

# IT'S A WRAP NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WRAP,

Welcome to the 2026 March edition of IT'S A WRAP. Looks like Winter is behind us and Spring is in the air. Time for some fun in the sun...so put away those doggie coats! Hope all our Westies and their families/ friends are looking forward to supporting more Westie rescues, events, fundraising and meeting new Westies!

The WRAP Rescue Team continues to find Westies that need new homes. This year has brought some real rescue challenges; however the WRAP volunteers are always ready to do whatever it takes to rehabilitate and rehome these wonderful little dogs. Thank you to all our WRAP Rescue Team volunteers for your time and compassion!

In February we had our first event of the year...an I LOVE WESTIES Pawty at Pup Plaza in San Jose on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. We have not set a date, time or place for our next event. Please let me know if you have any favorite places to walk a Westie, event recommendations, etc.. See more highlights and details in the Fun Events & Fundraising section of this newsletter.

Always looking for more helpers...it takes village to plan and execute our rescue efforts, walks, events, newsletters, etc. Let me know if you have a little extra time and let us know your interests, skills, and availability so we can continue to help our rescues, enjoy walks, have events, publish newsletters, etc.

If you have ideas for new events, projects, or ways to improve our communication...please send me an email at [susan.acevedo@gmail.com](mailto:susan.acevedo@gmail.com)

Forever homes for all Westies,

Susan Acevedo



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## RESCUE NEWS

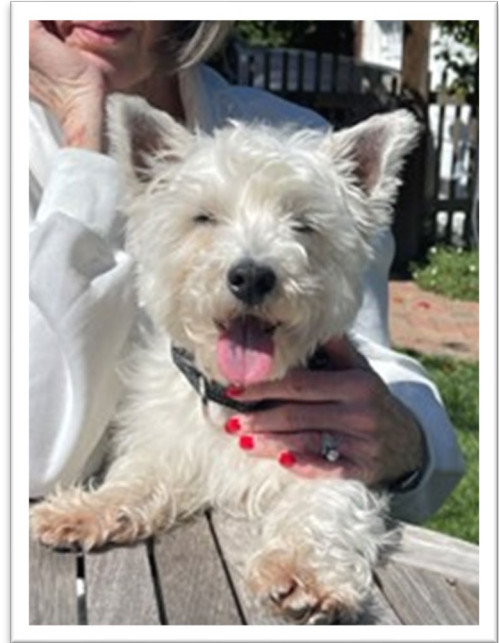
### Lulu

Lulu is a Westie girl that came from the Sacramento area.

Some placements are easier than others.

After wearing out two foster homes, Lulu took a “timeout” with members of the WRAP Rescue Team.

Lulu is now settling in the care of a foster family’s lovely Sonoma ranch. Though Lulu is a “project”, her foster mom tells us that she is loving her new world and making real progress.



### Abigail (Abby)

Abby is a 10 (almost 11) year old Westie girl that came from a home in the Central California. Her human mom passed away in December 2025, then she and her dog sister were taken in by a relative. Her Westie sister was ill and passed away in January 2026. Abby was loved by her relatives, however her new dog brother did not care for her.

Abby was placed in a WRAP foster home where she was active and loving her new foster parents. On her first routine dogtor visit she was found to have enlarged lymph nodes, had a biopsy and subsequently diagnosed with Lymphoma. She was rehomed with a new foster family that would love her and care for her despite her terminal illness.

She loves to go on walks and gets very excited and vocal when it is time to put on her harness and leash. She walks with great speed and enthusiasm! She likes to cuddle and sleep on the sofa. She is learning to enjoy time on the big human’s bed. Her foster dog brother is a little grumpy and learning how to share, however she does not let that get in her way. Abby is a very sweet and special Westie girl that makes friends with everyone she meets. She is much loved!!



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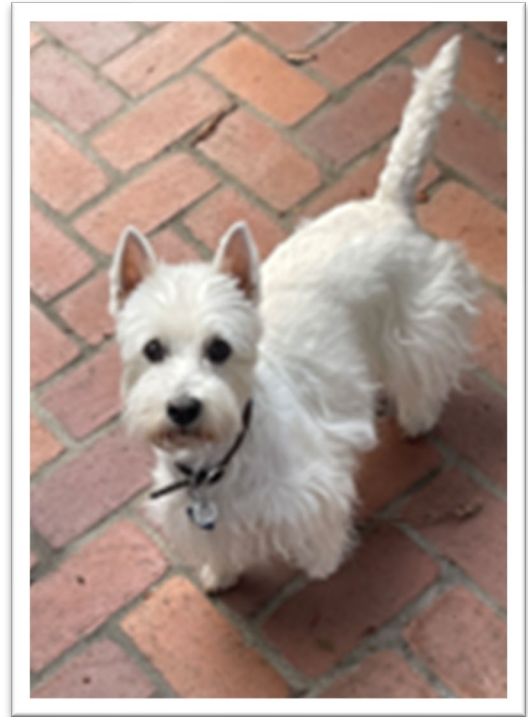
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## Bella Grace

Bella Grace is Senior Westie girl from Central California.

