



Westie Club
of the South

WESTIE TALES

JULY 2010

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COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR FIRST EVER WESTIE FIESTIE!

Nacho average **Westie Club of the South, Inc.** meeting, our first ever **Westie Fiestie** will be hot fun in the summertime! The **Westie Fiestie** pawty and membership meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 15 at 2:00 pm** at **Must Love Dogs, 4225 JVL Industrial Park Drive, Marietta, GA 30066**. All Westie Club members, your families and friends are invited to attend.

We promise lots of fun, including a piñata, which is, of course, a *gato!*

The attire for this fun fiesta themed event is your best westie fiestie wear. Westies in costumes are welcome, but keep canine clothing to a minimum because of the heat in August, por favor. For some pretty cool westie fiesta wear check out: http://www.cafepress.com/+mexican-fiesta+dog_tees.

Please bring an item for "**Hark and Bark**". "Hark and Bark" is the Westie Club's version of "Show and Tell" for dogs. Members share opinions on dog-related items we like and those, maybe not so much. Each presentation should be about two minutes in length and we limit the presentations to 5 per meeting.

In keeping with the Westie Fiestie theme, Mexican food is the order of the day. Ay Chihuahua, chips and salsa are already spoken for! Drinks and paper goods will be provided by the Westie Club. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Westies are welcome and must be leashed, crated or ex-penned at all times. Please bring materials to clean up after your westie, too. The management of Must Love Dogs has asked that you potty your dogs in the fenced area at the far end of the building before entering.

Questions? Call Kim Gage at kim1g@aol.com por favor. Look for email updates, too. Hasta la vista!

Ole'! Ole'! Ole'!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Harriett Gess

Westie Club of the South, Inc Profit & Loss Standard July 19, 2010

	July 2010	Jan - July 19, 2010
Income		
General Fund		
Membership dues	\$0.00	\$1,708.00
Donations, Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraising Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00
Event fees (Pass through)	\$588.00	\$588.00
General - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total General Fund	\$588.00	\$2,296.00
Rescue fund		
Adoption Fees	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Fundraising Sales	\$1,057.00	\$1,103.90
Donations, Cash	\$79.00	\$4,750.21
Donations, Rainbow Bridge Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rescue Other	\$270.20	\$270.20
Total Rescue Fund	\$1,406.20	\$8,624.31
Total Income	\$1,994.20	\$10,920.31
Expenses		
Reconciliation Discrepancies	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Expense		
Insurance	\$0.00	\$234.00
Licenses & Fees	\$0.00	\$38.00
Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Expense	\$0.00	\$2,932.41
Postage and Shipping	\$0.00	\$40.00
Website expense	\$0.00	\$119.40
Membership Recognition	\$0.00	\$0.00
Event Expense	\$523.73	\$523.73
Total General Expense	\$523.73	\$3,887.54
Rescue Expense		
Veterinary Expense	\$198.79	\$3,943.05
Food & Equipment	\$0.00	\$96.99
Fundraising Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Expense	\$0.00	\$50.00
Total Rescue Expense	\$198.79	\$4,090.04

Total Expense	\$722.52	\$7,977.58
Net Income	\$1,271.68	\$2,942.73

Bank Account		
As of		19-Jul-10
General Fund		\$1,520.37
Rescue Fund		\$7,195.48
General Rescue Fund	\$6,495.48	
Rainbow Bridge Fund	\$700.00	
Teresa Naiser Memorial	\$0.00	
Total Rescue Fund	\$7,195.48	
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$8,715.85

Great news!

The proceeds of the sale of our Auction items ---- \$1,057 at our Annual Banquet! The difference in the price we charged for the banquet and the amount charged to us by Spaghetti Warehouse was \$68.27. This was primarily due to the restaurant not charging us for desserts not ordered and no charge for the appetizers.

We also made \$230.00 at the Grooming Seminar. Our commission on the sale of Patriotic T-shirts through Yellow Llama was \$40.20 and we also received a donation of \$75.00 from Darnigold Forest, LLC (the previous embroidery vendor).

Also, many thanks to B. J. Harrison’s vet, Dr. Roberts, for the generous donation of Rimadyl to our program.



