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My first Westie (1964) came from Ms. FMC Cook of Fame-check Kennels and later another from Mrs. DM Dennis of Branston Kennels. I was blessed to have my first experience with Westies to come from the famous English lines of the past. This was also my introduction to the world of dog shows (East Coast). My dogs retired when I went off to college (William and Mary), veterinary school (UGa), internship (AMC, NYC), residency (UCD), NIH postdoc..... Until I was ready to repopulate my life with Westies, (As a veterinarian, adopting the 3 legged kitten, the abused German Shepherd, the paralyzed HBC kitten, the abandoned Labrador, etc.) has been an occupational hazard...So the Westies have often had to share space.

My early research and publications were in surgical intervention of vascular diseases of the liver, especially portosystemic shunts. When I left surgical research, I managed several critical care/emergency clinics for several years. For the past 22 years I have had a small veterinary clinic in Windsor, California.

I have shown and bred Westies under the Wyndbrae prefix. Sherry Byrd, Winnie Noble and I have formed a close friendship over Mac, GCh Ch Wyndbrae's Maclaren. We are very proud of him and his winning accomplishments and unbeatable personality. Despite limited breeding we have celebrated our 30th champion and are enjoying new puppies in the ring.

Between my early Westies and my current Westies, I had purchased a pet Westie who was my academic companion. In 1996 I lost Mousse to pulmonary fibrosis; this unrelenting disease was devastating and seemed "out of the blue" in its serious and unusual presentation. Then in 1999 Brendan Corcoran published a review of 29 similar cases in West Highland White Terriers and our fight was on to understand and hopefully triumph over this horrible disease. With each new case of pulmonary fibrosis that I see I feel catapulted in our struggle to understand this disease and find answers in treatment and hopefully prevention. I hope that my interest and haunted desire to beat this cruel disease will be a benefit to the Westie Foundation.