

Of the three dogs in care since last report, Katie has been adopted and it looks like Bubba and Delilah are in the process of being adopted together. These are the two that have been together for life. They are five years old.

Since last report it has been a busy month. On February 7, 2015, Westie Rescue received six dogs from the Midland situation. Five are Westies and one is a Westie/Jack Russell mix. Seventeen dogs in all were finally surrendered, but only five Westies and the one mix came to us. The others were different breeds.

New dogs in care since last report:

Poppy is just under a year old and came to us from the Midland situation. She is a very nice little girl. She has been spayed and is now working on housetraining. She may be one year old but she had no puppyhood in her previous life and is enjoying it now. Poppy weighs 13# and isn't going to get much larger, if at all. She is a full of fun and spirit. She can be an escape artist and can get out of anything, but the good news is that she comes right away. She has some fears. The sight of anything new worries her and she barks at it. We are working on manners and she is doing well with her lessons. She needs work on a leash. She is okay unless something scares her, then she puts on the breaks. She is very strong and fast....might be an agility dog in the future. She has been adopted by a family with an 8 foot wooden fence and a young dog who likes to play!



Betsy is estimated to be 2 years old. She also came from the Midland situation. She is a nice little girl also. She was quite small but very underweight. The vet suspects she may have had litters too close together or for some other reason, she has become very thin and has lost hair. Her ideal is around 15# and she is close to that now. She is very peppy and spirited. She spent her days running and playing with Poppy. Betsy is about to be adopted.



Molly also came out of the same mill. She is about 4-5 years of age based on her teeth. Molly is doing well in care. She had some typical mill issues, mats, fleas, and so on. But she has recovered nicely. There have been many “firsts” for Molly in the last few weeks. She is learning how to sit or lay on a lap, something she likely never experienced before. She is learning to walk on a leash and how to go through doors and up and down steps. She LOVES a bath and did well at her two grooming sessions. She does very well meeting new people and in a new setting. Although still a little bit fearful of men, as long as they come bearing treats and giving scratches, she’s good with it!

While her teeth were really nasty, they cleaned up nicely and she’s got a pearly white smile now. She got a nearly clean bill of health except for a bit of an ear infection which has been treated. She seems to have some excess oil production on her skin. The skin situation might be due to the change in environment, food or some of the meds she’s been on, but that’s easily controlled with some medicated shampoos.

She isn’t much of a barker, but that is likely because she hasn’t figured out how to get to the window to see out. She jumps up and down, but not up onto furniture. She has learned about squirrels and loves to chase them out in the yard. She can snoop out lots of things to get into, like yarn that her foster mom is knitting with. It’s may be her favorite toy. She is getting along with the other Westies in her foster home. Someone is going to find themselves with a real sweetheart of a girl when Molly gets adopted.



Mia Michelle is about 10 months to a year. She came in with the Midland dogs also. She is probably a sister to Poppy. She is doing well. She loves to play with toys and steal items from around the house she shouldn't. She is definitely like a puppy and needs training. She knows sit pretty well and is working on stay and down. She is timid of men but is slowly getting better. She is working on potty training. She likes other dogs and has been fine around cats. She needs a home that can spend time with training her and is willing to have a dog with lots of energy.



Callie is also a Midland dog. She had a slight fever and a sore foot and was very underweight, just 10 pounds. Callie is now relaxing in her foster home, learning what it is to be cherished. We think she is about 3 years old. Her medical has been taken care of and she is adjusting very well, gaining weight and learning to be a house dog.

Callie has spirit and is a delight! She has blossomed since she was rescued and has become 'addicted' to heat. No surprise, given the fact that she likely spent most (if not all) of her life outdoors. She has a good start on housetraining, thanks to her two Scottie foster brothers. However, she has a hard time sharing whether it is attention, a toy or a treat, probably because she had to fight for whatever she had at the puppy mill. Callie is intensely curious about all that goes on around her. She enjoys exploring open cupboards and is entranced by the refrigerator. Although Callie is about 3 years old she is still a puppy at heart. She is starting to play with toys, and tries to initiate play times with her foster brothers. Callie is on puppy food in order to help her put on weight. She only weighs 10.5 pounds.



Lily, another Midland dog is a Westie mix. The minimal paperwork shows her as a Jack Russell mix but some think she might be part Sheltie or part Cavalier. It is hard to say. She is perhaps around 4 years old. Lily is the smallest of the bunch and they seemed to pick on her. She may have been getting ready to go into heat which might be why they were on her so much, but we separated them to give her a chance to relax. She has done very well in her foster home. She is very smart and a very sweet girl



Jake is almost 12 years of age. He arrived in Rescue because the owner watches her grandchildren 2 days a week and she was concerned about having him around the children. Jake was advertised as healthy however when he arrived he had some very serious dental issues. During his dental he lost 11 teeth some of which crumpled when they tried to pull them. He is now recovering from his dental surgery and feeling much better. He has crusting around the nose which is also due to the dental problems. He appears to have some lung issues which need to be looked at. We hope it is nothing serious and will be dealt with once he has recovered a bit more from the dental.

