

## 2010 Rescues – Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue – Westies by Karin Parish

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the people who adopted our dogs, and also the tireless work that our fosters, leads, transporters have done to make us a successful volunteer group. We also thank our many donors who make it possible for us to continue, and the enormous support we receive from Bothell Pet Hospital, the Animal Hospital of Maple Valley, and West Linn Veterinary Clinic in Oregon. We are grateful for their kindness in giving us rescue discounts.



**Max 2 ½ yrs:** I received a call on New Years Eve @ 1pm to pick up a Westie as soon as possible. The Westie was purchased for an elderly gent, and he wasn't paying too much attention to the dog, who managed to pee all around the house. He also forgot to feed him. Gramps moved into assisted living and the Daughter and Husband took in Max. Max was on the premises for 2 days and he was sitting on one side of the wife, and her Cavalier King Chas (CKC) Spaniel was on the other side. The Spaniel looked at the Westie and the Westie (Max) proceeded to snarl and nail the CKC on the snout. Thus sending the wife into a hysterical tirade, and saying she cannot have such a "vicious dog" on the property and to meet her promptly in one hour or he was going to the pound! I met her and took Max. Max blinked at me and wagged his tail, I smiled and off we went. He came over, and ran around the yard with two other Westies and three Scotties, and all was well in Oz. I adopted him out to a wonderful lady who I convinced to adopt – sight unseen. I kept telling her he was a perfect dog! I said if he isn't you can return him. He was there for one day and she wrote me an email to tell me he is a perfect dog! Recently she went on a business trip and needed a dog sitter, and I suggested one of my Foster moms. The foster mom wrote me and thanked me for referring her to pet sit, and that "Max is a perfect dog". I suppose this means the CKC just didn't have any sense of humor!

**SURRENDER:** Elderly owner (84 yrs old)– too much energy  
**FOSTERED:** 5 days **INTACT:** No

**Tuffy 11 yrs old:** Tuffy's owner's home was being repossessed in January 2010 and she was allowed to live with relatives, who refused to let her bring him into the home, so she surrendered him. One of our Foster Dads took him in as a permanent adoption and said he was the best dog ever. Tuffy was diagnosed with Terminal Lymphoma in August 2010. However, he had a good life for whatever time he had left. We commend our foster dad (Tim) for adopting the old guy.

**SURRENDER:** Home repossessed **FOSTERED:** 6 days **INTACT:** No

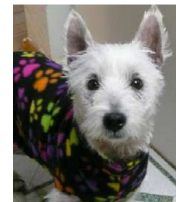


**Buddy 3 yrs old:** Was surrendered by his owner, as she just had a baby and another young child and she said her boyfriend was too mean to him. Her boyfriend was the child of her newborn. Buddy was an intact male but very nice, and house broken and he was very easy to place. I suspect the boyfriends gone now, and Buddy is in a happy place!

**SURRENDER:** Boyfriend mean to dog **FOSTERED:** 22 days **INTACT:** Yes

**Chucky 3 yrs old:** Chucky was originally named Chunky and was anything but. He suffered from extreme allergies, and the owner could not afford the food, nor had she time to bathe him and keep him healthy. He was picked up in Portland and fostered for almost 2 mos. and was the most perfect dog ever. He was a delight, and wound up going to Medford, Oregon to an adoring family. Relatives do not want the dog.

**SURRENDER:** Allergies **FOSTERED:** 50 Days **INTACT:** No



**Blanca 2 yrs:** Blanca was a very active little girl adopted from another rescue in eastern Washington. She was owned by a retired gent who had terminal cancer. He only fed Blanca, whatever he was eating. They would have corned beef and pastrami sandwiches together and she would have her own plate. They shared ice cream, pizza and the whole gambit. He felt that if he had a short life, she would enjoy whatever time he had left and do it with Gusto. As he went through chemo he could no longer handle her care. Our biggest training with Blanca was to get her to eat dog food out of a dog bowl. She was very confused! Ironically, every time she saw a man she dashed to him and sat in his lap adoringly, because men always

brought her the "good stuff". Upon adoption she wound up being returned to us (and I am not making this up) because the wife was totally annoyed that she would only go to the husband and sit on his lap and not to her. Therefore she promptly returned the dog to rescue and she was readopted out. She now eats dog food, and doesn't eat off Mikasa stoneware.

**SURRENDER:** Elderly owner (76 yrs old)– too much energy **FOSTERED:** 18 Days **INTACT:** No



**Kiwi 8 yrs old:** Another home foreclosure in Portland. Relatives do not want the dog. Kiwi was adopted by a person who had formerly adopted a little male from us a year prior. She was quite worried that her current dog Stewart (aka Stewie) might not like to share the limelight with another dog in the household. I was in a situation where I had no foster homes at that time, and begged her to try out Kiwi. She did so and it was Kismet. About the second week into the adoption, Stewie and Kiwi were joined at the hip and sleeping together. I recently received a Christmas letter from the little pip squeaks on their adventures.

**SURRENDER:** home foreclosure **FOSTERED:** 6 Days **INTACT:** No

**Corey 2 yrs old:** Was a bald dog from the shelter found wandering the streets of downtown Portland with a cone on his head. He had taken all the hair completely off his head and it was smooth as a baby's bottom. He also had hair loss on his back severe yeast. Just before adoption he wound up becoming deathly ill and was of course rushed to emergency vet on a rainy Sunday night to the tune of \$1000, whereupon he upchucked half of a kong ball. We featured him and asked for Guardian Angel Sponsors, and he overcame his allergies and was adopted to a lovely family.



**SURRENDER:** Stray from Portland/severe allergies **FOSTERED:** 2 mos. **INTACT:** Yes



**Abby 4 yrs old:** Was formerly adopted through us in 2009 and she was returned in 2010 as the owner was divorcing and moving. She was very sweet, but not in good condition but with a bit of a spa treatment and some good flea meds, she was good as new and adopted out to a nice family. She is sweetie. New wife does not want dog.

**SURRENDER:** Owners Divorce **FOSTERED:** 2 days **INTACT:** No

**Lacey 18 mos.:** Lacey was picked up as a stray on the streets of Everett, WA. She was heavily lactating but animal control didn't find any puppies, and never had a call on her. She had a nice hard coat, and good conformation and I couldn't figure it out. She also spayed with all females in the household and she definitely wanted to be the top Diva. She was adopted out as an only dog, and wound up being "perfect" and still remains top Diva today.

