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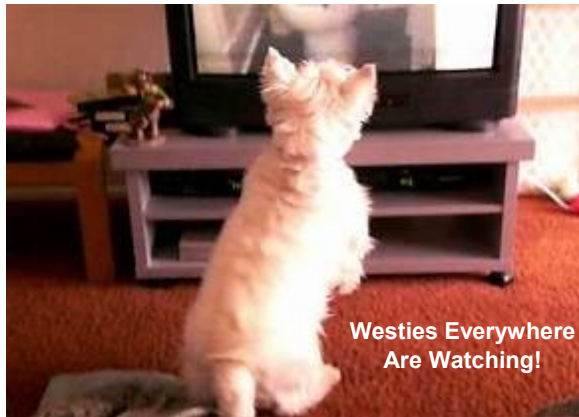
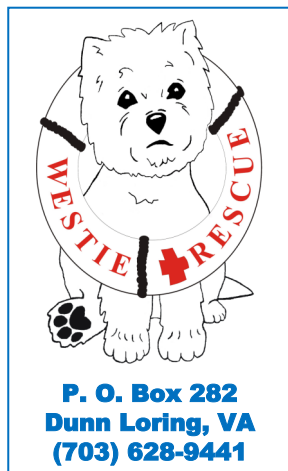
Westie Rescue USA

Westie Rescue Appears On TV

Stephen Di Giulian, President of Westie Rescue Mid-Atlantic appeared on **Pet Info Cafe** on Fairfax (VA) Public Access television in June,

Supporting Stephen in his appearance were Alec and Fergus, both doggy alums of Westie Rescue. Both boys were very fine examples of the breed.

Pet Info Cafe is a forum where Jennifer Roberts shares many types of helpful pet information with viewers so they can nurture their love of pets.



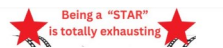
"Uncle Stephen," as the dogs call him, talked about the Westie personality as well as how our rescue works, including taking in dogs, getting them vet care, and reviewing adoption applications. Lastly, he tells how to adopt a Westie.

In fact, Alex was adopted this year and loves walks in Tuckahoe State Park. Who knew he would become a TV Star!

Fergus, who was adopted by Stephen and his wife as a pup, is 15 years old and likes sleeping on Stephen's feet as he takes care of rescue work in his office.

As well as Fairfax TV, you can also see the interview on the Westie Rescue

website in our Blog. You can find the link on our Facebook page too. Scroll down the page until you see red stars.



In addition, you can type the following link in your browser to see the Pet Info Café Interview.
westierescue.com/blog.html

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Westie Rescue Spring 2024 News



Spring has been a busy time for Westie Rescue. We took in and placed 23 little furry gals and guys.

They ranged in age from 2 years to 13 years old. The reasons they came to Westie Rescue varied greatly from the dog's owners moving to the dog being found as a stray. They came to us from Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Some of our new friends are Alec, Benji, Bianca, Brooks, Brothers, Cash, Dolly, Douglas, Finn, Fiona, King, Molly, Mr Lost, Rascal,

Sparkle, Stella, Zoey, Westly, and three shelter adults with two puppies (coming in this week and yet to be named).

Westie Rescue also assisted in connecting 14 owners who needed to give up Westies with a rescue in their area. Those dogs were across the United States from Alabama, Texas, and Idaho.

We also forward adoption applications which come in on the website from outside our area to Westie rescues in those regions to help connect Westies to potential adopters.

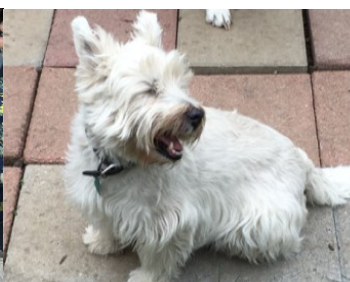


Yes, it has been a busy time but it is always well worth our effort to see Westies become healthy and find new permanent homes where they will have love, attention, proper care, and lots and lots of FUN!

SOME OF OUR SPRINGTIME RESCUES



RASCAL



DOUGLAS



ZOEY



BIANCA



NEW (To Be Named)

Is There A Westie Rescue In Your Region?

You can find out where Westie Rescues are located in the United States and around the world on our website by clicking the "**Rescue Groups**" at the top of the front page in the tab bar under "**Westie Rescue USA.**" Once on the page, choose International Westie Rescues (outside the US) or Local Westie Rescues (within the 50 US states).

If you choose "Local," a page with the list of states will appear. You can then explore to see what rescues are near you.

It's a sad fact that many of the rescues have founders and leaders who are aging. Some are finding it difficult to handle the critical day-to-day rescue functions.

Although we always welcome volunteers, our is still going strong. However, other rescues **NEED** infusions of new volunteers who want to help desperate little Westies.

Please consider volunteering at your local rescue!



Activities For You And Your Westie

Being at home, just relaxing with your Westie is great.

However, if you want to get out and do something with your Westies what are your options?

There are lots of things to do. You could **play fetch** in the backyard of go for a leisurely **walk** together.



Westies are always ready for a walk!

