

# IT'S A WRAP

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WRAP,

We are slowly getting back to our normal way of life, or at least adapting to the “new normal.” While this means seeing more dogs while going for a walk, it also means longer waits to get a vet appointment, and higher grooming prices. Oh well...that is what we get for loving our Westies!

We had very few Westies rescued and/or adopted this summer. We are not sure if this was due to the pandemic (i.e., more folks are holding on to their Westies), or what is going on. We realize that we are still not very well known in Northern California and can therefore use some help in getting the word out about Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California. You can each help by printing the flyer at the end of this newsletter and distributing copies to your local veterinarian, groomer, pet store, etc.

We are looking forward to resuming some of our time-honored traditions. First, our WRAP Autumn Fun Day. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 23rd in Pleasanton, CA. We will be having breakfast beverages/treats (no lunch potluck), a short walk, a Westie mart table (bring cash or checkbooks), a doggie Halloween Costume Contest with prizes, and an opportunity to see old friends and make new friends. We hope to see lots of you (including members of the East Bay Westies Meet Up Group and the local Scottie rescue group). See the Fun & Fundraising section of this newsletter for more details.

Second, we want to announce our annual WRAP Westie calendar fundraiser. Our 2022 WRAP Westie Calendar will only be possible if we have photos of your beloved Westies. Help us make this fundraiser a success by contributing photos and/or buying some calendars! More details in the Fun & Fundraising section of this newsletter.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts you need/want to share with me at [susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org](mailto:susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org) .

Regards,



Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) and Hamish

## FUN & FUNDRAISING

### 2021 WRAP Autumn Fun Day

You are all cordially invited...



## 2021 WRAP AUTUMN FUN DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

VAL VISTA PARK  
7350 JOHNSON DR.  
PLEASANTON, CA 94566

Celebrate the Autumn season with family and friends starting at 9:30AM.

Bring your Westies, Scotties and their dog friends to take a walk, play, enter the Halloween costume contest, pose for photos, shop, enjoy breakfast beverages / treats (no potluck), make friends and support Westie Rescue!



Gen. Admission:  
\$10 per Adult  
\$5 per Child  
\$0 per Dog

Walk

Play

Enter Dog  
Costume Contest

Take Photos

Shop

Eat & Drink

Help Westies  
Find Forever  
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Please send me an email at [susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org](mailto:susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org) if you would like to volunteer to make this a successful event.

## **2022 WRAP Calendar**

We are starting to plan for our much-anticipated 2022 WRAP Westie Calendar... SO PLEASE SUBMIT PHOTOS OF YOUR WESTIES!

Look through your files of digital photos, our WRAP Facebook page photos, and/or get your camera/iPhone out and start taking some photos of your favorite Westie(s). No need for a formal sitting with a professional photographer...just catch your fur-baby posing, sleeping, playing, bathing, being naughty, etc.

If you have one or more high resolution photos you would like to submit for consideration, send them before October 30th to Susan Acevedo at [susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org](mailto:susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org)

We plan to take orders and print in November so we can deliver in time for Christmas...watch your email and/or our Facebook page for notifications.

## **2022 WRAP Winter Get Together**

We are planning to kick off 2022 with a WRAP Winter Get Together on Saturday, January 22, 2022, in Los Altos Hills, CA. Please save the date...more details to come via email and on our Facebook page.

## **Donations that Keep us going...**

**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 these important accounts: The Bright Fund, the Blackbaud Fund, Benevity Fund and the Network for Giving! A special thank you to all of you and to all of individual donors who have made contributions.**

**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 among others. This is a painless way to donate and maximize your donation to help Westies.**

**Facebook...we continue to raise funds through the generosity of many Westie lovers via our Facebook page. Some of you donate through Facebook for individual dogs and others do Birthday fundraisers. Thank you to all that have donated and/or created a Facebook fundraiser through which your friends and family have donated money to us!!**

**Still others of you help us at rescue to help 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!!**

## RESCUE NEWS

### **Bodie**

Bodie is a 4 year old mixed breed dog, probably Cairn Terrier. He came from an Easy Bay shelter where he was a stray. He is a very good boy. He is crate trained and completely house trained. He is very affectionate. He needs work walking on a leash. Bodie was adopted in August.



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**Maggie-** Is an adorable 3 ½ year old Westie girl. Her previous owner had her only 4 months because she decided to move out of state. 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. Maggie was adopted in August.



Maggie

**Tavish** - came to rescue after a hard start in life. He was found by the side of the road in Arkansas after being hit by a car. He required leg surgery and he has a permanent limp which does not seem to slow him down. He is a good traveler in the car and likes walks. At 3 he is young and active and needs some training but is a loving, sweet boy. He is in a foster-adoptive home.



