

IT'S A WRAP NEWSLETTER

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IT'S A WRAP! This is the official newsletter of Westie Rescue and Placement (WRAP) of Northern California.

MESSAGE FROM THE WRAP PRESIDENT

This issue of marks the end of our first fiscal year for Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California. We have accomplished a great deal this year thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, board members and the generosity of our donors and supporters. WRAP was founded in June of this year. Just a short six months ago. We didn't start with much, just a shared vision that all Westies deserve a loving and caring home. To date this year we have had the privilege to rescue fifteen Westies in need. Each of these dogs now have a chance at a better and fuller life with families that care for them and love them. As we close out this year, I would like to share with you a summary of our financials for 2016 and our goals for 2017.

2016 INCOME	
Fundraising	\$ 24,635.13
Rescue Donations	\$ 7,532.50
Miscellaneous	\$ 78.91
Total Income	\$ 32,246.54
2016 EXPENSES	
Admin/ General	\$ 58.37
Communications/Website	\$ 327.93
Fundraising	\$ 1,664.88
Rescue/Veterinarian	\$ 8,606.49
Miscellaneous	\$ 75.91
Total Expenses	\$ 10,733.58
NET Earnings	\$ 21,512.96

The first thing you I'd like to point out is that there are no salary expenses and our administrative expenses are at a minimum. This means that nearly all the donations and net income from fundraising activities goes directly to the dogs we rescue; their veterinarian, fostering and placement expenses.

Since last June, we have rescued 15 Westies, for an average cost for each dog of just over \$715. This was only for the six-months.



Although we are fortunate enough to exit 2016 with a balance. However, in 2017, our first full year of operation, we expect to rescue at least 30 dogs. Therefore, we continue to need your generous support.

Thank you to all who have help WRAP this last year. It has been difficult at times, but I believe this organization and the success of our shared achievements, is something of which we can all be proud. A happy home for all Westies is our goal and the only reward we need.

Happy Holidays,
David Snook
President, WRAP

WRAP Patriot Games & Walkabout 2016



On Saturday, September 24, 2016, WRAP we had our first annual Patriot Games at Bray Commons Park in Dublin, CA. We planned on having dog races, costume contests, and a short walk around the park, however the day proved to be too hot (high 80's – low 90's F) so we focused on keeping the Westies, their canine friends, and their humans as cool as possible.

The Westies and their canine friends spent most of the day in the Canine Corral. As the sun moved, the corral was moved, by a diligent group of volunteers, under the shade. The humans kept cool under the pergolas and canopies – while visiting with old Westie friends and making some new Westie friends.

We had two wonderful volunteers (Bill O'Such and Ineke Ruhland) taking photos throughout the day. The photo booth was a hit, however the props not so much. They took photos in our makeshift photo booth, and on the grassy knoll behind the "booth". Click on the following link to take a look at the beautiful Westie "models" and their humans:

<https://westiesrescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/1513>

We also had some fun dog items (e.g., dog gift basket, healthy dog treats, pretty patriotic bow ties, etc.) and great human items (e.g., dental gift basket, Shark's jersey, Starwars mouse, The Press gift cards, etc.) for sale. The silent auction helped raise some much needed funds for our ongoing efforts to rescue Westies.



A delicious all American picnic lunch (featuring hot dogs, chips, salads, and sweets) was provided and enjoyed by all.

Click on the following link to see more photos of everyone having fun:

<https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/1489>

Last, but not least...a big THANK YOU to Teresa Houseworth for taking the lead in organizing and helping make this a huge success. THANKS to Dr. and Mrs. Margiotta, Debbie Oliver, and Marshall and Rebekah Culp for their in-kind donations. Also a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped setup, register, sell, feed the guests, and clean up. THANKS to all that came from near and far...hope to see you all and more Westie Rescue supporters next year!

