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Happy Tales

Recent Adoptions



Teddy



We were still dealing with the loss of Reggie and Vinnie our 15 year plus Westies when we got word regarding Teddy. We visited with Teddy and his foster people and fell in love at first sight. Teddy is 6 years old, and has settled into our routine. He likes his morning walks, and if we are to slow he tells us its time to go. Teddy loves to play with various toys and loves tug of war. He has a sharp eye when it comes to chasing rabbits. Every time he goes outside he's on the look out for rabbits to chase. He has brought his energy and love to our home and we are grateful to have found him.

~Jane & Larry

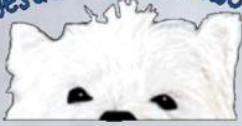
We are very blessed! Jack really is a joy- affectionate, inquisitive and naughty all rolled into a big package of energy!!

~ Betty & Roy



Jack





In Memory of

Brody



We adopted Brody when he was about 7. He was a challenge but he loved us and we loved him. His brother McGregor is feeling very lost right now as are we. RIP Brody, we will see you on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

~Mark and Bette Anne Mayberry

Grief is like glitter. You can throw a handful of glitter into the air, but when you try to clean it up, you'll never get it all. Even long after the event, you will still find glitter tucked into corners. It will always be there. . . somewhere.
-@IRISH_CUCHULAINN

Murphy



I find it so hard to believe I'm writing this about my sweet Murphy after I just wrote a piece explaining his battle with Westie Lung Disease. Murphy fought the brave battle, but in the end of his short, sweet life he lost his life to a senseless accident. He ingested 2 substantial pieces of mulch and having only 1 tooth, was unable to chew them. They, subsequently, became lodged in his digestive tract and he had to undergo surgery. He battled through that and appeared to be on his way to recovery, but developed pneumonia and just could not conquer it. Murphy passed peacefully in my arms on Monday, May 17, 2021. God bless you, sweet Murphy. Mom loved you unconditionally. I love you to the moon and back and thank the good Lord for sending you my way, no matter how short our two years together were. I miss your sweet kisses with that long, floppy tongue! Elf is here with me waiting to be reunited with you. Hugs and sweet dreams, my sweet Murph!

Mom, Dad, Quinn and Clancy

~Minnie Bourque



In Memory of. . . continued

Bogey



It's impossible to imagine living without such an incredible family member as Bogey. He came into our lives from WRN in 2005 and very sadly left us unexpectedly, with us by his side, from a heart ailment on May 14, 2021 at 16 years old.

We've always had Westies, 3 others to be exact...each with us for over 15 years. And each took their toll on our hearts. "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."
This one little Westie took up the most.

The St Patrick's Day parade was just the beginning of Bogey's life with us. He rushed us through it as quickly as if it were just a walk in the park, never noticing the crowd. And every parade he was in after that was the same. He loved walks more than anything. He also loved snoozing in his 10 beds around the house, and cuddling with us or any guest who sat on the couch. Of course he loved treeing squirrels, showing off his smartness with 'leave it' and 'crawl' and the usual 'high 5' and 'sit up.'



And he loved to dress-up.



He was our first boy dog and nothing seemed to bother him. He was different from any Westie we have had. He trusted us. He loved getting his teeth brushed because there was a snack at the end. And he was patient with baths and was never nervous at the veterinarian's office. They commented that he was a gentleman. We often called him 'the dog with no ears' because when we looked at him to take a picture, his ears would disappear as if to say, "I love you so much" or "Do I have to smile?"

Time will pass and we will live on, but he made our lives whole.

Sleep in peace baby boy.

~Bob and Linda Gravelle





Spot the Westie

From the Editor

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



Miss Shelly
~from Jackie Anderson



A house is not a home
...without a dog.



Find Chance
~from Jullie DeWitte





Spotlight on Health - Anal gland issues

Oh, what a pain in the butt those anal glands can be!

We noticed our 6-year-old Maggie scooting around on her bottom, and leaving a small trail of blood. She had not had any problems in the past with this area, but this was scary enough that we decided that, even though it was Sunday we should take her to the emergency vet. They discovered she had a burst anal gland. The vet said the gland was very full, and they cleaned the wound and expressed the gland. The vet also gave her an injection, a course of antibiotics, and pain meds. And she had to wear the cone so she would leave her butt alone. She had a follow up a week later with her regular vet, and he expressed the glands again, and said she is doing well. As we think back, she had been groomed 2 weeks prior to this, which might have been a factor.



