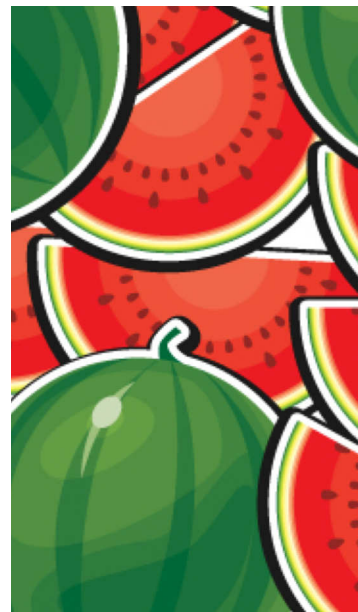




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Happy Tales

Recent Adoptions



Cooper



We feel very lucky to have adopted Cooper from the Westie Rescue Network. He has fit into our household seamlessly. Cooper and our other Westie Rescue dog Dexter took to each other immediately. He is so well trained and even does tricks. He loves his toys and his walks. Cooper is gentle and loving and very affectionate. His favorite thing to do is sitting in our lap. He's very handsome and has beautiful, exotic golden eyes. We couldn't have asked for a better Westie. It's a match made in heaven and we heartily thank everyone who made this happen.

~Susan & Richard

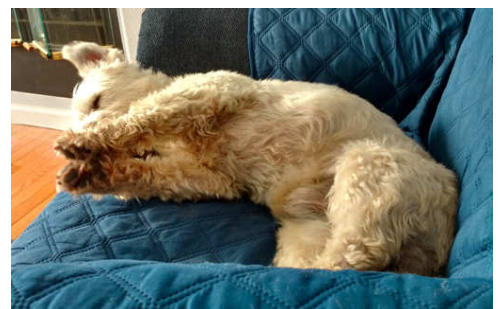


Max



Max is a wonderful addition to our family. He's a very sweet boy. It's been a little over two weeks and he has us trained to his liking. He's a big boy, 36 inches from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tail, but as you can see from his picture, he's all Westie. He rarely barks. Of course, he has to protect us from squirrels and bunnies. The picture where he's standing at the window is because he saw a squirrel. Of course, he'd love to get it! He loves taking walks, getting tummy rubs and play time. He can get a little wild, but we're working on it. He throws his toys in the air and then chases them. Once he's caught them, he'll roll over on his back to play with them. It's quite a sight. As his foster Mom, Deb said, he's a bit of a goofball.

~Vena & Doug





In Memory of



Sasha

My 2nd rescue from you, Sasha, went to the rainbow bridge April 29, 2020. I have had her for roughly 10 years and was able to create her "gotcha day" just shortly after my first rescue from you, Daisy, unexpectedly died as a result of an aneurism. Sasha has been featured in your calendar 3 times already, and this will sadly be her fourth time. As she went to the Rainbow Bridge yesterday after a months long bout that began with pancreatitis and promptly resulted in complication after complication. This started in late August and ended April 29 when I had to let her go. She was Miss

February several years ago as goats were visiting and she had found a new friend. Also her photo was in a smaller portion of the same calendar where she was sorting through a stoneware pickling canister looking for toys on her first day as my wonderful dog. She was Shasta when we adopted her in 2010 - it was ironic as she was moving into Daisy's home (Shasta Daisy). We changed her name as my mom was getting older and had a hard time saying that word. So Sasha was an easy switch and I learned it is a name that means in many cultures, female warrior. And she was. She even treed a bear (yearling thankfully) that had scrambled into my backyard just 2 years ago! I have a photo of the stressed out bear, that my neighbors and I dubbed Ferris, as in Ferris Bueller, because he/she was.

~Lovice D Riffe

We lost our little boy this week. He walked over the rainbow bridge. It was sudden so he didn't suffer. He was such a love! He was the first Westie I adopted from Westie Rescue. It was a great experience so I decided to become a foster mom for them. Chip will always be part of our family. Looking down from above.

~Ellen & Brad Simco

Chip



Charlie



Charlie Brown Shulze

Welcomed to Heaven's door on 6/5/2020.

Although we only had him for 8+ years, he was an instant friend, faithful companion, and buddy to all our fur rescues and visitors. He loved to play ball, go on adventures, show others where the squirrels go by and take walks. Mostly he loved his Daddy. They had a camaraderie and close bond and assisted the ladies with a better life.

Thank you, Charlie

~Smiley Shulze



Spot the Westie

From the Editor

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



There's a world out there.
Open a window and it's there.
~Robin Williams



~from Lisa Osborn



LIFE
is a JOURNEY.
Enjoy the ride.



~from Sarah Doud



Special Report- The Love of WRN Fosters

I have to tell you all that sometime back in the very beginning that this was an unacknowledged dream—that every Westie who came into our care no matter his condition would have a comfortable end of life with caring people who would be able to give of themselves in this very special way. Thank you all for making this dream come true.

~ Martha Smith. Founder of Westie Rescue Network



Westie Rescue Network recently received two dogs, Buster and Daisy, both 14 1/2 years old. They were placed in separate foster homes. Their owner was very ill, and it had to be hard for her to give them up at this stage of their life.

One of the first things WRN does after receiving a dog is to have a veterinarian examine them. We have some wonderful vets associated with WRN, and are so grateful for each and every one of them! Because of their age, the vets examining Buster and Daisy were asked to perform extensive blood testing and an in-depth examination. This was the report:

Both dogs have a large mass, most likely cancerous in their urinary bladder and adrenal glands.



