

# IT'S A WRAP

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WRAP,

Welcome to the second edition of IT'S A WRAP for 2025. The dog days of summer are upon us...so it means more sun and shorter Westie haircuts (like Hamish in his Summer haircut). The month of June marks another year of Westie Rescue and Placement (WRAP) of Northern California as a non-profit rescue organization. It is our ninth year as an organization...so exhausting and yet so rewarding ☺

Barbara Mordy has been leading our rescue program for all of our nine years as an organization, and she has rescued Westies and Westie mixes many more years before we came together as a 501c3 non-profit organization. However, she is in need of some much-deserved rest, and it is now time to pass the baton or finish the race. The WRAP Board of Directors is currently working on a transition plan. We need either to divide up the work amongst a group of volunteers or consider calling it quits. ☹️ Read our request for help in the RESCUE NEWS section.

We had our last Westie event in Fremont, CA on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Central Park/ Lake Elizabeth. We had a nice turnout and a nice little walk. We are now looking forward to seeing many of you at our next event...our annual **WRAP Westie Fun Day at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA on Saturday, July 12th**. This year our theme will be a Wild West(ie) Hoedown... so doggie Western apparel is encouraged. Read the FUN AND FUNDRAISING NEWS section of the newsletter for more details.

As always, we are so very grateful to all our families and friends that support Westie Rescue. For anyone looking for a way to give back to the Westie Community, we are always in need of volunteers. We continue to update our roster of Foster homes throughout the Bay Area and beyond. If you have the time and a Westie that gets along with other dogs, let us know. If you lost your Westie and have the time and desire to fill the void (short term), let us know. See the VOLUNTEER NEWS section of the newsletter for more details.

As always, stay happy, healthy, and full of Westitude!

Please let me know if you have any ideas for events, projects, or ways to improve our communication by sending me an email at [susan.acevedo@gmail.com](mailto:susan.acevedo@gmail.com)

Regards,  
Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) & Hamish



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### RESCUE NEWS

#### WRAP Rescue Program Challenge

The Westie Rescue and Placement (WRAP) of Northern California Board of Directors has a dire challenge that has recently been presented to us and is requiring us to rethink how we do things to rescue our wonderful Westies. This notice will inform you about what is going on.

We were very recently informed that our most critical board member was going to significantly scale back on her efforts. Unfortunately, that Board member is Barbara Mordy. As you all are aware, Barbara has been performing the bulk of the tasks required to enable WRAP to function. Those tasks begin with the identification of the rescues/surrenders, to their placement into forever homes. Barbara has been doing this for 10+ years, and she has earned the right to rebalance her life.

The WRAP Board recently discussed this challenge, and we have identified two options available to us:

Option one: Divide Barbara's duties into individual tasks and find volunteers to assist with those tasks. To facilitate this effort, we have asked Barbara to provide a detailed list of her current responsibilities.

Option two: Cease functioning as a stand-alone non-profit rescue organization.

Our preference would be to continue to operate as WRAP to rescue Westies in Northern CA. We are a financially sound organization. However, to continue we need your help. We are seeking individuals who would be willing to spend some time, when needed, to ensure we can continue operating.

#### **Most importantly, we NEED FOSTER HOMES.**

Fostering is rewarding. Helping these dogs feel safe and preparing them for their new forever home is one of the most important steps in rescue. **We must have a foster home lined up before we can save a Westie in need.**

Please know that WRAP pays for all expenses for the dog during their time in foster.

Fortunately for the Westies in Northern CA, most stay in their loving homes. We do not get large numbers of Westies. Occasionally we will get two or three in a short period of time. To date in 2025, we have received five dogs into rescue. Two went immediately into adoptive homes. The others required foster care, and all have been adopted.

