

SPDR RESCUE STORIES FOR 2008

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Amy Rose: Bought from a Nebraska Puppy mill, had a misaligned jaw, surrendered in Idaho at 5 mos old. Adopted out, jaw realigned, now living happily in Burien renamed Molly.

Baxter: 9 yrs, left on street in Portland abandoned, picked up and placed ad in lost/found then people turned him over to rescue. He had severe tooth decay, Loving sweet boy rehomed w/family in Federal Way.

Bailey: 2 yrs picked up running loose on streets in Portland and bit to school children going to school, we were called and he was turned over to us. Readopted out to a woman who eventually joined rescue, and he has been retrained and his evolving.

Brodie: 1 yr old. 80 yr old woman bought him and he was too busy and too wild so she dumped him at shelter, and we rescued him from shelter and paid to spring him. Rehomed to Bellevue, and living with two other Westies.

Caeden: 9 mo old wild child we sprung from Kent Shelter, he was like a toddler on Crack. No training. Adopted out to a family in Des Moines.

Ben: 8 yrs owner died and he was kept outside on a farm in Oregon, and 2nd owner had no time for him, he was turned over to a shelter, and we paid for him and sprung him out of Salem Shelter, he was rehomed on a wonderful farm in Mt Vernon and is happy with his other adoptive Westie Nicky (renamed Skye)

Chelsea: 10 yrs, owners in military and were being restationed to Australia and didn't want to take her with them as she would have to be in quarantine a lot of mos, not including the flight. They felt at her age, it would be too difficult for her. She was adopted out to a family in Tacoma area, and is very happy.

Casper: 5 yrs Owner had hard time with allergies, and he was on pred and meds for 2 yrs solid, and I went down to Portland to pick him up in the middle of a flood! He was weaned off the meds, and it took two or three mos to get him off all allergy meds, antibiotics and pred, and he was adopted out to a family south of Tacoma and renamed Lincoln and they love him to Death.

Cappy 1 yr: Was bought as a xmas gift for a 17 yr old daughter who was leaving for college, no one wanted to care for him and no one had ever housebroken him. He spent days at the doggie day care, and he was all hyped up with energy and we call it the fastest Drive-by. His owners dropped him off 1 hr after we said we would take him into rescue, they ran to door and handed him over, no leash, no bowl, not a toy or a bed... and said see ya. He was adopted by a nice family in Seattle

Calvin: 2yrs Found him on Craig's list for \$25. A foster mom in Portland contacted the people and found that Calvin had juvenile cataracts (which are hereditary. We felt he was a special needs dog and Foster mom Nancy kept him.

Cooper: 5 yrs Chronic allergies, good with children, young family could not afford the vet bills, he was treated and rehomed in Portland with a loving family who also adopted Josie later that year.

Kayla: 8 yrs Puppy mill dog confiscated by ASPCA and found to have Westie Lung Disease, she was a breeding bitch. Westie Lung Disease can possibly be genetic so we don't know how many puppies of Kayla's were sold. She is currently in hospice care until her demise. To date she is still playing with toys until she gets to the point where she cannot breathe and then she will be euthanized. Puppy mill is a constant one that keeps moving around from Cottage Grove, OR to other small cities, and the puppies are constantly sold out of there. The bad conditions the dogs were kept in is outrageous but they keep breeding and selling. Dogs are coming from Debbie Thirkell, please do not buy from her. They are also mixing the stud dogs from Snowden Kennels out of Eugene. AKC papers by the way! The ASPCA was going to press charges, but convinced her to forego court and hand over all the dogs in the barn. You can do a search on Google and see the barn and law suit for other issues that was brought against Debbie and her husband.

Emmett – 5 yrs: Hyper unwanted nervous nelly found running around in Olympia. His owners were called and they told the HS to keep him. He was a good foster, and he was finally adopted out to a loving family in Steilacoom, living the good life, with his jet set family and riding on the back of a Harley, spending summers in Arizona and going to work daily with his owner. Emmett has found “home”.

