

FRANCISCO

HOLYROOD

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I purchased my first pet Westie in 1972 and my first with show potential in 1979 from Muriel Whitman. That Westie puppy became Ch. Whitemount Frolic Twa ROM, and she is the foundation of all the Holyrood Westies.

My most important mentor was Ruth Birmingham as she took me under her wing and taught me all that she knew about Westies, pedigrees, breeding, showing, and evaluating litters. Some of my other mentors were Katharine Hayward, Patty Storey, the Swingle sisters, Christine and Judy and Wayne and Kathy Kompare.

I have had so many unforgettable moments in Westies. Three Westies that I bred or co-bred were multiple Best in Show winners. Many of my dogs have won sweepstakes and specialties. Ch. Holyrood's Liza With a Z and her sister Ch. Holyrood's Ms Mayhem along with the aforementioned Frolic are the foundation matrons from whom all Holyrood Westies descend. The last Holyrood bitch has completed her grand champion and I look forward to seeing her puppies.

My favorite dog show has to be the Montgomery County Kennel Club show. It is where all terriers congregate once a year despite weather conditions.

When I look back, I have to say that my Ch. Whitemount Frolic Twa, ROM and her two daughters Ch. Holyrood's Liza With a Z, ROM and Ch. Holyrood's Ms. Mayhem, ROM were the most influential, as they are the foundation of all the Holyrood Westies. Many Westie breeders now carry those genes in their pedigrees.

I would say that of all the dogs I bred or co-bred, Manley, Ch Holyrood's Hootmon O' Shellybay, Ch. Holyrood's Hotspur O' Shellybay and Ch. Sweetsound's King O' Rock 'N' Roll contributed much to the Westie breed.

The dogs that were not owned or bred by me that I particularly admired were Ch. Kenwood's Measure for Measure and Ch. Whitebriar Jeronimo.

My most unforgettable Montgomerys were 1989 and 1990 when Manley won the breed.

The late Judy Swingle was the artist that I have always admired. When she did a picture of your dog, you knew who it was - she was such a talent.

I belong to the Farmington Valley Kennel Club, the West Highland White Terrier Club of New England, and, of course the West Highland White Terrier Club of America.

I would like to see Westies today shown to look like a working Westie and not groomed to look like a Bichon Frise.

Westie breeders need to know the Westie Standard inside and out and breed to it like their lives as breeders depend on it – because it does!

I would like to impart one bit of wisdom to all future Westie breeders - never breed just to breed - always try to improve the breed –and breed to the standard - always breed your bitch as though it was the last time you would ever breed her, as it may be.