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# Safety Tips

## FOR A FIDO-FRIENDLY FOURTH

According to **AKC Reunite** the AKC's pet ID and recovery service the Fourth of July is among the most active times for pet recovery. To keep dogs safe while having fun, the AKC offers the following tips.

### Keep your dog at home

to keep him safe during Fourth of July celebrations. Instead of bringing him to the party, keep him in the house, instead of the yard. He'll be happier indoors, and not tempted to leap over a fence to find you.

### Block outside sights & sounds

by keeping your dog in a room where he's comfortable, lowering the blinds and turning on the tv. Fireworks are pretty, but very loud, which can scare your dog.

### Avoid scraps from the grill.

While tempting to our pets, sudden changes to your dog's diet can cause stomach upset. Also, certain foods like onions, avocado grapes, and raisins can be toxic.

### Identification is extremely important

In case your dog does get loose, Your dog should have collar and tag, microchip and updated contact information for your pet recovery service. Make sure they can contact you, once your dog is recovered.



# Westie Fanatic

by Macpherson



**Dog lovers everywhere, so many breeds available, so many curs to care for and love, and each breed with a distinct, idiosyncratic slot into which we lovers might fit.**

The Westie breed attracts fanatics like myself, and we are consumed with fascination, wonder, dedication and an unlimited love for these hearty, "gay spirited" creatures who beckon and tug at our souls. I was a *Westie Sleeper*, one ignorant of the breed, their mystique, and the extent of my need and capacity for appreciation of any canine soul, until I was given introduction to a small white comma, who fit under my palm as she slept. That was the day I realized this creature and all of her family had given me a newly exposed foundation for inexplicable joy.

Westie lovers flock to Westies on sidewalks, their owners members of the Westie clan of enraptured, story-telling, arm-waving, cooing, down on their knees, wonder-eyed human beings. Westie lovers have followed cars for miles, transporting Westies with their heads stretching out the windows to the slipstream, forepaws gripping window molding, sharp white ears laid flat back, and black eyes squinting into the wind. "Look, a Westie!" the smitten exclaim, pointing as if after a passing star. Even in the dark, sweeping headlights reveal the distinctive compact bodies riding the backseat shelf of the car ahead, and for miles the tagalongs will mimic the turns of the car ahead until it stops at its destination.



"I've been following you because you have Westies and I love Westies and mine died a year ago and I, ... oh, they're so adorable, may I call sometime and see them?"



My car once teemed with Westies, a family of four, and like magnets they captured a car one sparkling afternoon which followed our every turn. When we stopped for our desert hike, so did the tag-a-long. The driver erupted from her car bubbling with joy, and then astonishment, "You have a Westie, my god, two... FOUR!" as my little white charges dove out of the car doors for solid ground. Down came hers, a well-fed, perfectly coifed, alert little lady. We two hiked the juniper bound desert trail that magical afternoon while the other five nosed every sage bush, rock crevice and ledge, darting, dodging and panting, voiceless but earnestly intent on discovery. A frightened rabbit would break their silence, and most of the herd would tear off with frantic high-pitched barks and yelps until they were left confused and gasping, "Where did that rabbit go?"

When my Westies hike the red desert creek beds, their lower half take on that sandy hue, while their heads, backs and wagging tails remained pristine white. I call them Bi-colored *Utah Rock Dogs*. Let a Westie outdoors and that's half the event, the balance is full bath, burr and stick removal, hair dryer and brushing.

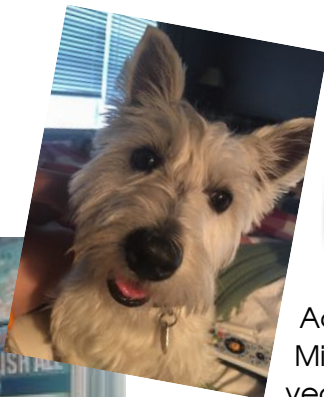
I don't mind it a bit, being a Westie Fanatic, for at the end of their day, they might belly-up for a long, slow massage in eye closed bliss.





# Happy Tales

## Recent Adoptions



### PENNY



Adopted by Jen and Michael and their 12 year old son, Finnegan. "He is her person.... she follows him everywhere!," says Jen. They live in Eagle, where Jen runs a business from her home. Finnegan had wanted a Westie to love for some time after losing his Carin.



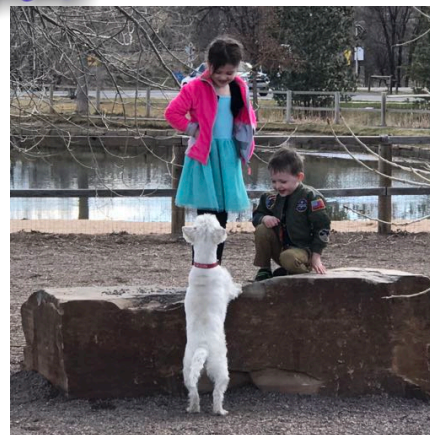
### TOBY



After their recent adoption of Toby, Meg and Gene said they "are enjoying getting to know each other. Toby is a bright, stubborn, affectionate, curious and friendly little dog. He loves to take walks and explore his new neighborhood, and he is busy keeping our yard free of rabbits and squirrels. Toby has quickly become part of our family and we are so pleased and grateful for Westie Rescue."

