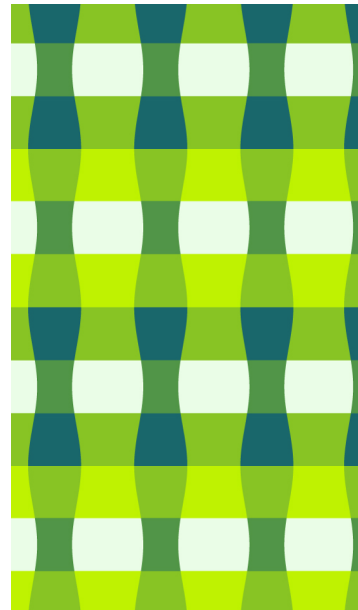




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*Editor's Note: This is not quite the Spring we were expecting! Normally in this issue I show the Westies that walked in the Colorado Springs St Patrick's Day Parade. Things changed dramatically this year. . . starting March 12, when WRN President, Gene Bourque cancelled our participation, due to the Corona virus. Shortly thereafter the whole world went into quarantine. During that time I checked in with other Westies around the world. I thought you might like to see what what was going on then.*

Hello dear friends ♥ ♥

Australia is now asked to stay home as from today, All our restaurants, pubs, cinemas, clubs, churches, gyms are now shut under our new rules and that's Ok, because we really need to stop this virus from spreading We are all in this together, so please #stayhome stay calm and be safe.

Kisses to you all!

from Emma & Eve



First day of lockdown in the UK, Bo the westie is ready for his exercise with the household

Daisy doesn't mind us leaving her while we work. Our jobs are essential as we deliver nuclear medicines to hospitals up and down England. We observe the 2 metre distance rule and keep our hands clean.



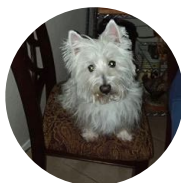
Same here back in Scotland, kisses to you both, that's ok lol from Bonnie

Love and kisses to you and your families too. I always feel for my brothers and sisters around the world. I feel we are even more of a family now. So many good deeds of service and generosity.

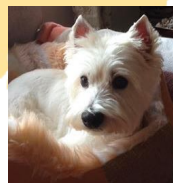
And the world is being cleansed, blue skies in China, clear water in Venice, happier wildlife.



We are in isolation for a week in Croatia. :( and situation is only getting worse day by day :( I hope everything will be over soon. Stay safe



Staying home in Las Vegas with Winston Churchill. Stay safe girls.



From France we stay at home since 1 week...we have a lovely garden for our walk and we stay with mum and dad at home...kisses



Same here in Sweden. We stay at home as much as possible...just out for a walk. Stay safe

From Russia with Love! We are in one boat. Be careful! This my Lelya.



Hi to downunder - in Germany/Bavaria/Nürnberg we also have to stay at home since last Friday! Keep well with your lovely babies - love Mara and Mom

Yep.....Nova Scotia...Canada too

Hi babies. In Italy the same: Charlie at home with Mum

Same here in Brazil since last week. Stay home with Yuki

Same in Denmark



Kisses back as you can't catch it from us and we can't catch it from you beautiful fur babies. Prayers for all those in need.

