

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

Welcome to the December edition of the WRAP Newsletter. 2018 is quickly winding down. I hope that all of you who could attend the Fun Day in October enjoyed it as much as and my family and I did. The weather and food were great but the Halloween Costume Parade for the dogs was the best fun ever. We also had a very successful Annual Facebook Auction, thanks to the herculean efforts of Barbara Mordy, Susan Acevedo, Ramona Rule and our small but dedicated team of volunteers. This year we raised \$14,000, all of which will go towards saving and placing Westies in need. However, the success of these wonderful events has taken its toll on our small team. The same few volunteers that are saving and caring for the Westies in need are also trying to organize and facilitate these events and they are burning out. We just don't have enough willing and able volunteers to continue to support these events. We need your help. I know that we are all busy, but if each of us could just find a little time to volunteer their help with one or more the WRAP events we can continue to enjoy them. Remember, it's all for the doggies. We also need more volunteer temporary foster homes for our rescues in transition. If you feel that you may like to help, please let us know and we will let you know what is like to be a foster family and what is required to be a foster home. WRAP continues to have a successful 2018 and we are looking forward to a successful 2019. It's all about the Westies and our team of volunteers is committed to rescuing unfortunate Westies and placing them in loving "forever" homes. This is our passion. We love to share our passion though the fun events and outreach programs, but we can't continue to do that without your help. Please volunteer!

Best Regards,

David Snook, WRAP President

Corporate Donation Programs

Many corporations have programs that allow employees to donate to charities and will, in many cases, do matching funds. WRAP (Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California) is eligible for many of these programs. We are currently registered with Cisco, Hewlett Packard Enterprises and Wells Fargo Bank. This is a painless way to donate and maximize your donation.

Donation

A tax deductible donation can be made for Westie dogs in need on PayPal at: susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org Please choose friends and family so we don't have to pay a fee, or 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.**



Poems Diane Burns Haussler

Furry Angel 3-2-17

There's a sweet little face that greets me every morning.
Sometimes he's there to bring me out of a dream.
Other mornings I can feel his bounce up onto the bed As I
lay quietly waiting for him to find me under the covers
And begin to coax me into the new day.

There've been so many mornings of late, that I would rather have
turned over and desperately sought to find a way back into a dream
that I'd, only minutes before, tried to escape from.
There seemed to be no place to hide, to retreat and find a bit of peace
in or out of sleep. Waking was only a reminder of what was now real.

It's times like these that I've needed to
remember the things that I am grateful for.

Often I will recall the small details that
brought a measure of delight.

It felt good to smile again and then
I couldn't help but laugh,
When my little furry friend bounced across
the floor, stuffed toy in his mouth,

Waiting for me to chase him around the room, his
eyes black and shiny bright.

How could I retreat away from him.
He's here to bring me joy.

So I drop to my knees like a child and urge him on
laughing and cheering.

We play with complete abandon.

For a little while I can forget a bit, that there is a hole inside me.

It's beginning to heal now, growing smaller a little at a time.

Sweet little friend of mine, thank you for your boundless love.



Yoga with My Dog 11/29/17

Before dawn the sky is an ineffable hue.
Night time's blanket of stillness remains.
Sunrise still awhile away, morning approaches.

I watch the sun paint the leaves of each tree.
Rendering them gold, they light the garden.
I am inside wrapped in my night clothes, warm.

In my hands I am holding a hot cup of coffee
Feeling and tasting it's warmth and comfort.
A candle breaks the dawn with it's flickering.

On a pillow on the floor I welcome the morning.
Listening to the soft meditative words of a song
I find my center letting thoughts drift in and out.

Tears come and are replaced with a memory, I smile.
Nearby I hear the rustling of my little companion.

He nuzzles me and pushes himself into my space.
Moving through poses meant to loosen my limbs
He rolls over and lets me scratch his fur
Joining in the stretch, he and I greet the day.