**SURRENDER:** Stray Everett Shelter **FOSTERED:** 30 days **INTACT:** Yes



Odie

**Odie 3 mos:** Again an elderly lady wanting a puppy. I can't express to you how many times I hear this over and over. I could play a tape recorder of people in their mid 70s+ who want a puppy because their last dog died and they don't want to deal another death anytime in the next 6 yrs! Relatives do not want dog. Odie was fostered until he was 5 mos. so he could be neutered and he was adopted out. He was a sweet sweet dog, and was fun to have in foster care. I don't say that about a lot of pups!

**SURRENDER:** Elderly owner (78 yrs old)– too much energy **FOSTERED:** 60 days **INTACT:** yes

**Ellie 1 ½ yrs old:** Owned by elderly woman who couldn't keep up with her, and she was just too much to handle. She was picked up and adopted out a day later to a great family with a second dog and lots of activities in the household. She lives in Sequim with another Westie. Relatives do not want dog. **SURRENDER:** Elderly owner(79 yrs old) – too much energy **FOSTERED:** 0 **INTACT:** No



Ellie #1



Wesley adopted

**Wesley 3 yrs:** Owner lost job and home due to the economy. Came from Tacoma, adopted out to a family in Ocean Park, WA

**SURRENDER:** Lost Home **FOSTERED:** 14 days **INTACT:** No



**PJ 6 mos. old:** Owner lost job and had to move into small apartment and sadly had to give up her beloved dog. PJ was adopted to a loving owner in Kitsap Peninsula, she adores the little girl. Photo pictured w/adopter. Relatives do not want dog.  
**SURRENDER: Lost Home FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: No**

**Munch 4 yrs old:** Owner bought this dog from the pet shop for their daughter's birthday. Lo and behold they also had a German Shepherd who didn't like other dogs, so Munch spent his 4 yrs sequestered in a bedroom in a crate because – of course – it was the daughter's responsibility to take care of her dog. Sometimes the 16 yr old forgot to feed it or let it out to potty. The mother finally called us and handed the dog over, with a pretty outrageous yeast infection and other assorted problems including an ear infection and long toe nails. He was adopted out to a lady in Anacortes and he is having a blast, he goes on walks, has a yard, and finally has the yard and fun he deserved his whole life. This was a big adoption because I believe our Oregon rep drove pretty far up out of Salem, OR to get the dog to Anacortes. True dedication from all my assistants. We recently saw Munch and his owner at the Westie Holiday party, and we were saddened that his new owner – Caroline, had recently lost her husband. She also said she tried to put Munch – now named Fergus – into the bedroom when a handy man came inside, and he went bonkers...he doesn't like being in a bedroom with the door closed due to past memories of the last four years. The new owner has since changed to a baby gate, and all is well in OZ. She is grateful to have him for comfort during the holidays considering her loss of family members this year. **SURRENDER: Gift for daughter – no time for dog (child is 16) FOSTERED: 21 days INTACT: No**



Lady

**Lady 9 yrs old:** Owners returned her to her breeder because they decided on having children and didn't think Lady was trustworthy with the new bundles of joy. Becky Clyde contacted us and we found her a wonderful adopter in Idaho. We are always there to assist breeders with placement.

**SURRENDER: decided to have a family FOSTERED: 0 days INTACT: No**

**Mack 15 yrs old:** Elderly owner gave up Mack and Scooter. He had to go into assisted living and was not mobile enough to care for his dogs. The dogs were well taken care of, but both were intact, but super charming personalities. Mack went to live in an old dog sanctuary on an Orcas Island. Mack's former owner faithfully brushed his teeth daily and at age 15, no vet will believe he is 15 by his gums and teeth. Relatives do not want the dogs.

**SURRENDER: Elderly owner (83 yrs) – gone to hospice FOSTERED: 61 days INTACT: Yes**



Mack 15 yrs



Scooter 5 yrs

**Scooter 5 yrs:** Scooter was from the same owner, but we separated the dogs. Both dogs had temperaments to die for and the gentleman took very good care of them and loved them dearly. We only wished all the owners had dogs this well adjusted. Scooter wound up living with a handicapped man in a wheel chair and he is now his companion pet and enjoying his new life in Oregon. Relatives do not want dog.

**SURRENDER: Elderly owner (83 yrs) gone to hospice FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: Yes**

**Tink 5 yrs** – Our little 12 lbs of trouble! We received little Tink from the Portland Humane Society – she has a tough time instilling in all her kennel mates, the fact she is a true princess and in charge, and all are beneath her. In foster care she was like dynamite! If she wasn't starting a ruckus with one dog, then she was in the face of another. She felt all humans were "her human" and these other low life's, needed to get a life. So we wound up adopting her as an only dog, and they tell us they have never had such a wonderful WESTIE in their whole life, she is just perfect. She was renamed Gypsy.



**SURRENDER: Stray Olympia Shelter FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: Yes**



**Ruffie 11 yrs old:** Owner was in mid 60s and got up and fell and hit his head and died instantly! Relatives did not want him. Ruffie had heart problems. He went to a neighbor who felt he was on too many meds, and stopped giving meds to him. By the time he got into rescue (3 days later) he was gasping for breath and very obese, and not well. His foster dad, Tim, took him to our vet, and she sadly called me to tell me he was actually having a heart attack on the examination table. The previous caretaker, had gotten rid of all his heart meds, however - he did have a bad heart, so it was a matter of time. Sadly we had to euthanize him.

**SURRENDER: owner died FOSTERED: 7 days INTACT: Yes**



Day 1



6 wks later

**Ellie #2 – 3 yrs:** We believe someone out there is trying to breed miniature Westies and the fall out is severe skin problems, and elf sized dogs. We received three in a row and from the records we retrieved, they were each purchased for approximately \$870. As a breeder friend of my said “ I hope that God gets even with these breeders who turn out these types of dogs who will have a life long battle with sickness and suffering!” This is why you purchase from a reputable breeder, not a back yard breeder trying to sell you designer dogs, or “miniature Westies”. The Kent Shelter wasn’t sure if she was a Chinese crested or a Westie. She was in foster care between three homes, and the adopter knew she will probably have a life long struggle with allergies. In general, she was a wonderfully well behaved dog. She was probably 3 yrs. old and weighed about 10 lbs. Ellie’s skin damage was so severe that we aren’t sure if she will ever grow her hair on her chest and fore legs.

