



The Highlander

President's Message

Well, another year of our Specialty and Supported entry shows has come and gone. Thanks to all who helped financially or at the shows. We could not provide such a successful show without the help of all of our Club members and friends.

Thursday's Supported Show had 35 entries and Saturday's Sweepstakes had a total of 14 entries, followed by our Supported Show with 47 entries. Sunday we ended the weekend with the WHWTCNO's Sweepstakes and Specialty. The Sweepstakes had an entry of 19 and the Specialty had an entry of 69. We followed the shows with a catered luncheon.

Our picnic was a huge success with approximately 65 people in attendance. Thanks to all who brought food and attended. Without as many workers it would be impossible to pull off a great weekend like this. Also, thanks to our members and friends for their generous donations.

A special thanks to Randy Schriber for being the Specialty Arrangements Chairperson and making all the necessary arrangements with the host Clubs, as well as for taking care of the continental breakfasts. Thanks also to Chris Schriber for reserving the Motel for our guests. Thanks to Cathy Blacklock and Chris Schriber for being the trophy chairpersons and for acquiring the trophies for the shows. The trophies for this year were fantastic! Additional gratitude goes to the following club members: Willie Reinders and Randy Schriber for being our chefs and cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs for the picnic, everyone who helped setup for the picnic, Kim Vacanti for creating the Judges Hospitality gift baskets and Carolyn Bales for handling the arrangements for the luncheon. Also, a special thanks to Yvonee Huff and Susan Piovarchy for helping to set up for the luncheon.

Our **Annual Holiday Party** will be held **Friday, December 12, 2008**. We have reserved space at **Eddie's Creekside Restaurant in Brecksville**. Please see information listed on a later page for more details.

Our **next meeting** will be **Friday, October 10, 2008 at 7:00PM** at the office of **Pamela Fisher, DMV**. The address is: **7211 Wales Avenue NW, North Canton**.

From the SOUTH: Take I-77 NORTH to Exit 111 towards Canal Fulton/ North Canton. Turn LEFT (west) onto Portage St. for 2.6 miles. Turn RIGHT (north) onto Wales Ave (OH-241) for .6 miles.

From the NORTH: Take I-77 South to Exit 118 (OH-241) towards Massillon. Turn RIGHT (south) onto OH-241, Massillon Road for 5.6 miles which turns into Wales Ave.

Hope to see you there! — Gary



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WESTIE FOUNDATION UPDATE

As the liaison of our club to the Westie Foundation I received a call from the Westie Foundation liaison committee chair, Ann Marie Holowathy. She informed me that due to the scope of communicating with so many clubs she is sharing her post with Tom Barrie.

The purpose of the liaison committee is to provide outreach of the Foundation to our club. Helping to efficiently communicate the Westie Foundations mission. Their primary mission is medical research to benefit the health and quality of life of Westies, and also to develop and communicate information regarding the health, care, breeding and quality of life of Westies to Westie owners.

The research projects that have been funded primarily include, genetics research, atopic dermatitis, fibrotic lung disease, cancer, craniomandibular osteopathy (CMO), Legg-Calve-Perthes, inflammatory bowel disease, etc. Treatment research such as rush immunotherapy and tacrolimus solution for atopy is also being funded with money that the foundation has raised.

Ann Marie Holowathy has asked me to compile a membership list of email addresses and /or mail addresses of those who would be interested in receiving the Westie Foundation Newsletter. This quarterly newsletter includes information on the status and progress of research into Westie diseases and updates on current initiatives supported by the Foundation. She guaranteed that the information provided would be handled carefully and not released to any outside agency.

I am planning to compile a list of names and addresses of those of you that are interested in receiving the Foundation newsletter. So please, if you are interested, send your e mail and or mail addresses to me at nmiller6@alltel.net. I hope to get a good response since, the information and research that the Westie Foundation provides is so important to the future of our breed.

As a side note the Westie Foundation also has a Westie Health eBook, which can be found on the Foundation website at www.westiefoundation.org. The Health eBook now has eight chapters dedicated to diseases and conditions found in Westies. I would encourage you to take the time and check out this valuable source.

Sincerely,

Betty Miller,
WHWTC of Northern Ohio
liaison



"Seeds the Day" T-Shirt

What is more indicative of summer than sitting in the shade on a hot afternoon eating sweet watermelon? Why not share that experience with your Westie and commemorate it with this t-shirt?

Sizes available: small, medium, large, extra-large

DONATION: \$15.00

Shipping: \$4.80 US Priority Mail



Hi Everyone,
Just a quick note to thank everyone for the opportunity to judge at your show. I had a great time and wish to thank you for the hospitality extended to me. Best wishes and continued success with your shows.

Here are some pictures of the show taken by my husband Jacques.

