

Wisconsin Westie Rescue, Inc.

CHANGING LIVES ONE WESTIE AT A TIME

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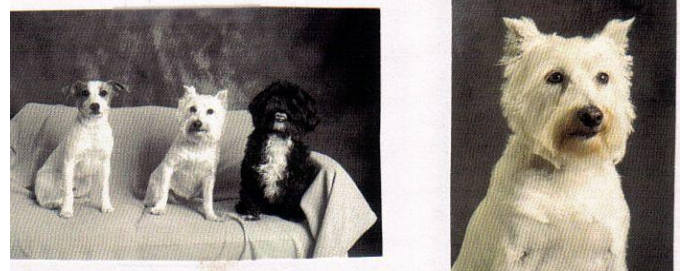
2007 brought a lot of challenges our way with a record number of Westies, Westie mixes and even a Scottie moving through our foster homes' doors! We've weathered a MOUNTAIN of vet bills for everything from the routine cost of vaccinations, spays and neuters to extra-ordinary costs of two hip and leg surgeries (Daisy and Samantha) and even stocking a nursery for Mia and her puppies! Through it all you were there for us, sending money, items to sell at fund raisers and more. We couldn't have made it without your generosity and support so for all you do, we thank YOU!

2008 is fast approaching and we hope we can continue to count on your support. There are so many ways you can help WWR from monetary support to opening your home to a foster dog and MORE! Slowly we are building our financial reserves back up from the avalanche of bills so don't forget our Christmas stocking if you're looking for a place to make that end-of-the-year charitable donation for your taxes! See the back page for our easy to clip coupon to make a donation!! Together, we can keep changing lives one Westie at a time! ☺

Emma Rose

By Mary Kay Schilling

If you'd have met Emma Rose before we adopted her, you would not believe this is the same Emma Rose today! We also have Mickey, a Shih Tzu, who has really helped her along, and last March my sister in law found two male Jack Russell Terriers roaming the country side and long story short, they were probably abandoned. She called the humane society, police, etc. and no one claimed them.



Emma Rose, Louie & Mickey on Sofa (left) and Emma Rose(right photo)

She could not keep both of them and we adopted one of them. His name is Louie. It was then Emma started changing; when Mickey and Louie would run and play she got right into it. Now it's just a ritual, now they play, play, and play all the time. And boy do they RUN through the house...it's absolutely hilarious. My husband also put up a huge fenced in area and they run wild out there also. If we ask her if she wants to go out, she'll come to the door and if the other two are going towards the door, she's following along.

It is so wonderful to look at her and especially watch her. We can see it on her face and in her eyes. She prances all over, gets down on her front paws and puts her wiggling rump in the air. We started noticing that she and Louie are buds. They sit/sleep close a lot. I think between getting Louie and the new dog pen she's really opening up. She is even barking at people coming in to the house a little less too. She's so beautiful. ☺

Sparkle *By Elizabeth Arron*

Whenever a new issue of the Wisconsin Westie Rescue newsletter arrives, I think, "How I love reading about other rescued Westies; it's almost like hearing from 'white dog' family members!"

We adopted Sparky, who we renamed 'Sparkle,' almost three years ago, on his first birthday. We already had an aging Westie mix, Molly, and felt that she could use some youthful energy in her life – plus we thought a younger dog would ease the transition for us when she died. We were right about how good Sparkle's energy would be for Molly – we have yet to endure the transition of her death. (Picture 14-year-old Molly turning in place in the front yard while Sparkle knocks himself out running in ever-larger circles around her!)

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Molly and Sparkle

Because Molly is a mix, she's not quite the clown that Sparkle is. We realized early on that having a *real* Westie is something like having a toddler in the house! He needs to be 'supervised' and engaged a bit more, making him an endearing 'interactive' little guy. Not a day goes by that we don't enjoy a belly laugh over something Sparkle does – or gets into. Now and then, with Molly looking on in disdain, he even does something he's been forbidden to do, stealing a ball of yarn from Mom's knitting basket, for instance. It's impossible not to laugh when he's caught, yarn-in-mouth, oh-so-sorry (again)!

What fun Westies are! Whenever, on walks, we run across other Westies with their owners, it's like a little reunion. We 'network' about foods, vets, groomers; we compare colors, sizes, personalities, differences and similarities. Our dogs always connect and so do the people in the 'white dog' family.

