

Happy Fall!



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from Dr. Bob Luckin and Murphy

Dog Prose

I don't have second-hand dreams that bunch up like tired socks in the bottom of old shoes.

I am not waiting for spring, graduation, retirement or the good life.

I don't need discounts, rebates, or incentive to motivate me.

If you say you love me, I believe you.

I don't care if my food comes from a bag or a can. You can feed me gourmet table scraps or junk food.

I will run as fast as I can because I can.

I will do anything I can to catch a ball before it hits the ground.

I don't need to bathe as often as you do.

I love dirt as much as I love water.

I don't look in the mirror and wish I were younger. I love tall weeds and grass, bugs, birds and beagles.

I don't have a bed time. I love the time I spend on and under your bed. Nothing in my world needs to be new. Nothing in my world ever gets old.

I have no idea how old I am. I don't care how old you are. I love the sound of your voice and your smile.

I love it when you tell me it's time for a walk.

I love the tenderness of your hand petting me.

I love how hard you try to get the stick out of my mouth.

I love it when you roll on the floor with me. I love you a lot.☘



**Live in the moment and appreciate
the simple things, like Murphy does.**

GOODTIMES

ALL NATURAL BURGERS
FROZEN CUSTARD

Spotlight on Volunteers

Myra Bates

Calendar Distributor

Good Humor ice cream lady



Remember the music of the Good Humor ice cream truck coming down your street when you were a kid? And you ran out and got an ice cream? That is what PawBender is like for your Westie, and Myra is responsible for seeing to it that that special treat is available to our Westies, at WRN events.

Myra's "official" job for WRN is Calendar Distributor, which she started three years ago. Anyone who orders a calendar by mail receives it after it goes through Myra's hands. She is quite conscientious, and works hard to make sure those calendars get to people in a timely manner. She has even been known to hand deliver them to people in Lakewood, that ordered them a little late, and wanted them for Christmas! She says "I like the joy the calendar brings people." Several years ago her Westies were featured in the February calendar, which was extra special because that was the month of her mother's birthday.

Myra and her husband currently have Fritz and Finley, both WRN rescues, their 6th and 7th Westies.

So how did WRN end up getting PawBenders from Myra? Her day job is Accounting Manager at GoodTimes, where "everybody in the office is a dog lover," and where she has worked for 22 years! And GoodTimes is the company that sells PawBenders. They started making these delicious doggie custard treats in 2012, when they wanted something to appeal to pet owners. The product went through a series of tests, and got Veterinary approval before it went *on the menu*. PawBenders were introduced at the Furry Scurry 2012, and that year they gave out 1,000. This year they gave out 5,000! A percentage of the profits from PawBenders goes to animal groups, and in the past Goodtimes donated over \$2,000 to Westie Rescue Network, Inc. (Currently they donate to Denver Dumb Friends League and Freedom Service Dogs--\$24,700 to all animal groups to date.)

When Myra is not at GoodTimes, or helping Westie Rescue Network, Inc, she likes to garden, and travel with her husband in their travel trailer to beautiful spots in Colorado. "How do you work everything in?" I asked, and she replied "It's a challenge sometimes! I do it for the Westies!" President Gene Bourque says "Myra and and Good Times have never passed up an opportunity to help Westie Rescue. WRN is blessed to have her on our team."

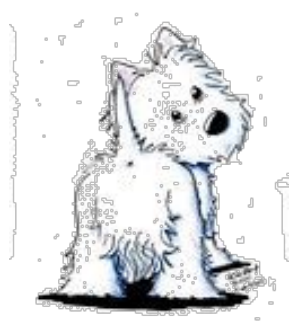
So now aren't you ready for a ride to GoodTimes with your Westie? You can have a Peanut Butter Chocolate Crunch Spoonbender, and your furry friend can have a PawBender. Peanut Butter breath is better than dog breath! And just for fun play a little tinkly tune from the past to go along with this memory. Here are some suggestions: Turkey in the Straw, Do Your Ears Hang Low?, Pop Goes The Weasel, or scan this QR code.





Happy Tales

Recent Adoptions



If these recent adoptions could talk, they would tell you a very interesting sad story, with a happy ending. They were rescued from a hoarding situation where 52 dogs (mostly terrier breeds) were kept in cages in a 5th wheel camper. The local county animal shelter ended up with some of them, and thankfully they called Westie Rescue Network to take the Westies. . . . And they got rescued! After a short time in Foster homes, they are now having their "happy ending" in their furever homes! Here are the "reports" from their new owners.



Molly is doing great!

She eats everything you put in front of her, and loves to wrestle with her brother Buddy. They are very cute together and are growing closer every day. She is a little skittish about the dog door, but otherwise there are no issues with her. She is excellent on a leash, enjoys walking, is very keen on birds and bugs, and has very good hunting skills. Besides playing with Buddy, she really enjoys just sitting next to us. She's been a wonderful addition to our family and we feel very lucky she came our way when she did.

