



## 2011 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 and 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, Columbia Veterinary Clinic in Astoria, Oregon and West Linn Veterinary Clinic in Oregon. We are grateful for their kindness in giving us rescue discounts.

### 2011 STATS

**TOTAL: 74 Westies 9 Scotties 4 Cairns 2 Yorkies 4 Other mixes**

### **Grand Total of dogs processed 93**

# of Foster Homes 4 in WA

# of Foster Homes in Oregon - 2

# of back up foster homes if available 2

Males	Females	Owners Kept	Shelter adopted out	Intact	Euthanized	# of dogs Refused	Vet costs in 2011
45	44	8	5	28	7	11*	\$11,478 (Westies)
							\$800 (Karins Kritters)
							1,057 (Scotties)
							<b>13,335 TOTAL</b>

- Euthanized\* - onset of terminal illness
- Intact: we paid for spay neutering
- Refused: Dog was either a repeated biter or very elderly and very sick

### **Other Costs \$7583**

Mileage/Ferries	supplies	phone	Meds/food
\$2693	696	917	2985

Note: Supplies encompass leashes, crates, gates, xpens, collapsible crates for transport, crate liners, cleaning products, meds, antibiotics, vitamins, office supplies, printing ink, file folders, envelopes, postage

### **Total Expended in 2011: \$20,918**

Vet costs have risen, as well as gas prices. We are lucky to have the donations we get from the people at Microsoft, as well as other Club members and Westie owners. Ironically we even get donations from other Westie Rescues. Keep in mind these costs do not reflect what the fosters spend on the dogs and don't get reimbursed for. Laundry soap, paper towels, cleaning products and damage done to their households.

We are doing this volume with only four foster homes, and we have already had to refuse Westies. I currently have seven in the house and only four are mine. We need more foster homes and transporters so we don't burn out our troops. We are raising adoption prices to \$400 for dogs 5 yrs and younger.



**Elliott 12 wks old:** Received call from a concerned party that a coworker was giving away Westie puppies at work. The people who received this “precious package” didn’t realize that a 12 week old puppy was a pooping/peeing machine that was active and cried a lot. They weren’t prepared to deal with housebreaking. They shared the idea that they would go board it at a dog facility and not come back to pick it up! The coworker asked them to hand over the dog, and called rescue. Elliott was an easy puppy to foster he learned quickly and was very smart!. He was adopted out to one of our Club Members, Dona Cooper. She renamed it Casey. You will see him at our Feb Events.

**Reason for Surrender:** Not housebroken and didn’t know puppies were so much work  
(Judy/Lyle) FOSTERED: 3 Weeks INTACT: Y



**Tucker 5 yrs old:** Tucker was a New Year’s Eve phone call, from a mid 80s woman who had lost her husband, had kids gone wild and could not take care of her dog any longer. Poor Tucker was peeing in the house, she had a grandson living with her to help her out and he was mean to Tucker. Tucker was actually the daughter’s dog but she was on drugs and couldn’t take care of him so the Mom took him. The daughter would call crying, but couldn’t finish a sentence because she was on medication and the granddaughter called me from Canada. The granddaughter is the one who convinced them to turn him over to rescue. It was like a mini-series of a Soap Opera. To boot the dog was in Tri-cities and there was a huge snow storm headed for the pass. We eventually did get the dog and found he had diabetes and was getting cataracts. He stayed in foster care with Judy/Lyle for over 6 mos. They gave him insulin shots 2x a day to control his diabetes, and we forked out \$2500 for cataract surgery. He turned into a completely different dog after his glucose level went from 547 to 200 and he could see again! We researched dog diabetes and found a home cooked low glycemic diet which he is still being fed today. He was adopted in June by a wonderful lady in Wenatchee (who also adopted Emma). He has dry eye and is on allergy shots and insulin ... but he is really doing well. He is playing with his Cairn brother Duncan and loving life!

**Reason for Surrender:** Elderly owner 85 yrs, couldn’t care for dog.  
(Judy/Lyle ) FOSTERED: 6 mos INTACT: N (vet bill was over \$3k when all was said and done)



**Max 7 yrs:** Owner was losing home, and she wound up keeping the female and giving us Max to rehome. She had to go into an apartment and they wouldn’t let her have two dogs. He was well behaved, and a pleasure to foster.

**Reason for Surrender:** Losing home due to economy. (Mike) FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: N

**Emma 15 yrs:** Former show dog and was a permanent foster, however, the foster mom had to relocate her because she travels extensively for work and couldn’t keep Emma. Our other option was euthanasia but she wasn’t dying of anything, she was just old. She came into rescue at 12 because her owner was dying of ALS. We figured she would live a year and die of old age, but she is like the energizer bunny. We wound up adopting her out to a lady in Wenatchee, and she can’t believe what a pleasure Miss Emma is.

**Reason for Surrender:** Rehoming permanent foster (Taylor) FOSTERED: 2 yrs (not a typo)  
INTACT: N



**Mitzie 7 yrs:** Bellingham Humane Society asked us to take Mitzie. She had chronic allergies and her owners couldn’t deal with her any longer. We found she had advanced Cushing’s and her liver enzymes were sky rocketing. She also had a distended belly so she was euthanized

**Reason for Surrender:** chronic allergies (Barbara) FOSTERED: 6 days Euthanized

**Scotty 10 yrs:** Seattle Humane Society. He was sweet, had floppy ears, big dog, but a really nice fun dog to have around and he had so much fun in foster care. He was given up for snapping at a toddler.



