

FUN AT THE 2015 WESTIE PICNIC

Our Westies didn't seem to mind the heat at our annual picnic. They were too busy making new Westie pals, barking at a passing dog, or doing whatever Westies like to do! Approximately 25 Westies and their families enjoyed the afternoon at the home of Club President Bev Walker. Following the Club meeting, everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck, met old friends, made new friends and enjoyed pontoon rides. Congratulations to Westie Butch Curtis, owned by Jackie, for winning the Doggie Door Prize!



Photos provided by Bonnie Wilson

This is a true story about a 2 ½ year old, 16 pound, West Highland White Terrier named Twist. Twist lived with her Westie family in Fenton Michigan. She came from a show champion mother and father and had a litter of 7 puppies by C section. She didn't want to be a mom to them, so they were hand fed. Her owner, Bev, decided to sell her to a woman who lives in Bloomfield Michigan.

Thursday, late afternoon, the buyer picked Twist up in Fenton and transported her to her Bloomfield home. She took the crate and dog into the house and opened the crate door. She went out to the garage to get a leash and collar for Twist. Twist ran out of the house, through the garage into the night. It was 6:30, dark, and about 20 degrees outside. The buyer went looking for twist but could not find her.

Bev called the buyer Monday morning to see how Twist was doing and was informed that she was gone and the buyer had no idea where she was. Bev was very upset and had a problem with how the events took place. Bev knew a gentlemen who was from Bloomfield and she called him and told him what happened. He said he would see what he could do. He is one of those people that can make things happen. He had his assistant check into it and within a couple of hours Twist was found in a dog shelter on Telegraph road. Bev was called and talked to the shelter people and described Twist by her shaved tummy and recent C section scar. They released Twist to the assistant and she met with Bev and gave her Twist. It was a very happy reunion.

We now know that Twist was lost at Quail Hollow and she showed up at Ayershire Dr. about two miles away. Twist crossed a wetlands and some open water area to get there.

Saturday morning a gentleman was in his house and saw something on the edge of his back yard in the weeds and thought it might be a rabbit or such. A few minutes later he saw Twist and thought that something wasn't right. Little white dogs don't just wander around there. He put his coat on and went out to see Twist. Twist backed up and fell into a waist deep frigid creek and swam to a piece of wood. The man went back to his house and got a blanket and another family member. She jumped into the cold water, and grabbed Twist. She said Twist looked like she was about to let go of the wood because she was so tired. The young lady got Twist out of the water. They wrapped her in the blanket, took her into the house and dried her off and warmed her up.

They called animal control and Twist was taken to the shelter where she was kept until she was reunited with Bev. The buyer was notified that Twist was found and agreed that she should be returned to Bev. Her money was refunded.

After some time with her original home in Fenton, Twist has found a lady that is a perfect match for her, and it seems that Twist has found her forever home.

Special thanks to Chuck and his assistant for their unselfish help in locating Twist. Also, special thanks to Phil and his family who rescued Twist, and their willingness to get involved to save a beautiful Westie that would have most surely perished.

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We all need it. Few of us get enough of it. We hear about how children and adults aren't getting enough exercise, but what about our dogs? Many dogs are not getting enough exercise either, and it is taking its toll on them. I am not talking about the obvious physical side effects: obesity, joint issues, diabetes, etc., but rather the emotional and psychological drawbacks.

Dogs who don't get adequate exercise show increased restlessness and anxiety. They may be more destructive in the house or yard, and even prone to self-mutilation from boredom or pent-up energy. They may lack confidence in new surroundings or with other dogs or people due to lack of socialization, and have no strong bond with their people. Some will even exhibit aggression or excessive barking due to frustration, boredom, and an absence of leadership.

Having a large property does not guarantee that our dogs are getting enough exercise. Whether they stay in an apartment all day or have 10 acres to roam, dogs mostly sleep, waiting for us to come home. They need a reason to exercise, and want to do it with you.

