

WESTIE RESCUE

Bubba and Delilah who came back into foster care through no fault of their own have been adopted and doing well. Last month we introduced you to Macie, Daisy and Baby Bella. All three are now adopted and happy in their new homes.

Since our last newsletter we have had three new dogs come into Rescue.



Willie, age 7, was picked up by the police and taken to the Taylor shelter. While there, his owners arrived. The police offered to let them surrender him in exchange for no citation. They agreed. Willie was covered with sores and scabs. He had ear infections and needed to be shaved down. The Taylor Pound Pets rescue kept him for a month. During that time he got really sick and when it was suggested he might have a blockage, they just couldn't afford to go further. They offered him to us and we got him to a vet that same day. He had emergency exploratory surgery and recovered nicely. With treatment, he has recovered, his sores are gone and he has grown enough of a coat to have his first grooming! Willie is a very sweet boy who loves his "zoo". His toys travel around the house to be wherever everyone else is. We are looking for his permanent home now.



Colby, age 11, came to Rescue because he wasn't doing well with the children. He also doesn't like cats but he is fine with other dogs and adults. He arrived in Rescue and fit in easily with the other dogs in the foster home. He is such a pretty dog and so sweet. He has now been adopted.



Kearney, age approximately 8 years, came to Rescue from a shelter. He saw the vet right away and we are treating his issues which include a lot of hair loss due to an untreated flea allergy. He is doing well in foster care and getting along with the foster home's Westie.

It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them, and every new dog who comes into my life gifts me a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are.

`Anonymous`



Sara McNamara
March 26, 2001 – September 13, 2015

Cherished by Kate King and Matt Sprygada

Sara, age 14 ½, was held in Matt's arms at home when she was sent to the Rainbow Bridge on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Her doting brother, Robbie, and Kate were sitting by her side and three friends, as well as her much-adored Dr. Grappin, who let Sara go.

Sara was truly a tenacious little Westie; she fought many battles with all kinds of health problems. In 2007, she was diagnosed with Addison's disease at MSU, underwent ACL surgery in June 2010, and 1 month later suffered with a second ACL surgery on the other leg. She visited the Emergency Hospital for a number of life threatening conditions like HGE, pancreatitis, and finally kidney problems that began in 2013. In February 2015, Sara was diagnosed with renal disease, and spent 4 days hospitalized at MSU in August for end stage renal disease. She was able to spend her final days at home, but had to endure subcutaneous fluid therapy twice a day for the next 2 weeks. When she snapped at Matt before being given fluids on September 12th, we knew she was telling us, "no more needles and poking. I'm ready to give up the fight."

Sara and her "boy" participated in Obedience, Agility, and Earth dog trials. She earned 2 titles in Earth dog before her 2 knee surgeries curtailed further competition. Sara was an outstanding foster sister to a dozen fosters; Deb Duncan complimented us as she watched videos of Sara and how she remained aloof to fosters, but would step it up when a foster needed to learn manners and that she was the alpha dog in our house.

Sara was gentle, and would "mouth" hands and give kisses, while her tail was wagging wildly. She adored everyone she met, and was never aggressive to other dogs. Sara always waited for Matt to come home after work, and begged him to pick her up in his arms. She "arood" every morning when she woke up and had the same spot on the couch by her guy when we watched movies.

Our life as a couple began with our "baby" Sara, and we have so many wonderful memories of that special, spunky little girl. We watched her take down squirrels and rabbits, and yet tenderly watch over a puppy. We will miss you every day, sweet Sara. Go find your brother, Mackey and wait for us all at the Bridge.

Dear Santa,
Will you come to my party?
I've been very, very good!.....

.....I invited all of my Westie friends and their families. There's going to be food, fun, & prizes. This is the day Mom & Dad will let me run around and play. And, I get to choose a gift under the Christmas tree. But the best part is when I sit in your lap and you hold me close. Santa, I love you.



Sunday, December 6, 2015

1 to 4 pm | Buffet begins 1:30 pm

Howell Recreation Center

925 W. Grand River | Howell, Michigan

Hosted by the

West Highland White Terrier Club of SE Michigan

Bring Dish to Pass | Meat & Beverage Provided

No RSVP Required

Food Donation \$7 Adults | \$4 Children under 10 years*

Visit www.westieclubmi.com

Sales Tables

Delicious Potluck Buffet

Visit From Santa Paws

Westie Doggie Door Prize
Your dog could win a stocking full of treats!

Photo Opportunities with Santa

Westie Gift Exchange
Bring a \$10 gift, take home a gift!

Club 50/50 Raffle

Best Dressed Dog
In Christmas attire!



To avoid unwanted presents, it is required that your dog wear a belly band/piddle pant. Visit www.westierescue-mi.com/belly-bands/ or www.joybee.com or any online or local pet store



*Children under 10 years of age must be supervised at all times.

West Highland White Terrier Club of SE Michigan
31st Annual Spring Specialty Show

Westies in Wonderland!

Saturday, April 30, 2016

10 am to approx. 2:30 pm

Ann Arbor Dog Training Center | Whitmore Lake, Michigan

Conformation Judging | Fundraising Sales | Silent Auctions
Raffles | Buffet Lunch



Don't be late
for a very
important
date!



Special Attraction!

"The 2015 Rescue Parade"
featuring the Westies
fostered and adopted in 2015!



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