**Reason for Surrender:** chronic allergies/snapping at a toddler  
(Lynda/Tim) FOSTERED: 40 days INTACT: N



**Bonnie 20 mos:** Bonnie was adopted out in 2010. She went to another home with an old Westie who was probably 11 yrs old, and also two Scotties. She didn't mess with the Scotties, but decided that the old Westie should not be allowed to live, so she did attack him and almost kill him. We talked about training however we realized it would be irresponsible not to relocate her and place another well-adjusted dog in her stead. So she was rehomed to another home as an only dog and is doing great. We felt Bonnie just preyed on this old Westie who could not protect himself because he had no teeth. She is now living the good life as an only child.

**Reason for Surrender:** Attacking other dog in household FOSTERED: 0 days INTACT: N



**Harley/Addie 2 yrs:** Both dogs were from Spokane. Owners now have children and both work full time jobs, and there was no time for dogs. This often happens when new married couples purchase dogs prior to babies. They don't take into consideration the time dogs take and the time it takes driving back and forth to work and day care juggling. They were both adopted out to other homes with other dogs, and are doing excellent. Thank you to Scottie Rescue for fostering the kids for a week until we had foster homes open. Addie is living in Seattle with retired man and another Westie girl her age. Harley is living in Forks, WA with a pointer, and loves her!

**Reason for Surrender:** Now they have children and no time for dogs  
INTACT: N (Denise/Christine) FOSTERED Harley: 28 days  
(Denise/Lynda) FOSTERED Addy : 13 days INTACT Y



**Chloe and Stephen 4 yrs** Surrendered from Bremerton, WA, the couple was breeding the dogs and selling them for extra money. The owner was in the military and was being deployed and had to rehome the dogs in two days. Chloe was adopted out to a first time Westie owner in downtown Seattle and she goes to work with her daily. She loves being an only child. Stephen was adopted to a wonderful family in Ashland, OR. The dog was a surprise for their 15 yr old son who is suffering from leukemia. They had just lost their last Westie and Scottie to old age, and Stevie was so happy to get Stephen.

**Reason for Surrender:** Military Deployment Breeding pair, but Stephen had to be neutered due to health issue so he couldn't breed anymore.  
(Karin/Lynda) FOSTERED Chloe: 25 days INTACT: Y  
(Judy/Lyle) FOSTERED Stephen 7 days INTACT: N



**Petey and Cally O'Malley – 2 yrs old:** Both dogs came into rescue due to an owner's death. Petey is a girl and she is about 7 lbs. She is a "who-the-heck knows" mix. Petey was very insecure and very clingy and Cally was her own woman and spent more time in the yard, and not with Petey. Petey wound up being adopted out by a my foster mom's quilting bee friend. Petey took to her like a duck to water, and she also had another "who-the-heck knows" mix that looked just like Petey! Cally was adopted out to Dee Thompson who is on the Westie Board. Both dogs are doing great and living with other dogs.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner deceased, daughter had three Labs and didn't want the dogs (Lynda ) FOSTERED: 20 days INTACT: N

**Max #4 – (no photo)** Owner had a home in foreclosure and she had to relocate one of her dogs. She had also lost her job, and life as we know it was not being good to her. We worked with her for several months, and she finally decided she would work something out and keep Max.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner losing home **Outcome:** Owner changed mind and kept dog



**Daisy – 4 yrs old:** Daisy was given up for snapping at a child, because the child's face was in her dog bowl. They couldn't risk the child being bitten, so Daisy had to be relocated. Daisy was adopted out to a fabulous family in Redmond, but alas, she was given back because their son was allergic to her. She was readopted out to a lady in Port Orchard who had just lost her Westie, and she was oh so delighted with Daisy. It was a perfect match. She was meant to be there. The woman had just lost her Westie and was pining for another!

**Reason for Surrender:** Snapped and growled at toddler grandchildren **INTACT: N**  
**(Holley) FOSTERED: 20 days returned (Karin) Fostered 10 Days**

**Sparkle – 13 yrs old:** Sparkle was surrendered to the shelter after her owner died. As we see time after time, the owner believes their children will take the dog after their death. In almost all cases, the children don't want the dog and they wind up in the shelter before someone thinks about rescue. Everyone should let their relatives know that they should take their dogs to Westie RESCUE! Most people without dogs, don't even know we exist. Especially if they don't even own dogs. Such was the case with Sparkle who was not only dumped with a neighbor but the neighbor thought she was taking too many drugs... So she stopped giving her the cardiac meds, and water pills. When we finally got her, she was so ill and had cardiac failure. We sadly had to euthanize her because the one month of no medicine, had done more damage to her heart. We were all very sad.