Facebook Auction by Mary Young



WRAP had a very successful Facebook Auction October 28-30. Many of us had experience with FB auctions from our 2014 event where we learned a lot and some of our participants worked many FB auctions through the last few years. Since WRAP started out with nothing in the bank, we turned to this mechanism which can raise thousands of dollars in a couple of intense days. Rest assured, our Administrators worked two months to prepare and then ship the items. We planned to keep it small but thanks to many generous donors we auctioned 563 items. Each item has to be photographed in an attractive way sometimes with a collage of several photos. Then the description of the item, the opening bid (usually a third to half of what we hope to get) is listed along with the postage (as all winners must pay postage to maximum our profits).

We made over \$15,000 on this auction after expenses. Our first go around for many of us did not



require postage and we paid almost \$3000 just to do the mailing. We had two Administrators, Shelly Tyler Olivares and Gerry Cannavan, who did the heaviest lifting. Shelly made the Spreadsheet which follows each item from posting to shipping and Gerry helped throughout by capping bids so they do not change over time (especially to less money). Sandy Gilmer created the Facebook Page we used. Another Administrator assisted us, Karen Simondet one of the two rescuers with our big sister organization, Westie Rescue of Orange County and Beyond, also helped us with our auction even while she finished WROC's own FB Auction. All four of these ladies brought bidders from other auctions to join our auction.

What we auctioned is very interesting. Just imagine anything that can have a Westie or Scottie on it, and we had it. Our donors were marvelously generous. Some want to remain anonymous and others allowed us to acknowledge their contributions. Our largest donator gave us many vintage and currently unavailable elsewhere items including Danbury Mint ornament set that sold for \$300, a Danbury Mint Christmas train that sold for \$415, a Suzanne Renaud painting that sold for \$430 and Black & White Scotch items that sold from \$20-\$130 each. Ramona Rule donated a Danbury Mint Westie Christmas sleigh that sold for \$800. All items do not have to sell for three figures to add thousands to our auction proceeds. We sold over 50 doggy blankets at \$7 a pop donated by Alan Laschiver of Carmel who has donated over 200 blankets in the past. We use these for our rescues, especially shelter rescues who have no possessions, along with toys donated by many of you. And Alan also donated 5 Dunoon Bone China mugs from England which sold from \$45-\$60. People donated figurines, original prints, toys, magnets, mousepads, socks, cards, jewelry, totes, pillows, plates, numerous ornaments, and even a Westie Bobble Head. We cannot thank our donors enough and ask that you start saving items for our next auction.

Our WRAP Administrators include two who had never done a FB Auction before (Susan Acevedo and Tony Devol) and those of us doing round two. Those workers with the most items shipped were Ramona Rule (who also donated postage and many items) who handled a whopping 170 items and Barbara Mordy who handled 92. Becky Walker donated and shipped 24 items on behalf of WestieMed. All of these admins donated and shipped along with others too numerous to mention who donated one to 10 items which the rest of us could just watch come in and go out and we banked the proceeds for WRAP. I was also an Administrator but needed help from others due to being ill so probably only handled the blankets and 35 others. Ramona and Shelly graciously re-photographed several of mine to make them presentable (I submitted one ornament laying on its side that looked sickly and a couple of items that were upside down!).

It truly takes a village to put on one of these Facebook Auctions but the rewards are well worth the intensive and exhausting work done by the Administrators and donators. WRAP is able to say we are starting off our new Rescue solvent as David Snook's article reports, from the Auction proceeds and other Fundraisers. The benefactors reported by our It's a Wrap Editor, Barbara Mordy, are lucky Westies, Scotties, Cairns and Westie mixes rescued, vetted and placed in forever homes!

Happy New Year to one and all!!



Rescue News

Star- Hi I am Star my family couldn't keep me anymore. They were moving. So they thought it best I find a new family. I came to Westie Rescue and Placement and now live with a new family. I have a big sister (a Westie too) to play with and a great big yard. I am very happy and my new mom and dad and they love me tons.



Here I am in the yard.

Roxy- Hi I am Roxy, my family had a new baby and no longer wanted me. They kept me outside in the yard and I didn't like it. They finally gave me to Westie Rescue. I got placed with a wonderful forever family with a girl who lets me sleep with her. I love my new home. My new mom and dad are really nice too and I have a doggy brother to keep me busy.



This is me with my person cuddling.