Life would be very dull without our little Sparkle in it now, I'm convinced. Thanks, Wisconsin Westie Rescue! ☺

Josie and Tucker

By Annette Nichols

Editors note: Josie (aka Susie) and Tucker were two of the 9 Westies turned over to WWR after the Thorp dog auction last March. Both deal with extensive fear issues because of their time in the puppy mill but their stories have a happy new beginning in their forever home together. Here is a wonderful update on their progress and a big reason why we at WWR volunteer our time and resources helping changing lives one Westie at a time.

Here is a picture of the kids Tucker and Josie (aka Susie) and Toby. Tucker is doing great! He is still leery of men, but not afraid to up and smell them and get petted!! Josie is making progress, but still has her "safe place" on the corner of the couch, and as you can see, she doesn't care if there is another dog in "her spot" or not.



Toby (left), Josie (center) and Tucker (right)

Josie will now come up the stairs from outside into the house by herself and now knows the full meaning of "treat". She loves our cuddle time together and when we are outside playing with the boys, she will bark at me if she thinks I'm paying too much attention to them and not enough to her. It is still going to be a long road with her, but I know she will make it. I wish I could send a video of the three of them running and playing in the back yard. They run like the wind and can stop on a dime!! Thank you all for the great work you do with WWR and for giving me the opportunity to give these 2 precious dogs the life they deserve and Toby two playmates he loves. ☺

WEST HIGHLAND TERRIER PROPERTY LAWS!



1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I had it awhile ago, it's mine.
4. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
5. If it's mine it must never be yours.
6. If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
7. If I saw it first, it's mine.
8. If you are playing with something else and put it down, it's mine.
9. If I am chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
10. If it used to be yours, get over it.
11. If it's broken, it's yours... ☺

FOSTER NEWS

We'd like to recognize and thank all of our foster homes that cared for and helped launch some wonderful forever homes for our foster dogs in 2007! They have been very busy this past year! Our heartfelt thanks go out to Sharon Ager & Mark Patterson, Sheri Rice Bentley, Sue Bracken, Carol and Cheryl Cutsforth, Deirdre Elter, Amy & Chris Fleming, Jennifer Ipsen, Pam Lewis & Mike Nabbefeldt, Ann Marie Lubert, Barbara & Blaine Peden, Anne Plouff, Julie & Tom Risen, Dawn & Mark Scheppke, Laura Stafford and Roger Hager, Ryan Tonies & Michelle Stafford Tonies, Kay & Richard Strauman, Kris & Tom Thommesen, Amy Tokarz, Susan & Greg VerPlank, and Maureen & Bob Wilson. With caring people like these, we've made a difference one Westie (and Scottie) at a time!

Looking for a Forever Home

The following dogs are listed as currently in foster care as of October 29th, 2007. Please contact Lynn Sawyer, our adoption coordinator at weehaven@wctc.net for more information on these dogs and their current availability.



Brodie (right)

Brodie is an active 14 month old male Westie surrendered to WWR due to his previous owner's health concerns. Brodie is fostered in Menasha.



Samantha

Samantha is a 9 month old Westie-Pomeranian mix surrendered to WWR due to a medical condition requiring an expensive surgery. Sammy is a petite (10 lbs), outgoing fun loving puppy. She was much loved in her previous home so she shows no signs of distrust or anxiety. She is extremely well socialized, doing well with both adults and children. She loves other dogs though big dogs at first make her shy. However, once she knows they are friendly, she is ready to play. Sam

would do best in a home where she would have people around her most of the day and lots of interaction. She does not like being left out. She also loves to run so a fenced in yard would be best. She is 85% house broken, will sleep and ride in a kennel though would prefer your bed and the front seat of the car respectively.

Sammy has been diagnosed with Leg-Calve-Perth's disease which affects her rear left leg. She had surgery Oct 3 (covered by WWR) to remove part of the damaged bone. It is unknown whether she will regain full function of her leg. The important note is that she will be relieved of her pain. Right now she favors her left rear leg, meaning she holds it up when doing a lot of running. To be honest, it does not seem to slow her down in the least. Please consider making this "tri-pod" a member of your family. She is a very, happy, happy girl and a joy to be around. She is currently being fostered in Appleton.



Truman

Truman is a darling little boy currently under vet care for skin allergies and ear problems. This handsome little guy is looking for a forever home that can care for his special needs. Ann Marie is fostering Truman in Brookfield WI.

