

IT'S A WRAP.....

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends of WRAP,

We are coming to the end of another successful year for WRAP...you all made it possible!

We started a little slow during Winter (first quarter of 2019). We had 2 rescues, no events (due to the cold and wet weather) and not a lot going on. We did see many photos of Westies sleeping or lying by a fireplace on Facebook.

In the Spring, we had 3 more rescues, events, projects, etc.). We had a very nice fun day on June 1 in Sacramento. As usual we celebrated all things Westie...playtime in a small dog park, a parade, our mobile pet store, a Veterinary Team from UC Davis recruiting Westies for their research on Dry Eye and a lovely potluck lunch. In the Spring, we also started to plan and revamp the WRAP website. It is a work in progress, however you can check it out at www.westierescuenorcal.org.

During the Summer we picked up 3 rescues and started what I hope are two new traditions. First, we organized our first WRAP Walk in the Park in San Jose on August 17th. We met at Butcher Park for coffee, a light breakfast, and a short walk around the park. Somehow seeing a group of Westies and Scotties going for a stroll gets people to stop, look and smile! Second, we participated in our first Bay Area Pet Fair in Pleasanton. We became Rescue Partners with Pet Food Express and met a lot of nice people and their doggies (including some new Westies).

In the Autumn, we had 7 more rescues, had another fantastic fun day, created and started to sell our 2020 WRAP calendars and had a great holiday party. More details and photos are in this newsletter.

In summary, WRAP is closing out 2019 with a total of 15 Westie rescues. The majority have been adopted and are now in loving, forever homes.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for next year's events, projects, or ways to improve our communication by sending me an email at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. I also hope you are all looking forward to helping us find more forever homes for Westies in 2020!



Regards, Susan Acevedo, WRAP President

RESCUE NEWS

Dyna- Home for the Holidays This wonderful sweet girl was 15 years old when she was rescued from a North Bay shelter. She was taken there after her 99-year-old mother passed away. She is a sweet and gentle girl who has made good progress in her forever foster home. She has a foster brother who is almost her age.



Dyna

Porsche Is a sweet, smart girl who was born in China. She was brought here several years ago... then her parents had twins. She did not enjoy the boys as they grew into toddlers. It was decided that she would do better in a new home. She loves her new mom and dad and new brother Boots.



Porsche

Elsa Is a very special girl. She is just nine months old and currently lives in a foster home with the wonderful lady that rescued her from an abusive woman. At 9 months she was only 6.3 pounds and had serious malnutrition. After having her seen by a veterinarian it was discovered she had Pancreatic Insufficiency, which is a condition where enzymes needed to process food are not produced. Elsa is now getting the Enzymes she needs to grow and hopefully thrive. She should be available for adoption soon.



Elsa

Jayla Jayla is a sweet cuddly little girl whose Daddy died 2 ½ years ago. She went to live with the son and his wife who already had a dog. Jayla didn't get along well with the other dog. Now Jayla is with her new Mom as an only dog and loves to cuddle and go out on shopping trips and for walks.



Jayla

TRIBUTE TO Volunteers

I would like to end this year with a tribute to two of our volunteers. First I want to acknowledge the contribution of **Tony Devol**. Tony has been with us since the beginning of WRAP in 2016 doing a variety of tasks. He set up our first web page and maintained it for several years, he has fostered a number of dogs and over the years and he often transports dogs in need of a ride from their former homes to their new homes. Thank you Tony for all you have done and continue to do.

Secondly I want to acknowledge **Jenny Cox**. Jenny is new to our group but without hesitation she agreed to foster Dyna a 15 year old blind girl. Jenny lives in the North Bay which has made her contribution even more difficult with power outages and evacuations. Thank you Jenny (and Molly too) for taking such good care of Dyna.

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 to help Westies.

FUN EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

2019 WRAP Autumn Fun Day

We had a great turn out for the **2019 WRAP Autumn Fun Day** on Saturday, October 19th at Val Vista Park in Pleasanton, CA. It was our first time having a fun day at this park and the site turned out to be perfect!

We started the morning with hot coffee and sweets, then off for a short walk around the park. We walked past the soccer fields, the children's playground and the community garden area. It was enough to get

the legs and paws moving, and a way to make some new friends. We ended the day with a potluck lunch which included lots of great dishes.

