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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since its creation 13 years ago, the board of directors of the Foundation has now passed the president's baton for the first time. As the newly elected president, I am humbly honored to accept the position and its responsibilities and challenges in our quest for improved health and well being of Westies. It is with gratitude that I thank Wayne Kompare, past president, Anne Sanders, past treasurer, and Kim Smith, past director and vice-president of fundraising for their dedication. I also wish to celebrate our new board of directors slate and am anticipating strong work and team relationships to attain our target objectives. Please check the last page of the newsletter for a current listing of the board of directors.

There are multiple challenges associated with viable research and education. Therefore, patience and diligence must be strong components interwoven into the character of each of our directors. The research required to improve Westie health is not an attainable goal for the easily dissuaded or soft willed individual. John Quincy Adams said, "Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." Research in combination with education is at the core of the Foundation's cause.

Currently underway are the following research studies that still urgently need additional affected and unaffected DNA samples: (1) Genetic Marker for Atopic Dermatitis, (2) Genetic Role for Legg-Calve-Perthes, (3) Genetic Susceptibility of Bladder Cancer, and (4) Genetic Marker for Addison's Disease. Please read the article titled "Request for Samples" in this issue of the *News* and check our website www.westiefoundation.org for additional information.

One important educational, communication tool is this newsletter. We hope you both enjoy and find true learning in the *News*.

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Please let us hear feedback on whatever topic strikes meaning with you. We are always searching for articles of substance for the newsletter and ask that you consider writing one for publication.

One last thought--Mark Twain said, "It is not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog." Based upon Twain's wisdom we already know how scrappy our white terriers are in living everyday life; can we be less scrappy in our fight for their life's health? Please consider joining us in this fight! We are manning the Advisory Council to best prepare for what is a true battle for health. Especially in need, are individuals masterful in law, technology, marketing and communication.

Thank you for your continuing guidance and support.

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The Westie Foundation of America, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation, recognized by the IRS as a 501 (C) (3) organization. The mission of the Foundation is to provide financial aid and other support for medical research in order to benefit the health and quality of life of West Highland White Terriers; and to further develop and communicate information regarding the health, care, breeding and quality of life of Westies to Westie owners, Westie breeders and veterinarians.

— REQUEST FOR SAMPLES —

Listed below are several of the current research projects supported by the WFA. If you would like more information about the studies, visit our web site at www.westiefoundation.org. If you would like to participate by contributing blood or DNA samples from your Westie, call or email the contact person listed. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

RESEARCH PROJECT	SAMPLES NEEDED	CONTACT INFORMATION
Genetic marker for Atopic Dermatitis	Blood samples from 100 normal dogs and 100 dogs diagnosed with atopic dermatitis	Cary Salzmann North Carolina State University 919-513-7235 casalzma@ncsu.edu
Genetic role in Legg-Calvé-Perthes	Blood samples from 20 affected dogs and 20 unaffected dogs	Dr. Alison Starr Clemson University 864-656-0191 astarr@clemson.edu
Genetic susceptibility of Bladder Cancer (TCC)	Blood samples from dogs with a diagnosis of TCC	Donna Viglietti, Ostrander Lab National Human Genome Research Institute 301-451-9390 Dog_genome@mail.nih.gov
Genetic marker for Addison's Disease	DNA from cheek cells and/or blood from affected dogs and unaffected dogs over the age of 7	Dr. A.M. Oberbauer UC Veterinary School (Davis) 530-752-4997 http://cgap.ucdavis.edu/





An Update on Transitional Cell Carcinoma of the Urinary Bladder Research in the West Highland White Terrier

The Ostrander Laboratory at the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH in collaboration with the Purdue Comparative Oncology Program at Purdue University and the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Michigan State University have been working since 2004 to discover the genetic causes of transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) of the urinary bladder in dogs. TCC is a devastating disease and West Highland White Terriers are five times more likely to be diagnosed with TCC than most other dogs. Our ultimate goal is to identify the genetic variants responsible for this much increased susceptibility to the disease.

We are excited to be able to report the completion of our first SNP based genome-wide analysis in 80 of our best Westie cases and controls. The most informative cases have a diagnosis of TCC confirmed by biopsy with histopathology. The best controls have passed the age of ten with no diagnosis of cancer of any kind.

Our researchers looked for locations in the genome that differ between affected and unaffected dogs, and have found genomic region(s) that appear to be important in TCC. We believe that further testing can lead to identification of causative mutations responsible for development and progression of TCC of the urinary bladder in West Highland White Terriers, as well as in other dog breeds that are at high risk of developing the disease.

