

Brief History of the Westie

How the Westie came to be selectively bred for his white coat is an interesting legend. The short-legged terriers of Scotland are now recognized as the Scottish, Skye, Cairn, Dandie Dinmont, and West Highland White Terriers. All undoubtedly descend from the same roots. All of these dogs were valued as intrepid hunters of small game. Originally, their coat colors ranged from black to red to cream or white.

Colonel Edward Donald Malcolm, of Poltalloch, Argyllshire, Scotland, is generally credited with breeding the white dogs true, although he took none of the credit unto himself. He had kept a pack of light colored working terriers for hunting. As the legend goes, a reddish dog of his, emerging from cover, was mistakenly shot for a fox. Malcolm is said to have decided on the spot to breed only white dogs that could be readily identified in the field.

The breed was listed officially as the West Highland White Terrier in 1907 at the Crufts dog show in England. The name was chosen for the rugged character of the dogs and the area of their development.

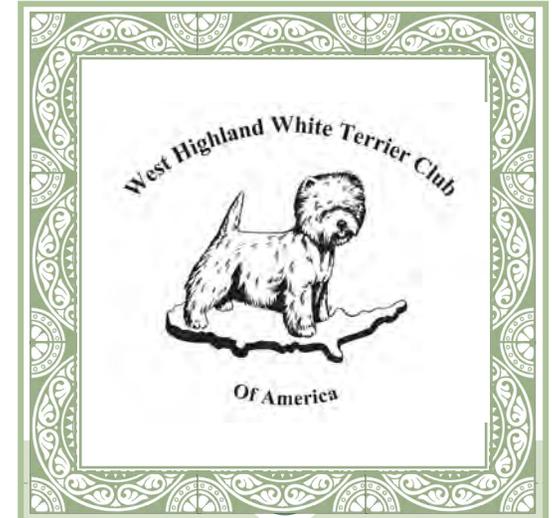
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Agility
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Conformation
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"Welcome to our Wonderful World of Westies!"

The West Highland White Terrier Club of America was founded in 1909. It is a member club of the American Kennel Club.

The Club's Annual Meeting, National Specialty shows and National performance events are usually held during the same week as the Montgomery County Kennel Club show in Pennsylvania in October.

The Club also holds an annual national Roving Specialty show, often with one of its regional clubs acting as host.

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West Highland White Terrier Club of America (WHWTCA)

This national club is made up of Westie fanciers from all over the country and other countries around the world. It has the responsibility of setting the standard that defines a Westie. All dog show judges use this guideline as a standard of excellence to evaluate each Westie.

The West Highland White Terrier Club of America (WHWTCA) is a Member Club of the American Kennel Club. It holds two annual specialty shows, two puppy and veteran sweepstakes, and a number of performance events including agility, barnhunt, CAT/FastCAT, earthdog, obedience, rally, scent work and tracking.

Additionally, the National Club sponsors shows and seminars, supports research and helps prospective Westie owners, like you, learn more about the unique ways of the Westie. A good resource is the magazine published by the WHWTCA, [The Westie Imprint](#), which is sent quarterly and can be purchased.

For more information about the WHWTCA, send an e-mail to:

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The West Highland White Terrier Club of America presents annual awards recognizing the top West Highland White Terriers in Conformation and Performance.

Conformation

These awards are presented to the member whose Westie earned the most wins from the Conformation categories, where there was competition from the calendar year.

Obedience

These awards are presented to the member whose Westie earned the greatest number of Annual Obedience Award Points for the calendar year.

Rally

In each Rally category, the member whose Westie earned the greatest total number of Annual Rally Obedience Award Points for the calendar year receives the award for that year.

Agility

In each Agility category, the member whose Westie earned the greatest total number of Annual Agility Award Points for the calendar year receives the award for that year.

Bred By Exhibitor Awards

The WHWTCA offers to its members a special award if your Westie completed his or her championship from the Bred By Exhibitor Class. AKC rules are observed – that is, all points must be from the BBE class.



The Versatile Dog Award (VD, VDA, VDX) program is to recognize the accomplishments of members' dogs that achieve certain high levels of accomplishment in their lifetime. Awards are based on a point system, where each level of achievement in an area earns a point. There are 5 categories across 11 activities.

The Registry of Merit (ROM) and Registry of Merit Excellent (ROMX) programs are to honor the producing achievements of sires and dams that have produced a specific number of champion offspring. By awarding a ROM title to deserving producers, it gives the club a permanent record of Westie history and will serve as a learning tool in pedigree study and research.

The Performance Registry of Merit (PROM) is awarded to the dog/bitch that is a Champion of Record or has earned the VD Award, and meets one the following two additional requirements: (1) Sire of 4 offspring with VD Awards and an additional 6 offspring with Performance titles. (2) Dam of 2 offspring with VD Awards and an additional 3 offspring with Performance titles.

Performance Registry of Merit Excellent (PROMX) is awarded to the dog/bitch that is a Champion of Record or has earned the VD Award, and meets one the following two additional requirements: (1) Sire of 4 offspring with VDX Awards, an additional 4 offspring with VD Awards and an additional 2 offspring with Performance titles. (2) Dam of 2 offspring with VDX Awards, an additional 2 offspring with VD Awards and an additional 1 offspring with Performance titles.

Additional Member Benefits Include: Breeder/Litter Listings, Judges' Education & Seminars, Health Information and Subscription to [The Westie Imprint](#)