**Reason for Surrender:** Owner died (Michele) **FOSTERED: 4 days INTACT: N Euthanized**



**Fizgig (11yrs )and Curry 9 yrs –** Both dogs were well loved, and well behaved. Fizzy mostly picked on Curry and he also had a lot of skin problems. Curry was adopted out to a hobby farm on Whidbey Island and is well loved. Fizzy was adopted out to a wonderful owner in Edmonds who also had a little female Westie. Fiz found his love interest, and he is now happily being henpecked by his better half.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner relocated to Wales  
**Fizgig (Christine/Charlotte) FOSTERED: 2 mos INTACT: N Curry (Karin ) FOSTERED 30 days INTACT: N**



**Lucy and Mickey 10 wks–** Both dogs were purchased from a puppy mill out in Stanwood area and the owner was retired and in mid 70s. He forgot how busy puppies are and knew they had far too much energy for him. He worked well training them and called rescue to find homes for the two dogs. Lucy was placed in a wonderful home in Vancouver, and Mickey went to a former animal control officer who lives in LaConnor, WA.

**Reason for Surrender:** too much energy– remained with owner until placed  
**INTACT: Y**



**Sam I am 4 yrs–** Well, Sam has to be just about the best problem solver I have ever fostered. He puts the T into Terrier. Sam's owner was deployed and he had some bizarre theory about making Sam a vegetarian. (It's very hard to keep a straight face) In any case, he had severe allergies and a bacterial infection. Another dog covered with fleas. He was very nervous and could find a way to get into any food source you had locked away. He actually removed the lid off one of my crock pots and helped himself to a left over pot roast and mushroom gravy. He also ate thru a Trader Joe's zipped insulated bag and consumed an entire baked chicken.(bbq flavor)

He was a hoot and found a lovely home in Ocean Shores, where he lives with another female Westie and has a huge yard to play in, as opposed to the small apartment he lived in. He loves the outdoors!

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner being deployed in military (Karin) FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: N



**Gracie 5 yrs**– Seeing double? What are the chances I foster a dog who is the littermate of my permanent foster Ted? Litter mates! Gracie is on the left and Ted is on the Right. TWINS. Gracie was surrendered because she caused major damage to a puggle! Both dogs hated each other on sight and they fought even when no one was home. Oh those girls! She was rehomed so she wouldn't amputate the puggle's ear. She now lives on Bainbridge with a male Westie and they are very much in love with each other. (Gracie is w/ Orange Arrow) Bookends and both hyper and ball nuts!

**Reason for Surrender:** fight w/other female dog in house (Karin) FOSTERED 10 days INTACT: N

**Roxie 8 yrs**– Roxie was a stray on the street, picked up by animal control and held at the Hillsboro Animal Shelter in Oregon. She had severe skin problems and Holley was becoming a pro at fosters with skin issues. Roxy was fostered in Astoria, OR and adopted out to the foster mom's mother. She is living quite happily by the beach with an older Doxie



**Reason for Surrender:** Stray/skin issues – shelter in OR called us (Holley) FOSTERED 22 days INTACT: N



**Kenzie 8 yrs**– Stray from Post Falls, Idaho – they found us and asked if we could take her into foster care. She was very sweet but needed dental done, and our vet bill wound up being \$545. She had a heart murmur and we also paid the people in Idaho \$75 to transport her. We later found out she was much older than five years old. Had severe dental disease, and we wound up spending over \$500 on dental for her as well as updating shots and spaying. She was adopted out to Suzanne who has adopted several of our Westies who have special needs.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray – Post Falls, Idaho : (Lynda) 18 days INTACT: Y

**Kimbe 4 yrs old:** Kimbe was on Craig's list. A person went and saw her and decided she was way too unruly for her. So she suggested the woman call rescue. The woman did contact me but she demanded we come and get this dog immediately or she was marching it off to the shelter. She told me she bought it from a breeder in Olympia, and she forgot her name or what her number was, and she said it was not spayed, and she had some vet records from Olympia and a microchip number. Alas, I called Avid the same day I was making arrangements to spay her, and a hit came back that the real owner was on the phone. The dog was not sold and was in essence stolen so we returned her to the owner who is also a back yard breeder. I had no alternative otherwise I would be holding a stolen dog. (not going there)



**Reason for Surrender:** too wild : (Judy) FOSTERED 5 days INTACT: Y Outcome: Returned to original owner stolen



**Murphy 5 yrs old:** Stray running down the street in Nampa, ID. Was called to assist. We found an adopter in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho who retrieved him. They neutered him and microchipped him and got his shots up to date, however he started attacking the other dog in the household and he was pretty vicious. At that time I lost several foster homes for attacking our dogs and causing major damage and punctures as well as numerous trips to the vet. We asked for assistance and transferred him to Oregon Dog Rescue. He attacked their foster's dog and ripped up their Westie's ear. He was in confinement and I was just about to throw in the towel and euthanize him when

they offered to take responsibility for him and find him a home. He was adopted out as an only dog and he is doing quite well and has all the attention he needs.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray (Barbara/Oregon Dog Rescue) 5 weeks INTACT: N

**Finn and Nelly 5** (no photos) Both dogs were going to be surrendered due to a divorce. The wife had left the dogs behind and the husband did not want to be strapped with them. He called me for pick up, and alerted the wife of his intention. The day of pickup and rearranging dogs in foster homes to accommodate these dogs, the wife turned up and took them with her. **Reason for Surrender:** Divorce Outcome: owner kept dogs INTACT: N



**Snoopy 8 yrs:** Owner tried to rehome her 8 yr old Westie. She had three, but she decided to keep the other two who were older, and probably hard to adopt out. The person she gave the dog to decided they didn't want it and convinced her to give it to rescue. We picked him up, he was very sweet and well behaved, and just a wonderful, laid back sweet dog. He was adopted out to a wonderful couple in Tacoma area, and he is just the best dog ever, a real pleasure, and they are totally enchanted with him. Ok with kids, cats, other dogs, people, not a barker, loves cars.

