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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WRAP,

I cannot believe it is December and the end of another year of Westie rescues and placements! This is a good time to look back at the many Westies we rescued, the events/fundraisers we held, and to thank those volunteers who helped make it a great year (including the new Westie families who joined our WRAP community in 2024).

In 2024 we rescued a total of eleven (11) Westies/Westie Mixes. We had a few pairs (some bonded and some not) which always presents a challenge, but we still found them loving homes. Thank you to Barbara Mordy and everyone that helped transport and/or take care of our 2024 Rescues. Thanks to all our foster and adoptive parents for taking in our 2024 Rescues and showing them the love they deserve. A special thank you to Barbara Mordy for making sure the scared little Westie of one of our volunteers went to the family that her daddy designated as her guardians before his sudden passing.

In 2024 we hosted some great events and had successful fundraisers. In January, we met and celebrated Winter, Westies, and Wonderful Families/Friends at Pup Plaza in San Jose, CA. In April we met and walked at the lovely Veterans Memorial Park-North in Roseville, CA. In July, we had our annual fun day event at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA. In September, we met and walked at Saratoga Creek Park in San Jose, CA. In October, we had our annual Autumn fun day at Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville, CA. Lastly, we created, sold, and distributed our 2025 WRAP Calendar to raise funds and remind everyone to smile each month when they see those cute little faces in 2025!

In 2024, we created and distributed our quarterly IT'S A WRAP newsletter. Thank you to our Editor (Barbara Mordy) and all the contributors. Please let us know if you would like to contribute a short essay, recipe, tips, photo, etc. that might be useful, educational and/or entertaining to the Westie community in 2025.

Lastly, we continued to maintain and update our website (www.westierescuenorcal.org) to keep you and others informed. Thank you to our webmaster (David Sklar) for working his magic.

We look forward to planning more walks, fun days, fundraisers, etc. in 2025. However, to accomplish these activities, we need more volunteers to help us. To get more involved, contact me at susan.acevedo@gmail.com

Regards and Happy New Year,
Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) & Hamish



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RESCUE NEWS

Bodie

Bodie is a 7-8 year old boy. He is probably a Westie-Cairn Terrier Mix. He is very cute with his white head and tan body!



He is very affectionate with people, men and women. He has allergies which cause his eyes to have some discharge. We are taking him to any eye doctor to see if he can assist in getting this resolved. Bodie is not good with other dogs and would do best as a solo dog. He like to play with toys and likes walks. He will bark at other dogs, cats, squirrels. He is a wonderful boy!

**Bodie is available for adoption. Please contact Barbara if you want more information.
Phone:408-242-0990.**

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FUN EVENTS & FUNDRAISING NEWS

2024 October WRAP Fun Day

We had SO MUCH FUN on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville, CA. WRAP and the Golden Gate Scottish Terrier Rescue (GGSTR) group co-hosted the event.



The weather was perfect, and the venue was easy to access. Thanks to Lisa F. for setting up the well-placed signs to direct our guests. Unfortunately, the parking was challenging due to competing Danville group activities (e.g., walking, hiking, playing at the dog parks, etc.). Please accept our apologies if you had difficulty finding a place to park 😞.

We had the usual set up: lawn chairs and exercise pens on the grass under the big shady trees, and food and merchandise on the picnic tables under the pergolas. There was the usual barking, mingling, and relaxing under the trees and pergolas.

The walk began a little after 10am. Thanks to Janelle and Joe for leading the short walk activity. The walkers started the walk and took a short break at the gazebo to take photos. The group photo

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required multiple takes...one big group, then the Westies in one photo and the Scotties in another in order to keep the peace among the canines. Thanks to Bill O'Such for his patience and beautiful photography.



As usual, everyone was anxiously waiting and then getting ready for the Halloween costume contest. There were so many great costumes. So many patient doggies in their costumes. So much creativity and cuteness...wish we had prizes for everyone!



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Thank you Barbara T. for helping with the costume contest!!

The potluck lunch was delicious! Thanks to everyone that brought something to share. Special thanks to Ramona R. who was unable to attend but who made a tasty beef tri-tip and delivered it to Barbara M. so she could bring it to the event.

