



The Highlander

President's Message



It is finally Spring and time for our April Meeting. Hopefully the snow is about gone for this year.

Our last meeting was held at the K9 Pipers Place. We had a talk by the one of the owners about grooming and clipping nails. She also answered questions from our members and guests about nutrition. After the discussion they offered to clip nails.

It is time for us to nominate Officers and Board members for the coming year. If you would like to run for a position, please contact me so that I can inform the Nominating Committee. At the next Club meeting, we will be looking for members who are willing to serve on the committee.

The board has approved a new Standing Rule. Following is the new rule:

Standing Rule #30. Championship Plaques will be awarded annually during our Specialty weekend and will cover titles earned from July 1 of the previous year to June 30 of the current year. A one (1) year only grace period will be allowed for late submissions. Additional plaques, for co-owners, can be purchased at a cost specified by the Board of Directors and must be paid in advance.

Our next meeting will be on April 9 at the Club House of the Reed Memorial Library, 167 East Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. We will meet in the Carlin Room from 6:30 until 8:00PM. The parking lot is located on the North side of the building.

Hope to see you there,
Gary



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WHWTCNO
General Meeting
Feb. 12, 2010

The meeting was held at the K-9 Piper Training in Twinsburg.

There were 15 people in attendance and 9 Westies. The meeting started at 7:30 p.m. after a presentation by groomers from K-9 Piper on the importance of good grooming habits that include nail and ear care. They went in to detail how to properly trim nails and gave examples of everyday household items that you can use to stop bleeding if needed. They also explained about using a dremel. They also gave a demonstration on proper cleaning of their ears. Gary then had the visitors and members introduce themselves.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December meeting were accepted as read.

Correspondence: N/A

President's Report: Gary said that everything is getting finalized for the show in Canfield the 1st. weekend in August. There will be shows Thursday and Saturday with supported entry, Saturday there will be Sweepstakes also for puppies. Sunday is our Specialty. Friday the W. Pennsylvania club will hold their Specialty. There are usually between 50-100 Westies for the event.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn went over the report. Filed subject to audit.

Committees:

Membership-All dues have been paid.

Rescue-Nellie has been adopted by a family in Fostoria, she will go there next week. One of the rescues that was place last year will be featured in the next Imprint. "Charlie" was enrolled in a program at a local prison where is was taken care of by inmates and when it was time for him to be "paroled" one of the guards adopted him. We also had a couple that were members pass away early this year. This left their 2 Westies homeless and in need of placing. They had been staying at a kennel for several months when their owners were hospitalized. The members had a person named Marion that had been taking care of them and helping out with the house for the last couple of years and she adopted "Lilly". A wonderful couple stepped up and adopted "Murphy" in Stow, Ohio. They are getting him settled in and he is being seen by a new veterinarian to get his Diabetes under control.

Ways and Means-we will be buying 2011 calendars to have for sale @Canfield and possibly Kimberton.

New Business:

There were 3 members that passed away the last month. Jo & Don May and Mary Kusik.

There was discussion about what everyone would like to hear or see at a club meeting, suggestions can be sent to the board members via the website. One suggestion was to maybe have Doggie Games in June at the park.

Next meeting will be April 9, 2010 at a place to be determined later.

There being no further business Donna Harris made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cathy Blacklock , Secretary



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8 common signs of illness you should be able to recognize in your dog. Many signs are nonspecific and can be associated with several different diseases.

Each of them is significant and should prompt your concern.

Let's go through each of them so you will know what are potentially problem signs:

1. **Lack of appetite** - Anorexia is often one of the very first signs of illness in dogs. It can be difficult to determine if you feed your dog dry food only and keep the bowl full. For this reason, some veterinarians recommended feeding dogs a scheduled feeding at the same time every day so that you accurately assess their appetite.

2. **Less active** - Dogs that don't feel well are often less active. Many times this "less active" sign is mistaken for "getting older". If your dog is less active, the safest thing to do is have your vet check your dog out.

3. **Weakness** - Weakness can be displayed as either being "less active", having a lethargic appearance, or by displaying a loss of balance and coordination. All of these are potentially serious signs and should prompt immediate evaluation by your veterinarian.

4. **Lethargy** - Lethargy is a general lack of interest in the environment. It is a very common symptom and can be an early or late sign of illness depending on the severity.

5. **Weight loss** - Losing weight is another common sign of disease or illness. Sometimes it is difficult to notice weight loss, especially in longhaired dogs or dogs that you see every day and may not notice subtle changes. If your dog feels bonier, lighter, or you can easily feel the ribs, this could be a problem.

6. **Increased water consumption** - Drinking more is often associated with a few diseases including kidney disease and diabetes mellitus. If you notice your dog is showing these symptoms, see your veterinarian.

7. **Not grooming** - Dogs that don't feel well don't groom or you just notice a dull lusterless coat. If your dog's coat changes, have him or her evaluated by your veterinarian.

