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Holidays!

## 2019 November/December

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Our Board members, volunteers, foster homes, groomers, and Veterinarians!**

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# EMERGENCY *preparedness* *checklist for DOGS*

Pets count on us for safety during disasters. You can prepare by gathering these items so you are ready in case of emergency

When natural disasters strike, you have lots to care for and consider. In addition to making sure you met your own needs, it's essential not to forget about your pets too.

Remember, if a storm, hurricane, tornado or other possible threat is dangerous for you, it's also a hazard for your pet.

So if you are evacuating your home, be sure to bring your furry pet along with you. And if you hunker down, make sure you're stocked up on supplies so you're on the run you're ready to survive. Learn how pet disaster preparedness can save your best friend's life.

When you're in panic mode you might not always have the clearest head so having a list to reference ensures you won't let anything slip through the crack! To help you remember what to pack, we put together this handy checklist so you can quickly and easily remember what to grab in case an emergency arrives.

Print this out today and put it on your fridge so you know what to pack up if an urgent matter presents itself.

read more at this link

<https://www.caninejournal.com/disaster-preparedness-for-pets>

## #1 FOOD & WATER

*for 3-7 days*



## #2 MEDICATIONS

*& medical records*

## #3 FIRST AID BOOK *for pets*

## #4 FIRST AID KIT *for pets*

## #5 LEASH

## #6 HARNESS



## #7 CARRIER



## #8 FLASHLIGHT *and batteries*

## #9 BAGS *to collect waste*

## #10 PHOTOS *and descriptions of pets*

## #11 VET'S CONTACT INFO.

## #12 GROOMING ITEMS



## #13 PAPER TOWELS & DISINFECTANT



## #14 BLANKETS OR TOWELS

## #15 PILLOW CASE *to trap snakes*



# Spotlight on Volunteer Marion Englade

Marion Englade is our Application & Home Visit Coordinator.

President Gene Bourque noted that she has been doing this important job for WRN since 2016. She personally contacts and confirms the personal and Veterinarian references provided by adopters, and then arranges for the all important Home Inspection visits. Once an application has been processed, she works closely with our Adoption Coordinator to determine if the adopter should be moved to the approved list.

Marion explained how she got started. "Hollie Hunter actually got me started. In 2012 we got our dog Tobe from her. She was his foster mom, and we have stayed in contact. WRN needed a volunteer and Hollie thought I was a good fit, contacted me, and that's how I started."

*Old Dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable.  
They might be a bit out of shape and a little  
worn around the edges, but they fit well.*  
~Bennie Wilcox

Marion said, "I really like to help find homes for the Westies. The best part of my job is meeting people who are interested in adopting our Westies, and especially finding homes for our senior Westies. I meet so many nice people and can see the loving home they can provide, which makes me very happy."



She says the hardest part is to hear that people sometimes don't have a choice, and have to give up their Westie, or when she meets people who are still grieving over the Westie they just lost.

Marion is one of those people who always had a dog. She and her husband, Mark got their first Westie, Twix, in 1996 from a breeder. Half a year later they got a Cairn Terrier Mix, Hershey, from a shelter, and eight years after that, they got Shiner (named after Shinerbock beer), a Corgi, also a rescue. After Hershey passed away they got Tobe from Hollie, and now we are back at the beginning of this story. . . but it continues. . . A year later they adopted Scooter from WRN. Tobe and Scooter were both 11 years old when they adopted them. After those two passed away Marion and Mark adopted Cooper from a shelter. He is a Terrier Mix and last year they adopted MINI from WRN. She's their third Westie from WRN!

Besides being a volunteer for WRN, Marion is a receptionist at an animal hospital, where she has worked for the past 20 years. In her "free time," she likes to travel, go to the movies, and meet friends.

She says "WRN is such a great rescue organization. Every Westie gets the care they need before being placed in a loving, fitting home with responsible pet owners." She is right, and we are so thankful to have Marion as part of our staff!



# Happy Tales

## Recent Adoptions



## Shorty

~from Jo Ann and Stu



Shorty, a 9-year old adorable male Westie (aren't all Westies adorable?) joined our family early in August. He's our 7th Westie, five of whom we have been blessed to adopt through Westie Rescue Network.

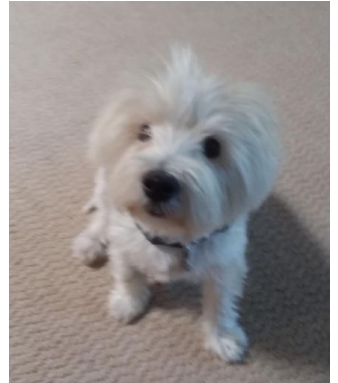
It took him all of about a day and a half to identify favorite places in every room for a nap. He has to be the easiest Westie we've ever adopted in terms of his adjustment to us, our home, and our other Westie, Delta.