**SURRENDER: Stray from Kent Shelter Severe allergies FOSTERED: 82 days INTACT: No**



**Maggie 2 ½ yrs old :** Owner surrender – too snappy with daughters. I do believe daughters did a bit of baiting and when the dog was naughty they told mommy. She was an easy dog, and adopted out quickly to a wonderful couple who owned a Scottie and a Wired Hair Fox Terrier named Bernard. Bernard is 8 yrs old. I did inform the couple that anyone who can cope with a Wired Hair Fox can just about cope with any breed in my book. Alas, Maggie showed up and became fast friends with Bernard. They played “Daytona Race Track” through the household as the Scottie shook his head, looked at his owners then rolled his eyes, as if to say “what were you thinking!” All in all it was a perfect match.

**SURRENDER: Not good w/children FOSTERED: 3 days INTACT: No**

**Clancey 11 yrs:** Owners loved this dog, and she was a fun sweet dog, except a bit GROWLY. The owners had to move to an apartment due to the economy and they couldn’t subject her into a tiny apartment. She was brought into foster care and we found she had a pretty tight harness. When it was removed, she wasn’t snappy! She was adopted out to a lovely couple in Olympia who also had a second dog, and they ADORE her. We are grateful to people who will take OLD DOGS.. They are great little beings to live with.

**SURRENDER: Lost home FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: No**



**Thor 3 yrs old:** The mighty Thor was a hoot. He was about as big as Paul Bunyan! No one could understand how he could be such a large dog. He was also a Ton of Fun. His owners gave him up because they really couldn’t afford vet care, and the ear medicine for his ear infection. Thor was a very large dog, and his shoulder was about 14+ inches – which is mighty tall when Westies are normally 10” He was big everywhere, and liked to romp and had the most fun personality. However as any terrier, he doesn’t take crap off anyone with four legs. Thor was moved all over the place due to strategic fostering issues. He went from Bremerton to Kirkland, but decided he was serious about eating cats, and then relocated to Olympia, but we were full and moved to Oregon, where he was adopted out to a family with two children and a sheltie girl. The sheltie decided after the 2<sup>nd</sup> day that she didn’t want him on her property – so they got into it, the new owner called us hysterically and we had to pick

the boy up that night at 9pm.. so he went to another foster home. As we were beginning to hum the theme song of Around the World in 80 days – lo and behold another person twisted my arm to get Thor. She was in Forks, WA. I said, oh gads, what will happen if he doesn't work out. I can't be dashing up there picking the boy up. She had a Irish setter, and I thought.. well – Thor is big enough. So we went over “terrier personality” not to be confused with setter personalities. I was still hemming and hawing, because we were spending all our gas money on moving the little boy! So lo and behold, she said she would drive to PORTLAND and pick him up! I figured anyone that wanted a dog this bad, was worth giving a shot to. The rest is history. She adores Thor, forgot about white dogs and mud, and he and the setter are fast friends. This dog was the most well balanced dog “mentally” that I have ever seen!

**SURRENDER: no money for vet FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: No**



**Bailey #4 – 9 yrs old:** Bailey’s owners had no time for her. She was crated for long periods of time and when she got out of the crate she soiled the house. When she anticipated them leaving, she soiled the house, so they locked her in the laundry room, but she scratched up the door, then they tied her to the kitchen table, but she shook and peed. They put her on tranquilizers, she stopped shaking and still soiled in the house. They gave up. They had inkling that it was separation anxiety, and they weren’t going to modify their time or couldn’t and didn’t want her anymore. We received bailey – she got off all meds, and ironically she was very normal. She was a bit nervous, but she was fine in the house, with other dogs, in a crate, in a car, on a leash? WEIRD. We feel it was just too much time alone and too long of periods in a crate. She was adopted her out to an elderly couple in their 80s who live on Bainbridge. She is perfect for them. She was to go with them everywhere, and they have absolutely ZERO problems with any types of anxiety and love her to death.

**SURRENDER: no time/separation anxiety FOSTERED: 7 days INTACT: No**



Bonnie w/owner



**Bonnie (10 mos.) & Clyde (11 mos.):** We were contacted by a woman’s niece who had concern over the welfare of these puppies. Seems the woman bought the dogs for her Scottish Husband, who always owned Westies. He was having some surgery and she felt it would give him companionship, etc. Alas the husband was madder than a hornet that he was not given the choice to pick out his own dogs. After 5 mos. of the husband refusing to have anything to do with the dogs. The dogs were crated all day long and then acting up. Husband wouldn’t let them out to pee, walk them or talk to them (to prove his point). Therefore we picked them up and I did separate them and put them into two great households. Bonnie went to a foster mom of ours, who has two daughters and a Westie and a Scottie, and the Clyde was adopted out to a fabulous family in Vancouver WA and they adore him. Clyde’ new owner puts him in bed with

her nightly and reads him bedtime stories, they lay together on the pillow looking into her book! IT’S TOO CUTE. Both dogs are leading wonderful lives. **SURRENDER: Elderly owners (74 yrs) no time FOSTERED: 8 days INTACT: No**



REO

**Reo and Tylier 3 yr old boys:** Both boys were formerly owned by MaryLou Ludlow. MaryLou became unable to keep them and had to move in with her daughter in Arizona. The whole drama was amazing, the story is too long to go into but the highlights were. MaryLou apparently got into an accident with both dogs in the car, they rushed her to hospital and put the dogs in the shelter. One dog was left at home. By the time her daughter in Arizona was contacted.. she inquired about the dogs, and what about the third dog! The outcome was, the dogs were sprung from the shelter by one of our foster moms who said she was MaryLou’s daughter.. and then the one in the home was rescued by a family friend. Both boys were taken to a



Tylier

vet who was a friend, and the female was flown to Arizona to be with Marylou. Ultimately 3 mos later, the boys were surrendered to rescue, and we found them both stellar homes in Oregon! We couldn’t have been happier! We were so happy we could assist MaryLou and her family.

