



Westies Will Be On Parade December 7

Westie Rescue invites all Westies and their families to walk with our group in the Alexandria Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7. (Free Activity)

We begin gathering at 9:30am in front of the Safeway at 500 South Royal St and move to our place in the parade around 10 am. Free street parking goes fast. *Be Early!*



In addition to a hoard of Westies, there is always lots to see and enjoy, including other Scottish breed dogs, pipe bands, highland dancing, period costumes, Scottish



ALEXANDRIA Scottish Christmas Walk Parade

ancestral family groups, and even Scottish Santa.



Many of the Olde Towne stores have Scottish food and gift items for purchase. A beer garden opens at 2pm and the Parade of Lighted Boats on the Potomac River is at 5:30pm.



Westie Rescue Mid-Atlantic Part Of Westie Rescue USA



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In this issue, read about fall activities for you and your Westie, learn about pet store puppies, find out what Westie Rescue volunteers have been doing, and laugh at How-o-ween Westie photos.

Westie Rescue is also on BlueSky Social. You can check out our posts at [@WestieRescue.bsky.social](https://www.bsky.social/WestieRescue.bsky.social)



SCOTTISH TERRIER (& A WESTIE!)



SKYE TERRIER



DEERHOUND



SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Westie Rescue Mid-Atlantic News



Westie Rescue continues to be busy as 2024 heads to an end.

Westie Rescue Mid-Atlantic has taken in and placed 48 wee Westies as of November and also recently had a landmark moment when we placed the 1400th Westie since our founding in 1992.

From 4 month old pups to 13 year old mature lads and ladies, needy dogs came to Westie Rescue for a variety of reasons, including dog owners going into hospice care as well as being dumped by a puppy mill. The incoming Westies originated in 6 states (MD, NJ, NC, OH, VA, and WV) plus Washington, DC.

Here are a few of our new friends: Brooks, Winnie, Sunny, Olie, Mills, Melonee, and Jasper. As you can see in the photos, some dogs come to us ready to go to new homes and some need help before finding their forever families.

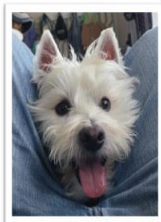
Westie Rescue Mid-Atlantic also assisted 14 Westie owners outside the reach of our program in locating a Westie rescue group closer to them in order to help their dogs. Requests were sent from as far away as Idaho.

In addition, 340 adoption applications were forwarded from our website to Westie rescues in other regions to help connect potential new homes with Westies there. Plus, we answered 1,200 inquiries about "all things Westie."



Yes, our volunteers have been busy but it is always well worth our effort to see Westies become healthy and find new permanent homes where they will have love, attention, proper care, and lots and lots of FUN!

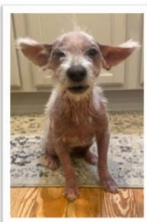
SOME OF OUR RECENTLY ADOPTED RESCUE PALS



Brooks



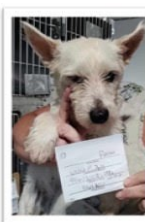
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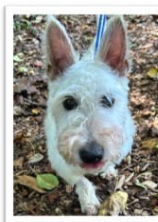
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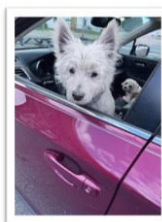
Olie



Mills



Melonee



Jasper

Is There A Westie Rescue Group In Your Region?

You can find out where Westie Rescue groups are located in the United States and around the world on WestieRescue.com. Under the front page heading "**Westie Rescue USA,**" you will see a tab bar where you can click "**Rescue Groups.**"

Once on the group page, choose **International Westie Rescues** (outside the US) or **Local Westie Rescues** (within the 50 US states).

If you choose "Local," a page will appear with a list of states. You can then click on various states to explore rescue group options in those regions.

The volunteers in the Mid-Atlantic are getting older but we still are going strong! As part of iWestie Rescue USA intra-group cooperation, we post information to assist other groups

The fact is that some rescues have leaders who have been with their groups for decades. Some are finding it harder to handle all the day-to-day rescue functions as they mature. To be able to continue helping Westies, they urgently need new volunteers who can contribute a few hours a month. Please go to WestieRescue.com to find group contact info in your area and offer them a lifeline! Thank You!

Please Consider Volunteering A Few Hours A Month With Your Local Westie Rescue!

Fall Activities For You And Your Westie

Being at home, just relaxing with your Westie is great. However, fall is a great time to do something outside with your Westies.



Here are some ideas.

Westies are always ready for a walk with their best pal on a nice fall day.



Don't forget the annual **Scottish Christmas Walk Parade** on **Saturday, December 7**, in **Olde Towne Alexandria, Virginia**. That's where **Westie Rescue** will be gathering with our Westie pals. Every Westie and her or his family is welcome to join us! Check our website for updates.

Go for a Christmas **Photo With Santa** for the family album. Those photos become family treasures as years pass. Many rescues do the photos as part of their fund raising. Some pet supply stores give the proceeds to local shelters.



Will your Westie be staying up late and anticipating holiday goodies?



Hit the road to find farmer's stands where you can buy some great pumpkins and other fall produce.



No matter what holiday comes around. It just isn't the same without our Westie bestie. We shouldn't forget to savor the time we have with them ... and take lots of photos. **Get a little crazy. Make some memories**



Remember, before long we will be "enjoying" winter activities with our Westies! Don't we all just love digging those potty trenches for short legs and getting the snowballs out of their fur?



The Westie Rescue website lists doggy events at **WestieRescue.com**. Just click "**Events**" at the top of the first page. There's so much to do with your Westie.

No matter where your adventures take you, **remember to stop to smell the flowers ... and hug your Westie!**



Where Do Those Cute Pet Store Puppies Come From?

It's that time of year when people think about getting a dog. *So, where do those adorable puppies in pet stores come from?* The sad fact is that when a family buys a dog from a pet store, it's almost certainly a puppy mill dog.

One of the most Important goals of animal rescues, especially those assisting dogs and cats, is raising public awareness about pet issues.

"Puppy mill" sounds cute until you find out it is a factory-style breeding facility which prioritizes profit over animal welfare. Housed in unsanitary conditions with little to no medical care, the animals in these mills suffer greatly. The puppies are unsocialized with people and often have undisclosed genetic problems. The puppies' parents are often sick and are "**discarded**" once they do not produce enough live offspring to be "profitable."

If you are looking on the internet for a Westie, be very careful. Some puppy mills are now using the word "adopt" when they are actually selling dogs.



PET STORE PUPPY



THE PUPPY'S MOM



The Puppy Mill Existence

When You Adopt:

- You're saying "**NO**" to mistreatment of animals and keeping money out of puppy mill owners' pockets.
- You save your new loving companion, **plus** you make space for another animal who desperately needs it. You are saving 2 lives!
- You get a support group to answer questions or help with issues you might encounter with your new fur pal.

Help End Puppy Mills. **ADOPT!**

HOWL-O-WEEN WESTIES

Our Westies are saints for putting up with their humans' crazy costume ideas.



WESTIE RESCUE wishes each of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Our new year's resolution is to work even harder to help homeless Westies find loving forever homes in 2025.

With your support, we will succeed!

As the year ends, we want to thank everyone who has included Westie Rescue in their estate planning or other charitable donations. It is only through your thoughtfulness and generosity that it has been possible over the years for our volunteers to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome 1,400 Westies who, through no fault of their own, needed help finding loving homes.

