

# IT'S A WRAP

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends of WRAP,

Welcome to the 2023 Spring edition of IT'S A WRAP. We have started our seventh year of rescuing Westies in Northern California, and we hope we can count on all of you to continue to support our efforts, participate in our events, and share your love for Westies!

The first few months of this year have been slow...maybe all the Westies and their owners are hibernating. Nonetheless, Barbara Mordy (our intrepid Rescue Leader) continues to hunt for Westies that need a new home. She recently reached out to someone that was going through some life challenges and was thinking of surrendering her Westie to us. At the eleventh hour the Westie owner reconsidered and decided to keep her Westie. We were disappointed at first, but ultimately happy to hear that this little guy was not going to be uprooted from the only home he has known.

Our first event of the year will be a walk in the park to celebrate Springtime. This will take place on **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Agnews Historic Park in Santa Clara, CA**. We will cross our fingers and hope that the rain does not spoil the walk. See the flyer in the Events section for more details.

We have secured the venue for our annual Westie Fun Day to celebrate all Westies (both rescued over the years and some recently adopted) and their families. The event will take place on **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA**. Last year we had such a great time at this location (plenty of parking and lots of shady trees) that we decided to do it again!

Let me know if you would like to take a more active role in helping us with the events, projects, newsletters, etc. We really do need folks that can lend a hand during the planning phase and/or implementation (e.g., set up, clean up, registration, beverages/food, sales, parades, walks, writing articles, etc.). We would like to get more volunteers to step in, so it allows all of us to have an opportunity to enjoy spending time with you and your Westies!

In the meantime, 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

**FUN EVENTS & FUNDRAISING**

April 2023 WRAP Walk in the Park in Santa Clara, CA

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



**Free  
Coffee,  
Treats &  
Bottled  
Water**

**All  
Westies  
and their  
canine/  
human  
friends  
welcome!**



**Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10am  
Agnews Historic Park  
4030 Lafayette St.  
Santa Clara, CA 95054**

**Drive, park and meet at the end of Palm Dr.**

June 2023 WRAP Fun Day in Belmont, CA.



**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

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

Join us for a day of fun starting **at 10am**. Bring your Westies, Scotties and their canine friends to take a walk, play in the fenced in area, buy dog/human merchandise, pose for photos, participate in the parade of rescue dogs, and share in the potluck lunch.