Holly 5 yrs: She had a doggie nervous breakdown and had to be put on xanax and Prozac to just get her attention and quit her hysterical barking. She had lost her first family who rehomed her due to her jealousy of the new new baby. She was locked into another room to keep her away from the baby and she slowly had “meltdown”. She was rehomed to a retired single bachelor and was IN LOVE, but the adopter had a massive stroke and couldn’t care for her any longer so she came into foster care. Michele had to foster her several months to just get her brains unscrambled. She was adopted out to a wonderful man in Seattle who also had adopted two other worse case dogs, and we are so blessed.

Jessie: 12 yrs – Owners bought a new havanese puppy and Jessie didn’t like it. They spent several mos of training and tranquilizers to get Jessie under control and trying not to terminate the puppy. Jessie also had an incontinence issue. She would not relent in her quest to vaporize the puppy so the owners got rid of Jessie. She was rehomed with a former foster mom.

Lizzie: 8 yrs Lizzie’s owners wanted a new dog, and bought a puppy and Lizzie was odd man out. It was all I could do not to strangle the owners. Ironically they were very happy to tell me they bought a new Westie puppy and no longer wanted Lizzie! A nice couple from Montana saw her on Petfinder and contacted me and drove out to Whidbey to pick her up. It’s been the “best dog they ever had” and they adore her. There is apparently a local pub they go to on Friday nights that lets you bring Dogs, and Lizzie is a weekly “highlight” of the pub! A family who plays together stays together is their motto!

Teddy 3 yrs: Teddy is a very sad story. (formerly Laddy/Toby) He is also from the Snowden Kennels and he was a stud dog for a while and never really socialized. He was sold at 1 yr old to a nice gentleman who’s wife didn’t believe dogs should be in the house. Alas he spent his life alone in the garage. The gentleman loved him and took him for walks and took him to obedience class, but alas the separation was wearing little Teddy’s brain. He was anxious, fearful and acquired a lot of allergies in the garage. He was on Pred for over a year and ballooned up from 17 lbs to 28lbs and got more depressed, more snarly and more despondent. He refused to go on walks and ultimately refused to leave the garage. The gentleman called rescue and tearfully gave up Teddy. He went into foster care and it took almost 2 mos to get him on a diet, and wean him off Pred. He was fearful of doorways and all sorts of problems, but he evolves. He was adopted by a young couple who also had a Westie mix. They kept him three mos and he lost all his weight and was down to under 16 lbs. He was healthy and happy. He overcame 97% of his fears, but he would still snap at unusual circumstances. On thanksgiving of this year they handed him back telling us they just didn’t trust him. He was adopted back out at Christmas time, but the third day he snapped at the new owner and we are hoping they can work out a training program. He is cute as a BUG!

Lewis: 18 mos Another – Debbie Thirkell kennels! Double luxated patella very severe he was limping. He was also leash aggressive, but when he is off leash he is fine. He was adopted out after two operations. We raised over \$3K to pay for his operation. He is happy and living in Port Orchard and is still babysat by his foster mom Barbara Mitchell

Knox 2 ½ yrs old : This is a funny one. He was too docile. The children worried him to death and were too rough with him and he spent most of his young life hiding from him, so they turned him over to rescue. He is now living on a farm in Everett with some dairy farmers, and he helps with the daily walks to the barn and feeding the cows. They are over the moon with him and he is happy with cows, and no children to bug him.

Kendall 2 yrs: Dumped on the street in Portland. The shelter knew the owner as she had dumped the dog before, and they had spayed it and micro chipped her. The shelter told us she was a Westie, and she needed a nice home, so ... we took her. Upon her travels up from Portland to Port Orchard, to Whidbey we found out she was indeed NOT the funniest looking Westie we ever saw, but a purebred silver white mini Schnauzer, whom we all adored. She had to be the best behaved and wonderful dog in the world. We adopted her out to a woman in Kirkland and she is very happy and we donated her funds to Mini Schnauzer rescue to help get their Rep started with some funds.

Matty: 8 yrs - Quite curious, the owners were tired of him and wanted him gone. We adopted him out to a wonderful family in Portland and he too is jet setting around the West in his own private plane and summering in Arizona.