Our thanks go out to the West Highland White Terrier Club, the Westie Foundation of America and all Westie owners for their great response to our request for blood samples for our TCC research. Because of your support we have received samples from 42 Westies with TCC and 148 healthy, control

Westies. In order to complete our goals we are in need of more samples, especially those from healthy, aged controls. In addition, we ask that you please keep us updated as to the health of your participating dogs so that we can keep them in the correct study group. If your dog just celebrated his/her tenth birthday in good health, let us know. If your dog has received a diagnosis of cancer since he/she submitted a sample, please fax or mail the veterinarian's report to us at the address below. Updates can be sent to us either by phone, email, or through our online survey at http://research.nhgri.nih.gov/dog_genome/, which can be accessed with the password: Missy07.

If you would like your dog to participate in the TCC study and you need information or a sampling kit, please contact:

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As always, your participation in the study and any information you provide us will remain confidential.

This has been an exciting year for TCC research and we feel very optimistic about the direction that the research is taking. None of this would have been possible without your dedication to this wonderful breed and its health. We hope our work will determine the genetic cause of TCC so that steps can be taken toward the prevention of this terrible disease. With your continued participation and enthusiasm, we are making great strides in that direction.



What's In A Name

By Angela Shipley

For this twelve year old registered West Highland White Terrier, his name says it all -- "Lucky" Max McKool Shipley.

But that's far from being the whole story.

Four years ago this past December, after multiple veterinary visits and no solutions, the Shipleys brought their little Westie to Suburbia North to see Dr. McGuire, who happened to be a classmate at Texas A & M of their previous veterinarian. Within 24 hours, Lucky had been diagnosed with testicular cancer and immediate surgery was done. Within weeks he was back up and going with all the vim, vigor and vitality of a puppy. At that particular point in time, Lucky's diet was changed to IVD vegetarian formula kibble, which not only helped in his recovery, but also eliminated any skin problems that the Shipleys had been dealing with for the past several years.

Then on Thursday of Mother's Day weekend, almost two years ago, Lucky became

extremely ill. In less than three days he went from energetic and vivacious to a point where he wouldn't eat or drink and



anything that he ate came right back up. At that point in time he was having difficulties walking and was constantly shaking. With Suburbia North being closed for the weekend, the Shipleys took Lucky to an emergency clinic near their house in Sugar Land. He was observed for several hours, but no final diagnosis was given other than he might be allergic to the tick and flea monthly topical medicine that the

Shipleys had applied earlier in the week. Each day Lucky's health deteriorated and with a dog that normally weighs less

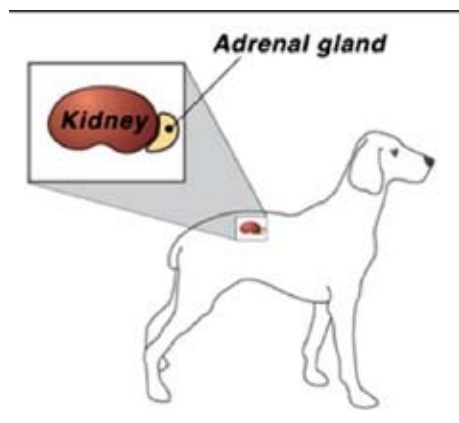
than 20 pounds with him not eating or drinking it began to get rather scary. He started to show signs of dehydration and wouldn't urinate.

First thing Monday morning, the Shipleys headed to Suburbia North where Lucky's medical information from the Emergency Clinic had been faxed. By the time they arrived, Dr. McGuire had suspicions of what was happening, but wanted to run blood work to be sure. Lucky was immediately put on

I.V. fluids. The blood work showed Addison's Disease, a disease that can also be found in humans.

The correct medical term for this disease is Hypoadrenocorticism. This term means that there is diminished or lowered hormone production from the outer part or cortex of the adrenal gland. The adrenal

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glands are paired glands next to the kidneys. The glands produce several vital substances, which regulate a variety of body functions and are necessary to sustain life.

The most widely known of these substances is cortisol, commonly called cortisone, produced by the outer part of the adrenal cortex. Also produced by the cortex and equally important is aldosterone, which is a mineral-ocorticoid hormone. This hormone regulates the electrolyte and water balance of the body and is involved in the excretion

of potassium and retention of sodium.

The Shipleys left Lucky at Suburbia North for several days while they worked to rebalance his system and rehydrate his little body. At that point we weren't sure that Lucky was going to make it. Within the week, Lucky had turned the corner. By the time Lucky was able to come home, the Shipleys had researched Addison's Disease and with the help of the staff at Suburbia North, Lucky was started on daily doses of Prednisone and has been coming in for Percorten (steroid) shots every 25 days.

