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# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WESTIE HEALTH?

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**M**any of us are long time dog owners, and most of us have more than one Westie. Everyone familiar with our breed is aware that skin problems and inhalant dermatitis are a huge problem. Are you aware of some of the clinical signs of other diseases that affect Westies? This quiz incorporates the diseases and symptoms of the most common maladies affecting our breed. See how well you do and if you need help be sure to reference the Health e-books on [www.westiefoundation.org](http://www.westiefoundation.org).

## PLEASE CHOOSE ALL CHOICES THAT MAY APPLY

### Symptoms

1. Uncontrollable tremors
2. Black Pigment on Eye
3. Drinking Excessive Water
4. Skips Occasionally on the Rear Leg
5. Eyes Appear White Inside Pupils
6. Dog is Licking Feet
7. Dog is Scooting on the Carpet
8. Occasional Vomiting, "Loud Stomach"
9. Diarrhea
10. Dog has Blackened Skin and Hair Loss
11. Coughs Dry Hacking Cough
12. Recurrent Ear Infections
13. "Pot Belied" Look and Thin Hair Coat
14. Puppy Having Trouble Opening Mouth
15. Sudden Rear Limb Lameness in Puppy
16. Crusty Round Skin Lesion That Itch
17. Blood In Urine
18. Dog Has Multiple Swollen Lymph Nodes

### Answers May Be Used More Than Once

- a. Tapeworms
- b. Staph Bacterial Skin Lesions
- c. Atopy
- d. Legg Calvé Perthes Disease
- f. Luxating Patella (Kneecap)
- g. Anal Gland Impaction/Abcess
- h. Craniomandibular Osteopathy
- i. White Dog Shakers Syndrome
- j. Cataract
- k. Kidney Disease
- l. Diabetes
- m. Bladder Infection (Cystitis)
- n. Transitional Cell Carcinoma
- o. Lymphoma
- p. Kennel Cough
- r. Heart Disease
- s. Epilepsy
- t. Dry Eye (KCS)
- u. Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- v. Intestinal Parasites
- w. Gastritis/Enteritis
- x. Hypothyroid
- y. Cushings Disease

**W**ith several choices possible for some of these symptoms, it is therefore imperative that owners keep very good records of eating and elimination habits of their animal to present to their veterinarian. It also indicates that some illnesses that may be simple and easily treatable may indeed have a more sinister alternative. It is better to ere to the age of caution and see your veterinarian early when problems arise.

(See next page for answers)



**ANSWERS**

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| 1. i, s    | 4. f | 7. a, g       | 10. c, x, y | 13. y | 16. b    |
| 2. t       | 5. j | 8. u, w       | 11. p, r    | 14. h | 17. m, n |
| 3. k, l, m | 6. c | 9. v, u, w, k | 12. c       | 15. d | 18. o    |