Westie Events & Fundraisers

2018 WRAP Autumn Auction



On September 28-30, we held our 2018 WRAP Autumn Auction on Facebook. It was super labor intensive however a very successful fundraiser!

We had a variety of items for participants to bid on and/or buy:
 Dog apparel, beds, bowls, blankets, carriers, toys, etc.
 Women's bags/totes, jewelry, pajamas, socks, t-shirts, etc.
 Luggage tags, tumblers, gift cards, gift certificates, etc.
 Westie & Scottie candy, statues, collectors' items, etc.
 Christmas cards, ornaments, stockings, dishes, etc.

All items were paid, packed, shipped and received... soon after and in plenty of time for Christmas!

Thank you to all our donors (including our corporate donors).



Thank you to all our bidders, buyers, and our few but very dedicated volunteers (especially Barbara Mordy and Ramona Rule).

Hope you enjoyed/are enjoying your auction items.

Pay it Forward

Wrap has donated a number of new small sized (under 15lbs) soft-sided crates that were donated to us by a Mr. Peanuts Pet supply business to several Rescue organizations that provide services to smaller dog. Those organization included: WestieMed that gives grants to assist with bills for sick or injured Westies, CRUSA which rescues Cairn Terriers and Friends of Contra Costa Shelter in the East Bay focusing on small breed dogs.



2018 WRAP Autumn Fun Day



On Saturday, October 27th we welcomed Autumn and celebrated Halloween during our 2018 WRAP Autumn Fun Day in Sunnyvale, CA.

We reserved the picnic area under the shady trees near the small dog park within Las Palmas Park...thanks to Barbara Mordy's sister (she is a Sunnyvale resident and Westie supporter). While things got started several of our Westies enjoyed their time at the small dog park. Thanks to all the early bird volunteers (including several local retirees and some high school students) that helped with set up and later with clean up...it was much appreciated.

We had a great assortment of Westie and non-Westie merchandise on sale at our Pop Up Pet Store (P.U.P.S.). One of the most popular items this year was our 2019 WRAP Calendar. Thanks to Linda Snook and our volunteers for setting up and managing the table.

We had a small but fun Halloween Costume Contest. The categories included Cutest, Funniest, Most Original, and Best Movie Character. The winners included the Butterflies, a Bumble Bee, a Unicorn and Wonder Woman.



Thanks to Bill Houseworth and the other volunteers that helped us with the costume contest.

The contest was followed by the potluck lunch. The food was tasty, however the dessert was the best! We had a cake for the humans and cute little cupcakes for the pups provided by Fiona's (the Westie Unicorn) mom. Thanks to Rowena (Fiona's mom) and everyone that brought something to share. Lastly, a thanks to Stella & Chewy's for the Duck Freeze Dried sample packs.

Also a big thanks to Bill O'Such for taking all of these great photos and more of our little furry bundles of joy. If you did not get the link or just want to see the photos again then click on this link:

<https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/1750>

Finally, we appreciate and want to thank the Westie supporters that came from near and far. You and your Westies made the day special while helping raise funds for our rescue program!



2019 WRAP Calendar



You can still help Westies in Northern California find forever homes by purchasing our **2019 WRAP Calendar**. Each of the 12 months features a colorful, seasonal theme with a Westie rescued and placed by Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California. These beautiful 8.5" x 11" wall calendars make a perfect gift for friends, family, co-workers, and pet service providers (e.g., veterinarians, groomers, doggie daycare staff, etc.).

Calendars are available for a **\$20 donation** per calendar while supplies last. To request your calendar(s), contact Susan Acevedo at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org.

2019 WRAP Winter Event



We are in the process of planning our 2019 WRAP Winter Event... "For the Love of Westies". We are looking at dates in February and locations in Pleasanton, CA.

We are currently planning on providing a light lunch, a wine tasting class and a silent auction to celebrate Valentine's Day and our love of Westies!

