

# Happy Fall!



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# Protect Your Pets

## from Harmful Algal Blooms



Cyanobacteria can form harmful blooms in lakes, ponds, and rivers that make the water murky or look like pea soup or paint. These blooms may produce toxins that could kill or sicken pets.

- Do not allow your pet to swim in or drink water that may have a bloom.
- If pets do come into contact with an algal bloom, don't allow pets to groom themselves and rinse them off immediately.
- If any pet toys are exposed to the algae, thoroughly clean them or throw them away.

Call your vet immediately if your pet has been around an algal bloom and shows symptoms such as vomiting, staggering, drooling, or convulsions.

For more information go to: [www.cdc.gov/habs/ohhabs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/habs/ohhabs.html)

There is an app to help identify the blooms:  
[cyanos.org/bloomwatch/](http://cyanos.org/bloomwatch/)

**If in doubt, stay out!**

# Are Grain-Free diets Causing Heart Problems for Dogs?

~from Deb Saret

The FDA recently published their third status report on the investigation between certain diets and Canine Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM). DCM is a disease of the cardiac muscle that results in a decreased ability of the heart to generate pressure to pump blood through the vascular system. The definitive cause of canine DCM is unknown, although a number of factors including nutritional, infection, and genetic disposition have been implicated.



This disease caught the FDA's attention because of the increase in the number of reports of affected animals rising from 296 between January 1, 2014 and November 30, 2018 to 219 between December 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019.

At this point the FDA has not found any direct correlation between grain-free diets, specific brands, manufacturing processes, or any other of the data points collected by the FDA from the reported cases.

To read the complete FDA status report click on the link below:

<https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/news-events/fda-investigation-potential-link-between-certain-diets-and-canine-dilated-cardiomyopathy>

Steven M. Solomon, D.V.M., M.P.H., director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine said "Our ongoing work in this area is a top priority for the FDA, and as our investigation unfolds and we learn more about this issue, we will make additional updates to the public. In the meantime, because we have not yet determined the nature of this potential link, we continue to encourage consumers to work closely with their veterinarians, who may consult a board-certified veterinary nutritionist, to select the best diet for their pets' needs."

This is not the opinion of Westie Rescue Network. However, after researching this issue and getting input from several veterinarians I personally have changed my dog's diet to a grain inclusive food that has a low percentage of legumes. In addition, I vary the brand and protein sources. The thought is if this is an ingredient or processing issue alternating brands and protein sources should help the problem.

# Happy Tales

## Recent Adoptions



### Franny



~from Suzi

Franny fit right in. She keeps her brother, Tuffy, 11 months old, in line, and is teaching him everything. She does not like squirrels, and chased one right into Tuffy, and he snapped it's neck, and then came for a treat. 😊 Franny loves to "nuzzle."

~from Marcia

Zoey, in my opinion, is a perfect dog - 😊 and deserves to be a star! Zoey joined our lives in late June. Paperwork says we rescued her, but actually – as is true for many rescue dogs – she rescued us! Zoey is our second WRN family member and we just adore her. Our sweet Zoey loves to cuddle, especially if a great belly rub is involved. She carefully monitors the rabbit population in our yard, loves the neighborhood dogs, and likes to sit and read books with our young grandsons. Zoey has taught us that to slow down and enjoy the view is good for the soul. She is patient and kind and loves life. At the age of 11, going on 12 in a couple of weeks, she proves that rescuing an older dog brings many riches to each day!

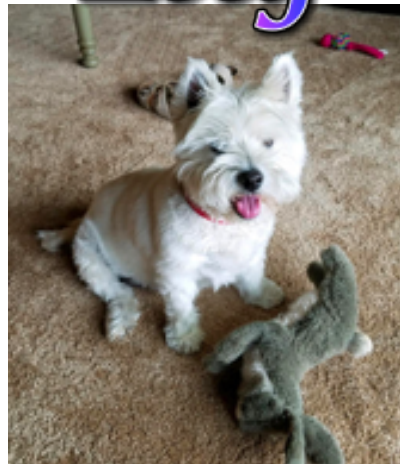
### Roxie



~from Cathy & Keith

Roxy is doing well. She has become best buddies with our other dog, Whiskey. They wrestle at least 5 hours a day and run around the backyard making sure our yard is squirrel free. Here she is after her first official visit to the groomer! While she very loving with us, she is aggressive with people she doesn't know, as well as some big dogs. Her doggie trainer is helping us with those issues.

