



# WESTIE RESCUE YEAR IN REVIEW - 2020

As Westie Rescue wraps up 2020, I would like to wish you and yours a wonderful Happy New Year 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 MidAtlantic. The Covid-19 impacted our operations in ways that were unpredictable. Starting in March the applications from humans looking to adopt went from a trickle to a flood. Our website: [www.WestieRescue.com](http://www.WestieRescue.com) continues to receive up to 25 applications per day. The Virginia Scottish Games and the annual Scottish Christmas Walk in Alexandria, were all cancelled this year.

**Westie Rescue USA** ([www.WestieRescue.com](http://www.WestieRescue.com)) is the organization that helps westies in need, potential adopters, and rescue volunteers all over the USA find each other. **Westie Rescue - MidAtlantic Region** primarily helps Westies in VA, MD, DE, NC, SC, WV, Washington, DC, eastern PA and southern NJ.

In 2020, Westie Rescue MidAtlantic was honored to have reached a milestone of rescuing and permanently rehoming our 1,200<sup>th</sup> Westie since our program began. This year our volunteers provided assistance to 47 Westies – providing these special dogs with open arms and hearts of people willing to adopt them.

Westie Rescue helped another 33 owners and their dogs get the right information for treatments, training, and care so the Westies could stay in their current home. The website [www.WestieRescue.com](http://www.WestieRescue.com) continues to receive over 1,100 visits per day providing a connection for Westie owners. Our volunteers drove over 22,800 miles to rescue abandoned Westies and to place them in new homes during the past year. One trip covered 1,100 miles with three pickups and two adoptions along the way. Westie Rescue also participated in several rescues with Westies coming to us for shelter, treatment and adoption from as far away as Missouri and Kansas.

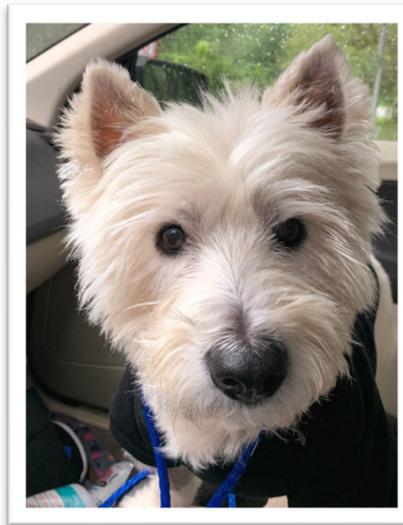
This year found many Westies being given up as owners could not afford the medical treatments required and by some owners who became frustrated by the lack of knowledge of many vets to diagnosis and treat issues like skin infections that are common in Westies. Other Westies have come to us from homes where the owners have died or moved into assisted living, requiring their best buddy to seek a new home and life.

Each Westie comes into the program needing love, sometimes extensive veterinarian care to identify and

resolve complex issues, while others just need a few shots updated, blood tested, and a health check to be ready for that next step in the path for a new life.

Our volunteers up and down the East Coast, pick up these little ones up, rush them into our vets, take them home for some R&R, while we line up their potential new home. We have over 300 people on our waiting lists. Many of whom are repeat adopters, as they gave an adult or senior Westie a loving home, a warm bed, and a second chance at a great new life when they needed it most.

Such was the case with “**Charlie**”, whose plight was brought to the attention of Westie Rescue earlier this year. He was



rescued from a home where he was unwanted. He came in with a large hematoma on his right side near his lower ribcage. Upon closer veterinarian inspection and X-rays, it was discovered that he had a BBQ skewer stuck inside him that was broken off at the skin level. After emergency surgery, Charlie spent the next few weeks having his bandages

