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# Safety Tips

## FOR A FIDO-FRIENDLY FOURTH

According to **AKC Reunite** the AKC's pet ID and recovery service the Fourth of July is among the most active times for pet recovery. To keep dogs safe while having fun, the AKC offers the following tips.

### Keep your dog at home

to keep him safe during Fourth of July celebrations. Instead of bringing him to the party, keep him in the house, instead of the yard. He'll be happier indoors, and not tempted to leap over a fence to find you.

### Block outside sights & sounds

by keeping your dog in a room where he's comfortable, lowering the blinds and turning on the tv. Fireworks are pretty, but very loud, which can scare your dog.

### Avoid scraps from the grill.

While tempting to our pets, sudden changes to your dog's diet can cause stomach upset. Also, certain foods like onions, avocado grapes, and raisins can be toxic.

### Identification is extremely important

In case your dog does get loose, Your dog should have collar and tag, microchip and updated contact information for your pet recovery service. Make sure they can contact you, once your dog is recovered.



# Happy Tales

## Recent Adoptions



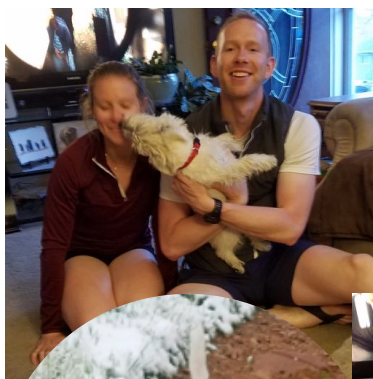
### Tommy & Maggie

adopted by  
Jimmy & Nancy

### Stella

adopted by  
Rick & Barbara

Stella is the most precious pup we have ever met. She loves our laps, her cushions, and her backyard. At first she needed to be in our laps and became concerned when she could not see both of us, but not so any more. She has explored every room in the house and is very curious about the Westie she sees in the mirrors. Stella has made a few buddies with the squirrels in her back yard. She isn't sure yet about the joggers and some urban noises on our walks; so we go different routes so that she hears different noises and finds new smells. When I go to the basement to work on my quilts, Stella comes down with me and hangs out on her cushion. I need to make a quilt for her! When Rick practices his bass, she hangs out on the chair next to him and listens. We love having Stella here and think she is the perfect match for us.



### Millie

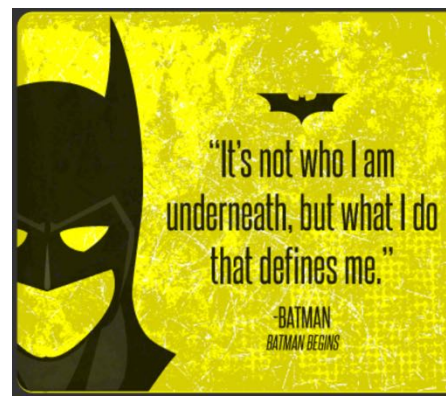
adopted by  
Michael & Alyssa

Millie loves spending hours playing with and chasing other dogs at the dog park across the street from her new home. She is so friendly to all creatures and humans and must say "hello" to everyone who crosses her path. Her pastimes include trailblazing on short hikes, chewing all the bones she can find, chasing her new roommate Cord (4 yr old tabby) around the house, and being adorable. Millie is loved.



## Spotlight on Board Member

# Sarah Doud



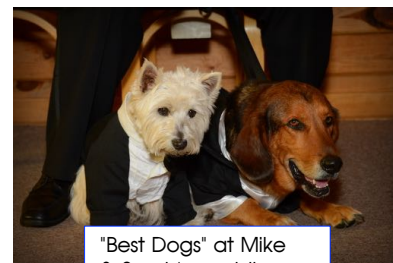
The quote from batman is very appropriate in describing Sarah! She has been on the WRN Board almost three years, as the relinquishment coordinator. She is the busiest person I know, and yet, she still has time for Westie Rescue Network. Sarah started with WRN as a foster home in 2010, shortly after she moved to Colorado Springs as a military member.

