

Westie Rescue Update
December 2014

Dear Friends of Westie Rescue Network (WRN),

From the Board of Directors and Operating Staff of WRN we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you so much for the time, monetary donations and encouragement you provide us. We could not do all we do without your help.

Highlights from this year might include a discussion of our new website, the renewal of our Facebook page or the changes on our Board of Directors. But, as usual, the real message is what we do every day; rescue, rehabilitate and rehome those precious white dogs. We currently have one dog in the program and expect to rehome between 25 and 30 dogs this year. The mix in age of the dogs we have adopted out has been dramatic. While the average age is just over 5yrs. the oldest dog was 11yrs. and the youngest was 3 mos. Because we discount our adoption fee for older and/or special needs dogs our average veterinary costs per dog exceeded our actual average adoption fee per dog by \$210. Without the monetary support of the generous donors whose names appear on the last page we would be unable to take care of all the dogs that come to us.

Our strategic plans for 2015 are focused on recruiting several new foster homes, improving our foster training program and identifying at least one more candidate for our Board of Directors. I encourage you to visit our website on a regular basis to see how we are doing. In addition, our Facebook page is constantly providing interesting, important and fun information about our breed.

Since becoming President I have received many kind words of encouragement from many of you. Thank you, that means a lot to me. But, any success for WRN is a result of the efforts of the incredibly loyal volunteers I am privileged to work with every day. To them, and all of you, I hope that 2015 is your healthiest, safest, happiest and most prosperous year ever.

Sincere personal regards, Gene Bourque, President

We hope you will consider WRN in your year end giving this holiday season.

Donations can be made on our website through Paypal or by sending a check to our Treasurer, Hollie Hunter. 11160 Pinevale Lane, Franktown, CO 80116.

Check out our <u>Facebook Page</u>. Post photos and share your Westie love.

Westie Rescue Calendars Make Great Gifts



One easy way to support Westie Rescue is to purchase our calendars and note cards. They make a perfect gift for

your canine loving friends and family. Calendars and note cards are \$15 each plus shipping and can be purchased on our website. A limited quantity of note cards are available.



If you live in the Colorado Springs area you can purchase them at Consignment of Collectables located at 5681 N. Academy Blvd.

Thank You!

All of us at WRN would like to say Thank You to the local veterinarians that support our mission by providing such great care to the Westies in our program throughout the year.

Allbrick Veterinary Clinic Aspen Commons Animal Hospital
Briargate Veterinary Clinic Erie Animal Hospital
Plum Creek Veterinarian Services

Have Your Westies Been Naughty or Nice?



Santa I have been a very good boy this year!



When my Mom leaves me alone in my xpen I like to shred my dog bed.



Can you define Naughty?

A Westie owner who recently lost their beloved Westie would like to donate their home cooked, grain free, lamb based stew to another allergic Westie who could benefit. If you are interested in 16 pounds of frozen stew please call 720-360-1212 and leave us a message.

A sincere Thank You to all those who have donated to Westie Rescue Network in 2014. We could not continue this important work without you!

\$1,000 and above

Marilyn Brown

Bob & Linda Gravelle

Osage Initiatives

David & Nancy Timmons

\$500-\$999

Vern & Smiley Shulze Enos & Linda Tafoya Bob & Betsy Widner

\$100—\$250

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Gary & Geri Christon
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Marion Englade
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Deborah Harrington & Mark Westlund
Benjamin Hilsen & Susann Jennelly
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Hollie Hunter
Peter Keire

Mike McKean

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Judith Nelson
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Mike & Georgia Sipes
Martha Smith
Bonnie Stewart
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Up to \$75

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Mari Bush
Kay Conner
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Linda Crist
Carolyn Foley
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