In Poland is the same Best wish to You



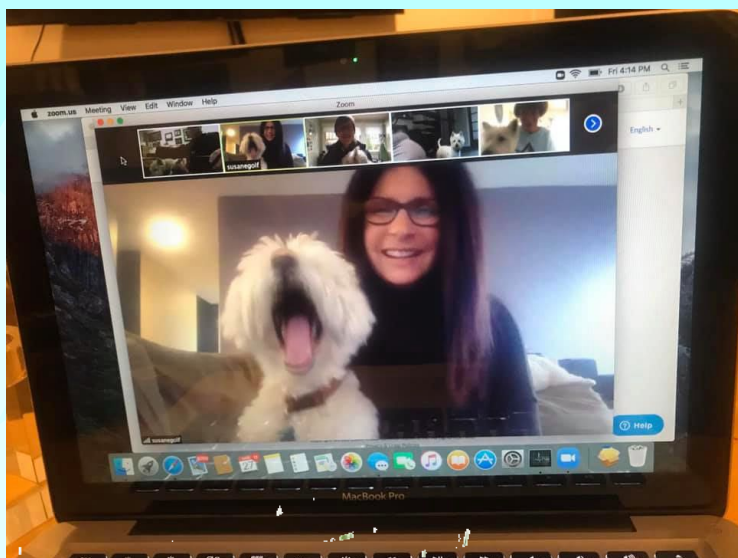


## Yappy Hour

March 27, 2020



What do you do when you cannot meet up for a walk??? You zoom with your friends for a virtual Yappy Hour! Thanks to Westies of Colorado for doing this!





# In Memory of

June 9, 2020 **World Pet Memorial Day**



Peyton

Peyton Manning was the quarter back for the Broncos in 2013 when WRN called to tell us they had a dog for us, who just happened to be named Peyton! Of course we said, "YES." The first time we met him, he rolled over; so Doug could give him belly rubs. It was love at first sight. He turned 10 on September, 2018, and sadly crossed the Rainbow Bridge in August, 2019 after succumbing to cancer.

~from Vena & Doug Flax



Dolly

Dolly was a beautiful girl. She came with a whole array of clothes...some of which I wished were my size — especially the Christmas gear. Even the nurses at the veterinarian office marveled over her designer halter and matching leash.

Dolly was not interested in neighborhood rabbits, squirrels, birds or dogs but let one show up on the TV and she was all business barking at them (even cartoons). I even had to mute my favorite Saturday morning "Lucky Dog show" and watch it with closed caption.

It was hard to lose her while still in Foster care, but it may have been even harder to part with her by adopting her out.

~from Julie DeWitt

Scooter



Scooter and his sister Molly were featured on the WRN calendar October 2019. He was adopted from WRN in January 2011 to help Molly adjust. Scooter crossed the Rainbow Bridge on September 24th, 2019, just one month before his 16th birthday. Scooter was a joy to us and we can't thank WRN enough for the opportunity to have him in our lives. He will be missed.

~from Shalah & Ron Arlian

Katie

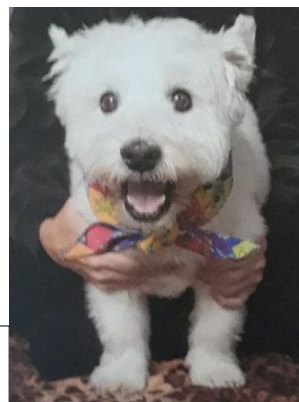


We fostered and adopted Katie M in early spring of 2011. She was such a sweet little girl who loved people, kids, other dogs, cats, and was a great traveler too. We were so blessed to have her companionship and love for 8 1/2 of her 16 1/2 years. Thank You Westie Rescue for entrusting her to us. She will be forever in our hearts.

~from her moms,

Jolene Armbrust and Julene Theis

Charlie



Here's a wonderful photo of my precious Charlie, adopted 2011 and passed over the rainbow bridge October 2019. I had the foresight to have a professional photo shoot last year when he was 13. Westies don't get any better than this, and he was as good-natured as he was adorable.

~Laurie Stephenson





# In Memory of

## Yogi

Yogi came to me on September 24th because his human died. He was sad and in sad shape. He was unable to go up or down my stairs so he was always easy to find. He was always near me. He loved to go on walks and was getting stronger. He eventually was able to maneuver my porch steps (3) because I didn't carry him.

He loved meeting Calvi (golden retriever) and watching ducks and chickens at the farm...it was the only day I saw his tail wag (his last). He did try to catch a rabbit once but wasn't one to sit at a window or bark if he saw a squirrel. He was quiet because quite frankly I think he was deaf and half blind.

He would have been 15 on October 31, 2019. I enjoyed having him his final three weeks. I wish I had held him more.

~Julie DeWitt, Foster Mom

~from Julie DeWitt



The last few months have been a difficult time for us as we have lost 2 of our 3 Westies. Both were blessed to make it to 15 years of age, but Duncan passed in early August and Gesse (pronounced Jesse) in early October. For now, only Gizmo remains with his 2 cat brothers, Trouble and Spot.

