

LUZON

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We wanted a medium-sized dog with a friendly personality that would fit comfortably in our back yard. Westies have all of these qualities and they are beautiful. Our first Westie, Frosty Bear, was purchased from a family in Ohio as a pet, but he was show quality. We noticed in the paper that Betty Williams won at a dog show with one of her dogs. I called her and asked if she could recommend someone to groom Frosty, and she asked how many dogs we had and I told her one. She said she would be glad to groom him. Betty was always willing to share her knowledge about the breed. I really appreciate this.

My favorite dog show is the Westminster show. In this show, you see the best each breed has to offer.

We have had three Westies, and they are like people, all unique in their own way. Frosty Bear, our first, was loved by all the children. One little nephew asked his parents “if Joan and John are my God parents, does that make Frosty Bear my God dog?”

Huga Bear was our second Westie. He was bred by Betty Williams, and my family gave him to me as a Christmas present. One of our friends liked him so much they bought one for their family.

Our third Westie was Seve Bear. One day at the vet’s office, the nurse asked if I would bring Seve out to the front, where a little girl wanted to pet some of the dogs. That evening, I told my husband John that Seve was on hospitality duty at the vet’s office. I think Seve could be a greeter at WalMart. Seve is now 12, and Frosty and Huga both lived until they were 15 years old. Westies remind me of a little white bear, and that is why they all have the same last name.

We have several Westie collectibles, including a golf head cover we bought at St. Andrews in Scotland. Betty gave us a picture of three Westies, all looking like they are ready for Best in Show. We also have a *Westies are Wonderful* license plate. People look at it and always smile. Last, we have a Westie statue that we bought in an Atlanta gift shop. It is quite the conversation piece

I feel that Westies have a bright future. They are one of the best looking and friendliest dog breeds.

I would like to see a Westie win Best in Show at Westminster soon again. My best advice to future Westie enthusiasts is to learn all you can about the breed and give them the best care and love that you can. All of our Westies have been great ambassadors for the breed.