Molly: 5 yrs Young family and expended all their funds on their visa to try and control her allergies, she had some horrendous staph infection that most of the antibiotics would not cure. She had cost the young family \$5000 in vet bills and they couldn't handle the cost. She was fostered and adopted out to a wonderful woman in Everett and is living happily with a cat named Sadie and a Beagle named Elvis.

Maisie – 5 yrs (renamed Molly) We went undercover and rescued her from a Seattle Shelter. Normally we wouldn't do this but – oh well, she was meant to be saved. She wound up being adopted by a FABULOUS family who are friends of Maryann Guerry-Buck (our foster mom). She is so happy, and they are so happy, it's like a Cinderella story.

Maggie 10yrs: She looked like she was 3 yrs. She kept running away from home to go to the lake. The family had two children ages 8-9 and the mother was exhausted chasing down Maggie and also driving two and from sports activities with the children. She had had it after a camping trip when she lost Maggie yet again and found her at the lake! She was adopted by a wonderful retired couple in Lake Stephens who also emptied their pond to make sure she didn't drown in it. They take her out on the boat with a life jacket, and have a kiddie pool for her, and they also take her kayaking. She is very very happy and they adore her.

Ozzy: 2 yrs Dumped at the shelter by a breeder who was tired of his allergies. He was transported out of Idaho with Amy Rose and both caught kennel cough on the transport out. He was adopted out to a nice family in Kitsap however after day two the 12 yr old blew in his face and he bit her on the cheek, so that was the end of Ozzy. Ozzy came back and was adopted by a wonderful family in Redmond who already had two Westies and two sons and a mom who competed in equestrian events. He is happy and is living the good life in Redmond.

Oliver 5yrs: Cute cute cute and darling, didn't like toddlers, bit one in the face. He was rehomed to a nice couple who I believe also own a Scottie. He was originally bought from a Pet shop Called Scamps in Portland.

Lola 18 mos: I had to buy her on a lottery drawing out of Everett, she was 6 wks pregnant and the shelter did the spaying anyway – I was kind of devastated. Her hormones were raging and poor Christine fostered her whilst hobbling around on one foot as the other was in a non-walking cast. Lola was great with people but she wanted to annihilate every dog in the household. If she didn't see them, she still was on a mission to seek them out and destroy. She was adopted out as an only dog to a wonderful family on Bainbridge Island who are taking her to obedience class. She is the 10 yr old daughter's dog, and they adore her.

Nemo 4 yrs: Surrendered out of Oregon as he fought with the alpha bitch? We aren't sure, another one out of Debbie Thrikell – where SPCA grabbed the dogs due to neglect in Cottage Grove however Nemo came from Corvallis, so they move around. He was rehomed in Seattle with a lovely retired couple who owned a soft coated wheaten terrier and the boys have bonded and say "NO GIRLS ALLOWED". They go to doggie day care together and agility training. They are very loved. Also have a doggie walker 3x a week.

Nevin: 21 mos old: Bit child, he has a bad nippy mouth, and plays hard and bites down. He was bought in Texas, and is a big boy – he was adopted out to a retired couple with Westie Experience who live in the Portland area.

Tiffany 2yrs: Addison's disease and was being bred to make money by a retired couple even though they knew she had this disease. They lived in Tacoma and said it was for added income because they were retired. She was very sick when we received her because they had missed her shots which were required monthly as her adrenal glands were shut down. She was bought from Pearl Steffensmeier from her site Dawg Haus out of Darrington, WA. We also get a lot of her dogs into rescue. Note she does not allow you to see her facility and see the condition of the facility but she will meet you in a parking lot and take your \$500.

Sammy/Sarah – 5 & 6 yrs: Whole story was a bit bizarre, they were apparently rescued by a do-gooder and the woman already had 3 border collies. The Westies were apparently kept in a turkey coop all day long and filthy and she rescued them. Alas she was a renter and her landlord had a fit when he saw two more dogs on her property so she handed them over to rescue. They were adopted out to some of my friends who live in Idaho. The couple has had Scotties in their family for a long time, and wanted to try out the White Kids. They adore them and are living the "good life" in Nampa, Idaho.