For those of you who have the green Westie Rescue sweatshirts (used most often for the Saint Patrick's Day parade) or a blue Westie Rescue t-shirt or maybe even a Westie Rescue tote bag, Duncan is the face of the Westie on them. As you can imagine, losing 2 precious Westies within 3 months is difficult. They had been brothers for over 13 years and we would like to share a bit of the accomplishments of these two wonderful guys.

First and foremost, both the boys took on the training of 50 Westie Rescue foster dogs from June 2006 through June 2012, with the adoption of their new brother, Gizmo being the last one in 2012. They taught each of the rescues the importance of peeing outside, doing sit ups, how to beg and look longingly for treats, how to use a dog door when nature calls and ultimately, how to get along with cats. The boys showed them what a normal loving dog home should be like and each rescue found a similar forever home with loving families.

Duncan passed his certification as a pet therapy dog in early 2009 on the first try and was allowed to represent Westie Rescue at multiple events like Christmas Gift Wrapping at the Tattered Cover and other local book stores. He'd sit/sleep on the gift wrap table then suddenly move and startle the customer who had thought he was a stuffed dog. He was such a big hit with the customers. Such a fun time as well as a profitable donation shift.

Both Duncan and Gesse passed the Canine Good Citizens test on the first try, which allowed them easy access to meet special needs children, visit schools, and schmooze with the seniors at nursing homes. They attended festivals and other events to represent their breed and always had such fun.

Duncan was especially good with children. During one of the interviews to meet a family considering a foster dog the family brought their 9 month old and sat the baby on the floor so it could touch the dogs. Duncan slowly, carefully walked up to the baby and dropped his toy in front of the baby hoping the baby would throw it for him. When he got no response, he nudged his toy closer in between the baby's legs. Then, to everyone's surprise, the baby picked up the small toy and gave it a short toss. Duncan was so excited that he fetched it back and repeated the exercise with the baby. What a special gentle little guy we had. In his life time there was nothing he loved more than catching his toy elephants and bringing them back to be thrown again. Sometimes he'd jump so high to catch them in midair, all four feet left the ground.

Gesse was the pack leader, somewhat aloof but always in charge of the pack and all visiting the three and kept everyone in line, reminding them of their place.

Both Gesse and Duncan were novice level earthdog, which is why Marty has an earthdog tunnel in the back yard. There was plenty of excitement when a caged rat was on the premise. Unfortunately, busy times did not allow that passion to get pursued.

We all know how hard it is to lose our fur babies. We just wanted to share knowing a little about these two wonderful Westies who for 6 years worked hard for Westie Rescue and touched a lot of other Westies lives.

~from Marty and Gail Tinianow

## Duncan



## Gesse

dogs. He was the "grown up" of the





## In Memory of



December 1, 2006, I picked up a 2 1/2 year old Westie boy from Westie Rescue. He had a green tennis ball in his mouth and tried to bark, but he would not let go of the ball, and all during his time here with me he loved his green tennis ball.

I had prayed to St Joseph for a home; so I could have a Westie be with me there. My prayers were answered, and along came Joey (named after St Joseph Joseph was too formal for this little white "ball of fire."

Since Joey was fearful and frightened, he became aggressive, I was not sure I could keep Joey. Marty Tinianow (Westie Rescue) stepped in and helped to train me to help Joey become a self-assured, happy and trusting boy. It took about 3-4 months, but Joey broke out of his shell, and he was my deepest, loving and trusting companion for 13 years.

Everyone and every dog he met was his friend, no one could believe that Joey was ever aggressive and not friendly, but with training, Joey showed his beautiful soul to the world. On October 16, 2019, he was tired, and he went over the Rainbow Bridge to meet his friends.

