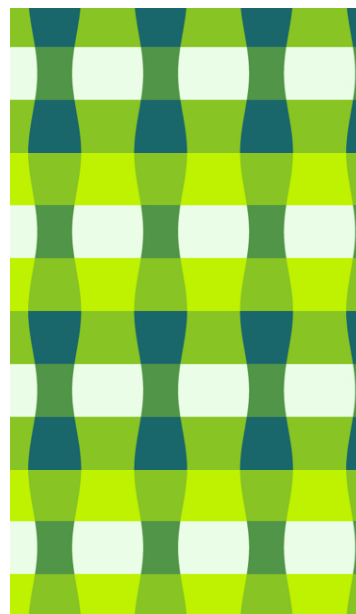




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Sweet Lady

It is not often, but sometimes WRN gets a Westie from another state. This story of Sweet Lady is one of those type of adoptions. She started in Green Valley, Az, and after a transfer in Albuquerque, NM, ended up in Denver, Co.

“Sweet Lady lives up to her name. She is as sweet as the day is long!” These were the words Crecia passed on in her letter as she relinquished ownership of her dog. When my husband, Bob and I returned to Arizona, this fall, we found Crecia's' health had deteriorated requiring her to move into an apartment. It took great courage for Crecia, an owner of Westies for over 60 years to acknowledge that using a walker and handling a dog on a lead had become too difficult to manage. She asked us to help her find a new home for her best friend.



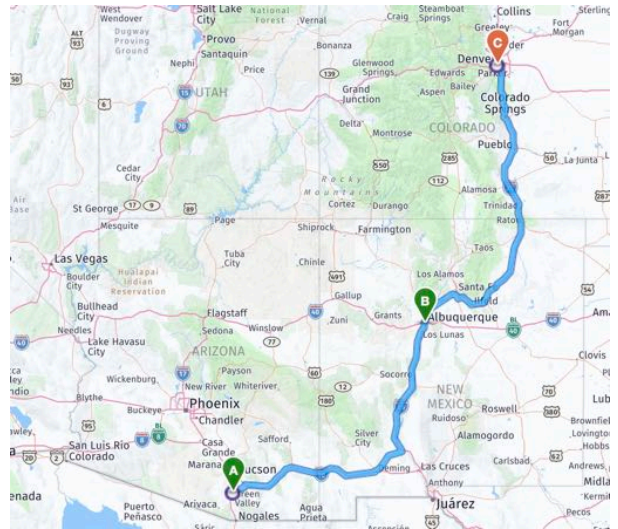
I turned to Hollie Hunter, a board member of WRN and the West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Denver as I have watched her work over the years fostering and placing numerous rescued dogs. The respect of the Club for your organization, (WRN), continues to grow as our members and adopters find more ways to coordinate activities. As I turned to WRN for assistance, I was truly surprised at the speed and efficiency with which WRN could mobilize to find the right home for a needy dog. Within a week, the rescue organization, under the leadership of Mary

Westdorp, Adoption Coordinator, had matched up Sweet Lady with a potential family, had sent me the required paperwork to fill out, and had given me the opportunity to contact and assist in vetting a specific family for this particular dog. In addition WRN volunteers Kathlene Spradley in the Albuquerque area, and Shawna Miller, in Rye, Colorado had been recruited to help with possible transport to Denver.

As we started the process of transferring the dog, the organization's efforts were focused on securing the right match and ensuring a smooth transfer of ownership to WRN and then to a new family. Because Bob and I knew the dog as well as Crecia we offered to deliver Sweet Lady to the the prospective owners who needed to meet us in Albuquerque. We assured Crecia that if the family did not respond well to Sweet Lady, and visa versa, we would return with her dog. We spent the evening in Albuquerque with the prospective adopters acquainting them with Sweet Lady. Veterinary records, a letter from Crecia about her beloved pet, food requirements, and favorite toys were exchanged. Upon returning to Arizona, we were able to share with Crecia the knowledge (along with pictures) that her dog was adjusting well, would have an older terrier as a new friend, and would continue to sleep on her favorite turtle rug, a gift from Crecia. A big thanks to Kathlene Spradley and Shawna Miller for being ready to help!