Adoption Pending



Beethoven

Beethoven is 5.5 years old and his adoption is pending. He has no health issues since he has been on 1 pill/day of an anti-allergy capsule. He is the sweetest little guy. He is a good walker, plays well with others, is house trained, is very trustworthy alone with the run of the house, loves to be brushed and have his belly rubbed! Beethoven is fostered in McFarland WI. ☺

Forever Homes Found!

Peanut is a 5 year old happy-go-lucky female despite her early years in a puppy mill. Now known as Isabella, has a wonderful new life ahead of her in Green Bay with her new family Margaret and Fred and their children. Thanks to Amy Tokarz and Richard and Kay Strauman for tag-team foster duties!

Lilly, a year-and-a-half old female is spending the upcoming holidays with her new family in Sparta. Thanks to Amy and Chris Fleming for fostering this delightful little girl!

Mickey, our energetic little 5 year old male Westie stole the hearts of his foster family and will remain with them in Altoona! All the best to Mickey and his family!!

Misty, a one year old female has found Milwaukee the perfect spot for her forever home! Congrats to Misty and her new mom Sharon!! Thanks to Tom and Kris Thommesen, and Wilson for their expert fostering duties!

Susie, our shy little darling from the March Thorp dog auction with tons of potential but lots of fear issues, has found her very special place to grow and be loved. Susie, now renamed Josie joins her brothers Tucker (also from the Thorp dog auction), and Toby in her forever home in Madison WI. All the best to Annette and her gang of three! See their story on page 2 of this issue! ☺

FOSTER HOME APPEAL

This past year has really put our foster homes to the test with times we were maxed out and couldn't take in any more dogs when asked to. Therefore WWR is always looking to expand our family of foster homes for rescue Westies and Westie mixes. If you love the breed, have some experience with the often winning and sometimes challenging ways of Westies and live in Wisconsin, Minnesota or northern Illinois consider opening your home and your heart to a foster dog in 2008!

You can choose whether you're interested in fostering on an emergency basis (usually a few days) or for the duration of the dog's time in rescue. We need BOTH so even if you think you could only give a few days a year, let us know!

Our foster dogs come into rescue from shelters, retired from breeding mills and directly from owners who must surrender their dogs due to family concerns or conditions. Because of these different backgrounds, some dogs are house trained while other dogs are not. You can state a preference if you'd consider fostering a dog that

has issues with house training. Also, some dogs are healthy and up to date on vet care while other dogs may have allergies, untreated infections or other illnesses we must assess and treat before the dogs are placed in their forever home. Again you can state what types of dogs you'd consider having in your home. Only you know what works with your family and your schedule and we will work within your parameters.

The past couple of years have seen an increase in puppies and young dogs entering rescue but most are adult dogs. Some are socialized, some are shy and some think they can rule the world, but no matter where they are on the socialization spectrum, all of them need love while being evaluated before placement in permanent homes.

The amount of time a Wisconsin Westie Rescue dog is in foster care will vary from a couple of weeks on up to several months depending on the individual dog. Got a lot of time and patience? Let us know if you'd consider a special needs dog that would require the extra time and care. We're always looking for those unique individuals who have the time to spend with a dog who needs a little (or a lot) of extra TLC!

To become a foster parent you either need to already have adopted a Westie from us or will need to fill out our Foster Home Application, have your references checked and a home visit done.

Interested? Feel free to contact Laura at Westies@new.rr.com for more information on becoming one of our special families!

Other Ways to Help WWR

Not able to foster for WWR? There are other ways you can help. The number of Westies we can help is dependent on available resources: foster home openings, money to pay vet expenses, and volunteers to transport the dogs. We need volunteers to plan and carry out or assist with fund raising projects, transport dogs from shelters or homes to foster care, make home visits to approve adoption applications, and assist in other ways too numerous to mention. We probably have the perfect volunteer activity for your time and talents!!

