

# Happy Fall!



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# Happy Tales

## Recent Adoptions



Claire is doing great. We are amazed that she has settled in so well. She just got her first grooming July 23rd. She really enjoys people, and wonders what our daughter in law is laughing about. She loves going for rides in her Snoozer. I had a meeting here at my house, and she charmed all six of the attendees. She is happy as long as she is with people. She is not always friendly with other dogs when going on walks. One of her strongest traits is the desire to smell everything. She even wants to smell our breath sometimes. Her instinct to hunt is very strong. She alerted us to a mouse that got into the garage.☺ She doesn't like to be left alone, but she is not destructive. When we return she barks and gives us love nips.

## Claire



We are really enjoying her.  
~Nancy & Smith



## Chance

Chance has a new home and has begun to train us in his ways. He has bonded well with Bronco another Rescue Westie who is 15 years old, blind, deaf, and has a number of health problems. It's nice to have a puppy whose not on medications. Chance expects, his walk every morning around the park at 7AM, and he is in my face if I'm not ready to take him. When he wants attention he will sit up on his hind legs and wave his front paws, his way of telling us something.

Chance likes to sun himself on the patio sofa or the back patio, and will spend hours outside. (We understand that at his last home he was inside for a couple of months, which might be why he is liking the outside.) He thinks the doggy door is fabulous and make great use of it. Chance eats well and is quite a good puppy to have around. His only barking comes when someone is at the door, or when he's talking to us, as in "take me for a walk, or for a ride." When we go to leave the house Chance does not understand the word "no." We end up with having to catch him in the garage and put him back in the house as he finds a way past us. He loves riding in the car.

~Skip & Georgia

## Sabrina

Sabrina is doing great and we love her so much! It definitely was an adjustment the first few weeks but she and our other Westie, Baxter are good friends and they are becoming closer everyday. My husband and I are thrilled that she is part of our family!

~Epi & Mario





# Grooming Tips



Maggie's groomer left, and when I attempted to find a new one, I discovered that all of the groomers in my area were booked solid, and most were not taking new clients. Perhaps a result of the pandemic? Not sure. So.... I decided to become Maggie's groomer. Fortunately I had some pictures from her previous cuts, and had written down the blade numbers. If you are ready to try grooming your Westie, here are my tips.

The first thing you will need is clippers. After studying the Amazon reviews, I ordered Bojafa Dog Grooming Clippers Kit. These are cordless and rechargeable, as well as fairly quiet. It came with a few extras: 4 comb attachments, 2 kinds of scissors, and file and clippers for toenails.

- #3 = 1/2", 12 mm
- #4 = 3/8", 9mm
- #5 = 1/4", 6mm
- #7 = 1/8", 3mm
- #9 = 5/64", 2mm

It was tricky figuring out the conversion for the clipper comb attachments. Here is what the numbers mean. (Some of the videos mentioned below use different numbers. Go by the length, not the blade number.)

I also ordered a grooming table: Master Equipment Grooming Table w/36 inch Grooming Arm, 30x18In Purple. You could probably get away without one if you have a high table, but I would suggest getting the arm attachment. Even though Maggie is really good, it sure helped having a noose to keep her calm, and keep her head up..

So after a nice bath with your favorite pet shampoo, a through drying, and brushing— you're ready. I watched lots of YouTube.com videos on grooming Westies. They all have something to offer. Two good ones are: 2020 Best Westie grooming how to (15 minutes) and How to Groom a Westie- West Highland Terrier - Do it yourself dog. (35 minutes).

I knew I was on the right path when Maggie was out in the front yard watching me work on my flower garden, and a man stopped his car in front of our house, rolled down his window, and said "What a good looking dog you have!" Yes!