#### **We cannot continue to operate without foster homes.**

When we have asked for foster help in the past, the response has been disappointing. For those of you who have offered and helped, we value you very much! **For those of you who love Westies and can foster one or two dogs please reach out to us immediately.**

We need foster homes in the immediate Bay Area. Our goal in rescue is to find a new home and get them out of foster care as soon as possible.

**If you are unable to foster a Westie, however you are interested in helping in other ways (e.g., visiting a shelter to confirm a potential Westie, transporting Westies to new homes, etc.) please contact us ASAP. We are counting on your support.**

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We wanted everyone to be aware of the challenge we are facing. Hopefully we get enough volunteers to continue. It is still early in our evaluation process, and we will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

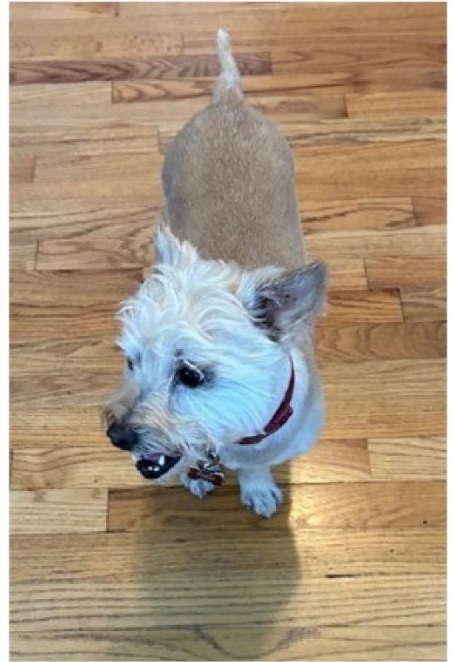
**WRAP Adoption Updates**



**Jake has been adopted**



**Pippa has been adopted**



**Bodie's adoption is pending**

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## FUN & FUNDRAISING NEWS

### 2025 April WRAP Westie Walk in Fremont, CA

The day was cool with a few sprinkles but we had a great turnout (including a few Scotties). Looks like everyone had fun (here are a few photos) before, during and after the walk on April 26, 2025 at Central Park/Lake Elizabeth in Fremont, CA.



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## 2025 July WRAP Fun Day in Belmont, CA

Yee-Haw...Get ready for the WRAP Fun Day at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA!

This year we are hoping that a **July 12<sup>th</sup>** event will work out better for all the busy little doggies' schedules. You are all encouraged to dress your Westie in his/her finest Western outfits and/or accessories for our first **Wild West(ie) Hoedown**...Yee-Haw!!.



**Saturday, July 12, 2025**

### **WRAP Fun Day at Twin Pines Park (Meadow Picnic Area) 1 Twin Pines Lane Belmont, CA 94002**

Join Friends of WRAP for a **Wild West(ie) Hoedown** starting at **10am. Western themed doggie costumes encouraged!**

Bring your Westies, Scotties and their canine friends/human family to take a short walk, play in the fenced in Canine Corral, buy dog/human merchandise, pose for photos, participate in the parade of rescue dogs, and share in the potluck picnic lunch.