Sarah says, *"My best memories are always the dog's successes. Coming into a new home they all have something to work on, whether it is potty training or boundaries or aggression. After we have the dogs for a few weeks we start making progress. . . It is usually two steps forward and one step back. It is fun to watch and see all the different personalities of Westies. We have never had two of the same personalities. Each time we have a foster for a month or so, Kennedy asks to keep them. We have had 20 fosters... I only failed to tell her no once, when we adopted our 20th foster, Rogue. Kennedy has been my biggest helper in all of these fosters." . . . And Kennedy's story is next.*

*"Rogue came to us at 9 months old with aggression issues. On day one I realized her issue was physical. We discovered that both her back knee caps were on the side of her legs and she was in extreme pain constantly, which caused snapping... long story short, Rogue had surgery to put her knee caps back. She also had severe allergies. Once her allergies cleared up, she got a staph infection on the affected skin. Two months AFTER surgery was the first time I was allowed to pet her. Six months after surgery she was full steam ahead and didn't look back. We still work on issues with her from time to time, but she was second to my first love." All of our animals (except Jack) are named after super heros... Rogue is from X men. Our chickens are the Guardians of the Galaxy. . . .*

Sarah's love for Westies started with Duke... his full registered name is Conrad "Duke" Houser, named after the first sergeant for the GI Joes. Sarah says, *"He is the most gentle loving handsome little dog I have ever had, and he inspired me to work with WRN. He was my first dog, and has been my long time soul mate. . . But then my human soul mate, Mike, came along."*

Mike had Jack, a fun loving, laid back Basset mix who in his younger years could chase down jack rabbits. Duke and Jack became best friends. After having only Duke and Jack for 8-9 years, Sarah managed to convince Mike that moving Rogue to a new house was not in the pup's best interest, and she and Kennedy convinced him to let this somewhat emotionally unstable puppy in their house. Since then Rogue has thrived.



Sarah works full time at Peterson Air Force Base as a Government civilian, doing Space system program management, and she also has a ton of hobbies. She and Mike ran a triathlon last year. Sarah claims she had a slow run time because her dogs were her training partners 😊. The family loves to ski in the winter, boat in the summer and fish whenever possible- ice fish, fly fish, boat/float fish, and shore fish. They also hike and get outside as much as possible. Sarah also takes pictures everywhere... mostly of her Westies on their hikes. Her favorite event is to host WestieFest every year for our new adopters and volunteers. President Gene Bourque says, "WRN is truly blessed to have Sarah on our Board. She has a keen intellect, a 'get it done' attitude about any project she takes on and a no-nonsense approach to the operating challenges WRN faces. And, she is high energy; but, with a gentle heart when it comes to our Westies and those who are able to adopt them. She makes my job easier and I appreciate her patience when she is tasked with 'bringing me along.' Thank you Sarah and Kennedy and Mike for all you do for WRN."



## Spotlight on a Foster Sister

# Kennedy Taylor



We have Foster Moms (and Dads), in our organization, but we also have a Foster sister, KennedyTaylor, now 14. Kennedy gives true meaning to the fact that Fostering is a family affair. I was curious what she had to say about this whole Westie Rescue thing. Here is her answer.

*"For as long as I can remember, there have been foster dogs in and out of our house. Sometimes two at a time. I've never had bad memories with any of them, and taking care of the dogs has always been such a fun time. It's true, every single dog we've ever had I've wanted to keep. One of my oldest but most vivid memories is taking the dogs to get the mail and struggling with three or four of them at a time. But, it was always fun. The hardest part of being a foster... sister? Is eventually having to give the dogs up. As hard as it is, however, it must be done; so that the dogs can live happily in a place that is best for them, besides, our established dog limit was always two. . . Until Rogue.*

*I remember when Sarah showed me videos of Rogue in her old home. She seemed so vicious... the incurable rip-your-face-off-for-fun kind. To be completely honest, I was extremely nervous about getting this dog. But was also looking forward to the challenge of making her better. We found out within a single day that Rogue's problem was physical. After her long surgery and even longer recovery, you could tell that she wasn't a bad dog. She was just scared and in pain. Rogue was trying so hard to be a good dog. But she was just so nervous that it was hard for her. Rogue has probably been the most noteworthy dog. She taught us a lot of lessons about dogs and about patience and perseverance. You would not believe that she is the same dog she was a year ago.*

*Overall, I would say it's been an amazing journey fostering these dogs. You learn so much and come to see how unique every dog is. It has definitely been a big part of my life."*



President Gene Bourque was there when they picked up Rogue, and he says he thought perhaps she had been abused. "She was a terror, growled, and showed her teeth. I let Kennedy know she was going to be my barometer as to how Rogue was doing". . . Finally Kennedy said she could touch, hold, and carry Rogue with no problems!" Gene says, "I am convinced that Kennedy, with help from Sarah and Mike, was instrumental in saving Rogue. So, here we have a very young teenager showing the maturity and experience of fosters many times her age. Kennedy is a real heroine in my opinion and I could not be prouder that she works with us."