**SURRENDER: owner illness FOSTERED: 3 mos INTACT: yes**



Angus Day 1

**Angus – 5 yrs old (nicknamed the sweetest dog in the world)**

He was surrendered due to chronic allergies and the owner spent a mint on him and didn't have any money left for allergy test which was an additional \$300 plus \$153 every 3 mos. She tearfully surrendered him. We brought him into rescue, and it turned out he only had allergies to milk and lamb and rice, and the rest were environmental. An allergy serum was compounded for him and he was adopted out to a wonderful lady in Olympia (Linn) who also had adopted another dog from us. She writes me frequently telling me that this is the SWEETEST dog in the world.

**SURRENDER: Allergies FOSTERED: 2 mos. INTACT: no**



Adoption day

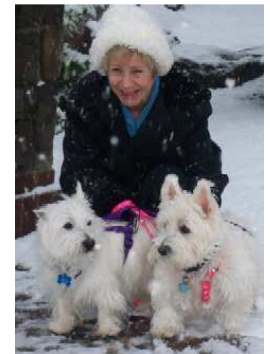


**Peter 8 yrs old:** Peter was owned by one of our breeders who has since retired and is in her 80s. Peter was her pride and joy because his lineage is back to Moonpilot out of UK who was the most famous Show Westie in the late 90s. Peter had issues with the girls in the pack and would beat the snot out of them. The owner had to separate him from the pack to protect the older Westie girls (one blind) and she was exhausted hearing him whine and howl with sadness. She felt he would be better off in an only dog home. A wonderful couple who is retired, adopted him. They have never owned Westies before, only a Bouvier. After intensive phone calls explaining the "difference" in temperament.. they opted for Sir Peter and they love him to death. He went directly from owners home to transport to adopter

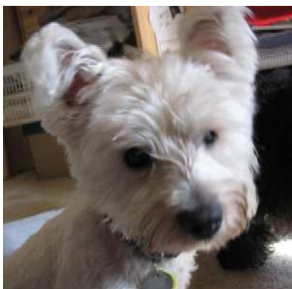
**SURRENDER: Spars w/other dogs FOSTERED: 0 INTACT: no**

**Jasper 12 yrs:** Jasper was a hardship case. The owner was in hospice dying of cancer, and the daughter took Jaz, however he definitely wanted to make her resident cats an "entrée" and she was a cat lady, not a dog lady. We had him adopted out to a wonderful home but the situation turned and they couldn't take him. Then we had him adopted out yet again – and then we were all set to adopt him out, the adopter went on vacation to come back to adopt, and she changed her mind. We posted him on Old Dog Haven, but everyone wanted a happy dog with no grumpiness (which wasn't Jasper!) He was ironically in wonderful condition. Finally a loving couple from Vancouver, WA really wanted him and I didn't think they were the right fit, but they came all the way up to Port Orchard to meet him and he jumped right into the husband's lap! So the rest is history. He is in Vancouver in the husband's lap. I wrote the daughter of the owner to tell her to inform her dad that Jasper was placed in a loving home and I was sending a photo. Unfortunately the owner died two days before Jasper was adopted and we didn't know.

**SURRENDER: Elderly owner (81 yrs) in hospice FOSTERED: 49 days INTACT: no**



Jasper on left



**Dexter 5 yrs old:** Pretty easy dog and actually a ton of fun. The daughter in law inherited the dog after her father-in-law died, and she was used to Swiss Mountain Dogs, and Dexter got on her LAST NERVE because she said he was way too affectionate and needy. Dexter was owned by an old man who kept him on his lap all day long and loved him, it's what he knew. I laughed when she said he was just too affectionate and it drove her nuts. He was adopted out to a woman in Bothell and all is well with Dex, and he is getting a ton of lovin! He was a tiny little guy and as cute as a button

**SURRENDER: Owner died FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: no**

**Barney 13 yrs +** Barney was a stray from Everett and he was very very old, and deaf, and mostly incontinent. He would actually walk and pee at the same time or walk and poop. He had a cataract in one eye and the other was starting to lose sight. He had no personality to speak of, and was mostly like a deer in headlights, so we decided it would be kinder to humanely euthanize him because he really wasn't adoptable. This is the hard part of rescue, because you get the refuse dumped on your lap and then it's all the sudden your problem when you didn't cause this. The original owner should have done this. The crueler thing was leaving him to fend for himself on the street.

**SURRENDER: stray Everett Shelter : 14 days INTACT: no**





Tiger day one

**Tiger 2 yrs old:** Tiger was another train wreck from the Miniature Westie breeder. He was found in the shelter in the drop box – in Spokane. A rescue group contacted me on rescuing him, and I said I would and they ironically were heading this way for a seminar in Seattle (as was I). Shawnie picked him up on Friday night and kept him for me until the dog walk on Sunday. He was a cutie patootie, and he required a ton of work and care to get him back in the ballgame. To let a dog get this horribly sick was a nightmare. I normally see sick dogs bounce back within 3 days, but it took Tiger a full 3 weeks for the antibiotics to kick in. Normally I see a turn around in three days. He slept 22

½ hrs a day. He was so pathetically sick. He would stand up eat, pee and go back to bed, and he keel over, because he was so weak. I basically carried him outside to pee and back in to bed, and outside to poo and back in to bed, or he would just go on the floor.. I knew when he got out of bed it was to “go potty” so I was on high alert for 3 wks. He was frequently bathed, meds 3x a day and shirt changes 2x a day and bedding changed daily. He was a lot of work. Tiger weight 9 lbs. At least someone took him to the shelter.



Tiger- day 30

**SURRENDER: stray Spokane Humane Society / severe allergies 40 days INTACT: no**



Jewels, Day one



2 mos later

**Jewels 2 yrs:** Yet another Mini Westie came in – again severe allergies, very sick, severe infection. Owner had died, and son took the dog, but he said it smelled too bad and he would make it sleep in the living room. This is yet another case where the relatives do not want the dog. Make provisions in your will! The dog had been given meds by vet, but Atopica was too expensive, so he was going to turn it over to us. The bill of sale on this dog is \$870, because after all it's a Mini Westie! Jewel weighed in at 10 lbs or 9.7 lb s? She was so sick it took forever to get her skin back into shape, and even after 3 mos. of fostering, she still needed hair. She was adopted out to a

family in Oregon who also have two other Westies, and they adore her. This was also the very first allergy foster for our Foster Dad Tim. He did a bang up job! We really rely on him heavily!

