

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 June 2018 edition of our WRAP newsletter.

This month WRAP is celebrating the second anniversary of our founding. As we look back, all of you who have supported our mission can be proud of the number of Westies we have been able to help and place in new 'forever' homes. Through our joint efforts, each of these dogs have been given a new hope for the life they deserve. They asked for so little but will give so much back if only they have the chance.

A special thank you to all of you who participated in our Cinco de Mayo Fun Day in Sacramento last month. The weather was perfect. Seeing all those little white dogs (and some not so white dogs) running and playing together was so much fun. Congratulations to all the rescues in the parade!

Hopefully all of you aware of our Pet Photo Shoot Fundraiser. Take this opportunity to have professional photographer, Laura Marshall, take a portrait of your dog or you with your dog and help support Westie Rescue and Placement.

Lastly, Please keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization and the success of our Westie rescue efforts depends on the generous support of Westie lovers like you. We need volunteers to provide temporary foster homes, help with events and help with fundraising. We also need volunteers with professional skills such as a CPA, an attorney and a veterinarian to provide limited consultation services to WRAP. If you would like to help by volunteering your time, we would very much like to hear from you.

With a sincere thank you to all our friends, volunteers and donors,

Best Regards,

David Snook, WRAP President

**TWO
YEARS
AND COUNTING**



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.

The Character of a Terrier- submitted by Dr. David Stevens

Visualize a hole in the ground, at the bottom of which is a snarling, sharp-toothed, red-eyed varmint, ready to fight to the death to defend itself. Any self-respecting retriever, setter, spaniel or poodle in this situation would say to itself: "I'm not wanted here. I'd better keep moving on." The terrier, on the other hand, bright-eyed, puffs out its chest, and says "I'm all in! Lemme at 'em.", as it prepares to go down the hole.....

Help needed. BECKER Needs a foster or adoptive home.



Becker is a 12 year old Westie boy whose mother got sick and could no longer care for him. He has allergies which is why his mom had him on prednisone. The prednisone caused him to have other issues such as being overweight. He is currently 33 lbs, but is on a diet and has already lost weight. He is tapering off the prednisone and is now on Apoquel. He has had allergy tests so we know what he is allergic to. He has several shaved patches; one on his face you can see and one on his back end. He had surgery to remove lumps and bumps (all benign). Now all that is needed is for his fur to grow back. He is very mellow and sweet. He gets along well with other dogs and people. He like to cuddle with his people. He is house trained and crate trained. He travels well in the car. He will bark to tell you he is ready to eat. If you can help Becker Please contact Barbara at 408-242-0990.

Rescue News



Dawnie- I am a sweet Westie/Yorkie mix. My mommy died suddenly and the family could not keep me so they asked WRAP to help find me a new forever home. I now have a nice family with a boy to play with me. I get to go for walks to the park most every day and I have a yard.





Henry- I am a petite Westie boy who needs human to be attached to. I do not do well with young children and that's why my family gave me up. I now have a foster-adopt home with adults and I get to go everywhere with my mom. My adoption is pending.



Roscoe- I can to rescue because as sweet as I am I did not do well with the children in my home. I would get overstimulated and nip. I now have a home with no children and a stay at home mom and dad. I really love playing with my new Westie sister.



Sherman- I came to rescue because my mom could no longer care for me due to illness. I am a young, healthy, active boy with lots of energy. I love my new big yard and my doggy sisters. I am in school to learn to be a well-mannered Westie boy.

Jenny

Jenny is a sweet, friendly Westie girls from a local shelter. Jenny was stray and when her people were found they signed her over saying they could not care for her. They said that she had been abandon by friends. As you can see she had to be shaved by shelter staff due to serious skin problems (hair loss) and mats. Jenny has a foster home where she has spent months being rehabilitated before she is placed for adoption. As you see her fur is returning. Her foster dad says she is the sweetest girl ever.





DONATIONS for Jenny

A tax deductible donation can be made for Jenny and other 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.**

September Auction Donations Needed

WRAP's annual fundraising auction is coming up on September 28-30th. This is our largest fundraising event of the year. It raises funds we need to pay the bills for all our rescues. Various items (many are Westie related) are auctioned off on Facebook on the WRAP Auction page. Bidders come from across the US and the world. If anyone has items they would like to donate please contact Barbara Mordy at bgmordy@comcast.net. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the Auction and to assist with invoicing, shipping. Remember this is our largest fundraiser and gives us the money to pay for the high cost of Vet bills.

Westie Events & Fundraisers

2018 Westie Mother's Day Pop Up Store Sale on Facebook



On April 28-29, we held our first Westie Mother's Day Sale on Facebook. We had a variety of lovely BUY IT NOW items (e.g., soaps, lotions, caps, t-shirts, totes, wine bottle stoppers, etc.). Many items sold out within hours!

