



Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Westie Rescue Network (WRN),

With each newsletter we publish I will try to prepare a letter to share WRN news and information with you. This letter will be a mixture of news, answers to policy questions and a help-wanted plea.

Starting just before last Christmas the WRN website has been maliciously and repeatedly attacked by unknown hackers. If you were to log on to our site right after one of these attacks you would be routed to another website and asked to provide personal information. It appears that whoever is doing the hacking is more interested in the computers of those who visit our site rather than our website. Please know that there is no personal information stored on our website. If you purchase calendars or notecards through our site all of your personal information resides with Pay Pal. We are in the process of upgrading our web software to a more secure version and hope to have the new software up and running within the next two to three weeks. We will keep you posted.

Following are some questions I have been asked since I became President:

Q: Does WRN provide "free" dogs?

A: We may have in the past, but our policy today and into the future is "No". We cannot, in good conscience, be asking for money from our loyal and generous donors and then be giving dogs away. There is a fee for all dogs we adopt out. However, we do discount the Adoption fee for special needs and older dogs. In addition, we will discount the fee for long-term foster parents and other volunteers. The Board and Staff of WRN all work actively to help bring in a large share of the money we need to operate via adoption and relinquishment fees.

Q: What is WRN's position with regard to the so-called "no-kill movement"?

A: We believe every dog should be given a chance to live. However, we believe there are three valid reasons to determine to perform euthanasia:

- Incurable disease
- Chronic, unmanageable or deteriorating health issues
- Dangerous behavior (e.g., biting)

A decision to euthanize one of our dogs is preceded by an in-depth review with the dog's Veterinarian(s), our Intake Coordinators, the foster parent and the entire Board. I can assure you that it is a decision that is always taken very seriously.

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Q: How large is WRN's geographic area of responsibility?

A: Our primary geographic areas of responsibility, as specified by the National Westie Rescue Committee of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America (WHWTCA), are the states of Colorado and New Mexico. However we have rescued dogs from and adopted dogs into other nearby states when no other resources are available.

WRN is in need of a volunteer who can help us manage our database and our manual files. The ideal candidate should have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office including Access. The position will work closely with our Treasurer and may work from home. If you are interested please email WRN at Westie@westierescuenetwork.org or leave a message on our phone at 720-360-1212.

If you have other questions of me please email or call and I will do my best to provide an answer on a timely basis.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of WRN.

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Iggy Is Looking For A New Forever Home



Iggy, a very handsome 13 year old Westie, is looking for a quiet retirement home. Iggy was raised from a puppy by his original family but now their life includes twin 2 year olds which Iggy was not fond of.

Iggy can be quite loving and very much a lap dog. He is OK with other dogs as long as they realize that he is King of his castle. His prior owners told us he is also fine with cats. His foster home said he can be a bit of a grumpy old man if you wake him up while sleeping on the couch or try to kiss his head but they have already seen a change in him as

he is settling in. Iggy is a very smart boy and learned the routine in his foster home right away. Iggy loves rides in the car, going for walks, playing fetch and destroying squeaky toys!

He is in very good health but has some allergy issues so may need to be on a special diet. He is up to date on all vaccinations and just had his teeth cleaned.

Iggy's foster Mom said, "If I was in the market for another dog, this is the one I would keep."

If you would like to learn more about this special boy please leave us a message at 720-360-1212.



Our First Adoption of 2015

We do not know why 7 year old Jazzy's original owners listed him on Craigslist. We do know that the family that answered the Craigslist ad brought him home to join their family and two very young children. As we all know too well – that is not always the best combination. Jazzy nipped one of the children and they relinquished him to a local shelter. The shelter called WRN to see if we could take him and of course we said Yes! For many dogs like Jazzy we are their only hope at finding the loving, caring, safe environment that they need.

Since Jazzy had nipped a child he needed to be in quarantine for at least 10 days. His foster home provided a safe place for Jazzy to recover and begin to learn to trust humans again. Jazzy would cower with his tail between his legs obviously frightened. Luckily, Jazzy had 2 foster Westie brothers to show him how to be a happy dog again.

Jazzy was adopted and we received this message from his new Mom.



Jazzy - now called Finley (which means 'white warrior' in Gaelic) is doing extremely well. He is the nicest dog! I can't understand why anyone would give him away. He is so well behaved, and Katie really loves having a playmate. He seems to have discovered his inner puppy with Katie. He loves going for walks and gets along well with the neighborhood children and other dogs (he has issues with cats but so does Katie and since I don't have cats it's not a big issue). Finley is very much at home here and both Katie and I couldn't be happier. Needless to say, he is here to stay. Thanks so much for bringing this sweet boy into our lives. Barbara

Here are a few more photos from some of our alumni.



Benny and new pal Jax have claimed this loveseat as theirs.



Winston, adopted in 2014, shows his wild side on his favorite chair.



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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

DOWNTOWN COLORADO SPRINGS

Join the Fun!

**West Highland
White Terriers
and their
people!**

Westie Rescue Network

**Last year we
won for Best
Canine Entry!**

2014



**I Wish I were a Wolfhound Award
Westie Rescue
Best Canine Entry**

**Saturday, March 14th, 2015
Downtown Colorado Springs
Parade starts at Noon**

Come march with the WRN,
the Parade starts at Noon
at Tejon & St. Vrain Streets,
runs South on Tejon, and
ends at Vannoy where we will disband.

1. Please keep everyone off the lawns in the Staging area. We are intruding on these residents and we want to leave a good impression!
 2. No Alcohol allowed. This is a fun, family event!
 3. No Throwing of Candy or other items from parade entries.
 4. Bring a plastic newspaper bag and please pick up after your own dog.
- We will inform you as to our order number and where we need to meet and line up when we get that info, sometime around the 1st or 2nd week in March.
Please contact Mark to let him know who and how many are joining the fun:
mark.henacene@gmail.com

