

IT'S A WRAP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of WRAP,

Welcome to the dog days of Summer and to our latest edition of IT'S A WRAP! We recently celebrated our sixth anniversary and are looking forward to more reasons to celebrate all things Westie. We are always looking for an excuse to take a walk, get together to have Westie fun, eat a treat and/or give/get a few belly rubs!

A few Westies have been rescued since our last newsletter. Barbara Mordy and her volunteers continue to drop everything and transport/ rehabilitate the Westies in need of new homes in Northern California. Read the Rescue News section to meet our newest Westie Rescues.

We had our first Westie Fun Day at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA on June 4th. We co-hosted the event with our Scottie friends at Golden Gate Scottish Terrier Rescue, so it was a double the fun with Westies & Scotties! We were fortunate to have a great location, great weather, great treats, and great people show up with their Westies, Scotties, and other doggie friends. It was so much fun that we got inspired to begin planning for the next event...a Westie Walk in August 2022. See the Events and Fundraising News section of the newsletter for more details.

All fun aside, we need to mention a serious topic that all Westie owners need to consider. If you are the one that is responsible for your pet's care (e.g., feeding, walking, giving medications, etc.), then who could/would do it if you are faced with an emergency that takes you away from your home and/or compromises your mobility? Who would provide the usual care, cuddles, and potty breaks for a day or two? What about for several weeks? This can be a real dilemma, especially if you live alone. Please think about this, put together an action plan, and let someone know about the plan to make sure your pets will continue to be cared for.

For now, 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



Regards, Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) & Hamish

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING NEWS

June 2022 WRAP Fun Day in Belmont, CA

We had another successful WRAP Fun Day on Saturday, June 4th, at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA. It was a Westie & Scottie Fun Day since we cohosted the event with the Golden Gate Scottie Rescue group. The turnout was FANTASTIC with around 40 humans and 30 doggies!

The park is a great find with plenty of trees, parking, picnic tables, paths to walk and an outdoor stage! Thanks to Janelle and Joe for letting us know about this gem and reserving the picnic area!

After registering at our “front desk,” the attendees got the lay of the land and settled into their lawn chairs under the large shady trees. Some Westies made new friends!



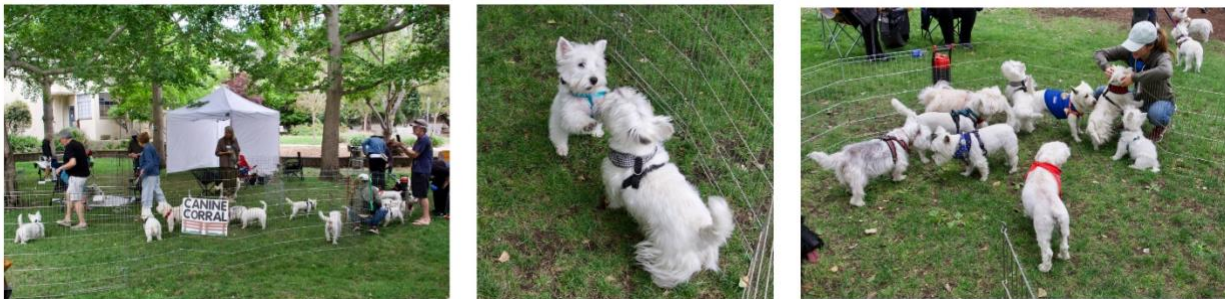
The walk was started and led by Janelle and Joe around the park. It was short and sweet; however, some Westies looked like they were competing in a Marathon. Safely back to the starting point, the walkers posed for a nice group photo!



It was fun to see some doggies who came to the event all dressed up in festive hats with matching collars, statement scarves and cute t-shirts.



We had a series of connected and stand-alone exercise pens (a.k.a. Canine Corral) for the doggies to enjoy just being alone, hanging out together or actively playing. Everyone was well behaved and no major incidents were reported.



Throughout the day we had doggies posing for the camera which allowed our fabulous photographer (Bill O'Such) to take beautiful photos.



The Parade of Rescues was a great way of introducing many of the rescues that we have known and loved in person/in canine over the years. We had some rescues that came from before WRAP was formed, some recent WRAP rescues and some Scotties from Golden Gate Scottish Terrier Rescue looking for a forever homes. It is great to see so many doggies that are happy and loved!



Thank you to everyone that came and made this a special day. Big thanks to everyone that helped us with set up, the activities. and/or clean up.

To see more photos, click on this link:

<https://westierescuenorcal.shutterfly.com/2098>

Donations that Keep us going...

We continue to receive donations from hard working Westie lovers that set up and contribute to their workplace donation accounts. Thank you to all that have made your contributions via these important accounts: The Bright Fund, the Blackbaud Fund, Benevity, and the Network for Giving! A special thank you to all of you and to all of individual donors who have made contributions to WRAP.

Many corporations have programs that allow employees to donate to charities and will, in many cases, do matching funds. WRAP (Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California) is eligible for many of these programs. We are currently registered with Cisco, Hewlett Packard Enterprises and Wells Fargo Bank, among others. This is a painless way to donate and maximize your donation to help Westies.