**\*\* Please bring hats, sunscreen, lawn chairs, doggie play pens, and your favorite side dish\*\***



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

Beverages & Treats

Walk & Play

Shop

Photo Booth

Parade of Rescues

Potluck Lunch

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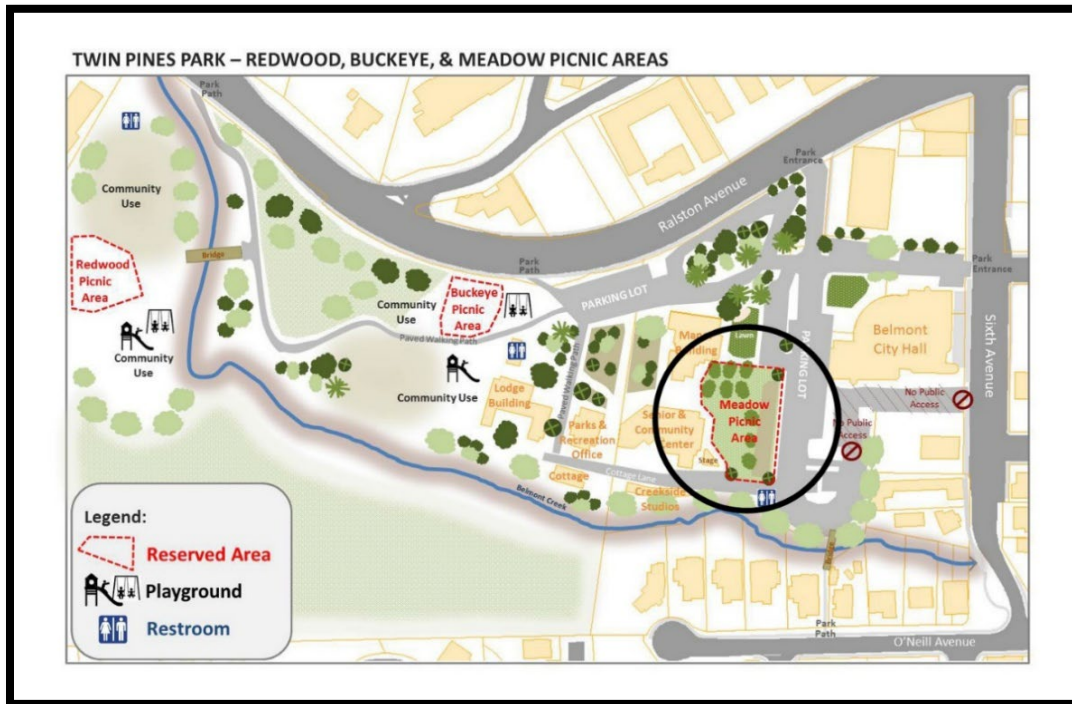
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Twin Pines Park is located at 1 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA (off of Ralston Avenue). We have reserved the Meadow Picnic Area (next to the big parking lot). Look for the Registration table with the WRAP logo.



### Schedule of Activities:

- 9am Set Up (including hot coffee and breakfast treats for all the volunteers)
- 10am-Noon: Registration (\$10 per adult, \$0 per child/dog), Pop Up Market & Photos
- 10:30am: Short Walk in the park (looking for varmint)
- 11:30am Parade of Rescues (intros and short bios encouraged)
- Noon: Lunch (drinks provided, potluck style so side dishes welcome)
- 1pm: Clean Up (again, all volunteers welcome)

**Don't forget your hats, sunscreen, lawn chairs, doggie exercise pens, and side dishes.**

### VOLUNTEER NEWS

#### WANTED: WRAP Foster Pawrents

We are continuing to reach out to you in hopes of growing our WRAP Foster Pawrents Roster. Let us know if you think you can take on the following duties:

#### Basic Care

- Provide a safe, clean, and loving home environment.
- Feed the dog appropriate food and provide fresh water daily.
- Ensure regular bathroom breaks and exercise suited to the dog's needs.
- Administer medications as prescribed (if applicable).
- Maintain basic grooming (brushing, baths, nail trimming if comfortable).

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- Provide regular walks and/or adequate exercise

### **Health & Safety**

- Monitor the dog for signs of illness, injury, or behavioral issues.
- Transport the dog to veterinary appointments as needed (or coordinate with rescue volunteers).
- Follow any quarantine or medical isolation guidelines if required.
- Keep the dog secured (leash, fenced yard, indoor areas) to prevent escapes or harm.

### **Socialization & Training**

- Help the dog adjust to home life and build trust with people and other animals.
- Work on basic training: housebreaking, leash manners, and simple commands if possible.
- Observe and document the dog's temperament, likes/dislikes, and behavior in different situations.