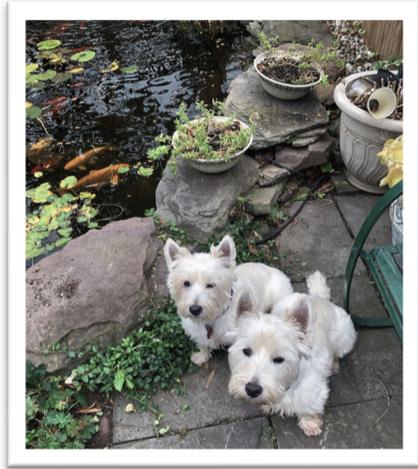
changed daily to ensure all was healing correctly with no infections. Charlie’s surgery and post-surgical care exceeded \$8,000, the most Westie Rescue has ever encountered. However, Charlie’s recovery was near-miraculous thanks to the care and dedication by the wonderful medical and support staff at Greater Annapolis Veterinary Hospital

Today Charlie is living in New England, taking daily walks along the bay shore taking in the sights, the smells, and sounds, while inspecting the properties to ensure all rodents are in winter hibernation. Charlie’s new home reports that he is happy, fully recovered, and is a great addition to their lives. See his full story on our website here: <http://westierescue.com/2020/11/16/charlie-updates>

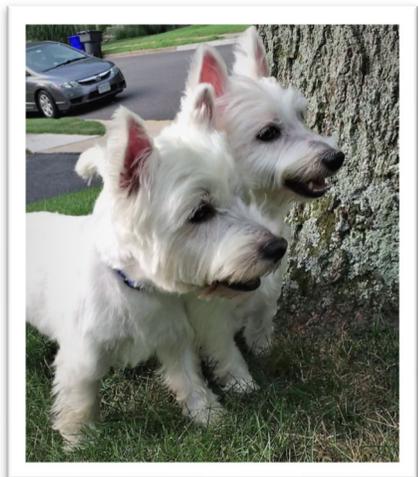
The list of Westies helped and re-homed in 2020 include: **Bailey, Cotton, Stella, Olivia, Valentino, Cody, Sadie, Walter White, Maize, Sally, Chloe, Brodie, Dori, Emmy, Finn, Aiko, Annie, Skipper, Willow, Winston, Marz, Ollie,**

**Charlie, Coco, Knox, Cammi, Ollie (#2), Bella, Toby, MacTavish, Bella, Emily, Mini, Timmy/Baxter, BO, Quinnie, Harley, Charlie (#2), Bella (#2), Miss Bonnie Blue, Mac, Sugar, Mr Pickle, Ms Rose, Mr Snowball,** and many more.

This year we have also helped multiple bonded pairs of Westies find new homes:



**Quinnie & Harley**



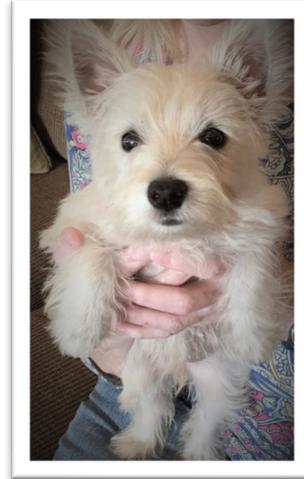
**Willow & Winston**



**Olivia & Valentino**

We even got in a few really young Westies who were way too much for their owners, as these energetic little “terrorists” do not come with an “OFF” button.

**Miss Cammi**



**Mr Finn**



With your generous support, Westies like Charlie, Cammi, and Finn and the rest of the Rescue Class of 2020, have been given the help they needed to get ready for a new life. Now Westie Rescue needs your help to pay off our remaining 2020 medical bills incurred in protecting and healing these wonderful dogs. All donations 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 are unable to provide basic care.

From all of the Volunteers at Westie Rescue, we wish you the best in this upcoming year.

Yours,  
**Stephen**  
Stephen Di Giulian  
President

Donations can be made online at [www.WestieRescue.com](http://www.WestieRescue.com)

***P.S. Your generous gift of \$50 or more will go a long way to provide medical care for Westies looking for the help they need to be ready for that special home. Will you help us continue to help these little ones?***