

# IT'S A WRAP

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends of WRAP,

As we WRAP (pun intended) up 2022, it is time to look back and to be grateful for another year of Westie rescues, events, fundraising, and camaraderie among the Northern California Westie community. We had much to be grateful for in 2022 and we have much to look forward to in 2023.

This year we rescued a total of 9 Westies. We need to thank Barbara Mordy and her volunteers for making this another successful year. Finding Westies that need to be rescued continues to be a challenge, but we depend on you to get the word out that we have wonderful volunteers that will make the time and effort to make sure these special little white dogs find homes full of love and excitement. A very special thank you to all the 2022 foster and adoptive parents for taking in these special little bundles of joy, caring for them and loving them every day they are under your roof.

This year we had two walks and two fun days. In March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by doing a walk at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin, CA. In June, we had a great fun day event at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA. We heard great feedback from many that really enjoyed the June event and really liked the venue. In August we celebrated Summer by having a lovely walk in the park at Agnews Historic Park in Santa Clara, CA. We saw lots of new faces (both human and canine). In October, we had our annual Autumn Fun Day and Halloween Costume Contest at Val Vista Park in Pleasanton, CA. We had fun at the Autumn event, but the parking was dreadful...so we may have to change the location and/or timing of next year's event. Lastly, we had scheduled a walk and train ride at Oak Meadow Park in Los Gatos, CA, but we had to cancel it because of rain. The walk and train ride may be rescheduled for early 2023.

We look forward to planning more walks, fun days, and reasons for getting together to see all our Westie friends in 2023. To do more of these activities, we need more volunteers to help us plan, lead and/or support these efforts. We are willing to consider new locations and activities if we can get some more help to spread the work/fun.

We also are looking for more contributors to the quarterly newsletters. A short essay on any topic that might be useful, educational and/or entertaining to the Westie community would be much appreciated. For example, tips on taking photographs of your Westie, tips on how to best care for your Westie by your veterinarian, stories on travels with your Westie, etc.

Please let me know if you have any ideas (e.g., next year's events, projects, communication) or interest in volunteering for any of the aforementioned opportunities by sending me an email at [susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org](mailto:susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org)



Regards, Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) & Hamish

## FUN & FUNDRAISING

### 2022 WRAP Autumn Fun Day

We had a good turnout for the **2022 WRAP Autumn Fun Day** on Saturday, October 15th at Val Vista Park in Pleasanton, CA. We co-hosted the event with the Golden Gate Scottish Terrier Rescue (GGSTR). We had double trouble with both Westies and Scotties with their human families/friends celebrating Autumn and GGSTR's one year anniversary!

We appreciated all those who registered and donated upon arriving at the venue as well as all of you who stopped by the sales table and picked up a few Westie and/or Scottie items.



After much mingling, much barking and general mayhem, we started the short walk around the park.



We had some doggies and their families stop by and had their photos taken at the photo booth.



The Halloween costume contest was the activity that captured the hearts and smiles of all the attendees. There were so many great costumes it was difficult to award prizes!



Lots of Westie Moms with their Westie fur babies.



Last but not least, we had a delicious potluck lunch (including some very special treats from Pandie Pops).



To see more photos, check out our Facebook page.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with set up, registration, merchandise sales, food, treats, beverages, and clean up.

Special thanks to our Halloween Costume Contest judges for organizing and keeping things lively during the much anticipated, highly competitive Halloween costume contest.

Extra special thanks to Bill O'Such and Veronica Stewart for taking so many awesome photos!

Lastly, thank you to everyone that came, contributed and/or supported this event (including some of you that wanted to participate but were unable to attend).

### **2023 WRAP Calendar**

Many of you have ordered, purchased, and received your 2023 WRAP Calendars.



If you did not get your order, please contact Susan at [susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org](mailto:susan.acevedo@westierescuenorcal.org).

If you did not submit an order/request and are interested now, please contact Susan.

Thank you for your donations and continued support. I hope you enjoy looking at these lovely faces all next year!

## **DONATIONS**

Thank you to all the individual donors who have given cash, written personal checks, and/or made purchases using AmazonSmile and have designate WRAP as a worthy non-profit beneficiary.

