PRESIDENTS MESSAGE... Karin Parish

I am happy to report a lot of new members have stepped up and volunteered at numerous events and what a great way to learn about the club.

We had a poor turnout at the Highland Games. We thank the A-Team for holding it together. Julie/Hal Redd, Frasier & Michele, Karen T and Jeannette and Terry. We had an awesome turnout for the Pet Expo. I want to give a huge thanks to Judy Lane for taking the reins and setting up and tearing down and a huge thanks for Vicky, Dorothy, and Carolyn for working their butts off for two days and their darling little rescues. (All photos are on the website and Facebook) Jeannette and Sandy also brought the fabulous show dogs, and they were also a hit. I believe both rescues and exhibitors dogs need to be shown together so the general public knows the difference and why there is a difference. We are not belittling the rescues, but there is an obvious visual difference and health difference in most cases.

I hope you enjoy the articles in this newsletter. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Deanna Dawes, she was a wonderful editor. We would like to thank Kathy Reed for stepping up and taking over the newsletter. We are also going to have the website revamped so stay tuned for the "new Improved" website. I want to thank MaryAnn Beauduin for all her assistance.

The Specialty was a smash. Cyndee out did herself on the décor, and the festivities. The silent auction and raffle were fun and I was drooling over the original pastel (which I won) by Joanne Simpson. It was all in all a lot of fun with a lot of new people. Kathy Latz (our sweeps judge) was a kick. She was also checking her blackberry to see what was going on in NJ as her family/dogs had to be evacuated due to the hurricane hitting the coast. It was a bit dicey there for a while, and everything turned out fine. Of course we are always more worried about the dogs than anyone else. A big shout out to Big Kahuna Howard and Uke man Bob along with back up singer Gwen who just rounded off the whole "Hawaiian Experience" by entertaining us that evening.

Check out the Responsible Dog Ownership booth in Renton (we need volunteers) flyer on website, and also Halloween Party on Spooky Whidbey Island.

Due to the economy we are considering having our year end party at Bellevue Library w/cake and coffee and install our new officers. We hope you attend.

I hope you find our new issue of the newsletter informative and as exciting as ever.
HIGHLAND GAMES REPORT - Julie Redd and Karen Tilbury

The Scottish Highland games were held on July 30th and 31st. A great time was had by all! Doggie highlights of the games included Earth dog demo in which Zestie Redd gave it the old college try, but didn't make into the tunnel as it was deemed faster to get to the rat by going outside the tunnel. However, she did manage to get the barking at the rat part of the competition down. Then the Cairn terrier zipped right through the tunnel and showed Zestie her earth dog-gie moves.

Next event up was the big dog parade Findley put on quite a show by crawling on his belly and making the kids laugh. Next event was the mock dog show. Zestie thought she had a shot at winning, so out we went with all the other terriers. Zestie gave it all she had and came in first. Zestie decided she wanted to go out on a high note and choose not to compete in the mock best of show competition (she felt the Corgi’s would take the title). Zestie thought all the prizes were won but up comes a photographer and the lady in charge of the Celtic Kennel she tells Zestie we have won the President’s award for best booth representing a breed. Zestie was thrilled okay maybe she wasn’t thrilled but she did enjoy smelling the giant ribbon. All in all it was a great day. Special thanks to all the volunteers and we hope to see you back next year.
Like everywhere else we are feeling the pinch of the economy and even if we didn’t have as many of our friends from the lower states entered in our Specialty this year the ones who competed were eager to show what great little champions they are. Some were new to the ring but worked hard to show that they’ll be stars.

