

# IT'S A WRAP.....

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the June 2019 edition of our WRAP newsletter.

This month WRAP is celebrating the third 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. We had a great turn out for our Fun(draiser) and rescue parade event in Sacramento on June 1st. The weather was a bit warm but, getting together with friends and seeing all those little white dogs (and some not so white dogs) running and playing together was so much fun. Also, a special thank you to all of you whose dogs participated in the Dry Eye study by Dr. Sara Tomasy and her team. Dry Eye is a common disease in Westies and this study provides hope that a cure can be on the horizon. I want to say on behalf of the WRAP Board and all the little dogs who had so much fun, thank you to all the volunteers who help make this event the success that it was. These events are only possible though your generous support and hard work.

Congratulations to all the rescues in the Rescue Parade! And a special thank you to Tony Devol for his Emceeing the Parade.

I have some other exciting news. WRAP is revamping its website to improve its user-friendliness and allow for more timely updates. We will also have a store where visitors can purchase Westie themed items. Of course, all proceeds from sales at this store will go towards funding our Westie rescue efforts. We expect the revamped website to go online this Summer, so stay tuned.

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

## Farewell to the Bay Area

Greetings from Mary the latest Bay Area resident who had to leave the Bay Area for a lower cost of living. Facing a major rent hike and no need for my yard after losing my dear Dudley and Dixie, I joined my best friend since 8th grade in Murfreesboro Tennessee. She lives across the highway and her daughter and grandkids live in another suburb of Nashville. A ready-made family is proving to be very supportive.

Turns out I could either talk with all of my fellow volunteers and wonderful adopters of precious Westies, or I could pack. I have cherished my role in saving Westies and have been part of their lives and many of yours for years. I will miss all of you. Glad that Facebook stays the same and provides the opportunity to stay connected. I will be posting the link to this newsletter on FB. My email address stays the same ([maryfiona@aol.com](mailto:maryfiona@aol.com)) and my cell stays the same (415-385-3047). I have never lost touch with special people in my life like you.

Though I had some much appreciated help, this process has been physically and emotionally exhausting. I am gradually recovering my mojo and will soon be settled. As many of you know, there is a Westie Rescue Southeast here and I will join them in a couple of months. There is also an excellent Medical Center at Vanderbilt in Nashville and I am a patient there for issues handled by UCSF.

I loved SF weather and then there is the recent record setting heat wave that made the news here. I lived in North Carolina once and the weather here is similar. Surprisingly, the traffic here is crazier than SF. Speeding off the charts—telling people here we could not even attain those speeds.

The other main factor that gives me solace is the excellent work that Barbara Mordy does with the little white dogs we love so much. She does a better and more proactive job than I did as lead rescuer. And our WRAP fundraisers have provided a healthy financial picture. Auctions mostly done by Ramona Rule and Barbara were very successful. And Susan Acevedo, Treasurer extraordinaire, is doing a great job fundraising. However, please donate to WRAP at every opportunity (cannot write an article without asking)!

Wishing you and all of your Westies much love and health.

Mary



## RESCUE NEWS



**Sherlock-** My name is Sherlock because my mom says I am always investigating things. I came to rescue because I didn't like the new human baby at my old home. I am very happy now I have my new mom all to myself. I also have a very big yard to run and play in it. I can do zoomies.



**Sophie-** I came to rescue because my mommy died suddenly. Mommy's friend came and took me to a foster home until my new mommy could get me. Everyone has been very nice so far so I am doing okay. I am feeling much better now. I went to stay with Auntie Barbara and really liked playing with Ayla. I have a new wonderful home of my own now.



**Ayla-** It's been hard for me since my family left me at the shelter. I saw some dogtors and I need to have some things done. WRAP has me with Auntie Barbara until I can get everything done. Then I will be good as new. Auntie Barbara says I am a very good girl. I don't get on furniture

unless invited. I love to eat and like to play with toys. I am very friendly. I am looking for my forever home.

## **EVENTS & FUNDRAISING**

### **Save the Dates:**

Westie Walk in the Park on Saturday, August 17, 2019

Fun Day on Saturday, October 19, 2019

Holiday Get Together on Saturday, December 14, 2019

More details will be forthcoming (check your email). If you are interested in planning and/or volunteering on the day of the event please contact Susan Acevedo at [susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org](mailto:susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org)

## **2019 WRAP Spring Fun Day**

On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> we had our 2019 WRAP Spring Fun Day in Sacramento, CA. We once again had the small dog park all to ourselves within the Capital Estates Mobile Park. Thank you to Jo Fleming (a resident) for reserving the park, providing supplies (including tables, beverages, doggie treats, etc.) and securing some great volunteers that helped with the set up/clean up.

