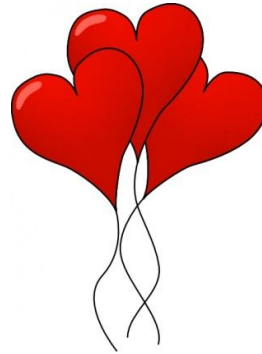




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A Valentines Pawty

Our **February Membership meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 19th** starting at **2:00pm**. It will be held at **Best Friends Pet Care, 1087 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA**. We will be doing a **Valentine's Day Theme**, so if you like, dress up your little Cupids in their Valentines finest. **Martin Saunders** will be taking pictures of our guys and gals.

Melinda Henning will have several different fun activities for our Westies and our members, all in the theme of **Valentine's Day**. This should be a lot of fun with treats for our Cupids.

Melinda has arranged a tour of **Montrose Animal Hospital** with **Dr. Davis** who will give a short talk about their facility. Montrose is where all of our rescues go before going to their foster homes. They have a fantastic facility and have been instrumental in rehabbing our rescues that have come in with health issues. They are located directly behind Best Friends so we can walk there. Also, they will offer micro- chipping to any member who wishes to have their Westie micro-chipped.

Please bring a **Valentine's** themed treat or dessert to share. The club will provide paper goods, utensils and refreshments.

Please let your guys and gals relieve themselves before coming inside. As always, please keep your Westie on a leash at all times. Ex-pens and crates are welcome. Best Friends has asked that we enter thru the side door located on the left side of their building.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our **Valentines Pawty!**

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gary Pence

I just wanted to take a second to thank our Board of Directors and our Committee Chair persons for all their help this past year. A special thanks also to our Rescue Volunteers. For myself, it has been a learning experience and each of you has definitely contributed to the continued success of our club. As we plan our new year, we are looking forward to implementing the great suggestions from our members as to what they would like to see in our programs. We are in the process of planning a picnic for our Westie Reunion in April and have begun planning our Annual Dinner and Auction in June. Most importantly, on behalf of the Board we certainly appreciate the continued support from our biggest asset, you the members!

Please welcome our newest addition to the Pence family. On January 14th we adopted Mac, who we are re-naming Murphy, from the Westie Rescue of Tennessee. As most of you know, we lost our beloved McDuff to a brain tumor at Thanksgiving this past year. Something was different around the house and Sandy soon realized that 4 is our magic number. We had adopted McDuff from the Tennessee Rescue in 2008 and since we did not have any rescues in our program, we looked to them again. We found this great little guy who is 5 years old (the youngest of our bunch) and he is a little spitfire. He has fit in great with all our other guys and girl and has won over our hearts. We want him to meet all of our friends in Club and will be bringing him to the Valentine's Day party and hope to see you there.

Please welcome Elise Wheeler as new Co-Chair of our Fundraising Committee. Elise will work with Heather Taylor on all of our current fundraising projects as well as new ones. We look forward to their new ideas and projects, which will benefit our rescue program.

MEMBERSHIP**Kathy Barnes**

Please help me in welcoming our newest members:

- Lisa Bryan and her two Westies, Dugan & Maiscie, of Norcross, Ga. They all attended our Snowball in December, and I believe they won a prize!
- Andreea Neculae of Atlanta has joined our club by adopting "Corki" whose new name is "Mac".
- Becki Hart of Madison, MS., and her three Westies, Jack, Salty & Molly. Becki has family in Canton, Georgia, and hopes to drop in one of our meetings in the near future when she visits family.

Our membership now stands at 65 families!

TREASURER'S REPORT

George Wearn

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Your 2012 membership in the Westie Club of the South, Inc. is due no later than February 29th. Be sure you continue being a part of our on-going efforts to promote better knowledge of the West Highland White Terrier and also of our important Atlanta Westie Rescue activities. Your membership strengthens our ability to insure appreciation for our Westies and for their well-being.

If you have not already received a renewal letter by e-mail, please be on the lookout. Of course you can mail in your check now payable to **Westie Club of the South, Inc., PO Box 669631 Marietta, GA 30066** or you can pay on-line with your credit card through PayPal at <http://www.westieclubsouth.com/renewal.htm>. All details are on line. You may also pay at the February meeting.