Now the dinner – WOW! The dinner Cyndee Lockwood said we should do a Hawaiian theme and did she ever decorate with the help of Karen Tilbury – as soon as you stepped into our area, you were Welcomed with a Hawaiian Lei, soft Island music playing in the background and served Pu Pu’s by Dee Thompson (delicious recipe she got from a friend). A great selection of items for the silent auction and then many raffle items was manned under Cyndee’s guidance and a great success $$$ . Right before dinner was served Howard & Gwen Aoyama arrived and provided live music with Robert Davis making it a musical trio – this was a delightful surprise to the evening’s festivities. This year’s Sweeps judge was Kathleen Latz, from NJ, (pictured with Karol Kusunose and her hostess Cyndee Lockwood) Yep! She was on the phone checking to see if she still had a house after Irene’s sweep along the NJ coast – it was. The very best way to view the entire Specialty and its participants is to check out the Photo album on www.whwtcops.org website.

As this year’s Specialty Chair I want to acknowledge and thank everyone who, wrote, hauled, picked-up, set-up, organized, then packed up and got us through another year – in alphabetical order: MaryAnne Beauduin, Sandy & Robert Davis, Lisa Dott, Cyndee Lockwood, Sharon & John Newsom, Karin Parish, Karen Tilbury, Dee Thompson and Shawnie Zahniser. Those wonderful Westie members who just pitch in where needed also a heartfelt thank you.
Pet Expo Westie Exhibit Booth in Puyallup - by Judy Lane

We had a whirlwind recruitment. The Pet Expo is the first one in Washington State. There have been several others in Southern California and other states. We went into it not really knowing what to expect and we had a great turn out and fabulous volunteers. Both exhibitors, pet folks, and rescue adopters showed up to help. It was a true team effort. We also brought along a little Cairn terrier who we had in our rescue program because the Cairn club had no foster homes, nor did Furbaby rescue. Little Lulu (the Cairn) was our little black polka dot and she also made a big hit. We had several Westies who were fabulous with the children and general public.

Karin and Jeannette came up with a game called “Where’s Cesar”. There was a giant poster of a bunch of Westies and it was like that game “Where’s Waldo”. The children had to find the Cesar’s dog food Westie. Jeannette bought 1000 dum-dum suckers as prizes! Well lo and behold; children apparently watch nickelodeon… and not regular TV. None of them but the mom’s even knew who the Little Cesar’s Dog was! I went home and downloaded a photo of the dog, and had it on the table, and the kids had to match the Cesar dog on the table, to the right one on the poster… and it worked better. (Things we learn!) A man named Cesar had his picture taken in front of the poster and posted it on the Pet Expo Facebook page.

We also had two daily meet the breed presentations where we took the dogs on stage and the commentator, John – very versed in dogs – talked about the breed. There were also seminars ongoing all day long on Pit bulls (which are actually from the Mastiff family – they are neither terriers nor bulldogs), and a trainer from Jeffer’s Pet booth who would answer any training questions. There was a groomer area, and you could walk into that area and ask groomers questions on grooming and tips. I wound up taking Lulu there, and telling them she was a rescue and asked if they could “spruce” her up… They took her in for a makeover. While she was being beautified… the vendor across from the grooming area, fell in love with her and wound up adopting her! The vendor next to her donated a $60 dress to Lulu as an adoption gift. All I can say is the whole event was a ton of fun.

This was so different than the Seattle Kennel Club Show. There was an iron dog demo, splash dog, wiener races, bird show, petting zoo, farm animals for adoption, VCA Hospital sponsorship adoption, and brand new products I have ever seen for dogs. There was also an entire cat building. We also received a lot of donations from Evanger’s Dog food who donated just a lot of stuff. I was thrilled. We had a gentleman, who made watering stations out of real tree branches, and he put one in every booth for advertising, and the dogs loved it.
Performance: Fall Earthdog Event — by Karin Parish

