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Holidays!

2018 November/December

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At this season of Thanksgiving, we are thankful to all of those helping Westie Rescue Network: Our board members, volunteers, foster homes, groomers, and Veterinarians!

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Dirty Dawgs



green

The Mud will
WASH off, BUT
the MEMORIES
will LAST A
LIFETIME.



two-tone



filthy!



red

From the Editor

Send your Dirty Dawg photos, and any other pictures, stories, and ideas to

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Spotlight on Volunteers

Vena Flax

Welcome to the

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Where *EVERYBODY* counts!

Vena Flax is our Accountant. She has done the accounting, monthly financials, tax returns and filing documents to maintain the non-profit status for Westie Rescue Network since 1995! Wow!



She had a Westie named Mac back then. Her vet, at Aspen Commons introduced her to Martha Smith, the President of WRN at that time, and Martha asked her if she would like to foster a Westie who had just come from Florida. So Dudley came home with Vena. The next day Vena called Martha to tell her she wanted to adopt him. She lost Dudley in 2005, but before he died he was filmed for Breed All About It on Animal Planet. After four hours of filming, they showed one minute of screen time with Dudley and Dr. James. 😊 His claim to fame!

Martha found out that Vena was a CPA, and asked her if she would like to take over the accounting position for WRN. The books were a mess. We were in jeopardy of losing our non profit status, and the prior accountant just kind of disappeared. Thank you Vena for saying "yes!"

When Vena met Doug, he wasn't sure about little dogs. He thought they were yappy, and he had always had large dogs. Needless to say Mac won over his heart. Mac may have been older, but he still had Westietude! When they lost Mac in 2010 at age 16, they both knew they wanted another Westie. Vena and Doug enjoy watching sports of all sorts: Broncos, Avalanche, Rockies, CU, and Air Force. Peyton Manning was the quarter back for the Broncos in 2013 when WRN called to tell them they had a dog for them, who just happened to be named Peyton! Of course they said, "YES." The first time they met him, he rolled over; so Doug could give him belly rubs. It was love at first sight, and Peyton has blossomed even more since then. According to Vena, "When we first got Peyton he was afraid to be a true "Westie". He appeared to have come from an abusive situation. Now he's 110% Westie! He turned 10 on September 24th." Vena grew up with dogs, a cocker spaniel, some mutts, and miniature poodles; so it is no surprise Peyton is their 3rd Westie.

Vena says "knowing our organization makes a difference in the lives of the Westies, and the people who are fortunate enough to adopt them is the best part of my job. All of the volunteers are the backbone of Westie Rescue."

Her least favorite part of her job is doing the tax return. 😊

Vena's 9 to 5 job is as a CPA for a public accounting firm. She says "it's not glamorous, but I've always enjoyed accepting and working with the clients."

In addition to watching sports, In her "free time" she likes to garden, read and travel. Her husband, Doug is a retired travel agent so he takes care of all the planning. Their most recent big trip was to Toronto and Niagara Falls for their 10th anniversary.

President Gene Bourque noted that no organization can survive without well trained financial personnel. WRN is blessed to have a seasoned professional such as Vena who not only helps insure our short-term fiscal health but has the experience to advise as regards our longer term strategic planning.



Spotlight on Health

Cancer in Dogs



November is pet cancer awareness month. While a cancer diagnosis is scary, it's not a death sentence for your dog, particularly if it's caught early.

A national provider of specialty vet care points out that cancer symptoms in pets are very similar to those in people. In fact, because cancers in dogs so closely resemble human cancer, there is ongoing research that might benefit both species.

Here are a few of the most common early warning signs of cancer to look for in pets:

- Any change in bladder or bowel habits; urinating or defecating more or less frequently.
- Unexplained weight loss.
- A change in behavior, particularly if your dog becomes more withdrawn than usual.
- A lump that appears suddenly or grows rapidly. It's helpful to take a digital photo of your pet to map out any lumps he or she may have. The picture can help you monitor for any potential growth in the masses and provides your veterinarian with valuable information.
- Lameness or limping that doesn't resolve with rest.
- Any changes to your pet's eating habits. For example, if a notorious chowhound suddenly shows less interest in dinner, that's something that should be checked out.
- Bad breath or a change in your dog's bark could be an indication of oral masses.

If you notice any of these signs, you should make an appointment with your family veterinarian as soon as possible. Pets ages 7 or older should receive twice-yearly examinations.



Spot the Westie



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Westie Fun-

Westie Fest

October 6, 2018

For newest Westie adoptions and volunteers
Thanks to Sarah Doud and Mike Taylor for hosting this event!



November

National Pet Awareness Month The unconditional love and devotion pets show their owners is undeniable. So let's celebrate it! Set aside time this November to honor National Pet Awareness Month with your favorite four-legged companion.

Pet Cancer Awareness Month**Pet Diabetes Month****National Cook for Your Pets Day, November 1**

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You And WRN
The Best
Rewards

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Amazon They Will Donate
to WRN On Your Behalf



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