Dues are still only \$25.00 and must be received no later than February 29th. Remember, a portion of this may be tax deductible. Check the renewal letter for details and, as always, check with your tax advisor.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Westie Club of the South, Inc			
Profit & Loss Standard			
December 31, 2011			
		Dec 2011	Jan 1 - Dec 2011
Income			
General Fund			
	Membership dues	\$75.00	\$1,700.00
	Donations, Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fundraising Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Event fees (Pass through)	\$0.00	\$714.00
	General - Other	\$0.00	\$39.10
Total General Fund		\$75.00	\$2,453.10
Rescue fund			
	Adoption Fees	\$750.00	\$2,500.00
	Fundraising Sales	\$0.00	\$1,616.00
	Donations, Cash	\$568.00	\$2,261.39
	Donations, Rainbow Bridge Fund	\$0.00	\$250.00
	Rescue Other	\$798.00	\$858.00
Total Rescue Fund		\$2,116.00	\$7,485.39
Total Income		\$2,191.00	\$9,938.49

Expenses			
Reconciliation Discrepancies		\$0.00	\$0.00
General Expense			
	Insurance	\$0.00	\$262.82
	Licenses & Fees	\$0.00	\$50.00
	Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Other Expense	\$0.00	\$50.00
	Postage and Shipping	\$0.00	\$40.00
	Website expense	\$0.00	\$89.55
	Membership Recognition	\$0.00	\$124.31
	Event Expenses (Pass Through)	\$0.00	\$906.05
Total General Expense		\$0.00	\$1,522.73
Rescue Expense			
	Veterinary Expense	\$289.38	\$9,793.89
	Food & Equipment	\$38.15	\$449.92
	Fundraising Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Other Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Rescue Expense		\$327.53	\$10,243.81
Total Expense		\$327.53	\$11,766.54
Net Income		\$1,863.47	(\$1,828.05)
Bank Account			
As of		12/31/11	
General Fund		\$2,352.29	
Rescue Fund		\$6,492.55	
General Rescue Fund		\$5,467.55	
Rainbow Bridge Fund		\$1,025.00	
Teresa Naiser Memorial		\$0.00	
Total Rescue Fund		\$6,492.55	
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$8,844.84	

This is the year-end statement for the Westie Club of the South, Inc. During FY 2011 we provided care and rescue support to 13 Westies at an average cost of \$789.99 per dog.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Cindy Levine

MEETING MINUTES

WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2011

The December meeting of the Westie Club of the South, Inc., was held at Best Friends Pet Care, 1087 Johnson Ferry Road, NE, Marietta, Georgia 30068. President Gary Pence called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Gary asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting. Cindy Levine accepted the motion, Dan Levine seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was attended by 16 members and 2 guests.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**President – Gary Pence:**

- Gary asked Kathy Barnes, membership chair, to welcome our guests today, Lisa Bryan and Lynn with Duggan and Maissee.
- Gary recognized Heather Taylor and Martin Saunders for once again producing an outstanding rescue calendar for 2012.
- The Christmas treat jar was passed around for estimates.
- The costume contest will be conducted after the meeting, and Martin will be taking photos.

Vice President – Harriett Gess: Nothing to report.

Secretary – Cindy Levine: A motion was called by Gary Pence to waive the reading of minutes from the October membership meeting and to accept them as published in the club newsletter, *Westie Tales*. The motion was accepted by Judy Carter, seconded by Sandy Pence, and the motion carried.

Treasurer – George Wearn: Presented the Profit & Loss statement through November 30, 2011. The current balance is \$6,981.37. A copy of the financial report is attached to and made a permanent part of these minutes.

Member at Large –Melinda Henning:

- Melinda passed around the suggestion box for ideas for the next program.
- The February Valentine's Paw-ty will be held at Best Friends on February 19, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Rescue – Cindy Levine and Gary Pence:**

- We had three adoptions in December. Dixie was adopted by John and Nicole Warren, Rosco by foster mom Ann Marie Lubert, and Corki (now known as Mac) to Andreea Neculae.
- Our mainstays, Josie and Wally, are still somewhat healthy but very happy in foster care.
- **Programs – Melinda Henning:** This month's program, from ideas previously submitted through the suggestion box, is Pet Safety during the Holidays.