## **In Memorial**

### **Casey Hince-Spring (June 2004-June 2021)**

We said good-bye to Casey, our beloved Westie, on June 30. He had just turned 17 years old, still with a good appetite, but cancerous tumors and an injured eye were more than our feisty little trooper could overcome.

It was in October 2012 when we welcomed Casey, a handsome, bright-eyed 8 year old, from the San Francisco Bay Westie Club into our family. Our fourth Westie and our third rescue, Casey moved right in and made himself at home. Casey was loving, playful, and really quite smart, especially when figuring out how to get doggie cookies out of the puzzle ball. He was a true companion, never more than a few feet away from his Dad, who worked from home. Casey enjoyed playing ball and vigorously shaking the squeaky duck! And he especially loved to chase squirrels! When we adopted puppy Jaxon in 2016, Casey taught him how to sit on the couch, peering through the clear patio doors to the back yard to see if any squirrels were racing on top of the back yard fence. As soon as Casey spied one of those wily critters, he dashed through the dog door, down the dog ramp, barking furiously at the chattering squirrel, with little Jaxon at his heels! Casey was there for his Dad and Mom, whether we were busy or relaxing,

happy or sad. No matter how tough the day was for us, Casey always came by to give us a kiss and lie down next to our feet to make us feel better. We will miss him dearly.

Mike Hince and Liz Spring



**Casey**

### **Terry – July 5, 2006 – August 24, 2021**

My sweet Terry, suddenly and unexpectedly, went to the Rainbow Bridge after a short, but serious illness. She'd developed an autoimmune disorder that was destroying her platelets, and was bleeding internally. People had been telling me that she didn't look nor act 15, and she really didn't. Then, BOOM, she declined rapidly and was obviously suffering a great deal.

Terry loved everybody since she was a wee 8-week-old puppy. She wowed people in the neighborhood and park with her outgoing, friendly personality and was well-known to all.

She was the light and love of my life for 15 years and I miss her dearly. The house just isn't the same without her. She is survived by her sister Christie who'd she had as a pal for four years. She taught Christie everything she knew, and the rescue girl who'd been a breeder in a puppy mill turned out to be a real sweetie. Christie is a great comfort to me, but she misses Terry too. -Tony Devol



Run free again, my darling baby girl.

**Zoe-** Zoe was born January 28, 2006 and passed on September 6, 2021. Zoe was a gentle sweet girl who came to rescue and foster care late in her life. Zoe and her sister Sprout came to rescue in February 2021. Her sister Sprout preceded her in death and was waiting at the rainbow bridge for her. Zoe liked walks, sunbathing and going to work with her foster dad. Zoe passed away at home with her foster family by her side. Grant & Liz Baldwin



**Zoe**

### **Donations made in Memory of Pets that have passed.**

Suzanne Wilsey – In memory of our beloved **Griffin Douglas**, the scruffy, starving Westie who was rescued from the streets of South Carolina 12 years ago and came to be with us here in California. You will live in the center of our hearts always, sweet boy.

Marlis Elliott - In Memory of **Oliver** 18 years old.

### **THE AKC IS FOR OUR PET WESTIES TOO!**

When you hear American Kennel Association (AKC), most of us probably think about dog shows for pure bred dogs with pedigree papers and an AKC registration, which doesn't include most of our dogs. But did you know that the AKC also has many competitive and fun programs that our dogs, even without pedigree papers and even of mixed breed, can participate in and can even win titles in, recognized by the AKC? The only requirement is that your dog be registered or listed with the AKC. Although registration is only for pedigreed dogs, listing is open to most of our Westies even if they have uncertain parentage, are of mixed breed, and are neutered/spayed.

Some of the activities open to listed dogs include Agility, Canine Good Citizen, Rally, Earthdog, Scent Work, Therapy Dog, Tracking, Trick Dog, Search & Rescue, Barn Hunt, etc. These are all fun activities for both you and your dog.

Information on these events can be found on the AKC.org website, and I will discuss many of these programs in upcoming articles but in this article, I want to explain how you can register your dog with

the AKC in order to participate as that is a prerequisite. I will be focusing on the two registration programs that are open to almost all our Westies.

The first listing category is the “Purebred Alternative Listing” (PAL). This category is open to any Westie (or other AKC recognized breed) six-months old or older and neutered/spayed; that is judged by the AKC to display the purebred Westie physical characteristics. Their judgment will be based on your application information, and front view and a side view photographs of your dog. You will also need to include a nonrefundable application fee of \$35.00.

It will take about three weeks for a determination.

If your dog is approved, it will be issued a PAL listing certificate in your dog’s name qualifying the dog to participate in most AKC programs/competitions except Confirmation. In addition, you will get a one-year subscription to the “AKC Family Dog” magazine, a complimentary visit with any veterinarian in the AKC Veterinary Network, and 30-days of Pet Insurance Coverage.