I wish to commend the WRN for its responsiveness in placing an older very healthy Westie in a forever home. In the process, the needs of a very well respected Westie breeder and owner who needed help in caring for her beautiful show dog and best friend were met. The veterinary care WRN provides enables adopters to know the organization will assist them in caring for the health of any dog they are given. My hat is off to the efforts that occurred between our organizations in assuring Sweet Lady a sendoff to a wonderful forever home and enabling Crecia and us to confidently know her dog is in excellent care.

~from Jane Forster



Sweet Lady part 2

My husband, Phil and I had adopted a Westie previously and when Charlie passed, we knew we would adopt another one when the time was right. We let Westie Rescue know that we were open to adopting an older dog in the fall of 2017, and we were thinking of a dog around 7 to 9 years old. When we heard about Sweet Lady, though she was 12, her pictures were adorable and we fell in love. We thought she would fit right in with us so we agreed to adopt her.

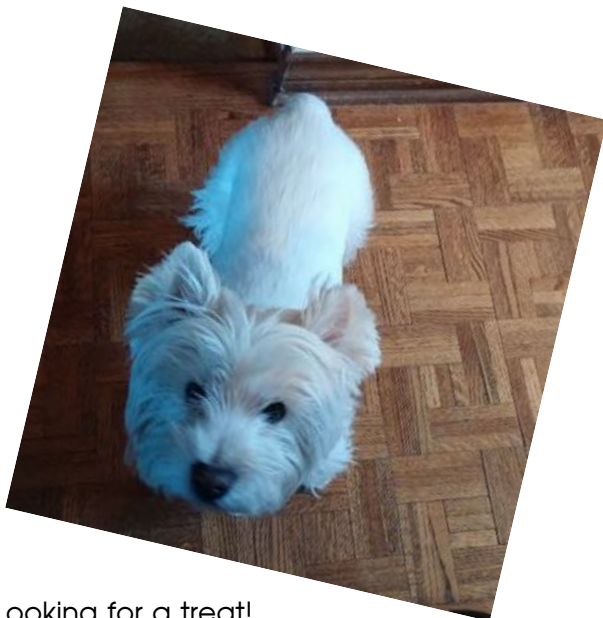
Westie Rescue had arranged to have Lady picked up from the owner in Albuquerque. Her trip to Denver would have involved a few other people bringing her to us. I thought it would be an easier transition for Lady for us to just go to Albuquerque and take her home from there. Gene Bourque (WRN President) was very kind to let us do this. My husband was not able to go due to work obligations so my daughter, Andrea and I made the trip.

We met Jane and Bob in Albuquerque along with Lady, and to our surprise, three other little Westies! . . . her mother, her granddaughter, and her daughter. Lady was a show dog and has won several awards with Plum Creek Westies in Sedalia, Colorado. Jane had given Lady to her friend, Crecia, in Arizona and when Crecia moved into an assisted living facility, and was unable to care for her, Jane took Lady back. Jane mentioned she was hesitant to let Lady go again, and that she was very particular with whom Lady's new owner would be. She had contacted Gene to learn more about Westie Rescue.

Andrea and I had a delightful evening with Jane and Bob in Albuquerque. We assured Jane that Sweet Lady's new home had a great big backyard, that we would take her on walks and she would be loved. Andrea and I bonded with Lady on our trip back to Denver.

She has settled in quite well. It is hard to believe we have had her less than a month. It seems like she has been with us for years! We have shortened her name to just 'Lady', though My Sweet Lady is very appropriate for her.

~ from Irene



Looking for a treat!



Lil Lady enjoying the snow

Thanks to everyone who participated.
Thanks to Mark Ianacone for organizing this event!



WRN Westies- a major hit at the Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade!





In Memory of

To all the Fur Angels at
Rainbow bridge...

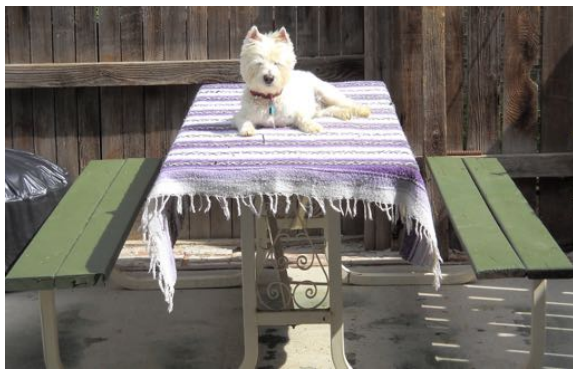
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Never forgotten.



