

IT'S A WRAP NEWSLETTER

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WESTIE RESCUE AND PLACEMENT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WRAP,

Welcome to the third edition of IT'S A WRAP 2025! Summer has come to an end and the holidays are right around the corner. Can you believe it?

We closed out the Summer by having an awesome **2025 September WRAP Walk and Ride** in Los Gatos on Saturday, September 20th. Now we are getting ready to celebrate Autumn, Halloween and Pet Day of the Dead next month at the **2025 October WRAP Fun Day** on **Saturday, October 25th at Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville, CA**. We will be co-hosting the event with the Golden Gate Scottish Terrier Rescue Group. We will start with registration at 9:30am, playtime in the Hap Magee Small Dog Park at 10am, posing for photos, dressing up in Halloween doggie costumes and entering the costume contest at 11am, and lastly enjoying a great potluck lunch. Come early to help set up, drink coffee, eat breakfast treats and find an ideal place to set up your lawn chairs and exercise pens. Let me know if you want to volunteer at this event this year. Read the Fun & Fundraising News section of this newsletter for more details.

Many of you know we are going through a Westie Rescue transition period. We have been busy creating new contact lists of available foster homes, reviewing adoption applications, updating our documents, cleaning up our spreadsheets, etc. The WRAP Rescue Committee has been returning inquiry/surrender calls and following up on potential Westies in shelters. We have missed a few opportunities, however we are trying our best. Thus far we have placed a Westie from the Sacramento Area and are in the process of finding a forever home for a bonded pair of Westies. Read the Rescue News section for more information.

Autumn also means it is time to request photos for our 2026 WRAP Westie Calendar. Help us make this happen so we have another year to admire these funny little white dogs each month. Read the Fun & Fundraising section of this newsletter for more details.

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

Regards,

Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) and Hamish



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RESCUE NEWS

Cosmo

Cosmo came to rescue after his parents divorced. They were no longer able to give him the attention he needed.

He has been placed in a foster adoptive home. He has the full run of the house and is allowed to lounge on the furniture.



EVENTS & FUNDRAISING NEWS

2025 September WRAP Walk & Ride

On Saturday, September 20th we gathered near the playground under the big tree at Oak Meadow Park in Los Gatos, CA. It was a beautiful day!

We set up the WRAP table close to the parking lot and had coffee, bottled water and treats ready for all the doggies and their families.

We started the morning with the familiar Westie meet and greet.



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After a few whines, barks and tail wagging, the little Highlanders and their humans knew it was time to start the walk when they heard the familiar sounds from the old country (i.e., Scottish bagpipe music).

As the music played, we passed the W.E. "Bill" Mason Carousel and the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad (BJWRR) train station, on our way to the Los Gatos Creek Trail. Some of the participants focused on their walking while others were taking their time and engaging in a Westie "sniffari".



We took a short break then headed back on the Los Gatos Creek trail to the train station.

We made our way to the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad train station and queued up. It was just a short wait for the next train to arrive...however it seemed like an eternity for some of the Westies.



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As the train approached the station, the anticipation was palpable. We walked onto the platform and started boarding the train.



After everyone found a seat, off we went with Westie fur blowing in the wind!



We made an unexpected stop when it was discovered that a leash was tangling outside a car. The BJWRR staff take safety very seriously and made sure everyone was safe before we resumed the ride. Safe (no pun intended) to say both humans and canines enjoyed the ride through Vasona Park and back to the train station.

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We disembarked back at the station and crossed the tracks to gather for a nice group photo.



Before heading home, one little walker decided to cool off his paws 😊



Thanks to BJWRR staff for facilitating this fun ride. Thanks to Will Whitney for filming the event and sending a link to the video. Click on the links below to see event photos and the video:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.2153904088472956&type=3>

<https://www.facebook.com/BillyJonesWildcatRailroad/videos/632139619777081>

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2025 October WRAP Fun Day

Join us at the annual WRAP Autumn Fun Day on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at Hap Magee Ranch Park (located off Interstate 680 at 1025 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA).

This year we will be celebrating Autumn, Halloween and Pet Day of the Dead.



2025 OCTOBER WRAP FUN DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

**Hap Magee Ranch Park
1025 La Gonda Way
Danville, CA 94526**

Celebrate Halloween with Westie & Scottie families & friends starting at 9:30am. Enjoy doggie playtime in the small dog park, make new friends, pose for photos, compete in the **doggie Halloween costume contest and share in a potluck lunch.**

We also will be celebrating Pet Day of the Dead by remembering pets that are no longer with us but still have a place in our hearts. Bring a photocopy of your beloved pet(s) to place on our special altar/ofrenda table.