**SURRENDER: owner died/severe allergies : 60 days INTACT: no**



Eubie

**Eubie 12 mos old:** Eubie was a stray at the Olympia shelter. He was a little wild child. We normally get Westies from the shelter when they don't show well. Little Eubie was a like a ping pong ball on cement. We must always humbly thank our foster mom's and dads when they take on the Young 'uns, as they are like toddlers on crack. Its kind of like substituting 24 hrs a day with 20 toddlers after they have had no nap and eaten a bag of candy – same thing. Eubie was adopted out to single woman in Seattle who is young and can jog after him and keep up with his energy level. She is thrilled with the little whippersnapper. God bless him, he had no allergies!

**SURRENDER: stray Olympia Shelter : 17 days INTACT: yes**

**Patrick 9 and Glynnie 10:** I received an SOS through SPDR as another rescue group was closing its doors. This has been the third I had heard of this year. They had to Westies who were surrendered with the premise that they were unadoptable. This rescue also did horses, cows, pigs, bunnies, anything “animal”. The dogs were kept alone in their own room.

Well when we picked them up we saw they had horrible allergies, and we looked at charts, and it seemed that no one was giving them antibiotics, but instead putting them on pain meds. Foster mom Judy figured out that Glynnie probably wasn't suffering from musculature deterioration, but she was in fact - stoned as hell! She couldn't walk, she would topple over, and hardly stand and walk like she was on a boat during a storm. She weaned her of pain meds, and she had withdrawals and became a real dog. Yup, you can't believe what we see! We put her on our allergy regiment and lo and behold, she bounced back. We did adopt them out together, but it turned out that since they were deprived of human contact for so long, there was a sparing match on whose human they owned. Therefore Glynnie came back into rescue, and she was readopted out to the PERFECT HOME as an only dog, so she can reign as the princess she was meant to be. I want to say, I am never disappointed when dogs come back, because I feel maybe they weren't meant to be there in the first



Patrick

place. Now both dogs are happy as can be both \*unadoptables\* are thriving in happy homes. Both dogs still suffer from allergies, but the new owners are dedicated to keeping them healthy and working with their allergies. We are all blessed!



Glynnie

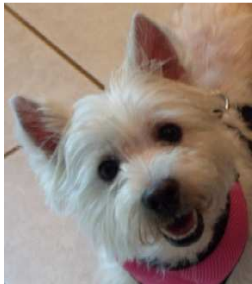
**SURRENDER: marked unadoptable from other rescue FOSTER: 21 days INTACT: no Adopted!**

**Duncan 5 yrs:** Owner had to leave the state to find work and will have to rent an apartment so they gave up Duncan. Duncan is a pretty easy dog, and requires a lot of "lovin". He was adopted out to a couple in Wenatchee who had a second dog and they play a lot. The only issues they have is who gets more lap time!



Duncan on Right

**SURRENDER: moving out of state due to economy FOSTER : 14 days INTACT: no**



**Leslie 6 yrs:** Commercial Breeder in Stanwood was down-sizing due to Animal Control regulations and she relinquished three of her brood bitches. Leslie was one of them. She was named after her vet. She was spayed and had dental done and had an inguinal hernia. Her vet bill was approximately \$700 (and we get a 40% discount!) She was adopted out to a couple who had just lost their other rescue dog. They didn't think they were ready for another dog until I plopped Leslie in their lap (I have a tendency of doing this) and that was all she wrote. She is now living with a Westie bro named Max, and having a great time. They adore her. What's not to love! All the dogs from this commercial breeder have a wonderful temperament. We should have named her sunshine, she smiles all the time. Renamed Baylee Rose.

**SURRENDER: commercial breeder FOSTER: 26 days INTACT: Yes**

**Kimmie 5 yrs :** Same scenario as above, however she also had a bad leg, which we were going to fix, however after opening her up, it was found that her leg had broken earlier in her life and had fused itself together permanently so there was no knee joint that was moveable. She would have to undergo a total knee replacement and that was so out of our budget. The initial exploratory surgery was funded by WestieMed. Her vet bill between spaying, dental, knee operations, meds, was \$1200 (with a 40% discount) Renamed Mackenzie



kimmie

**SURRENDER: commercial breeder FOSTER: 26 days INTACT: Yes**

**Andy 6 mos. old:** Andy was a sad sad sad story. He came into the shelter with no hair. He still had his baby teeth. The shelter workers said if they could find who let this baby get so bad, they would personally string them up and torture them. We rushed him to the vet, and she shook her head. The fleas had no hair to hang onto so they were on the edges of his ears holding on for dear life. He was so very sick, and finally recovered and was adopted out. His foster mom said it was the sweetest baby that she ever fostered.



Andy Day 1

**SURRENDER: stray Olympia Shelter  
FOSTER: 8 wks  
INTACT: Yes**



30 days later



**McKee 2 yrs:** McKee was residing with a Scottie named Scottie and both were surrendered to us by the owner who had health problems. We were contacted by the Owners groomer who researched Westie Rescue on the web and found us. McKee had allergies and even though he was on a very high quality dog food he still had some issues. He is now well and adopted out to a woman who also owns another Westie. He was very well mannered and sweet, and had no temperament problems. We sure wish all our Westies were this sweet. The Scottie was also sweet. We thank the owners for raising them well.

**SURRENDER: owner illness FOSTER: 17 days INTACT: No**

**Timmy 12 mo old:** Timmy was an owner surrender from the Olympia Shelter. He was surrendered because he had worms and the owner thought she caught worms from him. She was a bit over the edge, and the startled shelter workers just gazed at her in awe, and pushed a paper over for her to sign him over to the shelter, they were mostly speechless. No matter how much they told her that she could just deworm him, she wouldn't hear of it. Alas, they called us to pick him up.