Fergus- Hi I am Fergus the name my new mom and dad gave me. . I somehow ended up on the streets and some people found me and took me to doggy lock up. I kept hoping my people would come for me but they never did. I had to find a new home and these nice people came from Westie Rescue and got me. They took me to a wonderful new place where I have a big brother to play with and lots of walks and a great new dad & mom.



Here I am getting ready to go see my new home.

A handwritten signature in black ink, possibly reading 'LJ' or similar.

Autumn- Hi My name is Autumn. My mommy died and I need to find a new family. Mom's kids couldn't keep me and gave me to Westie Rescue so I could find a good home. I got placed with a forever family and I get to go for walks and to play with other dogs at the park. My new human brother, loves me lots and likes to play and talk to me.



Me waiting to meet new Mom and human brother.

Maggie Hi, My name is Maggie. My mommy and dad couldn't take care of me anymore so they gave me to Westie Rescue to find a new family for me. I somehow hurt my leg though and the doctor says I need surgery. I am with a wonderful foster mom and dad who want to adopt me when my leg is better. I have two Cairn sisters and a great yard to explore. I am very happy here.



Here I am going to my new home.

Miles- My name is Miles now. I was lost in the Central Valley and some people came and took me to doggie jail. I was very sick and skinny. At the 11th hour (my time was up) Westie Rescue came and got me. I had to get neutered before going to my forever home but I am very happy in my foster home and well fed. I love to eat and play and have cuddles. I don't like rain. I am heathy and completely ready to go. My adoption is pending!



Hi it's me Miles!

Lucky Lucy- I'm Lucky and I am from Northern California. I was used as a breeding dog for 9 years until the county people came and took me away. My skin is very bad and I am now getting some relief and help. I am in a foster home with a nice lady who is helping me adjust to life on the outside. I will be available for adoption and a forever home when I feel better. My foster mom says I am doing very well. I am happy here.



Shelter



My foster home photo

MacDuff - Hi I am a very happy boy and I am Happy to be here. I recently got sprung from doggy jail after 3 weeks there. I am getting treatment for my bad skin and ears. I am a Westie mix and a very sweet boy they say. I get along well with people and doggies too. I know I need a proper haircut but I will get one when I have been here a little longer. I will be available for my forever home soon. I like doggies and people too. I adjust quickly and like to sleep in people beds.



It's me MacDuff

Maggie's Story



Maggie is a six year old Westie girl whose family couldn't take care of her anymore due to a change in life circumstances in this case because the grandchildren came to live with them. Maggie had been in this family since age 8 weeks. She is a sweet, loving girl and was fine with the children but the owners felt it was better for her to find a new family. Not knowing what to do they gave Maggie to a "friend" to find her a new home. The friend was well meaning but did not have the resources to accomplish this. So for a month Maggie lived in one home or another (3 or 4) that didn't work out. Maggie was understandably upset and not understanding what was happening to her so she had a lot of accidents.

Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California (WRAP) heard about Maggie's plight and was finally able to get the release from the owners so they could find Maggie a fur-ever home. The person with Maggie told WRAP Maggie had a limp the day before we picked her up.. No one knew how it happened, but it appeared recent and the doctors agreed. WRAP took Maggie to the doctor right away for treatment and also found a patient understanding foster family. The foster family wants to adopt Maggie when her leg is better. WRAP took Maggie to a specialist in San Francisco (after trying less invasive treatment) who said she needs surgery to repair the severed Cranial Cruciate ligament in her right rear leg. The surgery cost about \$5000.00 even with a 15% rescue discount. We applied for a WestieMed grant and was given \$2500.00 towards her surgery. Thanks to WestieMed Maggie was able to have her surgery sooner than later and is now recovering.

Maggie has thrived with her foster family and has had very few accidents. She enjoys her two Cairn foster sisters. There is a great yard that Maggie loves to explore. She loves the walks everyday even though she has to use the stroller. Maggie's prognosis is excellent. A big thanks to WestieMed for all their help.

DONATIONS

Any year-end tax deductible donations can be made on our web page (on PayPal) at: www.westierescuenorcal.org or Facebook page using the Donate button. You can also send a check to: Susan Acevedo 32 Oak Knoll Dr. Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Please make the check out to WRAP or Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California. Thank you for your support.

