

Happy Summer!



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Dottie & Elfie

from Gary and Donna

In 2014 we lost both of our Westies to illness. The male, Bocci, was 13 and the female, Lilli, was 12. It was a devastating loss and emotionally we were not ready to bring another animal into our lives.

We decided to put our name on the Westie Rescue list. We were number 30 and thought it would be at least a year before we would be contacted, but we got a call and were told an 11 year old Westie, Dottie, needed a home. We agreed to have Jan bring her over for an interview. Dottie decided we were OK and said she would like to stay. We agreed.

While making arrangements for Dottie we were told that she had a brother, Elfie, 10 years old, and that he needed a home as well. We agreed to drive to Frederick and see him. We took Dottie with us and it was like old home when they saw each other. Elfie came home with us.



They are just wonderful little Westies. They have adjusted to their new environment and seem to be happy and content. Our home is complete again. Thank you Westie Rescue. We don't know who rescued who. We suspect Dottie and Elfie rescued us.



Buffy

Buffy hasn't been in her "furrever" home very long, but she is adjusting quite nicely. Her mom, Terry, bought her a new dog bed, but discovered it was just a bit small; so Buffy was allowed in Terry's bed the first night home... and has been there ever since! The dog bed has been returned. 😊

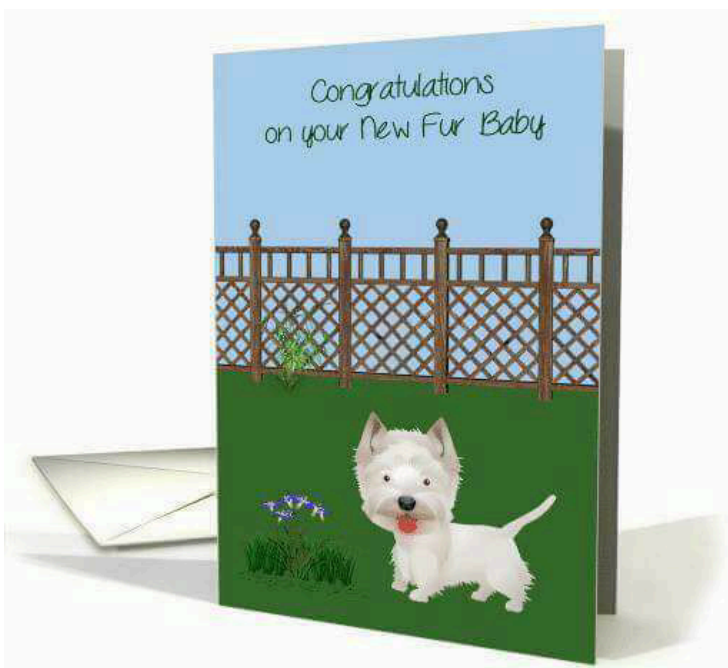
She is also learning about the doggie door, and how to get along with her brother, Jack, (another rescue different breed). She ate his breakfast the day I visited with Terry... another sign Buffy is settling in.

Terry says "I am a firm believer in rescues." She had two previous Westies, and a Cairn prior to them. Her last rescue Westie, Colby, went to the Rainbow Bridge last fall. After reading the last newsletter, she inquired about one of the older dogs featured. That dog was no longer available, but then Buffy showed up, and the rest is history.

~as told to Marlene Armfield



***I am a firm believer
in rescues!***



AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION NOW!



Gordon

Gordon is a lovable fellow believed to be around 9-10 years old,

Even though he's in his senior years he still has plenty of "Westietude" in his outlook on life. Some of the things Gordon enjoys most are his toys, having his tummy rubbed, and playtime.

He is great with other four-legged friends, cats and dogs alike. He's a gentle soul and good with children.

Gordon needs a home that has no stairs or someone who doesn't mind carrying him up steps because of arthritis in his back legs. He will need to be on medication for this the rest of his years. Gordon needs a forever home with someone who will take slow walks with him and build up his confidence and trust. As with most Westies, a nice soft bed to cuddle up in would provide all the comforts of the perfect home.

Calling for photos for WRN Calendar

\$75 if your photo is chosen for the cover!

What Do I Need To Do?

All pictures need to be taken with a 300 dpi high resolution digital camera in landscape format, in order to be considered for the monthly feature page.

Photos taken with your mobile phone provide less than 100 dpi and can only be used for the smaller images within the calendar.

You can email your photos to our calendar editor
Dianne Veno at contessa5360@aol.com





10 Tips to Protect Dogs at Cookouts

from petfinder.com

- 1. Leashes can be helpful.** Consider keeping your pup on a leash so she doesn't explore hot grills or tables of food
- 2. Check your pup.** Be sure your dog is wearing a visible and up-to-date ID tag on her collar before the party begins.
- 3. Be careful with supplies.** Keep charcoal, matches and lighter fluid away from your dog.
- 4. Ask for help.** While grilling, ask guests to play with your dog far from the flames.
- 5. Be careful with repellants.** Place citronella and other insect-repellants where your dog can't reach them.
- 6. Avoid adult accidents.** Never leave alcohol unattended around dogs.
- 7. Read the labels.** Check that all sunscreen or insect repellant you apply to your dog is labeled for use on pets.
- 8. Avoid a tummy ache** Don't let guests give your pup people food which can cause stomachaches or worse. Keep treats on hand for guests who want to reward your dog.
- 9. Keep watch!** Be sure all children are supervised when near your dog to avoid any roughhousing.
- 10. Timeouts aren't a punishment.** If your pup seems overwhelmed, bring her inside and put her in a quiet area away from guests.



