

RESCUE PARADE GOOD BAGS

It's that time of year again. The Rescue Parade is in full planning mode. We had a HUGE YEAR in 2013. Please consider donating a few items for the rescue bags this year. We have over 25 invites to the parade going out and really need items to place in the bags. If you have some of anything, it needn't be 25 of the same items either, please make arrangements to bring them to the spring meeting just before the specialty or call or write me and I will make arrangements to obtain your donations. These items can be breath mints, dog toys, Kleenex, hand sanitizer; quilters can donate coasters made from left over materials, note pads, pencils/pens, dog whistles, dog food can covers, etc.

As usual, thanks so much. Maggie Pietrzak (586-557-4622)
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RESCUE CHINESE RAFFLE Carole Beaudry

Our Specialty Show is only 3 months away and it is time to start thinking about Rescue's Chinese Raffle that we hold during the show. It was a great success last year and we are hoping to have a repeat performance this year.

The Chinese Raffle is one of Rescue's biggest fundraisers of the year. Like last year we would like to have some "themed" gift baskets and a few single higher end items to raffle. Please consider donating something. Two or more people can even go in together to donate a basket or item.

Please contact me to let me know if you will be donating something or if you have any questions. 2westiemom@comcast.net or Carole Beaudry, 8820 Tavistock Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170, phone 734-455-9239. We can then make arrangements for me to obtain your donation.

Let's make this another successful fundraiser. Thank you for considering making a donation.

WESTIE RESCUE Carole Beaudry

Of the dogs still in care as of the last newsletter, Deacon, Jack, Dee Dee and Jacky were all placed. Max, Robbie, Cassie and Kelly are still in care. We are looking for homes for them but none of them are "easy to place" dogs. Max has had some behavior issues but we hope he will soon be able to find a home. Of the trio that arrived together, Robbie has Addison's disease; Cassie had breast cancer but she had the surgery and has recovered; Kelly is just an old guy which means there aren't too many willing to adopt. All three of these dogs are good natured and loved by their foster homes.



Sparkle, age 10, came to Rescue because her owner was going into a nursing home and could no longer care for her. She had always lived with an older woman and had little exposure to other pets or even other people. She went into a foster home with other dogs and learned how to co-exist. She has a flea allergy but is basically healthy.

[Sparkle has been adopted.](#)



Clyde (now called Martin), is about 8 and was born at an Amish puppy mill. The family that adopted him had no time for him. He seems to have been neglected for some time. From his foster mom:

Martin is doing very well in his foster home. He is 90% housebroken now and has made great strides towards being 100%. He tolerates his belly band very well. He is a very easy dog. He gets along with everyone in my household – dogs and cats – and he loves to play with Ruby, his Rottweiler Mix step sister. He loves to chase a ball or a toy and will readily bring it back to you and he loves to play tug of war either with me or with Ruby. He also likes to take walks. He is very good in his crate and sometimes sleeps there during the day on his own. He is a very good traveler also. He is having no health issues – including skin – at this time! I cannot say enough good things about him. His ideal home will be with someone who is home with him most of the time. I would prefer no more than 3 hours to be left alone on a regular basis. It would also nice if he had a playmate dog in the house also. **Martin is looking for a forever home.**



Sully, age about 4 years, was found as a stray in northern Lower Michigan. He has just arrived in foster care and has not yet been named. He seems to be a nice little boy who probably won't stay in care for very long.

From foster mom: Well, I finally picked a name – Sulley, inspired by Sullivan from Disney's Monsters Inc. He is the big blue monster who the little girl falls in love with because he is so big and fuzzy. Sulley is a big boy, weighing in at just over 22lbs! He is believed to be around 4 years old from the recent vet visit. His blood work came back clean and he is happy and healthy, just a very mild heart murmur which the vet was really not concerned about given his activity level. He loves to play with my Westie Chevy; they run around the backyard taking turns chasing each other. I have no doubt we will have no problems finding him a good home...he is a sweetie.



Megan, age 15, also just arrived in foster care. She came from a northern Michigan shelter. The shelter did not give any information about why she was surrendered. Often, when they are this age, the owner has become ill, passed or gone into a nursing home and the family isn't willing to care for the dog. She seems to be doing well in her foster home.



Muffin (a poodle mix) and Snickers (the Westie) (Ages 5-7 years for both) came in to rescue when their owner died. The Sterling Heights police entered the house, and called the cousin. The police told the cousin that the owner had died and if she did not come and get the dogs that night the dogs would be euthanized. The owner travelled from Grand Rapids to Sterling Heights on Christmas to get the dogs. The cousin could not keep the dogs so another rescue got involved and placed the dogs into a first time foster home. This home had three cats and two dogs already and could not handle the situation. After another move, Westie Rescue agreed to take the pair. **They are new in foster care and not yet ready to place. But they are doing very well.**



Blanka, age 7 or 8, came into foster care when her owner went into assisted living. For 3 weeks she lived by herself with relatives coming in to feed her and let her out. She was used to being the adored pet of a woman who was with her 24/7. As a result she was lonely and confused. However she is adapting well to her new foster home. She and the resident Westie have been playing constantly. She loves the snow and has been eating well. All seems to be good with this little girl. [She is new to foster care and not yet ready to place.](#)

WEBSITES

We all thank Clarence Sheufelt for volunteering to take over the Club website maintenance. This means that he will do the updating as needed but he still needs everyone's help in finding interesting items to put on the site. If you have something you would like posted to the site, please give it to him in the form of a short article which he may edit. Photos should be fairly small for the website...around 250 pixels/72 dpi will do it.

We are still looking for someone to take over the Education website. It has been quite static for some time now because we don't have a volunteer. This isn't a hugely time consuming job. It requires a bit of training but now that we use WordPress, it doesn't require knowing a programming language. Beth Widdows still does the Rescue website and is available to help with questions and resolve problems.

Recently all three of the websites were attacked by spammers and we had to hire someone to help clean it up and fix the issues that made us a target. We used Mike at <http://www.1designdevelopment.com/> and received fast and high quality help. Thanks Mike!

CLUB FUNDRAISING Adela Rivera

Adela reported that the Club raised over \$1000 from her Candy Sleigh project. Adela bought the candy and made the sleighs.