Well what a fabulous weekend with lots of good food and lots of wonderful people. Fall Earthdog trials were held over Labor Day weekend on Whidbey island and hosted by the Cascade Dachshund Club. This time Karen Tilbury couldn't make it, however our new friend, Valerie Rappleyea, from Wasilla, Alaska, came down and stayed at my house! Valerie has five Westies but only flew down with Bu. Shawnie came down on Friday night, which morphed into bbq ribs/margarita nite! Valerie brought down Bu (real name Dabu – backwards is Ubud) who is from Debbie Borgo’s- Borgo Kennels, and Shawnie brought Lexi (Sandy Davis’ line- Lanarkstone). Lexi was competing for her Senior Test for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} time. (Senior is difficult to pass) I took Ted, hoping for my final leg in Senior to get a second title, and Daisy (forever hoping to get a masters title on her as only 7 Scotties in the USA have Earthdog Titles! – only 99 Scotties have titles in Earthdog). No one on my team passed, but we made a dramatic b/w commercial when I walked Ted (Westie) and Daisy together (Black Scottie). In the USA, 450 Westies have Earthdog titles and 1,835 Border Terriers have Earthdog titles! So Team Westie was going for the ribbons!

We met up with Sandy Campbell who brought Cameron, WiFi & Bebe. We were elated it was sunny but it was also very hot for the dogs. All n all we had a fabulous weekend. Our judges were fabulous. One judge was from Atlanta, GA, and two from Northern CA. Since there wasn't a huge turnout we also had time to practice along w/Judge tips & pointers. The Novice Judges took a lot of time with the new dogs, so that everyone would have a successful experience. It was quite euphoric. We are looking forward to having Valerie join our Westie club. She has also been an exhibitor and breeder and we look forward to having her as a new member.

We hope that you will consider coming out with your Westie. If you do not have an AKC Number then you will have to apply for a PAL Number through AKC which is available on their website.

All Photos on FACEBOOK, go to the club website and click on FACEBOOK logo.

**BRAGS:**
- **LEXI** (Lanarkstone Kennels/owner Shawnie Zahniser) - gets first leg of her Senior Q (Only her third try)
- **BEBE** (Camcrest Kennels/owner Sandy Campbell) - gets leg of her Masters
- **CAMERON** (Camcrest Kennels/owner Sandy Campbell) - **Gets Junior Title **

**KUDOS for giving it their all:** Dabu, Ted and WiFi
INTERESTING FACTS & TRIVIA – by Karin Parish

AGILITY
In 2010 38,275 AKC agility titles were earned by 190 breeds. Here is the breakout by group:

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Ranking based on number of titles earned, the top ten breeds are:
1. Border Collies (5,282 titles)
2. Shetland Sheepdogs (4,192)
3. Australian Shepherds (2,803)
4. Golden Retrievers (2,419)
5. Labrador Retrievers (1,406)
6. Poodles (1,375) includes standard, miniature and toy
7. All American Dog (1,292) eligible for only 9 months of 2010
8. Pembroke Welsh Corgis (1,021)
9. Papillons (986)
10. Cocker Spaniels (678)

PUREBRED STATS INSIGHT:
I had a long chat with John Bowen who was formerly executive committee counsel on purebred dogs. He worked out of the State of CA and he has done a lot of statistics crunching. He also bred and showed his own dogs (Italian Greyhounds). He talked to me extensively about the evolution of purebred dogs. He also gave me statistics. John compiled stats and we chatted about the following:

- In the 60s 7-10% of purebred dogs were bred by exhibitors and 75% were from commercial breeders, 15% were from other who were not affiliated to any club.
- In the late 70s and early 80s, only 5% of purebred dogs were bred by exhibitors, 70% were from commercial breeders and 25% are other (backyard breeders or just anyone with a couple of dogs breeding once a year).

The commercial breeders and other category had no affiliation with a purebred club. They were not interested or knew any hereditary problems, nor did they care about gene pool, etc.