The activities will be all indoors so no worries if the weather does not cooperate. We are sorry, but the doggies will have to stay home this time since they do not allow them in the facility. Look for an email from us with more details in late December 2018 or early January 2019.



WESTIE IN THE KITCHEN (send in your favorite recipe)

3-Ingredient Peanut Butter Pumpkin Homemade Dog Treats

1/2 cup Natural Peanut Butter
 1 cup 100% Pure Pumpkin Puree, canned
 1 3/4 cups whole wheat flour (I used Whole Grain Brown Rice Flour)

Directions:



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, stir together peanut butter and pumpkin. Stir in the flour 1/4 cup at a time just until dough is no longer sticky.
3. Roll the dough out between two sheets of parchment paper to 1/4" thick. Use a cookie cutter to cut out the dough, then place on the prepared pan.
4. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 8-10 minutes. Let cool completely. Store in an airtight container or freeze for up to 3 months.

IN MEMORIAM

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



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 write up to include in the memorial.

Angus

Angus, my little Man of the house went to Rainbow Bridge on Thursday, November 1st. We knew he was going to be a tough case because he was very ill when he first came to rescue and us. In spite, of his poor beginnings, Angus was a very sweet boy, enjoying his time snuffling around in the yard, lending affection whenever and wherever he could, and enjoying his food. We think he was about 12 but he had had a very hard life and ultimately his kidneys failed him. Though he was blind and deaf, he really did manage to get around just fine and would meet me at the door with the rest of his pup siblings. He was a beautiful little Westie, and had the most expressive tail. A great lover of cuddling, he just loved to be around others and made friends easily with the rest of my crew. I love my girl Westie dearly, but oh how those little boys break my heart every time. Angus will be greatly missed. Mom Janet



Becker

Our sweet ever boy, BB Becker found peace and happiness at the rainbow bridge with the Our Westie family on October 17, 2018. BB Becker was the sweetest soul Westie we ever had. He taught us what love was all about, giving love and hanging out with the family. He loved his toys, food, belly rubs, sunning and spending time cuddling with us every day. He was with us far too short and yet he taught us so much about love and appreciation. We miss him every day and think of him every day. Our sweet boy Becker was brought to us to give back to all rescues in need and to remember how much love they have to give. Bless you BB Becker, you are in our hearts forever. We love you and miss you greatly every day. See you at the Rainbow bridge sweet furry boy. Bette & Rick



Dixie



This is the first photo of my darling Dixie — I adopted her at 3 months old. Note my hands around this five pound pistol! Alas, I have sad news as Miss Dixie passed away from cancer. There are no words to describe the enormity of my loss. Dixie and her brother Dudley were quite the pair. He left us last year and greeted her at the Rainbow Bridge. I am imagining a big Westie romp—they were romping in my Facebook cover photo (she is in front with the curly tail) and he has the tennis ball she seeks—she always got the ball. She loved doing the imitation of a snappy turtle —back on her haunches and snap snap smile. She brought me a mole as a present once. She was the fastest Westie in any group. Yes, two ACL surgeries making her bionic along with her other super powers. She was feisty, lovable and sweet. And always in charge! I miss her and she will always be in my. Many of you have met her at a Westie Event but this is how it all started. Mary Young



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President David Snook
Vice President Mary Young
Secretary Barbara Mordy
Treasurer Susan Acevedo
Board Member Christyne Johns-Mills
Board Member Ramona Moening Rule

The WRAP Committees for 2017 and some of the volunteers are:*Fundraising Committee (including Activities, Events and Sponsorships):*

Linda Snook, Susan Acevedo, Vacancies

- Auction Committee- Susan Acevedo, Barbara Mordy, Mary Young, Ramona Rule, Tony Devol, Teresa Houseworth, Brandy Daniel, Sandy Gilmer.

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

Mary Young, Barbara Mordy, Tony Devol, Susan Acevedo, Christyne Johns-Mills.

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

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!!