Facebook...we continue to raise funds through the generosity of many Westie lovers via our Facebook page. Some of you donate through Facebook for individual dogs and others do Birthday fundraisers. Thank you to all that have donated and/or created a Facebook fundraiser through which your friends and family have donated money to us!

Still others of you help us at rescue to help Westies via personal checks and/or PayPal. Thank you to all that have made your donations this way too!

Lastly, we know that Westies and their families like to shop via the internet...You can never have too many doggie treats or doggie toys! As a reminder, we benefit from quarterly donations from Amazon (at no additional cost to you) when you use AmazonSmile to purchase any items on Amazon and have designated Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California as your charity of choice.

Thank you to all our great AmazonSmile shoppers!

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RESCUE NEWS

Colin- Colin is an 11 year old boy came to rescue after his mother could no longer care for him. He is a sweet cuddly boy. Colin loves to be outside. He gets along well with other dogs and loves his walks. He is a talker. His forever Mom and Dad say he is generous with his kisses. He loves to play fetch with Dad in the yard.



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Opus – Opus came to rescue because of his allergies. His family could not find a veterinarian that could help him. He is a very sweet boy who gets along with children and other dogs. He loves to cuddle with people and play chase with other dogs. He is very well mannered. Opie has been adopted and is getting a lot of love and all the medical care he needs. He is doing great,



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Duncan- Duncan came to rescue because at 5 years old his family felt he was too active and needed a home that could provide him with more exercise and activity. He likes to play tug of war and chase squirrels. He gets along with other dogs. Duncan is doing great in his new forever home. He bonded quickly with his foster Dad and Mom. Duncan’s adoption is pending.



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In Memoriam



Braedon "Brae Brae"- Brae Brae was rescued at age 10 years with his 8 year old Scottie Sister Isabelle. Isabelle preceded Brae in death and was waiting to greet him at the rainbow bridge. Braedon lived to be 16 ½ years old, a life well lived. He was a gentle soul who was sweet and affectionate. He welcomed many rescue dogs into our home and was always a good host.



In Memory of Walter “Waltie” Seidel who gave 7 ½ wonderful years to his forever family.



Annie- Sweet Annie, who was almost 17 ½ passed in early June at home in Mill Valley from liver failure. She went to her forever home as a foster and quickly made it a permanent arrangement. Annie was such a character and is missed by her family. She was a loyal girl and was always by their side.



MEDICAL CORNER

Canine Addison's Disease

Addison's disease is a deficiency of the adrenal gland hormones, Aldosterone, and Cortisol. The cause is not really known but it is generally thought to be caused by an autoimmune process. It can occur in dogs of any breed, sex, or age but it is most commonly seen in young female adults.

The decreased secretion of Aldosterone (the main mineralocorticoid) results in changes to the blood levels of Potassium, Sodium, and Chloride. The disease causes a progressive increase in the blood Potassium and decrease in Sodium and Chloride. Elevated Potassium levels can cause EKG and heart rate changes.

The Clinical symptoms can be somewhat vague as it is typically a gradual process. Symptoms can include recurrent episodes of loss of appetite, vomiting, lethargy, weight loss, and weakness. Early in the disease process there might be mild clinical symptoms during periods of stress such as grooming, or boarding. The dog may have mild intermittent symptoms for months but as the adrenal glands are progressively destroyed the vomiting, diarrhea and dehydration can lead to shock, coma, and death. An Adrenal crisis is an acute medical emergency.

Blood tests can aid in the diagnosis, but the definitive diagnosis requires the evaluation of the adrenal glands to secrete Cortisol. This test takes several hours and must be done in the Veterinary office. A baseline Cortisol level is checked, then the dog is given ACTH, and the Cortisol level is rechecked in 1-2 hours. A dog with Addison's disease will have a low baseline level of Cortisol and little response to ACTH administration.

The treatment includes long term maintenance therapy of a mineralocorticoid called Desoxycorticosterone Pivalate – called DOCP for short! The dose is based on the weight of the dog. This drug can be given IM or SQ. Electrolytes should be checked at regular intervals at the start of treatment to ensure the correct dosage. Approximately 50% of these dogs also require daily low dose Prednisone to control clinical symptoms.

With proper fluids and treatment, the prognosis is excellent.

Personal story: Our Lulu who is currently 14, was diagnosed at age 2. She was a wild young Westie and would have frequent episodes of vomiting especially in the early am. One morning when it was time for breakfast and a walk, she did not want to get off the bed. She was lethargic. An immediate trip to the Vet and a follow up ACTH test confirmed her diagnosis of Addison's Disease. She receives 1.25mg. of Prednisone every am and a DOCP injection every 25 days. Initially I took her to the Vet every month for the IM injection, but now I administer the medication SQ (under the skin) at home. During times of increased stress – grooming, house guests, etc. I increase her Prednisone to 1.5mg. as directed by our Veterinarian.