- 2003 -Today only 2% of purebred dogs are bred by exhibitors who are affiliated with a club
- 30% are from commercial breeders (puppy mills) (BIG DROP)
- 68% are bred by “other” (backyard breeders, mom and pop breeding their pet Westies)

The “other” category seems to have a larger variety of dogs with hereditary problems, and other issues because no care is taken on selection. He said if you took the 2 percent of purebred dogs being bred by exhibitors and put them in a category of “dog” we would be on the endangered extinction list. It was just an eye opener. Perhaps that is why I see 50% of dogs in rescue with allergies, knee problems, dry eye and legg calves perthes? Three years ago when I did rescue, one out of five dogs had severe allergies, and now it’s 50/50. Big jump!

The info above is only for educational purposes, and I hope you tell your friends who want a “Westie” that they need to be aware of who they are buying their dog from. It’s all about us educating the public.
People do not understand that the exhibitors breed their stock to be free of hereditary health problems. It's not just about a pretty fluffy head. Their bone structure is "the best", they screen for hereditary gene problems which are very costly, and they only breed the best stock as well as temperament and other important issues associated with the breed. Most of the breeders in our club have been breeding from over 10-40 years and are a valuable asset and knowledge base. Several of these breeders are on the National level of the Westie Club of America and are advocates for stamping out hereditary diseases and finding the mutant gene that causes it. This trickles down to the pets also and helps us all. (Westie Foundation Newsletter is an example)

Therefore, the next time you go to a show and see the exhibitors spraying that head, and chalking that coat, and baiting the dog with a treat between their teeth --- be in awe--- for all they have done for our breed and keeping with the standard so we haven't morphed into a Westie-poo. They deserve a round of applause.

**AKC EARTH DOG STATS**

AKC stats for earthdog titles for border terriers is 1885 dogs. Westies hold 450 titles in Earthdog. Scotties hold 99. This is a sport that your Westie can excel at with some training. I encourage you to "get down and dirty" with us, and enjoy this fun sport.

SPDR STATS - 2010  (newsletter available on line)  

The pit bull reps quit. They were overwhelmed with dogs. They have a new group called Bullseye Rescue, however, they are not taking any rescues. Other dogs who do not have representation, therefore not represented, but are high counts in rescue are: Cocker Spaniels, Chihuahuas, Beagle, German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, The total amount of dogs rescued by SPDR in 2010 is 1,213 dogs.

1. Dachshund - 181  
2. Labrador Retrievers (goldens not included) - 170  
3. Siberian Husky – 140  
4. Shih Tzu - 87  
5. Collie – 87  
6. Westies – 66  
7. Border Collies – 58  
8. Lhasa’s – 56  
9. Boston Terriers – 52  
10. Welch Corgis – (cardigans/pembrooks not represented) 37  
11. German short hair pointers – 36  
12. Mini Schnauzers – 35

Petfinder Stats- Highest Number of Breeds Listed in USA (Aug 30, 2011) – 182,312 dogs listed in shelters and rescue groups
1. 24,362  Lab Retrievers (surprised???)  
2. 17,000  Pit Bulls  
3. 15,475  Chihuahua’s  
4. 7,911  Boxers  
5. 6,293  Dachshunds  
6. 4,200  Border Collies

*305 Westies (only 135 are purebred)
Choosing Boarding Facility For Your Dog  - By Dona Cooper

As you pack the suitcases for that needed summer vacation did you suddenly notice that Fido, your dog, has jumped into one of the suitcases? Climbing into your suitcase is Fido’s way of saying, “Hey, don’t forget your special dog”.

Being the responsible pet owner, most likely you are considering Fido’s doggie vacation in a quality boarding facility while you are away. Possibly one of the very best facilities for Fido’s needed exercise and happiness is one that is cage free and kennel free. But how do you select a top-quality dog boarding accommodation? Always take your dog and go look at two or three facilities before selecting a place.

Here are the top things to consider in determining a superb dog boarding facility:

- First, take a critical look to make sure the facility is picked up and clean. Does the facility use anti-bacterial solutions to kill viruses and other germs?