For additional information on PAL and a PAL application form visit the website; [www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm](http://www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm).

I have personally listed my Westie rescue, Duncan, in this program. For my application I also included a Wisdom DNA test result. This is not required but it will certainly help in the determination if it indicates 100% Westie genetic ancestry in its results.

Now if your Westie isn’t or can’t be approved for PAL listing because it is not obviously a Westie or is of mixed breed, don’t despair! There is still an AKC listing option for you. This is called the “AKC Canine Partners.” This listing category is for mixed breed and hybrid dogs and allows them to participate in many AKC recognized dog sports/activities and earn AKC recognized titles in many of the same events as the ones open PAL listed dogs.

As a “AKC Canine Partners” listed dog owner, you will receive an official “AKC Canine Partners” certificate that records your dog’s name and place in history, AKC Reunite™ pet recovery service, one-year subscription to the “AKC Family Dog” magazine, a complimentary visit with any veterinarian in the AKC Veterinary Network, and 30-days of Pet Insurance Coverage.

For additional information and application visit the website; [www.akc.org/vpenroll](http://www.akc.org/vpenroll).

### **Please Remember Monetary Donations**

A tax deductible donation can be made for Westie dogs in need on **PayPal at:** [susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org](mailto: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.

## Cutaneous Lymphoma

### Cutaneous Lymphoma

It originates in the skin and can take the form of reddened lumps that can be itchy at times and also cause extreme discomfort in dogs.

#### **Symptoms—**

They appear as ulcers, nodules, plaques, ulcers, and erythemic or exfoliative dermatitis. In the early phases scaling, alopecia (loss of hair), and pruritus (itching) are seen. As the disease advances, the skin becomes more erythematous, thickened, ulcerated, and exudative (relating to the oozing of fluid). There may also be oral involvement that can appear as multicentric erythematous, plaque like lesions or nodules on the gums and lips.

#### **Diagnostic technique and clinical staging-**

For cutaneous lymphoma, punch biopsies (3-4mm) should be taken from the most representative and infiltrated, but not infected skin lesions. Staging procedures vary and stage does not hold any prognostic importance.

#### **Treatment-**

The treatment of cutaneous lymphoma depends on the extent of the disease. Solitary lesions may be treated with surgical excision or radiation therapy. Fractionated radiotherapy has been associated with long term control. Diffuse non-T-cell lymphoma is best treated with combination chemotherapy. Retinoids, (chemical compounds related to Vitamin A) like isotretinoin (Accutane) and etretinate (Tegison) have yielded gratifying results in canine T-cell cutaneous lymphoma.

A combination of polyethylene glycol (PEG)-L-asparaginase, (30mg/kg given intramuscularly weekly) have proved to be effective on dogs with cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. However, remissions are not long-standing. Prednisone may also be useful in controlling pruritus. Studies have indicated that pegylated-liposomal doxorubicin (Doxil) has produced remissions. As a basis of experimental studies dogs were treated with CCNU (50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> given orally every 3 weeks).

Mechlorethamine (Mustargen) can be applied on the skin as an aqueous solution or an ointment base. The solution is prepared by mixing 10 mg of mechlorethamine with 50 ml of tap water. For preparing 900 mg of ointment, 90 mg of mechlorethamine is mixed with 10 ml of absolute alcohol and sufficient xipamide (Aquaphor). It is essential to remove hair before applying the ointment. Gloves must be used, since mechlorethamine is carcinogenic (cancer causing) and can cause contact hypersensitivity in humans.

#### **Prognosis-**

Cutaneous Lymphoma in dogs has a few treatment options. Dogs suffering from canine T- cell lymphoma were treated successfully with Isotretinoin for up to 13 months. Dogs treated with Doxil have been found to produce remissions in 40% cases. Although most of these were short-lived responses, remissions of 1 year or longer have occurred. Dogs treated with CCNU showed complete response and two of those responses were relatively durable (7 and 15 months). Dogs with diffuse T-cell lymphoma under the impact of combination chemotherapy with cyclophosphamide, vincristine, cytosine, arabinoside and prednisone (COAP) attained a median remission duration of longer than 250 days and a median survival of longer than 399 days.



**WE WANT YOU!**

**To join our community of West Highland White Terrier (Westie) lovers to transport, foster, adopt, donate, volunteer, get/give advice and/or come to fun events!**

**Send us an email: [westierescuenorcal@gmail.com](mailto:westierescuenorcal@gmail.com)**

**Check out our website: [www.westierescuenorcal.org](http://www.westierescuenorcal.org)**

**Follow us on Facebook: Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California**

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**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](mailto:bgmordy@comcast.net)

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