**Reason for Surrender:** economy moving back east : (Barbara) 2 weeks INTACT: N

**Zoe 3 yrs:** Zoe's wild ride. Zoe lived in Edmonds and is a high energy youngster who is very prey driven. She lived with a person who also had a 14 yr old Westie. The owner catered a lot to the older Westie which she carried around, and carried up and down stairs, and on and off the sofa, and one day Zoe had enough of the princess routine, and she got into a fight with the older dog. The owner put her hands between the dogs, and wound up getting chewed up which turned into an emergency visit to ER and a 5 day stay from blood poisoning. That was the end of Zoe. She marched her to the vet's office and boarded her there. She called me to take her into rescue and told me Zoe has Addison's disease which is a very manageable disease, but in this economy no one wants to take on shots that cost \$45 every 25 days. Ironically one of our former adopters had two Addison's dogs, and she agreed to take on Zoe. Zoe got along with her dogs well but she forgot to tell me she had cats. Zoe was on a mission to seek and destroy like a heat seeking missile. They crated her in the kitchen and a cat walked by and Zoe managed to hop the crate across the kitchen to get the cat. They sadly had to return her because the cats were so old, they couldn't rehome them. Zoe was readopted out a week later to a lady who had lost her Westie and had another young female passive Westie. Both Westies hit it off, and the new owner cried a river of tears, because Zoe looked and acted like the Westie who died. A week later I was called to return Zoe. She bolts the front door and on two occasions the woman had to come home from work to chase her down. The elderly roommate wasn't fast enough to stop Zoe from escaping and they wouldn't hear of a baby gate, so she was returned again. By this time she had lived in three different foster homes. Finally I received a call from a young lady who had purchased a Westie off Craig's list with the reason being it needed to be rehomed because the owners were moving. It turned out she was just a mean Westie who bit the hell out of everyone. She had only had her for a week and she had bit and drawn blood on 7 people because he didn't want them moving on the sofa, in her area, and a lot of other outrageous reasons. She also bit and held on. I told the owner to take her to the shelter, and I suggested she adopt Zoe. She did, and she adores Zoe. She finally has the Westie she can do things with. She was raised with Westies, and seeing the biter, just threw her for a loop. So Zoe is now in a great place, and with a wonderful owner, and she has found her home at last.



**Reason for Surrender:** Addison's and fights w/other Westie female : (Karin/Christine/Charlotte) FOSTERED 3 mos INTACT: N

**Denny – 4 yrs old:** Growled at toddler, and they were worried harm would come to the child, so they rehomed him. He came to Judy and Lyle and boy was he a kick! Ball crazy boy! He was adopted to Jim and Linda who have now volunteered for rescue by doing transports for us in the Olympia and Yelm area. He is happy and a good dog. Linda said they had to do "ball intervention" but he's OK now.

**Reason for Surrender:** snap/growl at toddler: (Judy/Lyle) FOSTERED 3 days INTACT: N



**Lola 2 yrs** – Lola was purchased on Craig's list with the idea of breeding her. The person got her home and after two days of barking and snarling at guests, the woman had enough, and called the former owner. The number was disconnected so she marched Lola to the Kent shelter and said, here ya go! Lola – all 11 lbs of her landed in the shelter, and she turned into Cujoo. No one from animal control could get near her and she wouldn't stop barking. They had to use a catch pole on her. They called me and asked if I would take her into rescue. I said I could and when would they like me to come down? They answered "ASAP". Christine went down with a kennel noose and a kennel and the idea this dog was not socialized. When she got to my house I thought she had been debarked but it turned out that the poor thing was so hysterical she had lost her voice from barking nonstop for 36 hrs. She got to my house and I squirted rescue remedy in her crate and let her view the world from her inner self. I put an expen around the crate, and opened it up and braced

myself for a bite on the ankle. She came out with an attitude and was mostly afraid. We managed to get a thunder jacket on her, and she turned into a different dog. It was like someone hit her with a magic wand. As she evolved I was so pleased to see, she got along with other dogs (preferred female dogs), she had manners, was housebroken, crate trained, a girly girl, road in a car perfectly, loved being groomed, didn't care if her toe nails were clipped, and liked coats. She was spayed and she was adopted out to a wonderful home in Canada who also had a cairn terrier her age. She is evolving wonderfully.

