

We currently have 6 new dogs in foster and 5 dogs carried over from last issue. We are continuing to have a busy year, 15 in all. We have seen more older dogs than usual and also several dogs being surrendered due to not getting along with toddlers. This seems to be one of the most common reasons for surrenders.

Dogs adopted since last issue:

ABBIE, age 7 years, came in with her Westie sister. The girls are very cute and sweet but had a habit of "ankle nipping" which went uncorrected. They girls went to separate foster homes and did extremely well in foster care. Abbie has gone on to her new forever home and is getting along beautifully with another Westie living in the home.

TILLY, age 7 years, came in with sister Abbie. Tilly has been adopted and is loved and getting along beautifully with her new canine siblings.

CASPER, age 6 years was surrendered because his owner died. Casper is in his new forever home and living a very happy new life and being spoiled by his new owners.

Carryover dogs from last issue:

TOBY, age 3.5 years, remains in foster care indefinitely. He came in with behavior issues. He is not a dog we would feel comfortable adopting out, but he isn't so bad that we would have to euthanize him. He does very well in care with his foster mom who is very good working with difficult dogs.

WESLEY, now Duffy, is our little senior who has some medical issues that may keep him in foster care the rest of his life. He is very much loved by his foster family.

BAILEY, age 13, remains in foster care. Despite being listed on Petfinder he has failed to find a forever home. Bailey needs a home that can give him the love and care he deserves in his senior years. **He is adoptable to the right home.**

ANGEL, reported to be 6 years old, was left at Animal Control by her owner who could not afford to treat her ear infection in one ear. Her ear is much better since being treated, however her hearing appears to be rather poor. She has recently had a liver biopsy to determine the reasons for some high liver values that have not been resolved. She also appears to have cataracts which will be treated after her other problems are under control. Angel was being tested for Cushing's Disease but she passed that test and we are still not able to determine the reason for her higher than normal liver values. **Angel remains in foster care as we evaluate her issues.**

MIA, 5-7 years old, was found as a stray out in the country. She appeared to have had a recent litter because she still had milk. Mia's ears were so infected that they were completely closed. She was in need of a dental. We don't think she had ever had her teeth cleaned. She was spayed and a few days after surgery she began showing signs of a false pregnancy, which has now stopped. Mia had been taken to OVRs to have her lungs checked because they were crackling and popping. We were concerned that she may have Westie Lung Disease. The specialist indicated that she probably has incurred some lung damage that scarred her lungs. If so, it is not likely to get worse. Due to her age it is not likely that she has Westie Lung Disease but it can't be ruled out. Mia, underwent yet another surgery to remove some "lumps" in her breast that were of concern. The tests came back and she had a form of breast cancer. But it is completely gone now. Because we spayed her, it is unlikely to ever occur again. She has come through another battle with scars but a WINNER! **Mia is now available for adoption. Her adopter will need to understand that she does have some health issues.**

OLD DOGS by Bonnie Wilcox

Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well.

New Fosters:



ANNIE, age 11, was surrendered to Rescue when her dad's dementia progressed and mom just could no longer take care of him and the dog. The children decided to move their parents to assisted living and Annie needs to find a new home. Annie spent most of her life in a kennel situation and finally got a home of her own...now she is losing it. Annie is healthy and happy. She is doing very well with her foster brothers. She is housebroken and has shown no behavior issues. Her eyesight is somewhat impaired but recent testing shows she can see; she has medication for her eyes. She gets along, even in her new home, without showing any evidence of a vision issue. She needs someone to love and care for her. Can that someone be you?

Fostered by: Martha Sayles



MAGGIE is about 8 or 9 years old. The family surrendering Maggie said they found her 4 years ago on "puppy finder" and drove to Indiana to "save" her. The woman that had her before said that she rescued Maggie from a puppy mill. Maggie was a mess and took about a year to get her white coat back. About 3 weeks later they found out she was pregnant and maybe 5 years old. After the puppies she was spayed. Maggie was very scared and timid when they got her so when they had company over or during storms, they started just putting her in her crate in their room so she wouldn't be so anxious during these times. Then they had a child. The boy is 2 years old now and Maggie wasn't doing well with him at all. So many Westies come in when the child reaches toddler age. We hope that Maggie will be able to find an adult-only home where they will understand her personality and give her the love she needs.

Fostered by: Becky Horning



BRODY, age 5, came into foster care because he was not doing well with a 2 year old toddler in the home. Brody has not bitten but he has snapped at the child. This is not an unusual situation for a Westie and one of the most common reasons for their surrender. Brody is very submissive and easily scared. His ears were very severely infected and he has a skin infection. He was not on any heartworm prevention so we are thankful that he tested negative for heartworm. All of his shots were out of date. After a week, Brody is coming into his own. He is barking, running around the yard, trying to initiate some play with another dog and is playing with toys. **Brody will stay in foster care for a while longer before we start looking for his new home.**

Fostered by: Julie Risch



BENZO, (now called Benny) age 4 or 5 years old, is a neutered male who was not doing well with the 2 year old child. The child (per the father) just won't leave the dog alone and the dog is forced to give a lot of warnings. "He puts up with a lot before he even growls". They have older children the dog grew up with that he is fine with, but this child just won't stop tormenting the dog. They can't risk having him around any longer especially since another baby is expected.

He has just arrived in rescue. He weighs 16 pounds but needs to lose a couple! He is said to be healthy with no allergies. So far he has been delightful. Even the vet commented on his good nature. He is playing with the other dogs and learning the doggie door. All is going well. Benny will continue to live for a bit in his foster home before placing him.

Fostered by: Cathy Dickens



DALLAS, nearly 5 years old, was surrendered to a Canadian Westie Rescue group because the owner was allergic to him. The Canadian Rescue was full so we agreed to take him on. Our foster home has him now and will begin to see what he is like so that they can find the right home for him. So far he is doing well with humans and dogs alike. Dallas is not ready for adoption but may be within the next month or so.

Fostered by Carrie Hallman



DASH, age 4, came into rescue because his owner moved into an apartment and he was not handling it well. Apparently he needs a yard to play in and an owner who will crate him when not at home. First impressions are that he is a very sweet dog with no socialization issues. He does have some minor allergy issues which we will look at. He is a tall boy and at 25 lbs, he is at the large end of the size range for Westies. He is doing well with humans, dogs and cats.

At this time, he is not available. We will live with him for a bit to make sure we understand what he needs in the way of a home environment.

Fostered by Chris Finkbeiner