There being no further business before the club, Gary Pence called for a motion to adjourn, approved by Amanda Drummond, seconded by Dan Levine, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m., to the Westie Costume Contest and photographs.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Levine, Secretary

**WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2012**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westie Club of the South, Inc., was held on January 15, 2012, at the home of George Wearn, Treasurer. (The full address can be obtained from the membership roster.) President Gary Pence called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m. Those in attendance were Harriett Gess, Vice President; Melinda Henning, Member At Large; Cindy Levine, Secretary; Gary Pence, President; and George Wearn, Treasurer. Members in attendance were Judy Carter, John Carter, Heather Taylor, Marcia Watson, and Jeannie Wearn.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was called by Gary Pence to adopt the agenda for this meeting, accepted by George Wearn, seconded by Cindy Levine, and the motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President's Report – Gary Pence:

- Gary recognized and thanked the Audit Committee – composed of Marcia Watson, Judy Carter, and Elise Wheeler – for an outstanding and thorough audit of the club's books, and Treasurer George Wearn for his organization of the records as it allowed for

efficient review by the committee.

- Gary asked Cindy to expand on a request that was made by one of our members. Rescue Jake is going to be in foster care probably for several months, and a member has asked that we perhaps put a page on Facebook so people can easily keep up with his progress. Several options were presented, and it was felt that perhaps the “dogpage” portion of Facebook could be used. Cindy will discuss the logistics with Heather Taylor and Martin Saunders for feasibility and report back to the Board before any action is taken.
- The April meeting will be held on April 15, 2012, with the annual Rescue Reunion and picnic at one of the local parks. Gary Pence and Melinda Henning will check on at least three facilities and reserve the one they feel would be best for the club's needs.
- The February meeting will be held on February 19 and will carry a Valentine theme.
- The January newsletter articles are due to Denise Cooper, Editor, no later than January 23.

Vice President – Harriett Gess: Nothing to report.

Secretary – Cindy Levine:

Cindy read the minutes of the December membership meeting. The minutes will be published in the club newsletter, *Westie Tales*, and approved at the February meeting.

Treasurer – George Wearn:

- George presented the December year-end financial statement. Gary Pence called for a motion to approve these financial reports as presented, accepted by Melinda Henning, seconded by Cindy Levine, and the motion carried. A copy is attached to and made a permanent part of these minutes. George point out several items of interest:
 - The Auto Owners liability insurance has been paid.
 - To date \$215 has been received in honor of rescue Jake.
 - It appears that the average spent per rescue this year was \$787.99. It was also noted that we have two long-term fosters, with one of them having had several major veterinary expenses this year. After discussion, it was the consensus of opinion that there should not be any increase in the adoption fee.
 - George stated that the cost per membership that appears to be tax deductible this year is

\$12.23. Letters will be e-mailed this week.

- George said that the post office box fee is due. Gary Pence called for a motion to approval payment of \$44 to the United States Postal Service for renewal of the club's post office box, accepted by Melinda Henning, seconded by Harriett Gess, and the motion carried.
- Membership Renewals: Per the club's bylaws, membership dues are to be received by the Treasurer no later than March 1. George will send an e-mail alert only. He will use regular mail only if there is an incorrect e-mail address. Those e-mails will also go out this week. George will keep track of dues received and follow-up with members, as he deems appropriate.
- Cindy Levine requested that anyone who adopted in December 2011 have his or her membership dues waived for 2012. After discussion, Gary Pence called for a motion to waive membership renewals for those new members who adopted in December 2011, accepted by Harriett Gess, seconded by George Wearn, and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Member At Large – Melinda Henning:

- Results were distributed of the last meeting's questionnaire

regarding meeting themes. It was noted that there were many excellent suggestions, and this list will be used going forward.

- Melinda is still sending out member birthday cards via email but is looking for more free websites to use.
- The February Valentine's meeting will be held at Best Friends in Marietta.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee presented its findings, noting, "no discrepancies or errors were found" during their audit of the 2011 books. Gary Pence called a motion to accept the report as presented by the committee, accepted by Cindy Levine, seconded by Melinda Henning, and the motion carrier. A copy of the report is attached to and made a permanent part of these minutes.

