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# A Letter From The WRN President - Gene Bourque

Dear Friends of Westie Rescue Network (WRN):

I trust you are all awaiting for summer to finally arrive. It has been an interesting and challenging start to the year for WRN. We currently have 7 dogs in foster care. All of them are older (9+yrs.) and/or will most probably require meds of some kind for the rest of their lives. In this newsletter you will see information on 3 of the dogs that we believe to be ready for adoption. All of these dogs have adjusted extremely well to their foster homes and would make a loving companion for the right forever home. If you are interested in one (or more) of these dogs please contact Mary Westdorp, our Adoption Coordinator at <a href="mailto:gnm0775@gmail.com">gnm0775@gmail.com</a>.

I am sad to report that Lori Searles, our Newsletter Editor, will be stepping down from these duties to pursue some new opportunities. Lori has been our Editor since February of 2015. Based on positive feedback from you, our readers, she has done a wonderful job. I have found her a joy to work with and appreciate how she has helped me stay on task! Lori has enhanced and expanded our communications and outreach programs and will be missed. Thank you Lori!

But, I am elated to report that Marlene Armfield, our Facebook Administrator, has agreed to step up and take over as Editor of our newsletter. Marlene and her husband, Neal, are close personal friends and I know that WRN is truly blessed to have them involved. Following this letter you will find a personal message from Marlene. Thank you Marlene for taking on this new assignment; our newsletter is truly in good hands.

If you have any comments for me please email them to my attention at Westie@westierescuenetwork.org

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, loyal donors and my incredibly supportive Board members.

Sincere personal regards,



Lori and Casper





# Hello friends of Westies,

My name is Marlene Armfield, and I am very excited to be your new editor. I will miss Lori Searles outstanding newsletters, as I am sure you will. I thought you might like to know a little about me.

My husband Neal and I have been married 49 years. Wow! And we have had a dog almost all of our married life. We are on our 3rd Westie, Maggie, our 2nd one from WRN. Aren't they an awesome breed? #2, Annie, was a kind of "stretch" Westie with thin hair, and a "runner" When we went to pick her up, she jumped in my lap, and that sealed the relationship for me. Not so much for Neal. He said "perhaps she will grow on me," and she did! After she crossed the Rainbow Bridge, it seemed like forever before our name came up for our current dog, Maggie. The phone call to tell us she was available was from Martha Smith, same lady that called about Annie!! Sweet.. Maggie had great training in her original home and her foster home— thank you to all of you that do such a great job of fostering! Now it seems like Maggie has been part of our family forever.



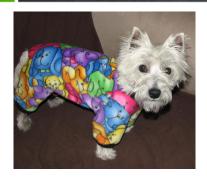
We love to travel, and have a motor home, and Maggie went with us on her first trip just 4 days after we got her. Now she won't let us leave without her.

Let me know if you have something you would like featured in future newsletters.

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# Thank you for fostering Super Models Calla & Kini



Calla



from Mary Westdorp

Dear WRN Friends,

I know all of you are aware of our little "skin dogs" that Ellen and I are fostering. They are suffering from Atopic Dermatitis-both food and inhalant allergies. Both of them have areas on their bodies that have little or no hair but it is growing back, and are on medication to help control the allergies, relieve the itching and receive medicated baths on a regular basis. In a months time since Ellen and I have fostered we are seeing marked improvement, so let's keep our fingers crossed.

I just had to share these pictures we took of them in the pj's Ellen made for each of them. They are custom made to fit to cover their skin problem areas but still able to take care of "business" without having to take them off. They work much better than the little t-shirts we were using.

I am so grateful for her act of love for these little girls and I think they look so adorable. I just had to share them with you because I know it will warm your heart. They are Super Models!