Donation can be made on our webpage, Please **don't make** donations via Facebook.

Finally, we want to thank all of you that have designated WRAP as your charity of choice for donation dollars at your workplace.

## **Additional Places to walk in the Bay Area**

Some comments about locations to walk:

(a) Devil's Slide is a 2.6 mile roundtrip, if you do the whole thing. It's all paved. There's limited parking at both ends, especially on a weekend. Toilets at both ends. There's a 9% grade in the middle. Views down the cliffs, of the coast, are very striking. Although the dogs are supposed to be leashed, there are many who aren't, with no problems.

(b) Pillar Point. If you start from the Trail Head, after a short level walk you come to a fork. If you go left, you will have a very steep, & I think unpleasant, climb, till you get to the part of the trails that walks along the bluff. If you go right, it is much longer to get to that same place, but much more gradual. Almost no shade either way. If you start from the trail end instead, you can walk along the water, & a few shaded areas, but it's a hike up to get to the bluffs, & sometimes that's been closed off.

(c) At the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve next door, there are great views of the coast, but the trails where dogs allowed is quite limited.

(d) Sanborn Park in Saratoga, which allows dogs (all I've seen there have been on leash), has several parking areas, lots of space, trails, toilets, lots of shade, & redwood trees. There are camping areas, for vehicle camping. Some picnic tables, but lots of folks picnicking on the grassy hill.

## **RESCUE NEWS**

**Watson**- was rescued from a backyard where he was living and eating a tamale when found. He is a terrier mix and just one year old. He made his way to WRAP and has proven himself to be a very smart boy. He was in a foster adoptive home and being trained to be a Service Dog by his foster mom. Once neutered he was adopted by his foster mom and dad. Watson is enjoying the companionship of his Golden Retriever sister Flicka, and loves learning new things.



**Dottie and Jacob-** Dottie is a 9-year-old girl who came to WRAP at the end of October with her brother Jacob age 8 years. Dottie has a skin condition common to Westies for which she is being treated and is expected to get all her fur back. Their mom is very ill and could no longer take care of Dottie and Jacob. They are a bonded pair, having been together since they were small. They have been adopted together and have an 8-year-old canine brother. They are very happy!



## In Memoriam



**Charlie-** He came to rescue with his Yorkie sister, Lucy about 4 years ago, at age 8 years. He crossed the Rainbow Bridge on November 11, 2022. Charlie was born in 2011. Charlie had 4 wonderful years with his forever family who loved him dearly and his sister Lucy by his side.



**McLovin'-** McLovin' crossed the Rainbow Bridge on October 13, 2022. He was rescued in 2011. He was a calendar boy (in the WRAP calendar) in September 2022. He was much loved by his forever family. He was a loyal and loving companion. He stayed by his mother's side until she passed.



## **Porsche-**

1-05-2009 to 10-27-2022

We are so grateful that Porsche came into our life a little over 3 years ago.

Let me tell you all she brought to the Foley family the past 3 years.

She was a funny and energetic, happy girl that took to her new family quickly. She was a true Papa's girl and she melted his heart always.

She was a true Westie with her little body and big attitude, yet loving and handled her little brother so lovingly when he would just jump on her to play.

Porsche so loved her backyard and all the walkers and just people and dogs in general. She would sit in the yard and wait for any activity going on or walking by.

When we walked, she liked to stroll so she could take everything in, so we walked her way!

She loved to roll in the wet grass and snow and loved the rain too. She was such a beautiful girl and yet was a true tomboy who loved to get dirty!

Many times we did car rides which she loved, but it was always nap time.

Porsche was so well behaved and we often took them to dinner with us when there was outside seating and the weather was good.

Everyone in the neighborhood loved her and when we stopped and talked, Porsche and Boots just lay down and just waited for us to move on..

We were such a happy family of 4 and she just wanted love and connection which was easy.

She gave us so much more unconditional love and happiness than we ever thought possible.

Porsche had a few nicknames too...Sista, baby girl and sweet baby girl.

We truly love her and she made it so easy....