Buster has severe gall bladder disease and he is at risk for progression to a life-threatening condition called gall bladder mucocele. He also has dental disease, and is deaf.

Daisy has masses on her liver, not cancerous. In addition to the abdominal abnormalities Daisy has spondylosis (bridging of her vertebral bodies), intervertebral disc disease and dental disease.

Gene Bourque, President of WRN, sent the Board and volunteers an email with this information and added, "These dogs will not be adopted out. The fosters for both dogs are willing to keep them for what our Veterinarians have estimated to be several months. The reason for my willingness to go this route is the positive reports from the foster families as noted below:

- The dogs are sweet and get along with the resident canines. They are docile and compliant and really are not a problem at this time. They don't seem to miss one another.
- They are navigating their foster homes well; able to do doggie doors and a small number of stairs. It was our understanding when we picked them up that they could not do stairs.
- They seem to be "happy" in their foster homes and the fosters are happy with them.

I have talked to our Veterinarians and we will give them meds for comfort, but really nothing that might typically be used to treat for healing...thanks to all involved with this sweet pair."

Martha's quote at the top of this page was the response to Gene's email

*The people,
who dedicate their time to rescue
are our heroes.*



Special Report continued

Meet Buster and Daisy and their loving Foster families-



Buster is with Karen, and she says "Buster arrived late in the evening on a Sunday in early May. He looked like a little sheep. His head and legs were groomed, but the fur on his body was 6 inches long! A grooming by a mobile groomer resulted in a whole different dog as you can see in his picture .He could hardly do the couple of steps to go out to the front yard, but now he has learned to handle any amount of steps, loves his daily walks, and runs to play like he is only 9 years old. However, he still can't get Angie, our resident Westie, to play with him. She is not interested.



Even though he is deaf, he loves to meet other dogs on the trail. He has learned our routine and knows to bark when he has to go out, or is hungry. You would never know he has all of these medical issues. Buster is such a sweet and smart boy. We love having him here."



Daisy is with Emily and Carole. They have their own rescue dog, Tintin (not a Westie), and they are WRN's newest Fosters.

Their report is "Since she is at an advanced age, Daisy can be forgiven for her glacial pace when navigating lawns, sidewalks and wood floors. However, she takes off at sprint speed to chase a squirrel, bird, or even another dog she finds interesting.

Daisy seems baffled by the slightest elevation---transfixed by the height of even smallest stairs as if they were insurmountable, but then, as if lifted by an invisible spirit, she manages to conquer them if it means going somewhere new.

Daisy is an avid couch potato and will steal your spot the moment you stand up to go to the bathroom or kitchen. She is also very vain, having been found staring at her own image in the mirror for 20 minutes at a time. Not all charm and cuteness, she can clear a room with her flatulence and remain unbothered by the deadly stink.

Daisy is a gourmet—she prefers rotisserie chicken and fish skin of all types to actual dog food.

Every night at 6pm, she begins her "march of the frog" ritual, in which she picks up her frog toy and marches it in a clockwise direction around the house for up to an hour before collapsing in exhaustion. This ritual has likely contributed to her slimming figure, having gone from 23 pounds to just 19 in a matter of weeks. She knows she must look good in pictures. Her agents say she has a shot at this year's calendar cover!



Though sporty in some dimensions, when it comes to the demanding job of hiking on Colorado's trails, she prefers traveling in a backpack. She often asks herself the question: "why walk, when that person is willing to carry me everywhere on her back like a princess?"

And so go the last months of Daisy's life – rotisserie chicken, bird chases, flatulence, and being constantly transported by her faithful servants like a princess on a litter.





Dirty Dawgs



Kya got in the lipstick



From the Editor

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Maggie's Restaurant and Bar Reviews

Now that restaurants are opening up again, and 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.



Snooze



1701 Wynkoop St #150, Denver, CO 80202

A breakfast/lunch place, open 6:30-2:30. They now have 11 locations in Colorado. Our favorite is Union Station: so we can watch the people and dogs. You never know who you will bump into! The menu is very creative, and the food is yummy (so I've been told- they wouldn't share).

Lake House



8026 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, CO. 80123

phone 720-758-8880

The best part of this restaurant is the view of the lake and the rabbits! This is the first place we went following pandemic closures, and the tables on the patio were spaced 6 feet apart, which was nice to see. They have a nice selection of drinks and food. Right now they are open 3-8 W-Th, and 11-9 Fri-Sun. We went at 2:30 on a Sunday and they weren't busy, and seated us right away. If you are going during busy times, it is recommended you make a reservation.



Dead Hippy Brewing



3701 S. Santa Fe Drive, Sheridan, Co 80110

This was after a walk with the Colorado Westies last year. The folks at Dead Hippy welcomed all the dogs inside because they do not serve food, just popcorn. They loved our Westies and treated dogs and humans really well. Clancy and Quinn give them 5 bones since they are big popcorn aficionados.

~from Minnie & Gene Bourque, Clancy & Quinn



Good Times Burgers



25 drive thru/ patio locations in Colorado.

I like it because they sell Paw Benders, a custard made especially for dogs, which I recently shared with my friends. Their burgers aren't bad either. They also have Spoonbenders for humans. Join their e club to get a free burger on the human's birthday, and free Pawbender on dog's birthday!

From the Editor

Send your restaurant review for a future issue to
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July 11 All American Pet Photo Day

Calling for photos for 2021 WRN Calendar

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 contessa5360@aol.com

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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