The Shipleys learned that Addison's Disease was usually diagnosed in dogs between the ages of 3 and 4, so the fact that Lucky was being diagnosed at age nine was rather remarkable. They have since found that with conscientious commitment to regular daily doses of Prednisone and staying on top of the Percorten injections approximately every 25 days that Lucky has been able to continue a VERY normal life.

Over the past three years, additional blood work has been done from time to time to make sure Lucky's system is balanced correctly and that he's receiving the correct dosages of Percorten or Prednisone to keep



This photo was taken when the Shipleys took Lucky with them camping in Colorado in July 2007 after Lucky was diagnosed in early May with Addison's Disease.

the Addison's Disease at bay, but the Shipleys have seen very few signs of Lucky slowing down due to the Addison's. Lucky is getting older and this winter he's had eye surgery to restore his vision, but

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**Biographical
Information for
Thierry Olivry, DrVet, PhD:**

Dr. Thierry Olivry is a graduate from the University of Toulouse, France. After several years as a partner in a specialty practice in Paris, France, where he specialized in dermatology and internal medicine, he moved in 1991 to the University of California Davis for a residency in dermatology and a PhD in comparative pathology. Since 1995, he has been at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine where he is now a professor of immunodermatology, chief of dermatology and assistant head in the Department of Clinical Sciences. He founded and led the ACVD Task Force on Canine Atopic Dermatitis and was the first chair of the International Task Force on the same disease. His areas of interests are atopic dermatitis in dogs and autoimmune skin diseases in all animal species. He has given more than 500 lectures all over the world and has published more than 200 articles on these diseases.



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Treatment of Atopic Dermatitis in Dogs: 2010 New International Standard-of-Care

Atopic dermatitis, a common chronic allergic skin disease that affects Westies, has been recognized for decades. Numerous trials have tested drugs for treatment of this disease, yet not a single drug will take care of all aspects that need to be considered.

Dermatologists from the International Task Force on Canine Atopic Dermatitis developed new guidelines to treat dogs with atopic dermatitis. This new standard-of-care considers the treatment of both acute flares and chronic skin lesions. Furthermore, recommendations differ depending whether the dogs suffer from localized or more diffuse skin lesions. This lecture will summarize the updated treatment guidelines for atopic dermatitis.

**Join us for this informative seminar which is free of charge.
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however food may be purchased prior to the seminar at Hoss's.**

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this little Westie is hardier than ever.

The Shipleys haven't had to change their lifestyle to accommodate Lucky's medical needs and Lucky's going strong. If you have a dog that has been diagnosed with Addison's Disease, don't feel that it can't be managed or that you have to go through heroics to meet your dog's needs. The daily treatment takes less than 30 seconds – administering a small pill each day. The monthly treatment involves a regular veterinary visit every 25 days for an injection based on your dog's weight. The Shipleys highly encourage you to talk with your veterinarian if costs are a factor in the treatment of your pet to see what your options can be.

The Shipleys believe that "the joy that Lucky brings their family has been worth the time, commitment and expense of meeting his medical needs."



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Westie News Goes Electronic!

In an effort to be conscientious about the environment while also making the most use of our limited resources, the Westie Foundation plans to send the Fall and Spring issues of the newsletters electronically. The Summer and Winter issues will continue to be mailed. All quarterly issues will also be available and archived online at the Westie Foundation website (www.westiefoundation.org).

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Westie News



Pet Talk: Waldport Author Rose Estes Explores that Special Bond Between Humans and Animals

By Jacques Von Lunen, Special to The Oregon...

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http://www.oregonlive.com/pets/index.ssf/2009/12/pet_talk_waldport_author_rose.html

Back in 1995, Rose Estes of Waldport was living her dream: Random House had signed her to a 10-book deal to write fantasy novels, a genre she'd loved since reading about J.R.R. Tolkien's hobbits. Her books, contributions to successful series such as "Dungeons & Dragons" and "Greyhawk," sold well.

Then Estes sustained severe head injuries in a car accident. The injuries triggered aphasia, or loss of language -- in her case, written language. The best-selling author had lost her vocabulary.

Luckily, she had another passion: pet pictures.

Decades earlier, while living in Texas as a writer for the Houston Chronicle, she'd bid on a dresser at a farm auction. One dresser drawer held a box of old photographs, including snapshots of the family with their dogs, which she found fascinating.



This photo adorns the cover of Rose Estes' book "The West Highland White Terrier: Its History Through Word, Art and Vintage Photographs."

"The bond that people had with their animals really attracted me," Estes says.

Collecting vintage photos of people and their pets turned into a hobby, and one box of pictures turned into many. Estes sold some of the pictures as greeting cards and magnets.