As our hearts are broken now, we are so grateful you brought her into our life.



**Jordy-** Jordy came to Rescue at the end of December 2021. He was adopted January 2, 2022. He was 13 years old when he passed on December 1, 2022. He was a sweet-tempered senior gentleman. He enjoyed walks around the block and in the neighborhood. He wanted to make friends with all the dogs and people he met. He enjoyed hanging out on the couch with his moms in the evening and liked snuggles too. He enjoyed food and treats above all. We loved him and miss him terribly.



**Mattie-** Mattie came to rescue in 2017 at the age of 12 with her Westie sister Jaquie, after the death of their human mother. Mattie and Jaquie were placed together in January 2018 in a loving family with two daughters. Mattie was well loved but age and health problems caught up with her. She passed on December 8, 2022. She was 17 years old.



**Duffy –** Tribute to Duffy Rule, who passed on Nov. 21, 2022

We had the privilege of being with Duffy for three short years. He was a foster failure. The moment he came into our house, I asked Ramona if we could not keep him. This is the first time I have ever made that request in the many years of fostering Westies with WRAP. We were lucky. Duffy had been promised to someone else, and I went through an agonizing day, but lucky for me this other home did not work out. Duffy was happy as well.

Duffy looked at me the day he first came into our house, locked eyes with me, and we immediately bonded. I had fallen, and I learned a great deal during the three years of deep friendship that followed.

Duffy was happy every day. Something we humans could learn from. He would wake me in the morning patiently, staring until I awakened. I would get on the floor with him and he would “kiss” me. For the first time, I “kissed back”.

Duffy loved his walks in the morning. He would bark when we were nearly ready to go outside. Our other dogs often joined in. We called it “bark, bark.”

During the evening, we let our dogs go outside in our front lawn without a leash under our supervision. Duffy ran and ran each evening. He was nearly 14 towards the end, yet he kept up with a three-year-old we have.

Duffy loved to ensure that no “evil squirrel” was on our property. He would chase them off. When the squirrels would eat the leaves off the trees in our property, he would see them and bark. We found immense joy in his “protection.”

Whenever we traveled without Duffy, I was told by our friend who took care of our dogs that he would sit in my office awaiting my return. One time I got a picture of him waiting. I have many fond memories of Duffy sitting near me in my office while I worked. He never begged for attention, but did not need to. I would routinely break from my work and would get on the floor with him.

We celebrate the holidays in the Rancho Mirage area near Palm Springs, CA. We take our dogs with us. Duffy loved the desert as well. The neighbors in both areas would always comment on how handsome Duffy was.

In January of 2022 we learned that Duffy had bladder cancer. Sadly, in dogs this cancer is not operable. So, every two weeks until his passing Duffy underwent chemo. I took him many times. I would look at him and say that it was time for a car ride, and he would rush out the door, wagging his tail. Some of the best memories I have of Duffy are of how we spent time together in 2022 getting his chemo. The parking lot of the center is full of dog loving “parents” who are taking their furry loved ones for care. Duffy was a favorite there, and I always heard from the staff how he was easy to work with. Some days he did not feel well because of the chemo. He never complained. He only walked more slowly.

During 2022 Duffy needed to urinate routinely. And it became very difficult for him to do so. My wonderful wife found a wraparound disposable diaper we put on him. Duffy adjusted quite well to it and would stand to enable it to be easier to put on. Again, he never complained. He trusted us. There were also many medications during 2022. Ramona took fabulous care of Duffy. There were pills and even IV's at home. Towards the end there were pain pills. Duffy accepted all of these again without complaint. One of his best walks of 2022 was two days before he passed. Duffy lived life to the fullest.

Duffy also had difficulty eating during the second half of 2022. So, Ramona manually fed him. He loved that.

Duffy was a good friend to our other dogs. He did not mind that we added to our “family.” He came in as our third dog, and we added a three-year-old as our fourth, Tavish. Tavish loved Duffy, and has not been the same since his passing. Tavish does not like to walk as much.

One month prior to Duffy's passing we lost our dog of 14 years, Lulu. Duffy cheered us up from that tragic loss. It was doubly hard for me to lose him.