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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Cindy Levine

MEETING MINUTES

**WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 27, 2010**

The June 27, 2010, Annual Membership Meeting, Banquet, and Auction of the Westie Club of the South, Inc., was held at Spaghetti Warehouse, 2475 Delk Road, Marietta, Georgia, with 27 members present. Following "yappy hour," auction preview, and dinner, Kim Gage, President, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Kim Gage called a motion for adoption of the agenda, accepted by Kathy Barnes, seconded by Cindy Levine, and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

President – Kim Gage:

- Kim mentioned that, besides having lots of fun, we are continuing the tradition of Westie clubs across the country in having an auction to benefit Westie Rescue. She thanked the following people/organizations who helped in making this event so enjoyable: Martin Saunders for providing the slide show; Heather Taylor for helping with the slide

show and being in charge of the auction this year; City Dog Market and Top Dog Pet Boutique for providing the dog treats; and Home Depot for donating the paddle handles.

- Denise Cooper, a founding member and current Newsletter Editor, was introduced to the newer members in attendance.
- Kim announced a change in committees:
 - Kathy Barnes is the new Membership Chair. Kim presented Cindy Levine with a plaque expressing the club's appreciation for her service as Membership Chair from 2007-2010.
 - Gary Pence is the new equipment manager of the rescue and will take Kim's place as soon as he feels comfortable with his new role.
- Kim gave a big "thank you" and gifts to the Board members for

filling in again while she was ill.

Vice President – Kathy Barnes: Nothing to report.

Secretary – Cindy Levine: A motion was made by Kim Gage, accepted by Kathy Barnes, and seconded by Harriett Gess to waive the reading of the minutes from the April 2010 membership meeting and accept the minutes as published in the club newsletter, *Westie Tales*. The motion carried by unanimous assent.

Treasurer – Harriett Gess:

- Harriett stated that she has brought copies of the annual report for anyone who would like to review it.
- As of December 31, 2009, there was \$5,773.12 in the checking account. The current balance is \$7,394.72.

Member at Large – Judy

Carter: Judy was absent from the proceedings. In her place, Kim Gage presented the following Volunteer of the Year Awards:

- Cathy Moerchen, recognized for organizing the Dog-Sitting Co-Op, which has a direct financial benefit for our members in lower boarding fees, and the rescue rodeo, which realized funds for our Westie Rescue.
- Pam Smith, recognized for organizing the club's participation in the Dunwoody 4th of July Parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs – Kim Gage: Kim announced that our next general membership meeting on August

15 would carry a Westie Fiestie theme. Details will be in the July newsletter (page one).

Fundraising – Heather Taylor:

- **iGive:** The total as of June 27 is approximately \$160. Heather thanked those members and their friends who have been using iGive for their online shopping.
- **Auction:** Heather encouraged everyone to “buy lots” during the auction tonight.

Fourth of July Parade – Pam

Smith: Let Kathy Barnes know if you are going to participate in the parade this year. Watch your e-mail for instructions on meeting times and places.

Rescue – Kim Gage: Kim announced that Gary Pence will be taking over her duties with

the rescue. In addition, Melinda Henning, an experienced dog trainer, will assist the rescue with foster dog issues and training of foster caregivers.

Membership – Kathy Barnes:

Kathy introduced new members attending this evening. Birthdays will be recognized at the next meeting.

There being no further business before the membership, a motion to adjourn was made by Kim Gage, accepted by Marcia Watson, seconded by Denise Cooper, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to the auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Levine, Secretary
Westie Club of the South, Inc.



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**WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2010**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westie Club of the South, Inc., was held at the home of Kim Gage, Woodstock, Georgia, on July 18, 2010. (The full address can be obtained from the membership roster.) President Kim Gage called the meeting to order by at 2:20 p.m. Those in attendance were Kim Gage, President; Kathy Barnes, Vice President; Harriett Gess, Treasurer; Cindy Levine, Secretary; Judy Carter, Member at Large; Gary Pence, Equipment Manager, Atlanta Westie Rescue Committee; and Heather Taylor, Fundraising Chair.

A motion was called by President Kim Gage to adopt the agenda for this meeting, accepted by Kathy Barnes, seconded by Harriett Gess, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May 2010 Board meeting were read by Secretary Cindy Levine. President Kim Gage called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2010 board meeting, accepted by Kathy Barnes, seconded by Harriett Gess, and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the June 2010 membership meeting were read and will be published in the July issue of *Westie Tales*. These minutes will be voted on at the August meeting by the general membership.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President's Report – Kim Gage: Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report – Kathy Barnes: Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Levine: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Harriett Gess:

1. Financial Statement: Treasurer Harriett Gess reported that the checking balance as of July 18, 2010, is \$8,715.85. This amount includes the following deposits: \$1,057 from the auction, \$230 from the grooming seminar, \$40.20 from Yellow Lama for T-shirts, \$75.00 from Pup'parel.
2. The Board acknowledged an in-kind donation to the rescue of Rimadyl from BJ Harrison's vet, Dr. Roberts, and a gift card from Montrose for a referral.
3. A check in the amount of \$53.63 has been received from iGive, and it will be deposited this week.