One day several years ago while browsing an online auction, she found vintage photos that showed Chow Chows and their owners. She couldn't really afford the purchase, but the seller was willing to arrange a payment plan.

"It turned out these were the people who laid the foundation for the breed in the U.S." Estes says.

She approached the Chow Chow Club, thinking it might want some of the pictures for the club's 100th anniversary in 2006. The club wanted more: a book on the Chow Chow's history in America.

Estes had been able to resume writing for herself but hadn't really thought about doing so for publication. But she already had the photos for the book, and the club gave her access to its records. How hard could it be?

"It went from easy to the most difficult thing I've ever done," Estes says. "There were no records kept by the club prior to 1942."

Estes went to work unearthing the early days of the breed. And she didn't approach the book as a breed historian, listing sires and dams, but as a storyteller.

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"The history is people, anecdotes about the breeders," she says. "I had no idea people didn't write dog books like that." View full size Jacques Von Lunen/Special to The Oregonian



Rose Estes says her books on dog breed histories grew out of her fascination with vintage photographs of dogs. "Vintage photos are like Ruffles — you always want one more," she jokes.

She pieced together the early days of Chow Chow breeding from old issues of Dog Lovers magazine and notices in Vanity Fair. She found tales of women seeking liberation in dog breeding -- one of the few pastimes deemed suitable for a woman of that era -- and of concerns about the breed's health even then.

Estes next turned to terriers, which she had always loved. That book, published in 2006, is a primer on terrier breeds and features vintage photos of people interacting with these lively dogs.

Soon after, Estes and her partner, Waldport artist Gary Hauser,

decided to add a dog to their lives and chose a West Highland White Terrier, Sparky. Then Hauser learned he had cancer; the dog provided much-needed comic relief over the next two years.

Just as Hauser recovered, Estes noticed that Sparky's lymph nodes were swollen. The little dog had lymphatic cancer.

The couple decided to pursue aggressive chemotherapy at Oregon State University, but Sparky was among the 15 percent of cases that don't respond to treatment.

"He was such an annoying little dog. But it's been a year and a half and there's still a hole in my heart," Estes says, with a sad laugh.

After Sparky died, Estes needed an outlet for her grief. The 100th anniversary of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America was coming up, in September 2008. She put together a book with the breed's history, once again telling the stories of breeders and sprinkling in historical anecdotes.

She contacted the Westie Foundation of America, a group that funds research on the breed's health issues, and she pledged 30 percent of all sales of the book and her other products depicting terriers. Half of the book's first edition sold on the

first day of the terrier club's centennial show.

"This book is my way of dealing with my own grief and trying to give something back," Estes says.

She has found her calling. Her next book, on Scotch Terriers, is to be published next year.

"These photographs compel me," Estes says. "The relationships (between dogs and people) haven't changed that much."

It's obvious how much she enjoys these photos as she digs through a box of them, pointing out a woman's loving gaze toward her scruffy pooch, the care that went into posing a family and its pets for a shot.

"Dogs have crept in our souls," she says.

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A Note from a Westie Groomer to the Westie Foundation

Thank you for a very informative article on liver disease in the Westie Foundation newsletter! I will give a copy of it to my Vet. One of my grooming clients lost her two Westies (sisters from different litters) to liver failure. Her Vet diagnosed them with White Shaker Syndrome, but I urged her to seek another opinion, knowing that could not be the case since the dogs were 8 & 9 years old! My Vet diagnosed them with liver failure, but since the owner wouldn't allow or couldn't afford a liver biopsy, my Vet couldn't definitively diagnose copper toxicosis. I gave him all the info on copper toxicosis from the Westie Foundation website. He said what he learned about it in vet school was about a paragraph in a book, and had never seen a case. So the information on your website is GOOD.

Anyway, one Westie died within months, the other lasted over a year. She then adopted a rescue who I groom, but boy, is he a health mess...came from a puppy mill in PA where he was used as a stud. Had luxating patellas, bad hips (probably dysplasia), rotten teeth (most missing), constant ear infections, itching & chronic allergies, can barely hobble around, and has shyness/fear issues, and he is only about 4 years old. I'm glad rescue does its job, and this woman loves him, but unfortunately she doesn't have the money to really pay for his care, so he suffers in silence. About half the dogs I groom, most of which came from puppy mills in North Carolina, have luxating patellas. Makes it hard to turn feet back to trim hair or grind the nails, so I always check first, because I don't want a lame dog going home after a grooming. A dog with bad knees requires different grooming methods and I sometimes have to train them to lie on their backs to let me do nails and such.