Nicky 18 mos: bought from the "little nickel" for \$100 and his owner was a bachelor who wound up moving back with mom and dad after 6 mos. Nicky wound up in the lawn mower shed on a bale of straw in an igloo tent and could come out of the shed and look around his pen. He was there all day and all night for about 8 mos. He was

fed once a day and was alone. The family bought a new hunting dog, and they gave up Nicky. He was neutered but he had never been to a vet and there were no records of any shots. He was so grateful to be held and bathed and in a home that we just adored the little guy. He thought he died and went to heaven. At first we thought he was a cairn because he was a wheat color, but it turned out that his hair was discolored from the straw he laid on for mos and mos! He was adopted out to a farm in Mt. Vernon along with Ben and they are in-house dogs and well loved.

Tonka Toy 3 yrs: Surrendered due to allergies, adopted by a foster mom. He is very happy and living the good life as a working terrier, keeping the barn free of rats and occasional confrontations with Skunks. He also helps new fosters who come into rescue and befriends them.

Stewart 5 yrs: Owner too busy for the dogs. They were kept in the garage, but were always vetted and dental done yearly. We separated Stewart and his brother Rudi. Stewart is living in Portland with a widow who is a part time postal worker, and she is so happy to have Stewart, she drives her route around with his photo stuck to her dashboard.

Rudy – 5 yrs: From same owner above, and was adopted out to Eugene where he lives with a Westie Bitch and she rules the roost. Rudy is an easy going dog and he is happy and has a nice home and loving owners! I do believe the owners purchased their first dog from Sandy Davis and they wanted the second to be a rescue.

Paddy: 8 yrs: Owner had Alzheimer's and had to surrender the dog. He had to have several teeth pulled and was very over weight but he is now with a new family and traveling to Anacortes in the Summer and living in Arizona in the wintertime, and he is one happy guy and they adore him.

Seamus 5 yrs: Owners adopted him from Scottie rescue, and all was going well for a year, then they felt they like the other Westie better than Seamus and they ignored him. He acted up and nipped the owners, and they ousted him out of the house. He was rehomed with a young couple who have a dog walker daily and he is happy and living in Seattle with a Westie Brother.

Sammy/Sidney 5 yrs: Littermates from a breeder, fought a lot and the owners got a divorce and rehomed them. They were not house broken and they did brawl a lot, no training to speak of. They were kept in the basement. They were rehomed together which turned out to be a nightmare. After 5 mos of trying to retrain them they got more aggressive and meaner, so they came into rescue. We rehomed Sidney and we thought all was going well until the new mom leaned over his face to kiss him while he was sleeping and he bit her – so out the door he went. Sammy was fostered separately and had a lot of guarding and a hot temper. His foster mom did well with him teaching him "distance" and not all in his sight was "his". He was very hard to rehome and when I thought all else was exhausted his former foster mom who already had three dogs, took him back and kept him.

Sidney was sent to the vet for evaluation and I was in a quandary as to what to do with him because most people adopting do not want dogs they have to train and they don't know how to train. When I thought all was lost, we found someone in Lacey who had just lost their Westie and was willing to work with Sids "quirks" and give him space, and not wake him when he was sleeping. He is living happily in Lacey. We didn't adopt him out we just gave him to the couple.

Tasha 5 yrs : Rehomed, no time and has chronic allergies. Was adopted to Portland area and lives with a brother Westie and is happy.

Sassy 13 yrs: Everyone loved Sassy, he had to be rehomed because his owner was a firefighter and she had no where to keep him during the day. As he aged he cried because he was alone and he drove the neighbors crazy in the condo. The woman's mom was 80 and in a walker and couldn't take care of Sassy. So he was rehomed to a wonderful couple in Fife. Alas one of the people was allergic to dogs so he was returned. We found him a lovely home in Moses Lake with a man who is 85 and they walk daily and they are best of buddies. Every time Sassy left, all the foster mom's cried because they loved him so. Sometimes to amuse himself he would play with the sunshine spots on the carpeting. He was sooooo cute.