Sincerely,
Ginette Lemieux





WestieWalk - 2008

Sponsored by

"W.O.O.F." - Gahanna Pooch Playground

and

Gahanna Parks & Recreation

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Rain Date Saturday, October 18, 2008

Friendship Park & Creekside Park, Gahanna, Ohio

- 9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION, VENDORS & SILENT AUCTION
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. NAIL TRIMMING by CLASSIC CLIP: \$5/dog
- 10:00 a.m. EDUCATIONAL TALK & Q & A - Shelter House
TBD
- 10:45 a.m. GAMES FOR OUR KANINE KIDZ
Be sure to sign up!!
- 11:30 a.m. FRIENDSHIP PARK - Shelter House
Recognition Ceremony & Announcements
Costume Contest & Parade of Rescues
"Blessing of the Dogs"
Gahanna Mayor, Becky Stinchcomb
PARADE STARTS
- 12:15 p.m. CREEKSIDE PARK
Group Pictures
- 12:30 p.m. FRIENDSHIP PARK - Shelter House
Picnic/Box Lunch by Easy Living (order in advance)

Caring for Westie Feet



As a beautician and instructor of cosmetology (many years ago) we were taught to spot any irregularities on the skin, face, scalp (hair shaft, root and follicles) and nails (coloration & thickness). Using that education with grooming westies, I'd like to share with you what has worked for me in clearing up foot fungus.

Description: reddish, brownish colored hair between the pads of the toes, can be matted and discolored on the top part of the foot also. It has an odor of corn chips. The skin, especially in-between the toes, can be red and swollen. The nails can have a build-up of tarter like substance on it, and the nail bed may be inflamed. The nails may be too long also.

If you see one or more of the above problems, the immune system of the westie is being taxed. If not treated, it will then progress into a skin problem with the westie loosing all the undercoat (skin mites and mange can occur). Lastly, it then proceeds into the ears.

Most Vets call this an allergy, or will tell you your dog is allergic to grass because the dog's feet get wet from the grass in the early morning and the hair stays wet. Then this in turn feeds the fungus all day. Some vets then put your westie on his or her "SPECIAL" food or "SPECIAL SHAMPOO" and your westie is given steroids! This can be very costly! Sadly, the *problem* is not taken care of.

The first step is to remove all discolored hair. **If it means cutting the foot like a poodles, please do it. It is hair and it will grow back even better.** Examine the foot, pads and nails. If the pads and inner part of the foot are red and swollen, you may need an antibiotic and I use Cephalexin* as last resort. Cleaning the foot now is easier, with the hair gone.

Over the years I have used Listerine in four little yogurt cups. Never use the same liquid on a different foot. Fungus is contagious; you need to treat it like athletes foot. There is a good chance many westies pick this up at the groomers. This is because they are not required by the Health Department or state boards to **clean** and **sterilize** their blades, clippers, combs and brushes, as the Beauty shops are.

I sometimes use Hydrogen Peroxide Solution 3 %. I use a toothbrush to brush between the pads and around each nail. Look and see if they are inflamed, long or have tarter around/on them. The toothbrush will also clean the tarter off the nail near the nail bed. The Cephalexin* will also help the inflamed nail bed, once it is clean and dry.

If the westie has long nails this could have started the problem also. Walking on long nails pushes the nail, back into the nail bed, causing inflammation. My suggestion here is to ask the vet for a nail cutback. This cauterizes the nail.

A nail cutback is needed if the westie will not allow you to work on the feet. The guillotine nail cutter...in my opinion needs to be outlawed! There are so many vets, pet owners, breeders that hurt dogs with this tool. I don't blame any dog for fighting & biting in trying to stay away from the **pain**. Using a dermal tool is easy and painless.

Once you do a nail cut-back, the nail needs trimmed on a regular basis. The nail vein, after a cut-back is short (the way it is supposed to be) and when you do not keep the shell trimmed, it then grows long...with no vein in the center. **The weight of the dog can split the nail and infection can kill the dog in a short time. So, if you were not going to keep the nails trimmed on a regular basis, I would not get a nail cut-back.** Over time you can work the nail vein back by using the dermal to the vein often.

Now, that the hair is gone, the foot is clean and the nails are short, keeping them dry until the completely healed, can be hard. I do use Gold Bond anti-fungal powder on the westies foot every time they are brushed.

Purchasing 12 X12 cement blocks or having a gravel or river rock area for them to urinate in the early morning is the optimal potty area. **It could be an x-pen just for the early morning potty right outside the back door.** In neighborhoods that do not allow fencing, short shrubs can camouflage this x-pen. My pet owners that live on golf courses use this type of safe, dry potty area.

My advice comes to you with over 30 years experience in breeding westies. I hope you find the above tools and information valuable in assisting you when taking care of your westies feet. If you have questions please email me at westies@kenlakes.com and we will post the questions with answers in the next newsletter. — **Rose Carpenter**

*About Cephalexin

Cephalexin is a broad spectrum antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections of the skin, urinary tract, respiratory tract, bones and joints.