I am starting to cry as I write this. Then, a small voice comes to me. It is Duffy telling me to be happy. How much he wants that for me, and to remind me that he was happy each day we were together.

That was my theme for January to November of 2022. Once I learned of his bladder cancer, I would tell Duffy that each day together was a good day, each morning before our walk. And I meant it. Somehow, the other events in the world impacted me less.

I hope two things for anyone who reads this. First, I hope you have a connection with "someone" like Duffy. Second, I hope you value each day, and strive to happy, as Duffy would want.

In loving memory,

Duffy's Dad Peter Rule




**You'll meet me in the light**

**I know that you can't see me,  
but trust me I'm right here.  
Although I'm up in heaven,  
my love for you stays near.**

**So often I see you crying,  
many times you call my name.  
I want so much to lick your face  
and ease some of your pain.**

**I wish that I could make you see  
that Heaven indeed is real.  
If you could see me run and play  
how much better you would feel.**

**But our loving God has promised me  
that when the time is right,  
you'll step out of the darkness and  
meet me in the light.**



*K. Niles  
2012*

## Exploring the Westie Trail In the West Highlands of Scotland

By Ineke Rühland

In May 2004, we made a one-week journey through Scotland exploring the roots of the West Highland White Terrier breed. We had already been to Poland exploring my husband Bill's genealogy and the Netherlands and Germany for mine, so we felt it was time to explore the genealogical roots of Fritz, our seven-year-old Westie. The truth is, we love to travel and this gave our trip a leitmotif and added some mystery and intrigue. Unfortunately, we had to leave Fritz at home because of the quarantine rules for the United Kingdom which, although less rigorous than in the past, still dictate that he would have had to travel in cargo. We decided not to take that risk, and were reassured that he would be well taken care of by a very responsible neighbor who dotes on him.

We consulted our Westie books and the internet beforehand to determine where we should go. We particularly enjoyed a little book from 1911 that we found second-hand on Amazon called *"The West Highland White Terrier"* by Holland Buckley. We decided the most important places to explore would be Poltalloch and Roseneath in the West Highlands. Both are mentioned as the origins of the Poltalloch Terrier and Roseneath Terrier respectively, predecessors to the West Highland White Terrier.

We started our trip in Glasgow, where we spent one evening sleeping off our jet lag, leaving the next morning in our trusty little rental car, a silver Vauxhall Corsa. We special-ordered an automatic transmission because changing gears with your left hand seems like too much of a challenge when you're also trying to concentrate on keeping left and not turning into oncoming traffic! It takes at least a day to get used to driving on the lefthand side of the road, but is well worth it because this trip would not have been possible without a car.

We made the half-day journey to Oban in glorious sunshine, driving along many lovely lakes, including Loch Lomond and Loch Etive. We had decided to stay in Oban because of its central position in the West Highlands and availability of hotels. Tourism

is definitely the main industry in Oban, with dozens of hotels and guest houses dotting the town, and numerous dining options. We stayed four nights at the Roseneath Guest House, a well-run place serving an excellent Scottish breakfast every morning.



*Map of our Westie Destinations*

Our first trip was to Poltalloch, located on a point on the Sound of Jura, which feeds directly into the Atlantic Ocean. It is more of an estate than a village, with about half a dozen houses scattered alongside the large estate of the Malcolm family. This is where Colonel E.D. Malcolm lived with his "Poltalloch Eleven" of Westies when he organized the official recognition of the Westie breed in 1905.

Upon arriving in Poltalloch, we could see the ruins of a mansion in the distance and, further down the road, a private drive leading to Duntrune Castle. At first we didn't know what else to do since we didn't want to be nosey parkers! After exploring all the country lanes in the area, we saw a gardener working near the rather imposing gate leading to Duntrune Castle. Summoning up our courage we approached him and told him about our quest to explore the Westie Trail. He replied, "You mean the Poltalloch Terrier?" (hah!). He explained that Colonel E.D. Malcolm's grandson, Robin Malcolm, currently lives in Duntrune Castle. He is the current chief of the Clan MacCallum/Malcolm. According to the gardener, no Westies remain, just an old sheepdog.