Turner 2 yrs: Cairn Mix that we rescued out of Pasco, WA and was adopted out to one of the Vet Clinic's nurses. He is happy and living in Renton.

Wendy – 6 yrs : Owners relocated from Indiana and had no time for her. She was very frantic when the family left her in foster care, but she slowly evolved. She was adopted out by a great family down in southern Oregon.

Max – 3 yrs - aka: Walla Walla Max – was deemed unadoptable due to a pancreatic enzyme deficiency so he is staying with his foster mom who has to find raw pancreas and give him supplements to keep his digestive system on track.

Josie 18 mos – bought as a puppy when the wife was pregnant and keeps nipping the 10 mo old baby so she was “otta there” into the shelter. Another her father was out of Snowden Kennels – Dog # 3. She was wreaking havoc in the shelter we were called to come and pick her up. She is rehomed in Portland and very happy and living with the other rescue “cooper” and having a Merry Christmas.

Sophie: 3 yrs From last October who was very sick and adopted out Jan 08. She was one of the worst case.

Snowy – 1 yr: Darling dog, owners had too many children and kept him outside so they surrendered him to us. Bought from a good breeder, and we contacted her and said we had a good home for him, so she was fine with us rehoming him and donated towards his vet bill. We were very grateful. Lots of breeders do not want the dogs back or assist us. He was rehomed on Bainbridge Island and lives with a Scottie and a Cairn.. so they are a real terrier Clan.

Gunner: 5 yrs: Debbie Thirkell again – one screwed up little boy. He has severe biting issues and unpredictable fear aggression and we cannot bring him into rescue. He is being kept by his foster mom who also rescued him or else the only other option we had was euthanzia. He is also from the same mill bust as Kayla.

Daisy/Scarlett – 10 yrs: Sweet precious girls that everyone loved. Their owner died and they wound up in the shelter in Idaho. Scarlett had breast cancer, and so did Daisy , but I believe Scarlett's was more severe. She finally succumbed to Cancer this fall and passed away. Daisy is living with an elderly retired couple in Mukilteo and they adore her. They were diehard Scottie owners, and they are so enchanted with Miss Daisy that they get weepy when they talk about her.

Marlowe 3 yrs: We are assisting another rescue group that had a crises and had to refooster home 14 dogs so they asked us if we would take Marlowe since he was a terrier mix. He is fun and his family lost their home and had to give up Marlowe. He hopefully has an adoption pending soon. He is a Cairn terrier mix. Cairn terrier club would not take him because he is a mix.

Tuey 3 yrs: Neglect confiscation and too many dogs in the house. The Scotties were removed and the beagles stayed. Tuey was adopted by his foster mom and they are happy in Olympia. He put the “h” in happy for the day.

Peach 2 yrs: Brood bitch of the above confiscated dogs, who was adopted out to Canada where she is living the good life, and keeping the yard free of squirrels, rabbits and rats. She is an avid rabbit hunter, and likes to bring left overs into the house – eeekkk.. and oh so proud too! She is the fastest problem solving terrier I have ever had to foster. If there was a way – she figured it out ALWAYS.. the word “I can't” was absolutely not in her dictionary.

Agatha: 10 yrs: Older Scottie running wild in Bellingham park. She was impossible to catch for a month. Her time was up at the shelter, so they called and asked us to go get her. She did have two or three mammary tumors of cancer, however they felt they did get it all. She also had a good bite on her and she nailed both Maryann and I on several occasions. The word “muzzle” was one of our words for a “fashion statement” on little Aggie. Eventually she came around and no more biting. It took her a long time to trust, but she was adopted out by a wonderful interior decorator who found her on internet. She now lives in Portland with a Westie sister.

Maddison: 1 yr old – was sold on an Indian reservation as a Scottie. It was quite unique as to what we thought was in that mix of what composed the little body. Her owner left her behind at her brothers house and left for the wilds of Canada. Brother did not want this dog and had several children and wanted it gone. She was on Craig's list for \$50 and we called and asked them to let us have her and spay her and get her shots up to date. They did and we adopted her out to a wonderful family on Whidbey who had a little girl who wanted a dog. Their daughters name is Madelyn and so they now have Maddie #1 and Maddie #2.

