



We hope everyone is enjoying the start of the summer. We are pleased to announce that we have our new and improved website, westierescuenetwork.org, up and running. This comprehensive website contains information for those who want to adopt or relinquish an animal or donate to WRN and includes answers to some of our frequently asked questions.

We now have a gallery of great Westie photos thanks to the many adopters and foster parents that have submitted photos to last year's calendar as well as the

newsletter. If you wish to include a photo and/or a story of your adopted Westie please send it to betsywidner@yahoo.org. We have plans to add more content and resources in the future. We encourage you to take a look.

In addition to our new website and new logo, we have a new phone number. Only one phone number is needed regardless of the reason for your call. 720-360-1212. Messages left on this number will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

We need your photos for our calendar! Our calendar helps us raise funds to care for our needy Westies. Last year's sales were better than ever. Please help us make this year's calendar a bigger success by submitting photos of your dog(s). See page 3 for details.



We have had some wonderful adoption stories in the last few months. Two of our special needs dogs that were in foster care for many months are now in their forever homes. This month we introduce you to Roxie and Pippin and stay tuned for more great stories in the future.

Westie Rescue Wins Best in Category Award



Our WRN participants in the Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day parade won the award for the best dog group in the parade! If you saw the photos in the newsletter it is not hard to see why. The group did a great job of dressing themselves and their dogs and obviously had a great time. Thanks to Mark and Carmen Ianacone who keep up organized every year and everyone that participated! We hope that more of you will join the group next year.

Happy Tails

Roxie was diagnosed with hip [Legg-Calve-Perthes](#) when she was only 8 months old. She lived with two young boys and a golden retriever pup so trying to keep her calm and pain free was nearly impossible. She was relinquished to us at 16 months and by then was "handstanding" or only walking on only her front legs. She would rest her back legs on the ground when she stopped but put very little pressure on them due to the pain. We immediately consulted with Plum Creek Veterinary Services to research our options. It was decided that she would undergo Femoral Head Ostectomy (FHO) surgery on both hips. To make it a bit easier on her we chose to do the surgery one hip at a time.



Roxie with one of the few toys that has survived the "Roxie Test"

she single handedly destroyed almost every toy she met. Only a few toys have survived the "Roxie Test." She had one surgery last December and the other in January and she was back up and running (literally) soon after surgery.

It took months of recovery and physical therapy in her foster home to have her using her back legs. Although her back legs had atrophied, the physical therapy has strengthened her thighs and glutes.

We are incredibly grateful to Dr. David Roberts and his staff at [Plum Creek Veterinary Services](#) who did the surgeries on Roxie. Although they operated twice they very generously did not charge us for one of the surgeries as a holiday gift. Many of you also donated funds that went to offset the cost of her surgery and post-op treatments.



Roxie with Dr. Roberts and staff at Plum Creek.



Roxie with foster siblings Hudson and Lila.

Ted & Tiffany Terroux contacted WRN looking for a dog to add to their family. They were looking for a Westie who got along with just about everyone as Ted was planning on taking their Westie to work at Ted Terroux's Canine College. After Roxie is trained she will be meeting hundreds of folks in training classes and showing off her newly acquired obedience skills.

Although her foster family (both 2-legged and 4-legged) adored and miss Roxie, they knew that she found the perfect forever home.

More Westie adoption stories can be found on our website. Westierescuenetwork.org

We Need Your Westie Photos

We want to see your Westie photos for next years Westie Rescue calendar. Please note that photos from your camera phone are most likely not high enough resolution to be used for the large monthly photos but may be used on our website.

- ◆ Photos should be of dogs only, no humans allowed,
- ◆ Photos should be taken within the last year,
- ◆ Photos taken by a professional photographer must be accompanied by the Photographer's approval for use.

Please send photos to cstegehuis@mac.com and send the following information with your photo: your name, dogs name, dogs age.



Dog Videos On The Internet

There are so many instructional and entertaining videos on the internet these days. Here are a few you may want to watch.