We had the registration table up and running by 10am. Thank you to David Snook (a.k.a. WRAP President) for making sure everyone signed in, got a name tag and contributed to the fundraiser (collecting admission fees and donations).

We had a veterinarian from UC Davis (Dr. Thomasy) and her assistants recruiting Westies with and without Dry Eye Syndrome to participate in their clinical trial. They provided information and conducted examinations. Thank you to all the Westies and their parents who signed consent forms and decided to participate in this very important research.

We had a great assortment of Westie and non-Westie merchandise on sale at our Pop Up Pet Store (P.U.P.S.). Thank you to Linda Snook and Linda

Stockle for managing the “store” and assisting “customers” with making sure they found and purchased the items they needed/wanted.

Our great photography team of Bill O'Such and Ineke Ruhland came all the way from San Francisco to take photos during the event. They took many great photos of the pups and their humans having fun. If you did not get the photo album link or just want to see the photos again (you can never see too many Westie photos), then click on this link:

<https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/1823>

As usual, we had an abundance of tasty treats for the Westie parents and friends. Starting with hot coffee and pastries. Thank you to everyone that brought a side dish (i.e., salads, chicken dishes, etc.) and/or dessert (e.g., cookies, lemon squares, etc.).

We ended the day with a short but sweet parade of rescues. It is always nice to hear a little something about each rescue and see them strut along with their new owners. Most importantly, it was great to see all the rescued Westies look so happy with their new parents and siblings! Thank you to Barbara Mordy and Tony Devol for organizing the parade.

Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees that came on this hot June day from near and far. The funds raised throughout the day will help our Rescues get much needed vaccines, medicines, and treatments.

### **Corporate Donation Programs**

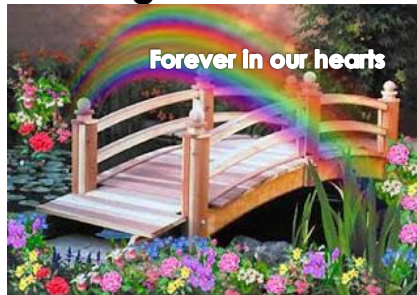
Many corporations have programs that allow employees to donate to charities and will, in many cases, do matching funds. WRAP (Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California) is eligible for many of these programs. We are currently registered with Cisco, Hewlett Packard Enterprises and Wells Fargo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

### **Donations**

A tax deductible donation can be made for Westie dogs in need on PayPal at: [susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org](mailto: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.

## IN MEMORIAM

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



### **SADIE MILLS**

**August 30, 2004 - June 1, 2019**

I adopted Sadie as a puppy. She was shipped from Arkansas and I drove to the SF airport to pick her up with my Daughter-In-Law. Sadie turned out to be the sweetest puppy and adult. She didn't have a mean bone in her body. It took a lot to make her snap at other dogs. She usually would hop up in my lap and get me to protect her by brushing the annoying dog away. She helped me foster all the dogs that came through our home. She greeted each one with a gentle & kind happiness to see them. Soon enough, she was fast buddies with each foster. We kept in contact with

most the fosters and when they would come over for a groom, Sadie's friends would be back together again even if for only a couple hours. She loved the Westie Meet Ups and would make her rounds around the park to greet the other Westie's. She started every morning with her little "howl of happiness." She was diagnosed with Cushing's Decease at her annual August checkup in 2018. I thought I would have more time with her, but it wasn't to be. I believe her Cushing's Decease was aggressive and took her in 9 months. She never had a hard day in her 14 years, 9 months and 2 days of life. I'm happy for that, but I just miss her sweet soul in the house. Wesite's are so special and they have a way of taking ahold of your entire heart. RIP Sweet Sadie.