THANK YOU, WESTIE RECUE, for the beautiful gift you gave me.  
~Linda Crist

Toby was 3 months old when he became part of our family on January 16, 2020. He loved his big brother Jake, our Golden Retriever. Sadly Toby went lame in his back legs and the vet initially thought it was a slipped disc. So that's how we were treating it. We were planning on getting him back surgery, and that's when a rare fast growing malignant tumor was found on his back. So sad when they put him down at CSU Veterinary school. Hopefully they can discover this sooner in another dog, since they used him for research. We loved that little guy so much and are hoping another Westie comes available for us to love soon.  
~Paula Christenson



Cody came to me from the Denver Dumb Friends League as a foster on December 26th 2015. Cody was a very sweet, independent, laid-back dog who required only a couch (for napping during the day) and a soft bed at night. Like all Westies he loved to chase squirrels from his backyard, run after a ball but never retrieve it, and play in the cul-de-sac with his 4-legged brother, two neighbor Westies, and two neighbor want-to-be Westies. Cody's most endearing traits were his selfishness with his toys (he would take them outside and try to hide them from his brother), his stubbornness (if he was out front and didn't want to come in, he would wag his tail and smile at me but doggedly not come), and his love for children (he would rather hang with them than me or the other dogs).  
~Deb Saret







## In Memory of



Duke

14 years wasn't long enough for my first true love. Duke you were the best most spoiled dog in the world and there will never be another. I will try not to let the cruelties of life take away from the beauty of the wonderful times we shared. Have fun up there with all of the friends you made that are waiting for you. Your heart is strong, you are breathing free...no pain.  
~Sarah Doud, Michael Taylor.



Jimmy

Jimmy was a therapy dog who started a Reading to Dogs (Tail Waggin' Tutors) program in several of the local schools near us in PA. He loved to hike and be outside. He was the sweetest!  
~Susan Weintraub Eglolf



Tigger

It is with a very heavy heart that I report our beloved Tigger crossed the Rainbow Bridge August 6, 2019. He was 12 1/2 years old and we had him since he was 6. He was our 7th Westie and 2nd WRN rescue. There is no finer breed in our minds and his loss is devastating. We have had two older dogs with special needs, and our first was our only sweet female. They are the best dogs in the world.  
~from Jackie and Jeff Anderson  
Colorado Springs



sophie

### *From the Editor:*

Even though he was not a Westie, Chester was part of our Westie family. His Mom and Dad are great supporters of Westie Rescue Network, and we know they are grieving their Furbaby, who made it to 15 before he crossed the Rainbow Bridge March 1, 2020



Chester

We found out that Sophie had stage four kidney disease in 2017. With the help of a very great internal medicine vet, she lived until October of 2019.

Sophie was special to us in so many ways, but this picture shows her doing one of her favorite things. We had a log in front of our cabin. Above the log was a bird feeder, which means a lot of critters on the ground (and even climbing up to the feeder). Sophie would sit for hours under that log waiting for them and then chase them all over. If we called to her, she would very slowly turn and look at us as if to say, "Shhh, can't you see I am hunting?" Then she would just continue her look-out!

We don't have to tell anyone how hard it is to lose your fur-baby, it's the most heartbreaking thing to have to go through. We were so blessed to have Sophie in our lives, our hearts will never be the same without her!

~Kay Conner





# Spot the Westie



## From the Editor

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

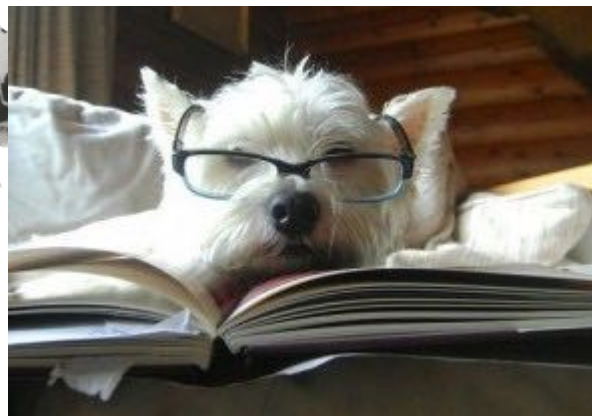
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Spot the Westie puppy, Roper.  
From Debbie Bradley





# Inside Out



from Dr. Bob Luckin and Murphy

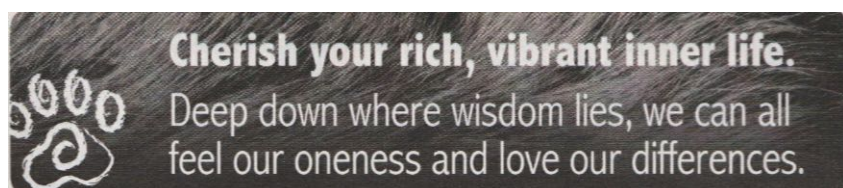
Some think I'm a little dog. They haven't seen me. On the inside, where life is lived, I am as tall as a Great Dane, as strong as a bulldog and as loving as a Labrador Retriever.