Thanks to Maggie Halberg who secured the permit for the picnic tables from the City of Danville. Thanks to all those who came early and helped with the set up and/or stayed late and helped with the clean-up. Lastly, many thanks to everyone that attended and/or donated to this very successful event. We hope to see many of you next year!!

To see more photos, click on the links below:

<https://www.osuchphotography.com/Westie-Rescue/n-n9QkMF/WRAP-Fall-2024>

2025 February WRAP Pawty

To show our love of Westies and to give thanks to our supporters (past, present and future) we are getting together on **Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 1pm-3pm.**



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Westies



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Come join us to celebrate St. Valentines Day 2025...Westie Style!!

You're Invited

Happy Valentine's Day Pawty

Westie Rescue and Placement (WRAP) of Northern California is having a pawty to celebrate Valentine's Day
All Westies & Westie Lovers are Welcome!
Enjoy hot beverages, savory snacks and tasty treats

Please send R.S.V.P. to susan.acevedo@gmail.com

Saturday, February 8, 2025
1pm-3pm
Pup Plaza
14408 Union Avenue
San Jose, CA
(Cambrian Park Plaza Shopping Center
next to the Dollar Tree Store)



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This event will take place at a canine community center known as **Pup Plaza (14408 Union Avenue, San Jose) in the Cambrian Park Plaza Shopping Center (next to Dollar Tree Store) in San Jose.** The Pup Plaza facilities consist of two indoor, dog friendly rooms (including tables, chairs, and sofas) and an outdoor, dog friendly fenced brick patio.



WRAP will provide beverages and savory snacks. **Please bring your favorite sweet treat to share.** If you plan on joining us, please R.S.V.P. by sending an email to Susan at susan.acevedo@gmail.com

Come rain or shine we will have a great dog friendly paw-ty!

2025 WRAP Calendar

Hope those of you that ordered, purchased, and received your 2025 Westie Calendars will enjoy seeing those cute little faces each month in 2025.

We still have a few calendars available so there is still time to order, purchase and receive them in January 2025. Please contact Susan ASAP at susan.acevedo@gmail.com.

Here is a preview of what to expect each month in 2025:

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Thank you for your photos, donations, and continued support!!

TIPS & TREATS NEWS

Adopting a Westie: Tips for a Smooth Transition

Adopting a West Highland White Terrier is an exciting and rewarding experience. These spirited little dogs are full of personality and charm, but like any rescue, they may need extra patience and understanding as they adjust to their new home. Whether you're adopting your first Westie or adding another to your family, here are some tips to ensure a smooth transition:

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1. Prepare Your Home

Before bringing your new Westie home, create a safe, welcoming environment. Remove hazards like toxic plants or small items they might chew on. Have a cozy bed, water, food bowls, and plenty of toys ready. Westies are curious and energetic, so secure areas they shouldn't access, such as cabinets or stairs.

2. Give Them Time to Settle

Rescue dogs often need extra time to decompress in a new environment. Start with a quiet space where they can relax and get used to the smells and sounds of your home. Let them explore at their own pace, and avoid overwhelming them with too many visitors or activities initially.

3. Establish a Routine

Westies thrive on routine, so set regular feeding, potty, and exercise schedules right away. A consistent routine helps them feel secure and reduces anxiety as they adjust to their new life.

4. Focus on Positive Reinforcement

Westies are intelligent but can be a bit stubborn. Use positive reinforcement techniques like treats, praise, and play to encourage good behavior. Avoid punishment, as it can damage the trust you're building with your new companion.

