

IT'S A WRAP

Presidents Message

Dear Friends of WRAP,

How time flies...Summer is gone, and Fall is in the air!

Hope you all enjoyed getting out and about with your Westies during the warm Summer months. I know some outings were short and sweet due to the extreme heat and/or fires, but nonetheless it was nice to have the sunshine. Hope everyone remembered to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash one's hands/paws often!

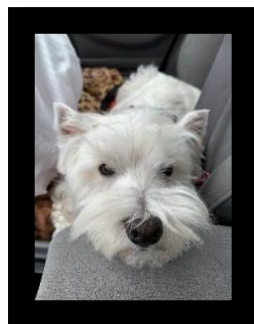
We had a few Westies that were rescued during the Summer (see their photos and bios later in this newsletter). These and all our rescues are made possible by Barbara Mordy. She not only coordinates all the surrenders and adoptions but has also initiated the foster care of several Westies that just needed some extra Tender Loving Care (TLC). We are incredibly grateful for all she does and with such grace and love! Please let her know how much you appreciate her efforts by dropping her a line at bgmordy@comcast.net

We have not had any events this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are still being cautious and mindful of the rules on limiting the number of attendees at social gatherings so we will not be having our annual WRAP Autumn Fun Day. I will deeply miss seeing all the Westies (with and without costumes) and their families...maybe next year.

We are planning to publish and sell a 2021 WRAP Calendar, however we will need photos of your Westies to make it possible. Help us make this fundraiser a success by contributing photos of your Westies and/or buying some calendars!

Please let me know if you have any thoughts you need/want to share with me at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org .

Stay healthy and safe, Regards, Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) and Hamish



SHOUT OUTS

Jo Fleming

One of our loyal supporters, Jo Fleming, has decided to move out of Northern California to Texas. Jo is a passionate Westie and Scottie lover that supported us over the years. She frequently came to our events in the Bay Area (all the way from Sacramento). She graciously hosted our Sacramento fun days by making her local dog park available to us and donated treats, gifts, time, etc.. We will miss seeing you and your fur baby (i.e., Mr. Patric the Scottie). Thank you for all your help and support!



EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

2021 WRAP Calendar

It is that time of year...we need photos of your favorite Westies and their canine friends for our 2021 WRAP Calendar ASAP!

Look through your files of digital photos or select a favorite from past years taken by Bill Osuch at <https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/>

If you have one or more photos you would like to submit for consideration, send them by October 30th to Susan Acevedo at susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org

We hope to begin taking orders in November so we can deliver in time for Christmas...watch your email and/or Facebook for announcements.

RESCUE NEWS

Kenna- We rescued Kenna at the beginning of the Pandemic. She was 11 weeks old. She was placed in a Foster-Adoptive home. She is growing fast and learning all sorts of things. Kenna is in Puppy School.

Day 1

I am growing up



Spencer- Spencer came to us from a Bay area shelter. His skin is better and his fur is returning. He is a happy loving boy who likes to cuddle and give kisses. He likes walks and loved to play with his toys.

Day 1

3-1/2 months later



August -Gus - Gus came to us from a Bay area Shelter. He was a stray on the streets. He is a very sweet social boy. He likes people and other dogs. He enjoys his walks, eating and watching TV with dad. He is a calm and well-mannered lad. He was adopted recently.



Carley – Carley’s Daddy died and she was left with family who did not want her. They were going to take her to a shelter when a family member said they would find her a home. When WRAP was contacted by a neighbor, Carley was in the Fire Zone. She was unable to get out due to road closures. Finally, after about a week, she was able to get to safety. She was placed in a foster adoptive home and allowed to de-stress before a trip to the vet. She has calmed down now. Carley is sweet, loves walks, playing with her new brother and toys. Carley was just adopted.



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Millie –Came to rescue in late September. Her mother who adopted her at 11 weeks had to unexpectedly leave the state and was unable to take Millie. She is a Westie mix and is 2 ½ years old. She doesn’t like the Vet or the groomer and gets nervous. She does well with other dogs. She likes squeaky toys. Millie is settling into her foster home.

