

# IT'S A WRAP NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 9 ISSUE 4

WESTIE RESCUE AND PLACEMENT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WRAP,

Welcome to the final IT'S A WRAP Newsletter for 2025. This is a good time to look back at the many Westies we rescued, the events/fundraisers that we held and to thank those Westie Lovers that helped make it a great year. In 2026 we will look forward to continuing our mission to find forever homes for Westies in Northern California. We also look forward to celebrating our ten (10) year anniversary as a non-profit organization in 2026!

In 2025 we rescued a total of ten (10) Westies/Westie Mixes. We continue to work on our team approach to Westie Rescue since Barbara Mordy "retired". We had a few Senior Westies that were rescued and initially passed up; however, we ultimately found them wonderful loving forever homes. Many thanks to our team of rescue volunteers...hope to find more volunteers in 2026. Special thanks to all our foster and adoptive parents for taking in our 2025 Westie Rescues and showing them the love, they deserve. More details in the Rescue News section.

In 2025 we hosted some great events and had successful fundraisers. In February we met and celebrated "I Love Westies" at Pup Plaza in San Jose, CA. In April we met at Central Park and walked by Lake Elizabeth in Fremont, CA. In July, we had our annual fun day event at Twin Pines Park in Belmont, CA. In September, we met at the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad train station, walked on the Los Gatos Creek Trail and took a fun train ride with a train full of Westies. In October, we had our annual Autumn fun day at Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville, CA. More details in the Events and Fundraising section.

In 2025, we created and distributed our quarterly IT'S A WRAP newsletter. Thank you to our Editor (Barbara Mordy) and all the contributors. In 2026, we look forward to having you help us by contributing a short essay, recipe, tips, and/or photos that might be useful, educational and/or entertaining to the Westie community. We also ask that you submit a brief obituary if your Westie crosses over the Rainbow Bridge so we can remember him/her in our In Memoriam section of the newsletter.

Lastly, we continued to maintain and update our website ([www.westierescuenorcal.org](http://www.westierescuenorcal.org)) to keep you and others informed. Thank you to our webmaster (David Sklar) for making sure the website is up, running, forwarding important messages and finding ways to reduce bothersome spam.

We look forward to planning more walks, fun days, fundraisers, etc. in 2026. Contact me if you would like to get more involved at [susan.acevedo@gmail.com](mailto:susan.acevedo@gmail.com)

Good Bye to 2025 and Hello to 2026,

Susan Acevedo (WRAP President) & Hamish



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## RESCUE NEWS

### Boston

He is a 12 year old Westie boy that came from a home in the Sacramento Area. His human parents passed away and he was surrendered to WRAP. He was known to like walks, cuddling, protecting, and eating. He was cared for however he did not have the attention he needed and deserved until he found his foster mom.

Boston's foster mom did not hesitate to take him in despite his mature age. She named him after one of her favorite marathon races. She says he is very special and very good! She quickly made sure he went to the vet and got some much needed dental care.

He loves to go on walks and runs with his foster mom. They are both meeting neighbors and making new friends in the neighborhood. He has restored her spirit while she is working to restore his Westie spirit.



### Jack

He is a 13 year old Westie boy that came from a home in the Central Coast region of California. His human parents had passed away and he was taken in by a relative. His relative was moving and decided she could not take him so she contacted WRAP to help find him a new loving home.

Jack was nervous when he first arrived at his new foster home, however he quickly adjusted and was totally relaxed a few days later. His foster dad took him to the vet who said he had an infection under his eye and really bad teeth. He recovered after having the necessary procedures, medications and great post-op care at home.

His foster dads are very thankful for having him in their lives. Jack had an extra Happy Thanksgiving this year since his foster dads signed the WRAP Adoption Contract earlier in the week and made their home his new forever home!



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## Macie

Macie is a petite 5-year-old Westie who came to WRAP from the Central Valley. Her owners died and several different family members cared for her during the past three years. They decided to surrender her to WRAP.

It appears Macie spent a great deal of time in her crate, she even ate in her crate. Then WRAP picked her up and let her out of her crate and things started looking up for Macie! Macie loves to run and run and she even twirls!! She is bursting with playful energy. She loves to play with toys, especially squeaky toys! Macie is a real cutie.

