



# Westie Rescue

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## A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

They were found living on the streets in downtown Durham, North Carolina – roaming loose, scavenging for food, finding shelter wherever they could. No collars, no tags, no one knew where they had come from or how long they had been abandoned. Luckily, these two have been taken into a temporary shelter until they will be picked up this week by one of our most dedicated Westie Rescue volunteers, Jim Chapman. Before the start of the New Year, they will be available for adoption.

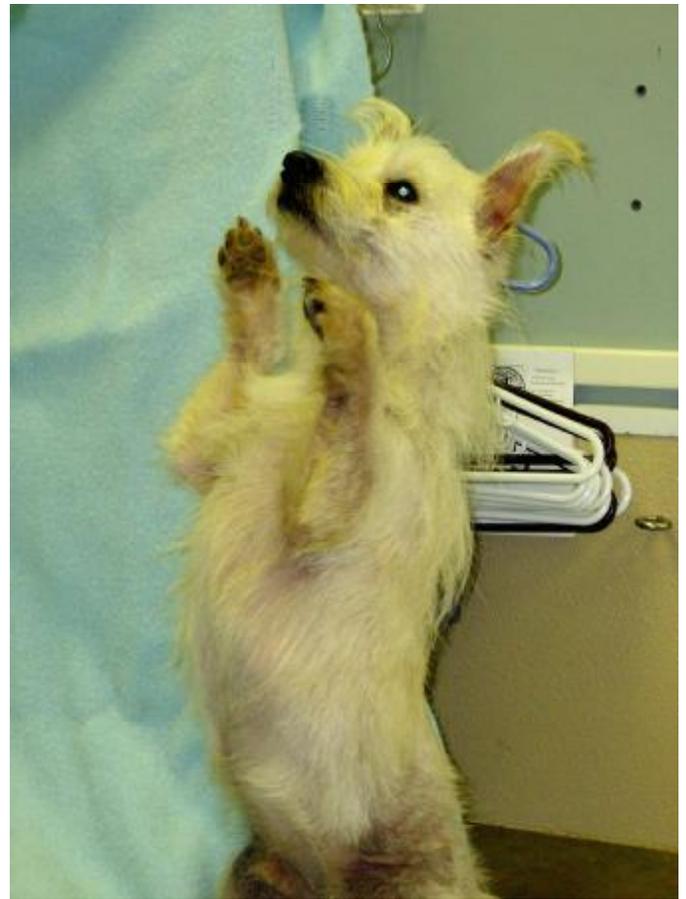
Temporarily renamed as “Gracie” and “Guinness,” they were sorely malnourished as well as needing intensive treatment for skin infections made worse from exposure to the elements. They are both young and vibrant dogs, full of affection and most assuredly, a desire for a safe, loving, permanent home.



*“Guinness” shows the ravages of a yeast-based skin infection made worse by a comprised immune system resulting from living on the streets for an extended period of time.*

It is unconscionable for most of us to comprehend how these young dogs could have been so casually tossed away and left to fend for themselves. Unfortunately, it happens all too often. The lucky ones end up in shelters or temporary foster placements. The very lucky ones come to the attention of Westie Rescue.

The holiday season is particularly taxing on the volunteer resources at Westie Rescue. Some people think that giving a Westie puppy as a gift to an already over-stressed family is a good idea (as we discovered last year when we placed over 7 puppies that were given as “Christmas presents.”)



*After a few days of treatment and nourishment, little “Guinness” is just begging for a new home.*

And then there are the cases of families who decide not to pick up their dogs from the kennel after returning from vacation. Yes, we had several of those Westies come to us in January as well.

Imagine the sad face of a once-beloved pet left to languish at a boarding facility because the owners have decided that life without their dog is just a whole lot easier.

But rest assured that week-after-week, month-after-month, Westie Rescue will do whatever it takes to rescue, rehabilitate and place these wonderful terriers into new, deserving homes.

**So why are we writing to you today?**

Because in the winter months, and particularly around the holidays, we have more and more Westies who are abandoned, discarded, left behind, or dumped onto the streets by people, for whatever reason, no longer want these charismatic canines.

And while not all of the dogs we rescue need expensive medical treatments, for the most part, 1 out of every 3 does. At the very minimum, each dog will need basic inoculations and booster shots, spaying or neutering and all the required dental care before they can be adopted.

More often, there are more extensive veterinary interventions required because of on-going neglect or mistreatment.

**Won't you please help us by contributing to Westie Rescue now?**

Even after the discounts provided by the wonderful vets and staff at Greater Annapolis Veterinary Hospital, Westie Rescue's veterinary medical expenses were over \$55,000. Nevertheless, so worth it when you consider the alternative that would have befallen dogs like Guinness and Gracie.

Indeed, they are the lucky ones.



*Dr. Elizabeth Daher examines one of the recently rescued Westies that came to us from a puppy mill. The caring doctors and technicians at Greater Annapolis Veterinary Hospital have provided treatment and nurturing for over 150 rescued Westies in 2007 alone.*

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 and frightened.

Here's hoping we can help many more hearts be touched by wet noses in 2008.

**Happy holidays to you and your family from all of us at Westie Rescue!**

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