Personal note from the Editor: "We are so lucky to have you in WRN, Kennedy, and I am especially grateful to you for being a foster sister, to my Maggie!"

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not our  
whole life,  
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Roger Caras



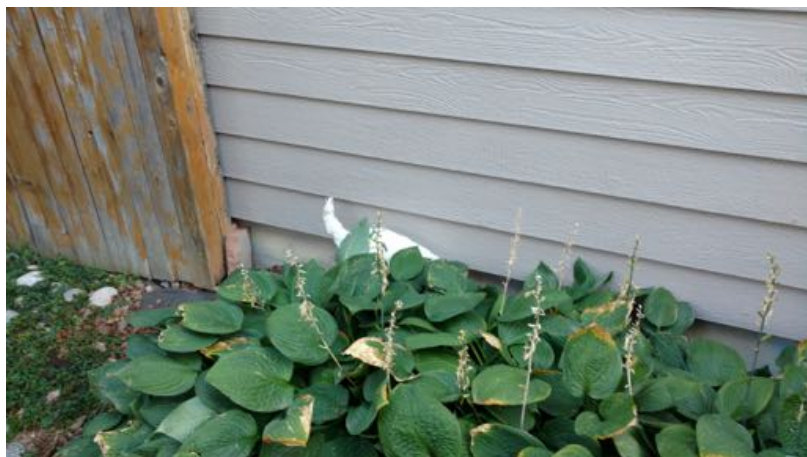
# Spot the Westie

## From the Editor

Send your Spot the Westie photos, and any other pictures, stories, and ideas to [marmfield@aol.com](mailto:marmfield@aol.com)



Quinn



Peyton



This invitation was provided by the West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Denver.

Westie Rescue members are welcome to come (even if you aren't WHWTCDG members)

# WESTIE FUN DAY!

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

Location: THE SMITH RANCH  
3139 County Road 60,  
Grandby, Colorado 80446  
Time: 11 am-2 pm

\*ALL MEMBERS WELCOME  
\*FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING  
BARN HUNT, FARM DOG, TRICKS AND MORE  
\*CATCH UP WITH YOUR WESTIE FRIENDS!



Club will provide water and snacks. Bring chairs, x-pens, and a picnic lunch if you would like.

Overnight dog friendly lodging or camping nearby see list below.

Please RSVP by July 14, 2019 to Lisanne Smith,  
[lajs@rkymtnhi.com](mailto:lajs@rkymtnhi.com) 970-531-9470



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Inn at Silvercreek-Granby 970-887-2131  
River Run RV Park-Granby-888-814-7202 Lots of camping options  
Lots of options on VRBO/AirBnb



# The Back Page

## July 11 All American Pet Photo Day

Even though the deadline just passed for submission of photos for the WRN 2020 calendar. You can start taking pictures and submit for 2021.

All pictures need to be taken with a 300 dpi high resolution digital camera in landscape format, in order to be considered for the monthly feature page.

You can email your photos to our calendar editor Dianne Veno at [contessa5360@aol.com](mailto:contessa5360@aol.com)

## August 10 Spoil Your Dog Day

- Dole out the treats- On this special day, break the rules and spoil your dog with as many treats as you want. You can keep it healthy by adding in some natural treats like carrots, salmon skin, or coconut oil.
- Do some doggy activities- Instead of walking around the block, you could take your dog to the dog park to socialize with other dogs while you walk. Not your scene? Take your dog to a pet spa and let the spoiling really begin!
- Love your dog -Nobody knows your dog like you do, so take a moment to consider the things your dog loves best. Give your dog a great belly rub and snuggle up on the couch for a movie marathon if that's what your pooch enjoys. Whatever your dog's favorite together-time, you can deliver it with a little thought and some heartfelt appreciation for what your dog adds to your life.



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## West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Denver Specialty Show

September 6, 2019  
Island Grove Park  
Greeley, Co