He thought it probably would not be a good idea to knock on the door of the castle (neither did we), but he did encourage us to go in and see the garden. He was obviously proud of his handiwork, as well he should have been because the garden was nothing less than magical. Although small compared to the public gardens we visited throughout the country, this became our favorite garden in Scotland.

Duntrune Castle is visually stunning, with parts dating to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. We discovered there are six cottages on the estate that Robin Malcolm rents out on a weekly basis, and they are very charming. We would have stayed in one of the cottages had we known about them, and it would have given us an excuse to speak to Robin Malcolm and maybe even get a peak at his grandfather's old Westie photos. Sigh ... we'll leave it for other Westie lovers to explore in the future (but please report back!). Check out [www.duntrune.com](http://www.duntrune.com) if you're interested in renting one of the cottages. Our retirement dream for the (distant) future is to rent the Stag Cottage for two or three weeks and focus on writing and art projects.

While we were still on the Poltalloch estate, we ran into a neighboring inhabitant who encouraged us to go and see the chapel, which is left open. It is the burial place of many generations of Malcolms, all designated with plaques and descriptions of their lives. Many were war heroes. He also told us about an old kennel behind one of the houses on the estate that used to breed Westies. We drove by it later but from our limited vantage point, it did not appear to be in use.



*The Malcolm Family's Duntrune Castle at Poltalloch*

We also managed to take photos of the ruined Jacobean-style mansion located near the chapel. This is the house in which Colonel E.D. Malcolm

lived in 1905 when he had his famous "Eleven for Scotland" pack of Westies, and when he organized the official recognition of the breed. We suspect he lived here rather than the castle on the estate, which by far predates it, because it was more comfortable. The house is now in ruins because the roof was removed and it was abandoned in the 1950's, apparently due to high property taxes. What a shame, because the house is gorgeous.



*Colonel E.D. Malcolm's Jacobean Mansion at Poltalloch*

It was very interesting to study the Westie terrain at Poltalloch. We could visualize Colonel Malcolm's Westies tearing through these fields, and chasing badgers, foxes and otters. Although quite rocky, the land is lushly verdant and surrounded by water.

We would hold forth that Westies thus should have the right to wear the Malcolm tartan, which is navy, green and black, with red and yellow striped accents.

Next stop on the Westie Trail was Inveraray, where the Duke of Argyll has a castle open to the public. He is the head of the Clan Campbell, and the highest ranked aristocrat in the Argyll area. When the Duke of Argyll had a castle in Roseneath in the 1800's (about 50 miles away), it had a kennel for Roseneath Terriers, one of the ancestral strains of the Westie. Unfortunately, there was no sign of Westies in any of the portraits or photos in Inveraray Castle, so this proved to be a dead end. Interestingly, the guard was able to tell us about Roseneath Castle, which used to belong to the Duke of Argyll but had now apparently been turned into a trailer park.

Inverary Castle was still lovely and interesting to visit, and the town was also worthwhile. We ran into a local inhabitant walking a Westie named Clyde,



and she informed us that the town of Inveraray has a population of about 550 people ... and six Westies!

*The Duke of Argyll's Inverary Castle*

Even though we were discouraged by the guard's description of the current state of affairs at Roseneath, we still wanted to explore the Roseneath Terrier connection, so off we went to Roseneath. It is located on Roseneath Bay, which has become a popular summer vacationing spot. Unfortunately, the Duke of Argyll's Roseneath Castle was abandoned during the Second World War, at which time it was used as one of the headquarters of the



U.S. forces. It was demolished shortly afterwards and turned into a vacation trailer park.

*Roseneath Castle Park Today*

There are currently hundreds of trailers and no sign left of the castle except for numerous old photos in the central coffee shop/bar. What a shame because the photos showed that it was quite magnificent in its day. Another run-in with high property taxes in the 1950's. Our prior literature search mentioned a kennel on the Roseneath estate and also mentioned the name of a breeder, George Clarke, but we never managed to find tangible evidence of the historical

Westie connection at Roseneath. We did discover a modern-day Westie named Snowy (see photo).