### **Communication & Reporting**

- Provide regular updates to WRAP Contact on the dog's health, behavior, and progress.
- Notify WRAP Contact immediately if the dog becomes ill, injured, or shows concerning behavior.
- Assist with written bios, photos, or videos to help the dog get adopted.

### **Adoption Process Support**

- Bring the dog to adoption events or meet-and-greets when possible.
- Provide honest feedback to potential adopters about the dog's personality and needs.
- Prepare the dog emotionally for the transition to their forever home.

### **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

### **WRAP Committees**

#### ***Fundraising Committee (including Activities, Events and Sponsorships):***

Susan Acevedo, Barbara Thurston, Teresa Houseworth, Vacancies

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

Susan Acevedo, Ramona M. Rule, Barbara Thurston

#### ***Communication Committee***

Webmaster- David Sklar

Group Email- Susan Acevedo

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.**

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### DONATION NEWS

We accept monetary and material donations. Cash and material donations can be delivered in person at one of our events. Personal checks can be delivered at one of our events or mailed to the following address:

Westie Rescue and Placement NorCal  
ATTN: David Snook, Treasurer  
3532 Pinnacle Ct.  
San Jose, CA 95132

Donations using a credit card can be made on our webpage ([www.westierescuenorcal.org](http://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!!

### IN MEMORIUM



**Rascal**

Thread, an object, to keep us together in loyalty and love by having good treats, toys to shake, fetch and chew until no more recognition of this item for friends, Rascal, recently passed over the Rainbow Bridge', May 9, 2025. Rascal was diagnosed in early April with a type of Mouth Cancer, common to dogs, quick to grow and inoperable! Now our thread of loyalty and love, a family grown strong, had noticed the connection we had with Rascal was so much stronger than we anticipated. Those ties and memories are very present as we grieve.

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Manuel and Pat Lopes were experienced Westie owners. In 2015, at the Fall WRAP PARTY, they introduced themselves to Mary Young, Barbara Mordy and several others. We were grieving from another loss, but we wished to help with WRAP and offered our help.

In December 22, 2015, we received Mary's call to Foster a Westie coming from Lodi. Her plan to place 'Rascal' fell through and she needed our help, since no one was available. Our desire was to give this poor dog a home. 'Rascal' had been living a very horrible life and was rescued by WRAP and sent to a vet who kept him and medicated him until he was released temporarily with us. The photos of 'Rascal' then and months later tell the practically nonexistent care he'd had for four years and now he experienced good Westie love and care.

Winter was here and lots of rain fell as 'Rascal' was being delivered to us. He stood outside the car, and then he followed us. On our couch and on one of our laps with a towel wrapped around his fairly bald body. That was our station often. We wanted to ensure this unloved dog would get his share of loving. Mary called to see how things were going with our Foster Child. Our answer was we wanted to keep him. We could feel him beginning to find enjoyment and to respond and to trust us more each day, with each interaction. WRAP and good vet care made 'Rascal' happen.

We both remember little things about "Rascal" becoming his Westie-self during the ten years he had with us. 'Rascal' found his way to train his humans. If the sun was shining inside, he would find that spot, sit and stare until he found the person who would bring him his bed. He was a gentle dog and would rarely bark at home, though on a walk he let the big dogs know he was there. He made himself present with the family, always with his presence. If he did not see you, he would check another room, looking. "Rascal" had a favorite ride and he loved to 'attack' his toys, growl and shake, then chew where we were sitting. We both had schedules and 'Rascal' definitely wanted to go to bed around 9:00 P.M. Our precious, calm and loving family member Westie, 'Rascal' became the addition our family needed. "Rascal" found the opportunity to love and to trust and as such became a thread entwined in many lives where he touched a heart, one spirit Manuel and I will not forget.

Manuel and Pat Lopes

### **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 Barbara Mordy at [bgmordy@comcast.net](mailto: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.

Send suggestions for newsletter topics or ideas [bgmordy@comcast.net](mailto:bgmordy@comcast.net)

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