

IT'S A WRAP.....

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the March 2019 edition of the WRAP Newsletter. This is the first issue for 2019 of our newsletter so I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

WRAP is now in its 3rd fiscal year of operations and I am proud to say that as an organization we have been successful and will continue to be successful through the generosity of our supporters and volunteers. I like to believe that we all have come together to form a warm and caring community with a common goal.

WRAP doesn't have employees. Our rescue work and fun events all require volunteers. To date these tasks have fallen on a small number of willing and open-hearted people, but they are burning out and need your help.

Please consider volunteering, no expertise required, and we will be grateful as will the little doggies. I wish I could say that we expect fewer Westies to need rescuing and re-homing in the coming year, but I know that that is unrealistic. We continue to experience a rising number of displaced Westies and I am terrified to think of what might become of these unfortunate dogs if an organization like ours didn't exist.

If you think you would like to help or would like more information about what's involved, please send me an email at: david.snook@westierescuenorcal.org and I will get back to you. I hope that all of you who can attend the Fun Day events scheduled in June and October this year.

Warmest Regards,

David L. Snook President

RESCUE NEWS

Lucy The Yorkie and Charlie The Westie a bonded pair.



Lucy age 9 and Charlie age 8 where given up by a family with 4 children under the age of 5 years. As you might image the family was on overload. They had both dogs since they were young puppies. Lucy and Charlie now live with a couple in a peaceful home. They are sweet, friendly dogs.

Dear Friends,

As a volunteer and supporter, I am writing to remind you of what Westie Rescue and Placement (WRAP) of Northern California does and what is needed to continue in the future. Since our founding in 2016, we have rescued and placed 66 Westies. Last year alone we rescued and placed 21 Westies!

Some of the Westies we rescue are abandoned from puppy mills. For example, Christie came into our rescue when a good samaritan saved her from being put down because she was no longer producing puppies and contacted WRAP. Christie had been kept in a cage in a warehouse for most of her five years. She had ear infections, several bad teeth, was in heat when she arrived and was very confused and scared of people; though she seemed to really like other dogs. She didn't know how to walk on a leash, didn't know how to potty outside (but she learned that in two days), had never walked on grass, never seen stairs, and didn't know how to accept affection or how to play. With patience and understanding her foster dad (who later adopted her), worked with her to socialize her and to teach her good canine behavior. Christie now lives happily with her Dad, and an older Westie sister. She has learned to play and be joyful, loves her Dad and Westie sister and is a treat to have around.



On July 8, 2018, Kiki was found wandering the streets of an east Contra Costa city. She had been used for breeding. She had severe skin problems: no fur! She was starving. She had two large breast tumors. After proper skin care, nutrition, and two surgeries, Kiki blossomed into an energetic Westie! Below is a before and after picture of Kiki.

Kiki Before



Kiki Now



Sometimes we assist families in placing Westies after their owner can no longer care for them. For example, Sam was a nearly 14-year-old Westie



whose 85-year-old Dad had a stroke and went into a nursing home. While there, his family put Sam in a kennel, in hopes that his Dad would recover. 8 months went by and his Dad succumbed to his illness, so the family surrendered him a WRAP foster Dad, who adopted him. Sam was able to live out his days in a loving home until he was almost 15 and was discovered to have widespread cancer. His new Dad was terribly saddened to learn this, but was very thankful that he'd

been able to take care of sweet Sam in his old age.

Sometimes we assist families in placing Westies after the owners have their first human children. As many of you may know, little children can be incompatible with dogs especially when hair pulling is greeted with a nip. This happened to Marty...Marty was the ripe old age of 10 when he came to WRAP. His mom and dad had a baby who was now two years old and running around grabbing at him to hug him. Marty liked the attention but the grabbing not so much... He now lives with a retired couple in a two dog home. He's a very happy boy and loves his yard and his walks and his doggy sister.

Since 2016 we have also been very busy fundraising. This is needed to pay for the food and any required surgery or medical care that our rescues

need while they are in foster care and before being adopted. To fund this activity, we have held 1-2 auctions per year. Each auction raises approximately \$10,000. We are grateful for the many donations of products for the auctions that we receive.