Adopted by Kathy, who was on the list for 3 years!! Weston needed to be in a household with other dogs, and an owner who would be home almost of the time. He is adjusting very well.

### WESTON





I have learned so much about Westies from Facebook groups, and there are many! I have already shared some information and pictures with you--either in our newsletters, or on our own Facebook page Westie Rescue Network, Inc. Here is a list of other groups about Westies. Some are closed groups and you have to ask to join. Be warned, you can get "hooked" looking at those cute faces!

~Marlene Armfield



I heart Westies

I love Westies

The Dougal and Kizzie story

We Love West Highland White Terrier

Westie Advice Group UK- WAG (fun to see what your friends in the UK are doing)

Westies Health - From Ears to Tail

Westie Lung Disease

Westie Nation (this is a very large group 23,600+ members)

Westie News

Westie Rehoming

Westie Tude...

Westie Warriors

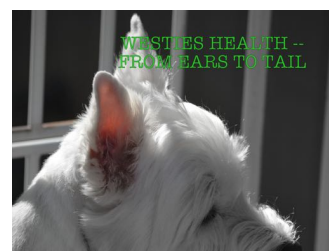
Westie's, On the Menu

Westies!

Westies in Need (WIN) Rescue

Westies R Us Double Trouble

WOW! (With Our Westies!)





# Spotlight on Volunteers

## Our newest Foster

# Julie



Enjoying the  
sunshine



Have you ever wondered what a Foster mom does? I decided to visit Julie, WRN's newest Foster, to find out. She has been going to coffee with another WRN Foster, and even though, as Julie put it, she was "never fond of wee dogs," she decided to try fostering Westies. Right now she has her second foster dog, and "this one is very different from the first." Julie has her own dog, Penny, a lovely Golden Doodle. She had previously owned Golden Retrievers; so it was an eye opener to learn about terriers! Penny has been a great help teaching the new Westies. Julie says "I love training them."

A typical day evolves around the dogs. They know the schedule which includes driving to a nearby dog park, multiple trips to the courtyard for potty training, and of course a snack at 7 p.m. The dogs will remind her of that if it gets to be past 7! So what are the qualifications for a WRN Foster? According to Julie:

- a love for dogs
- a safe home and a yard
- crate training,
- basic command training

Julie moved from Illinois to Colorado to be near her daughter and grandchildren, and she has granddogs which she takes care of when the family is on vacation. She also enjoys Zumba, reading, a film study group, movies, hikes, coffee with friends, and happy hours. However, when she has a foster she admits there isn't a lot of spare time.

What is the best part of this job? "Seeing them learn to love again. If they've been rescued from a dreadful situation or given up by a previous owner, they are in a world of hurt when I get them. I love seeing them smile."

"The worst part is saying goodbye." As Julie said, "Talking about dogs is always fun." . . . Thank you Julie, for all you do for WRN. WRN President Gene Bourque added, "Julie is a wonderful addition to our foster corp because of her loving heart, and caring nature. We are blessed she has chosen to welcome Westies into her life."

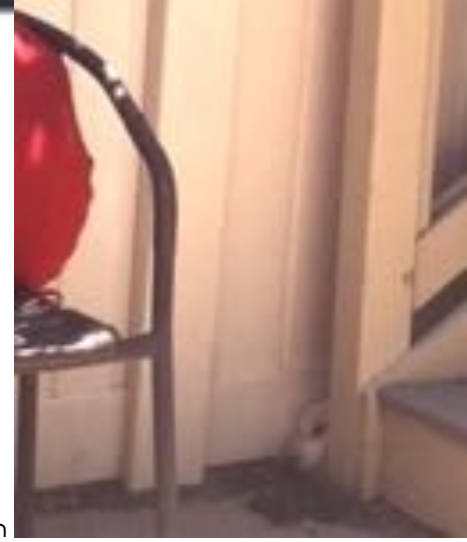


# Spot the Westie



from Lisanne

That's our house in Granby on the left and my daughter Sierra on her horse Tash and one of our Westies, Tasha on the right.



from Jan

Willie found a spot under the porch to nap

## From the Editor

Send your Spot the Westie photos, and any other pictures, stories, and ideas to [marmfield@aol.com](mailto:marmfield@aol.com)



from Vena

Peyton, "King of the Castle."



from Mary  
Annie



from Ellen  
Kya



## July 11 All American Pet Photo Day

Even though the deadline just passed for submission of photos for the WRN 2019 calendar. You can start taking pictures and submit for 2020!!

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.

You can email your photos to our calendar editor Dianne Veno at [contessa5360@aol.com](mailto:contessa5360@aol.com)

## August 26 National Dog Day

National Dog Day, founded in 2004 by pet and family lifestyle expert and animal behaviorist Colleen Paige, the day honors dogs for all that they do to enrich our lives and communities. Celebrate your pooch with walks, belly rubs, treats, and all of her favorite things. Or support an agency by donating pet food, supplies, time, or money.



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### West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Denver Specialty Show

September 7, 2018  
Greeley Fairgrounds



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