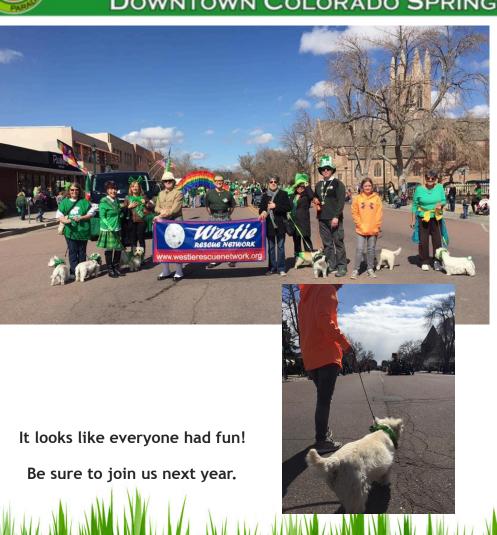
Thank-you Ellen!





Thanks to everyone who participated— Thanks to Mark lanacone for organizing this event!







# Three Sweet Westies Looking For Forever Homes!

Gordon is a lovable fellow believed to be around 9-10 years old. Even though he's in his senior years he still has plenty of "Westietude" in his outlook on life. Some of the things Gordon enjoys most are his toys, having his tummy rubbed, and playtime. He is great with other four-legged friends, cats and dogs alike. He's a gentle soul and good with children.

Gordon needs a home that has no stairs or someone who doesn't mind carrying him up steps because of arthritis in his back legs. He will need to be on medication for the rest of his years. Gordon needs a forever home with someone who will take slow walks with him and build up his confidence and trust. As with most Westies, a nice soft bed to cuddle up in would provide all the comforts of the perfect home.





Dot is a ten-year-old Westie through and through. She is affectionate and very lovable, active and doesn't seem to be bothered by anything. Dot would fit in a home with other pets as she gets along with people and all four-legged creatures. Because Dot has arthritis in one of her legs she is on medication which keeps it under control so she is able to take a daily walk which she thoroughly enjoys.

Dot loves her treats, but you better watch your fingers as she's quick to grab it with all of her enthusiasm! In Dottie's forever home it would be best if she's not left for long periods of time on a regular basis. She does well with a doggie door but needs to have access to the outside as her medication can cause her to urinate every few hours. Dottie is inquisitive, loyal, fearless and would fill a space in your home and heart that needs a Westie to love.

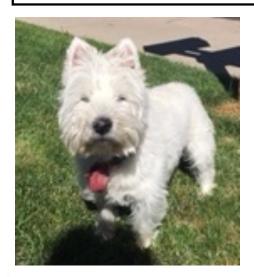


# Three Sweet Westies Looking For Forever Homes! ..cont.

This 12 pound, 9-½-year-old cutie is Misty. At first glance, she may appear dainty and delicate but she is all Westie. Misty is very curious and loves to explore her surroundings. She is a great walker and has no problem with a one-hour walk a day. She is very sociable, both with people and dogs, but does not necessarily enjoy playing with other dogs. One of her favorite pastimes is cuddling and being loved in general. Of course, it goes without saying that Misty will chase any squirrel or rabbit that comes to her attention and she is fierce when playing with her stuffed animals. She does not bark and is completely house trained.

Misty has no known health problems, however, she is deaf. She is able to read some hand signals and her deafness is simply a minor inconvenience. It actually took several days to determine she was not just engaged in the selected hearing that most Westies excel at!

Misty needs a loving home in a family without young children. Someone that can be home for part of the day and who would include her in their activities. Her new forever home must be sensitive to the fact that she does not hear when being approached. One added plus would be to have a lot of soft places for her to sleep on.



For more information on any of these Westies contact

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# Calling for photos for 2018 Calendar



Deadline for 2018 Calendar Pics of Your Westies is June 30th! \$75 if your photo is chosen for the cover!

What Do I Need To Do? All pictures need to be taken with a 300 dpi high resolution digital camera in landscape format, in order to be considered for the monthly feature page.

Photos taken with your mobile phone provide less than 100 dpi and can only be used for the smaller images within the calendar.

You can email your photos to our calendar editor

Dianne Veno at <a href="mailto:contessa5360@aol.com">contessa5360@aol.com</a>

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