- Second, observe the other dogs currently boarding. Are they barking wildly, panting in the corner, drooling, crouching with ears horizontal & tails tucked under in submissive postures, hiding behind bushes and looking stressed and fearful? Or are they happily coming up to look at you, tongues hanging out from playing and tails wagging. It is unavoidable that there may be one stressed dog among many, but the great majority should have either mellow, content eyes or eyes that sparkle from excitement plus doggie facial expressions that resemble happy smiles.

- Make sure there are clean, dry indoor playrooms as well as secure outdoor areas for the dogs to have supervised play, pal around together, romp and exercise. Find a place that allows the dogs to have sunshine and fresh air and that allows the dogs inside or outside as the weather dictates.

- Next, almost no one ever asks about this very important item: Ask to look at the dog’s eating bowls. They should be stainless steel and cleanly washed after each use. How are the dogs fed? The answer usually will be that the dogs are divided when being fed. But ask how they are divided to ensure that dogs get their own food. At Doggie Care Resort, the only time dogs are caged is at meal times when they are put into individual x-pens with the doors shut which guarantees the dogs get their own food. Subsequent to meals, the dogs are let out again. Is there a separate refrigerator for dog food? How do they handle raw dog food which if allowed to thaw and left out can hold Salmonella?

- Ask to look at the sleeping quarters. Each dog should receive a fresh & sterilized bed. All washing machines should be for canine sterilizing only and not for humans. Dog toys should be washed as well.

- Ask if current vet reports showing dogs are current in all shots are required. All dogs should be neutered and spayed. Especially in a kennel free facility, make certain there is a policy for the facility not to accept canine bullies or aggressive dogs that may bite. Understand that some dogs may not be well trained or well socialized, but these are not the same as truly aggressive or attacking dogs that could put other dogs in jeopardy.
Doggie Care Resort (cont’d)

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♦ Evaluate the dog’s living areas. Are they warm for winter & cooled in the heat? Analyze the outdoor play areas. Are toxic chemicals used to kill weeds and slugs or is the area organic? Are there poisonous plants such as Castor Beans or Wolfsbane (both seriously toxic to dogs as well as other plants).

♦ Check the facility. Are there double gates so dogs can’t escape? Are the fences in good shape and is there a barrier below the fence line in case dogs dig to get free. There should be brick or fencing material about one to two feet down below the fence line. Check the supervision, are the staff trained? Are there numerous bowls of fresh drinking water? How long has the facility been in business? Do they have forms for you to complete? Will they take your dog to a vet if your dog gets sick or has an emergency? Ask questions. Are the owners hobby caretakers or are they professional and knowledgeable about dogs?

After vacation when you pick up your dog, look at his face and posture. Your dog will tell you whether he has had a good time and was treated with patience, love and kindness.

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You know you want one of these!
Who is going to be the first one?
Kat Von D’s where are you when we need you?
What’s to become of the Seniors?... By Karin Parish

Annie & Abby – 10 yrs old - We have recently been contacted to help out with some seniors. Of course when they tell me they have an older dog – they tell me its 8 yrs old, and after I get it and get vet records, I find out its 10 yrs old going on 11. We have four senior girls who need homes. The two on the right are Annie and Abby, who are litter mates, AKC registered. Their owner was in her mid-80s and couldn’t care for them; they were flea ridden so badly that the fleas were jumping onto the vet. They also had eye infections, ear infections and severe hair loss. It consistently amazes me that people don’t treat for fleas, and this is a result which morphs into yeast piled onto bacteria, and an ear infection, and infected eyes. We are going to keep Abby and Annie together, they are very mellow dogs, and easy to handle. We are looking for a forever home for them. One of them has a slight heart murmur but we find that with yeast, we hear it and when the yeast is gone, the murmur goes away.

