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Celebrating our 30th Year!

WRN has placed almost 1,000 dogs!

As we enter our 30th year, here are notes from 3 of our placements.



Rowdy Gets the Royal Treatment
Thought you'd like to see how Rowdy is doing now. He loves his walks, but at 11+ years old finds big hills and long walks more challenging than they used to be. This chariot is the perfect solution so he does not have to do the entire walk. He loves it. He's trained us very well!

~from Bob & Teri Taylor



Rowdy was our calendar cover for 2017

Congrats!

In 1996 I contacted Martha Smith indicating our families interest in adopting a rescue Westie. As luck would have it, there were two Westies in Larimer County looking for a home. We met and adopted those two precious pups on the spot. Those amazing dogs deeply loved us and brought joy, the playful excitement that Westies possess, plenty of comic relief and the pure love that only dogs can bring into human lives. Sadly, Eddie and Daphne have since left us and gone on to the Rainbow Bridge. Our family owes a debt of gratitude to the Westie Rescue Network for matching us with our beloved fur babies. Thank you for the work you do and happy 30th anniversary!

~from Janine and John Sherman

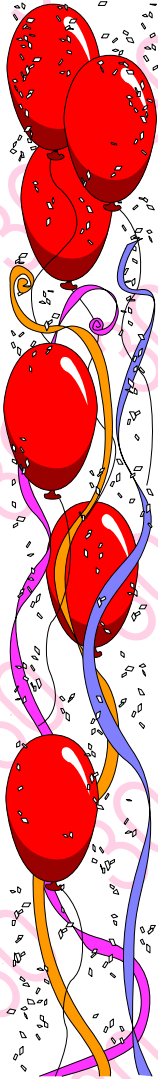
WRN's Facebook page now has over 300 followers!

WRN's newsletter has over 500 subscribers!



Here's a wonderful photo of my precious Charlie, adopted 2011 and passed over the rainbow bridge October 2019. I had the foresight to have a professional photo shoot last year when he was 13. Westies don't get any better than this, and he was as good-natured as he was adorable.

~from Laurie Stephenson





Happy Tales

Recent Adoption



Boo



~from Ellen

WRN was contacted by Boo's parents because they weren't able to keep her anymore. It was a very sad situation. She will be 14 on April 26, and she had been with that couple since she was a puppy. She came to me on November 2nd.

I'm so happy that she is with me. We get along great and she is really good company. She barks at other dogs when we walk, always female dogs. She likes to be the queen! I've introduced her to my friend's big border collie, and to my daughter's big retriever and she's good with them. She's also good with kids.

The only sign that shows her age is after our walks she's quite thirsty, and then takes a nap in her bed for a couple of hours.

She loves to chase squirrels in the back yard and goes after any birds that are silly enough to land on the ground when she is out back. And she's also a real chow hound. When she sees me getting her meals ready she gets all excited and stands up on her back legs and prances around, you'd think I was starving her!

I'm so happy I have the chance to have her live with me, she definitely makes my life better and I hope I'm making hers better.

She's a great girl!

A Westie love story

Adoption story told by Ollie the Westie Pooch From his Facebook page



10/5 Adventures with Willie the Rescue Dog

So, mom got this wild hair to foster a rescue dog! As if I'm not dog enough for her??? His name is Willie. He is 5 years old. His family gave him up because of excessive marking in the house. His fur was super matted, so mom had to get him groomed. Willie is the biggest Westie I have ever met! He is pretty nice, but he is clueless that when I growl at him, I want him to move away. He likes to sleep with his head on me. Yuck! I'm not sure how I feel about this...to be continued.

10/5 Further Adventures with Willie the Rescue Dog

Willie has a very peculiar way of sitting in MY favorite chair! Mom thinks it's cute because he is so relaxed. I think it's a little weird to see a dog sitting like a person. He isn't as totally annoying as I thought he would be, but I still growl at him sometimes. He is pretty fun on walks. Mom is really happy because he has been with us for 5 days and there has been NO marking. Sheesh! What's the big deal? I never mark in the house! Mom said Willie was kept in a crate for hours and hours every day. She said she would have marked, too, in protest. I guess Willie doesn't have anything to protest about with us, so he isn't marking. Good boy, Willie!



10/7 Further Adventures of Willie the Rescue Dog

Maybe Willie isn't so bad after all. He's still somewhat annoying, but he's really fun on walks! Last night we both played with toys. Not together. We each had our own toys, but I didn't growl and try to take his away. Willie just started playing with toys about two days ago. Now he's really getting the hang of squeaky toys. I have chilled out on the growling. Mom now puts me in time out when I growl. Being reprimanded doesn't phase me, but I don't like being sent to my room. Most of my growling was just for show anyway. After all, I am Numero Uno! One really sweet thing that happened was, after his first full week with us, Willie celebrated by giving mom kisses! She is so

happy! Willie is learning to give kisses to mom just like I do! His former family said that Willie never licked. Well, he does now! Maybe he didn't have a reason to kiss anyone before. Good boy, Willie!

10/7 Boyz Walking by the Stream!

Today Willie the Foster Dog and I went for a great walk on the Cherry Creek Trail. Willie wasn't afraid of anything! We both enjoyed wading in the stream. Mom even let Willie dig in the sand. She's totally fine with dogs getting dirty. That makes it more fun for us! Hmm, I might be getting used to having a buddy to pal around with.