**SURRENDER: worms (Olympia Shelter) FOSTER: 20 days INTACT: No**



**Turbo Tommy 12 mos. old:** Turbo Tommy came in about 5 days after Timmy. About the same age, and probably the same litter. Tommy came from Vancouver Shelter, and they actually called us to pick him up. I normally don't get contacted from shelters. Tommy didn't show well, he was always moving 1000 mph. He was a busy boy. Sorry the photo is blurry! He has very long legs. We adopted him out to a younger owner who has the strong knees to chase him about and exercise the little dude.

**SURRENDER: stray Olympia Shelter FOSTER: 10 days INTACT: Yes**

**Angie 5 yrs old:** Angie was the third dog to be surrendered to us from a commercial breeder, she has great temperament, and very shy and cautious. She was a breeze to foster, and housebroke in a record amount of time. She was adopted out as an only dog, and is doing just fine and has a lot of unconditional love and exposure to the world around her. She was not a vivacious Westie and very apprehensive of people and new situations, so her brain proceeds with caution. I adopted her out to a former adopter who had just lost her Westie a week prior and was wrestling with grief and I had to give her the old lecture 101 that a new dog helps heal the grief. She sped over to pick it up Angie where I was attending a Scottie Christmas Party. I dressed her a giant red satin ribbon around her neck like a Christmas gift.. the new adopters' heart smiled.

**SURRENDER: commercial breeder surrender FOSTER: 30 days INTACT: Yes**



Angie



**Coconut – 15 mos. old:** Coconut was purchased by a commercial breeder with the intention of being with the children. She did great with children, but no one ever trained her to do much but run around like a toddler. The wife was expecting her third child under 4 yrs old, and Coconut was too much work. She took great care of her physically and bought the best food, had all her shots up to date, and microchipped her. She just didn't realize that she needed more training and work than she had time for.

**SURRENDER: No time for dog and toddlers FOSTER: 8 days INTACT: No**



**Chancey 2 ½ yrs old:** Chancey was surrendered because he snapped at a 5 mo old infant, and the mother knew in her heart, that it would only be a matter of time before he connected. She also had him in an apartment and he didn't get a lot of exercise. He has an annoying habit of barking a lot at the television set. He was adopted out to a person who had just lost her Westie and also owned a second dog that she had adopted from me. The dogs play chase all day long and both are about the same age. So its toddlers gone wild. The good news is they wear each other out.

**SURRENDER: not good with children FOSTER: 2 days INTACT: No**



**Casey Elliott 12 wks old:** Some coworker at some facility in Tri-Cities had two Westies and they had puppies and she gave them away to all her coworkers. I surmise that this was due to the illusion that she had the best Westies ever and they would only reproduce great Westies. Alas, Casey was given to a couple who had two children and never had dogs! They lasted about two days and couldn't cope and wanted the dog gone. Another coworker who owned a Yorkie – snagged the dog and called us. She felt if it went back to the breeder, she would again give it away without the thought of the type of household it would need to go into. He came into rescue with ZERO inoculations and no deworming, so we were very vigilant to get him to the vet in record time!

**SURRENDER: too much work FOSTER: days INTACT: Yes**

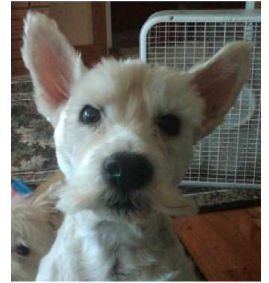


## THE UNADOPTABLES

There are times during rescue that we come upon dogs that aren't adoption material, and they aren't really candidates for euthanasia. We are always torn, especially when the dogs are young or don't have any life threatening diseases. This responsibility always falls on the foster moms because we are normally the ones stuck fostering the dogs. We have three such cases in rescue that have homes with us and we count them in our rescue stats because they take up space and they aren't our dogs.

**Emma 14 yrs old:** Emma was a former show dog and her confirmation and health show it. She has no allergies, she can still jump up on the sofa, and off, and she has no arthritis. She is a bit hard of hearing, she loves her naps, she loves cars, walks perfectly on a lead, and was surrendered because her owner had a terminal disease. She does occasionally have a bout with IBS, but she has her food cooked, and she is fine. Emma is old and no one wants an old dog. She is humorous, chatty and has an alarm clock built in signaling dinner time.

**In Foster Care in Oregon for 2 ½ yrs**



**Bailey #2- 8 yrs old :** He is about 9 yrs old and has some hip problems and some knee problems. He had an infection in his anal gland and his former owners operated, which then damaged some nerves in his anal sphincter muscle which now doesn't operate. Therefore he can't hold his poop in. He runs as fast as he can to the door, but sometimes it just plops out. The owners surrendered him because they had a toddler, and the toddler had picked up the poo on occasion, so out the door went Bailey. He then got some kidney stones, however, we are going to keep him comfortable until his it is his time, which may be soon if the pain meds do not help him with his hips. Bailey is a bit grumpy due to his worn out hip sockets, and he is also too cute for words. We were going to rename him Forrest (gump) because Taylor says she knows when he dashes for the doggie door to go outside to poo – she yells – Run Bailey Run... she said it would be

humorous to say "run Forrest run" . Bless his little heart. He is currently living with Taylor in Oregon. She also has four of her own dogs, and Bailey and Emma wound up there as well. **In Foster Care in Oregon for 1 yrs**



**Teddy 4 yrs:** Teddy came to us at 2 yrs old and came back into rescue twice because of temperament issues and allergies. He does not like strangers touching him and he is not welcoming to people who come onto the property. He is currently on allergy shots and he has made great progress with his temperament but he has to be kept on a lot of exercise, or he gets a bit stir crazy and frustrated which leads to more barking and more short temperedness. He is a gem when he is exercised. He is in agility and should be competing soon. He will be a dream machine when I get him out there. It's just hard to find the time when you do so much fostering. Ted is totally focused on you when you are in the ring, nothing else exists. Other terrier people would drop to their knees to have a dog this wonderful to work with in agility. He also achieved his Jr Earthdog title. He is a great hunter, a great

ball player, and a great agility dog. He needs a home that will continue his exercise and agility and so far, we have found none. He also needs a home that will work with his temperament. He has been with me almost two years. I cannot keep him because I already have four dogs, and that is plenty. The only other option I had was to euthanize him at 2 yrs. He was kept in a garage during his formative years. It's a wonder he gets a bit nutty. He never had the puppy upbringing and interface with humans. Once he is yours, and he accepts you as his owner, he is brilliant and listens. He is highly obedience trained and knows most all commands (unless he has a tennis ball, and its keep away – or he hears bath water running) **In Foster Care in on Whidbey for 2 yrs**