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If so, then you can support WRAP by now using Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion (0.5%) of the purchase price to WRAP. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com , and enter "Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California" as your preferred charity. Start shopping!

IN MEMORIAM

Let us take a moment to honor our wonderful four-footed friends who have recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge.



Bucky

Bucky was a very smart, energetic and loyal Westie. He loved to cuddle on our laps, and he liked to give us the cutest and innocent look whenever he was in trouble. He cared and loved every one of us in the family. When we were sad or when the kids were crying, he would come and sit by our sides to comfort us. He grew up with his BFF, Jacko (Corgi). They loved to race and play together. They protected each other from other dogs at the dog park. Even at age 17, he still thought he was a puppy. He still jumped up and down on the sofa or went up and down stairs all by himself without asking for any help. During his final weeks, he fought very hard to stay strong to be with us and never gave up on himself. He passed away peacefully in our arms on Dec 12, 2016 at age 17, and he finally met his BFF on the rainbow bridge.

Bucky, you are our baby and nothing can replace you. We love you and miss you very much. You will forever be in our hearts.

Oct 29, 1999 - Dec 12, 2016

Owners: Celia & Kevin Li



Bucky

For future issues, we ask that you send your memorials to us at: bgmordy@comcast.net. Please send a photo, birth (an estimate is fine if you don't have the exact date) and passing date along with a short note to include in the memorial.

WESTIE IN THE KITCHEN**SALMON THUMBPRINT COOKIES (Wheat Free)**

2 cans salmon (drained) or cooked fresh salmon
 2 cups mashed sweet potato
 1-1/2 cups garbanzo bean flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 cup chopped parsley
 1 egg



Mash fish with fork and mix with mashed sweet potato.

Add in egg, parsley and baking powder.

Sift in garbanzo bean flour a little at a time and stir into mixture. Consistency should be firm and not sticky.

With your hands, roll into 1/4 to 1/2 inch balls

Arrange on cookie sheet and press down on each with your thumb.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until the bottoms are golden brown.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit us online at <http://www.westierescuenorcal.org> for the latest news and updates.

Pet Expo in January has been cancelled.

Pizza Party in March 2017

The WRAP Officers and Board of Directors for 2016 are:

President David Snook

Vice President Mary Young

Secretary Barbara Mordy

Treasurer Susan Acevedo

The WRAP Committees for 2016 and some of the volunteers are:

Fundraising Committee (including Activities, Events and Sponsorships):

Linda Snook, Susan Acevedo, Rebekah Tervydis

Vacancies

Program Operations Committee (including Surrender, Foster Care and Adoptions):

Mary Young, Barbara Mordy, Tony Devol, Susan Acevedo.

Foster/volunteers Janet Kurnick & Christyne Johns Mills- Sacramento, Linda Levinson- North Bay, and Nancy Mathews- Vacaville area.

Vacancies-North Bay, East Bay, Far North, Central Valley, Reno Area.....

Communication Committee (including Email, Website, Newsletter, Photography, Social Media, Liaisons):

Webmaster- Tony Devol

Group Email- Tony Devol

Newsletter- Barbara Mordy

Photography- Bill O'Such

Social Media-

Facebook - Barbara Mordy (Facebook),

Twitter- Vacant

Snap Chat-Vacant

Liaisons- Mary Young

Please consider volunteering your time by serving on one of the committees. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and to help shape the future of our organization. If you are interested, please contact any of the above Chairs, Officers or Board Members

IT'S A WRAP will be published at least four times per year in March, June, September and December. We encourage friends and supporters to submit articles, photos, brags, and other Westie related information that they feel would be of interests to our readers. Please send the material to the Editor by the first of the month in which the newsletter issue is scheduled to be published to allow enough time for the volunteers and Editor to do their magic! When submitting items for publication, please have all photos camera ready (.jpeg formats are preferred). All copy should be submitted in a widely accepted electronic format such as MS Word. If you are unable to provide in the preferred formats, contact the Editor Barbara Mordy bgmordy@comcast.net

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Until next time.....IT'S A WRAP!!

