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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WRAP,

Welcome to the 2025 March edition of IT'S A WRAP. We are looking forward to a year filled with Westie rescues, events, stories and plain old Westie fun in Northern California. Hope all our Westies and their families/ friends are also looking forward to being a part of our rescues, events, stories and fun!!

Barbara Mordy continues to find Westies that need new homes. She never knows what call, email or Facebook post will result in her organizing her band of volunteers to quickly snatch up a Westie or two in need and bring them to her. Some require very little intervention while others need more Tender Loving Care (TLC) before going to their new forever home. She starts them off on the road to recovery but really needs more volunteers to help her. Please let her know if you have the time and space to help her provide much needed foster homes and TLC to the next doggies in need.

Our first event of the year was a St. Valentines Day Westie Pawty at Pup Plaza in San Jose on Saturday, February 8th. So much fun!!! Our next Westie Walk will be in Fremont, CA at Central Park on Saturday, April 26th. We have secured the permit for our annual Westie Fun Day at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA for Saturday, July 12th, 2025. We are thinking of having another walk and train ride in August. See more highlights and details in the Fun Events & Fundraising section of this newsletter.

Let me know if you can take a more active role in helping us. The core group of volunteers are getting tired. We need more helpers with our rescue efforts, walks, events, newsletters, calendars, etc. We are willing to teach you the basics and let your creativity and energy do the rest. Let me know your interests, skills, and availability so we can continue to help our rescues, enjoy walks, have events, publish newsletters, sell calendars, etc.

Always looking for ideas for new events, projects, or ways to improve our communication...so send me an email at susan.acevedo@gmail.com

Remember to live, love and rescue!

Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) & Hamish



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RESCUE NEWS

Bodie

Bodie is a 7-8 year old boy. He is very affectionate with people, men and women. He is probably a Westie-Cairn Terrier Mix. He is very cute with his white head and tan body. Bodie is not good with other dogs and would do best as a solo dog in a home with no children.. He like to play with toys and likes walks. He will bark at other dogs, cats, squirrels. Bodie is available for adoption Please contact Barbara if you want more information Phone 408 242-0990. He is a wonderful loving boy.



Winston

Winston is an 8 year old boy who came to rescue after his father died and his daughter was unable to keep him. He is a wonderful Boy. He gets along well with other dogs big and small, He loves to play with toys and go for walks. He is very mellow.



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Pippa

Pippa is a 3 and a half year old girl. She is a very active girl. She was found as a stray and was pretty sick. The shelter, rescue and her foster parents nursed her back to health. Pippa had fur missing from a yeast infection and a very bad ear infection. She was spayed and has her shots. Pippa is currently in a foster adoptive home.



Jake

Jake is a mild mannered 3 years old boy. He is neutered and has his shots. He is affectionate and lovey. He likes other dogs and playing. Jake came from an area shelter as a stray. Jake is in a foster home and is not yet available for adoption.



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EVENTS & FUNDRAISING NEWS

2025 February Westie Pawty

On Saturday, February 8th we celebrated our love of Westies by inviting Westie Lovers to our St. Valentine's Day Westie Pawty in San Jose, CA.

We rented the Pup Plaza (located in the Cambrian Park Plaza Shopping Center) which is a canine community center run by the Silicon Valley Pet Project. The rental included the use of their indoor, pet-friendly rooms and their outdoor, fenced area.

It was a wonderful day for Friends of WRAP and their Westies to meet, greet and eat tasty treats!



We want to extend a BIG THANKS to everyone that made it and continue to support Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California. :-)

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2025 April WRAP Walk in Fremont, CA

We hope to see many of you at our next Westie Walk on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. We plan to meet at **10am** (come a little earlier for coffee and treats) at **Central Park in Fremont, CA**. The plan is to **meet near the Kennedy Playground**, have a little coffee and start a short walk around the lake. Stay after the walk to chat, drink water and take a group photo.

Westie Rescue And Placement of Northern California
invites you to join us for a short walk

Celebrate Spring!

Free Coffee,
Treats &
Bottled Water

All Westies and
their canine/
human friends
welcome!

Walk in the Park

Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 10am
Central Park
40000 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, CA 9453
Meet next to the Kennedy Playground

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2025 July WRAP Fun Day in Belmont, CA.

SAVE THE DATE...Round up all your little doggies for our **Wild West(ie) Hoedown on July 12th, 2025 at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA.**



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

Help Rescues Find
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TIPS & TREATS

How to Take Stunning Photos of Your Dog: Tips for Capturing Your Furry Friend's Best Side

If you're a dog owner, chances are you've tried snapping a picture of your pup at least once. But capturing that perfect shot? That's an art! Whether you're aiming for an Instagram-worthy photo or just want to preserve memories, here are some simple tips to help you take fantastic photos of your dog.

1. Get on Their Level

One of the Natural best ways to capture your dog's personality is by getting down to their eye level. This creates a more intimate, natural look in the photo, as you're seeing the world from their perspective. Kneel or lay down on the floor to get shots that highlight their features and expressions.

2. Use Natural Light

Light is your best friend when it comes to pet photography. Avoid using the flash, as it can cause red-eye or harsh lighting that doesn't do your dog justice. Instead, take photos during the "golden hour"—the hour after sunrise or before sunset—when the light is soft and warm. If you're inside, position your dog near a window where sunlight can gently illuminate them.

3. Focus on the Eyes

The eyes are the window to the soul, and this is true for your dog, too. Capturing a sharp, clear shot of your dog's eyes will bring your photo to life and create an emotional connection with anyone who views it. Make sure the focus is on the eyes, not the nose or ears, unless you're going for a playful, quirky angle.

4. Capture Their Personality

Every dog has a unique personality, so try to photograph them in a way that shows off who they are. If they're energetic and playful, catch them mid-action—whether they're running, jumping, or fetching. If your dog is a laid-back loungeur, a cozy, relaxed shot may capture their true essence.

5. Keep the Background Simple

A cluttered or distracting background can take attention away from your dog. Aim for clean, neutral backgrounds that allow your dog to stand out. Outdoors, look for areas with green grass or a sky backdrop. Indoors, try using a solid-colored wall or minimalistic space for a more professional look.

6. Use Treats or Toys for Attention

Getting your dog to look at the camera can be tricky, especially if they're easily distracted. Keep a treat or their favorite toy nearby to grab their attention. Hold it just above or next to the camera lens to

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get them to focus in the right direction. Be patient—sometimes it takes a few tries to get the perfect shot!

7. Take Lots of Shots

Dogs can be unpredictable, and the perfect moment doesn't always happen on the first click. Take multiple shots to increase your chances of capturing the ideal pose or expression. Don't be afraid to snap away—you can always delete the ones you don't need later.

8. Experiment with Angles

Change up your perspective to create interesting compositions. Try shooting from above, below, or from the side to add variety to your photos. Experimenting with different angles can help showcase your dog's unique characteristics or create a more dynamic image.

9. Edit Lightly

After you've captured the perfect shot, a little editing can enhance your photo. Adjusting the brightness, contrast, and sharpness can help bring out your dog's best features. Just be careful not to over-edit; you want the photo to look natural and true to your dog's appearance.

10. Have Fun!

The most important tip is to have fun! Photography is about capturing moments and enjoying the process. Don't stress about getting a perfect shot—sometimes the candid, playful photos are the ones that turn out the best.

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!!

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VOLUNTEERS

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Barbara Mordy, Susan Acevedo, Ramona M. Rule.

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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.

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.

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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!!