## 2011 STATS

**TOTAL: 70 Westies (fostered 56) 8 Scotties (fostered 7) 9 Terrier/Mixes (fostered 9) EUTHANIZED: 3**

### Grand Total Fostered 72

WESTIES					
Males	Females	Owners Kept	Shelter adopted out	Not spayed or neutered	Vet costs in 2010
43	17	12	3	23	\$11,114.00

- Number of Westies Surrendered because Elderly owners bought a puppy & family didn't want dog: 15
- Strays we suspect were abandoned because they were puppies and too high energy: 10
- Severe Allergies: 9
- Lost home: 6
- Not good with children: 4
- Dogs over 8 yrs old: 12

Other Costs \$5195					
Mileage/Ferries	supplies	phone	Meds/food		
\$1100.00	1542	700.00	1853		

SCOTTIES					
6	3	1	1	2	\$3,000
Karin's Kritters					
6	113	0	0	2*	\$400.00*

\*note: Karin's Kritters dogs came from either shelter or other rescue groups who paid their neutering so that we would help them rescue the dog and find it a home. (otherwise these would be very high costs)

Combined Karin's Kritters and Scottie Info:

- Number Surrendered because Elderly owners: 2
- Strays: 5
- Severe Allergies: 1
- Lost home: 1
- Too high energy: 4



### The Teachers

Each of our household's has resident dogs who are getting to be scholars in the field of training the newbees entering the fostering system. My household has Daisy the Sheriff who breaks up all fights, teaches the new dog the doggie door, but going thru and waiting at the other side.. if there isn't any "light bulb moment" she does it again and pauses, and eventually the new dog "gets it". She sits with the sick dogs, and helps with the dogs with bad eyesight. Evan is the calm one, he stands and is a gentleman and is quiet and polite. Judy has Duncan who teaches the doggie door and where to go potty and Tessa tells everyone the rules. Tim has two older males who are good examples, as all dogs want to 'fit in' and they copy what the resident dogs do. Lynda's Papillion makes sure everyone gets plenty of exercise and shows them how to run, and Christines , Lily, is the grand dam of showing the dogs the ropes. She is also very patient with new dogs, and also doesn't take any bad behavior. Michele's "big dog" handles back yard play activities and he calls the shots to bring everyone into line. Taylor's kids just warn everyone that they better know who the Alpha is in the house or they are in for a surprise. Our dogs all teach by example, if it is riding in a car, walking on a leash or going into a crate. We are very blessed to have these wonderful dogs in our household.

## 2010 Rescues – Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue – Scotties

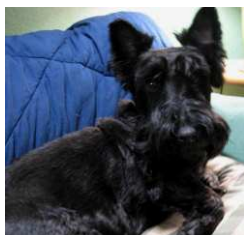
**Bentley 8 mos.:** Bentley was owner surrender from the Olympia Shelter. I think he was a bit of a mix with something, but he looked mostly Scottie. He was adopted out to a former adopter who had adopted Snowy from me last year. She now has her entire Scottish family. She owns a Scottie, a Westie and a Cairn. He was a cutie, and he does have a jaw that is a bit askew, but for the most part he is a great little dog.



**Taffy 2 yrs:** Poor Taffy has been my “Mr Toad’s Wild Ride”. She came in through Tacoma Animal Shelter because she was in such bad shape. She was abandoned on McCord AFB. She was missing part of her face from such severe mange that it was indescribable. Taffy has been my bonding experience with all my veterinarians at Bothell as well as the vet techs. She was rushed in two different times, and the last I thought she was a goner and prepared to put her down. Taffy was my walk through hell, and she will be explained under a separate cover. She is now recuperating and doing well, and is on her 2<sup>nd</sup> month of ivermectin. She is cute, and darling and I am sure she won’t be difficult to adopt out. She will probably always



have a sensitive immune system. She is finally getting better. I have had her almost 2 mos., and wow, talk about “hands on”. The good news is that she is blossoming like a new Rose!



**Roxie 3 yrs old:** Was from a breeder who sold her to a couple who had not had dogs for a long while. They were under the impression she could hold her urine and only have to pee 2x a day. WRONG.. well after the first incident of peeing on the \$4,000 oriental carpet...that was it for the Roxy. She was picked up in Olympia and adopted out to Kirkland woman who needed a playmate for her little Scottie male. Her older girl had died and the little boy was in deep depression. Well all I can say is the party started as soon as Roxie landed. The woman was going to rename her Rose. The foster mom went out and got her a pink collar and fastened a big pink rose on her collar, and the rest is a fairy tale ending.



**Scottie 3 yrs old:** Well the owner of Roxie aka Rosie, had friends who always owned Scotties however the man had never gotten over the loss of his beloved Scottie for 5 yrs! They met Rosie and were enchanted. Much to the wife's delight, the husband succumbed and said – Marilyn, its time we get another Scottie. With glee in her heart she called me and lo and behold, Scottie the Scottie fell from the sky. Two days later Michele picked up Scottie and was bringing him up to go into foster care. However I also asked if she would do an inhome visit on the Kirkland folks, and she said – heck, I’ll take the dog with me. She opened the door and Scottie ran to the man and sat in his lap. He said, “Marilyn write this

lady a check, because this dog isn’t leaving”. Michele laughed and I think Scottie is still in the old man’s lap! I recently rec’d a Christmas card from them thanking me again for bringing love back into their lives.



**Fergusons 2 yrs:** Furg has to be the biggest Scottie I have seen and the most baldy bred. He had a great temperament and was surrendered because his owners divorced, and the wife didn’t have enough money to feed her children, let alone buy dog food. Meanwhile Furg spent his days in a very small metal crate that would house a 10 lb dog, not a 28 lb dog. He was so squashed into the crate that he couldn’t lay out, he had to roll up like a crescent moon and put his paws over his back legs and lean upright in the crate. He spent 8 – 9 hrs a day like that. He was from a pet shop called Bridges. He had the head a size of a wildebeest. He was great with kids, but big and strong and just a LOT OF DOG. He was fostered for about 2 wks and we found a nice couple in Redmond and we connected

the dots and suggested they have a play group between Roxie, Scottie and Furg!