Member at Large – Judy Carter: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Meetings – Kim Gage:** The August 15, 2010, membership meeting will carry the theme of *Westie Fiestie*. It will be held at Must Love Dogs in Marietta. Members will be encouraged to dress up their Westies based on the theme. The program for this meeting is undecided but "holistic medicine" and "nutrition" were suggested as topics.

2. **Dunwoody 4th of July Parade** – Kim Gage: Pam Smith was unable to attend this board meeting. However, there was much discussion about everything that was “right” with this parade and how much fun it was. The Westie Club of the South won a first-place ribbon in the Decorated Car category.
3. **Fundraising** – Heather Taylor:
 - a. **iGive**: Since the inception of our alliance with this website, the Westie Club of the South, Inc. members and friends have generated \$178.96 in donations for our rescue.
 - b. **Calendar Theme**: The 2011 calendar will contain photos from 12 club meetings and events: Pawti Gras, the rescue picnic, annual meeting, Westie Fiestie, Howl-O-Ween Party, Snow Ball, auction, parade, Pet Expo, Rescue Rodeo, Top Dogs Pet Expo, and classes held during meetings.
 - c. **Matching Donations**: Heather will check into matching donations.
 - d. **Portraits by Martin Saunders**: Kim is working with Martin on scheduling his time to provide portrait sittings for our member families. She hopes to have the sittings done in October. The fee minus Martin’s expenses will be counted as a donation to our rescue.
 - e. **Yellow Lama**: Kim and Heather attended a meeting with the proprietors of Yellow Lama, which is now producing our logowear.
 - (1) **Website**: Yellow Lama is willing to create a web page for the club that will include up to six items of logowear and up to three price points for donation to our rescue. It is hoped that this will make the items more affordable. After discussion, President Kim Gage called for a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$35 for Yellow Lama to create this web site, approved by Kathy Barnes, seconded by Judy Carter, and the motion carried unanimously.
 - (2) **Family Day at Yellow Lama**: Heather hopes to set a date for early November for members and their families to attend a “crafting” day at Yellow Lama. As explained, this would entail bringing a favorite photograph and applying it to a piece of clothing or other item. Samples from Yellow Lama were displayed at the meeting. This would be something on the east side of town that would include the entire family.
 - (3) Kim is going to look through her notes regarding a standard shirt color for our rescue. It is believed that a standard color with our logo would reassure those being visited that we are actually who we say we are.
4. **Website** – Kim Gage: Kim reported that James Terrell has offered to build our new website. He believes he can start working on it in August.

A recess was requested at 3:45, and the Board returned to the agenda at 3:50 p.m.

5. **Rescue** – Kim Gage, Cindy Levine, Gary Pence:
 - a. The trainings sessions being conducted by Kim with Gary Pence and Melinda Henning continue, and progress is being made toward turning over Kim’s responsibilities to Gary.
 - b. Gary continues to go on as many home visits as possible.
 - c. Samples of dog treats and food have been donated by Top Dogs Pet Boutique.
 - d. There is currently one approved applicant, three applications are waiting for processing, and two home visits were done this weekend.
 - e. Foster care policy has been changed temporarily in that we will not have any more than five Westies in rescue at any given time. It is hoped that this will provide much needed breaks for our foster caregivers.

- f. Kim is working on forms revisions.
 - g. Kim, Cindy and Gary are working on website revisions.
 - h. Because we continue to receive Westies that are hard to place, we are experimenting with posting a photo and profile, including specific issues and considerations, on the web site with a link to the adoption application. We will start with the three we have in-house now – Josie, Buddy, and Tina.
6. **Dog-Sitting Co-Op – Kim Gage for Cathy Moerchen:** With the addition of Melinda Henning and Mary Carlson, there are now nine participants in the co-op.

