

Late Fall 2012 through the beginning of the New Year has already been very busy for Rescue. We have seven new rescues, three long-term fosters and one carryover.

TOBY, DUFFY AND BAILEY remain in long-term care

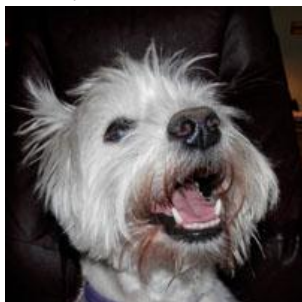
DIGGER, age 8 is a neutered male who came into Rescue when his owner recently had surgery and could no longer hold the leash to control him anymore.. He is all up to date on his vaccinations and is not a biter or aggressive. When he had his dental he lost several teeth, but is now becoming comfortable eating.

We currently feel he would fit best as an only dog with someone who knows terriers. He is great with people and is continuing his career as unofficial therapy dog by visiting a nursing home with foster mom. Digger loves to play with toys and loves people. We feel he is exceptionally smart. Digger has some congestion and is doctoring at this time.

Digger is not available at this time but we hope pretty soon.

NEW FOSTERS since November 1, 2012:

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KATIE, age 7, came into foster care because her mom and dad had to go and live with their son. The son has a big dog and two small children, one of whom doesn't like dogs and had begun to kick Katie. They knew they needed to get her out of this situation.

Katie is a very nice, happy little girl. She gets along with other dogs and is very friendly. Katie rides well in the car; not a sound out of her crate on the transport to her foster home. She is living with two other Westie girls in her foster home and was playing with them. **Katie has been adopted.**



AVA, AGE 6 3/4, came into rescue with her brother, Wesley. Their dad was losing his home and had to move in with mom. He couldn't take them along. He works long hours and they have been home alone for 13 hour days. So he feels it is best to surrender them and hope they find a home where they can get more attention.

They have been doing well with his 5 year old son. They are both very nice, friendly dogs. Ava has just discovered the toy box and thinks she has gone to Disneyland!

They had fleas and Ava has a flea allergy. She is now being treated and we think now that this is done, her brown face will clean up. She had a dental and we finished updating her shots. Then we will live with her for a bit to better assess the type of home she needed. **Ava and Wesley have been adopted together.**



WESLEY, age 8, came in with his sister Ava, above. Like Ava, he needed a new home because his dad could not take him along to live with Grandma. Wesley was a bit upset at all the changes in his life but despite that, he had a good disposition and is settled in quickly. He had fleas and the consequent itching and licking along with a not great quality food probably account for the brown beard. Hopefully, with medical care and good food it will grow out nicely. **Ava and Wesley have been adopted together.**

ELLIE, came in at about 13 weeks old. Her owner surrendered her to Rescue because she could not afford to test or repair a suspected ectopic ureter. This means that one of her ureters did not go into the bladder as it should but instead by-passed it. That meant that urine trickled out continually. This puppy was never going to be housebroken and was going to have continual infections from the constant dampness. It is a birth defect that just happens randomly in dogs and people too!

Ellie was treated at Advanced Veterinary Care in Canton, Michigan. (Thank you AVC, for the very nice Rescue discount and her good care.) We did some research and found out that the odds of repair cover a wide range (30-70%) and no one could narrow this down for us without doing the surgery because there is always a possibility of hidden defects beyond just the ureter. We decided to take a chance. Ellie had her surgery and is now back in her long-term foster home for recovery. The surgeon is optimistic that she will be okay

Ellie returned to the vet a few days later for a follow-up ultrasound where it was found that her kidney had returned to normal size - a good sign, but they were concerned that she had not stopped dribbling. There is still a chance that she has another defect that is not visible. This kind of surgery can take 2 to 3 months to resolve. If the problem has not been fixed, then we will consider starting medication support or other procedures. In the meantime, she's being a typical puppy.

Ellie continues with recovery and was doing well with no dribbling as of mid-December. She did have elevated white cells in her urine so was put on antibiotic for 14 days. Her sutures are out and the incision site looks great.

She does squat in the house a bit but she is wearing a diaper. They are working on housebreaking her and are doing well with going potty outside.

On January 16 when she went to the vet for her check-up, she received a clean bill of health! She is in terrific shape and now weighs 8.4 lbs. The bacteria in her urine was very minimal. She received her last vaccines and was micro-chipped.