

Dogs listed in last issue: Terry, still in foster care.

Placed: Casey, Caesar, Charlie, Gracie Noelle, Stevie



SNOWFLAKE, age 12 years, was left at a shelter by her family. We don't know why. Snowflake is a larger Westie. Since her first day in her foster home, she has been very quiet and settled. She lost one eye, we are told, from a Coyote attack! What a brave girl, she must be, to have survived that! She is living with other dogs without any issues. This older girl deserved a chance to live out her life with a loving family and has been adopted by her foster mom.

Foster home: Maggie Payne



ITSY, age 16 weeks or less, was given away by a pet store owner who said that someone brought her in and asked him to find her a home. He told the family who took her that she had a minor heart murmur. They took her because she was living in a dark storeroom and she was coughing and sick. They had her treated for bronchitis and she recovered. But their vet said that her heart murmur was more serious than they were originally told and that she would eventually need heart meds. This was a single mom who just could not afford the costs involved in caring for a sick dog. With much heartbreak she and her daughter brought this little girl to Rescue.

Isty went to the Rescue's vet, Dr. Theodoroff, Animal Medical Center of Troy. He indicated that her murmur was a grade 5 of 6 and probably pulmonary. He referred Rescue to Dr. Riepe, OVRS for further testing. Results of ORVS visit shows that Itsy has a Pulmonary Stenosis with a subvalvular lesion. Her grade is "Severe"

BUT just barely into this category. A rating up to 75 is considered moderate and hers is 81. If she was 140, they would consider surgery. At 81, and at her age, they don't want to do surgery. The risk of surgery is greater than the risk of the defect.

Itsy needs to be "watched and to have repeat ultrasound exams in 4 months and then again in 8 months and then 1 year. If it gets worse, then there could be a need for surgery and it could impact her lifespan. But if she gets to 2-3 years and it is the same, she will probably be fine with a normal lifespan.

Itsy is on meds to reduce her blood pressure when she is working. She is doing very well with the meds. Her heart issue does not slow her down one little bit.

She will have to be spayed before she is placed. We are now starting the search for her "forever" home. (She is now about 22 weeks old).

Foster home: Beth Widdows/Eileen Michael



SAMMIE/MADDIE, age 3 years, was surrendered by a lady in an abusive situation. At Christmas her husband kicked the wife out. Then he left for a week, leaving the dog behind alone. When the lady got a restraining order and got in to get Maddie, Maddie was cowering and hiding. We were told that he had also been known to hit the dog.

The owner and Maddie moved to Michigan where she had relatives. But she was unable to find a job and had to move back to her original state to return to her old job. She had nowhere to live except with a relative who would not let her have the dog. She called us, heartbroken, but knowing that this was the only thing she could do that would be fair to Maddie.

Maddie is now living in foster care. She is doing well in a family situation with two other Westies. She is playing and overcoming her fears. We did change her name so she can start a new life without reminders of the abuse. We are now looking for a forever home for her.

Foster home: Kathy King



THEO, 8 years old, came into Rescue because his owners said he likes to run and they didn't have a fenced yard and felt bad about having him on a tether. They felt he needed a yard to play in. He is a very good boy. He is getting along well in his foster home with three other dogs and enjoying playing and running around in the backyard. Foster mom says he is wonderful.

Foster home: Rebecca Bristow-Horning

DOG SHOW INFORMATION

Jackie Curtis

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	SPONSORING CLUB
April 1, 2, 3	Kalamazoo	Rally, Obedience	Kalamazoo KC
April 1, 2, 3	Dexter	Agility	Bouvier Dog Club
April 8,9,10	Birch Run	Conformation Rally Obed.	Saginaw Valley KC
April 15-17	Birch Run	Agility	Husky Club
April 22=24	Whitmore Lake	Agility	AADTC
April 29	Birch Run	Conformation	Terrier Club of MI
April 30 th	Whitmore Lake	Conformation	WHWTCSEM
May 1	Birch Run	Conformation Obedience	Progressive KC
May 6, 7, 8	Kentwood	Agility	GR Agility Club
May 7, 8	Midland	Rally, Obedience	Tri Cities Dog Trng
May 14, 15	Midland	Conf, Rally, Obed., Agility	Midland KC
May 21, 22	Corunna	Conformation	Genesee KC
May 27-30	Kalamazoo	Conf, Rally, Obed.	Holland, GR, Kzoo, Muskegon
May 27-29	Grand Blanc	Agility	Companion Dog Training Club

MICHIGAN WESTIE RESCUE QUILT RAFFLE

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See details at:

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Quilt Hand Made by Sharon Horn

Michigan License #X77632

You need not be present to win.

Drawing will be held at our Specialty, April 30, 2011 at 1pm

This quilt was made and donated to Rescue by Sharon Horn (who is loved by Rescue boy Freddy, adopted in 2007).

44 inch x 44 inch

All cotton with polyester batting

Machine washable and dryable

Westies are machine-appliqué

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