

Happy Fall!



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Winnie is a Winner!



I adopted Winnie May 20th 2016

She supposedly had many many problems... quite honestly she has been wonderful!!!!

In spite of her in need of potty training, in one year she has had no accidents. In spite of her NOT liking men, kids, cats or other dogs.. she is a happy dog who LOVES and gets along with EVERYONE. I was told she did NOT play with toys and was a tail down dog.....not here! As she plays with all her toys and shares, her tail is always happy wagging and UP!!!

She now looks lovingly into my eyes and cuddles so close. If she could purr she would. She just learned to "rooo" which is pretty cool. I believe I am her 4th or 5th owner and she turned 5 in October. She loves water, her toys, treats, games and anyone who comes to visit. LOVE LOVE my Westie

~from Miss Darlene



Happy Tales

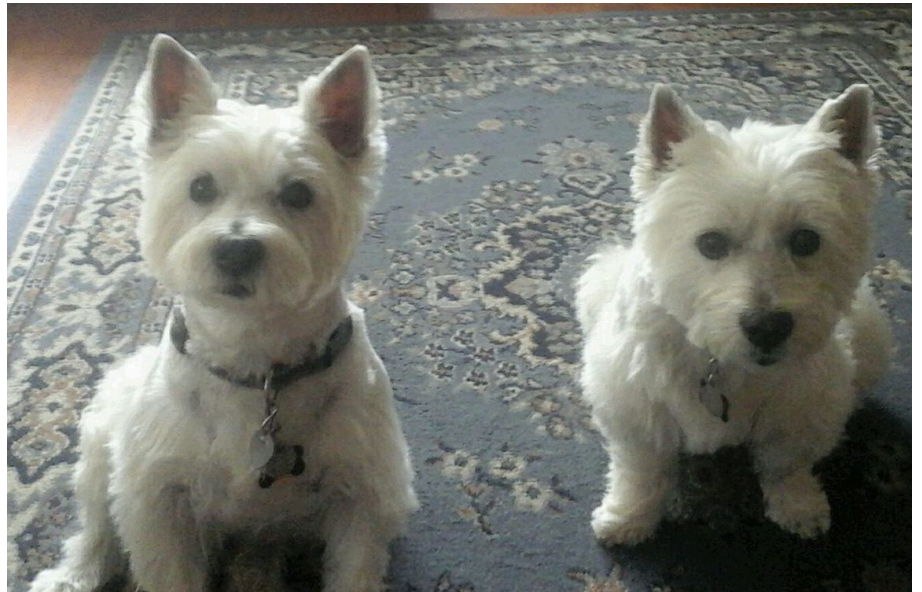


The picture on the left was Katie on the cover of the 2011 WRN calendar!



Katie the calendar girl!

I adopted Katie in 2010. She and her litter mates were rescued, along with their dam and sire, from a backyard breeder in Cripple Creek who apparently had ambitions of making a lot of money from breeding Westies. Unfortunately for her (though fortunately for me!) the pups and their parents became ill and the owner/breeder turned them over to WRN. Two of the pups died, but Katie & her 2 sisters were nursed back to health by their foster mom. I adopted Katie when she was 4 months old and she's been the light of my life ever since.



Finley & Katie

I adopted Finley 2 1/2 years ago after the death of an older dog. He was 7 when I adopted him and had had two previous owners, one of whom claimed he had bitten their child. He was extremely skittish when he first came to me and had obviously suffered some abuse. It was months before he stopped flinching whenever I reached out to pet him, and the sight of neighbor kids playing with sticks once caused him to - literally - scream in terror and cringe as though in fear of a beating. But with help from Katie, I was able to bring Finley out of his shell. In spite of his age, he still plays like a puppy, guards my house and yard with fierce devotion, and always enjoys our daily walks. He's made friends with all the neighborhood children too, so if he ever had issues with kids, he's apparently gotten over it! I adore my little white tornados and can't imagine life without them.

This photo was taken on National Dog Day when I had the rare good luck of not only persuading both of them to sit still for more than 2 seconds, but also had just come from the groomer and were (temporarily) still white!

~ from Barbara

Martha Smith, Our Founder

Martha has been with Westie Rescue Network since the beginning.

Her very first dog came from a pound. Didn't they all? Interesting tidbit: Her grandfather was a Veterinarian in WWI, and used his skills to treat the horses. In any case, she grew up in a family with a love of animals; so no surprise she has had 7 dogs during her married life.



