



HOMELESS WESTIES NOW HOMEWARD BOUND

There is no doubt we are in “crisis mode” these days at Westie Rescue.

Never before have we seen so many Westies, young and old, being voluntarily relinquished, abandoned at shelters or just outright left behind.

More than half of the dogs that have come to us in the last six months have been the result of dire financial circumstances on the part of the previous owners.

We are doing all we can with the limited resources we have, but we need your help.



“Jasper” came to our attention in the summer when property inspectors found him abandoned in a home that had been foreclosed. He had been there about two weeks, with a bag of opened, dry dog food thrown on the floor next to a large pan of water. Clearly, Jasper had gone without proper nutrition and medical care for a long time. He had multiple skin infections, and was infested with fleas.



Luckily, for Jasper, Westie Rescue ensured that he received the best medical care possible. With proper nutrition, medications, allergy testing, daily nurturing from both his foster family and now his permanent family, Jasper has been completely rehabilitated.

The photographs illustrate what he looked like when he was found, and how beautiful he is today.

As with the nearly 200 other Westies that have come through Westie Rescue this year, each requires some level of veterinary intervention. Sometimes the Westies need nothing more than a complete physical and vaccination updates.

Others have truly tested the skills of the vets who work with us. From rebuilding hip joints, diagnosing treatable heart and lung ailments, and removing tumors – they have worked with us to transform “unadoptable” dogs to wonderful loving companions.

Our primary goal at Westie Rescue is for each dog to be placed in a good, loving permanent home. And because of the ongoing generosity of people like you, we are able to live up to this goal. But we know that the year ahead is going to be one of our most taxing ever.

2008 SUCCESSES

Westie Rescue was able to handle a significant increase in the number of dogs this year that needed special medical care including:

130 Westies rescued, fostered, rehabilitated, and successfully adopted (more than 2 dogs per week!).

*“Jack”,
who got a
new
squeaky toy
AND a new
family this
year.*



36 Westies were spayed or neutered to prevent future unwanted and homeless dogs.



*After a difficult
and challenging
year, “Rufus”,
who was just
adopted, is
looking forward
to starting a
new year in a
wonderful new
home.*

17 dogs in animal control facilities labeled as “unadoptable” and facing death were rehabilitated and placed in loving homes.

*Although he had very
little fur and many
skin issues,
“Winston” made up
for it with lots of
heart. His new family
continues to help with
his recovery.*



2008 SUCCESSES (continued)

Westie Rescue was also able to place many special terriers including:



15 Westies provided with major medical care such as intensive surgical interventions including hip or joint rebuilding, allergy testing and medication, or other specialized treatment to prepare them for adoption. Like “Charles” (left), who required a complete hip replacement.

“Nora” was rescued with six others who had been living in a puppy mill in Tidewater Virginia before it was closed down by the State and County authorities.

Nora” and she gave birth to 6 healthy, lively puppies just 3 days after being by Westie Rescue from the ravages of puppy mill existence.

All of them had spent their entire lives living in outdoor conditions in small wire crates.

This year, over 600 Westies have been helped by the volunteers who make up Westie Rescue all across the USA. These volunteers help homeless and sometimes helpless Westies find those open arms and hearts like yours. We need your help and assistance to keep the light of hope burning for those unwanted Westies who are going to come in 2009.



With your help we can continue to help cover the cost of finding all of the rescued Westies permanent homes to ensure that they never spend another night alone, hungry, abandoned or frightened.

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