In addition, we had a limited number of one of a kind donated items (e.g., hand-made quilt and pillowcases) that were bid on and won by the highest bidders.

All items were paid, shipped and received in time for Westie Mom's to enjoy on Mother's Day!

Thank you to all the participants...hope you enjoyed/are enjoying your items. BIG THANKS to two of our volunteers, Ramona M. Rule and Barbara Mordy, for their tireless efforts. These two very special Westie Moms deserve a big round of applause for making this a successful fundraiser!



2018 Westie Fiesta Fun(draiser)



On Saturday, May 5th we celebrated our Rescues with a Cinco de Mayo Westie Fiesta in Sacramento, CA. We had a small dog park all to ourselves within the Capital Estates Mobile Park. Thank you to Jo Fleming (a resident) for putting in a good word for us (with management), reserving the park, and providing all the tables.

We kicked off the morning with our short but sweet parade of rescues. It was fun to see many of our rescues dressed up in their best fiesta attire. It was also nice to hear a little something about each rescue's likes



and dislikes. Most importantly, it was great to see all the happy Westies with their new parents and siblings!

We also 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 newest and most popular item was our WRAP T-shirt with a Westie face and our mission statement: "Forever homes for all Westies". Several fiesta attendees were already wearing their very attractive new t-shirt which they purchased during the Mother's Day Sale on Facebook the week before.

Our wonderful photography team of Bill O'Such and Ineke Ruhland graciously volunteered to take photos during the event. They took many great photos of the pups having fun, and the humans also having fun. If you did not get the link or just want to see them again (you can never see too many Westie photos), then click on this link:

<https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/1670>



What's a fiesta without a piñata? Our very talented supporter, Teresa Houseworth, made a white, reusable, bone-shaped piñata. When the trap door was triggered out came a ton of toy balls for all the doggies! We also had some chicken treats for those more interested in food. Hope to have an opportunity to reuse the piñata at our next outdoor event in the Autumn. Thanks Teresa!

After all that fun, we had tasty treats for the Westie parents and friends. Starting with coffee and pastries (including pan dulce/ sweet bread). Continuing with salads, tamales, chicken tostadas, etc.... Finally, ending the day with yummy cookies and cakes (i.e., cuatro leches).

Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees that came from near and far. The funds raised throughout the day will help many little white dogs get much needed vaccines, medicines, and treatments.

2019 WRAP Calendar

The 2018 WRAP calendar was such a hit that we have decided to do it again! We are planning the layout for the 2019 WRAP Calendar. Each month will feature a Westie Rescue alumnus from Northern California with a brief bio.

Do you have a good quality, high resolution photo of your Westie? Do you know the answers to the following?

- Pet Name
- Parent(s) First Name



- Hometown
- Favorite Food
- Favorite Treat
- Favorite Activity
- Least Favorite Activity
- Most Unique Quirk

If you answered “yes” to both questions, then HURRY and submit the photo and bio to susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org for a chance to see your Westie on next year’s calendar.

HELP WANTED STILL NEEDED

WRAP is looking for some volunteers who possess certain skills to advise the board (pro bono) on issues that may arise over time. We are asking for a limited number of hours, as needed. We are seeking an **Attorney**, a **CPA**, a **Veterinarian** and an **Animal Behaviorist**. If you would be willing to help us or want more information please contact:

Barbara Mordy at BarbaraMordy@westierescuenorcal.org or
Susan Acevedo at Susanacevedo@westierescuenorcal.org



WESTIE IN THE KITCHEN (send in your favorite recipe)

Frozen peanut butter yogurt dog treats

The perfect snack to cool your pet down after a vigorous play session

Ingredients

- 32 ounces vanilla yogurt
- 1 cup peanut butter –(make sure the peanut butter does not have artificial sweeteners)

Directions

1. Melt the peanut butter in a microwave safe bowl
2. Combine the yogurt and melted peanut butter
3. Pour the mixture into cupcake papers
4. Place in the freezer



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 note to include in the memorial.



Looking for a few good men and women...

- Do you have fundraising and/or event planning experience?
- Do you have the ability to build strong relationships with new people and organizations?
- Are you detail-oriented with excellent time management skills?
- Do you have strong interpersonal skills?
- Do you work well independently and as part of a team?
- Do you have experience with Microsoft Word?
- Do you have some knowledge of Microsoft Excel?

If you replied “yes” to one or more of the above questions, then you could be who we are looking for to join the WRAP Fundraising Committee. We are always in need of more volunteers to help:

- Assist with the planning and management of fundraising events
- Assist with general fundraising activities (e.g., set up, registration, auctions, merchandise sales, beverage/ food, parades, contests, etc.)
- Coordinate and follow up on donor requests, and mailings, as needed
- Assist with prospecting and soliciting donors
- Identify and approach potential business partners
- Help increase communications with supporters

Please contact Linda Snook (L_snook@att.net) or Susan Acevedo (susan.Acevedo@westieresucenorcal.org) if you would like to donate your time and talents as a volunteer to support fundraising for Westie rescue.