~Marlene Armfield





## In Memory of

National Pet Memorial Day -  
September 13, 2021

Joss

Dear Friends -

With a broken heart we want to inform you that Joss (aka Josh) passed away June 28 at the wonderful age of 14.5 years. When we adopted him in November 2016 we knew he had liver disease. For the last 5 years that he was part of our family his liver disease was completely under control documented by periodic liver function blood tests and thru the many medications we gave him. He developed several medical issues as he grew older with bladder cancer and a tumor in his ear canal finally allowing him to join Annie and Leo, his adopted Westie sister and brother.

We have now adopted and been a forever home for three wonderful Westies thru your organization and although we are still filled with grief with the passing of Annie in 2020 and now with Joss, we look forward to adopting another 2 Westies or another breed that needs a loving forever home.

~Howard & Christie



Annie & Joss

Teiko



Teiko came to us in December, 2019. A burly, energetic, partially blind and deaf armful of protesting wiggle. He came with medical "issues", and follow-up vet visits. He

was almost fourteen. Teiko learned the farm with Brodie's and my daily chores, free to come as he wished. He had the run of the yard and the fields, because there is no fence. He took it upon himself to rid the county road of growling white trucks with his own sharp soprano barking, he having galloped full speed from garage, across barnyard to the prow of lawn overlooking the offending traffic. He also chose his inside lookout post, a floor length window overlooking the driveway, with a thick sleeping bag from which to monitor the passage of chipmunks, chickadees and grouse. He announced trespassers on foot, bike or vehicle, and even deer. That way Brodie and I knew something was astir. In brief, he became very healthy and rarely saw the vet. Same for Brodie.

Teiko loved to eat. Nuts, treats of cookies and peanut butter, taken delicately from a spoon. His favorite was apples fallen from our tree. And he would wander among the sheds and ponderosa. Once he made six continuous circuits of the house while Brodie and I counted. He was my tackle, my bouncer, broad chested, attentive and happy. His fur was the thickest, the softest I have ever brushed, and he never shivered, not once, despite the crystallizing zero temperatures that came to the fields. On leash he turned with the slightest pull, as a cutting horse senses knee pressure. And when he became totally blind, I would guide him between my palms around obstacles, up steps and back out of blind canyons.

Since Teiko died, quietude fills the rooms, their corners and the entire barnyard. Brodie and I walk more quietly. He was a two-time Westie Rescue soul, an old-timer with a probable short life expectancy, but for Brodie and me, he was enduring, boisterous, vibrant, alive, uncomplaining, kind, and he was brave. Teiko. "Teiko Teiko". He died August 18th of this year.

~Moke





# Dirty Dawgs



Murray after getting in red ironite-  
right after grooming



## From the Editor

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# Maggie's Restaurant and Bar Reviews

We are still having warm weather days; so take your dog to lunch or out for a beer!  
Here are some of Maggie's and her friends' favorites.



Eats & Sweets



401 S Public Rd, Lafayette

They have great sandwiches, and soups. You do have to go inside to order. I met a new WRN Westie puppy here. We Westies did some serious begging, but didn't get anything to sample. We may have to go back, as they have the best ice cream, and are famous for banana bread ice cream sandwich. Yum.



Clear Creek Cidery



1446 Miner Street, Idaho Springs

Some of the mountain towns have blocked off their main streets, to allow restaurants to extend outside, which I like because most of them allow dogs. This one is in Idaho Springs. They have beer and cider on tap as well as a good selection of appetizers and snacks. I sampled some, as I helped them clean the ground for the next patrons.



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! We had been here before, but I thought it was time to review this place again. It is the only restaurant I know of that offers a special lunch for pups. I loved it, but one of the Westies with us ate his dog bowl; so I don't think we can go back, even though it is one of my favorites.



Gold Camp Bakery



112 S 3rd St Victor, CO 80860

We were visiting Cripple Creek, and Victor with friends, and tried this place. It is the perfect atmosphere of an old historic mining town. There was a puppy there too. They have fresh breakfast items, sandwiches, soup, pot pies and pasties. Yum!



