



We all adore our Westies and want to keep them safe and healthy. We thought we would mention some dog safety issues and at least get everyone thinking and talking about safety along with some helpful websites and resources. We could write pages on this subject but thought we could just touch on a few.

I recently signed up to attend a Pet First Aid and CPR class with a friend which has been on my to-do list for quite some time. It covers CPR, what to do if a dog is choking, what to have in a pet first aid kit and very importantly how to keep yourself safe when dealing with an injured animal. There are many classes held all over the state. You can search the internet or ask your Veterinarian if they know of one in your area.



What if you find yourself in an unfamiliar neighborhood or are traveling in Colorado and need to find the nearest Veterinarian? Check out the website [www.ahnow.com](http://www.ahnow.com) and download their iphone or android app. Type in your location and it will give you a list and show you a map of the nearest veterinarian clinics. They can also point you in the right direction if you find a lost dog or even an injured bird.

Most of us know that grapes, raisins and onions are toxic to dogs but there are many other foods and household products that are also poisonous. These include garlic, avocado and products with tee tree oil. The poison helpline website can help you quickly find out if a product is toxic, symptoms to watch for and treatment needed. <http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poisons/>

Please be aware of glue mousetraps and how dangerous they can be to animals. If these traps are placed outside they can easily become attached to a squirrel or raccoon. When the animal is finally able to free itself the glue trap laden with poison can be dropped anywhere the animal has traveled. A friend of mine was outside with her dogs and noticed they were interested in something which turned out to be one of these traps put out by a neighbor. The poison is an anticoagulant and can be deadly to canines if ingested. Please let people know that along with being very Inhumane they are dangerous to many other animals.

We all know about the risk of leaving a dog in the hot car and I am sure many of you have the same negative reaction when we see a dog in the back end of an open pickup but there are other car safety issues. Do you keep your child locks on? If not that should be something you check every time you get in your car with a dog to avoid a tragic accident. Even when your windows are cracked open, you need to have those child locks on.

## Buy a Calendar and Support Westie Rescue



One easy way to support Westie Rescue is to purchase our calendars and note cards. They make a perfect gift for your canine loving friends and family. Calendars and note cards are \$15 each plus shipping and can be purchased on our [website](#).



If you live in the Colorado Springs area you can purchase them at Consignment of Collectables located at 5681 N. Academy Blvd.

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Have you thought about the best way to keep your dog (and yourself) safe while in your car? The two safest ways are to crate them or use a dog seat belt type device to restrain them. Even if you are in a small fender bender, a Westie can easily be severely injured when thrown into the windshield. If your car has airbags make sure your dog always rides in the back. If you are looking for a seat belt type harness make sure that the straps are broad and thick and the tether is short.

An excited dog can also fly into your lap to see something outside the car which can detract from your driving easily causing an accident.

Dogs, especially rescued dogs, can exhibit different behavior when in a group or a new environment. Add food to the mix and anything can happen. As a foster parent, I always feed my fosters in their xpen or a different room before learning how they will react around food. If you are around a group of dogs at the park or in your backyard show extra caution when giving any treats. I discovered that my sweet Westie boy becomes extremely territorial if another dog gets close to his doggie ice cream. Thank goodness I knew this before serving it at his doggie birthday party or I could have had trouble on my hands!



So many of our dogs are on special diets and have severe allergies so you always need to check with a dog's owner before giving them any treats. If in doubt, just don't do it.

Let's all keep our Westies safe, happy and healthy!



## Westies Make Another Appearance On Local Television



For the second month in a row, Westie Rescue Network has been on local television. Each Monday on Channel 2, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald does a short segment called Animal House. Some of these segments focus on a particular health issue or introduce folks to specific breeds. He wanted to feature the Westie and asked if we could provide a few. Click [here](#) to view the segment. He was gracious to mention WRN even

though all of the Westies on air were not provided by us. Kevin has owned both Scotties and Westie and is familiar with our breed.

## Halloween—Dog's Either Love it or Hate it!



## Thank You!!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone that has contributed to Westie Rescue Network this year. We could not give the amazing care we do to these dogs without those of you that foster, transport and volunteer your time.

Many of you have opened your homes and adopted one of our rescued Westies and we know there are many happy wagging tails thanks to you.

We are so fortunate that so many of your have donated to our organization and have purchased our calendars and note cards. Dexter is one of the many dogs that has benefited this year by your generosity. Several of our dogs had patella luxation surgery along with physical therapy to help them heal and live long happy and healthy lives.

Thanks for making this all possible!