### MEMORIES of DUFFY

Whining when it was time to go outside, time to eat, or when mommy was paying too much attention to someone or something else  
Protecting Moyna when she visited the ophthalmologist (insisted you had to be in the exam room and on the exam table with her)  
Following mommy around the house  
Waking from a deep sleep to follow mommy to the guest bedroom when she couldn't sleep  
Looking for the perfect spot to poo  
Performing the "poo dance"  
Marking everything and anything during walks  
Pausing a little before eating (looked like you were saying grace) then quickly chowing down  
Eating treats with such gusto  
Licking daddy (the human "popsicle")  
Walking purposefully into the shops (e. g. Sunglasses Hut, Brighton) that you knew gave doggie treats  
Looking annoyed when mommy put a hat and/or costume on you  
Giving mommy "besitos" (little kisses)  
Sleeping between mommy and daddy  
Sitting behind mommy while she was on the computer, next to mommy on the sofa and on mommy while lying in bed  
Jumping for joy when asked if you wanted to go for a "walk" or if you were "hungry"  
Licking Moyna's ear (looked like you were whispering sweet nothings in her ear)  
Scolding mommy when she came home from anywhere (i.e., grocery store, gym) when you were not included  
Barking after hearing or seeing front yard intruders (e. g. trucks, delivery people, etc) or backyard intruders (e.g. pool man, ducks, squirrels)  
Walking into cooking stores (i.e., Williams Sonoma, Sur La Table) like a chef on a mission  
Marching up the ramp to the Big Bed when you wanted to take a nap or ready to go to sleep at night  
Cocking your head when you were being asked a question  
Looking satisfied after rubbing your itchy back on the lawn  
Chasing Moyna in the house after you both had a bath  
Racing Moyna out the back door to see who made it to the lawn first

We are sad and miss you everyday since God took you over the Rainbow Bridge, however we love that you were part of our family and left us with such wonderful memories.





McDuff  
October 25, 2005 – May 5, 2019  
Rest In Peace  
**Kiki**

Kiki came to WRAP on July 9th , 2018. She was found on the streets of an East Bay city in very rough shape. She had terrible skin issues and had obviously been used for breeding. She had two large mammary tumors- which we knew were probably cancer. Barbara did not have a foster home for her, but she was definitely a Westie, so my husband and I agreed to foster her. Kiki came into our home silent and depressed. Her first surgery was 2 weeks later. She had mammary cancer and a sarcoma. Her recovery went well and with each day we could see her spirit get brighter. This spirit was simply amazing and we adopted her. She loved to play with toys; she always wanted to be on our lap....we even built a little box for her to get on the sofa herself.

Kiki was a god send for us. She reminded us how we can take our health for granted. She was so happy each day, playing with toys and our other two Westies. My husband fell in love with Kiki, and they had a special bond. He got on the floor to play with her most mornings, and Kiki would bark at him when he did not. Kiki loved sitting on my husband's lap when he read the paper in the morning. It was their routine. She became the happiest little Westie we had ever seen, and we adored her! Kiki made me laugh....I mean really laugh everyday! Kiki had plenty of Westitude and oh, how she loved to boss me around! Especially when it was time to eat! I have many videos of her and I am so thankful for them.

We had to say good bye to Kiki on June 3, 2019. We spent the morning holding Kiki, taking turns doing so. Even to the end she was loving. She had stopped eating, though, and we know she was in pain. We had to let her go, but we miss her to this day. She died in my arms, resting on my shoulder. Eleven months with Kiki was not enough time....Eleven years would not have been enough time. That BITCH cancer took another sweet life. We have had a lot of Westies. They all ARE and WERE special and wonderful, but there was something extra special about Kiki. She was one of a kind. She reminded us to stay in the moment, and to take each day as precious. I know in time I will laugh again. And yes, we will foster again after our hearts have time to heal. Don't be afraid to foster. You might get lucky enough to find a Kiki.





**Stanley**

Stanley Matevs Nov. 21, 2009 —  
May 12, 2019

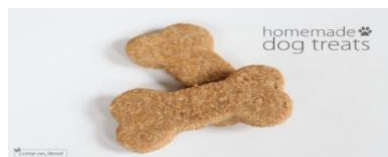


**Rest in Peace Stanley**

For future issues, we ask that you send your memorials to us at:

[bgmordy@comcast.net](mailto: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.



## **FROM the KITCHEN**

### **Pumpkin /Peanut Butter Treats**

1 cup oats

1/3 cup pumpkin puree not pie pumpkin

1/4 cup natural peanut butter

1. Preheat your oven to 300F (150C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Add the oats to a food processor and grind until they reach a fine powder. Add in the pumpkin and peanut butter and blend until a sticky dough is formed.
3. Remove from the processor and roll out on a lightly floured surface. (Use whole wheat flour, more ground oats, or another flour that you have on hand). Cut out cookies using a small cookie cutter of any shape, or alternatively just cut into squares with a knife.
4. Lay the treats on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until the treats are dry and hard. Let cool before giving to your pup and then store in an airtight container.

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**Liaisons-** David Snook, Barbara Mordy

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

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