How could grooming be a risk factor?

Groomers can ONLY (usually by law) express anal glands externally. And the reason that this is an issue is that the dog cannot fully empty the gland completely, and therefore they leave secretions behind; plus, they have also created inflammation, which narrows the already small duct that empties the gland. The secretions are now deeper in the gland, and there is inflammation by squeezing the gland and surrounding muscles in an unnatural manner (causing swelling), so the secretions begin to thicken, and the infection starts to develop. While no one wants their freshly groomed and pampered pet to smell like anal gland secretions, I highly suggest asking your groomer not to express your pet's anal glands. It is best to bring your pet just before or just after grooming to a veterinary clinic to have the glands expressed internally by a trained veterinary staff member.

Clinical Signs of Anal Gland Problems in Dogs

- Scooting and discomfort of the rear end
- Excessive licking of the anal area and hind end
- Straining to defecate
- Releasing a sudden foul (fishy) odor
- Leaking of anal gland fluid
- Bleeding and/or swelling near the anal region

Conditions that can increase chances of anal gland problems include:

- Being overweight or obese
- Diarrhea (caused by illness, sudden food changes, inappropriate treats or food)
- Food hypersensitivities (food allergies)
- Chronic (deep) skin infections with bacteria and/or yeast
- Abnormal anal tone – inability to contract the anal sphincter normally
- Obstruction of the anal gland duct – mass/tumor, inflammation to the muscles, etc.
- Skin mite infestation
- Atopic dermatitis (environmental allergies)





Dirty Dawgs



From the Editor

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Dodge Max & Remington Rue





Maggie's Restaurant and Bar Reviews

Now that our weather is warm, it is time to take your dog to lunch or out for a beer!

Here are some of Maggie's and her friends favorites.



Ohana Grille



2045 Sheridan Blvd, Edgewater, Co 80214

This is a trendy Hawaiian fusion eatery across from Sloans Lake. They try to spread the Aloha spirit, but the traffic on Sheridan doesn't make it seem much like a beach on Hawaii. Sorry.



North Country



94 Rampart Way, Denver, CO 80230

Located in Lowry. There is plenty of parking, and the patio is not on a busy street. Their carefully-crafted menu features traditional ceviches, oysters, mussels, tortas, salads and a collection of the best fish and street tacos around – served on homemade flour and corn tortillas, and they gave me own bowl of water.



Frolic Brewing



12910 Zuni St #1300, Westminster, Co 80234

This is a brewpub and coffee shop located in a strip mall away from traffic and busy streets. They offer morning breakfast items, and lunch and dinner. They are definitely dog friendly. And it looks like we'll have to go back for the cinnamon rolls.

From the Editor

Send your restaurant review for a future issue to marmfield@aol.com



Last Chance Pizza / Cove & Craft Tap Room



40 Cove Blvd, Dillon Co 80435

In Summit Cove off Swan Mtn.

After hiking in Summit county with my folks, we looked for a place for lunch. This really was a "last chance" place as most restaurants there are not open for lunch. But it turned out to be great pizza. And their guard dog was very friendly!





May 1, 2021
Sloan's Lake

A few Westies of
Colorado participated in their portion
of the Denver Furry Scurry



August 10 Spoil Your Dog Day

- Dole out the treats- On this special day, break the rules and spoil your dog with as many treats as you want. You can keep it healthy by adding in some natural treats like carrots, salmon skin, or coconut oil.
- Do some doggy activities- Instead of walking around the block, you could take your dog to the dog park to socialize with other dogs while you walk. Not your scene? Take your dog to a pet spa and let the spoiling really begin!
- Love your dog -Nobody knows your dog like you do, so take a moment to consider the things your dog loves best. Give your dog a great belly rub and snuggle up on the couch for a movie marathon if that's what your pooch enjoys. Whatever your dog's favorite together-time, you can deliver it with a little thought and some heartfelt appreciation for what your dog adds to your life.



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West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Denver Specialty Show

September 10, 2021
Island Grove Park
Greeley, Co



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