8. **Bad breath** - Bad breath, also known as halitosis, can result from dental disease as well as other metabolic disorders.

It is a good idea to have your dog examined periodically (a physical exam is a must). This can help look for problems early. Start this at a young age.

Prevention is the best cure. Feed your dog a high quality diet and give him plenty of exercise. Watch your dog carefully for any sign of illness. If you notice any of these signs in your dog, please contact your veterinarian or veterinary emergency clinic as soon as possible.

· Summer is a wonderful time to spend outdoors with your [dog](#). Here's your chance to reclaim the outdoors. Get your dog and go out to your yard or the park for some fun. Here are some activities and tips on how to make them more enjoyable.

Fetch

This time-honored game requires nothing but a lightweight ball of relatively soft material (if it is too hard, the ball could damage your dog's teeth) and a willing dog. Make sure the ball isn't too small, otherwise he could accidentally swallow it while leaping. (Depending on the size of the dog, even a tennis ball could be too small.) The object is of course to have your dog bring the ball back to you. That isn't always the case; sometimes the dog trains the owner to run after the ball. Don't play if your dog pushes the ball at you then snatches it away as you reach for it, or if he dances around with the ball in his mouth, teasing YOU. You're just reinforcing the idea that he can give you orders.

· As the pack leader, YOU decide when to bring the ball out and when to throw it. Keep the ball in a special area that your dog is aware of, so when he sees you bring the ball out, he becomes excited and eager to please.

Follow the practice of performers to "leave 'em begging for more." That means quit the game while he's still interested, not when he becomes bored.

Lavish praise on him immediately when he retrieves the ball and brings it to you.



· **HOOPS:** What would you rather do, watch overpaid athletes strut around a basketball court or play hoops with your dog? Teaching him how isn't difficult, and he'll be grateful for the chance.

Take a container such as a big cooking pot, laundry basket or large plastic pail and weight it down with a heavy object (so it won't get knocked over).

- Introduce your dog to the basket and the ball. As he watches, drop the ball into the bucket several times, while saying "drop."
- Give him the ball, then bring him over to the bucket and say "Drop." Do this until he drops the ball in the basket, then immediately praise him (you might give him a small treat as well). You'll have to repeat this several times before he makes the connection between the reward and the action.

When the connection is made, roll or throw the ball to him and watch him doggie-dunk it!

Hula Hoop Begin by holding a hula hoop (still available at most toy stores, believe it or not!) upright, but on the floor. Lead your dog through the hoop, then reward him with praise or a treat (or both). Repeat several times.

- Raise the hoop several inches off the ground and lead him through again. Then let him go at it!

Keep raising the hoop a little more each time to make it more of a challenge, rewarding your dog each time he makes it through. Quit before he gets bored or no longer wants the treats.

Tug-of-War Dogs like playing tug-of-war, but it is important not to let the game get out of hand. Because dogs are, by instinct, hunters, the game reminds them of catching prey. For that reason, stop playing when the game starts to appear too serious. If your dog starts to take winning seriously, it's time to play a less competitive game. And don't ever show off your dog's grip by picking him up with the rope in his teeth. You should also be careful in choosing the material you should use. Don't use your socks or other clothing, even if your dog is still a puppy. He'll associate your clothing with the game and you may wind up with lots of holes in your socks. The material shouldn't shred easily, either, because your dog could swallow pieces. Your best bet is to pick a rope that has been specifically designed as a dog toy.

The Benefits of Playing With Your Dog Playing with your dog not only keeps him happy and healthy; it forges a special bond between you and your pet.

NOTICE

Applying for Club Membership

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"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." - Roger Caras.



Championship Awards

Members in good standing who earned an AKC title on their dog are entitled to an award provided by the club. This applies to titles earned from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2009.

The following information is mandatory:
The dog's registered name and title(s).
Owners names
Date titled was earned.

Please send to Randy Schriber,
4939 Suzette NW, Massillon, OH 44647
or email to fairislewestie@cs.com.

Deadline is July 1, 2009. The awards will be handed out during our Specialty weekend.

Rescue April 2010

Nellie has found her permanent home in Fostoria with a family of three adults. Almost all her fur has grown back and she is being spoiled rotten. I learned that her first night there she was happy to sleep on the couch, so the dad of the family slept there instead of his own bed. She's busy teaching them the difference between a yorkie, which they had before, and a westie princess.



Our current rescue is Ariel, who was at the Ravenna APL shelter. Her family gave her up at the end of January because she had lost 95% of her fur to a yeast infection which they couldn't afford to treat. The shelter gave her Malaseb baths, and one course of antibiotics. When we got her a month later, she had a good start on fur regrowth. Her personality is wonderful, and all the staff members cried to see her

leave. She is on a good food now, more antibiotics, and medicated baths. She will be spayed tomorrow. I was able to find her just the right foster home since the Schribers were wanting a break, and they say they are "SO going to keep her."

Chris Schriber

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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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Next Meeting: April 9th at Reed Memorial Library in Ravenna at 6:30pm