### Zoey





# Dirty Dawgs



baa baa black

The Mud will  
WASH off, BUT  
the MEMORIES  
will LAST A  
LIFETIME.



This is Ollie,  
who happens to be green today



filthy!



red

## From the Editor

Send your Dirty Dawg photos, and any  
other pictures, stories, and ideas to

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# Maggie's Restaurant Reviews

With our warm weather almost over, it is time to take your dog to lunch! Here are some of Maggie's favorites, and what she had to say about them.



## The Ranch at West 40

12101 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO

I went here with my dad on Father's Day. One part of the outside patio faces the busy street, but if you go on around to the west side, there is a nice little garden and stream (that I checked out).

## Lariat Lodge Bark Garten

27618 Fireweed Dr, Evergreen, CO

We usually stop here after a nice hike in Evergreen. Their upper patios are all dog friendly, with beautiful views. My folks say their BBQ and beer is pretty good too.



## Lazy Dog

Orchard Town Center 14618 Delaware Street, Westminster CO, If you look closely, you will see 4 Westies under the table. It was fun meeting my friends for lunch! There were lots of canine friends at other tables too, and the servers fussed over us, but they did not pet us. Read their rules. However, my folks did buy me lunch, and I nibbled on it for 3 more days. This restaurant is opening a new location in Colorado Springs fall 2019. I think we need to check it out! One of my favorites.



## Beau Jo's

1517 Miner St, Idaho Springs, CO

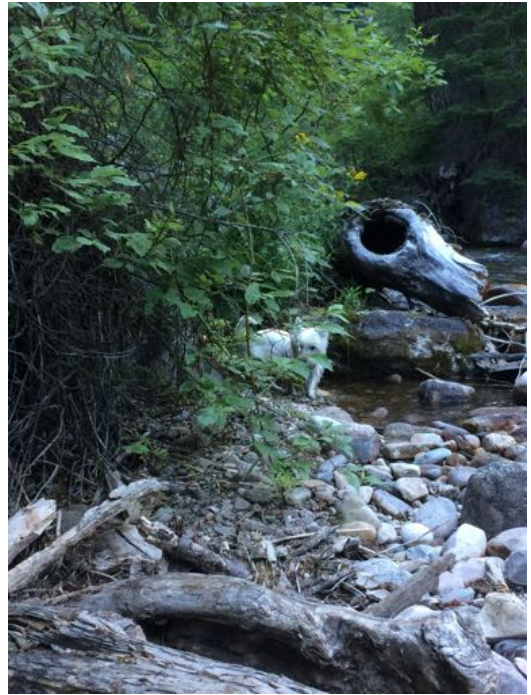
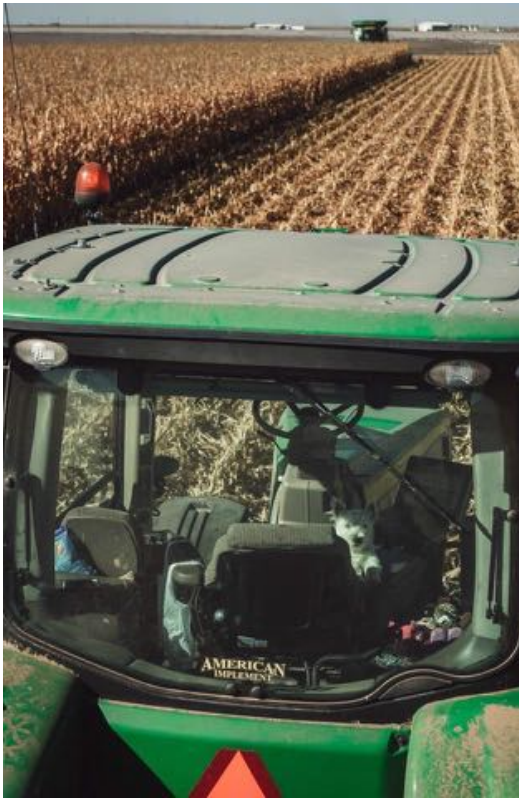
My folks liked the pizza, but we were seated in the ally, not the best location.

## From the Editor

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# Spot the Westie



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Look close - Maggie is hiding in the daisies



Bogey is now 14 years old and was rescued 12 years ago. He is our most loving Westie!  
~from Bob Gravelle



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### September 28 World Rabies Day

Take a moment to ensure that your pet is up-do-date on her vaccinations. If not, schedule a visit with your veterinarian.

## October 2019

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	National Walk Your Dog Week.					
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Properly trained, a  
man can be dog's  
best friend  
~Corey Ford