Macie is thriving in her foster-adopt home and she is loving all the attention and love she is getting! She will be officially adopted in a few weeks!



## Marley

Marley was found on the street in a strip mall in Salinas. The shelter called WRAP and a volunteer picked him up asap. He was in pretty bad condition with skin issues and had lost most of the hair on his chest, legs and a spot on his back.

WRAP took him to a Veterinarian that same day to get him evaluated and start on the proper medications for his skin condition. The Veterinarian thought he was approximately 1 – 1 ½ years old.

His foster mom thought that he was probably kept as an outdoor dog because he was not used to walking on grass and was afraid to come into the house. He received daily medicated baths for two weeks and it was great to see his hair start to return.

Full of energy does not begin to describe this little guy! He loved to play, play with his foster brother and sisters! He is a smart little guy and quickly picked up potty training. After his neuter surgery and recovery, he went to his Foster Adopt home where he has a young Cairn sister, and even a human brother and sister to play with! He will be very busy! After just one week in his new place the family fell in love and he is adopted! Marley is living his new best life.



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## EVENTS & FUNDRAISING NEWS

### 2025 October WRAP Fun Day

We had our annual October Fun Day on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville, CA. Thanks to our friends from the Golden Gate Scottish Terrier Rescue (GGSTR) group for helping us co-host the event.

The weather was drizzly and cool, not great for a picnic, however we made the best of it.

Thanks to Lisa F. for coming early and setting up the well placed signs to direct our guests to the right picnic area.

We had the usual set up...however fewer lawn chairs and exercise pens on the grass due to the inclement weather. We had Westies and Scotties of all ages, sizes and temperaments that did not seem to mind the less than optimal weather.



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We had the usual meet, greet and chat with our current Westie and Scottie friends.

We also set up a table to remember our canine friends that are no longer with us. We celebrated Pet Day of the Dead (a few days early) by making an "ofrenda" or altar. We placed photos, colorful blankets, flowers, candles, papel picada, etc. Several attendees brought their own favorite photos, and other mementos that belonged to their beloved doggies that crossed the Rainbow Bridge.



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As usual, everyone was anxiously waiting and then getting ready for the Halloween costume contest. There were so many great costumes. So many patient doggies in their costumes. Thank you to Rick C. and Lisa F. for organizing the costume contest and selecting the prize winners!!





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Thanks to Bill O. and Veronica S. for taking photos of the Westies, Scotties and their humans!



Thanks to all the volunteers that came early to help with the set up and/or stayed late to help with the cleaning up.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone that attended and/or donated to this very fun event. We hope to see many of you next year!!

To see more 2025 October WRAP Fun Day photos, click on the links:

<https://www.osuchphotography.com/Westie-Rescue/n-n9QkMF/WRAP-Fall-2025>

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.1191813736150254&type=3>

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## 2025 Westie T-Shirt Fundraiser

We kicked off the holiday season with a Westie T-Shirt Fundraiser and not the usual 2026 Westie Calendar fundraiser. We are working with Bonfire to offer short and long sleeve t-shirts in a variety of colors, sizes, and prices.

These shirts will make great gifts for a variety of seasons and special occasions celebrated by Westie Lovers:

- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Valentine's Day
- Spring (including Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day)
- Summer (including Fourth of July)
- Autumn (including Halloween, Thanksgiving)
- Winter (including Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's Eve)

To order your t-shirts, click on the link: <https://www.bonfire.com/westies-forever/>



## WESTIE T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER



Westie Rescue and Placement (WRAP) of Northern California is offering Westie t-shirts in a variety of colors, sizes, styles and prices.



Support WRAP.. buy t-shirts for family, friends and yourself. Help us fund/find forever homes for our beloved Westies!



Order online:

<https://www.bonfire.com/westies-forever/>



Once a customer places their order, it will go to print the next business day. Orders will arrive 7-14 days after they're placed (international orders can take up to 24 days).



## TIPS & TREATS

### Plan for Your Pets Care

We often come across Westies that need to be surrendered upon the death of their human parents. Many of these Westies come to us without any medical information or care instructions.

Please consider the following tips for ensuring your Westie/Westies are well taken care of in the event you have a medical emergency, declining health and/or upon your death.

