



westie rescue network



Welcome to the New Year

A new year has begun and Westie Rescue is positioned well to continue our mission to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome West Highland Terriers.

With this New Year we have a new look to our Newsletter – but will continue to showcase

Westies looking for their forever families and follow-up adoption success stories.

If you would like to tell your Westies adoption story, please contact us at:
Westie@westienetworkrescue.org

From WestieFest to New Westie Home

It is no secret that Westies are a very special breed. They have perky personalities, love to play and be spoiled by those who love them.

Simon (on the right) was a little foster that went to a WestieFest last year. As he ran into the yard he

had no idea that so many other Westies would be at play. Simon was in heaven, running, jumping and getting to know so many new little friends. What Simon didn't know, is that a wonderful couple (Deb and Mark) noticed him and immediately fell in love.

Simon soon had a new home and a new little friend of his own, Sam. "It was amazing" Deb recalls, "it was as if Simon had been with us for years. He just fit in perfectly."

Now months later, Simon and Sam have really bonded. They love to run, play, eat and sleep together and prefer not to be apart. "Thanks To Westie Rescue, we have the perfect little Westie family, we couldn't be happier" says Deb.



WRN At-A-Glance

Westie 2016 Calendars

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We Are So Grateful For Your Donations!

We at Westie Rescue Network want to thank the following people for their generous donations.

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John Fischer
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\$500 To \$999

Jeffery Phillips

\$250 To \$499

Elizabeth Shulze
Ron and Shalah Arlian

A Tearful Salute to a Special Person

On December 23, the world of purebred dog rescue lost a great friend, Karen Brown. Karen bred and showed beautiful Bouvier des Flandres, was a founding member of All Breed Rescue Network, served for many years on its Board of Directors, and led the organization for the last 6 years as its President. She loved all animals, and took on the care of really difficult rescue cases, no matter the breed, when there was no one else with her skill, patience, and experience to handle them. Terribly injured dogs from cruelty situations or accidents who seemed destined for euthanasia were able to live out their lives because of Karen's determination to give everyone a chance.



The diagnosis of pancreatic cancer was a dreadful shock to all who knew and loved her, and she was taken from us much too soon at the age of 60. She served as an example to everyone in the world of dogs and will be missed.

The Board of Directors of Westie Rescue Network, Inc.

Join Us - 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Always a show stopper at the Colorado Spring's St. Patrick's Day Parade - you and your Westies are invited to join the WRN Marching team. The parade will be held on **Saturday, March 12, 2016**, at 12:00 Noon in Downtown Colorado Springs. The Parade Route starts at Tejon & St. Vrain Streets, marching south on Tejon Street to Vermijo Street where we will disband. Last year our Westies had a fantastic time. It's going to be a fun-filled day!

Check our Website and Facebook page for more details . . .
www.westierescuenetwork.org





A Word From Our President . . .

Dear Friends of Westie Rescue Network (WRN),

In August of 2014 I sent my first letter to you. In that letter I introduced the following "immediate goals" for WRN:

1. Add more experience to our Board,
2. Increase the number of Foster homes,
3. Expand training for our volunteers.

Due to an incredible amount of commitment and effort from our volunteers I am happy to report that some progress has been made

We are truly blessed to have added two very experienced "canine rescuers" to our Board. Jan Humphrey, a retired school administrator from St. Louis, is now our Treasurer. After retiring, Jan worked extensively with a dog rescue group in Kentucky. This assignment brought her directly in contact with prison inmates where she helped establish a program to help them learn to foster, rehabilitate, train and groom rescued dogs. This has proven to be an incredibly rewarding and successful program. You can read more about Jan in the August 2014 edition of our newsletter which can be found on our website.

Linda Clibon is now our Secretary. Linda has been a WRN volunteer for over 20 years. During that time she has fostered "at least" 35 dogs and transported many more. I feel very fortunate that such an experienced volunteer as Linda has decided to step up and join the Board.

The number of Foster homes we have available at any point in time has remained at between 5 and 7. We have added more approved Fosters but the number who can actually foster, on a moment's notice, varies depending on each family's personal schedule. I am encouraged by the number of applicants who want to help us with Fostering.

We have not made the progress I wanted to see in expanding training for our volunteers; primarily our Fosters. The first phase of this project is centered on producing a new manual for our Fosters. This is in the infant phase and we still have plenty of work to do. If you feel you might be able to help with a Foster training manual please contact me at gbourque45@centurylink.net

Of course, no letter from the President would be complete without expressing our continuing need for donations. WRN is an all-volunteer organization; there is no paid staff. 90% of the monies we spend are directly related to caring for the dogs that come into our care. It is not unusual for our volunteers not to seek reimbursement for costs they incur in caring for our dogs. Our largest expenditure remains Veterinary Services and Supplies (VSS). In 2015 our average VSS for the 21 dogs we received was \$464, higher than our average adoption fee. In 2014 the equivalent expense for the 28 dogs we received was \$233; half the 2015 amount. The increase is directly attributable to the number of senior dogs (age > 9) that were surrendered to us. All of these dogs required more testing, surgeries and rehabilitative care. And, they required more time in Foster homes. But, due to the sacrifices and efforts of our Foster and other volunteers we were able to place 19 of these dogs last year. We believe the two remaining 2015 dogs will soon find forever homes.

With 2015 in mind our goals for 2016, stated as simply as possible, are:

1. Increase our cash reserves
2. Bring a new Foster manual to print
3. Invest in both canine and computer training for our volunteers

Finally, a sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to our volunteers, donors and veterinarians who enable us to provide the means to continue our mission. As much as I hear, "it is all about the little white dogs", I must disagree. It is all about our people!

Happy New Year and warmest personal regards from yours truly, my wife Minnie and our two Westies, Clancy and Quinn.

Westie Rescue Network, Inc.
Gene Bourque, President





All We Need Is Love!

Doggy Fro-Yo w/Banana and Peanut Butter

A treat you both can love!

From: Teri & Jenny over at Spoon Fork Bacon!

Makes 12 (2 ounce) treats

Ingredients

2 cups of low fat, all natural Greek yogurt (no sugar or additives)

1 medium banana

1/3 cup all natural, organic peanut butter

1 tablespoon honey



1. Place all ingredients into a food processor and process until smooth, 2 to 3 minutes.
2. Pour mixture into (silicon or paper) molds of your choice, place on a baking sheet and freeze, at least 1 hour.
3. Remove fro-yo pops from molds and serve.

As seen at - <http://blog.bestbullysticks.com/bbs-weekly-drool-recipe-w-spoon-fork-bacon-doggy-fro-yo/>

Is Your Westie a Super Star or Camera Hog!

Either way, we want your Westie pictures for the 2017 WRN Calendar!!!

All pictures need to be taken with a 300 dpi resolution digital camera, in a 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.



Yes My Westie is a Camera Hog! Where do I send my pictures?

You can email your photos to our email address:

Westie@westierescuenetwork.org or to our calendar editor Dianne

Veno at contessa5360@aol.com.

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