

Dogs listed in last issue: Buddy, still in foster care, working on his shyness, Nicholas, still in foster care, resolving skin issues, Maximus, euthanized, had a disease called Myasthenia Gravis.

Placed: Caesar, now MacTavish, adopted (not the MacTavish below but the one who was on the report last issue!) and Buttercup, adopted, but since died.

New Fosters:



CHLOE, 7 months old in June, was surrendered to the Humane Society because she was nipping at the FOUR two year olds in the home. She also had a serious medical condition, a large liver shunt, which she could not survive without surgery. She had her surgery on July 14 and is back home with her foster family recovering. Please go to "Princess Chloe's" home page to read her story.

<http://westie3.fatcow.com/RESCUE/Chloe.htm>

We will be doing an Ebay auction (see below on this page) to help with her expenses as soon as it is set up. You can also make donation for her care by going to

<http://westie3.fatcow.com/RESCUE/DonationChole.htm>

Her illness prior to surgery plus the surgery will total around \$5,000 to \$6,000, so we sure could use your help.

Fostered by: Eileen and Tom Michael



MacTAVISH (top) about 5 years old and **MACY** (bottom) about 1 year old, were found as strays and no one claimed them. They have obviously been well cared for and loved so we are at a loss as to why no one has been looking for them. They are very well adjusted and happy little Westies. They went for their medical checkup and a spray and neuter has been done and shots brought up to date.

Mac & Macy are now in their new homes and doing well.

Fostered by: Chris Gillespie





NOLI, 7 years old, was surrendered by her owner. Her owner worked full time, went to school evenings and her daughter and 7 year old grandson had moved back in with her. Noli was not adapting well and her separation anxiety was creating havoc. She was pooping and peeing in the house. She lost two front teeth trying to chew out of the crate. Noli is adjusting very well in her foster home. They are working on her separation anxiety and seeing improvements. We believe that given a calm, adult living condition, Noli will be a wonderful pet for some lucky family.

Foster by: Jan Murray

New Garden Flags have been added to our fundraisers supporting RESCUE. Please go to <http://westie3.fatcow.com/EDU/fund.htm> to check them out.

CHLOE AUCTION

Should you read this before August 1, you still have time to go in and bid on items in the auction being held to help pay for Chloe's medical care. Chloe is doing very well in her recovery despite some setbacks along the way. http://stores.ebay.com/WESTIE-CLUB-MICHIGAN/i.html?LH_Auction=1

WESTIE FOUNDATION STUDIES

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/07/110718164022.htm>

Click on this link to read in Science Daily: **Research in 'Westie' Dogs May Hold Answers to Similar Human Diseases**

Please remember to take your own dogs to the vet to participate in the studies for which they may be eligible. Those studies can be found on our Club website, our Rescue Website and the Westie Foundation Website.

POSITIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Your Club **NEEDS YOU!** Especially if you have not served the Club in a formal position for some time now, please consider taking on one of these recently or anticipated to be vacated positions:

- Website maintenance - We have three websites within the Club (Club, Rescue, Education). The current Club member plans to resign from this position sometime possibly in the next year. It may be a matter of someone starting now to learn HTML or we may go with a commercial company who will train you to do the work once they convert it to their software.
- Club Fundraising Chair - The Chair has resigned due to no longer living in the area.
- Education Chair - The Chair has resigned due to no longer living in the area.

Contact a Club Officer if you are willing to take your turn at one of these jobs.

SO HANDLERS MUST BE THE ONLY ONES WINNING AT DOG SHOWS (From MBF website, InfoDog.com)

Really? If you speak with very many exhibitors, they'll be only too happy to express that statement. This got us thinking. So many folks believe this to be so, but upon what is this statement based? Perception? Experience? Their breed? What are the facts?

We decided to take a look at wins at dog shows. Using published records for MB-F shows held in 2008 and 2009, we looked at:

- 1) The number of Winners wins awarded
- 2) The number of Bests of Breed awarded
- 3) The number of Group Firsts awarded
- 4) The number of Bests in Show awarded
- 5) The number of these wins that were awarded to dogs with no agent listed and the number that were awarded to dogs that had an agent listed.

Here's what we found:

For 2008:

82,724 Winners Awards

11,771 (14%) were given to dogs with handlers listed and

70,953 (86%) were awarded to dogs with no agent listed.

50,587 Bests of Breed awards

17,033 (34%) were awarded to dogs with a handler listed and

33,554 (66%) were awarded to dogs with no agent listed.

DOG SHOW INFORMATION

Jackie Curtis

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	SPONSORING CLUB
Aug 4,5	Marshall	Conformation, Agility	Jaxon KC
Aug 6,7	Williamston	Agility	Capitol City Agility
Aug 12-14	Landing	Obedience, Rally	Obedience Club of Lansing
Aug 20	Metamora	Earthdog	Motor Cities Fox Terrier Club
Aug 20, 21	Buchanan	Agility	St. Joe Valley Agility
Aug 26-28	Grand Blanc	Agility	Companion Dog Training
Sept 2, 3, 4	Marquette	Obedience, Rally, Conformation	Marquette KC
Sept 9-11	Whitmore Lake	Agility	AADTC
Sept 10, 11	Davisburg	Obedience, Rally, Conformation	Pontiac KC
Sept 16-18	Kentwood	Agility	Grand Rapids Agility Club
Sept 17, 18	Goodells	Obedience, Rally, Conformation	St. Clair KC
Sept 24, 25	Addison	Earthdog	Terrier Club of MI
Sept 24, 25	Buchanan	Agility	St. Joe Valley Agility
Sept 30	Monroe	Obedience, Rally	Monroe KC
Sept 30	Monroe	Conformation	WHWTCSEM
Oct 1, 2	Monroe	Conformation	Monroe KC
Oct 1, 2	Warren	Obedience, Rally	Southern MI Obedience Club