Kay, I just want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts to encourage Westie people to do health clearances. Some people adamantly scream against it...why I'm not sure. But it's a good thing. Nobody in the Golden Retriever or Lab world would want to breed to a dog with Hip Dysplasia, so why would we accept that in Westies? Not testing is like the proverbial ostrich putting its head in the sand. Ignoring it doesn't mean it's not there. Thanks for all you do to encourage health in our breed. I would also like to see breeders take a better look at temperament. A Westie that is happy, game and tenacious is great, but one that is aggressive and nasty to every other dog and to people is not, and certainly doesn't make for a good pet.

Lynn Reagan-Hull



— Giving Painlessly and Selflessly —

By Gail Krieger

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Rapid City Kennel Club, In Memory of
Ruth Hilton

Geof & Cynthia Reynolds, In Memory of
Daphne Gentry
(The Gentry Memorial Fund)

Vaughn & Susan Rives, In Memory of
"Ranger Oleander"

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"Bandit" & "Katie" owned by
Patti & John Antonelli

Barbara Salmons, In Memory of
"Penny" and "Hayley"

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owned by Debra Dundan

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owned by Bill Shannon

Robert Wagner, In Memory of "Fluffy"

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(The Gentry Memorial Fund)

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Ch. Bella Vista's Oh Yes He Does

WHWTCa of No. Illinois, In Memory of
Dr. James McGuire

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"Spike," "Belle" & "Olaf"

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Jerrie Allen, In Honor of Sylvia Brummett
Susan Coit, In Honor of Deborah Borgo
at the Holidays!

Ann H. Jordan, In Honor of "Kotton"

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Anita Grossman

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James Pressley & Scott Newton

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Shirley & George Sundberg

Susan K Robbins, In Honor of the adoption
of "Rowdie"

Amy Topper, In Honor of Gayle & Kirk
Rosier



Westie Goes Best in Ship!

By Kay McGuire

You missed the boat, so to speak if you missed the K9 College Cruise sponsored by Brunswick Travel and Lancaster Kennel Club on the Carnival Miracle. We joined 188 folks who traveled together enjoying top canine speakers on breeding, showing, nutrition and complimentary medicine. Part of the fun of the trip was entering pictures of your favorite canine for competition of best dog on ship.

There were many breeds represented but we are proud to note that Westies were well represented. The goal was to vote with dollars on your favorite entry and the winner could pick the grant of their choosing to be funded with the Canine Health Foundation.

Several Westie owners “syndicated” our entry and



From left to right: Margaret Payne, Donna Hegstrom, Kay McGuire, Faith Houck, and Bonnie West

combined forces to win. Congratulations and a big thanks to Margaret and Bob Payne, Faith and Tim Houck, Bonnie West, Donna Hegstrom and Kay McGuire who participated to earn the winning price of \$7,136.00. Margaret’s Archie was the recipient of BEST DOG ON SHIP.

We chose that the cash be donated to fund Drs. Keith Murphy and Alison Starr’s research on Legg Calve Perthes, a grant that is currently being supported by both

the WHWTCA and WFA. In addition to the donation for Canine Health, a quilt valued at more than \$1200 will be donated to the Westie Foundation of America, Inc. as a fundraiser.

This was a great cruise and a fun time was had by all. I would invite others to join us on a future K9 College cruise. Not only is this a nice trip, excellent company and an opportunity to learn, but also a chance to make money for the dogs we love.





Name The Westie Foundation Newsletter CONTEST

ARE YOU CREATIVE? HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS? IF SO, SEND YOUR IDEAS FOR NAMING THE WESTIE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER TO GAIL KRIEGER BY JUNE 1 AT gailaurie@hotmail.com. TYPE "WFA CONTEST" IN THE SUBJECT BOX AND SUBMIT AS MANY ENTRIES AS YOU LIKE.

THE CONTEST WINNER RECEIVES A PRIZE DONATED BY A WESTIE LOVER AND SUPPORTER OF THE WESTIE FOUNDATION. THE WINNER'S NAME WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE SUPER SUMMER 2010 ISSUE.



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Westie Cartoon Caption Contest

Create the winning caption for this Westie cartoon. Please send your caption to bjpinter@msn.com before May 15, 2010. The winner and runner-up will be announced in the next newsletter with their captions.

Create a Caption for this Cartoon



Copy of original watercolour by Ruth Sutcliffe, England



Winners of Last Cartoon!

WINNING CAPTION
by Paula Autin

**Wayne the Westie says,
"We'll be friends, Wain or shine."**

RUNNER-UP CAPTION
by Sandy Campbell

Westie tourists sightseeing Seattle.

