoes again, minus seed and peel

Blueberries

Ice Cream (not often dogs cannot digest lactose)

Other melons also without seeds



## **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be at Cal State East Bay, Hayward Campus in front of the Music Building. This event will take place on Saturday, July 30, 2022. The Board meeting will begin at 11:00 am and the General meeting will start at noon. Please bring your own lunch. Dogs must be crated, in an exercise pen or on leash. Bring chairs to enable you to relax.

Cal State East Bay can best be reached by taking Carlos Bee Blvd. then following the West Loop Road left and parking in Lot L. This is a lovely grassy area under large trees. There are restrooms available inside of the music building. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.



## **Fourth of July**

The fourth of July can be a scary time for our pets. It is recommended that they be kept in escape proof areas, be microchipped if they escape and kept in the center part of your home with loud music to keep the fireworks from disturbing them.



## Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Fifty years ago, a group of devoted Westie people got together in Walnut Creek to share their love of the breed. They agreed it was time to form a club in northern California to promote the qualities of the breed. The club would come to be known as the San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club.

There was great pride and interest from all that attended that first meeting. Bruce Campbell would serve as the club's first president, Pat Winans signed on as vice president and Gail Krieger agreed to be the club secretary-treasurer. Bruce presented a proposed constitution and by-laws to the members and volunteered to meet with the American Kennel Club in New York for their approval. Most of what was presented was approved by AKC except for the club name. Members had agreed the name of the club would be Bay Counties West Highland White Terrier Club. AKC had other ideas and the club became the San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club. A few committees were formed, and members got busy organizing events. Potluck dishes were always part of a club event. Conformation matches were soon B-OB matches. Obedience competition was introduced. There were informal events too. Fun days and earth dog practices were on the calendar. Helaine Campbell was the first club newsletter editor. She kept us informed of club business, coming events and health information.

At one time our club had 50+ members, many were active members. As with many other breed clubs' memberships have dropped off. With fewer active members available to contribute time and energy to holding an independent specialty show, the club moved to holding its yearly specialty with all breed clubs. Now we hold a spring and a fall specialty rather than one specialty show and a B-OB match. For as long as can be remembered, the club has always celebrated end of the year holidays (except during the covid years) and held a specialty banquet.



This year the club specialty banquet will be held at the Old Vets Hall in Dixon following our specialty show in Dixon at the Dixon May Fairgrounds. Members and guests can stay at the Best Western Hotel less than 5 minutes from the banquet site. Rooms are reasonably priced. If making reservations, please book early and ask for a room reserved for the Westie group. Dinner reservations should be sent to Lisa Blutman. And we hope to see you Friday evening at the club Get Re-Acquainted gathering at the Best Western in Dixon. Don't forget we are supporting the Westie entry on Sunday.

Further into this Highland Tartan issue you will find hotel and dinner information, contact information if you need equipment for the specialty and Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association shows, transportation to the Friday and Saturday events.

Please save the dates October 28 - October 30. We'd love to see you.



Consider Making your hotel reservations soon. Rooms are limited.

We will provide transportation to and from the show grounds if you are staying in an RV.





# San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Our annual banquet dinner will be held at the beautiful OLDE Vets Hall

231 North First Street (Highway 113)  
Dixon, California

No Host Bar

Menu: Tri tip, Chicken with Lemon Caper Sauce, Vegetarian Pasta Primavera,  
Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Napa Valley Salad,  
Westie Cupcakes, Coffee, and Tea

Cost: \$45.00 per person

There will be a live and silent auction at the event of very unique westie items.

Please complete below and send your check for your meal to:

Lisa Blutman 710 Wiegand Way Dixon, CA 95620  
Email reservations may be sent to [Lisa.blutman@aol.com](mailto:Lisa.blutman@aol.com)

You may also Venmo or PayPal your payment to Lisa Blutman  
Reservations must be made no later than October 18, 2022

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Lisa Blutman 710 Wiegand Way Dixon, CA 95620



Committee Coordinator: Gail Krieger. All committees report to Gail-Please consider volunteering to assist.

Advertising and Promotion: Lisa Blutman	Banner: Bruce and Helaine Campbell
Banquet Arrangements: Lisa Blutman	Banquet Decorations: Marie Thompson
Banquet Table Preparations: Gail Krieger	Desserts: Gail Krieger and Lisa Blutman
Details – contracts, permits: Lisa Blutman	Dinner Reservations: Lisa Blutman
Fundraising: Lisa Blutman	Hospitality: Gail Krieger
Judges Gifts: Gail Krieger	Judges Hospitality: Gail Krieger
Sales Tables at events: David and Linda Snook (staffs tables, collects money)	Transportation: Michele Belshaw and Roxanna Twedt
Trophy Fundraising: Marie Thompson	Welcome Wagon: Ron and Cindy Kangas
Wine and Cheese (get donations of wine and platters, purchase what is not donated) Nancy Berger and Sherry Byrd	

The host hotel for our show is the Best Western Plus in Dixon at 1345 Commercial Way, Dixon, CA 95620. The hotel is right off Interstate 80 at the Pitt School exit. A block of rooms has been reserved with a guaranteed rate of \$129.00 per night either 2 double beds or one king bed. Pets are welcome. Please call 707-678-1400 and ask for the Westie block. The Wine and Cheese Welcome party will be in their meeting room near the front desk. The hotel offers a complimentary breakfast.