10/25 Papa says it's a Bromance! I say we are best buddies. Mom wants to adopt Willie. My paws are crossed!

The Boyz!

Ollie the westie pooch and Willie the Rescued Dawg. The adoption is official! Now they are brothers and part of our happy family. Willie is wearing red.

11/3/19 It's official! Willie the Rescued Dawg's adoption is finalized. Yay! Welcome to the family, Willie!



Our Mom, Roxann

12/5 /19 Silly Willie, the canine snow plough

He likes to "snorkel" in the snow.

I am finally enjoying having Willie around. I still give him the Westie Stink Eye, but I don't really mean it too much. Grrrr.



November 2019 Willie and Ollie

Westie love stories from facebook

~From Alexis McKechnie & Josh Mac
in Maine

Our puppy is a two year old Westie
Maximilian!

I have always wanted a Westie because of their
lovable and fun personality! Max is the center of
our world and we could not imagine not having
him in our Wedding. Max was walked down the
aisle and then sat with my Mother in law. During
the ceremony he was off his leash and gladly
roamed around, including under my dress to lick
the lotion off my legs. Max lastly laid down on my
train- he always insists on being close by!
Max loves getting his photo taken and enjoyed the
bagpiper too- probably due to his Scottish
heritage lol!

Photographer: Catherine Ladd Photography and
Marigold Creek Events



Westie Wedding Cake
Credit : Monica Collins



~from Karrie Elizabeth's Rice. Willie on her
wedding day in Midland, Ontario, Canada
He cleans up nice. Check out another picture of
him on our Dirty Dawgs page.



Special Friend- Susan Weintraub Egolf Westies of Colorado

Susan Weintraub Egolf is the administrator for a Facebook group called Westies of Colorado. I was lucky enough to meet her on one of the Westie walks this past fall.

When I asked her why she started this group she told me, "I had posted a picture of my Westie, Jimmy, on another Westie page on Facebook. A women named Caroline Williams posted underneath 'I think that's near my house.' We private messaged each other and arranged to meet. We got together a few times to walk and I thought how fun would it be to find other Westies in the area. I used to do meet-ups with our Bernese Mountain Dogs in PA and thought it would be fun if we could find other Westies in Colorado. Caroline and I started the group on September 2nd, 2017, and as we've grown, we've added 2 moderators: Minnie Bourque and Beth Larson. I am lucky to have found these women. They are wonderful new friends. The group now has over 360 members."



Westies of Colorado had their first walk December 3rd, 2017, with 6 Westies. On their last walk in Wash Park, Nov 16, 2019, they had 23 Westies! They try to schedule the walks every 4-6 weeks. Susan says, "It's been lot of fun meeting new friends."



Susan has had a Westie in her life since she was 4 years old. Her first Westie was named Snoopy.

She got Westie #2, Buffett when she was dating her future husband. She found her engagement ring on her collar. She said, "When we lost her just 2 days before her 13th birthday, I didn't know if I could have another Westie. I was devastated. Buffett lived with Harley (Orange Tabby cat), Bailey (Cairn Terrier) and Captain (Saint Bernard). We lost all 3 dogs in a 10 month period in 2006. I looked at other breeds but decided that it would be her legacy that I would always have a Westie in my life."

Right now.. she has Jimmy, age 13 and Stewie age 9 going on 10.



Jimmy was a certified therapy dog for a Reading to Dogs program in the elementary school and middle schools in Pennsylvania where Susan and her husband lived, and they continued it in Colorado for a year before Jimmy retired. Jimmy loves to hike and play fetch.



Stewie is just a goofball. He's full of Westitude. He loves to watch TV and will bark when he sees dogs and other animals. Jimmy and Stewie currently live with a Tuxedo cat named Max, age 11. They used to live with a Bernese Mountain Dog name Zoey. She passed away in 2016, just before they moved to Colorado.

Susan is a "retired" elementary school teacher, but continues to do a lot of volunteering. She also likes to hike, take pictures, play Mah Jong and hang out with family, friends and of course, her Westies!



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are not our
whole life,
but they
MAKE OUR
LIVES WHOLE.
~Roger Caras



Dirty Dawgs



Willie
check him out on page 5- never
know it was the same dog!



This is Rogue,
who happens to be pink today

From the Editor

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other pictures, stories, and ideas to

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This is Maggie,
who also comes in white



Spot the Westie



Murphy
~from Minnie Bourque



Alf
~from Louise Pickford



Spot the 2nd Westie
Ollie & Willie
~from Roxann Souci



Dolly
~from Julie DeWitt



Brodie
~from Moke Raymond

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The Back Page



JANUARY

Walk Your Pet Month

Dogs get both physical and mental stimulation from walks, while you get a dependable walking buddy to help with your New Year's get-healthy resolution.

New Found Friends of WRN



Our friends at American Dog held a Westie party for their upcoming 12 days of Westies holiday roll out. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for holiday deals on their fun fabulous toys!

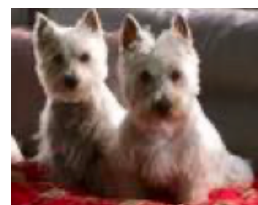
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