Wendy 10 yrs- Wendy was a former rescue we placed in Oregon. She was previously adopted out in 2008. Her former adopter contacted me because he lost his job and couldn’t take care of her. He said had lost his job, and she was allergic to fleas and had severe hair loss, and he could no longer care for her. Wendy was born with a deformed pad on her rear leg, and she has always had a rolling gait. Due to that deformity she has the onset of arthritis and is a bit touchy about her back hip being bothered. She came into rescue with severe yeast and staph infection and severe eye infection, ear infection – just keep adding to the list. She also had lost 5 lbs. She is in foster care in Astoria, and will remain there until she gets well. She is on her way to health with her antibiotics, and meds. When she gets strong again she will start some arthritis meds. She gets along with other dogs, chases cats, but she also needs a home. She is otherwise in good shape. These photos are taken two days after we picked her up and gave her flea meds, and antibiotics and a bath and good food.. she looked worse. She is a sweet girl that needs a forever home. Older dogs are easy to be around, wise, and grateful. She is currently being fostered in Astoria, OR.
Little Misty – 11 yrs old - Little Misty (formerly Snowflake) was wandering the streets of Port Angeles, and was picked up by animal control. She had severe skin problems, and they bathed her and adopted her out through the shelter. Alas, Misty was mostly deaf, so she was promptly returned, and the Port Angeles shelter called me and asked me if we would take their 8 yr old Westie who was partially deaf. Misty came to us in bad shape with another staph/yeast/ear and bladder infection. She had had chronic ear infections for so long that her ear canals were deformed and so small we couldn’t get the meds down her. She stayed with Judy for two mos and we find her so darling and sweet, but pretty deaf. She is affectionate and a lap dog, but she does have some skin problems. We called her microchip company and found out she was 11 yrs old, not 8 yrs old. She toddles around, and loves the other dogs, pays no attention to the cats, and is sweet. We’d love to get her into a home with someone who will love her to pieces. She is small, weighing 15 lbs. She is stunningly beautiful. She is easy going but we require a fenced yard because she won’t hear you to recall. She also will need frequent baths to keep her skin in shape. She has a temperament to die for. She’s a great lap dog.

The happy ending: There are no happy endings for these dogs unless they are adopted. They wind up being euthanized or wind up being permanent fosters, which prohibits us from taking in any other adoptable dogs. We do not want to be faced with euthanizing a Westie who is well-mannered because its 10 yrs old. Old dogs are very grateful and loving. If you have any interest in adopting one, let us know ASAP, or even being a permanent foster home so we can make space for the new incoming dogs. These little women have given love and affection to someone their whole lives, and now they are tossed out in terrible shape like trash. They don’t deserve it. They deserve a loving home.

RESCUE ASSISTANCE

In this economy, the prices for veterinary services, and dog food, gas, etc, is soaring. We need more foster homes for short term stays when we are backed up. We also can always use donations of the following to assist us with our costs and keep us functioning. Foster moms/dads care for rescue dogs 24/7 which includes grooming, bathing, training, and all kinds of other hard work that they can never be repaid for. If you want to donate something and don’t know how to help we can always use:

- Petco gift cards
- A book of postage stamps
- Costco gift cards (for dog food and ink/paper for printing/envelopes/file folders)

Mail to: Westie Rescue, 4371 Hilltop Drive, Clinton, WA 98236
Hi, my name is Sir McRuff, but you simply know me as Ruffy. I have a pretty fun life with Paul and Charlotte, when they said they were going to go to Hawaii for two weeks I got pretty excited. I had heard them talk about Hawaii, had seen pictures and was ready to go and play on the beach. My excitement got doused when Paul told me I couldn’t go because the State of Hawaii would put me into something called ‘quarantine,’ in other words I would have to sit in a kennel for six weeks. Instead I would go stay with ‘Auntie Sharon’. I was disappointed, but I like going to her place, she has a big fenced backyard with lots of squirrels to chase, and we go on walks around Green Lake. I would have a good time, though I would have rather gone with Paul and Charlotte to Hawaii.