Keeping Dogs Safe at the Dog Park

For those who frequent the local dog parks, this brief 8 minute video explains why human participation is so important to making sure all dogs at the park are having a safe and enjoyable time. The video demonstrates what to do if you see a dog being bullied as well as how to keep your small dog safe. [Click here.](#)

Kids and Dogs

Anyone with young kids or grandkids will enjoy this short, 90 second catchy video. It is aimed at elementary age kids and teaches them important lessons about living with dogs in a fun way they can enjoy and remember. You might find yourself singing along! [Click here.](#)

Amazing Animal Tricks

This one is just for fun. Watch Nana the Border Collie and her amazing sidekick Kaiser the Bengal cat. [Click here.](#)



More Happy Endings



Pippin's story is fairly common for Westie Rescue. He was not a fan of the toddler in his home and would growl because he wanted to be left alone. Now at 8 years old, he was showing lots of anxiety and marking in the house. Because of these issues he was spending lots of time in his crate and was not a very happy dog. His owners contacted us so we could find a home without a toddler that he would be more comfortable and relaxed.

After our normal vet examination he went to his foster home with two Westie girls to play with. The foster family fell in love with "Pippie Puppy" as they called him and wrote the following.

"I have nothing but the highest praise for this little guy. He is kind, considerate, cooperative and one of the best Westies we have ever fostered. He likes to play with the girls and there is never any aggression just good tail wagging play. He goes right to bed (in a crate) at night and has not made a peep until I wake up and let him out. He knows commands, sit, no, off, and always comes when called. He should be very easy to adopt out as he is such a good puppy. Any new Westie owner should be very happy to get such a well behaved puppy. He loves to be petted and loved on and likes to have your hand on him even when he is just sitting with you."

When Cindy contacted WRN last January she said that ideally she could get a dog in May so that she would be out of school and she and her two teenage daughters would have all summer to spend with their new dog. It must have been fate because Pippin was ready for adoption in May! Pippin now lives in a wonderful home with Cindy and her two girls where he feels safe and will be taken care of and well loved. Pippin is a constant companion and we understand that there are many photos of him posted on Facebook. We just received this note from Cindy.

Pippin is such a sweet dog. We feel like he has always been with us. We are so appreciative of the kind care Richard and Dixie gave Pippin, especially for an extended period of time. Both Kaitlyn and Kristin have really taken to Pippin and he is always by their sides. This weekend he got his workout having walks around both Cheeseman and Washington Parks. He was really appropriate with the other dogs he met and well-behaved on the walks. Today he had a special treat! He got to meet and walk with "Angus", a Westie mix. Angus is also from Westie Rescue. I teach with his owner and she is the one responsible for connecting our family with your wonderful organization. Cindy



Westie Rescue Roundups

We have heard from many of you that you wish there were more social opportunities to get together with other Westie Rescue folks and their canine companions. No agenda other than get to know some of your fellow adopters and volunteers and let the dogs have a grand time. We are going to try to help facilitate some Westie Rescue Roundups within our group.

Our constituency is rather spread out with the majority of you in the Front Range. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to host a group of Westies and their owners from your area. Our hope is that these will be casual, fun get togethers which are a breeze to host. Now that the weather has warmed up all the activity can take place in your yard.

We will provide you with a list of names and email addresses for folks that live in your general area. We will also provide you with some suggestions for your party including things to have on hand. You get to set the date, time, the number of canines that you are able to host, and any other details. We are happy to even create the invitation for you with your information. We hope to see photos in our newsletters of some of these events.

To volunteer to host please contact Hollie Trow at hollietrow@earthlink.net.

Westie Mix Finds a Home

We introduced you to Oliver the Westie-mix in a previous newsletter. He came from Oklahoma and his fur was so long you could hardly see his face. After some time in a foster home Oliver was adopted and now makes his home in Boulder.



Resources From Our Website

We have some great books listed under the Resources tab on our website. These books could be some great summer reading.

Dog Problems by Carol Lea Benjamin

Don't Shoot the Dog by Karen Pryor

Love Has No Age Limit by Patricia McConnell and Karen London

Merle's Door, Lessons From a Free Thinking Dog by Ted Kerasote

Mother Knows Best by Carol Lea Benjamin

Purebred Rescue Dog Adoption by Liz Palika

Second Hand Dog by Carol Lea Benjamin

The Other End of the Leash by Patricia McConnell

Westies from Head to Tail by Ruth Faherty