## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Friends of WRAP,

I am so excited and honored to be the new President of WRAP!

First, I want to thank David Snook, our outgoing President, for getting us started on the right foot/paw in 2016 and leading us for the past three years. It was a little scary and challenging to start our stand-alone, non-profit organization. However he and others helped this little Westie rescue organization become a reality and a little gem.

Second, I want to thank each of you for your support. Let me tell you, it takes a village to rescue Westies. My fellow WRAP Officers and Board Members also appreciate each and every one of you.

Lastly, I hope you will consider taking your support to the next level. For example, if you currently attend WRAP events, maybe next time you can help us plan or manage a future event. If you currently shop at our WRAP Auctions or Mobile Westie Mart, maybe next time you can consider donating items or helping us sell the items. If you like reading about Westies, maybe next time you can help write an article for our next newsletter. If you currently donate once a year, maybe consider donating more than once or in memory of a dearly departed Westie. What does taking it to the next level mean to you?

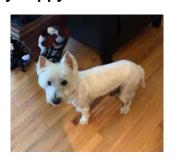
If you want to talk about a way or ways to take your WRAP support to the next level, please send me an email at <a href="mailto:susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org">susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org</a>. I gladly will make the time to talk to you or anyone interested in continuing to polish this little gem called WRAP!

## **Regards Susan Acevedo**



## **RESCUE NEWS**

Zack- My name is Zack. They found me in pretty bad shape wandering around all alone on the streets. I had a bad skin infection and had lost a lot of weight. After WRAP came and got me I started feeling better. They gave me medicine to make my skin feel better and gave me lots of baths. I am very sweet and gentle. I love to eat and chase squirrels. I have a new forever home with a doggy sister, Maggie. I am very happy now.



Angus & Jimmy- Hi! We came to rescue together. Our first parents started having human babies and felt it was better if we found a new home. In our new home we have a huge yard to run and play in.





**Angus** 

Jimmy

MacDuff- AVAILABLE I came to rescue because my mommy is moving and I couldn't go with her. I am an eight year old Westie mix boy looking for a new forever home. I am very sweet and loving. I have some separation anxiety and I bark when mommy is out. I am <u>not</u> destructive. Auntie Barbara say I need lots of exercise that it helps me relax. I also have allergies, but they don't bother me much. Right now I am getting evaluated. A perfect home would be a home where mom and dad are retired or work from home. I love people. I need someone who can take me on long walks or runs. Other dogs are ok with me.



MacDuff

Bailey- I came to Rescue because my mom and dad lost their jobs and could no long take care of me. I got sick and things just kept getting worse. There was no money for a vet. When I got to rescue I went to a vet right away. I got lots of medicine for my skin infection, ear infection and hurt feet. Then Auntie Barbara took me home and Uncle David came and shaved me down so the medicine can get on my skin. Auntie Barbara gave me a medicated bath. I felt much better. Later I went to a new home. I have a sister, Flora and we played and she showed me around.



**Bailey** 

# **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 elgible 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.

## **NEW WRAP WEBSITE IS COMING!**

I am pleased to tell you that, after many months of work, WRAPs new web site will finally be going live within the next couple of weeks. Same address; but a whole new look; so stay tuned. The new WRAP website design will provide a more modern layout with easy navigation to WRAP news and events as well as Westie photos, information and useful web links. Since will be much easier to update the content it will always be current and timely with new information and photos added frequently. In addition, the website will have an *online store* specializing in unique Westie related items for sale with all proceeds going directly to Westie Rescue. This should be a great way to get those special Westie themed gifts for yourself or others while helping to support Westies in need. As you know our webpage and our Facebook page are our primary way to keep our supporters informed and up to date on what is happening at WRAP and with our adoptees and their families. With the new website you will be able to move easily back and forth between the website and Facebook. It is our hope that you will find the new website useful and that you will visit it frequently.

## **EVENTS & FUNDRAISING**

## 2019 WRAP Summer Walk in the Park

This year we decided to try something new...a walk in the park. We knew it had to be early enough to beat the heat (especially for our white-fur-coat-wearing Westies), but late enough to avoid early morning Westitude (from both Westies and Westie owners).

We had a great turn out for the 2019 WRAP Summer Walk in the Park at Butcher Park in San Jose on Saturday, August 17th. The previous week's heat wave caused some concern but by Saturday morning the weather was perfect. The group (both walkers and non-walkers) met at the entrance of the dog park where we set up a small table with hot coffee, muffins, fruit, dog treats and bottled water.







We had Westies and their families come from far north (Windsor, CA) and way south (Southern California). The walk was short...through the park then onto Oakwood Ave, up Camden Ave, across Lancaster Ave, down Ross Ave and finally back onto Oakwood Ave and through the park...and sweet. We even had Scottish bagpipes (via iTunes) playing along the way to motivate the walkers. Looks like everyone had a good time...walking, talking, and having a little something to drink/eat.

Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees that came from near and far. We hope to do it again soon in different areas throughout Northern California. Please let us know if you have a nice little park in your community (with shade, parking, and easy access) where we can do our next walk in the park.

# 2019 Bay Area Pet Fair

What better way to let others know about Westies and WRAP then to have a booth at the biggest pet adoption event in North America. We were able to contact the event's sponsor (Pet Food Express) and complete/ submit the rescue/shelter partnership agreement in time to secure a booth at the event. In addition to free booth space, we also got access to tables, chairs and adopter coupons (20% off purchase, \$20 donation for WRAP)...also all for FREE!