Shorty is always happy, happy. Delta, Shorty and I go for a quick walk early each morning, and Shorty is anxious to lead the way, stopping

about every 10 feet to identify a smell he hasn't identified on a previous day. We live in a neighborhood with lots of dogs, so there's always a new spot to be identified. On our return to home, we pass a home with 3 Huskies who may or may not howl at us. If they howl, Shorty returns a short, friendly bark and prances on past the house with two very vociferous Schnauzers who bark loudly and almost endlessly at any moving thing or noise they aren't used to. Shorty stops, looks at them, barks one gentle bark and then looks at them as if to say, "...I already said hello; why are you continuing to bark?" It's really pretty cute.

The most amazing change since Shorty's arrival has been his affect on our other Westie, a female named Delta. We adopted Delta and Heath at the same time -- they had been together pretty much their entire lives. At the time we got Delta, she was recovering from a bout of tularemia that had been serious enough to make some wonder whether she should be put down (thanks to all who insisted that she shouldn't be put down). Sadly, Heath developed lymphoma about 3 years after we adopted him and was gone in two weeks after the diagnosis. We worried about how Delta would adjust without Heath -- she did fine, but was somewhat subdued. Shorty's arrival has completely changed all that! Delta is clearly energized by having Shorty around to play with, walk with and enjoy as a companion. Shorty is a very small Westie. We used to think Delta was little since she was much smaller than Heath. However, she's now the bigger of the two dogs and seems to enjoy her larger stature in addition to her increased energy level.

We are so, so grateful to Westie Rescue Network and all they do for the Westies we all love and adore.



## Dexter

~from John

Dexter and I are settling in just great. He is a well behaved dog and now realizes I am his dad. He loves to go for walks and does well on a leash until he spots a rabbit!





# Happy Tales

## More Recent Adoptions

### Murphy

~from Minnie & Gene

The lives in our family changed dramatically on August 8, 2019! Sweet Murphy joined our clan! Murphy joined brothers Quinn and Clancy with a zest for living! Our boys let him know quickly he was welcome, but they were here first! All's well and trust me, it's a different world with 3 Westies in it. Never a dull moment!

Murphy is a very sweet, affectionate boy with very good manners. He is much smaller in stature than our boys....short legs and weighing in at 16#! Though he came to us with horrible teeth and is down to only 5 remaining in his mouth, his appetite remains robust. Amazing feat!

We know nothing about Murphy's former life, other than his dental health being neglected and having no identification. He is kennel trained and goes into his kennel on his own when the evening arrives. This is a first in our experience with dogs! Very nice ....he loves cuddling when any human is seated. Just a lover!

It has been a joy introducing Murphy to all the neighbors and their dogs and to the group of Westies that we join for area walks. Murphy greets all with great fervor! We are thrilled to have sweet Murphy join our family! He has completed it in a special way!



sniffing.

~from Debbie and Dave

We welcomed Buckley, an 8 year old male, to our home in September. We were fortunate to meet him with his foster mom and her friend, and it was easy to see that he had received much love and care. He was immediately friendly with our other two dogs and they with him, with lots of tail wagging and

The dogs have since made their decisions as to who would sleep where in the assorted dog beds and chairs throughout the house. Buckley has quickly become quite adept at the household routine. Though we have had the privilege of having 4 other Westies in our years of adoption, we have noticed that each has had a very distinctive personality to go with those traits we so well recognize as "Westitude." Buckley is fascinated with shadows on the floor. We have caught him trying to catch the shadows of his own ears!

He has a friend in Jude as they both love their squeaky toys and can throw them and race after the toys to entertain themselves. He and Jeter love to watch for the turkeys that stroll along the trail behind our home. These two terriers will defend their territory! His adult buddy is Dave. They enjoy a daily two mile walk and both are better for it. It works out the kinks for Dave and is helping Buckley get to 24 pounds.

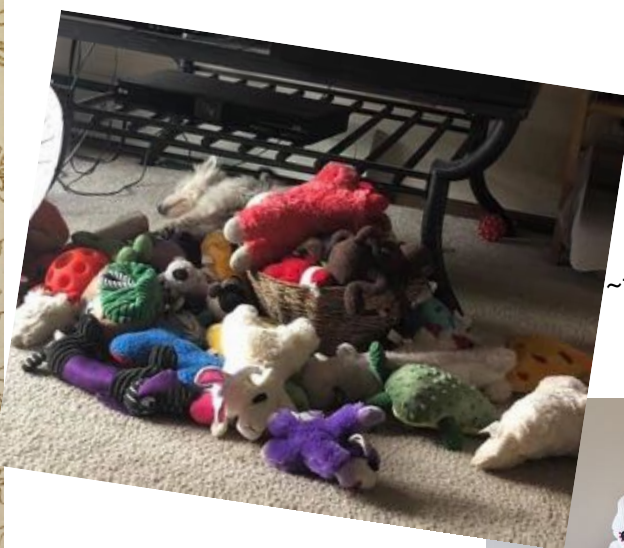
Buckley has been a delightful addition, and he is excellent with our grandchildren and neighbors as well. We are very happy to have Buckley join our family.