Everyone got ready to go, ‘Auntie Sharon’ came by and picked me up, and took Paul and Charlotte to the airport. The airport is a mystery to me, we go there and people get out of the car and go inside this big building, I am not sure what they do in there. I have never been allowed to go inside. Maybe Hawaii is in there, do you think? Sometime later we go back and they come out and get into the car. I am kind of sad when we go there, as I know I am getting left behind, but when we go back I get really excited because I know we are picking someone up.

As usual Paul and Charlotte got out of the car, took their suitcases, and disappeared inside the big building. Auntie Sharon and I went home, sure enough there were the squirrels and I started making life miserable for them, but great fun for me.

I had been at ‘Auntie Sharon’s’ a few days when she said “come on, I have to go to the drug store”. I was happy, I love going in the car, even if I have to sit in it and wait. We got to the drug store and ‘Auntie Sharon’ said “wait here I will only be five minutes.” She got out of the car and went inside. I looked around and noticed that she forgot to take the keys with her. That would be ok; she was only going to be gone five minutes. She no more than disappeared into the store when this man, who I didn’t know, opened the door and got in. He started the motor and drove off without ‘Auntie Sharon’. I got kind of scared because I didn’t know him, or where we were going. He got onto I-5 and started driving south, pretty soon I did not recognize anything and I became really scared. I did my best to stay quiet, but after a couple of hours I had to go potty, I tried to tell him. He told me “shut up and get in the back”. I kept asking and finally he pulled off to the side of the freeway, I thought, finally I get to go. He opened door, pushed me out, and drove off. Now I was really scared, I didn’t know where I was, it was dark and raining and all the cars were going past me really fast. I decided I’d better get away from the road so I walked up the bank until I came to a fence and started to follow it. I didn’t know where I was or where to go.

About that time a car stopped along the road, a lady opened the door and called “here poochie, poochie”. I didn’t know who she was, but she looked and sounded friendly so I ran and jumped into her car. She took off after the man that dropped me off. She caught up with him and called the State Patrol. She gave them the license number, and told them she had picked me up, but wasn’t sure what to do with me. The State Patrol told her to take me to the animal shelter. She looked at me and said “my name is Julie and no you are to well cared for to have simply been dumped, I’m going to take you home with me”. Boy that was best news I had ever heard. When we got to her house she looked at my ID tag and tired to call Paul, of course he wasn’t home he was in Hawaii. Julie had a big yellow cat named Lily and right way Lily told me she did not like me in her house. Julie told her it was ok and I would not be there very long. Julie went next-door and barrowed some dog food from the neighbor so I could have my supper. I was really hungry after my
ordeal. When it came time for bed Julie made me a bed on the big chair in her bedroom, she said I could not sleep on the bed since she had just gotten new bedding. That was ok, at least I had a warm dry place to sleep, and she was really nice. She said we would try and call Paul in the morning.

The next morning she tried again, of course he didn’t answer. Julie said she had another idea; she would call my vet, his number was on my rabies tag. She called and told them what had happened and that she was trying to get in touch with Paul but no one answered. They looked up my records and told Julie to try the cell phone number. They wanted to know how I was and they too would try to get in touch with Paul.

It was about noon and Julie made the call to Paul’s cell phone, little did she know it was only 9 o’clock in the morning for Paul, and that he was just eating his breakfast and reading the paper. He answered and she asked if this was Paul. Then she asked him if he had a “little white Scottie dog named Ruffy” I tried to tell her I was a Westie not a Scottie but she didn’t listen. Paul said “yes,” and she told him I was with her in Vancouver WA. I heard him exclaim over the phone, “Vancouver Washington, how the hell did he get down there?” Julie explained how she had seen this car pull off to the side of the freeway and push me out, and that she had called to me and I got into the car and that I was safe with her.