I am as loyal as a war dog, as graceful as a Great Pyrenees and as clever as a street dog. I am as resourceful as a coyote and as determined as a rottweiler. I have the social grace of a standard poodle and the wisdom of a border collie.

I dream the dreams of every dog. I live to love and love to live. I have no shame. I run until I drop, sleep until I'm rested and eat until my bowl is empty. I love being touched, admired, and held close. I love to run loose and explore. I love to play and play and play. I love your bed as much as you do.

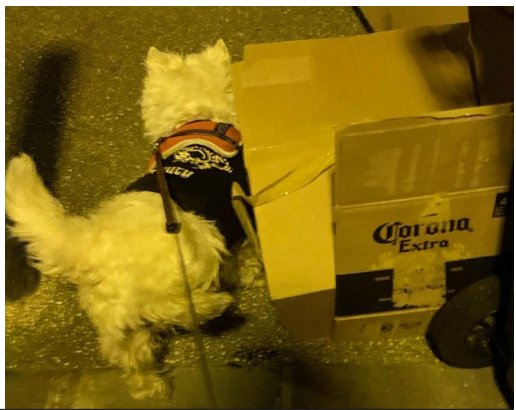
On the outside, we each look very different. On the inside, we are very much the same. Deep down inside where wisdom lives, we have always known this truth.

Today I celebrate a you that few have seen. I celebrate your unbounded love, courage and the way you like to play. I celebrate your inside life -- a life few will ever see..✿





# Everything I need to know about coping with the quarantine I learned from my Westie



Don't be afraid to make your mark

Unconditional love is  
a wonderful thing!



Unleash your spirit!



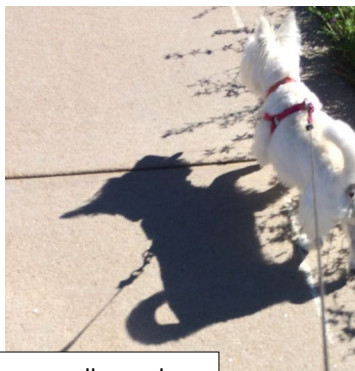
Breathe



Leave room in your  
schedule for a good nap.



Watch the puppy bowl again!

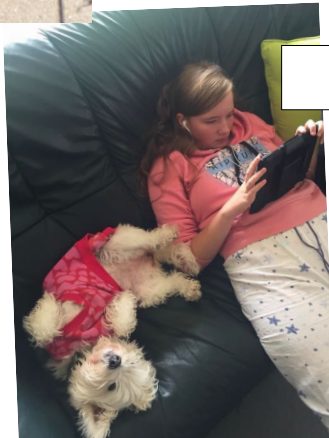


A good long walk makes  
everything all right!

Try to see the fetching side of  
someone, even if they are wearing  
a mask!



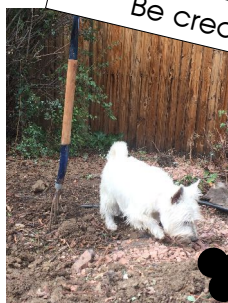
Home schooling



If you don't want to participate,  
roll over and play dead.



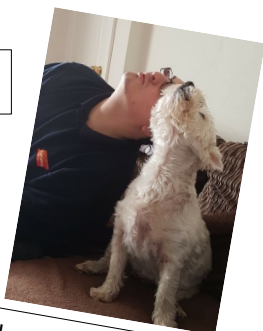
Loving dogs is a sign of  
intelligence



Be creative



Plant something



Howl at 8:00