### Buckley





# Spot the Westie



**TO THIS DAY, I HAVE  
THE MOST FOND  
MEMORIES OF SOME OF  
MY OLD TOYS**

MICHAEL KEATON

~from Anna

## From the Editor

Send your Spot the Westie photos, and any other pictures, stories, and ideas to

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Westie Fun-

# Westie Fest

September 8, 2019

For newest Westie adoptions and volunteers

Thanks to Sarah Doud and Mike Taylor for hosting this event!





# Special Contribution

## Addisons Disease



Hi! I am Jennifer, and relatively new to your group. I would like to share my mission in life since becoming a thankful Westie fan.

My journey began when I saw a photo of an adorable two week old Westie puppy in a basket with her litter mates, wearing a yellow scrunchie as a collar, and looking like she was sunning herself . . . six weeks later I brought her home and fell in love, not just with Cassie, but with the Westie breed! so smart, playful, intelligent, and did I mention smart? ☺ When Cassie was three, we bred her and kept one of her pups, Piper. You may have met Piper at the recent Westie Fest. Cassie, Piper, and I were inseparable on many road trip adventures.

In the Fall of 2013, Cassie started having health issues. She was lethargic, frequently vomiting yellow bile, had loss of appetite, excessive thirst, and urination just to name a few. Our Vet tried several tests and treatments. The suspected cause was some sort of kidney issue, but nothing seemed to work. Cassie crossed the Rainbow Bridge early one morning in November in my arms of what was thought to be kidney failure.

Needless to say I was devastated and I truly believe that Piper was my emotional salvation. It was uncanny how she learned to gauge my moods before I could. However, in August of 2016, Piper began to exhibiting the exact same symptoms that Cassie had. I simply could not believe that I was going to lose her as well. Now I knew that there had to be some sort of genetic aspect to look for. My Vet contacted colleagues with Southern Colorado Veterinary Internal Medicine in Colorado Springs with the details and her blood samples. The verdict came back very quickly. Piper had Addisons Disease, as had her mother Cassie.

Addisons (hypoadrenocortism) is a disease that occurs when the adrenal glands fail to produce the hormones that they are in charge of, in the body. The most important of these is the steroids aldosterone and cortisol. These 2 steroids play a huge role in regulating dog's internal organs and body systems. Without them, the dog's body deteriorates causing serious complications and even death, as in Cassie's case.

Causes of Addison's can vary from an auto-immune disorder to destruction of the adrenal gland itself from something like a metastatic tumor. Any dog can be affected by Addisons, but there are some breeds that appear to be predisposed to it, and Westies is one of them. It also seems to be more common in females between the ages of 3-7.

Addison's has been called the "Great Mimicker" because it is often misdiagnosed as kidney issues. Symptoms can include a number of things. Piper and Cassie had 5 of the symptoms, but not hair loss, painful tummies, or weak pulse. Every dog can be as different as each person.

My whole experience has given me my "Mission" in my life, and that is to educate people about Addison's. I will try anything to make sure that they don't lose their pet as I did Cassie. If your dog exhibits the symptoms of Addisons and you are receiving care from a Vet without success, please ask them to run a simple blood panel test called an ACTH. (adrenocorticotrophic hormone stimulation test.) They will introduce a synthetic ACTH and do a comparison of the cortisol concentration before and after the injection. That will tell then if the adrenal gland is functioning normally. If Addison's is diagnosed, it is easily treatable. Piper is on a daily oral steroid and an injection of a mineralocorticoid every 25 days, and has been for about 3 years now.

My husband John and I spend the winters in the south as campground hosts. You can bet that I approach every Westie owner I meet and tell them of my "Mission," and many of those conversations end with me having tears in my eyes. I also approach owners of the other breeds as well. I wish whole-heartedly that someone had shared this with me 5 years ago.

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## Next year is Westie Rescue Network's 30th year!

There will be a special page in the next issue of the WRN newsletter for your pictures, memories, thoughts, or good wishes on this momentous occasion.

Submit to  
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**PHOTO SHOOT**  
**NOVEMBER 17TH 2019**  
**10am to 3pm**

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We will have a Professional Photographer, different scene set-ups to choose from and a **surprise scene set-up for your own photography**.

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Open to ALL Club Members, Guests & Friends (any breed)

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