No matter what the breed, all dogs have basic DNA that tells them their job is to go hunt with the pack. And the leader of that pack is, or should be, you. Dogs don't care that you are a lousy hunter whose idea of hunting is just walking around. They want to go. Giving your dog the right kind of exercise just 30 minutes a day can make a tremendous difference in the health and contentment of both of you.

So what is the right kind of exercise? Whatever you choose, as long as you are leading and he is following. When dogs are out in front pulling, who is leading? He is. You are just the inconvenience holding him back. That isn't teamwork. All it does is strengthen his dominance and your frustration. You are not bonding; he is doing his own thing and you are going along. This is also the case when your dog makes you stop every five minutes to sniff or make territorial statements.

Really satisfying excursions occur when you are working as a team, with you as the leader. Your dog is given direction about where you are going and how fast. You decide when to stop and who to visit with. Your dog trusts that you won't lead her into danger and that you are in control of what is happening. In order for her to understand this, she needs to be beside you, not out in front or lagging behind.

The basic rules of walking nicely on lead apply at any speed. I train dogs to know a "walk" command, which is less formal than a "heel" but built on it. "Walk" means stay on my left and don't pull, and can be used when running, biking, with a stroller or wheelchair, or on horseback.

What about “letting dogs be dogs”? If your dog has absolutely no time to think dog thoughts alone in the backyard, then allow 15 percent of your total exercise time to be off duty. It will not damage his psyche to be prevented from thoroughly investigating every bit of data that another dog has left at the corner. Nor does she need to claim the territory you are traveling through. Dogs were domesticated so that we, and the jobs we have for them, give them focus—not the local news.

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I have an animal at home!

If you're reading this then I'm either in the HOSPITAL or otherwise in trouble. Please help my PET!

My name: _____

I have _____



Pets name(s): _____

Either contact person can care for my animals until I come home:

Name 1: _____ Ph: _____

Name 2: _____ Ph: _____

Please PRINT and keep in your wallet.

Provided by Ventura County Animal Services **Thank you!**

15 MINUTES OF FAME

Barn Hunt

Rocket Peters became the 7th Westie in the country and 1st Michigan Westie to achieve the title of Master Barn Hunter (RATM). He placed 4th with the fastest time (3:20) for small dogs in this trial. Rocket also obtained his first qualifier towards Champion (RATCH) with a time of 3:44. These trials were sponsored by the Sheboygan Dog Training Club, Sheboygan Wisconsin.



<https://www.etsy.com/search?q=westie%20embossed%20engraved%20rolling%20pin>

HAILEY'S WHEELS FOR LIFE

www.haileyswheelsforlife.com



Sometimes a dog loses use of the back legs but is otherwise healthy. These wheels (carts) can make all the difference.

Recently a club member's Westie, Charlie, lost the use of his back legs. Matt Pike was contacted through Hailey's Wheels for Life. Charlie is now able to run and play with the use of the cart.

http://westierescue-mi.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/2015_06_20BellaUpdate01.mp4

This is a video of the little girl above (Bella) after she got her cart.

Hailey's WHEELS FOR LIFE



HAILEY'S
WHEELS
FOR LIFE
is a non-profit entity
providing subsidized
wheelchairs for
dogs in need.*
(*Subject to qualifying conditions)

Hailey's Wheels for Life was founded in the name of Hailey Pike, a Westie who lost the use of her back legs when she contracted Neosporosis. The mission of this non-profit fund is to provide subsidized 'wheelchairs' to dogs of any breed or size who are in need of assistance because of any mobility issue. Supported solely by donations and fundraising activities we need your help to continue this mission.



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HOUSEHOLD MEDICATIONS FOR PETS

**The following is a list of common household human medications that can be used on pets.
 **These medications can be extremely useful if you cant reach a veterinarian immediately.

