



Happy Easter

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History of the Westie

The West Highland White Terrier, or 'Westie', owes its heritage to the Scottish terriers bred hundreds of years ago to hunt in the harsh Scottish highland terrain of Argyllshire. The name Terrier is derived from the Latin terra which means earth. Terriers are earth dogs, they were selectively bred to go underground to chase and hunt vermin.

The Westie as we see them today has a distinctive brilliant white harsh outer coat with a soft downy undercoat for warmth. It is this double coat that gives the Westie its trademark round white face. Over the years careful breeding has led to the distinctive varieties of hardy terriers from Scotland.

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. He carefully selected cream and white dogs from his Highland Terriers, at the time most resembling the Cairn. Colonel Malcolm like other lairds kept only the best working dogs for hunting irrespective of color. It is claimed that an unfortunate hunting accident resulted in Colonel Malcolm inadvertently shooting one of his favourite dogs mistaking it for a fox. Determined to prevent this from happening again Colonel Malcolm kept only cream and white highland terriers, despite the regions superstitious belief that white dogs were inherently inferior to their darker counterparts. It is believed that the Westie we see today is a direct descendant of the Poltalloch dogs or Roseneath terrier, the breed has been in the US since the early 1900s. It was recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC) in 1908..

Do something extra special for your Westie on National Westie Day, March 21st!



Col. Edward Donald Malcom, and his Poltalloch Terriers, circa 1905



Copy of a painting "A Poltalloch Eleven
Pre 1910



A judge inspecting the entrants in the West Highland White Terrier class during the Cruft's Dog Show, February 1965. Roger Jackson / Getty Images



We Can't Thank You Enough

We at Westie Rescue Network want to thank the following people for their generous financial donations in 2020.

All of you should know that I have this unbelievable connection to these donors as they have supported WNR throughout the years. I send them an IRS official donation receipt, express WRN thankfulness, love and concern for their family and friends, and if I can make it personal, I do. I know these donors as members of WHWTCDG, through their notecards and letters, their stories in our newsletter, adoptions, and sharing of family, friends and dogs who have passed, but more importantly their devotion to WRN. Yet, I don't know them at all, personally!

Our donors are OUTSTANDING!

~Hollie Hunter, Treasurer

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Happy Tales

Recent Adoption



This is how Shelly looked when she arrived at her foster home.

Shelly



February 11, 2021

This is how she looks now!

We are Westie owners of over 35 years and have had 8. Three of them were from Westie Rescue Network. Shelly was just adopted this past weekend and photos show she has accepted new digs pretty fast. She is 5 years old and a cuddler. She has health issues but everything is being taken care of. We think she is a real love....she's not quite sure yet how she feels about us but the deep sigh indicates she thinks she has a lot of training to complete on us....

~Jackie and Jeff Anderson





from Dr. Bob Luckin and Murphy

Murphy Speaks

No matter how bad people say things are, songbirds don't stop singing.
The darkest night ends at sunrise.
Smiles, laughter and kindness are as delicious as bacon.
Clouds don't have opinions.
Footprints in the sand disappear after making their best impression.
A morning walk is as good for the lungs as it is for the imagination.
Loving an injured creature can heal the unseen wounds of the one who's
giving the love.
Playing hard isn't as hard as not playing.
You don't have to know all the words to the song you're singing.
You don't necessarily have to know how to get to where you're going.
Up can be further than down.
Now has more power than later.
Catching my tail after chasing it doesn't taste much like victory.
I don't know why I was born or how long I will live.
All that matters is I live until the day and I are both exhausted.⌘



Lessons can be found all around us.

The simple treasures of daily life are
the most profound and long-lasting.



Spot the Westie

I like to hear a storm at night. It is so cosy to snuggle down among the blankets and feel that it can't get at you.
~ L.M. Montgomery



from Roxanne Souci



Westies tend to blend in with their blankets.



from Tina Fourkas

From the Editor

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In Memory of

GEORDIE

Dear Westie Rescue Community,

I write with a sad heart to report the loss of our beloved Geordie, who left us on Christmas Eve. He was beautiful, strong and independent, and he saw his 16th birthday on December 1.

In fall of 2008, despite that we had lost our Harry only recently, WRN asked us to foster Geordie while he recovered from surgery for Legge-Perthes. Our former vet Bob James, did that surgery and Geordie recovered well, but still had a profound limp. I elected doggie physical therapy, at a doggie rec center, which involved swimming in a cold pool in a life jacket 2x a week for 6 weeks. He hated it, but he did it, and he no longer limped. I wasn't sure he wanted to stay with us, he was so independent, often aloof, and didn't interact with us or our other Westie, Robbie. Over time we realized he did very much want to stay and we adopted him that spring at age 4. And so you are lulled into thinking this is forever.



In spring 2017, my husband and I retired and moved to Whidbey Island Washington, with Geordie and Callum, adopted in 2010 at age 2, having been fostered by the amazing Ruth Stricker (and currently your masthead dog). They loved Whidbey, the quiet, the green forest, bunnies and birds and ferry trips across Puget Sound. They liked sitting on the deck in the sun and barking at hummingbirds which they had never seen. Occasionally they enjoyed the company of Janet, our new petsitter, who doesn't drive and is addicted to Netflix, which guarantees 24 hour attention. At the end, Geordie slipped away peacefully, tucked under his plaid blanket. We miss him terribly, and Callum is very lonely as a single dog.

From the stats in your newsletter, we realize we may not have the chance for another Westie .Geordie was the fourth of our 5 WRN rescues, and we pay tribute to them, and to you, who do this lifesaving work.

~Kelly Felice

JOAN SCHAFER

I was saddened this year to see a donation from Patricia Davidson in "memory of Joan Schafer." Joan's husband, Charles died in 2014 and he requested that donations be made to WRN in honor of "Merlot," their Westie. We received over 30 donations totaling more than \$3,000 from his supporters with stories about Merlot. With each donation, I sent Joan an acknowledgement, even talked with her on the phone. Since Charles passing, Joan, too, has donated every year to WRN. I never met Joan, but thru our emails, her membership in WHWTCDG, and other correspondence, I "knew" Joan. And I cried to hear of her passing.

~from Hollie Hunter, WRN Treasurer / Board Member





Dog Days Return to the White House

January 17, 2021 was the **Indoguration** of Major Biden, the first rescue dog to live at the White House. Joe Biden rescued him from the Delaware Humane Association in 2018. He joins his brother, Champ, also a German Shepard. I know-- he isn't a Westie, but this is great for all rescue organizations. The ceremony included Josh Groban singing "How Much Is That Doggie In the Window." If you want to watch on youtube, here is the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GYHjXINih0>

or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



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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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