There is a Denny’s and Burger King next to the hotel. A Safeway is across the street and Mary’s Pizza Shack (Italian), a few taco shops, Starbucks are all in the immediate area. Consider Making your hotel reservations soon. Rooms are limited.

We will provide transportation to and from the show grounds if you are staying on the grounds.





**Trophy Donations:** For the first time in a few years, we are asking for trophy donations to assist in offsetting the cost of trophies for our specialty. Our donations chair is Marie Thompson and she is awaiting your phone call at: 408-489-6318 or by email at [Ma007rie@gmail.com](mailto:Ma007rie@gmail.com) with your sponsorship.

<b>Trophy</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Best of Breed	\$75.00
Best of Opposite Sex to Breed	\$75.00
Best of Winners	\$75.00
Winners Dog	\$60.00
Winners Bitch	\$60.00
Reserve Winners Dog	\$60.00
Reserve Winners Bitch	\$60.00
Best Veteran in Regular Classes	\$45.00
Best Puppy in Regular Classes	\$45.00
Best Bred By Exhibitor	\$45.00
Best Owner Handled	\$45.00
Open Dog	\$35.00
Open Bitch	\$35.00
Bred By Dog	\$35.00
Bred By Bitch	\$35.00
American Bred combined	\$35.00
12-18 Junior Dog	\$35.00
12-18 Junior Bitch	\$35.00
9-12 Puppy Dog	\$35.00
9-12 Puppy Bitch	\$35.00
6-9 Puppy Dog	\$35.00
6-9 Puppy Bitch	\$35.00
<b>Veteran Sweepstakes</b>	
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes	\$55.00
Best Opposite Sex in Vet. Sweeps	\$55.00
10 and Over Classes Combined	\$35.00
7-10 Classes Combined	\$35.00
<b>Puppy Sweepstakes</b>	
Best in Puppy Sweepstakes	\$55.00
Best Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps	\$55.00
12-18 Junior Dog	\$35.00
12-18 Junior Bitch	\$35.00
9-12 Puppy Dog	\$35.00
9-12 Puppy Bitch	\$35.00
6-9 Puppy Dog	\$35.00
6-9 Puppy Bitch	\$35.00

Some of these trophies are already spoken for. Contact Marie for current availability

Trophies will be offered for Best Bred By, Best Owner Handled, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace, Junior Handling, 4-6, and Select wins.



## Calendar

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Board Meeting	March 9, 2022	7:00 pm via Zoom
Spring Specialty and Sweepstakes	April 15, 2022	Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, Lodi, CA
Supported Entries	April 14, 16, 17	Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
Fun Day BOD meeting 11:30 am General Meeting 12:30 pm	June 4, 2022	Pet Food Express 609 San Ramon Valley Rd. Danville, CA 94526
Fun Day BOD meeting 11:00 am General Meeting 12:00 pm	July 30, 2022	Cal State East Bay, Hayward, CA
Board of Directors and General Meeting	September 10, 2022	Location TBA
Supported Entry	August 6 and 7, 2022	Richmond Dog Fanciers, Dixon, CA
Wine and Cheese Welcome	October 28, 2022	Best Western, Dixon
Fall Specialty and Sweepstakes and Celebration of our 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	October 29, 2022	Dixon May Fairgrounds, Dixon, CA
Supported Entry	October 30, 2022	Dixon, California
Holiday Luncheon	December 3, 2022	Brass Door Restaurant, San Ramon, CA



## **Westie Adventures**

**By Nancy Berger**

In June, I hosted my two neighborhood friends Brandon (9) and Ryan (12) at their first dog show. They have a Frenchie, Luna, but have only recently been introduced to Westies. They have been helping me several days a week by walking Bijou and Winston and have become somewhat familiar with the necessary good looks and feisty attitude but totally unfamiliar with the workings of a dog show and how (almost) perfect the dogs look.

They were excited to be invited and then to be there. They were so curious and happy; it was contagious to me and everyone around.

We first watched the Frenchie's, and they were fascinated by the various coat colors, size and movement and made their choice for Best of Breed. They had good eyes and correctly chose Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.

Next, it was time for Winston to make his appearance and we all gathered around the ring. There were 8 of us, including Sherry and Kumi. He looked super handsome but, alas, Winston spotted the boys, lost his focus and we all had to scurry away into hiding. Still, somehow, he did get two points!

My first dog show was at the Cow Palace, many, many years ago when we met our first Westie breeder who offered us pick of the litter and got us started on this wonderful activity. A few years later, at the same locale, I met a breeder Jean McAndrews, who kindly sold me my first show dog, Duncan, and who also recommended a young handler because I would surely need one! She was right and I still use that gentleman...35+years and 14? Westies later.



We are all delighted that the shows are gradually returning; we have all missed the camaraderie, the beautifully presented dogs, the local vendors, and the very best times together.

It's one of my favorite things to do.....hope to see you all soon at the next one!

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](mailto:Lisa.blutman@aol.com) or [lblutman@gmail.com](mailto: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.



# **SAN FRANCISCO BAY WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB**

## **2021 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*President: Helaine Campbell*

*Vice-President: Sherry Byrd*

*Secretary: Lisa Blutman*

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*Web Information Coordinator: Bruce Campbell*

*WHWTC of America Liaison: Lisa Blutman and Gail Krieger*

*WHWT Foundation: Gail Krieger*

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

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



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