Product	Common Usage	Canine Dosage	Feline Dosage
Benadryl	Treats Allergies, Itching, etc.	½-1 mg per lb. Every 8 Hours Maximum Dosage 2mg per lb.	½ mg per lb. Every 8 Hours Can cause Excitability
Buffered Aspirin (Ascriptin)	Pain Relief Anti-inflammatory	5 mg per lb. Every 12 Hours	NOT RECOMMENDED!
Dramamine	Reduced motion sickness	12 ½ -50 mg Every 8 hours	12.5 mg Every 8 hours
Hydrogen Peroxide 3 %	Used to induce vomiting after accidental ingestion of poisons.	10 ml by mouth. Repeat in 15 minutes if not vomiting (do not exceed 3 times)	10 ml by mouth. Repeat in 15 minutes if not vomiting (do not exceed 3 times)
Imodium AD (liquid or tablet)	Relieves diarrhea	1 ml per lb.or 1mg per 20 lb Every 8 hours	NOT RECOMMENDED!
Kaopectate	Relieves Diarrhea	1 ml per lb. Every 2 hours	1 ml per lb. Every 2 hours
Mineral Oil	Eliminates Constipation	Up to 4 Tbs daily	Up to 2 Tbs Daily
Canned Pumpkin	Eliminates Constipation	2-3 tsp Every 8- 12 Hours	1-2 tsp. Every 8 -12 Hours
Pepto Bismol	Diarrhea, anti-vomiting, gas	1 tsp per 5 lbs or 1 caplet per 20 lbs Ever 6 hours	NOT RECOMMENDED!
Robitussin DM	Coughing, Hacking	1 tsp per 20 lb. Every 8-12 hours	NOT RECOMMENDED
Ibuprofen & Tylenol	DO NOT USE!!!!	DO NOT USE!!!!	DO NOT USE!!!!

This is not intended as medical advice or to be used in place of contacting your vet as soon as possible.

Check out www.goodrx.com for price comparisons for meds for both you and your pets. Just type in the name of the med and it will tell you where you can find it and at what price. It also will provide coupons.

Example:

The screenshot shows the GoodRx website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search Drug Prices" and navigation links for "How GoodRx Works", "Mobile App", "Discount Card", and "More". On the left side, there is a sidebar with filters for "Location" (within 5 miles), "Form" (Tablet, Capsule, Package), "Dosage" (10mg, 20mg, 60mg), and "Quantity" (15 tablets, 30 tablets, 45 tablets). The main content area displays a list of pharmacies with their estimated cash prices and any applicable coupons or membership requirements. The pharmacies listed are Walmart (\$4.00), Walgreens (\$5.00), Kroger Pharmacy (\$7.56), Target (\$8.78), Rite-Aid (\$9.99), CVS Pharmacy (\$11.99), and Meijer Pharmacy (\$14.06). HealthWarehouse is listed as \$55.20 online. There are buttons for "Get Free Coupon" and "Buy Online" for several pharmacies. At the bottom, there is a link for "Can't find your local pharmacy?".

The infographic is titled "Can my dog eat this?" and is divided into three columns: "YES", "YES, BUT...", and "NO". Each column lists various fruits with their respective benefits or risks for dogs.

YES	YES, BUT...	NO
BANANAS Rich in potassium and vitamin C	APPLES ... don't let him eat the seeds!	AVOCADOS Can cause vomiting
BLUEBERRIES High in antioxidants	LEMONS ... he may not like the bitter taste.	CHERRIES Can cause cyanide poisoning in large quantities
KIWIS Good source of vitamin C and potassium	ORANGES ... they're high in natural sugar; give in moderation.	GRAPES Can cause kidney failure
PINEAPPLE Try frozen for a cool treat!	PEACHES ... remove the pit; it can cause intestinal blockage.	RAISINS Can cause kidney failure
STRAWBERRIES High in fiber and antioxidants	WATERMELON ... remove the rind first!	





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