**Reason for Surrender:** bought on Craig's List, and didn't want her : (Karin/Lynda) Fostered 25 days INTACT: Y



**Finlay 16 wks** – was purchased by a 92 yr old woman from a back yard breeder when he was 8 wks old. She wound up tripping over the puppy when he grabbed the hem of her robe and she toppled down and smashed and broke both cheek bones and her nose. The day nurse found her and called the social worker, who demanded the puppy be GONE. The pup wound up going to a nurses sister, who said it was way too energetic for her, so they gave it to their friend, who said she had zero time for this puppy who was annoying the heck out of her 10 yr old mixed dog. The social worker found me and asked me to take the dog. I called the person who had the dog, and she was going to go door to door at a mini mall asking people if they wanted a Westie Puppy! I convinced her into giving me the dog, and she said if I could take it today... so I left immediately and got into the ferry line and drove down to Shoreline to pick up the dog. I had 10 minutes notice. He was here three days and Judy had a best friend looking for a Westie puppy as her dog just died... so lo and behold she adopted him. It was wonderful. The puppy is from our local puppymill in Arlington and he has a severe parrot mouth and I don't know how his teeth will align as he ages.

**Reason for Surrender:** Elderly owner : (Karin/Judy) FOSTERED 4 days INTACT: Y

**Pearl-Marie 3 yrs old** - Pearl was owned by an elderly owner who had to go into assisted living. Owner wound up having a heart attack and going into intensive care the day Pearl was adopted. Pearl was loved, taught how to hug like a child, litter box trained, road well in car, and not socialized, didn't leave the apartment and not trained to do much or listen to anything you said. But she was smart and caught onto the routine. She mostly wanted to rip other Westie's faces off if they were near her stuff. She could unzip her pink tote bag, and get out her pink tennis ball. The bag also held her pink harness, pink leash, pink leather collar, pink coat, pink raincoat, pink rhinestone t-shirt, pink PJs and pink poop bags. She was adopted out to an only dog home who had never had a Westie but they had corgi's. The applicants had extensive dog experience and even bought their past Corgi's from show bred stock. They also had a lovely fenced yard. The new owner reprimanded her the first day for scratching on the back door to come in – didn't want that paint scratched... so he grabbed her by the collar to shake her, and he promptly bit him! He returned "that vicious dog" that same day. Lol She was re-adopted out to a wonderful lady who lives in Seattle, and she adores pearl. They go on five mile a day walks and Pearl has whipped her into shape as any good Westie would! She formerly owned a Golden Retriever, and Pearl was a whole new experience. Pearl sized up the house, the area where the leash was, where her crate was going to be, and where her food bowl was, and she had it under control. She went to the front door to go out, and sat under the leash and talked to get to go for walks. Super in the car, great being groomed, fine with nail trim, no allergies. GREAT match. She said she never had such a smart dog. She couldn't believe Pearl-Marie figured the lay of the land so quickly. I laughed and told her "if it was a Lab - he would still be sitting at the front door several hours later waiting for a release command." Ahhh those terriers.



**Reason for Surrender:** Elderly owner : (Karin) FOSTERED 16 days INTACT: N



**Findlay#2 - 5 yrs-** Owner just moved from back east to live with her son due to health problems and her son didn't like the dog, so she tearfully rehomed it. Findlay was an easy dog, and very social. He was an easy placement and we put him with a 7 yr old little girl who had been wanting a Westie since she was 4 yrs old. She has kept articles, photos, and has not given up harassing her parents for a Westie. Both are two peas in a pod, and Findlay has found his little soul mate. It was a wonderful match

**Reason for Surrender:** Elderly owner : (Karin) FOSTERED 10 days INTACT: N

**Snowflake – 11 yrs old** - Port Angeles shelter, called about Snowflake. She had severe skin problems and we also suspected advanced Cushing's and we refused to take her. She was ultimately taken in by a shelter worker and outcome is unknown.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray – no foster INTACT: N outcome unknown



**Maxwell- 7 yrs old/ Sadie 6yrs** - Both dogs came in at the same time from the same owner.



The owner was divorced and had to move into an apartment and the dogs were not doing well and barking all day long and soiling the house. We separated the dogs and they went to separate foster homes and were really great. They were both dogs were well adjusted and well behaved. Both dogs were adopted out to homes with a second dog, and they are doing stellar. We find that adjusted dogs thrive in all situations and the beautiful thing about dogs, is they don't wallow in pity, they embrace every day as a new beginning and with a big smile. I need to be more like a dog.

**Reason for Surrender:** Divorce INTACT: N

**Outcome:** both dogs were adopted out separately do homes with children and they were a perfect match.

**Maxwell (Mike) FOSTERED 10 Days Sadie (Karin) FOSTERED 12 Days**



**Penny 4 yrs old** : Penny and Bridget were litter mates and they were given up by owners because they moved into a condo and had a baby. The home owners association was having fits about the dogs barking and they sadly had to give the dogs up. They were well behaved and loving dogs. In this economy it is too difficult to adopt two dogs out together because people just don't want to take on the cost of two dogs. Penny was adopted out to a fabulous family in Seattle. Eight hours after her adoption she started having seizures and they lasted 30 minutes. The new owners rushed her to the emergency vet on a Saturday night at 10pm. At 11pm I got a call from the vet and the foster mom. The vet said she wanted me to approve \$500 to do more testing, they didn't know what was wrong. At midnight the vet called back again and said all the tests came back inconclusive and she wanted to do exploratory and for me to approve \$5,000. I told her I couldn't justify paying \$5K for an unknown outcome. The vet said she wasn't going to make it through the night, so I asked her to euthanize the dog. It was a hard decision but I just couldn't risk funds and have a dog wind up dead anyway. It was heartbreaking having to do this to a 4 yr old dog. The adopters were also in a tail spin. The dog had only been there for 8 hrs. All toxicity screenings came back negative. I talked to former owners the following Tues. This all happened over Labor Day weekend. The former owners said when she was a puppy she had violent seizures but hadn't had one since. They didn't know what could have triggered it. We all felt badly.