She was reluctantly surrendered by a longtime Westie owner and friend of WRAP after one parent passed away.

Bella Grace is settling in with her new foster family (including her new Westie "sister" Stella). Though it has taken a little time for everyone to adjust, the two senior girls seem to be forging a nice relationship.



## Max

Max is a 2-3 year old Westie mix that has not had the best start in life.

He was left abandoned in a backyard with three other small dogs on the central coast. The shelter called WRAP and we hustled to find a foster home where he has been for two weeks. (Thank you Teri Stiner!).

He has been groomed, neutered and microchipped. He has had lab work done which was normal except for very mild anemia which is likely due to a poor diet by his previous owners.

His foster mom says he is a mellow little guy who gets along with other dogs. He loves to go on walks.

He needs to continue his house training (which he is doing well on), be loved and shown how to live his best life!

**Max is looking for his forever home...please contact Barbara T at (912) 656-2176 or (510) 582-9506 if you want to open up your home and heart for this great little guy.**



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## EVENTS & FUNDRAISING NEWS

### 2026 February "I LOVE WESTIES" WRAP Pawty

On Saturday, February January 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our love for Westies by having a "I LOVE WESTIES" Pawty in San Jose, CA.

We once again rented the Pup Plaza (located in the Cambrian Park Plaza Shopping Center) which is a canine community center space run by the Silicon Valley Pet Project. The rental included the use of their indoor, pet friendly rooms and their outdoor, fenced area.

We were lucky that it was a beautiful day which allowed us to take advantage of both the indoor and outdoor facilities!

Everyone decided to enjoy the outdoor space.



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If you ever wondered what Westie Heaven looks like...bring a bag of treats to a Westie Pawty!



Last but not least...the "I LOVE WESTIES" group photo:



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Thank you to Yvonne Smith of Silicon Valley Pet Project for all her help (including photos). To see more photos, go to our Facebook page

Thanks to our Westie Lovers that attended and continue to support Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California. :-)

## 2025 Westie T-Shirt Fundraiser

We continue to have our online Westie T-Shirt 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 special occasions (e.g., Birthdays, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, 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).



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## TIPS & TREATS

### Reasons for Considering a Westie Mix Dog

We know that many of our adoption applicants only want purebred Westies, and that is fine, but there are potential benefits to Westie mixes!

Westies already have big personalities packed into their small bodies and if you mix that with another breed you often get a dog that is even more adaptable, charming and fun!

Most Westie mixed dogs inherit a cheerful temperament and playful attitude.

The biggest advantage if a Westie mix is the potential for fewer breed specific health issues such as Pulmonary Fibrosis (Westie lung), Luxating Patella, Dry eye, Diabetes, Cushings and Addison's disease. Westie mixes may benefit for what's called "hybrid vigor" which means lower risk of certain inherited conditions, more genetic diversity and often longer, healthier lives!

### 3-3-3 Pet Adjustment Guide

Next time you bring a new dog into your home, use the 3-3-3 Pet Adjustment Guide:

### 3-3-3 PET ADJUSTMENT GUIDE

**First 3 days...**

**EXPECT**

- Overwhelmed, stressed, or uncertain
- Learning new surroundings
- May not eat or drink

**TIPS**

- Give them space
- Be patient, calm, & positive
- Set routine & boundaries
- Don't force interaction
- Don't intro to new people or places



**After 3 weeks...**

**EXPECT**

- Starting to settle in
- Comfort level increases
- Learning routine
- New behavior may arise

**TIPS**

- Work on basic skills
- Positively reinforce every success
- Give calm, clear directions
- Stay consistent
- Go slow with intros



**After 3 months...**

**EXPECT**

- Develops trust & bond
- Has a sense of security
- Understands routine & boundaries
- Establishes habits

**TIPS**

- Continue training
- Seek additional training & behavior help for unique issues, if needed
- Slowly expand your dog's social network



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## IN MEMORIAM



### Connor

What can I say about our beautiful boy Connor?? We had him for almost 4 years and he changed our life for the better!

The minute he came into our house he was like I am here and you just gotta love me the way I am....and boy we did!

From the first few days he was there he fit right in; he took our bed, our blankets and stole our hearts. Connor loved exploring, sitting outside, going for rides, all his toys, especially his squeaker chicken, going for walks and just being wherever we were.

He would always let us know what time it was, especially after dinnertime because he would never let you forget that it was then time for him to have a milk bone (that he would proceed to go hide) and treat time.

The house is so quiet now without him and he is truly missed.

Thank you, Connor for coming into our lives and bringing us so much joy and happiness – we love you!

If your Westie has recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge, please honor them by writing and sharing a short obituary (include any personality traits/quirks, special moments, who they loved, your feelings/gratitude, farewell message) with us. Send the obituary and a favorite photo of your beloved Westie to Barbara Mordy at [bqmordy@comcast.net](mailto:bqmordy@comcast.net)

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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.

### 2026 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 you are unable to provide your material in the preferred formats, please contact the Editor Barbara Mordy at [bgmordy@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:bgmordy@comcast.net)**

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