

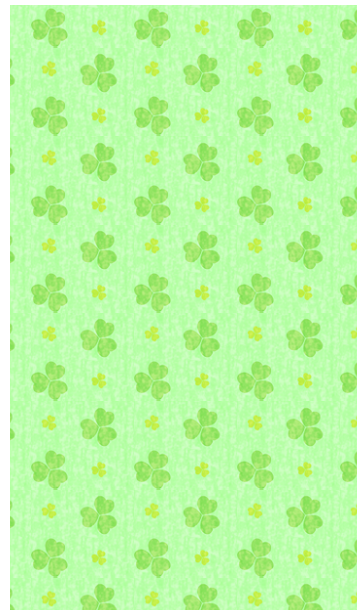


# Happy Easter

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# 30 Years and Counting

*~a letter from our President*

Dear Friends of Westie Rescue Network,



I hope the New Year has started off positive for you and your entire family.

2020 represents a milestone for WRN. It was 30 years ago (1990) that the West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Denver (the Club) at the urging of the late Meg Van Dyke named Martha Smith as its Rescue Chairperson. It is worth noting that the West Highland White Terrier Club of America did not establish the National Rescue Committee until 1999. As the only AKC (American Kennel Club) sanctioned Westie Club in Colorado, and most of the surrounding states, the Club was ahead of the times in establishing a Westie Rescue capability. Martha formed the Club's first Rescue Committee and recruited Carolyn Foley and the late Joe Downey to assist her. Joe was the driving force to secure a corporate 501 (c) (3) non-profit status for WRN in 1994 which allowed it to become a separate, stand-alone non-profit organization.

It is important to note that since WRN's founding many members of the Club have provided valuable help as volunteers and/or financial donors to us. I would be remiss if I did not mention the following individuals, several of whom continue to assist us:

- Hollie Hunter
- Laurie and Paul Peterson
- Dixie Sutton
- Carol Hoekstra
- Gail and Marty Tinianow
- Jane Forster
- Kathleen Spradley
- Laurie Stephenson
- Lisanne Smith
- And all the other Club Members I have been privileged to meet

Thank you all very much for helping create and support the on-going legacy of WRN!

As we enter our 30th year let me give you an overview of our 2019 results. A total of 20 dogs entered the program, an increase of 3 over 2018. 17 of the dogs were adopted out during 2019, but sadly, 2 dogs were euthanized as a result of serious cancer issues. 1 dog was in the program at year-end and it was adopted early this year. There remains a serious shortage of Westies throughout the rescue community. We find people who want/need to give up a dog are able to sell them on Craigslist or other social media web sites. In addition, a stronger overall economy results in more people holding on to their dogs. We believe the enforcement of stronger spay/neuter laws in more states has reduced the number of dogs that might otherwise be available. Dogs surrendered to us are generally older (over 8 yrs.) and we do see more health issues. Our average veterinary cost per dog received increased almost 14% over 2018 to \$1,190. For 2020 we are estimating another 10% increase in these costs. Thankfully, our many generous and loving donors have provided us with not only the money to cover our annual veterinary costs, but to actually increase the testing we now perform on the dogs coming to us. For example we now routinely perform ultrasounds on all our dogs because we are seeing too much bladder cancer. In addition we have been able to afford to consult with veterinary specialist primarily in the fields of cancer, dermatology and neurology as needed. This newsletter features the names of the donors who allow WRN to remain faithful to all the beautiful little white dogs that come into our care. To all of you who donate a sincere Thank You and God Bless You from yours truly, the Board of WRN and all our volunteers and Veterinary professionals.

## *~a letter from our President, continued*

Over the years a number of folks have said to me that WRN is “all about the little white dogs”. I understand how many people would say that. In my position I see it differently, “it is all about the volunteers”. Please indulge me for the following paragraph to introduce you to the wonderful team of past and present individuals who perform all the tasks that have helped make WRN a trusted source for Westies.

