

We continue to have a busy year with little ones coming into Rescue. So far this year we have had 17 dogs. We have an unusual number of older dogs this year. As of right now we have four new dogs in care and two in long-term care. To summarize the status of the dogs in long-term care and those in the last issue:

PETHEY is still in long term care. He is slowing declining with his Westie Lung Disease, but continues to want to go for little walks and enjoy life as much as he can. They recently found crystals in his urine and he is on an antibiotic.

TOBY remains in long term care due to behavior issues, but he is doing well.

NICHOLAS is still in care and is scheduled for luxating patella and ACL surgery this week.

A fundraiser was held to help pay for his surgery. See story below.

CHLOE is still in care and is doing well. We are looking for applications to adopt Chloe. Go to Chloe's home page to read her story and updates. <http://westie3.fatcow.com/RESCUE/Chloe.htm>

MacTAVISH, has been adopted and doing well in his new home.

MACY, has been adopted and she is doing well in her new home.

NOLI, has been adopted and is happy and doing well in her new home.

New Fosters:



Wesley (now called Duffy) came to us from a shelter on the west side of the state. There was a family who had expressed interest in adopting him but then they began to realize he had medical issues. He came in as a stray and we were told he was about 5 years old but we are guessing maybe 11 years. Duffy had very badly infected ears which resulted in total hearing loss. He has a fatty tumor which does not require any attention at this time. It is just something that frequently occurs in older dogs. Since being in foster care and having had his medical attended to, he has really perked up and has a "spring in his step"! He loves to be chased in the house. He has an occasional accident so his foster home has to be very vigilant about taking him outside right after meals and sometimes in between. He only barks when he is hungry. He likes to rest in his little bed.

Fostered by: Chris Gillespie



BAILEY, male 12 years old, went to live with the son of his owner when the owner had to move in with his daughter who already had 2 dogs and 2 cats. However the son had to leave Bailey alone for 13 hours a day so he decided to surrender Bailey or put him down. Initially, Bailey was a bit 'nervous' but now is doing well. He had been fed "whatever was on sale" so we got him on a food to help with his joints (J/D) and he will be on Rimadyl for life. He had a dental and his ears were treated. Bailey needs a home that will give him the love and care he deserves. He is ready for adoption.

Fostered by: Cathy Dickens



DUFFY, male, age estimated at 8 months, was owned by an elderly couple. They found him to be more than they could handle and their training methods were not compatible with the Westie personality. They surrendered him to a shelter when they found they were unable to handle him. The shelter person worked with him and made quite a lot of progress but then the shelter closed and we got him.

Since being in foster care, he has shown himself to be a good pup able to live with the foster siblings. He is full of energy and will need someone who has time to give him activity and attention. We are beginning to look for a new forever home for him.

Fostered by: Sayles/Pietrzak



HUNTER, 2.5 years old. He was owned by a lady who was evicted along with her 4 children. She had to give up her 2 dogs. Hunter is one of them. He was on Craig's list. The current owner had just lost his 14 year old Westie and saw the ad and went and got the dog. Mom found it to be too soon to take another dog so he had to give him up. Hunter has been seen by the vet and has been given his vaccines and Bordetella. He was given his heartworm test and put on Sentinel Heartworm preventative. Hunter was also microchipped. He is scheduled to be neutered this week. Hunter is a very sweet little boy. He has been showing a little bit of separation anxiety, but is understandable after what he has been through recently. He appears to be having some "MAN" issues, but after working with him he is already doing much better. He loves to play with his foster sibling Logan. They get along just great.

Fostered by: Marge & Tom McMillan

FUNDRAISERS

New **Garden Flags** have been added to our fundraisers supporting RESCUE.



Wonderment is the latest:

(Photo by Ann Marie Mannino)

Please go to <http://westie3.fatcow.com/EDU/fund.htm> to check them out.