#### 1. Identify a Caregiver

- **Primary Caregiver:** Choose someone you trust (family, friend, neighbor) who is willing and able to take in your pets.
- **Backup Caregiver:** Always name an alternate in case the first person cannot follow through.
- **Conversations First:** Don't assume—ask them, discuss your pets' needs, and confirm they agree.

#### 2. Write Down Care Instructions

- **Daily Routine:** Feeding schedule, walking/exercise needs, medications, favorite toys, quirks.
  - **Medical Information:** Vet's name, medical history, vaccination records, prescriptions.
  - **Behavior Notes:** Triggers (loud noises, strangers), preferences, training cues.
- 📌 Keep this in an accessible place and update it regularly.

#### 3. Include in Estate Planning

- **Pet Trusts:** A legal arrangement where funds are set aside for your pet's care, and a trustee manages them.
- **Will Provisions:** You can name who will inherit your pets, but note pets are considered property under U.S. law, so instructions in a will may not be enforceable without a trust.
- **Power of Attorney (POA):** Allows someone to care for your pets if you become incapacitated before death.

#### 4. Financial Planning

- Estimate the lifetime cost of food, vet care, grooming, etc.
- Set aside money in your will or pet trust to cover these costs.

#### 5. Emergency Preparedness

- **Pet Care Cards:** Carry a wallet card stating you have pets at home with contact info for their caretaker.
- **Household Signs:** Place a discreet sticker or note near your front door for first responders ("Pets inside: 1 cat, 1 dog").
- **Short-Term Care Plan:** Arrange with a neighbor/friend to care for your pets immediately if something happens.

#### 6. Keep Everything Up to Date

- Update caregivers and documents if your situation changes (new pet, caregiver moves away, financial updates). Review your plan at least once a year.

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## IN MEMORIUM



In memory of our Westie friends that have recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge.



### ***Sherman***

My beloved Westie, Sherman, came to us through WRAP when he was 9 months old. He was quite a confident little bundle of activity, but ready to share his love from the beginning. Even as a pup, he would stand with his head between my ankles as I worked in the kitchen and continued to do so all the years we loved each other. Sherman's loving gestures were often based on his wonderful sensitivity and intuitiveness. He could always "read me", through good days and bad. He also communicated with little sounds when he needed help with one of his toys, or it was just time for a treat. My daily routine is not the same. I now sit down to read without his warmth up against me; I miss him so! I count Sherman as one of the greatest joys of my life.

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## **Willie**

Willie crossed the rainbow bridge peacefully on Monday, August 11, 2025. He was 16.

Willie came to us through WRAP in March 2020, the very beginning of the COVID pandemic.

A truly international dog, Willie was born in Singapore. He later moved to China and then to San Francisco. He moved to Napa when he was 11 where he spent his senior years with his two dads, Thom and Tony.

Willie wasn't always easy. He hated riding in cars, and he didn't always trust people. He was a growler and biter early on, but with patience and love from his dads, he learned to mellow and feel safe in his forever home.

Willie even had a brush with fame as Mr. September in the WRAP 2021 Calendar.

He was a very special dog. He is missed.

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## **Maggie**

Our Maggie died this early autumn, aged 15, the results of 2 concurrent cancers. She was beloved.

She was adopted/rescued in Nov., just before her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, almost 9 yrs. ago; for this we shall always be grateful to WRAP's Barbara Mordy. At the time of Maggie's adoption, she'd required orthopedic surgery.

Maggie was a wonderful companion, loving, and got along well with all other dogs (including those in our household) & all people. She was always a good girl in restaurants, friends' homes, on long car trips, or vacations with us.

We were so lucky to have shared the years with her, miss her, & hope WRAP will bring us another Maggie some day soon.

"As Will Rogers said, 'If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they went.' "

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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](http://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.

## VOLUNTEERS

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, **NEW** Grant Baldwin

### **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)

**Please consider volunteering your time by serving on the WRAP Board, on a WRAP committee, and/or helping with WRAP events. Please contact Susan at [susan.acevedo@gmail.com](mailto:susan.acevedo@gmail.com) if you have any questions and/or ready to be a WRAP Volunteer.**

## 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!

Please send items for publication in a widely accepted electronic format (e.g., photos in .jpeg formats, documents in MS Word).

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**If anyone has suggestions for newsletter topics or ideas, let us know by sending an email to [bgmordy@comcast.net](mailto:bgmordy@comcast.net)**

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