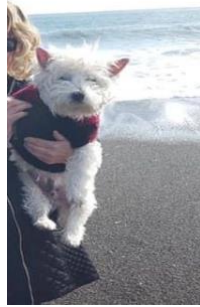


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Over the Rainbow Bridge

Arnie- Arnie came to rescue at the age of 12 years in 2016. Arnie was full of Westitude. In his adoptive home he was well loved. Arnie and his mom went everywhere together except church. Arnie even went to work with his mom and slept under the desk. He was the official greeter. He liked his trips out to the Westie Events and to the beach. Walks of course were a daily favorite. He will always be in our hearts.



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Button- Button came to rescue at the age of 8 years in 2015. He was adopted shortly after his arrival in October. Button loved his mom and dad and his Westie brother Mac who joined him in 2017. Button was a very good boy.



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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.



Health Corner

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) By: Dr. Kay McGuire DVM

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) is a condition of digestive system of the dog involving the stomach, small intestine and /or large intestine. Most often the condition is due to unknown causes or unknown etiology (Idiopathic). The syndrome involves a hypersensitivity reaction to antigens in the bowel lumen or mucosa. Implicated antigens have included parasites, bacteria, dietary constituents, and drugs. The most common symptoms are characterized by chronic small bowel diarrhea, weight loss, and flatulence and odor of stool. Vomiting may also be the only sign seen in IBD. With chronicity of symptoms, large bowel diarrhea, halitosis and anorexia may develop. The most common tests done initially on a vomiting, diarrhea dog are fecal flotations and stained fecal smears. Parasitic evaluation is necessary and many times the veterinarian may broad-base deworm the dog on initial presentation whether or not evidence of parasites are found. Whipworms and Giardia are sometimes very difficult to detect and prophylactic treatment is frequently initiated. Food antigens frequently play a major role in this disease, especially in the Westie. The veterinarian may suggest a food of a novel protein and carbohydrate source that the dog has never been exposed to. A food trial of approximately 4-8 weeks may be appropriate before further diagnostic tests are done, depending on the condition of the animal. The definitive diagnosis rests on identifying the inflammatory infiltrates in the intestinal mucosa with biopsy. This is accomplished by endoscopic exam and endoscopic biopsies or exploratory/laparoscopic surgery and full thickness intestinal and stomach biopsies. The disease is characterized by the type of cells found in the intestinal mucosa (Lymphocytic-plasmacytic, eosinophilic, or granulomatous infiltrates). Lymphocytic-Plasmacytic Inflammatory Bowel Disease is the most common IBD and thought to be due to allergic reactions within the bowel and throughout the digestive tract. The wall of the large intestine is invaded by the individual's own inflammatory cells in response to some triggering antigen. The antigen may be initiated by food hypersensitivity, insect stings, and even vaccines. Depending on the severity and the waxing and waning of the symptoms, many dogs do well on just an alteration of the diet. Others may require short-term or long-term treatment with immunosuppressive drugs and antibiotics. Prednisone is used most commonly to suppress the allergic response in long-term decreasing doses. Stronger immunosuppressive drugs like Azathioprine may have to be initiated if the Prednisone or Methylprednisolone has no effect. Antibiotics like Metronidazole or Tylan may be initiated to suppress bacterial overgrowth of the intestine. Motility modifiers like Sulfasalazine and other anti-inflammatory like glucosamine have also been shown to have some effect on the intestine. There are many variations of the severity and symptoms of the disease noted as IBD. Please consult your veterinarian with as complete of history as possible if your Westie should present with either persistent vomiting and/or diarrhea or recurring vomiting and/or diarrhea. Diagnostics may absolutely be required for correct treatment.

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FUN EVENTS & FUNDRAISING EVENTS



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ENJOY YOUR WESTIE AND STAY SAFE.

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
Board Member Christyne Johns-Mills, Janelle Brokenshire-Cyr

Vice President Barbara Mordy
Treasurer David Snook

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.

Communication Committee (including Email, Website, Newsletter, Photography, Social Media, Liaisons):

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Newsletter- Barbara Mordy **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 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!!