- In the greater Colorado Springs/Castle Rocks area: Ellen and Brad Simco, Sarah Doud, Mike and Kennedy Taylor, Bob and Linda Gravelle, Linda and Brent Clibon, Mark and Carmen Ianacone, Lania Bryant, Paula Burmeister, Connie Cummiskey, Mary Beth Herens and Ruth Stricker. And down in Rye, CO there is Shawna Miller.
- In the greater Denver area: Diane and Dave Veno, Marlene and Neal Armfield, Vena Flax, Myra Bates, Roxann Souci, Kristin Hernandez, Hope Ramos, Betsy Widner, Livia Hartgrove, Karen Johnson and Ann Meisel.
- North of Denver: Jan Humphrey, Deb Saret, Marion and Mark Englade, Gary and Jeri Christon, Mary and Gary Westdorp, Julie DeWitte, Karen and John Neff, Ellen Wing, Minnie Bourque, Beth Hall, Dale Eckhardt in Casper, WY, and Betty Varga in Cheyenne, WY.
- Other Locals: Cindy and Len Wardlaw in Delta, CO, Pam Thiesfeldt in Vail, CO, Bobbie Carll in Durango, CO and Gayle Rojas in Scottsbluff, NE.
- If I have left out the name of a deserving past volunteer I do apologize.

We are right at 1,000 Westies placed since our founding. Without all these passionate folks there is no WRN. I am humbled and blessed to work with them every day and cannot thank them enough for all they do for our Westies.

One more very important group that WRN works with, almost on a daily basis, are our Veterinarians.

- Dr. Bob James at Aspen Commons Animal Hospital in Denver has, we believe, given away more than he has charged WRN. Dr. James has helped us for many years and usually has one of our Westie alumni welcoming clients to his office.
- Drs. Erin Walters, Jenny Bentz and Evan Lehman at Mtn. Ridge Animal Hospital in Lafayette, CO have provided exceptional care to the dogs, fosters and adopters who they have worked with on our behalf.
- Dr. Quinn Flenniken at North Academy and Briargate Veterinary Hospital in Colorado Springs has helped many WRN dog over the years and is a wonderful champion of our mission.
- Dr. Tim Strauss at Rocky Mtn. Veterinary Dermatology in Frederick, CO only gets the tough cases and takes great care of them.
- The veterinary staffs at Plum Creek Veterinary Services in Castle Rock and North Shore Animal Hospital in Loveland have worked with us for many years.
- One more very important friend of WRN. Danya Apostolope is the owner of DC Grooming and the Dog Paw Spa in Lafayette, CO. When a WRN dog needs to be groomed, usually on short notice for a meet and greet, Danya consistently steps up no matter what day or time to help us out.

To all our Veterinarians and their staffs and to Danya, thank you for all your help and for the professional and loving manner in which you care for our dogs.

One final Thank you to Martha Smith and Carolyn Foley for getting WRN started and helping all of us learn to love these amazing canine characters we call Westies.

Warmest personal regards and a sincere thank you all for your commitment to WRN,

Gene Bourque  
President





# We Can't Thank You Enough

**We at Westie Rescue Network want to thank the following people  
for their generous financial donations in 2019.**



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# Happy Tales

## Recent Adoption



# *Kenzie*

Kenzie is our 33rd anniversary present to each other and what a gift she is! At 6 1/2 years old Kenzie is playful, peppy and so entertaining. She will energetically shake two toys at once while also squeaking her ball. Kenzie fit almost immediately into our pack of Rowdy, a 12 year old WRN male and Benji, a Heinz 57 terrier mix. Kenzie is so smart she learned to use our power dog door just by following the other dogs. She loves her walks in the mountains while Rowdy rides in his carriage. We are so grateful for this loving, sweet, funny little girl. Thank you WRN!

