

IT'S A WRAP

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WRAP,

Summer is here and I am excited to say that this June we are celebrating our five-year WRAP anniversary!

In June 2016 a small group of us got together and started Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California (a.k.a. WRAP). We recognized that life circumstances can change in an instant due to new human babies, financial difficulties, changes in marital or job status, illness, and/or death. We also knew that Westies in Northern California always need someone to look out for them and that all Westies deserve a loving forever home. The support of Westie lovers and volunteers has been invaluable in making sure we continue our mission and hold on to our values. Thank you for your financial support, emotional support, and your love of these precious little white dogs!

This year things have been slow...not sure if it is due to the pandemic (more folks holding on to their Westies for emotional support) or just fewer Westies in Northern California. We have had several spurts of rescue activity, including a few Westie doubles, but otherwise relinquishments have been down. While the number of relinquished Westies has been low, the number of requests to adopt Westies has gone through the roof! Westie adoption requests and applications are coming in faster than ever before. Please be patient with us...if you do not hear from us, it is not intentional. While we want everyone to consider Westie adoption first, we understand if you decide to rescue another breed, because all dogs deserve a loving forever home.

The winding down of COVID-19 restrictions means we can start having events and some fun! We recently kicked off our anniversary celebration with an event last weekend. Read all about it in our Fun & Fundraising section.

If you want to help with rescues, events, etc., please send me an email at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org. I gladly will make the time to talk to you or anyone interested in helping Westies and WRAP thrive.

Regards,
Susan Acevedo & Hamish



FUN & FUNDRAISING

2021 June WRAP Walk in the Park

We were thrilled to get together with our Westie families to celebrate our 5th anniversary, the beginning of Summer, and the winding down of the COVID-19 pandemic!

We had a great turn out for the Walk in the Park at Willow Street Frank Bramhall Park in San Jose on Saturday, June 26th. The weather was perfect for walking, talking, barking and the occasional squirrel chase! The walkers, talkers, and barkers met off Willow Street behind the big tree and next to the playground.



To prepare for and/or recover from the walk, we provided bottled water, coffee from Starbucks, cupcakes from Peter's Bakery, and dog treats...something for everyone!

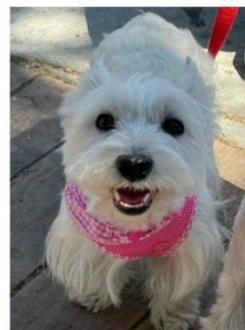


We had Westies and their families come from a few blocks down the street and as far as New York City! Some folks braved the traffic and drove down from San Francisco, Roseville, Benicia and from all around the Bay Area.

We started the walk on Willow Street, down Camino Ramon, across Britton Avenue and across the park back to the starting point. To make it livelier we played Scottish bagpipe music (via Spotify) along the way to motivate the walkers. It was quite a sight to see all those little white dogs walking with such Westitude!



After the walk we attempted to have everyone pose for a group photo. So, this is what happens when you try to get 20 plus Westies and their humans to look at the camera:



In the end, it was great seeing so many old and so many new faces!

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 you can help us do our next walk in the park event.

To see more photos taken at this event, copy and past these links into your browser:

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2021 Autumn Fun Day

Get ready for our annual Autumn Fun Day (including the extremely competitive Doggie Halloween Costume Contest)! No definite plans, however, we are thinking early October in Pleasanton, CA. Remember, Westie lovers (current and former) are all welcome!

Please send me an email at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org if you would like to volunteer to make this a successful event.

RESCUE NEWS

Watson has been adopted.

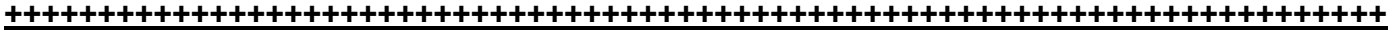


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Maggie- Is an adorable 3 ½ year old Westie girl. Her previous owners only had her 4 months. She had been acquired from a retiring breeder. Unfortunately, Maggie went into heat before she could be spayed. Maggie is a very good and sweet girl. She can be a bit skittish around new things, sounds or people which is often the case with breeder dogs who have not been exposed to normal daily life. She is staying with her new forever family until she is spayed. She will then be adopted.