Do you shop on Amazon?

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. Thank You. Start shopping!



WESTIE HEALTH CORNER

Titer Testing

- Titrers Vaccination
- / By Jan Rasmusen
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Enlightened veterinarians and pet parents have become increasingly wary of the health risks, and lack of benefits, associated with repeatedly vaccinating dogs after their initial “puppy shots.”

Is titer testing the solution to the over-vaccination problem?

Here’s a crash course to help you muddle through the mire of misinformation surrounding this simple blood test, and to help you decide whether or not to test your dog’s antibody titers.

What is Titer Testing?

A titer test (pronounced TIGHT er) is a laboratory test measuring the existence and level of antibodies to disease in blood. Antibodies are produced when an antigen (like a virus or bacteria) provokes a response from the immune system. This response can come from natural exposure or from vaccination. (Note: titering is also called serum vaccine antibody titering and serologic vaccine titering.)

How is the Test Performed?

Your test result will have an explanation of what your pet’s test result means. But if you want to know more, here’s the test in a nutshell:

First, one mL of blood is drawn.

The sample is then diluted.

Titer levels, expressed as ratios, indicate how many times blood can be diluted before no antibodies are detected.

If blood can be diluted a 1000 times and still show antibodies, the ratio would be 1:1000.

This is a “strong” titer. A titer of 1:2 would be weak.

Should I Test for All Diseases?

The most recommended test examines antibodies for both parvovirus and distemper, the two most important viruses. Rabies titers are also often tested. Usually, for most dogs, tests for other diseases are generally not considered useful or necessary.

Why Titer Test?

The parvovirus/distemper test can help you or others (vets, groomers, kennel owners, etc.) determine if your dog requires additional vaccination, and may save your dog unnecessary shots.

It is especially useful when making a decision about vaccinating an animal with unknown vaccination history, or for determining if puppies have received immunity from vaccination.

Most experts believe strong titers are a more reliable indication of immunity than vaccination: tests show the actual immune response, not just the attempt to cause an immune response by vaccination.



Do not expect, however, that everyone will accept test results in place of proof of vaccination.

The subject of immunity is complicated, and we are programmed to think of vaccination as “the gold standard” — the more, the better. Experts who challenge the status quo are often maligned. Humans don't like change.

How often should I Test Titers for Parvo and Distemper?

You're going to have to decide for yourself. Some vets recommend testing yearly, but this can be expensive. Others test every three years. Still others test five to seven years after vaccination.

Why?

Challenge tests show that successful vaccination against parvovirus gives most animals at least seven years of immunity. Distemper provides immunity for at least five to seven years.*

Dr. Ron Schultz, one of the most renowned pet vaccination experts in the country, believes that once a test yields strong titers, you need not test again.

In Dr. Jean Dodd's article on vaccine reactions, she quotes Dr. Schultz on the value of testing titers: “an animal with a positive test has sterilizing immunity and should be protected from infection. If that animal were vaccinated it would not respond with a significant increase in antibody titer, but may develop a hypersensitivity to vaccine components (e.g. fetal bovine serum).”

Does a Weak Titer Mean My Dog Needs a “Booster” Shot?

Maybe not for dogs that have previously shown strong titers. Many experts, including Dr. Schultz, say the dog's immune system will have produced “memory cells” that will produce antibodies when they're needed. Think of memory cells as reserve forces.

When known foreigners invade, they remember how to attack them. Dr. Shultz has said, “show that an animal with a positive test has sterilizing immunity and should be protected from infection.

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Should I Test My Puppy?

Yes! If so, when? Ideally, puppies should have had their last vaccination after 16 weeks of age then should be tested to see if further vaccination is necessary.

There's an excellent discussion about testing puppies in the 2006 American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) [Canine Vaccine Task Force Report](#) (page 13) entitled “What Are The Possible Applications of Serologic Testing?” It reads, “Such titer testing is the only way to ensure that a puppy has developed an immune response after vaccinating.”

What do Titer Tests Cost?

Testing costs vary widely from practice to practice, so shop around. Some vets do in-house testing. Others use outside labs. Some mark up tests and services a little; others, a lot.

You should be able to have parvo/distemper tests done most places for less than \$100.



Rabies tests, on the other hand, can cost considerably more, in large part because they are sent overnight to a lab. (Ask your vet to have a Titer Testing Day so that they can send multiple tests in one package and save.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

WRAP Officers and Board of Directors for 2017 are:

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