The Bay Area Pet Fair was created with the goal to unite, celebrate, entertain and educate the Bay Area's pet-loving community. It started as a small event in Marin; however by 2017, it grew so much that they relocated to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA. The Pet Fair

is busier than the busiest weekend at the Alameda County Fair (the largest county fair in California,) and is now the largest pet adoption event and pet party in North America!

The 2019 Bay Area Pet Fair took place on September 14 & 15, from 10am-5pm each day. Admission and parking were completely free for all attendees. They proudly welcomed over 75 animal shelters and rescue groups (including WRAP) and around 2,500 adoptable animals, including (but not limited to) dogs, cats, and bunnies. In addition to all the wonderful adoptable animals, there were lots of interactive and educational activities for pet-lovers and pets alike, including Splash Dogs Dock Diving, Doggie Fun Zone Interactive Agility, Bay Area Disc Dogs, Bunny Mania, and more. Plus, they had Brandon McMillan (CBS' *Lucky Dog*) and Jackson Galaxy (Animal Planet's *My Cat From Hell*) on the amphitheater stage!

The WRAP booth was in Building A...it was hot and happening. We had volunteers (both human and canine) working the booth. We met lots of pet lovers (including some new Westies and their families), handed out informational flyers (including our new WE WANT YOU postcards), invited several small dog owners to our next event, and raised funds by selling donated merchandise (including scarves and pet carriers).

A number of volunteers helped work the booth, including Teresa Houseworth (left photo) and her husband Bill, Moyna McKenna who assisted Susan Acevedo (middle photo), as well as David and Linda Snook and Barbara Mordy. MacDuff (currently in foster care) came by on Saturday to meet some potential adopters. Fergus Thurston (right photo) also came by the booth to say "hi". Jack Houseworth, the black Scottie, was also a great little booth volunteer/ambassador.







Finally, the best outcome was that over 1400 pets were adopted!

Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees that came by the booth. We hope to do it again next year.

Let us know if you would like to help plan for next year's Bay Area Pet Fair WRAP booth and/or work the booth. All you need to do is commit an hour or two to sit at the booth and talk about how great it is to own or be owned by Westies!

## 2020 WRAP Calendar

We need photos of your favorite Westies and their canine friends for our 2020 WRAP Calendar ASAP! Look through your files of digital photos or better yet look at some of the photos by Bill Osuch at <a href="https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/">https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/</a> If you have one or more photos you

would like to submit for consideration, send them by October 19th to Susan Acevedo at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org

# Join Us for WRAP Autumn Fun Day in October

Fall is in the air...get ready to attend the WRAP Autumn event.



All Westies, their small canine friends, and human families are invited to join us at the 2019 WRAP Autumn Fun Day on Saturday, October 19th at Val Vista Park located at 7350 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, CA (right off the I-680 Stoneridge Exit).

Registration will begin at 9:30am. Admission is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and \$0 per dog.

At 10am, we will start the morning off with a short walk around the park. Bring your strollers or carts if your doggie has trouble walking.

By 11am get ready for the much anticipated, highly competitive Halloween costume contest. We will be awarding prizes for the cutest, most original, and funniest costumes. Also be prepared to pose for the paparazzi!

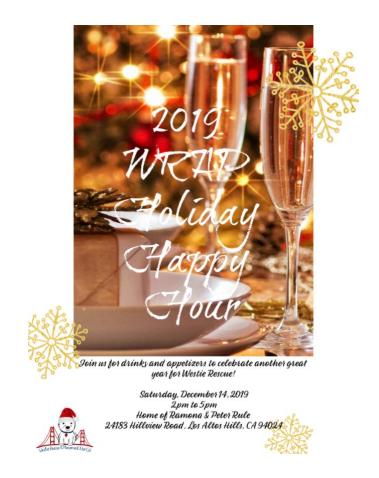
At noon (or a little before) we want everyone to share in a potluck picnic. Bring your favorite Autumn dish to share. WRAP will provide the beverages, paper goods, and dessert!

Throughout the morning we will have our Mobile Westie Mart selling merchandise with all proceeds going toward covering costs associated with Westie rescue efforts.

For more information, questions, or if you would like to join the volunteers making WRAP a success, please contact Susan Acevedo at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org

## 2019 WRAP Holiday Happy Hour

The Winter Holidays are only a few months away...so we are getting ready to celebrate the end of another great year for WRAP. Mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE for the 2019 WRAP Holiday Happy Hour on Saturday, December 14th from 2pm to 5pm. More details to come via email.



## **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.







# **Marty Moose**

It is with a heavy heart we said goodbye to our beloved Marty Moose on Wednesday 8-21-2019.

He fought the fight like a true champion. Such a faithful and loving little guy. He will forever be in our hearts.

May he be forever happy and pain free now that he has made it to the rainbow bridge. Forever run free Marty Moose. Love Mom & Dad

For future issues, we ask that you send your memorials to us at: <a href="mailto:bgmordy@comcast.net">bgmordy@comcast.net</a>. 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 Treats you have at Home

Carrots Banana
Green Beans Cantaloupe
Blueberries Meat Jerky

Apple Sweet potato Jerky

Watermelon Broccoli

All treats should be feed in limited quantities.

## 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

All material submitted will be published at the discretion of the Editor and may be edited to fit the available space. Opinions are always those of the author/submitter and do not necessarily reflect those of the Editor or Board of Directors.

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