Paul explained that he was in Hawaii and would not be home for two weeks and wasn’t sure what to do about the situation. Julie told him not worry, she had gotten food from her neighbor and I was welcome to stay with her until Paul came home. She told him I was doing fine, however Lily her cat didn’t particularly care for me. Lily sat on top of the bookcase and stared at me.

I stayed several days with Julie, then one morning she said, “Come on Ruffy we are going for a ride.” We got in her big truck and we drove to someplace called Chehalis where we met Auntie Sharon and I went back to her place to stay. I told ‘Auntie Sharon’ “don’t you dare leave your keys I don’t want to get stolen again”.

When Paul and Charlotte got home I sure had a story to tell them. For the next month I did not let them get out of my sight, I was scared something might happen to me again.

Footnote: The person who stole the car abandoned it near Weed CA. Along the way he sold the GPS in order to get gas money. When the car finally ran out of fuel he left it beside the freeway and stole another vehicle. He was later apprehended in Central California and booked into jail. If he returns to WA there is a warrant for his arrest for car theft and animal cruelty. The car was returned, and the person who purchased the GPS returned it after attempting to register it with Garmin. Ruffy does have a microchip, however his tags made it very easy for Julie to locate us by simply calling the veterinarian number stamped on the Rabies tag.

Ingredients:

1 (1.5 oz) Sugar Free Instant Vanilla Pudding mix.
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 cup milk, low or fat free
1 (15 oz) can pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling mix)

Instructions:
Whisk the vanilla pudding mix, pumpkin pie spice and milk together until dissolved, approximately 2 minutes. fold or gently stir in the pumpkin. Scoop mixture into small paper or plastic cups or plastic popsicle mold. Place in freezer and freeze completely, about 3 hours. Take out desired serving and let sit 5 minutes. Release from mold and serve to your Giant.
Dear Friends and Family,

It is with great joy that, we bring you this update. Saving Henri is a journey that began on February 26, 2009. Henri was 5-months old, in the middle of teething, when he suddenly fell ill. The journey that started with a gravely ill puppy, has blossomed into a true miracle. I want to emphasize the word miracle here because an amazing set of events had to perfectly align for Henri to survive-An accurate diagnosis, a nearby blood bank, a matching blood donor, etc.

Several months ago, Meisha's Hope, a nonprofit dedicated to IMHA awareness and support, contacted us about Henri's story. Meisha's Hope, along with its affiliate the Morris Animal Foundation, have published Henri's story, making it permanently available to the world. Henri's Story is their September 2011 Success Story. Here is the link: http://www.cloudnet.com/~jdickson/successstories.htm

We hope that through sharing his story it will provide hope to others battling this dreadful illness. Enjoy the story. And THANK YOU for helping us in Saving Henri and making him a success story.

Sincerely,
Ella, Jeff, Bella, and Henri-The Miracle Boy

To Learn more about IMHA Link: http://www.cloudnet.com/~jdickson
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Where:  Spooky Whidbey Island
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        Langley WA     98260*

RSVP:   360-730-154 or ja_bolin@comcast.net

Please let us know how many dogs you are bringing and their sex.

Potluck: Please bring your favorite dish or dessert
        We'll provide drinks

Fun Games!      Costume Contest!!       Good treats!!!

Take 405 North until it ends - it will turn into I-525 - From Mukilteo-Clinton ferry go north on HWY 525 to Freeland (about 10 miles). Turn right on Harbor AVE, see Whidbey Bank on corner. Turn left at first intersection onto Main ST. Turn right onto East Harbor RD. Drive 5 miles, turn left onto Holmes View DR. Ours is the first house on the right.
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Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 25**  
  WHWTOPS AKC Responsible Dog Owner Day Booth

- **Oct. 29**  
  WHWTOPS Annual Halloween Party Chair: Ardeth Bolin

- **Dec**  
  Year End Party

New Member Applications

Jim and Linda Moore of Yelm

New Members

Mary Anne Beauduin, Renton  
Terry Reesing, Covington

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