We have a very small, incredible team of volunteers (some still working and some retired) that continue to expend incredible compassion and energy. That is the good news. The unfortunate news is that we are running out of steam and need more help. And we need it soon!

To rescue a Westie, there are four steps:

1. Finding the dogs and making sure they are Westies or Westie mixes!
2. Picking up the dog. We drive all over Northern California. Trust me, the shelters know of WRAP!
3. Fostering the Westie. This is where we need the most help, and it can often be needed on short notice. Please understand that the vast majority of fosters run a maximum of two weeks. We often don't know much about the dog, so it's good to have them fostered for a bit so we learn more about them before placing them in the best forever home.
4. Finding a good home. We are highly gratified when we see a happy Westie family!

We desperately need FOSTER HOMES that will take dogs on short notice. Especially homes in the Bay Area. Barbara cannot pull Westies from the shelters if we do not have a place for them. Last year, my husband and I fostered three Westies-I tell you this to share our experience. Rarely does the call to foster come at a convenient time, but I know if Barbara calls, she really needs our help. Fostering does not have to be a major disruption in the home. I have found that if I stay calm and keep order in the pack—things go well. And, no matter whether it has been two weeks, two months, or two days--- we always cry when they leave. Later, when we see pictures of them in their new homes, thriving and playing, we know we contributed to the well-being and life of another Westie and it makes us smile!

We need help with FUND RAISING. We do not have another Westie Facebook Auction scheduled. These auctions are a major source of income for WRAP. But we simply cannot do another auction with the same 3-4 people doing all of the work. They need a rest.

We have heard previously that many of you either have privacy concerns or do not know how to use Facebook for auctions. Here are some Facebook learnings I have had:

- You can create a Facebook account with an alias name and information to protect your privacy.
- It is easy to use Facebook. None of us knew how to use Facebook to do an auction the first time—but we had Westie Women from outside of CA teach/guide us. And now, we can teach you. We just need your time.

It makes my heart heavy to think about what happens if WRAP dissolves. What happens to the Westies in the shelters? The Westies whose owner must go into assisted living? The Westie whose owners had a baby....

We desperately want WRAP to continue. If you want WRAP to continue call or email Barbara and ask how/what you can do. Barbara's phone number is 408-242-0990, and her email address is bgmordy@comcast.net Please be willing to give some time to WRAP.

WHAT WE NEED: Foster homes, Fund Raising Help/ideas, People with artistic ability

Thank you for reading this letter. We do this for all the wonderful Westies, and hope you can join us more actively. Let me close with a picture of another dog fostered in our home. His new Mom and Dad sent a video of him frolicking in the ivy... you could see his happiness and joy. Yes, we cried when he left, but we now carry the picture of him in the ivy in our hearts.

Let a Westie Rescue you!

Ramona Rule - WRAP Board & Volunteer

2019 WRAP Spring Fun(draiser) Day

SAVE THE DATE...Join us on **Saturday, June 1st** for the **2019 WRAP Spring Fun(draiser) Day** in Sacramento, CA.

All Westies, their canine friends and human families are invited to join us at

the **Capital Mobile Estates Dog Park (6701 63rd St., Sacramento, CA 95828)**.

We will begin **registration at 10am. Admission will be \$10 per adult and \$0 per dog.**

We will have access to a fully enclosed dog park so you can let your Westies and their friends run free! We also will provide balls, water, and some doggie treats.

This year we will have a veterinarian, Dr. Sara Thomasy from UC Davis, available to speak to us about Keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS) or dry eye syndrome in dogs. This is very common in Westies. Learn about the symptoms, treatments and research being conducted at UC Davis. Dr. Thomasy will be looking for controls for her study, not for dogs with the eye disease.

We will have a wide assortment of dog and human merchandise on sale at our Pop Up Pet Store (P.U.P.S.)...so bring extra cash to spend at the P.U.P.S.!



We will provide coffee and sweets for the early birds. Lunch will be potluck style, so bring your favorite side dish. Cold beverages and dessert will also be provided by WRAP!