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



Gen. Admission:  
\$10 per Adult  
\$5 per Child  
\$0 per Dog

Beverages & Treats

Walk & Play

Shop

Photo Booth

Parade of Rescues

Potluck Lunch

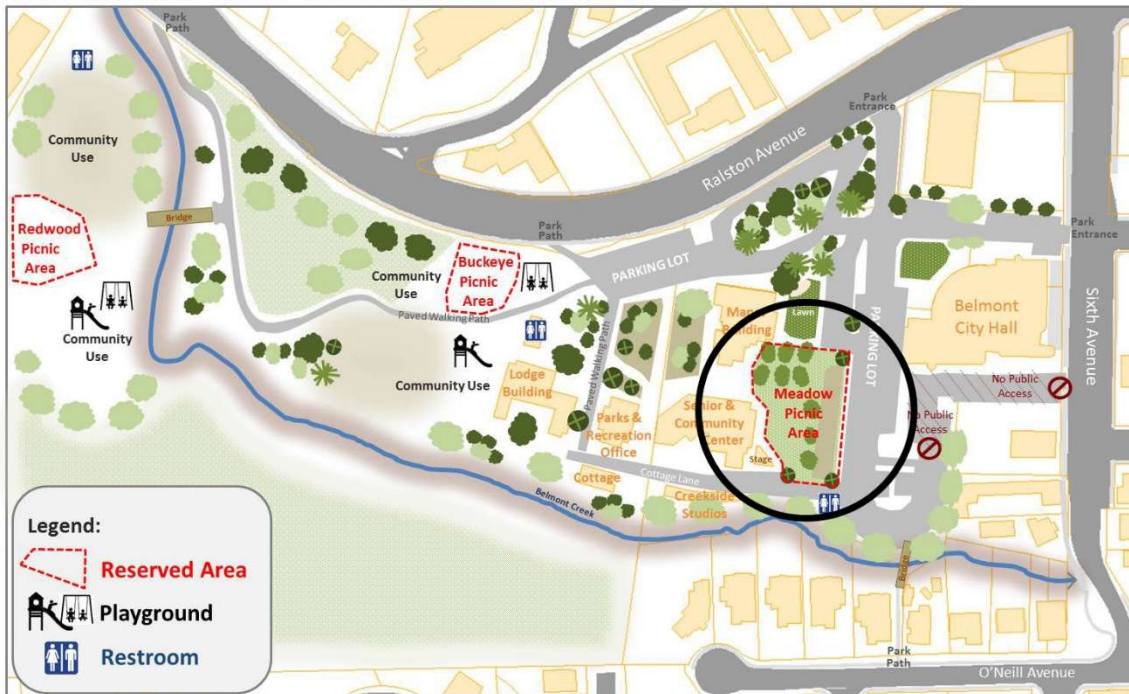
Help Rescues Find  
Forever Homes

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## TWIN PINES PARK – REDWOOD, BUCKEYE, & MEADOW PICNIC AREAS



## Pumpkin/Peanut Butter treats

- 2/3 cup pumpkin puree (not pie pumpkin)
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 2 large eggs
- 3 cups whole wheat flour

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

- Mix pumpkin, peanut butter and eggs until well mixed combined, about 1-2 minutes. Gradually add 2 1/2 cups flour at low speed, beating just until incorporated. Add an additional 1/4 cup flour at a time just until the dough is no longer sticky.
- Working on a lightly floured surface, knead the dough 3-4 times until it comes together. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Using cookie cutters, cut out desired shapes and place onto the prepared baking sheet.
- Place into oven and bake until the edges are golden brown, about 20-25 minutes.
- Let cool completely

## **DONATIONS**

- Thank you to all the individual donors who have given cash, or written personal checks.
- Unfortunately, AmazonSmile is no longer an option. Amazon has discontinued the program.
- Donations 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.

## **RESCUE NEWS**

Unfortunately, we have had no new rescues since before the new year.



## **In Memoriam**



### **Lola**

We lost Lola on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. She was the third dog that we lost in 4 months. We went from a house full of westies (4) to having one, and that one was depressed, having no one to play with. My heart is heavy as I write this.

Lola was the second dog to arrive in the newly formed WRAP in 2016. She was a beautiful 8-year-old girl! We had her for seven great years.

I always told her that she was “Extra Sweet” because she was a Diabetic Westie. She was our third diabetic Westie, so we have become “experts” at taking glucose measurements and administering insulin.

Her previous owners loved her very much, but they had moved to a farm up in the hills above Sonoma to pursue their dream of having a vineyard. Lola was an excellent hunter, but somehow that trait did not go well with the wildlife. Her owners feared for her safety with rattlesnakes, coyotes, etc. I suspect she also generated a little negativity when she killed some of the chickens....

Lola looked for trouble! She loved to roam the yard and find every dead and stinky thing out there. She would constantly bring her conquered foe (mainly mice) back to the house.

This little Westie girl was also quite bossy! She made me laugh all the time with her Westitude!

She was quite independent and selective with whom she liked. But she loved men! When Peter (my husband) had business associates over, she would flirt with them!

If you got a kiss from Lola, that would be special. In the last few weeks of her life, I received several of her special kisses.

We miss our Lola very much.

Love, Ramona & Peter



## **Lulu**

Our wonderful, strong and resilient Lulu crossed the Rainbow Bridge on 10/3/22, just a few days after her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lulu had a special place in my heart, and it has taken me several months to get up the courage to write this.