I want to send a BIG THANKS to Bill and Teresa Houseworth for donating the park permit fees and for all their help before, during and after the event. We are so lucky to have donors/volunteers/ supporters like you two!

Thank you to Janelle and Joe Cyr for finding the park early and helping us with set up...much appreciated!

Thanks to Barbara Mordy and David Snook for making sure everyone registered and signed up for the costume contest. Also for fielding questions and greeting all attendees.

Thanks to Ramona Rule for organizing the much anticipated, highly competitive Halloween costume contest. The winners were, from left to right, Emma, Barry, Niko, and Dyna:



Muchas gracias to Teresa Houseworth and Linda Snook for running the Mobile Westie Mart. The proceeds from the sales will help cover costs associated with Westie rescues.

Merci beaucoup to Bill O'Such and Ineke Ruhland for changing their plans so they could come to the event and take these great photos...click on the link:

<https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/1914>

Lastly, thank you to everyone that came, contributed and/or supported this event (including some of you that wanted to participate but were unable to attend).

2019 WRAP Holiday Happy Hour

We celebrated the holidays and the end of another great year for WRAP on Saturday, December 14th from 2pm to 5pm at the beautiful home of Ramona and Peter Rule in Los Altos Hills.

BIG THANKS to Ramona Rule for not only having Westies and their humans into her home, but also for cooking and baking for days! The food and beverages were incredible...safe to say everyone had a great time!

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2020 WRAP Calendar

We SOLD OUT of our 2020 WRAP Calendars!

Thank you to everyone that helped raise funds by buying a calendar. I hope you enjoy seeing these beautiful Westie faces each month!



We encourage everyone to take photos of their Westies throughout the year and consider submitting them to us. We plan to begin the 2021 WRAP Calendar production in Summer 2020. We are always looking for great, high resolution photos of your Westies being Westies (e.g., eating, sleeping, playing, being mischievous, dressed up, etc.).

Please send photos to susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org

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: David Snook 3532 Pinnacle Court San Jose, CA 95132. 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.



Forever in our hearts

Jasper- It is with sadness we announce the passing of our sweet Jasper. Jasper came to WRAP from a North Bay Shelter. He was profoundly deaf. Unlike most dogs he did not like to go on walks. He had many ailments and in recent weeks he was having increasing difficulty. In May he was diagnosed with malignant melanoma. Operating was not an option. He continued to have his chronic ear issues and it was our aim to keep him comfortable as possible. He did seem to enjoy the Xmas party at Ramona's this year.



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.

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FROM the KITCHEN

Easy for the Holidays

We'll start this list with the easiest treat possible - these no make peanut butter treats. Requiring only four ingredients and zero baking time, you can whip up a batch as you need them in no time. If you're nervous about making your own dog treats, this is the perfect recipe easy recipe to start with.

Ingredients

1 cup pumpkin puree
1/4 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup milk
3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats, divided

Instructions

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat pumpkin puree, peanut butter and milk on medium-high until well combined, about 1-2 minutes. Gradually add 2 1/2 cups old fashioned oats at low speed, beating just until incorporated.

Using a small cookie scoop, roll the mixture into 1 1/4-to-1 1/2-inch balls, forming about 20. Dredge balls in remaining 1/2 cup old fashioned oats, pressing to coat. Cover and place in the refrigerator until firm, about 1 hour.

WRAP Officers and Board of Directors for 2019 are:

President Susan Acevedo
Vice President Barbara Mordy
Secretary Ramona M. Rule
Treasurer David Snook
Board Member Christyne Johns-Mills

The WRAP Committees for 2019 and some of the volunteers are:

Fundraising Committee (including Activities, Events and Sponsorships):

Linda Snook, Susan Acevedo, Vacancies Auction Committee- Susan Acevedo, Barbara Mordy, Ramona Rule, Tony Devol, Teresa Houseworth, Brandy Daniel, Sandy Gilmer.

Program Operations Committee (including Surrender, Foster Care and Adoptions): Barbara Mordy, Tony Devol, Susan Acevedo, Christyne Johns-Mills, Ramona M. Rule.

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,

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- 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

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!!

