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## *Westie Spotlight - Seniors Make The Best Family Additions:*

### *Rufio – 11 Years Old - Sweet and Wonderful*

Such a Sweetheart! Rufio is, in three words: mellow, deliberate and affectionate. Dee, Rufio's new Pet Parent, says that "he gets along with everyone, is inquisitive and a complete joy to be around. I can't imagine our home without him and we feel so very blessed to have him in our lives."



Although Rufio is a little hard of hearing and has a few problems getting upstairs (*he has short little legs*), he takes it all in stride. Dee is a fantastic Pet Parent who tells us that Rufio loves his new home, his canine siblings and has easily become part of the family.

### *Love, Loss and Love Again*

Lola and Phoenix had a very special bond. They were inseparable. Then Lola came down with cancer and passed away at the age of 13. Phoenix was lost. For three years she would lay on Lola's grave, mope around the yard and just seemed to lose interest in being a dog. Ann, Phoenix's pet parent just knew



that she was still grieving over the loss of her BFF and decided to find her a new friend. Ann adopted Lydia, a 12 year old senior Westie from WRN and suddenly there was new life in the house. It wasn't long before Phoenix came out of her depression, and she and Lydia became fast friends. Lydia settled in and it was as if she had always been a member of the family. The two dogs are now inseparable; they sleep, eat and play as if they were both younger dogs. "Lydia is such a joy to be around" says Ann, "she has brought and energy and light to our home that had been missing for a long time."

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## WRN Board Members

Gene Bourque  
Jan Humphrey  
Hollie Hunter  
Linda Clibon  
Martha Smith

## From the Editor

### *We Need Your Help!*

*We want to showcase your Westies!*  
Please send your suggestions, stories, pictures and puppy treat recipes to  
[Westie@westierescuenetwork.org](mailto:Westie@westierescuenetwork.org)





## *A Word From the WRN President*

Dear Friends of Westie Rescue Network (WRN),

As we enter the fall season I wanted to give you an update on significant issues affecting WRN. I am sad to report that our Treasurer and Board member, Hollie Hunter, will be leaving Colorado and moving to Arkansas to be near family. Hollie has worked tirelessly for both WRN and the West Highland Terrier Club of Greater Denver for many years and her extraordinary energy, wise counsel and friendship will be greatly missed. Hollie will remain on the board to do some consulting work for WRN from Arkansas to help us improve the capabilities of our database software. We wish Hollie every success as her life takes this new turn. Succeeding Hollie as Treasurer will be Jan Humphrey, who was the Secretary of the Board. I am pleased to announce that longtime volunteer Linda Clibon has agreed to join the Board and assume the duties of Secretary.



Thus far in 2015 our year has been marked by the number of senior dogs (over 9 years of age) that have come into our care. Seniors dogs are always a challenge for us since they typically take longer to adopt out and most require extensive veterinarian services. As a consequence, our average veterinary cost per dog is almost \$560 more than the average adoption fee for these dogs. This cost overage is \$225 more than what we experienced last year. By the way, we do discount our adoption fees for these senior dogs, and other dogs with on-going special medical needs. We certainly could use your financial assistance to help us cover these increased costs. If you would like to make a donation to WRN it should be sent to our new mailing address:

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*Thank you in advance for your consideration .*

### ***Other News . . .***

WRN was blessed to recently receive a generous donation in memory of Michele Meininger from many of her friends. Michele, who passed away in August, had volunteered and fostered for WRN in the past. In addition she had adopted her dear Westie, Daisy, from us. We want to thank Beth Hamilton for her efforts in arranging for WRN to receive this donation. Without volunteers like Michele, WRN would not have been able to maintain our efforts over these past 25 years.

In early September WRN was inspected by the Colorado Department of Agriculture to ascertain our compliance with the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act (PACFA). I am happy to report that while we satisfactorily passed our inspection, the State is tightening up the documentation requirements for fosters and veterinarians who work with shelters, rescues and breeders. Our fosters and veterinarians must have signed Agreements, updated annually, that state they are in compliance with PACFA regulations and practices. WRN is happy to see the State's increased efforts at regulatory compliance since Colorado is experiencing an influx of dogs from organizations outside the state that do not meet Colorado's more rigorous canine protection requirements. It is worth noting that Martha Smith, our Immediate Past President, served on the Advisory Committee that helped the State Legislature draft the PACFA requirements.

Thank you for your continued support of WRN.

Warmest and sincere personal regards,  
Westie Rescue Network, Inc.  
Gene Bourque President



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