Lulu came to us at 10 months of age—she was a foster failure! I fell in love with her at first sight. Her owner relinquished her because she was diagnosed with Pancreatic Enzyme Insufficiency. This condition is easily treated with a prescription enzyme powder, but the previous owner could not afford it. We were lucky to be able to do so, and received more love from Lulu than we had hoped. We had had several Westies before Lulu—but she was one of a kind! She did things like none of the others.

We found her “Treasure Chest” under the Guest Room bed. She had every piece of tissue, paper, socks and many other items. It was when we saw her try to pull the mop under the bed that we found her secret hiding place!

You could not leave food on the kitchen table unguarded – one day I found her eating my Caesar salad off of the table. Or you might find her standing on the bedroom end tables. She was quite the character. She developed multiple health problems. At age two, she was Dx with Addison's Disease, which is an insufficiency of the adrenal glands. She was treated with a daily steroid, and an injection every 25 days. At age three, she was Dx with GME (Granulomatous Meningoencephalitis). The cause of this disease is unknown, but survival is quite poor without proper treatment. In fact, the first veterinarian Neurologist I talked with said that Lulu would be dead in a few months. We were frantic to find help, our three-year-old was dying in front of us.

After some diligent searching, I found a Neurologist in Boston who had a successful treatment plan. Sadly, the local Neurologist would not prescribe his plan because there was not a randomized controlled treatment plan showing the efficacy. And, I learned that a vet must "see" a dog in order to prescribe medicine. So, Lulu and I went to Boston. She was put on high doses of steroids and had at home chemo injections every month for a year. Lulu stayed in remission for the rest of her life. We will forever be grateful to this Boston Neurologist.

In spite of all of her illnesses, Lulu never complained.

Lulu loved to run and play. She wasn't built for that, as she also tore both ACL's. 7 months apart! Two surgeries followed. My husband would joke about "the dreaded cone" that Lulu had to wear to prevent her from scratching her surgery site.

As you can see, we had a lot of special needs with this precious dog! She was not afraid at the Vet's office; she spent so much time there she thought of it as the place for a social visit! I told her frequently that it was a good thing that her mom is a nurse.

Lulu was the family counselor. If either my husband or I raised our voice to one another, Lulu would put her front paw on that person. She wanted us to be as happy as she was. She was a "frequent kisser" to both of us.

Lulu loved to go on walks in our neighborhood. We go on walks with our dogs each morning. Lulu was so excited that she would bark when it was time to go. In her later years, she could not finish them. So, I bought a baby carriage and Lulu rode when she got tired. She got in the carriage happily. She was happy to be outside on her walks!

Lulu was always happy to have another dog in the house. She knew she was the "queen."

Lulu was strong and resilient to the very end. October 3<sup>rd</sup> was such a sad day, when Lulu was so sick we had to agree to "let her go." I remember carrying her lifeless body out of the house, and returning. My husband and I broke down crying, holding each other, for several minutes. It has taken me some time to write her story. There will never be another Lulu—we miss our special Lulu every day.

Love, Ramona & Peter



## Hunter

Hunter was born on February 15, 2005 or 6. His first family trained him as a service dog. He was a smart, sweet boy. Hunter came to rescue at age 12 or 13 years in October 2018. He welcomed a Westie sister, Carley in September 2020. He enjoyed her company. His family moved to the beach a couple of years ago. He was a gentle soul. He loved his family and his sister Carley. Rest in Peace, Sweet boy.

Love, Linda & Lisa

## ANNOUNCEMENT

If anyone has any articles or topics for the newsletter, let us know. Email [bgmordy@comcast.net](mailto:bgmordy@comcast.net)

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**Please consider volunteering your time by serving on one of the committees. 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.**

**IT'S A WRAP** 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, contact the Editor Barbara Mordy at [bgmordy@comcast.net](mailto:bgmordy@comcast.net).

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