Or you could participate in a **Westie Walk** with lots of Westies and their families. Also, there are **group dog**



walks where entry fees benefit a rescue group or shelter and the animals it helps.

What Fun!

Some Westies love to go for **rides in the car**. Just be sure your best pal is secure in the vehicle in case of an accident. Also, give a firm "No!" when your Westie wants to drive!



All year long there are **parades** you can attend with your best friend. Here's a few to consider: St Patrick's Day, Independence Day, and Christmas.



During Mardi Gras, the Crewe of Barkus even has a special parade consisting only of costumed dogs.

At Halloween, your Westie can don a costume and help you greet Trick or Treaters at home, walk with your kids (and grands) as they collect candy, or go to a **Halloween parade or party!**



And don't forget the annual **Scottish Christmas Walk Parade** on **Saturday, December 7, 2024**, in **Olde Towne Alexandria, Virginia**. That's where our 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.

Westie Rescue also sponsors the Scottish dog breed rescues at the **Virginia Scottish Games** Labor Day Weekend (Aug 31 and Sept 1) in The Plains, Virginia. Join the fun of the

Scottish Dog Parade and **Terrier Races**. There are Scottish games in other parts of the US. Your Westie is always welcome!



Be sure to get 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.

Besides the comfort your Westie gives you, his presence can also benefit others in **pet therapy** programs.



Volunteer groups welcome Westies for visits to nursing homes, rehab centers, and hospitals to perk up residents and patients. People miss their dogs when they are away from them and will love to see your Westie.

Local Offices on Aging shelters and rescue groups have volunteer programs. Some groups offer training. Others require the dogs show a certificate showing they passed an obedience course.



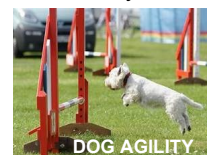
Libraries have programs in which young children **Read To A Dog** because dogs are not judgmental of reading skills and are willing to hang out and just get an occasional ear scruff.



Some Westies love **vacation trips!** Whether it's the beach or the hills they love being with you on your adventures. In this issue, there is an article about the Bring Fido App. It shows places across the US which allow dogs and includes dog ratings.



For the truly active, there are even **dog sports!**



From agility to flyball to doggy dancing, In some you compete

individually; in others you compete with a team.

The Westie Rescue website lists doggy events at westierescue.com/events/eventsbyyear/2024 (no spaces between characters)

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!**



SUPERMAN SCRUFFY



Scruffy pitched in to help raise money for Westie Rescue

Superman Scruffy says, "Please Help!"

"How much did we get? Were there any TREATS?" asks SCRUFFY.



THERE'S NOTHING MORE SCOTTISH THAN WESTIES



Yes, there are those other dogs. Those Scottish Terriers. They'll tell you that they are the older Scottish breed. But really. Few Scottish folks can help loving that great Westie face! We know which dog is the best Scottish breed.

Where have Westies been lately? On May 4th, Westie Rescue pitched its tent at the Celtic Festival in Montpelier, Virginia. There was live Scottish and Gaelic music, Irish whiskey tasting, lots of craft items, Highland dancing, and, of course, The Best Scottish Dogs.

Of most importance to Stephen; Fergus, his Westie; and Finn, a

Westie Rescue alum, was the Celtic food, including Irish stew, shepherd's pie, and corned beef.

The Westie Rescue ambassadors walked around the grounds to greet everyone (dogs and humans) and then settled in the Westie Rescue tent to talk to more people ... until it was time to EAT.

They met lots of people and told them about Westies and how our Rescue functions. Stephen talked about how to support Westie Rescue and help wee homeless Westies.

Fergus thought it was a long day. He had to take naps throughout the event and, once home, told his Mom he needed extra treats to recover.



UPCOMING EVENTS

50th Virginia Scottish Games

Sat, Aug 31-Sun, Sept 1, 2024
The Plains, VA

Activities: WESTIE RESCUE plus 12 other Scottish dog breeds; Scottish Dog Parade; Dog Races, 40+ Scottish clans and organizations; British car show; Highland and Scottish Country dancing; live Celtic music; Gaelic language village; fiddling; Scottish craft and attire vendors; caber, hammer, sheaf, and stone tosses; dog sheep herding; and GREAT food!

Scottish Christmas Walk

Sat, December 7, 2024
Olde Towne Alexandria, VA
Join Westie Rescue and walk in this great parade.

Details will be on our website.

"Bring Fido" App Helps Traveling Westies

Want to find and book a pet-friendly hotel at the lowest price available? Bring Fido can help!

Search for hotels near you, and sort by distance, popularity, rating, price, or see Fido's recommended places first.

Travelling with a large dog or more than one pet? Use Fido's filters to find hotels that welcome big dogs as well as multiple pets. You can even

narrow results to browse hotels that don't charge a pet fee!

Find nearby attractions, upcoming dog events, and local resources such as dog walkers, groomers, sitters, veterinarians, and pet supply stores. Leave reviews of your favorite pet-friendly attractions.

Go to BringFido.com or download the FREE App from the Apple Store or Google Play.