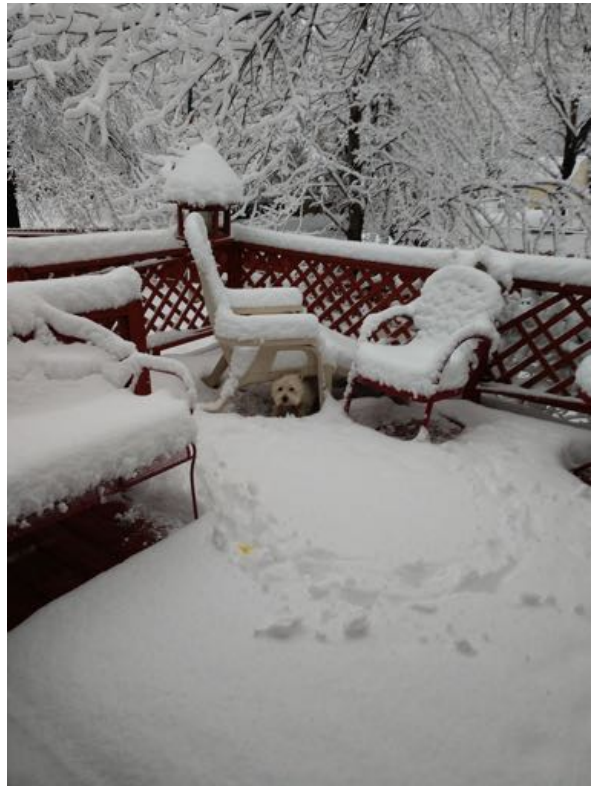


# Spot the Westie



Hi, I snapped this photo of our Christmas display unaware that our Westie, Darby, was anywhere around. Later, when looking at the picture I realized that he had photobombed this shot. We adopted Darby in 2011 from the Westie Rescue Network. Holly Hunter was his foster mom. He is the most wonderful and loving sweet boy who has brought us so much joy. Thank you for all that you do for all of the Westies in need!

Happy New Year!  
Richard Davis and JB Trost



## From the Editor

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

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West Highland White Terriers and their people! are invited to participate in the 36th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will be held on **Saturday, March 14, 2020, at 12:00 Noon** in Downtown **Colorado Springs**.

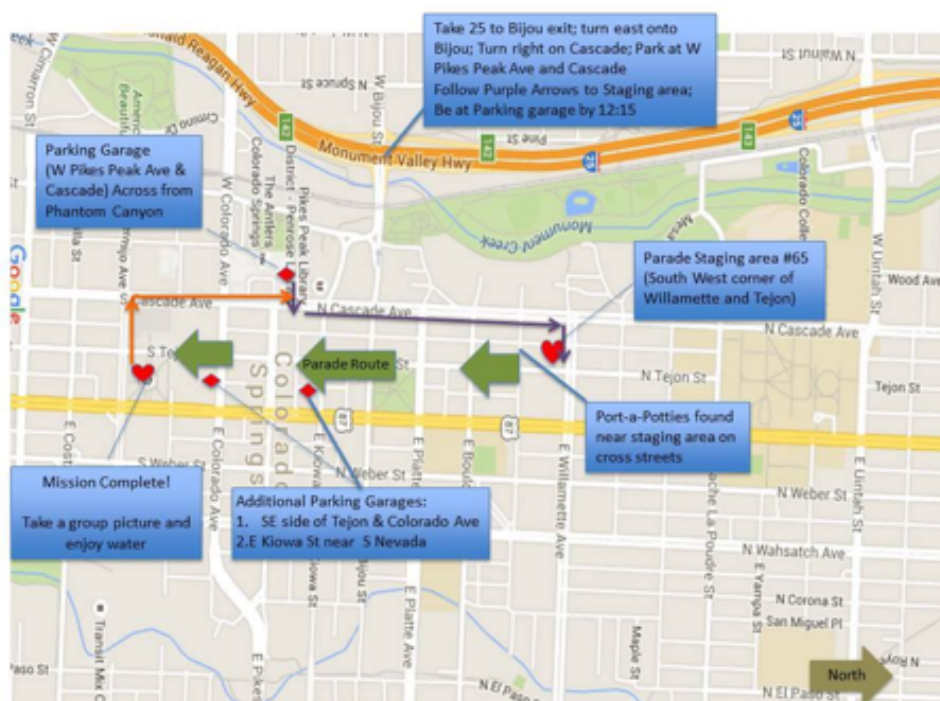
The Parade Route starts at Tejon & St. Vrain Streets, marching south on Tejon Street to Vermijo Street where we will disband. See map below. Immediately before the parade, the "5K on St. Patrick's Day" Race will be held at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Wee Leprechaun Fun Run at 11:00 a.m. Both races start at Acacia Park. And if that's not enough, we have a Bike Ride starting at 8:30 a.m. too! It's going to be a fun-filled day!

Reminders:

No Alcohol allowed.

No throwing of Candy.

Pooper Scoopers: All animal groups must have a pooper scooper following their unit.



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**it's dog flu season.**

make sure your pup  
is guarded against infection.



Several states have confirmed outbreaks of the  
potentially serious canine influenza virus.

**Is your pup at risk?**

Canine influenza vaccination is  
recommended if your pup:

- plays in the dog park
- has a doggy play date crew
- participates in dog shows
- competes in sporting events
- stays in a boarding facility

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### March 21 National Westie Day

March 21st is National Westie Day marked by the passing of the 16th Laird of the MacCullum-Malcom! Edward Donald Malcolm died on March 20, 1930, at 92 years old. He was fortunate to have witnessed the development of his breed into not only a working dog, but a show dog and popular pet worldwide. Today, Col. Malcolm is regarded as the man who not only bred the right type, but brought the Westie to public notice.