Duffy

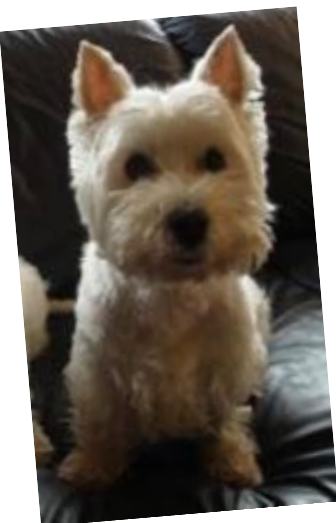
crossed the Bridge July 31, 2017. The picture was taken about two weeks before his passing. He loved to look out the car window, and living out in the country, I was able to spoil him at the last. He was adopted 2010 from WRN
~Jon Nelson



Roscoe

crossed the Bridge August 2017.

Someone once asked me..
What the most difficult
thing about having a dog?
I replied
"The Goodbye"



Heath



Danny-boy passed on our wedding anniversary, April 5, 2017 at 13 years old. He used to ride on our Harley Davidson motorcycle in a milk crate, all safe & secure with his harness turned upside down. He absolutely LOVED it! Loved his "doggles" so much he wore them even in the car
~Ecko & Steven Prue



Morgan

crossed the Bridge January 13, 2018.



Avon came to us 5 years ago at 8 years old. She was diagnosed with IPF December 2015. Never dreamed we would still have her at age 13. She crossed the Bridge shortly after, January 2017.
~Lania Bryant

Coyote Conflicts In YOUR Neighborhood!



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Colorado Parks & Wildlife wants to help you avoid conflicts with coyotes in your neighborhood. Please read and use the tips on this postcard or learn more on the web at www.cpw.state.co.us

Did you know?

- Coyotes are active year-round and become more visible during their breeding season, which occurs from February through March.
- Coyotes can be seen throughout the day, but are especially active at dawn and dusk.
- Coyotes are highly adaptable and can live and den in parks and yards.
- Coyotes may perceive other animals, including pets, as a threat, competition, or food.
- Coyotes keep watch near their dens to keep threats away from their young.
- Coyotes are curious and are known to stare at humans. They sometimes follow humans out of natural curiosity or to keep them away from their pups.

All Front Range communities are home to coyotes. These clever canids have readily adapted to our food and habitat-rich environments. Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) wants to help you avoid conflicts with coyotes in your neighborhood.



Coyotes range in size from 20 to 50 lbs. They may travel alone or in groups. Coyotes typically eat rodents, rabbits and fruit, but they will eat small pets if the opportunity exists. They have their pups in dens — a hidden cavity that can be under rocks, stumps, ground or even porches. Coyote attacks on humans are very rare and can often be attributed to people feeding them. Adults should teach children to never approach any wildlife.

Your Home & Coyotes

- Never feed coyotes!
- Remove attractants from your yard, including pet food, water sources, bird feeders and fallen fruit.
- Secure trash in a container with a locking lid or put trash out on the morning of pick up.
- Fully enclose gardens and compost piles.
- Trim up vegetation to reduce hiding places.
- Deter coyotes from entering your yard with a 6-foot privacy fence.
- Work with your neighbors to discourage coyotes in your entire community.
- If you meet a coyote, make it feel unwelcome by yelling, throwing rocks and sticks at it, spraying it with a hose or a vinegar-filled water gun, or banging pots and pans.

Your Pet & Coyotes

- Keep pets on a 6-foot leash when walking.
- Never allow your pets to "play" with a coyote.
- Pick up small pets if confronted by a coyote.
- Do what you can to discourage a coyote's approach — yell, stomp your feet, throw small rocks or sticks at it.
- Always supervise your pet when outside, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Never leave cats or dogs outside after dark.
- If you must leave your pet outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel.

Questions or concerns regarding wildlife in your area? Call the CPW at 303-291-7227.



Spot the Westie



From the Editor

Send your Spot the Westie photos, and any other pictures, stories, and ideas to marmfield@aol.com





CELEBRATE NATIONAL PET WEEK 2018

National Pet Week May 6-14, 2018, for fostering responsible pet ownership, recognizing the human-animal bond, and increasing public awareness of veterinary medicine. This year's theme is **"Barks, Purrs, Tweets, Neighs ... Pets Speak Love Many Ways"**.

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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 confessa5360@aol.com



Take your Dog to Work Day

June 22, 2018. If you need additional information, please scan the QR code