5. Addressing Behavioral Challenges

Rescues may exhibit behavioral issues such as fearfulness, resource guarding, separation anxiety, or excessive barking. Here's how to approach these challenges:

- **Fearfulness:** Your Westie may be timid or hesitant in new situations. Allow them to approach things at their own pace and use treats and soothing praise to reward brave behavior. Avoid forcing interactions that might overwhelm them.
- **Resource Guarding:** If your Westie guards food, toys, or spaces, manage their environment by feeding them in a separate area and keeping high-value items out of reach. Work gradually on trust-building exercises, such as trading objects for treats, and seek professional help if needed.
- **Separation Anxiety:** If your Westie struggles when left alone, practice short departures and returns to help them understand you'll always come back. Provide calming toys, and consider crate training for a sense of security.
- **Excessive Barking:** Westies are known for their vocal nature, but barking out of anxiety or boredom can be managed. Provide plenty of mental and physical stimulation through toys, puzzles, and regular walks. Teach the "quiet" command with positive reinforcement, and be consistent in addressing barking triggers.
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If behavioral issues persist or feel overwhelming, consulting a professional trainer or behaviorist experienced with rescue dogs and terriers can make a world of difference.

6. Invest in Training

Whether your new Westie is a puppy or an older dog, training is key. Focus on basic commands and leash manners, and use positive reinforcement methods to build confidence. Training also strengthens the bond between you and your new companion.

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7. Socialize Gradually

Westies are friendly but can sometimes be wary of new people or other pets. Gradually introduce them to new experiences, people, and environments. Take your time and let them build confidence as they adapt.

8. Keep Up With Grooming and Health Care

Westies have a distinctive double coat that requires regular grooming. Brush their coat weekly to prevent matting and schedule professional grooming every few months. Stay on top of vet visits, vaccinations, and flea prevention, and discuss breed-specific health concerns like skin allergies with your vet.

9. Be Patient and Loving

Rescue dogs often come with unknown pasts, which can make their adjustment period unique. Celebrate small victories and remain patient as they settle into their forever home. Your care, understanding, and consistency will help them overcome challenges and thrive.

Adopting a Westie is not just rescuing a dog—it's gaining a loyal and loving companion for life. Your care and commitment will help them flourish and bring endless joy to your home.

Thank you for choosing to adopt and for giving a Westie a second chance at a happy life. If you have any questions or need support, don't hesitate to reach out to our rescue team. We're here to help!

DONATIONS

We accept monetary and material donations. Cash and personal checks can be mailed or delivered in person at one of our events. Donations using a credit card can be made on our webpage (www.westierescuenorcal.org)

Please DON'T make donations via Facebook.

We want to thank all the individual donors who have given cash, written personal checks, used credit cards and/or designated WRAP as your charity of choice for donation dollars at your workplace.

Lastly, we want to thank you for your material donations (e.g., merchandise for sale, photos, etc.) and continued support!!

VOLUNTEERS

WRAP Officers and Board of Directors

President: Susan Acevedo

Vice President: Barbara Mordy

Secretary: Ramona M. Rule

Treasurer: David Snook

Board Members: Barbara Thurston, Richard Cory

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WRAP Committees

Fundraising Committee (including Activities, Events and Sponsorships):

Linda Snook, Susan Acevedo, Teresa Houseworth, Vacancies

Program Operations Committee (including Surrender, Foster Care and Adoptions):

Barbara Mordy, Susan Acevedo, Ramona M. Rule.

Communication Committee

Webmaster- David Sklar

Group Email-

Newsletter- Barbara Mordy, Suzanne Wilsey

Photography- Bill O'Such

Social Media- Facebook - Barbara Mordy

Liaisons- David Snook, Barbara Mordy

Please consider volunteering your time by serving on the Board and/or on one of the committees/events. 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 Chairs, Officers or Board Members listed above.

IN MEMORIUM



MOLLY

“Molly arrived with Liz and Grant Baldwin just before her 13th birthday. Adopting elderly dogs is a little like unraveling a mystery. Molly had come from a place of emotional isolation and it took her a while to accept that she had landed in a home filled with love and attention. Molly headed over the Rainbow Bridge a little before her 16th birthday and has left a hole in the hearts of the Baldwin family.”

Thanks for everything WRAP does. For now we are heartbroken, but one day we'll be ready to accept the next “oldie.”

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

This newsletter 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 the 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 your material in the preferred formats, please contact the Editor Barbara Mordy at 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.

If anyone has suggestions for newsletter topics or ideas, let us know by sending an email to bgmordy@comcast.net

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