

Dee Carlton's Wonderful World of Westies

This "Jersey Gal" has derived immense pleasure from breeding and owning Westies since the late 1970's. I've also been involved with Scotties. Because of my extensive 56 year collection of Westie and Scottie memorabilia, my home is often referred to as "Scottie Haven".

My first Westie was "Mystical Magical Frosty". Grooming capabilities were soon developed after meeting and speaking at length with Dawn Martin at the Trenton Dog Show. Dawn provided grooming/stripping lessons and sent me home with Frosty half stripped and a pattern for me to follow to complete the job. Frosty was later bred with Dawn's Up 'n' Adam. The resulting litter of three followed in 1986. I kept Mysterious Laced Whirlwind Lacey who lived to be 17 and a half!

After entering the "365 day dog calendar" contest to win a day in the calendar, I was awarded August 7th based on my submission describing my love for my dog. I wrote, "When I arrive home the quickest tongue in the WEST just makes my day. A photo of Frosty, Adam and pup Lacey was also included. My contest reward was a free calendar!

Shortly after that, I purchased my first male Westie named My O' Whirlwind Friend Rowdy. Despite Peter Green's best efforts to show him, Rowdy's health issues and separation anxiety made that impossible. Following Peter's candid assessment, I brought Rowdy back home to be loved. My license plate "Westie 1" is dedicated to Rowdy.

Next it was on to meet Billy and Tom Ward who sold me Donneybrooks Maxine ("Maxie"). Following the successful navigation of the exhaustive rules, regulations and screening process, a Championship ensued and the breeding of one girl, "Mazzie", followed. At Tom Ward's recommendation, my friend Rene and I had traveled in 2004 to Michie, Tennessee to Linda Bell Tubb's barn to witness the breeding to Wanrick's "Bubba". Mazzie's c-section birth at Northstar Vet Hospital was announced via a pink blanket and I soon learned that one puppy could equal the work of four! I was lucky to have her for approximately 12 years.

After many recommendations from Dawn and others, I was referred to Cindy Ladutko who had a fabulous litter. Two and a half years ago with my friend Donna along for the ride to Cindy's in Wilmington, Delaware, I purchased Berkshire Blessed Miracle "Mitzi".

She has been shown to her highest potential with handler Liz Melzer at the leash. Liz is the epitome of what a handler should be. Our owner/handler relationship is second to none. Since partnering with Liz, Mitzi has earned a GCH Championship and has her BCAT Certificate. We will finish her Bronze in the future. Cindy's encouragement gave me the push to participate in FCAT with her brother Jamie.

When Mitzi came into heat, Cindy and I decided to breed her. Our excitement peaked when we were able to breed her with the number one Westie male BISS GCHP Nutmegs Monarch of the Lake "Hector"...the first Westie to go Platinum.

After what seemed like hours of knitting hats to pass the time anticipating the births, we were rewarded on October 12th with three boys and one girl. Leaving Delaware after the births was hard to do but the miracle of the "nest cam" allowed me to view their progress from home. Mentor Dawn Martin will evaluate them in December and there is a "CHANCE" that I may keep one!

Feeding my dogs healthy food, grooming them, walking them, playing with them and even brushing their teeth gives me a peace and joy that's difficult to put into words. But the reality is my dogs take care of me as much as I take care of them.

Remember, they are "white" and go with everything!

As my business card reads:

Black N' White, Day N' Night, BEST of the East, not Least.

Dee Carlton,

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