



Dear Friends, As we have shared with our readership in previous newsletters, the average age of a dog adopted from Westie Rescue Network (WRN) is 6 years old. Many folks that contact us will not even consider a dog over 5 years old. As many of you know, older dogs, including seniors, can make the most wonderful companions. We also encourage folks who are thinking of adopting to consider personality, behavior and fit with your lifestyle when making a decision to bring a new dog into their home. I recently received this email from one of our adopters. Thank you Rachel for sharing your experience of giving an older Westie a forever home!

“In October 2011 we decided we wanted to get a dog, at the time I was 21 and my husband was 25. I grew up with a Westie and I knew I wanted my own so we contacted WRN to try to get a young dog. As we looked into which dogs were available, we chose a little old man named Cory. At the time Cory was 11 years old but I knew I could give him a great life for the rest of his life, however long that may be.



Mac lounging by the pool.

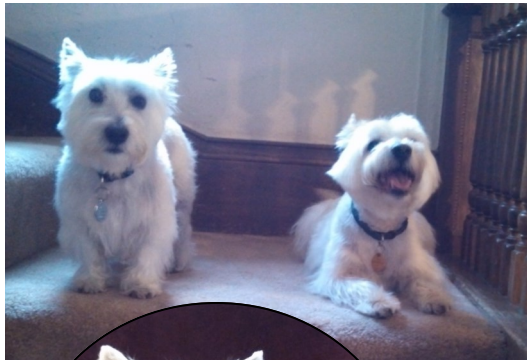
“We renamed him to Mac and fell in love with him. Mac was a lazy dog who loved to cuddle but still loved a good walk and to play, loved treats and chasing around the house. After having him for a year and a half we moved from Colorado to Florida and even at 13 years old he did great on the flight, no accidents or any problems. He loved Florida even more than Colorado, laying out in the sun was his new favorite thing to do.

“Unfortunately after a few months in Florida, we found out Mac had cancer in his stomach. In December 2013 he took a turn for the worst and there was nothing we could do so we had the vet come and visit our home to put him to sleep and take the pain from him. Although heartbreaking, I still don't regret getting an old dog, giving him a great life. He was such a gentleman and was a great big brother. I know to many people senior dogs are not as appealing but please consider it, it's a great thing and they can have just as much energy as younger dogs but are usually potty trained which makes it even better.”

Rachel



Dexter Finds His Forever Home!



In our August newsletter we featured Dexter, a special needs Westie, who had been diagnosed with Endocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency. Dexter was looking for a forever home where he could get the special care he needed to live a long and happy life. We are very pleased to report that he has been adopted and has settled in nicely to his new home. We received this great note from his new owners.



Dexter and his brother Duffy (another Westie Rescue Network alumni) love chasing squirrels in the yard, their walks and cuddling with Richard and Susan. He is a great dog and we are really enjoying him very much!

Westies Take Over the 9News Backyard

On October 7th, WRN was featured on the Channel 9 News program Colorado & Company. Thanks to our three volunteers, Minnie Bourque, Sarah Doud and Linda Tafoya who did a wonderful job representing our organization. Thanks also to Winston and Ellie's owners for bringing them to the studio and participating with us. Our volunteers were able to discuss fostering, traits of our breed, ways to help WRN, some information on the dogs we adopt and show our calendar and note cards. All three of the dogs were stars and had they been up for adoption I am positive they would have found homes immediately! Within minutes of the appearance we were receiving likes on our Facebook page.



Front Row: Linda with Baile, Sarah with Ellie and Minnie with Winston.
Back Row: Toni and Charles (owners of Ellie) and Valerie (owner of Winston).

WRN Note Cards and Calendars



Along with printing our 2014 calendars we printed sets of 12 blank note cards, each featuring an adorable photo from our calendar. Note cards and calendars are \$15 each plus shipping and can be purchased on our [website](#). Limited numbers of note cards were printed so don't delay in ordering yours today!



This year's calendar cover girl is 8 year old Ellie who was adopted from WRN in 2013. This great photo was submitted by her foster family. Ellie now makes her home in Denver with her new Westie brother.

From the Mailbag



We recently heard from Catherine and Ned that they hosted a BBQ to celebrate "Buddy's birthday" - the day they adopted him. Buddy the floppy eared Westie came to us because he needed his own buddy. He found Fenway and now both boys could not be happier! Catherine says, "This photo was taken at last night's party—Buddy and Fenway wishing everyone would go home and get out of their backyard!"

This is my old man, Blaze. Martha brought Blaze and his elderly "sister" to me in 2003. He is now 16 years old and still going strong. As usual with rescues, Blaze is very sweet! Christine



Blaze enjoying the beautiful Fall weather.



Check out our [Facebook Page](#)? It is a great place to post photos and share your Westie love.