Fergus 4 yrs : Owner had dementia and wife was in a horrible accident which left her in a walker, and the government military assistant who was helping the case contacted us to take Fergus who had been housed in a Vet's office for 60 days. We picked him up and found he had to be an only dog, as he chomped down by any dog near him.. without a growl. So we found him a great only dog home in Edmonds by a retired couple who had just lost their beloved Corgi. They adore Fergus and he travels with him everywhere. He is well loved.

Pixel 3 yrs: Was from another SPCA bust and she was fostered by the Wash State Scottish Terrier Club but she did come over to this side of the state, and we found her an adoptive family off SPDR list of applicants. She is happy and living in Seattle with a Cairn brother and they are painting the town red – so to speak. Both are high energy dogs, and very loved.

Kitland – 2 yrs: Found some of these dogs on Craig's list by the same backyard breeder, and we convinced her to give the dogs up. Kit was one of three dogs. She came in heat. She was originally purchased out of a puppy mill in Arkansas and I have to say – not a good representation of the breed “physically”. In fact a good breeder would probably have a nightmare looking at her. Everything that composes a Scottie was “wrong” on this little girl. She was sweet and adopted out to a family in Shelton area of the state. She is living with a King Chas Spaniel who she loves.

DeeDee 4 yrs: Given up by same breeder, she had her last C-section and couldn't be bred anymore. She was cute, and had her little diva personality but a cute little brindle. She came with severe ear mites, and it was just a tragedy on how long she had to suffer from these mites. I was so upset watching her cry and moan and rub her ears on a Sunday before I could get her to a vet. She had a Mite Condo going on inside her ears. It took three days of flushing dead mite bodies out of her ears to get them clear again. UGH... She was adopted out by a wonderful pair of gentlemen out of Ballard who had lost their beloved Scottie Jake. She is renamed Dundee after the marmalade – cause they say she is one sweet girl !

Mattie – 8 yrs: A mess. She came in so tragically so neglected from the same kennel. She had ear mites and rotten teeth and was in heat. She was bought and sold on Craig's list several times for \$50 for a brood bitch but for some reason seems she never got pregnant. She emotionally in shock when we got her, and it took numerous cutting away of smelling old hair and rotten debris to get down to a place to wash her. The only good thing is there was no way a flea could get into her skin, it was like boiled wool. Her teeth were so rotten she carried the aroma of vomit .. the short version is she was spayed, her blood panel came out GREAT, her teeth were all extracted but 8. Out of 42 teeth she had 8 left. Her canines and one here and there. We water down her food and she laps it up. She is now in a foster home in the Yakima area, and she has her own bed, and her own toy and she barks to go out and barks to come in and follows her foster mom around the house, asking her, “ where do you think you are going lady? “ She is slowly learning commands (kinda – the foster mom is a push over). She also got a new pink faux fur leopard coat from Santa Paws, and a velvet dog bed! She is another Cinderella Story.

Bridget 7 yrs: Another tragic story. She was so sick, I am not sure if God hadn't put her in our hands, if she would have made it another week. She was riddled with infection, demodex mange, staph infection, fever, yeast infection, just keep adding to the list. Every lymph node on her was swollen up like a tangerine. She was a mess and spent 4 days in the hospital before she was released. Her skin oozed blood, the whole thing was a mess. She wound up at Camp Parish's Care Facility – which is a branch from the “camp part” and was cared for 24/7 for 6 wks until she was stabilized. I had so many charts for pills and baths and ear meds that it was a joke. I needed a flow chart. My water bill went up \$15 that month just on doing so many loads of laundry. She is finishing her recovery in Yakima and on allergy shots to build up her immune system and I think she is almost there, we all have our fingers crossed. She is such a diva... We are pleased to tell you that the Artist Kim Niles comes over and walks her daily and has made a sketch of her which is being sold on her website. Bridgy looks forward to her walks.