Features/Use/Recommendation

This medication should not be used in animals allergic to penicillin or cephalosporins. Use with caution in pregnant and nursing animals. Use with caution in animals when given with probenecid or aminoglycosides such as neomycin and gentamicin. Use with caution when given with other drugs that may affect the kidneys. Always tell your veterinarian and pharmacist what other medications your pet is taking.

Side Effects

The side effects when using cephalosporins, which may include loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea, are rare. Allergic reactions such as itching, rash and difficulty breathing may occur. Side effects in dogs may also include drooling, rapid breathing and excitability. Fever and vomiting are additional side effects that may occur in cats.

**W.H.W.T.C.N.O.
Annual Holiday Party**

Date: Friday, December 12, 2008

Time: Social Hour 7:00 PM
Dinner 7:30 PM

Location: Eddie's Creekside Restaurant & Bar
Located In Millside Centre
8803 Brecksville Road
Brecksville, Ohio 44141
(440) 546-0555



Menu: Choice Of Entrée:

Strip Steak - 10 oz. Certified Angus steak grilled to medium served with Baked potato and fresh vegetable

Chicken Marsala Saute – Chicken breast, mushrooms and peas sautéed in Marsala sauce and served with roasted garlic redskin potatoes and fresh vegetable.

All entrees include a garden tossed salad, homemade rolls. Beverage service includes soft drinks, ice tea and coffee. Finger pastries served for dessert.

Bar service will be a cash bar.

\$34.00 per person for an entrée, (includes tax & tip)

Dinner reservations **must be made by December 1, 2008** and **payment must accompany reservations.**

Make checks payable **W.H.W.T.C.N.O.** Send to Carolyn Bales, 2795 Byron Drive, North Canton, OH 44720. Phone (330) 896-3331. Indicate choice of entrée with your reservation.

Remember to bring a wrapped Westie gift for the gift exchange!



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**IT'S
 SHOWTIME!!**
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Westie Judge</u>
Oct 4	Ft. Steuben K. A.	Aliquippa, PA	S. J. Hubbell
Oct 4	WHWTCA Sweeps	Kimberton, PA	Brent Knudson
Oct 5	Beaver County K.C.	Aliquippa, PA	D.G. Doane MD
Oct 5	WHWTCA/Montgomery County KC	Blue Bell, PA	Mrs. L. Hutchinson
Oct 10	Mad River Valley K.C.	Urbana, OH	Dr. K. Ericson
Oct 11	Licking River K.C.	Urbana, OH	Mrs. J.V. Daniels
Oct 12	Mad River Valley K.C.	Urbana, OH	Mrs. C. Vogels
Oct 25	Delaware Ohio K.C.	Delaware, OH	Peter Green
Oct 26	Delaware Ohio K.C.	Delaware, OH	Beth Sweigart
Oct 30	LaPorte K.C.	Ft. Wayne, IN	Mrs. L. Boutwell
Oct 31	Sturgis K.C.	Ft. Wayne, IN	J. Richardson
Nov 1	Marion K. C.	Ft. Wayne, IN	Ed Bivin
Nov 2	N.E. Indiana K.C.	Ft. Wayne, IN	Mrs. R.M. Davis
Nov 3	N.E. Indiana K.C.	Ft. Wayne, IN	Mr. R. Forsyth
Nov 13	Sandusky K. C.	Columbus, OH	J. R. Cole
Nov 14	Dayton K.C.	Columbus, OH	Mrs. M.K. Kipp
Nov 15	Lima K. C.	Columbus, OH	K. McDermott
Nov 16	Central Ohio K.C.	Columbus, OH	Mrs. J.M. Bousek
Dec 11	Lorain County KC	Cleveland, OH	Ms. E. Gonzalez
Dec 12	Medina K. C.	Cleveland, OH	Mrs. B. Dale
Dec 13	Richland County K. C.	Cleveland, OH	F. T. Sabella
Dec 14	Western Reserve K. C.	Cleveland, OH	L. E. Stanbridge

Attention Members: Did you misplace a past newsletter? An archive of past issues (abridged versions only) is always available on our club's website:

Important Note: Deadline for Articles and Information for the December issue will be **Nov. 15th!!**

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The West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Ohio was founded in the early sixties by a group of dedicated Westie breeders and owners. The club and its approximately 100 members are dedicated to the betterment of our breed. Club meetings are generally held the second Friday of even numbered months, the meeting location varies. Details about the next meeting can be found in this newsletter.

Our annual Specialty Show is held each year in August at the Canfield, Ohio Fairgrounds.

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First Class



**Next Meeting: Friday, October 10th @ 7:00pm at the following location:
Office of Pamela Fisher, DMV— North Canton, Ohio**