Canine Influenza Virus Notice

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of AKC | May 31, 2017



This notice is being sent out to provide up-to-date and accurate information about the Canine Influenza Virus to help prevent the spread of the virus to healthy (unexposed) dogs.

There are recently confirmed cases of the Canine Influenza Virus (H3N2 strain) that was first brought to and identified in Chicago, Illinois in the spring of 2015. The most recent outbreaks concern the following states: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

Canine Influenza Virus is an extremely contagious airborne disease that is easily spread among dogs, and in rare instances, can be contagious to cats. If you believe one of your dogs may have contracted the Canine Influenza Virus, immediately isolate it from other animals and contact your veterinarian.

Canine Influenza Virus

- Canine Influenza Virus is spread through:
 - Close proximity to infected dogs (it is airborne and can travel up to 20 ft.)
 - Contact with contaminated items (bowls, leashes, crates, tables, clothing, dog runs, etc.)
 - People moving between infected and uninfected dogs
 - 80% of all dogs that are exposed to the virus will contract it
 - The virus lives up to 24 hours on soft surfaces and up to 48 hours on hard surfaces.
 - Some exposed dogs will be subclinical carriers - meaning some dogs will contract and spread the virus without showing symptoms.
 - Dogs show clinical signs within 24-48 hours and can shed the virus for up to 28 days from exposure.
 - Most dogs will completely recover with proper treatment.
 - Dogs that regularly interact with dogs outside of their own family or frequent places where many dogs gather are most susceptible to exposure to Canine Influenza Virus.

Symptoms

- Dry, hacking cough (similar to kennel cough)
- Lack of appetite
- Lethargy
- Discharge from the nose or eyes
- Fever (normal temperature is 101 – 102)

Prevention

- The best protection is vaccination. There is now a single vaccination for both the H3N2 and H3N8 strains of the virus. The vaccination requires a booster shot two weeks after the initial vaccine. Vaccination provides the best chance of immunity within 7-14 days of booster shot.

- Isolate sick animals and keep them isolated for up to 30 days after symptoms appear.

- Practice good sanitation. Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas such as tables, bowls, leashes, crates, etc.

- Wash your hands frequently, ideally between handling different dogs. At the very minimum, hand sanitizer should be used between handling dogs.

- Use disposable gowns or wipe down clothing and shoes with a bleach solution between dogs or after leaving an area where dogs congregate.

- Food/water bowls should be made of stainless steel instead of plastic because scratched plastic is hard to fully disinfect.

Treatment

- Treatment of Canine Influenza Virus requires veterinary assistance. If you believe your dog may have Canine Influenza Virus, please contact your veterinarian immediately. Untreated, the illness may progress to pneumonia or other, more serious problems. H3N2 can lead to severe secondary pneumonia which can cause extremely sick dogs with potential fatalities.

- Most dogs take 2-3 weeks to recover from the illness.

- Any dog suspected of having Canine Influenza Virus should be immediately isolated from other dogs and should not attend dog shows, day care, grooming facilities, dog parks, or other places dogs gather. Dogs are contagious for up to 30 days once they have started showing symptoms.

- Contact your veterinarian to let them know that your dog may be showing symptoms of Canine Influenza Virus. If your dog is going to a veterinary hospital or clinic, call ahead to let them know you have a suspected case of Canine Influenza Virus. They may ask you to follow a specific protocol before entering the clinic to minimize the spread of the disease, including waiting in your car until they are ready to examine your dog.

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For more information go to:

www.akc.org/content/news/articles/canine-influenza-virus-notice/



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Brie's Very Vanilla Dog Treats

"The perfect little bite size treat for your adorable pet. This recipe, as well as other recipes for pet treats, can be stored for later enjoyment. Since they are baked quite hard, you can keep them in an airtight container for approximately 2 weeks"

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 tablespoons low-sodium peanut butter

Directions

Preheat an oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Lightly grease 2 large baking sheets.

Mix the whole wheat flour, cornmeal, rolled oats, and baking powder together in a bowl.

Lightly mix the water, applesauce, and vanilla extract into the flour mixture.

Stir the eggs and peanut butter into the mixture.

Turn the dough onto a floured surface and knead until no longer sticky, about 1 minute.

Roll out the dough to 1/4-inch thickness; cut into 75 small squares and arrange onto baking sheets.

Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Turn the oven off and allow the treats to sit in the oven as it cools another 30 minutes.

Remove the treats from the oven; allow the treats to cool on the baking sheets for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.



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