Fundraising – Heather Taylor:

- iGive total to date is \$324.90. Heather said that she would send the iGive newsletter to the membership every month.
- Atlanta Pet Fair is March 4. We have to let the coordinator know by February 2 how many rescues we will be entering in the Rescue Rodeo.
- Calendar sales to date total \$978.
- Heather asked for clarification on naming a co-chair. The board said that it is up to her

discretion to name a co-chair. Heather then announced that she is naming Elise Wheeler as Co-Chair of Fundraising.

Rescue – Cindy Levine and Gary Pence:

- Cindy reported that Jake is the only rescue we have in right now.
- Gary reported that he has seven approved applicants.

Website: Gary reported that he talked with Asa and the calendar has been updated on the website. He has also added information regarding membership renewals.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Gary and Sandy Pence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Gary Pence called a motion to adjourn the meeting, accepted by Harriett Gess, seconded by Melinda Henning, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ASK THE VET

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

VOMITING AND DIARRHEA

Gastrointestinal upset associated with vomiting and diarrhea is a common occurrence in dogs. The most common reason for this is referred to as "dietary indiscretion". This can range from eating something unsavory in the yard to the owner giving the pet something that did not agree with their systems. There are infectious reasons for vomiting and diarrhea and we will generally test the feces to determine if your pet may have picked up an infection. Some of the more common infections include, the protozoa, Giardia and Coccidia, the parasites including Hookworms, Roundworms or Whipworms, and various bacterial infections including Clostridium. This list is not exclusive of other possible infections but, these are frequent and potentially transmittable to people. Strict hand washing and avoidance of contact with fecal material should be practiced if you have to clean up after your pet. If you know or we feel that your pet may have swallowed an

object that may be lodged in their GI tract, then an X-ray will be taken. Blood work may also be required if the physical exam suggests pain or other signs that may be associated with Pancreatitis, a painful inflammation of the pancreas most often associated with the ingestion of high fat, table foods. Your pet will be given medication specific to the type of infection diagnosed or may be given symptomatic treatment if nothing specific is found on the fecal exams. The treatment(s) should be begun in accordance with the directions given by your veterinarian. Generally we are going to recommend that you withhold food from your pet for a 24-hour period with the beginning of treatments. This allows the GI tract to rest and heal as the treatments take their effect. Following the withholding of food, a bland diet such as chicken and rice or a prescription diet like Hill's I/D or Purina's EN diet should be given. After a few days and

when the symptoms have resolved, gradually reintroduce the pet's routine diet over several days. Water may be given free choice to diarrhea cases but should be limited in vomiting cases. Ice cubes are a good way to limit the water intake more gradually. If your pet is dehydrated upon presentation, fluids may be given to restore the hydration and replace lost electrolytes. The fluids are frequently administered under the skin called "subcutaneous". This allows the fluids to be gradually absorbed by the peripheral circulation that feeds the area. You may notice a large bulge under your pet's skin that resolves in 1-2 hours. Clinical signs of vomiting and diarrhea should resolve in 48 hours or less. Should your pet continue to have symptoms beyond this time frame or if your pet becomes noticeably more lethargic and does not want to respond to you, then contact your veterinarian immediately.



Be sure to check out our significant dates calendar on the last page

ASK THE TRAINER

Linda Henning

The question was recently asked by one of our member if a dog can have self-esteem issues. My answer is ABSOLUTELY!

- Sometimes fearful aggression in a dog is a symptom of low self-esteem because the objective of the dog is to be left alone.
- Self-esteem training must be approached delicately. Helping the dog build self-esteem is a very long process. You have to build his confidence slowly by helping the dog repeatedly accomplish small goals through patience, obedience training and even fun activities such as obstacle courses. With every little success comes a little more confidence.
- Teach the dog to trust itself. You as the pack leader must be powerful, calm and assertive. Always turn the negatives into a positive. If he is afraid of water—teach him it's fun to play in the water. If he is afraid of men with hats, teach him that when a man with a hat comes to your house, (a service technician is a good example) he automatically gets a treat for being a good boy.
- Use new experiences of all kinds, such as a doggy door, to stimulate the dog in a calm and inviting atmosphere in order to foster success and thus build his self-confidence. As always use lots of food rewards and tons of praise.
- Play games with your dog and make sure he wins. Hide and seek is a good choice. Don't show any frustration while playing and at the same time do not pamper the dog while he is playing. Always be firm and energetic.
- Present the dog with a situation in which you know it will be successful. Teach it to sit. When it brings you something, congratulate him on a job well done.
- This is not an overnight fix. This process takes a long time and lots of patience.