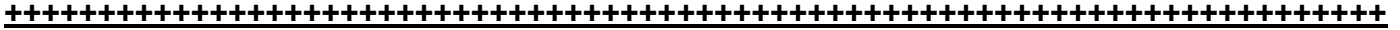
Maggie



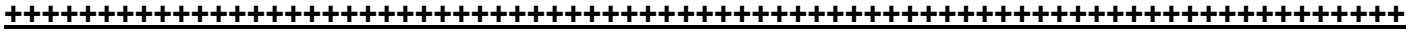
Annabelle is a sweet girl who came from the same retiring breeder as Maggie. She is a very sweet and loving girl but is easily frightened by new sounds and things. Annabelle was spayed and has been adopted. She is very smart and well behaved. She is working on leash training.



Annabelle



Dexter & Cooper have been adopted.





In Memorial

Lulu Belle formerly (Ayla) died April 14, 2021 with her parents by her side. Lulu was well loved in her forever home. She was adopted at the age of 12 years, in July 2019. When she came to rescue she came from a shelter. She was a sweet, loving girl who got on well with her Westie sister and loved her Mom and Dad.



Lulu Belle

Riley

We just want to start out thanking WRAP and Barbara Mordy for allowing us to adopt Riley. She was half Westie and half Schnauzer, she was definitely a WOWZER. Our vet, Dr. Teare told us she was about 8 years old when we got her. She was found in the fields at UC Davis. Barbara called to tell us she was not a purebred and we told her we weren't either. She was a loving, smart and independent little girl. We attempted to get a second doggie but Riley would not have any other dog in our home. We belonged to her and she belonged to us, so we took her everywhere we went even on vacation! She waited for me every night after work and would be at the garage door and when I walked in she would make three circles and look at her leash. We walked every night and after the Covid lockdown every day. She would hide under the furniture and would not spend extended amounts of time outdoors, smart doggie! She hurt her leg last summer and required surgery on her back right leg, all during COVID. She recovered and we were back walking and playing. Then she hurt that back leg again. Although Sage said it was a groin pull, we did not think that diagnosis was accurate so we took her to our vet who gave her two-a-day pain meds which made her sleep. Eventually he did more extensive x-rays of her entire back and legs. SAGE only took x-rays of her knee down to her foot before her surgery and we found out she had damage to her back and right hip and there was a shadow that could not be ignored. Within two weeks of the x-rays, Riley had a palm size protrusion on the back of her right leg. We both knew what it was so we took her to Dr. Teare to verify and our little girl had bone cancer. Our Miss April on the WRAP calendar 2020 was being put to sleep by our trusted vet. We could tell she was in pain and 2 pain pills a day was not what we wanted for our Riley, Riles, Pup-Pup, Miss April.

A perfect little dog in a small package who followed us everywhere (except the pool) and protected us with her whole being 24/7. We will always love her and a part of our hearts went with her as we held her during her final moments. She is now with us and will be placed with Wilson and Lily when the headstone arrives. Thank you WRAP, she was perfect for us and for 2.5 years we were blessed to share her life.



Riley

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.

We continue to receive donations from hard working Westie lovers that set up and contribute to their workplace donation accounts. Thank you to all that have made your contributions via your workplace donation accounts!

Facebook...we continue to raise funds through the generosity of many Westie lovers via our Facebook page. Thank you to all that have donated and/or created a Facebook fundraiser through which your friends and family have donated money to us!!

We also still raise funds that help us rescue Westies via personal checks and/or PayPal. Thank you to all that have made your donations this way too!!

Lastly, we know that Westies and their families like to shop via the internet...you can never have too many doggie treats or doggie toys! As a reminder, we benefit from quarterly donations from Amazon (at no additional cost to you) when you use AmazonSmile to purchase any items on Amazon and have designated Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California as your charity of choice.

Thank you to all our great AmazonSmile shoppers!!

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.

WRAP Officers and Board of Directors for 2019 are:

President Susan Acevedo
Secretary Ramona M. Rule

Vice President Barbara Mordy
Treasurer David Snook

Board Member Christyne Johns-Mills, Janelle Brokenshire-Cyr

The WRAP Committees for 2020 and some of the volunteers are:

Fundraising Committee (including Activities, Events and Sponsorships):

Linda Snook, Susan Acevedo, Vacancies

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

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Webmaster- David Sklar

Group Email- Tony Devol

Newsletter- Barbara Mordy, Tony Devol, Suzanne Wilsey

Photography- Bill O'Such

Social Media- Facebook - Barbara Mordy (Facebook),

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 interest 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!!