Have questions about other volunteer opportunities? Contact Cheryl Cutsforth, our volunteer coordinator at cutsfocl@uwec.edu or call her at 715-839-7831. Come volunteer with us and Change Lives One Westie at a Time! ☺

WWR Odds & Ends

iGive

Don't forget to sign up for your free iGive membership before you start your online shopping sprees! Many of your favorite online shops (over 650) participate in this giving program including dog friendly stores like PETsMART.com, Pet Food Direct and PETCO. Go to iGive.com for more information or check the iGive link on our website (www.wisconsinwestierescue.com) to direct you to their signup page. ☺

2007 WISCOTS Results!

A very big thanks to all the folks that donated items for fundraising at WISCOTS. Judy Wagner made wonderful custom embroidered items, wonderful soaps / lotion bars, dog coats, fleeces, etc. Amy Fleming sent custom-made Westie and Scottie tote bags, and beaded Westie key chains. Lynn Sawyer donated a custom-made Westie water pitcher and Westie / Scottie plates. Anne Marie Lubart. donated purses, scarves, and numerous Westie/ Scottie items. Barbara Peden donated some Westie / Scottie clothing and some Scottie purses. Cheryl and Carol Cutsforth donated a beautiful Westie / Scottie print, a Westie Webkidz, and a Scottie cookie jar. Carolyn Weibel donated her beautiful hand-made note cards. Over \$400.00 was raised at the WISCOTS for WWR! This is a record breaker for any rescue at WISCOTS thanks to the support of 48 Scottie/ Westie folks in attendance. Marcy Otto and her sister Laurie were wonderful sales ladies!!! We will continue to sell the remaining items at our upcoming fundraisers!

BIG Fund Raising news for 2008!!

Stay tuned for more information in our March edition of the WWR newsletter on our Green Bay Packer Game Day Ticket fund raising promo!! WWR member Brenda Dillenburg has generously offered 2 of her season tickets to one of next year's Packer games as a fund raiser for WWR!! What a wonderful opportunity for your chance to see a Packer game at historic Lambeau field!! Details are still in the works so keep a look out for our next newsletter for more information! ☺

Upcoming Events

Nov 2nd and 3rd is our Annual Holiday Bazaar in Eau Claire WI. Maren Books and Jan Doud have once again generously donated 2 full-days business and their space at The Grooming Hut, 121 Grand Ave, Eau Claire WI for this event. Stop

by and see us! Hours are 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Friday, and 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Saturday.

Nov 4th is the Annual Badger Kennel Club Dog Fair. This year's event will be held in Madison at the Alliant Energy Center/ Expo. Lots of great dog stuff will be there! For more info please check www.badgerkennelclub.com/docs/dog_fair_07.pdf on this wonderful event!

eBay auctions are back up and running in November! Please remember to stop by wiwestierescue when cruising through eBay (also an iGive merchant) this holiday season! Many cool items have been donated by our members including some awesome Westie memorabilia (see related article on the importance of these items in Westie Owners' lives)! All proceeds minus listing fees go directly to WWR! ☺

Peanut Butter Doggie Delights!

1 cup Quick Cook Oatmeal
¼ cup Milk
1 Egg
1 tsp Vanilla
1 tsp Cinnamon
¼ Cup Brown Sugar
½ Cup Peanut Butter*
1 Cup White Flour**

Mix the rolled oats, milk, egg and vanilla together and set aside for 5 minutes to soften oats. Add cinnamon, flour, peanut butter and brown sugar and mix thoroughly until it resembles cookie-like dough. Roll out to approx. ¼ inch thick and cut with your dog's favorite shaped cookie cutter. Bake at 350 degrees for approx 35 minutes. Recipe makes approx. 18 medium sized doggie cookies.

**Either chunky or creamy may be used, but add 2 TBS more peanut butter if you use chunky since the dough is dryer using chunky-style peanut butter.*

***Dogs with grain allergies usually can tolerate white flour but you may substitute whole wheat flour if you prefer. ☺*

We ♥ Hearing From YOU!

Got a cute story about your rescue dog? Want to tell other Westie loving people about your furry family? Write on! Photos welcome and add so much to your story! Jpeg photos work nicely or we will scan your photo to use and return if you wish. Please send stories and photos to Barbara Peden at 1332 Armstrong Place, Eau Claire, WI 54701, or by email to 59barbie@charter.net. Deadline for next newsletter is March 28th, 2008. ☺

WWR End-Of-The-Year Donation Appeal!

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Thanks!

Thanks to Mary Kay Schilling, Elizabeth Arron, Annette Nichols, Cheryl Cutsforth, Lynn Sawyer, Pam Lewis and Kay Strauman for their contributions to this edition of our newsletter.

We'd also say a BIG thank you to everyone who donated items to WISCOTS and the annual Holiday Bazaar! ☺

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