



WESTIE RESCUE YEAR IN REVIEW - 2011

As 2011 draws to a close, I would like to wish you and yours a warm and wonderful holiday season and to share with you a few of our accomplishments that would not have been possible without the generous support of caring friends such as you.

It has been a very busy year for Westie Rescue Mid-Atlantic. In 2011 we rescued and found homes for more than 104 Westies. We also provided assistance to another 73 owners and their dogs. The website www.WestieRescue.com receives over 1,300 hits per day providing a connection for Westie owners. Our volunteers have driven over 22,400 miles to rescue abandoned Westies and to place them in new homes. And we have participated in several extensive puppy mill rescues with Westies coming to us for shelter, treatment and adoption from as far away as Missouri and Kansas.



Westies and Cairns rescued from a Atlanta puppy mill find their way to Northern Virginia and to Westie Rescue volunteers.

Thanks to generous supporters like you, these Westies were given a chance when they needed it most. Such was the case with "Richie", whose plight was brought to the attention of Westie Rescue earlier this year.

Animal cruelty can be either abandonment, deliberate abuse, or simply the failure to take care of an animal by not providing even the most basic of care. *Richie* was a victim of such cruelty.



When he was discovered abandoned and living on the streets, he was emaciated, had skin and ear infections, and was clearly in immune system crisis. It was also obvious that he had been attacked by some other animal as he was suffering from some bite wounds and scratches trying to defend himself.

There is no plight sadder than finding these loving Westies tossed onto the streets, or left behind in abandoned homes, or discarded by the side of the highway. Confused, frightened, and unable to fend for themselves – there is no worse terror for these little Terriers.

Molly came to our attention after she had been found by a concerned citizen and contacted Westie Rescue after learning that her local shelter was a high-kill facility.

After considerable medical treatment for her ailments and a few weeks spent with a volunteer foster family, *Molly* was adopted by her forever family this summer.

She is living on a beautiful farm in the Virginia countryside and her new owners, Bruce and Ellie, tell us that time has healed all wounds. *Molly* has overcome the cruelty and neglect of her past and her beautiful spirit shines brightly each day.

Molly – Before



Molly – Today after a few weeks of treatment



With your generous support, Westies like *Richie* and *Molly* will be given the help they need. I hope we can count on you for a year-end gift this holiday season. Remember, your donations will go directly to helping abandoned and lost Westies from our community, as

well as those whose families can no longer afford to keep them or provide basic care.

From all of us at Westie Rescue, we wish you the best this holiday season,

Stephen

Stephen DiGiulian
Volunteer President

P.S. Your gift of \$50 will feed at least 3 of our Westies for two weeks – the average amount of time it takes for us to find them a loving and warm forever home.

NEW HOME WANTED!

My name is Maxx and I am 12 years old. I came to Westie Rescue because my owner could no longer take care of me. She loved my very much, but could not take me with her to the assisted living facility. Without Westie Rescue I could have ended up in a shelter and might not still be here if they weren't for them. I was sad and scared at first, but I am coming around here in foster care. Thanks to Westie Rescue there are funds to see that I have a food, medical care and lots of love and attention until I get adopted. I would love my new family to spend lots of time with me - taking me on long walks, sitting close on the couch, and letting me sleep on the big bed. I will be the best friend you could ever have. Are you the family for me? Until then, please help support Westie Rescue.

Hopefully waiting, Maxx.