**Reason for Surrender:** condo and baby : (Mike) FOSTERED 2 days INTACT: N Euthanized

**Bridget 4 yrs:** Littermate of Penny. She had no history of seizures. Bridget was very sweet and well behaved and a pleasure to foster. She wound up staying in rescue for a while because we were all shaken that a dog died within 10 hrs of adoption. She was adopted out to a person in Marysville who had just lost his Westie. She lives with a female Cairn terrier, and both are good buddies.

**Reason for Surrender:** condo and baby : (Mike) FOSTERED 10 days INTACT: N



**Wendy 10 yrs:** Wendy was returned to rescue after being adopted two yrs ago. She came back into rescue in terrible shape. She was boney, covered with fleas, eye infection and it kept everything in our beings not to throttle the owner! We were in such shock. She left two years ago healthy and vibrant, and she came back looking like a dog on the verge of just shutting down. Holley's sister also helped assist in the pick up because it was not near anyone who was available. Wendy was cared for by our foster "Holley" in Astoria, OR. She actually had bones jutting out from being so thin. She just felt like the dog was a carcass and carried this dog into the vet without an appointment, and requested urgent care now! Wendy was adopted out 2 yrs prior at a weight of 21 lbs, which was her normal weight. She came into rescue weighing 15 lbs, limping, weak and hair loss. Holley nursed Wendy back to health over a period of 2 mos. She



2 yrs ago

worked diligently with daily baths, and vitamin supplements. She did a fabulous job. We didn't feel anyone would adopt a 10 yr old dog. God apparently kissed us on the forehead, and we found a home near Cannon Beach, of a lady who owned a B&B. Wendy now lives in a Palace by the beach and is living like a queen. We could never ever wish anything less for this girl. It was like she hit the lottery. Life is good for her, and her little white paws are stretched across the pure white carpeting and the plushy furniture. She so deserved it.

**Reason for Surrender:** lost job no money for vet (Holley) FOSTERED 90 days INTACT: N



**Annie and Abbie – 10 yrs old** Both girls were in horrendous shape. They had so many fleas having a party on their skin that it could have generated their own 'rave'. The fleas were so out of control that the fleas were jumping on the vet and the foster mom during examination. They were well mannered dogs, with an elderly owner who couldn't handle their skin problems. They came in with terrible skin



Annie's back after she was de-fleaed

issues. They were fostered for a long while and we managed to adopt



them out to a lovely home that unfortunately had a cat. After two mos and trying to dismember the cat, the adopter had to give the dogs back. We separated them and put them in different foster homes to observe how they would evolve. Both were fine, and we found an adopter for Annie. Ironically while I talked to the adopter, I asked if she would consider the sister! They said of course. God moves in mysterious ways... they were reunited and adopted out to a "cat-less" house. Both are living in bliss in Marysville and we hope to see the new owner at our Westie Club functions. Big thank you to our foster Taylor who nursed these

girls back into shape and was on top of their recuperation. It takes a ton of work and a lot of dedication. Remember our foster Mom's/Dad's have their own dogs to care for as well. They ironically were reunited and adopted out after we had fostered them in separate homes! It was a good Christmas for them. I do believe things happen for a reason – and apparently they were reunited as they were meant to be.

**Reason for Surrender:** Elderly owner – no money for vet : (Taylor) FOSTERED 90 days INTACT: N Outcome Returned

**Reason for 2<sup>nd</sup> Surrender:** For the safety of the cat : (Charlotte/Mike) FOSTERED 30 days - Adopted!



**Ellison (Elly May Clampett) 9yrs** Sometimes I wonder if God is testing me. Elly was the most difficult and annoying dog I have had to foster. She was 9 yrs old, 12 lbs of trouble...not housebroken, not socialized, had wheezing lungs with crackles, and we figured she might have Westie lung disease, she had enlarged heart, and a big lump on her hip and unspayed! Her owner hadn't had her to the vet since 2003. Isn't that special? She was clueless to any commands, except her owner had taught her how to high five. She was good in a car, fought with the entire household of dogs, especially the girls, hissed like a cat, she bolted the door with many wild chases down the street in my PJs. Many calls to a local handyman to secure my gates and put up more chicken wire. There were numerous recoveries of her getting herself unstuck in the slats of my fence, deck and my gate. See her story in the Winter 2012 issue of WHWTCOPS Newsletter.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner was depressed and neglected with the dog (Karin) FOSTERED 3 months

**McDuff – 8 yrs :** McDuff was almost a perfect dog. He was owned by two very elderly people in their mid 80s and the husband was going into assisted living and wife had onset of dementia. The wife told me that they never had housebroken Duffy & they figured it was just a boy thing. I told her I had four boys in my house, and they were all housebroken. He is doing fabulous and now has a yard and doggie door. He was adopted out to a wonderful home and they adore him. He is living in Stanwood, WA.