MOLLY



GRACIE

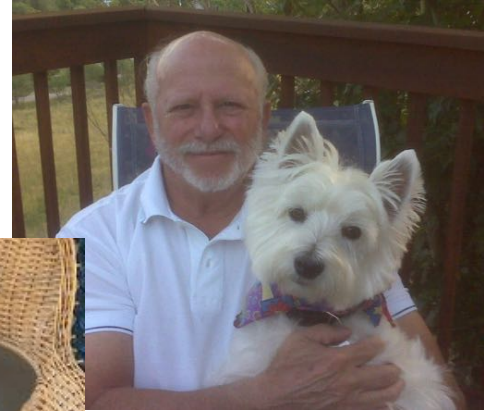


Gracie is having a wonderful time playing with her cousin Herman. All she needs is a cape! This is a dog's life. We do love her.

Happy Tales, continued



SNOOPS



Snoops is the most loving Westie of the 7 we have owned. He is the image of our beloved Snowball that passed two years ago when we made the application for Denver Westie Rescue. "Snoops" is the nickname we had for Snowball. The picture at the far right is Snowball.



JESSE



Jesse is as unique looking as the situation he came from. He is the most loving, exuberant, and joyful dog I have ever met. He follows me everywhere (his nickname is Velcro). He usually has a ball or stuffed animal in his mouth. However, after 10 seconds with Jesse, the new toy that initially squeaked is now permanently silent.

Jesse was moderately emaciated with skin, ear, eye and leg infections. If you ask him, he was starved and should be allowed to eat whenever and whatever he wants! Jesse also looked like a mix between a Westie and a Xoloitzcuintli, (Mexican hairless dog) being bald on over half his body.

Today Jesse is infection free, but will require lifelong ear medications because of scarring, and still looks like a mix between a Westie and a Xoloitzcuintli, as skin trauma, probably infection, killed his hair follicles. But everyone who meets him thinks he looks "cool" and bottom-line Jesse doesn't care.





Apps for dog owners

Here are some great I phone apps!



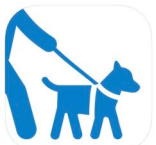
[Pet First Aid: American Red Cross](#), Price: \$0.99

At \$0.99, it's cheaper than a lot of the other pet first aid apps but still manages to have all the tools you might need in case an emergency strikes. You can locate the nearest vet hospital, learn to treat everything from allergic reactions to bleeding, and find out what's just normal, crazy, puppy behavior.



[PetCoach](#), by Petco Free

This app lets you talk to a vet, pet trainer, or whatever other pet professional you might need to talk to, anywhere, anytime. Is your pup looking chubby? Send a pet nutritionist a photo to find out if you need to get him onto a diet pronto.



[Tractive Dog Walk](#), Free

It's a great way to keep track of how much exercise your dog is really getting, although don't be as bummed as I was when your "long walk" turns out to only be a mile and a half.



[iKibble Free](#), Free

Questioning the edibility of whatever your dog just ate off the floor? Just whip out the iKibble, look up what she ate, and find out just how healthy it really is for her.



[Rover](#), Free

The nation's 5 star dog walking and dog sitting app. The Rover app was created for dog people by The Dog PeopleTM. Through the app, get adorable photo updates, GPS tracking of your dog's walk, an easy way to message sitters or manage your business, and a secure way to book and pay.



[BringFido](#), Free

BringFido allows you to find pet friendly hotels, restaurants, parks, beaches, and tons more. You can also book your hotel, look up their pet policy, and use filters to find the hotels that would best fit your dog. Super useful if you want to grab dinner with your best furry friend.



[Dog Park Finder Plus](#) Price: \$1.99

Find a dog park at anytime! From anywhere! Choose from over 6,600 dog parks, read reviews, get directions, and most importantly find out if that dog park has human bathrooms as well.



[Meet My Dog- For Dog Owners](#), Free

Meet My Dog - For Dog Owners gives dog owners the ability to discover, connect and share with other dogs owners in their community, and make puppy playdates.



[PetDiary](#), by Vetcloud, Free

PetDiary is an easy, visual, way to monitor your dogs weight, medications, and whatever else comes to mind. You can also use it to jot down when your dog does something so adorable, you just want to remember it forever! Or at least until you get a new phone.



Spot the Westie



From the Editor

Send your Spot the Westie photos, and any other pictures, stories, and ideas to marmfield@aol.com





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September 28 World Rabies Day

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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October 10 National Pet Obesity Awareness Day

The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention's website provides dog devotees and friends of felines with an arsenal of knowledge to help your pet wage a battle of the bulge

<https://petobesityprevention.org>



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Step 2: Amazon remembers your selection, and every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Pet News! Dogs help you live longer!

Dog-lovers, rejoice: Having a pooch seriously ups your odds of living a long, healthy life! A new **Scientific Reports** study found that dog owners between the ages of 40 and 80 were less likely to die of any cause compared to folks who didn't have man's best friend! In addition to keeping you active and thwarting stress, researchers suspect dogs may boost your immune system, making you less likely to get sick and better able to heal quickly if you do become ill!



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