REMEMBER---- Every small success will build confidence!

FUNDRAISING

Heather Taylor

Good news! The 2012 Calendar was a huge success - we sold 71 for a total of \$1073.00 . . . a big thank you to all who participated! Martin did an awesome job creating it and I hope you are all loving your purchases. We would love to hear your ideas for the 2013 theme so start taking more pictures.

The Rescue Rodeo will be March 4th at the Atlanta Hilton Airport so we hope to see you bright and early to support Wally and Josie!

Our iGive donation has risen to \$324.90 since inception so please continue to shop online to help our rescues. Easy money :) Also, I will be sending out the monthly iGive newsletters, so please become familiar with my email so these great tips on donations don't get sent to your Spam.

Congratulations to Elise Wheeler, our new Fundraising co-chair. We have a few great ideas for this year's fundraisers, so if you'd like to help, please let one of us know.

Thanks so much as always!



NOAH'S NEWS:

WESTIE RESCUE UPDATE

2011 RESCUE ACTIVITY

	2011 Surrenders		2011 Adoptions
	Male	Female	
January	2	0	1
February	1	0	0
March	0	0	1
April	1	1	2
May	1	0	2
June	0	0	0
July	0	0	0
August	0	0	1
September	0	0	0
October	0	1	0
November	1	0	0
December	1	0	3

SUMMARY

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Males	4	5	8	13	9	12	7
Females	0	4	4	11	12	5	2
Total Surrenders	4	9	12	24	21	17	9
Total Adoptions	3	7	12	20	19	17	10

We had one carryover from 2010: Roscoe/Max, who was adopted on January 8, 2011.

We have two that remain in foster care from 2011:

- Josie, a senior diabetic, diagnosed with Cushings in 2011, but still feisty, being fostered by George and Jeannie Wearn, who lovingly got Josie through a somewhat difficult year health wise.
- Wally, another active senior being fostered by Kurt and Melinda Henning. Wally's major problem is chronic dry eye and he has developed an ulcer in one of them. But he stands still for his eye drops every day like a little champ.

As you can see, the numbers are down this year. I am hopeful that it is because people are finally doing their homework before purchasing or adopting a Westie. However, with the economy the way it is, we will no doubt have more owner surrenders as people become unable to care for their four-legged family members.

I thank everyone involved for their assistance with home visits, transportation, and foster care. As a group, the Atlanta Westie Rescue Committee has done a tremendous job of working together to (1) identify Westies that may be in trouble and (2) preparing these little guys for their new homes. Without your hard work, the fate of these Westies would be even more circumspect.

Thank you, Cindy Levine, Chair
 Atlanta Westie Rescue Committee, Westie Club of the South, Inc.

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WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2011-2012

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Committees and Volunteer Opportunities

(Please contact the Committee Chairperson or a Board member if you would like to volunteer or want more information)

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Annual Meeting	Gary Pence	garypence112@comcast.net
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Logo Design: Bobbi Martucci – Photographer: Martin Saunders – Attorney: Patrick Macken, Troutman, Sanders LLP		



CLIP AND SAVE!

Listed below are the meeting dates for 2011 along with other important dates in our club's annual calendar. Please note that, although we will be meeting on Sundays in 2011, 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!

Westie Club of the South, Inc. 2012 SIGNIFICANT DATES

WHAT	DATE*	TIME	LOCATION*	NOTES
Board Meeting	1/15	1:00 pm	George Wearn's home	
Valentines Day Pawty	2/19	2:00 pm	Best Friends Pet Care 1087 Johnson Ferry Rd Marietta, Ga.	New location
Club Dues Due	3/1			
Board Meeting	3/18	1:00 pm	Gary Pence's home	
Rescue Reunion	4/15	TBD	TBD	
Board Meeting	5/20	1:00 pm	TBD	
Annual Meeting and Fundraising Auction	6/17	4:00- 9:00pm	TBD	
Board Meeting	7/15	1:00 pm	TBD	
Bow Wow Luau	8/19	2:00 pm	TBD	
Board Meeting	9/16	1:00 pm	TBD	
Howloween Party	10/21	2:00 pm	TBD	
Board Meeting	11/18	1:00 pm	TBD	
Snow Ball	12/16	2:00 pm	TBD	

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