**Reason for Surrender:** Elderly owner 10 days in foster care





**Marshall 8 yrs:** Marshall was picked up as a stray by animal control in Everett. Maryann found him at the shelter and asked if they would turn him over to rescue. They said sure. We researched his microchip and found out his real name. The owner's phone was disconnected. We didn't stop there, we called the vet who put in his chip – they had a bad phone number for owners also. We put him on petfinder and lo and behold his owner surfaced. She called SPDR hot line about 10 x crying she wanted her dog back. I emailed her and asked her if she also had a dachshund? She said yes! I said well it's still at the shelter, they were found together. The shelter told her they didn't have to give her the dog back. She gave us several excuses that were pretty lame. She said she didn't know dogs went to the shelter. She was 55 yrs old, she should know that. She didn't know who to call to change the microchip phone number. I was faced with being bombarded by emails and phone calls and her begging. She didn't have a phone, her cell phone was not her's it was her friends. Finally after several conversations and her hysteria about not being able to sleep because she has had this dog since he was a pup – and she lost her home and yadda yadda. (do I sound heartless?) I told her if she wanted the dog back she would have to get a tag and a buckle collar. I also informed her that the dog had talons for nails and we trimmed him and he also had an ear infection. I gave her meds, and asked to be reimbursed \$20 for the ear meds (she never did). Off Marshall went with his owner – because I felt it was the right thing to do. Two weeks later, Maryann gets a call from HomeAgain because it was the last phone number they had for Marshall. He was picked up again on the street, and the person couldn't keep him, could Maryann

come and get him or find the owner. They had called the phone number on the tag, but it kept going into voice mail (this is where it gets good). Maryann drove and picked up Marshall, he hopped into the car, and I was hopping mad that he was out again! Maryann convinced me to let her handle it, and she emailed the lady who worked at Boeing. Alas... she found the email and said she wanted her dog back. Maryann asked why she didn't return the numerous phone calls for the number on his new ID Tag. Ans: Well we don't know how to retrieve voice mail? Alas, Marshall is reunited with his owner, but the third time this happens, he is staying with us! (unless he gets run over by a car being loose)

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray from shelter : 14 days in (Maryann) foster care (first time) 4 days in (Maryann) foster care (2<sup>nd</sup> time) **Outcome:** Returned to owner.



**Titus 5 yrs:** Titus was the easiest best behaved Westie we have ever had in Rescue. He was obedience trained, trained off leash, housebroken, socialized, well-adjusted and obedient! He had no allergies, and was an amazing dog. Why would someone who spent so much time training this dog, give it up. The reason Titus was given up was that he was owned by Grandma, and Grandma/Grandpa had the task of babysitting the four yr old grandchild. They also owned a mastiff. The grand child was allowed to run and dive on the Mastiff (who was 120 lbs) and he also did it to Titus. Titus did not like being dove onto – and met the child by giving him a full set of choppers in his arm! The Grandma and Grandpa, decided that they could not control the grandchild and so they removed their Westie to protect him? I say the child needs time out in a crate! What was the most startling thing for me to grasp was that any adult would allow any child to run and dive onto any dog, no matter what the size? Totally unacceptable. How could

these people train a dog and not a child? So Titus came into rescue, fully trained, microchipped, and shots up to date and groomed to the 9s. He was adopted out easily. We adopted him out to the people who had adopted Penny, who unfortunately died within 9 hrs of adoption! They were thrilled to have Titus. Anyone would be thrilled to have Titus.

**Reason for Surrender:** Can't control 4 yr old child not to dive on dog. (Christine) Foster care 1 day

**Katie 10 yrs** (No photo) Dog was surrendered by owner because she couldn't afford insulin shots any longer and took her to the Vet to have her euthanized. She had the onset of cataracts, and we just could not take on another diabetic dog and be faced with another eye operation of \$2500. So we refused to take her into rescue. She remained with the Vet in Salem, OR and they looked for a home for her.

**Reason for Surrender:** diabetes, couldn't afford insulin: **Refused due to health issues**



**Jackpot – 3 yrs :** I received a call from Tacoma Shelter that they had several dogs from a hoarding situation and that three of them were white Scotties! Well it turned out two of them were Westies and One was a wheaten Scottie. We took Jackpot who was amazing and adapted so quickly to foster household He was like a sponge learning things. He was so happy and easy, no allergies. We named him Jackpot because he hit the Jackpot when he found us! We nicknamed him Jackie. He was adopted out to a home with two older Norwich's and he lives on a farm in Mt. Vernon and goes to the barn and all over the place with "dad". They are considering starting agility classes this spring. We couldn't be happier.

**Reason for Surrender:** Tacoma Shelter – from hoarder. (Judy) Foster care 30 days



**Tacoma Dog - 10 yrs:** In the hoarding pick up there was a dog that was riddled with illness and we wound up asking the shelter to euthanize him. He had advanced cancer, his back legs were paralyzed, he was deaf, and had back damage. He was also a very sweet dog. Old Dog Haven stepped in, and wound up picking him up and taking him to McDonalds for a happy meal, then taking him to the park and then to the vet to be euthanized so he could pass in peace. They footed the euthanasia bill which is about \$150. We are grateful to partner with them on older dogs.