**Angel 10 yrs:** A real estate woman called me because they found an older Scottie in the home with the dead owner. It was quite a sad case because no one knew how long the poor dog was in the home with the body. We picked her up and I moved her to Yakima where we found out she had tumors. They were removed and were probably cancerous, and now two more have grown back. We will keep her comfortable until it is her time. She is yet another dog that is UNADOPTABLE and remains in foster care.



**Jock 2 yrs:** He is with an owner who wants to surrender him but she is very demanding and refuses to let him to into foster care, so I told her I could not take him. We received another dog from this woman a year ago, and she is very difficult to work with so I told her I couldn't help her and suggested another rescue organization.

## 2010 Rescues – Karin's Kritters



**Taz 6 mos. old: (Chihuahua/Terrier Mix)** Taz was a Terrier/Chihuahua mix that was dumped in a Sherpa bag at a grain store in Monroe. The owner came in and said he didn't want him anymore (he was not purchased at this facility).. he shoved the bag over the counter and said, keep him, he has been living in there for a long time because he chews my house up. The man walked out and the clerk had that look of shock and awe on his face. The store manager knew a veterinarian down the road, who offered to neuter the little boy. A vet tech fostered him but to her dismay he chewed up a lot of things in her house, and she couldn't take it, so we were contacted to bring it into foster care. He was a cute little devil and that is why we called him Taz. The worst mixes are Chihuahuas and terrier mixes because you double their tenacious-ness and are far too smart for their britches! He was adopted out to a lovely family in Vancouver, Canada

**SURRENDER: dumped at feed store FOSTER: 30 days INTACT: Yes**



**Rascal 3 yr. old Cairn/Doxie:** We were asked to take Rascal from Furbaby Rescue. He was a lot to handle, and they were not too keen on his tenaciousness. Double trouble mixed breeds are Doxie/Cairn and Chihuahua/Terrier, not a good idea. When bred together, you just enhance the hard headedness, tenaciousness and prey drive. This is not a good thing! He was a wonderful dog for someone who wanted a dog that was a problem solver. He is now living in Sequim with wonderful owners.

**SURRENDER: too wild FOSTER: 9 days INTACT: no**

**Lily 7 mos. old (Coton):** Lily was a return. She had a steep learning curve because she was a mill dog, and devoid of all human contact since birth (other than foster care). She was in foster care for a long while and we adopted her out to a family in Marysville who had a little Yorkie. Both dogs enjoyed each other, however, they had a romping time shredding wee pads, and it didn't sit well with the owner. She felt it was teaching her Yorkie bad habits. She was readopted out to a home who didn't have wee pads! She is very happy and a loving dog.

**SURRENDER: shredding wee wee pads FOSTER: 6 days INTACT: No**



**McGuyver 13 yrs. old (Cairn):** Cairn rescue turned down McGuyver because of his age. The owners decided they were retiring and hitting the wide open road in their New RV, and McGuyver wasn't part of the plan. They surrendered him after 13 yrs of loyalty. We ironically found a wonderful retired man who lived in senior living and was very lonely and now McGuyver is the Toast of the Town in Downtown Seattle!

**SURRENDER: owners wanted to travel and surrendered dog after 13 yrs FOSTER: 24 days INTACT: no**

**Sugar 2 yr. old Westie Mix:** \_Sug was a shipment out of California Shelter over population. She came to us through Noah because they were full and needed space. She was fostered for a while and found to be a super dog, and we really enjoyed her. She was adopted out to a Westie Club Member and they adore her.

**SURRENDER: Stray from Rescue Organization FOSTER: 22 days INTACT: no**



**Mitzie 8 yrs. old (Bichon):** \_Mitzi's owners also owned two Westies who apparently ganged up on her and she became cranky, nippy and peed on the carpet, so they called Bichon rescue, and they wouldn't take her. They called us and we said we would. She was an easy dog and just needed a quiet household and was adopted to a single woman who worked from home and lived in Bellingham. The whole adoption was splendid. Mitzie had a tendency to avoid and run away and we warned the adopter to just leave her be and let her take in the new environment. Mitzie sized up the new digs and was put on the bed that night to sleep and after the lights were off, she inched her way up to the new adopters pillow and gave her a kiss,

and went back down to her "spot" and went to sleep. Imagine how big her smile was in that dark room on the first night?

**SURRENDER: old and cranky FOSTER: 22 days INTACT: no**



**Bailey 2 ½ yrs. (Chihuahua/Terrier)** \_Stray from Wenatchee Shelter, he didn't show well because he would bark ant the people coming in to view dogs. His time was up and he wasn't doing well in the shelter. He went to Boot Camp at Judy's and became a fabulous dog. He was adopted out to a family in Kirkland!

**SURRENDER: owners wanted to travel and surrendered dog**

**FOSTER: 24 days INTACT: Yes**

**Diesel 4 yrs. old (Cairn)** \_Cairn rescue turned down Diesel because they had no room, so we picked him up out of the Everett Shelter. He was a stray that had always lived in the yard. He went to be fostered in Olympia and Barbara got him housebroken and he ADORED the attention and sitting on the sofa. He was a sweetie pie. A couple at a coffee shop heard another booth talking about the Cairn @ Westie Rescue and they went over and got my phone number and called from the coffee shop! Both had owned cairns before and they just moved to a new house and wanted another. We made an appointment for a meet and greet, and they lived happily ever after.



**SURRENDER: stray dog from shelter FOSTER: 14 days INTACT: Yes**



**Chester 2 yrs. (Cairn):** \_Cairn rescue turned down the dog, and we were begged to take the dog and save it because his time was out at the shelter and he didn't show well. Judy fostered him for 8 days and he was a wonderful dog. It was an easy adoption.

**SURRENDER: Stray from shelter FOSTER: 8 days INTACT: no**

Visit the West Highland White Terrier club website to see the rescue tab. You can read other years rescue stories, see our photo album, and other fun STUFF [www.whwtcops.org](http://www.whwtcops.org)

#### **Note to Readers:**

Publication was written on December 22, 2010 and published on Dec 31, 2010 (as we speak two more dogs are incoming).