Martha and her husband, Kelly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February. Their first dog was a standard poodle. In 1986 they were at a party and met Agatha, a Westie that Martha still remembers. She was very laid back, and Martha assumed all Westies were like that (ha)and she wanted one. She



bought a pure bred West Highland White Terrier, named Kirsty, and entered her into professional shows. However, according to Martha, she wasn't very good at showing because her mind would be on what was on her grocery list, or some such thing, and not on what moves her dog should be doing. They bred Kirsty once, and kept her son. In 1989, the West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Denver (WHWTCD, our Regional Club) put Martha in charge of finding new homes for rescues. During that same time, a feature news story aired showing a Westie puppy mill in southern Colorado. Bert and Rosie, from that puppy mill, became the first rescued Westies in Denver, and Martha took Bert as her first foster. He was very unsocialized, and Martha says "it was trial by fire" training. Their Westie, Kirsty helped with the fostering (sound familiar?), and 6 months later he was ready to be placed.



In 1992 WRN was incorporated as a separate legal entity independent in its operations from the Club. During that time, Martha saw an ad on the bulletin board in the grocery store advertising Westies. When she investigated, she learned they had all come from a puppy mill in Nebraska. She rescued them, and that was the first dog with a number. As of today WRN has placed over 900 Westies!

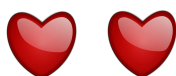
In 1994 WRN became a 501c (3) non-profit under the Internal Revenue Code, and Martha Smith was the first President. She says WRN was one of the first breed rescues to decide to invest in health before placing. She has lots of interesting stories and memories, including one about going to a "sleazy" motel because the manager had died and left a Westie and a giant Schnauzer. Martha thought nothing of driving to the questionable neighborhood by herself to pick up the dog. She says, "I would never let a volunteer do that now!"

While Martha was President of WRN there was a period where they had some dogs with serious aggressive behavior and biting issues. So Martha decided she would take them to foster first. Along came another memorable dog, Sarah. She was so exuberant and would jump on the kids. Martha kept her, because "she was so much fun!" However, it did take her awhile to stop taking "flying leaps."



Martha says, "I've learned so much. We are so lucky in this state. In many states shelters and rescues don't speak to each other." Not so in Colorado. I think a lot of this is due to Martha and others like her helping shelters to understand "we're all working for the same thing— placement."

She says "It has been a great ride!" For sure!



Thank you Martha Smith for all you have done for
Network, Inc.!!

Westie Rescue

*Saving one dog will not
change the world,
but surely for that one dog,
the world
will change forever.*

Keeping pets and people safe in the heat

A new law to help keep pets and people safe during hot summer months took effect Aug. 9.

If you see a pet, at-risk person or child locked in a hot car, then at least call 911.

Why is this important?

Colorado weather is unpredictable, so almost any time of the year can produce weather warm enough that it is unsafe to leave a pet or person locked in a car.

If you can't sit in your car comfortably with the air conditioner off and only the windows cracked, then your pet won't be comfortable, either. Leave them at home if you can't take them with you everywhere you're going.

What is the new law?

The bill provides immunity from civil and criminal liability for a person who forcibly enters a locked vehicle for the purpose of rendering assistance to an at-risk person or animal. A few key points from the new law are:

- Make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or operator of the vehicle;
- Contact a law enforcement or other first responder agency prior to forcibly entering the vehicle and not interfere with the actions of any such responding law enforcement agency;
- Use no more force than reasonably necessary to enter the locked vehicle;
- Remain with the at-risk person or animal in a safe location close to the vehicle until law enforcement or other first responder arrives at the scene.

To learn more about the new law, visit <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb17-1179>.

How do you know when to take action?

With animals, a number of signs demonstrate whether the pet is suffering from heat distress. Some of these include heavy panting, excessive drooling, dark red gums, rapid respiration and a change in behavior from initial contact.



You don't want to walk
on hot pavement.

Don't make
your DOGS do it!

Remember that the Pavement get hot, too!

Your dog's footpads may seem like they're tough and leathery, but they can blister and burn on hot pavement. Consider the heat and the temperature of the asphalt before taking your dog on a walk or run on a hot day.



Hot Oven, Hot Car...
It's the Same Thing.



Spot the Westie



From the Editor

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any other pictures, stories, and ideas to

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SEPTEMBER 28-

World Rabies Day

Although rabies itself may not be something to celebrate, protecting your pet from the deadly disease certainly is. Take a moment to ensure that your pet is up-to-date on her vaccinations. If not, schedule a visit with your veterinarian.

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And it is all at NO COST TO
YOU. With every purchase
you make, Amazon will
donate 0.5 percent of Your
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~ from Dianne Veno

Thanks for all the photos sent
in for the 2018 calendar. It is
now at the print shop and will
be available for purchase
very soon.

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and did not make it for 2018
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for 2019.



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