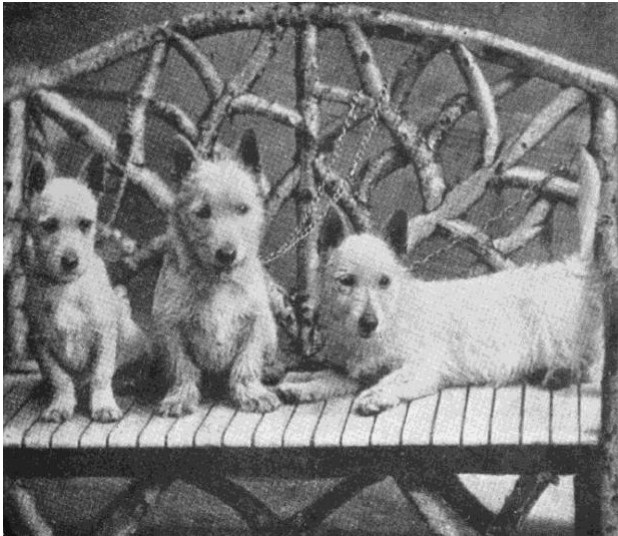
Our last destination on the Westie Trail was the National Library in Edinburgh to do a literature search on Westie history. There are two parts to the library: one building is a lending library freely open to the public, and the second has older manuscripts and books open only to accredited researchers. According to the index files, all of the interesting books were located in the latter building. We brazenly said we were writing an article for the San Francisco Bay Westie Club, which allowed us to get a researcher's pass valid for a month. Although we had no real prior plan to write anything, the ensuing guilt has resulted in this very article.

We found some great things, including an extensive article written by Colonel Malcolm in 1906. He's a very scholarly writer, and was clearly very fond of his Westie brood. He wrote that both his father and grandfather had Poltalloch Terriers, and he could personally avow that they were at Poltalloch since at least 1846. In fact, he speculated that their history went back to at least 1600, when James the First of England made his famous request to have half a dozen "earth dogges or terrieres" from Argyll sent to the King of France. We made a photocopy of the article and will make a digital copy available.

A very promising article on the Westie breed from *Harpers & Queen* in 1899 had been cut out of the volume (Westie bandits!). Perhaps we'll check that one out at the British Museum in London next time we're there. We love any excuse to travel!

We managed to take some digital photos of some of the oldest images in the books:

Colonel E.D. Malcolm with his Poltalloch Terriers, c. 1905  
 We recognize the rocky terrain from the Poltalloch estate!

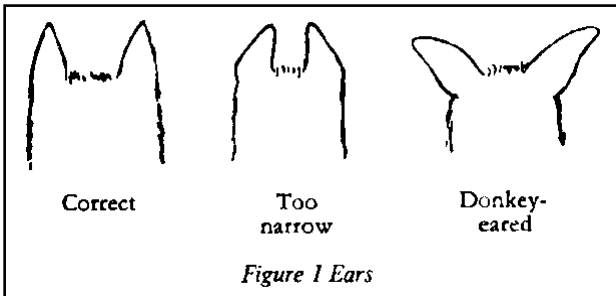


Three Roseneath Terriers in 1899

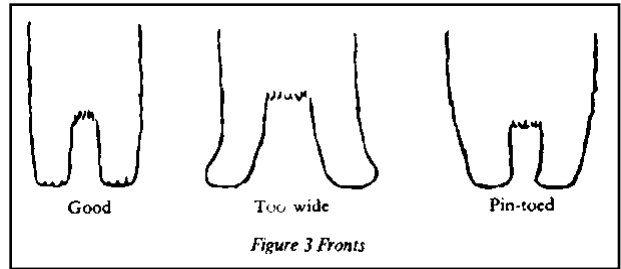


The Magical Garden at Poltalloch.

We loved these Dilbert-style drawings we found of the Westie standard. For the ears ...



... and legs



We're relieved that Fritz is both "correct" and "good", even if he isn't a show dog. It became clear to us that the Westie is a very celebrated and loved dog breed in Scotland. Any of you who have visited Scotland will have found an unlimited supply of Westie souvenirs throughout the country.



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