Please bring your doggie costumes, exercise pens, lawn chairs and a side dish to share!



**Admission:
\$10 per Adult
\$0 per dog/child**

Register

Run

Play

Pose

Compete

Win Prizes

Eat & Drink

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We will start with registration at 9:30am. Come early to find parking and/or help us set up. Admission for adults will be \$10 per person, and \$0 per dog/child

Doggies and their human companions will be encouraged to walk over to the Hap Magee Small Dog Park for a little doggie off leash exercise at 10am. Humans can enjoy some coffee and breakfast treats (provided by WRAP) while they keep an eye out for their doggies to ensure everyone plays nice. However, if you and your doggie prefer to take a short walk around the park or just chill, those options will also be available.

Remember to bring a photo of any pet that is no longer with us that you would like to remember and honor them on Pet Day of the Dead. We plan to set up a special table with photos, flowers, decorations, etc.

Be sure to pack your doggie costume(s) and enter your pup(s) in the Halloween Costume Contest at 11am. Winners will win prizes and bragging rights.

There will be many opportunities to pose for photos (with and without Halloween costumes), meet up with old friends and make new friends.

Finally, stay and enjoy the potluck lunch starting at 11:30am. WRAP will provide the beverages.

Have some fun and show your support for Westie and Scottie rescues!

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, exercise pens, doggie costumes and a side dish to share!

2026 WRAP Calendar

WRAP parents ...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.

We prioritize featuring our most recent Westie rescues from the last year or two, however everyone is encouraged to submit one or more high resolution photos for us to consider.

Please send photos in jpg format **before October 30th** to Susan Acevedo at 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.

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TIPS & TREATS

Pet Day of the Dead

In Mexico, Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) also includes a day for remembering pets. It's celebrated on **October 27th**, separate from the main Día de los Muertos dates of November 1st and 2nd. This day honors the pets who have passed away, with families building altars, or [ofrendas](#), to commemorate them. Key aspects of celebrating pets on Día de los Muertos:

Create an altar/ofrenda

- Place photos of your pets, their favorite toys, a collar, a leash, or a blanket
- Place their favorite foods and treats on the ofrenda, along with a bowl of water
- Light one or more candles in their memory to guide their spirit back. NOTE: When creating ofrendas, it's important to use battery-operated candles to avoid fire hazards and ensure pet safety.
- Use flowers and other decorations, for example:
 - Marigolds, also known as cempasúchil (or flor de muerto), symbolize the fragility and beauty of life, and are used to guide the spirits of the deceased back to their loved ones. Their vibrant colors and strong scent are believed to attract the spirits and help them find their way to the ofrendas (altars) created in their honor.
 - Sugar skulls, or "calaveras de azúcar" in Spanish, are a vibrant and central symbol of the Mexican Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) celebration. They represent deceased loved ones and are a joyful, not morbid, way to honor and remember them. Rather than a symbol of fear or death, they symbolize the continuation of life and the cyclical nature of death and rebirth.
 - Skeleton figurines often featuring whimsical skeletons, are a symbol of life after death in Mexican culture. They represent the deceased, sometimes depicted engaging in their favorite activities, and are not meant to be morbid but rather a celebration of life and a reminder that death is a natural part of it.
 - Papel picado is a traditional Mexican folk art made by cutting intricate designs into tissue paper, and it plays a significant role in Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) celebrations. During this holiday, papel picado represents the wind and the fragility of life, and it is believed to allow spirits to travel and visit.



Share Memories:

- Invite family and friends to share stories and memories of your pet, strengthening the bond and keeping their spirit alive.

By creating an ofrenda, you're acknowledging the love and companionship your pet brought into your life and keeping their memory alive.

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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.

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

VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering your time by serving on the WRAP Board, on one or more WRAP committees, and/or helping plan events. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, support rescue efforts and to help shape the future of our organization.

2025 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 Events, Projects and Sponsorships)
- Rescue Committee (including Rescue Transportation, Foster Care and Adoptions)
- Communication Committee (including WRAP Facebook, Newsletter, Website, Email)

If you are interested in being a WRAP Volunteer, please contact Susan Acevedo at susan.acevedo@gmail.com

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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!!