

Of dogs reported in care in previous issues, we continue to foster Max, Kelly, Cassie, Sparkle, Muffin, and Snickers. Robbie, Clyde, Sulley, Blanka and Megan were adopted. Some of the others are in the process of adoption or actively looking for homes.

New dogs in care since the last report:



Josh, age 3.5 years, came from a home which recently had a new baby. There were several nieces and nephews and he wasn't doing well with the kids. The family elected to give him up so he could live in a home more suitable to him.

He arrived in Rescue on a positive note, fitting right in with the foster family and wanting to play.

Josh is looking for his new home.



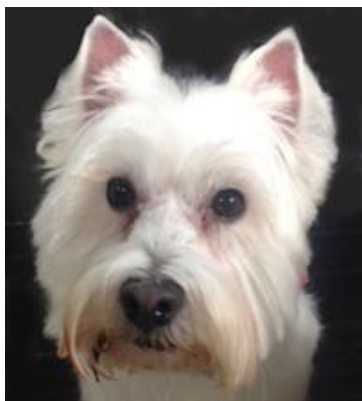
Bailey, age 6 to 7 years, came in to Rescue because he wasn't doing well with children. He has ulcerative colitis but it is controlled with medication. Bailey has had his medical done, his grooming and his dental. He is now in an adjustment period and doing quite well. He has no experience of living with other dogs so he is busy learning how to behave in a pack. We are working on his medical issues and they seem to be progressing well. He doesn't show any signs of allergy since he began the new drug, Apoquel. He acts like a puppy, being exposed to new things. Following is a video of him with a racquet ball.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPZsPrypKOA&list=HL1392476346&feature=mh\\_lolz](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPZsPrypKOA&list=HL1392476346&feature=mh_lolz)



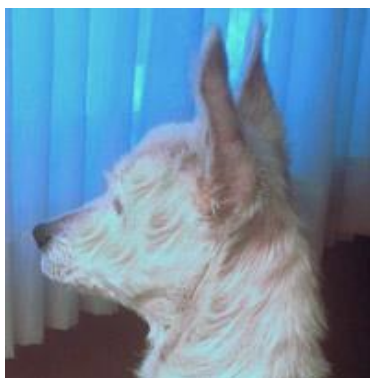
Brody, age 3, came in from a home where there were four dogs. He is healthy and loves to play with other dogs. Currently he is sad and missing his family and the other dogs he lived with. He was surrendered due to owner illness. He seems to be a well adjusted little boy.

Brody has been adopted.



Sadie, age 7, came to us along with Brody (above). Sadie was originally from a puppy mill and is rather shy and reserved. (Many puppy mill dogs are more reserved than dogs how had a normal upbringing.) She gets along well except with small children if they get in her face. She isn't particularly bonded with Brody and due to a lack of space, she went to a different foster home.

Sadie is still going through a large adjustment and will not be placed for a while.



Cezar, (now Stewart) age 7, came into Rescue after the family divorced and no one could keep him. He has some skin issues and will be seeing a vet to take care of them. It will be a while before he will be ready for adoption.



Fiona, age 4, came into foster care when her mom moved to an apartment which didn't allow her. She is friendly, happy and healthy. Her medical care has been handled and now we will spend some time with her to be sure we know her well enough to make a good family match.

Fiona is not yet ready for placement.



Oscar age 7, just arrived in foster care. He has some anxiety that includes separation anxiety. He is a loving and gentle dog. He needs to be groomed and completely vetted.

Oscar is not yet ready for placement.

## DOG COMMUNICATIONS

Most likely you have all heard of dog communicators. But also, most likely, many of you do not believe and some of you "kinda" believe. Probably only a few are absolutely certain of this ability. Recently Westie Rescue Michigan has had a couple of dogs who were hard to "understand" and there seemed little to lose to try this out. We reached out to Judy Ramsey of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

<http://hearttoheartanimalcommunication.net/>

Judy not only did communicate with our dogs but she donated her time and efforts to those in Rescue. She told us she will also do this for new adopters within 3 months of adoption.

Bailey and Jake were her first consults. Jake Widdows was adopted long ago so he did not fit this category but his reading helped mom understand his issues better and that makes it easier to be patient about them. Bailey is a foster boy. He is a nice little guy but he has some issues that were confusing. The main one was his reaction to his crate. He was fine in the crate most of the time but every so often something would trigger him to attack the crate and try to kill it. He never attacked people or other dogs...just his crate. If it were all the time, we would have understood but this sporadic attacking was confusing. Judy explained that he was often crated for long periods of time and sometimes felt he was forgotten. The family had small children and Bailey had some medical issues which caused him to be on a strict diet. They crated him whenever the children ate so that he wouldn't get their food. And likely crated him sometimes just because small children and Westies often don't mix well. Understanding the issue went a long way towards helping him. And Judy "explained" to him that we are trying to teach him manners so he can find a new home. Almost immediately after this call, he became very ready to train and his manners improved greatly. He is learning at an amazing rate now and hasn't attacked his crate in a long time. Apoquel has taken care of both his allergies and his colitis. So he will be much more adoptable.

Following this experience some of our other foster homes have consulted with Judy and she has proven to be a help to all. Is it real or is it a "placebo" effect? I guess each of us will have to decide for ourselves. But either way, if it is a help, then it is worthwhile! We are very grateful to Judy for helping us this way. And several little white dogs will be glad we did this also!

## DOG CHOCOLATE TOXICITY METER

<http://www.petmd.com/dog/chocolate-toxicity>

**CHOCOLATE TOXICITY METER**

**MODERATE - SEVERE**

Dog's Weight: 19 lbs.

Chocolate Type: Bakers Chocolate

Amount Consumed: 1 oz.

1/8th cup equals 1 ounce | 2 tablespoons equals 1 ounce  
6 teaspoons equals 1 ounce

**MODERATE - SEVERE**  
Seek Medical Advice! Even if your dog is not showing symptoms, an emergency veterinary visit is recommended.

Your dog is in danger of the following symptoms:

- Vomiting
- Tremors in muscles
- Abnormal heart rhythms
- Elevated heart rate
- Hyperthermia

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