CHLOE AUCTION

Our recent Ebay Auction for Chloe was very successful and brought in \$780.52 to help with her medical expenses which are ongoing. We will be having a second Ebay Auction coming up in October. We have used all of the money from the first auction plus more and have recently received a very nice donation of items from Denise Randall, www.gooddogjack.com. Your support is very much appreciated. You can also make a donation for her care by going to: <http://westie3.fatcow.com/RESCUE/DonationChole.htm>

FUNDRAISER FOR NICHOLAS Julie Risch

Nicholas, three years old, entered the Westie Rescue at 39 lbs. Nicholas was in a house filled with a variety of animals and the neighbors complained that some of the animals must go. Nicholas was one who was let go. Nicholas entered care with problems of obesity and neglect. His size and stature coined him the nickname "Big Nick" and "Mr. Big." After being updated on his vaccines and medicine, Big Nick started his diet. Nicholas was used to having over four cups of food and numerous treats daily. This was put to an end quickly. The vet, Dr. Bruce Withers, of Eighth Street Animal Clinic, placed Nick on a restricted diet of $\frac{1}{2}$ cup twice a day.

As Nick continued to lose weight, his activity level greatly increased. Big Nick went from laying around most of the day to wanting to play and take many walks. His entire demeanor changed to that of a playful puppy. At this time, Nick started to exhibit lameness in his left back leg. As Big Nick would run around the yard and take walks, he would stop in his tracks and cry out. He was evaluated again and it was determined he has a left-rear medial luxating patella. However, he still had weight to lose prior to any surgical intervention. As he continued to lose weight, lameness occurred in his right rear leg. We were not certain whether it was a traumatic injury that would heal or if Nick was just favoring his right rear leg due to the left luxating patella, and thereby creating more stress on that right leg. Prior to any surgical interventions, we wanted to see if the right rear leg would heal.

In the meantime, we received an offer from Rick and Jody Ouding, previous Westie Rescue adopters (adopted Griffin in 2007) to hold a fundraising event for Nick's mounting medical costs and the upcoming surgery. (Normally we do not do this repair because unless it is causing pain, it is not recommended. However in this case, it was causing pain, so of course we would do it. Since patella surgeries are expensive, it was an offer we wanted to graciously accept.)

Rick and Jody Ouding own a retail nursery called River Street Flowerland. Every Saturday, River Street Flowerland sells flowers down at the Kalamazoo Farmers' Market. The Oudings wanted to donate 100% of the proceeds from this sale. (See their website at: <http://riverstreetflowerland.com/>).



Given the generous offer, as the foster home, I wanted to bring something to the sale in order to contribute to the fundraising activities. I was able to gather sponsorship donations from the following corporations and individuals: PetSmart—West Main, Kalamazoo Grooming Salon's Manager, Morgan Cole, for a free grooming; a gift card donation from Meijer-Gull Road store, Karen Raymond, Store Director; Starbuck gift card donations from Karyn Risch and Kelly Reap; Speedway gift card donated by Dr. Donnie Beasley; handmade card donations by Barb Engerer; and cash donations from Deb Brown Windover and Barb Engerer.

An event notice was posted on FaceBook and through that posting we received donations and interest. People came down to the Farmers' Market due to the word of mouth marketing and the FaceBook postings and participated in the event by bidding and purchasing products.

The gift cards became part of a silent auction. Gift cards went to the highest bidders. Mums and pansies and handmade cards were also sold. The fundraising event was quite successful. We were fortunate to have wonderful volunteers, such as Rick and Jody Ouding, Rebecca Fonner, Jeanne Fielder, Tara Bugg and myself working the sales event.



The community was very generous in its donations. We exceeded our sales goals. We also received a few leads on individuals who want to adopt. We also took the opportunity to provide information regarding the Rescue.

We could not have done this without the generous contributions of River Street Flowerland and its owners, Rick and Jody Ouding. I would like to thank the Oudings and all of our contributors for making this fundraiser a success.

The momentum of the fundraiser continues. For example, the Westie Rescue has now started a FaceBook page called "Westie Rescue of Michigan." Please log onto FaceBook and show your support not only of the Westie Rescue of Michigan, but also "River Street Flowerland," "PetSmart" and "Meijer." This is one way we can show our support to our contributors.



Nick's right leg has healed without further intervention and his surgery is scheduled for the last week of September.