Unfinished Business

1. **Business License:** Kim has not had a chance to investigate this further. It was tabled until the next board meeting.
2. **Newsletter/Mast Head:** We currently do not have anyone available to re-do the newsletter icons. This was tabled until a volunteer can be found.
3. **Kid's Curriculum:** Kim reported that this has been set as a lower priority. However, it is her desire to get it moving again in the near future.
4. **Facebook:**
 - a. The decision was made to limit the number of administrators to the Facebook account.
 - b. Links will be created on Facebook to the club website, our rescue page on the website, iGive, WestieMed, Westie Foundation, Westie Profiler, Top Dogs Pet Boutique, 5 Star Dog Resort, Must Love Dogs, Montrose Animal Hospital, Yellow Lama, and the USDA Pet Food recall website.
 - c. A disclaimer will be posted per the advice of the Club attorney.
 - d. The site will be checked regularly for inappropriate postings.
 - e. The procedures approved by the Board will be added to the Policies and Procedures Manual.

New Members – Kathy Barnes: There are no new members to report.

There being no further business before the Board, Kim Gage called for a motion to adjourn, accepted by Kathy Barnes, seconded by Judy Carter, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Levine, Secretary
Westie Club of the South, Inc.



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ASK THE VET

By Randall J. Bondurant, D.V.M.

Q. It's summertime again and it's hot enough to cook kibble on the sidewalk. What are some of the health issues that are unique to summer for our westies?

A. Summertime in Georgia and the livin' is not so easy, if you're a dog! This time of year can be really difficult for many pets. The heat and humidity present serious concerns for health risks that affect our pets.

Foremost, **heat exhaustion** or **heat stroke** has to be highest on the list. Symptoms or signs of heat stroke/exhaustion would be excessive panting, disorientation, lethargy and inability to stand or walk. A body temperature in excess of 106 would be dangerous. If you think your pet may have heat stroke/exhaustion you may attempt wetting with cool water but preferably on the way to seek immediate medical attention.

Everyone is aware that we should never leave a pet in the car for any period of time, even with the windows cracked. It would take literally just a few

minutes to raise the pet's temperature to dangerous or even a life-threatening level. We have also seen pets taken on walks during the hotter parts of the day experience heat exhaustion. We recommend that pets be walked early and late in the day once the temperatures have cooled.

Additionally, remember that your pet is "barefoot" and the surface temperatures of concrete and asphalt will **blister** the pads of their feet. If the pads become blistered, the feet should be bandaged with antibiotic ointment and a non-adhesive bandage for 4-5 days.

It would be a good idea to take **water** along for your pet whenever you plan on being outside with them.

Summer does bring out the **insects, parasites and "vermin"** that can make our pets' lives miserable. **Fleas and ticks** are enjoying their hay day right now but bee stings, ant bites and even snakebites occur more often at this time of year. You should try to monitor the areas your pet frequents to watch

for these risks. Benedryl can be given to pets that have been stung or bitten by ants but you should always check with your veterinarian for their recommended dose and frequency.

Finally, summer can be more difficult for pets with **airborne allergies**. Many of the same things that people are allergic to like grass, dust, trees, pollens, and molds are more prevalent in the summer. Unfortunately for dogs, their response to these allergens is most often itching and scratching with less frequent occurrence of respiratory signs seen in people. There are many symptomatic treatments as well as allergy testing and hypo-sensitization treatments that are available. Your veterinarian knows your dog best and can recommend treatments to help keep your pet comfortable.

Summer will be over before we know it. We can look forward to those cool fall temperatures and changing colors. In the meantime, stay cool and stay safe!

**TO DR. BONDURANT AND HIS STAFF:
THANK YOU FROM THE WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC.**

Dr. Randall J. Bondurant
Montrose Animal Hospital & Pet Hotel
1028 Woodlawn Drive, NE
Marietta, GA 30068
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FUNDRAISING CHAIR**Heather Taylor**

YAY! The calendar theme for 2011 has been chosen. We will display pictures from membership meetings and special events such as the Westie Fiestie coming up in August. Start looking through your favorite photos and feel free to submit them to me at any time. Martin and I will work together to complete a great marketing

piece featuring all of our wonderful Westies and us.

To date, by shopping through iGive.com, our members have helped raise \$178.96 for our rescues. Great job everyone!

Also, please look into matching donations if your company offers that as a benefit - it will benefit the club twice over.

Big news is brewing with our new partnership with the Yellow Llama. You can look forward to shopping online for WCOS goodies as well as attending a DIY workshop on November 6th. How great will it be to create your own memorable items and knock out your entire holiday shopping list all at once. Details to follow soon.

DOG SITTING CO-OP**Cathy Moerchen**

Vacation season is here. Who will take care of your beloved Westie while you are away? Participate in the dog sitting co-op and dog sitting exchange

services with other members to save money and give your Westie the best care available in a loving Westie-experienced home. Contact Cathy Moerchen

at cwebb183@yahoo.com or 678-357-0821 to receive and complete the profile form to begin participation.