After lunch, all Westies & Canine Friends that have been rescued over the years are encouraged to participate in the Parade of Rescues. To participate, all you need to do is prepare a very brief bio for each canine participant by answering the following:

1. Pet Name:
2. Parent Name(s):
3. Forever Home Town:
4. Favorite Food:
5. Favorite Treat:
6. Favorite Toy:
7. Favorite Activity:

8. Least Favorite Activity:
9. Most Unique Quality:

Submit your canine bio(s) to Barbara Mordy (bgmordy@comcast.net) by **May 25th**. All participants will be eligible for a very cool goody bag.

Remember to bring sunscreen, lawn chairs, doggie playpens, and your favorite side dish.

For more information, questions, or if you would like to volunteer to make this a huge success, please contact Susan Acevedo at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org.

All funds raised will go toward finding forever homes for all Westies!

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. 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.



LILY MARLINE 1999-2/2018

Lily Marline was a feisty older Westie who I have had the pleasure of her company for about 7 years (she would have been 19 on her up coming



birthday this year). When I first met Lily she stole my heart. She bounced over to me and begged to be picked up where she was happy to give kisses. I was told she would let me know when she wanted



something. She did too. One time I had french fries which she loved, when I didn't give one to her when we got home, she went and laid flat in the street and would not move until she got her french fries. When Lily would go outside she would bark when she wanted in. She had her own time schedule of demands - bark around 5:30 for dinner, be under foot until she got what food she wanted. I couldn't cook it fast enough for her. She didn't mind having a dress put on but hated the hats. If Lily would get tired of Patric being a pest she would go hide, often climbing into the toy basket. When she was getting acupuncture for her hip, she showed the doctor how to remove the needles as fast as they were put in. Then give the doctor a kiss. She loved going for walks, being rocked to sleep, baths, and showers. It is sure quiet around my house but for some reason the balls she found such a pain when Patric would just squeak them have ended up under the sofa and that is where she would put them. She taught herself how to roll Patric off the bed. She ruled the house. The older she got the more she would find a corner to sleep in but never missed a meal even wanting mine. I cooked her food. Her fur/hair was silky. If you called her baby and her she would come.

Mom Jo Fleming

WALT

Tuesday, March 19th we said good bye to our dear senior Westie Walt...

We adopted him with his friend Flora last March. They joined our family to make a pack of 3 Westies including our original Westie Duncan.



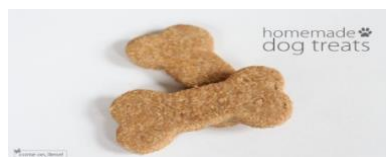
Walt and Flora did not have the best of situations before they came to live with us. We were able to provide a warm, comfortable home with a large yard with many squirrels to chase! Walt regained his WOOF!! And would burst out the door trailing the younger dogs in pursuit of the evil squirrels.

Walt was diagnosed with a fast moving cancer in December. At that point we were determined to provide the most comfort and peace for him until it was time to let him go. Walt had a great year with us and we are honored to have the opportunity to show him humans can be good. He was spoiled to the end! He had a very sweet spirit and we will miss him very much. Thankful we could give him a 15th birthday party, thankful he is no longer uncomfortable and thankful we were able to have him in our lives even for a short time.

Janelle Brokenshire-Cyr & Joe Cyr

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.



FROM the KITCHEN

INGREDIENTS:

- 2/3 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 2 large eggs
- 3 cups whole wheat flour, or more, as needed

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat; set aside.
2. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat pumpkin puree, peanut butter and eggs on medium-high until well combined, about 1-2 minutes. Gradually add 2 1/2 cups flour at low speed, beating just until incorporated. Add an additional 1/4 cup flour at a time just until the dough is no longer sticky.
3. Working on a lightly floured surface, knead the dough 3-4 times until it comes together. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Using cookie cutters, cut out desired shapes and place onto the prepared baking sheet.
4. Place into oven and bake until the edges are golden brown, about 20-25 minutes.*
5. Let cool completely.

NOTES:

**Baking time will vary depending on the size and thickness of the treats. Serving size will also vary depending on the desired shapes and cookie cutters used.*

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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!!