*From the Editor*

Send your restaurant review for a future issue to  
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# Spotlight on Volunteers

## Our newest Foster John



*The people who dedicate  
their time to rescue  
are our heros!*

**THANK YOU!**



John has a fabulous sense of humor, which is a huge asset if you are a Foster. After he volunteered, WRN President Gene Bourque asked him if he was ready for a puppy. He says it took him 30 seconds to say "yes." But after 8 days with Duke, he showed me (first picture) how frustrated and tired, and a little crazy he is now. That's all normal. He said, "When this guy came to my house my heart expanded 3 sizes! just like the Grinch. He chewed up my coleus plant, but I love that little face more than the coleus, and everything I have is just stuff." The good news is this puppy is crate trained! He says "We are both in training. Duke is teaching me to be a Foster." He views his role mostly as a companion. John knows about being a companion, as he has done Special Care Pet Sitting, and his prior job was One on One companion for older folks with dementia. Wow! He has had a variety of jobs, including Welding, Bartending, Carnival Barker, Acting and Railroader. His volunteer work includes Peanut Butter Players, Theater Company of Lafayette, Hitching Post Theater (Nomad Theater in Boulder), San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, Stuttgart Ballet, Shootout Boulder 24 Hour Film Competition. Now the crazy picture makes sense. 😊 He likes to act! Again, Wow! I don't think being a Foster is going to be a hard job for John, and Duke is sure to have a good time. He also told me that during the Pandemic, when some of us were forced to brush up on our cooking skills, he started expanding his recipes, baking bread, and canning pickles, 😊 and Duke gets a little sample of whatever John is currently cooking added to his kibble. (Don't tell.) John is learning to take deep breaths, and enjoy sitting, as puppies need lots of attention and time. Thank you John for being an awesome companion and foster.

WRN President Gene Bourque added, "John has a big heart for helping humans and animals in need. I met him about 2 years ago when he was taking care of a neighbor with severe dementia. I was able to observe first hand his tender and patient demeanor. In addition, he was called upon regularly by us and our other neighbors to sit with, and walk our dogs. I knew then that if the opportunity ever presented itself I would ask John if he would like to foster for WRN. So glad he accepted. But, I had no idea his first foster would be a Westie puppy! As John pointed out, both he and Duke are in training....giving TLC to one another. Thanks John for joining the WRN family. "





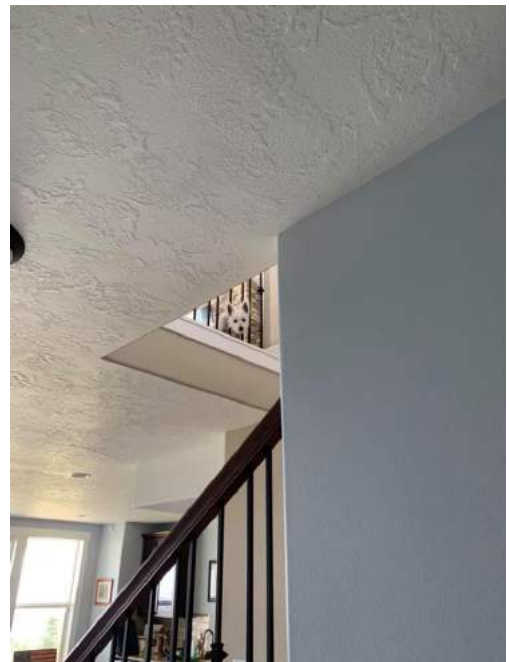
# Spot the Westie

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Every snack you make  
Every meal you bake  
Every bite you take,  
I'll be watching you.







# The Back Page

2022 Calendars are now available for purchase at our website. Here is the link.  
<https://www.westierescuenetwork.org/14-resources/101-2022-calendars-stickers-magnets>



Every month features a rescued Westie!

## September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 <small>Liberty Day</small>	7	8	9	10	11
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### September 28 World Rabies Day

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

### September 23 Dogs in Politics Day

## October 2021

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### National Walk Your Dog Week



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