Westie Puppy Update**Sue McGinnis**

As you all heard from Kim online, our Westies, Sir Wesley Wigglebottom and Princess Lady Brittany had 4 beautiful boys! Yes.... all boys! They are absolutely adorable and have really immersed us in "puppy care and puppy fun". Brittany

has been a great Mom, and I thank her for that, as well as a big thank you to John and Judy Carter for a great puppy pen to use for them, and Kathy Barnes for all of her advice. They are 6-weeks old already and will be ready to go to their "forever"

homes after they reach 8 weeks old. I know that I will cry buckets when they leave. You all have, and still are a great support system, and we thank you all for this.



NOAH'S NOTES:

RESCUE UPDATE

PROJECT COMPLETED: EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

Gary Pence, Westie Rescue Equipment Manager, has completed a comprehensive inventory of our westie rescue equipment, including medications. We'll know at a glance if we have the equipment or medication needed by a rescue. This will also help us control costs and manage the inventory.

If you haven't already done so, please contact Gary (garypence112@comcast.net) if you have any equipment or medications that belong to the Westie Club. This would include medications, flea treatment, heartgard, ex-pens, crates, leashes, collars, water bowls and other equipment. If you have any equipment you can donate to the Rescue, please contact Gary as well.

We want to thank Gary for all of his work on this project. Our rescued westies thank him, too.

FOSTER CAREGIVER TRAINING

Melinda Henning has completed several segments of her program on training dogs that will become a part of our Foster Caregiver training program. Melinda is available to answer questions from foster caregivers about how to correct specific westie behaviors. Please contact Cindy Levine (levined3@bellsouth.net) if you are a foster caregiver with a rescued westie that could benefit from some additional training or if you have behavior questions. We are very excited about this addition to our rescue program and we look forward to working with Melinda.

WESTIE RESCUE FORMS UPDATE

Cindy Levine and **Kim Gage** are in the process of reviewing and updating the forms that are used as part of our rescue program. All rescue volunteers should have received the updated contract. If you did not receive it, contact Kim Gage at kim1g@aol.com.

The next form to be updated will be the Foster Caregiver's Checklist. The checklist will be split into two pieces. The first will cover the steps necessary when fostering. The second will cover the steps needed to process an adoption. These new forms will be sent to you soon. Check your email for updates.

Westie Rescue Rocks!



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DUNWOODY JULY 4TH PARADE**Pamela Smith**

This 4th of July was especially exciting because the Westie Club of the South, Inc. introduced our new Giant Westie SUV in the Dunwoody 4th of July parade. Not only were we a hit with the crowd but also we won 1st place in the parade for Best Decorated Vehicle!

Our Westie towed a furever home and was accompanied by a number of our live Westies in their own uniquely decorated strollers and wagons and

members marching with the furever home.

All our parading dogs got rounds of applause and lots of cheers from everyone watching. They were all very good dogs. Douggie almost had a passenger in his wagon when a Westie ran from the crowd and tried to jump in with him!

You can see the pictures of our float on our Facebook, and I hope soon a picture of our first prize will be included.

Thanks to Steve Martucci for building the amazing Westie SUV framework, the Hennings for letting us go crazy with their SUV (and I do mean crazy) and all our members who contributed their time, talents and treasures to make this year's parade a huge success.

Now that's the way to get your club well known!

Pamela Smith





CLIP AND SAVE!

Listed below are the meeting dates for 2010 along with other important dates in our club's annual calendar. Please note that, although we will be meeting on Sundays in 2010, it is not always the third Sunday of the month. This change was made to avoid conflicts with holidays. Please mark your calendars or detach this page and post it among all of those photos of your westies on the fridge!

WCOS 2010 SIGNIFICANT DATES

WHAT	DATE*	TIME	LOCATION*	NOTES
Westie Fiesie	08/15	2:00	Must Love Dogs	
Board Meeting	09/19	2:00	Kim Gage's home	
Howloween Party	10/17	2:00	TBD	
Pet Expo set-up	10/29	1:00 – 8:30 PM	Gwinnett Convention Center	
Pet Expo	10/30	10 am – 5 :00 pm	Gwinnett Convention Center	
Pet Expo	10/31	10 am – 4 :00 pm	Gwinnett Convention Center	
Board Meeting	11/21	2:00	Kim Gage's home	
Snow Ball	12/19	2:00	TBD	