**Reason for Surrender:** Tacoma Shelter – from hoarder. Refused, went to old Dog Haven Outcome: Euthanized

**Dolly 3 yrs old:** Dolly was owned by two elderly people in their mid 80s. The wife wound up going to nursing home for dementia. The husband also had dementia but could still function. The daughter found out he forgot he had a dog, and Dolly would be left in the laundry room for unknown hours at a time in a crate. We also didn't know if she was being fed. He also forgot her name. So the daughter stepped in and took the dog. Daughter owned two retrievers, and did not want to deal with the Westie temperament. She was not housebroken and was oblivious to any commands as well as not knowing her name. However, she had a fabulous temperament and was a happy girl and learned like a sponge. She went into foster care, was socialized with other dogs and housebroken. We wound up adopting her out to someone looking for a young Westie to train and had waited over 5 mos for a dog. It was a fabulous outcome. She was renamed Ellie.

**Reason for Surrender:** Elderly owners (Mike) Foster care 10 days



**Brodie 8 yrs** – (no photo) Brodie was going to be surrendered because the owner was relocating to Arizona and thought he would not be happy in a condo or losing his yard. I let her ponder this decision for a week and made arrangements to pick him up, transferred all his vet records, asked her to get his shots up to date, and talked to her about Brodie being happier to be with her, and it didn't matter if he had a yard or not! She finally changed her mind at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, and decided to just take Brodie with her. Good choice. We'd rather have the dogs stay with their owners, and work through solutions than be put into rescue, although it's not always possible.

**Reason for Surrender:** Moving to Arizona Outcome: Owner changed mind and took the dog with her.



**BJ 5 yrs:** BJ was a casualty of a daughter moving back home to take care of her parents and due to the economy and loss of house. Her dog BJ fought with the dad's Shih Tzu and dad wasn't having any nasty Westie in the house. She had to rehome him so she gave him to a co-worker. Well that didn't work either. As we all know, Westies are not little stuffed animals. So the coworker's 2 yr old toddler got bit for pinching the dog's muzzle. Coworker took child to ER where upon the Dr. called animal control to report a dog bite. By this time I had zero foster space, and I couldn't get down to Beaverton, Oregon in record time. Foster Moms were also full and I called Oregon Dog Rescue to be my backup. They know animal control officers well, and they worked with them and were able to keep BJ at their home in quarantine for 10 days and the he was adopted out. He resided with another Westie and a

Scottie, and all was well with no spats or disputes. Not everyone can cope with terrier attitudes. Little BJ was a party animal and he was a hoot. Ironically I found out that Oregon Dog Rescue co-rep has a Westie and a Scottie, so she is a perfect connection for me!

**Reason for Surrender:** Moving back with parents and dog bit toddler/fought with Shih Tzu.  
**Outcome:** No Foster space, asked for help from Oregon Dog Rescue – transferred to them. INTACT: Y

**Peanut 5yrs** (no photo) I received calls three months apart because of having to rehome a Westie. The owners were in military and they got their Westie by some family that moved. Apparently they have no fence and were very upset the dog runs away when they open the door. The husband has constructed a pulley system to let the dog dash out on a tether, and do his business, however their next problem is that the dog is pooping on the porch and not the lawn and it upsets the husband. We were trying to make connect to pick up the dog however, they would not let go of the dog. We suspect he was sold on Craig's List. We often find when dogs are given away to family and friends, they wind up being unwanted or living outside in a kennel enclosure.

**Reason for Surrender:** Poops on deck and won't stay in unfenced yard. **Outcome:** Owner rehomed on their own, probably on Craig's list

**Bailey 10 yrs old** Bailey was not placeable due to severe hip dysplasia. He has remained a permanent foster with his foster mom for the last three years. He is on heavy arthritis meds, and pain meds, otherwise, he is a joyful happy boy. He was removed from household to make way for grandchildren (we see this often) The dog is happy for 8 yrs and all the sudden – whosh . Westie Removal. **Outcome: Permanent Foster**



**Harper – 12 yrs (No photo)** : Owner could no longer take care of her 12 yr old Westie because he was going blind, had diabetes and had separation anxiety as well as being incontinent. He also had extreme arthritis and was not socialized. She asked us to take him into rescue and we told her it would be kinder to put him to sleep. There is no way we can accommodate this dog. **Outcome: Refused –Euthanized**



**Hampton 9 yrs -** Hampton was a sweet 9 yr old dog and the wife didn't want him anymore because she was too busy with her children and the dog was an annoyance. We talked to her for several weeks on what her concerns were and getting more training. He was way out in the Spokane area, and we couldn't get to him. We wound up finding an adopter out in that area who would take him. He never officially was fostered by us, however, we indeed made the "love connection"

**Reason for Surrender:** No time for dog/children **Outcome:** rehomed with SPDR adopter

**Roscoe 7 yrs (no photo)-** Roscoe was allowed to bite everyone in the house for the past 7 yrs. He had caused some damage to the owners, all their relatives and their guests. Now the wife was wanting to rehome him because her daughter and their three children were going to move in with them, and Roscoe would not tolerate the children (let alone more adults). She admitted they had to go to the doctor on numerous occasions as he apparently drew a lot of blood. We refused to take him into rescue. I just feel it's not our responsibility to handle someone else's problem when they had been letting this go on for 7 years. There is no way we are prepared to be a liability as well as putting ourselves in harm's way. She relisted him with another agency – and sadly he was probably adopted out to some unsuspecting soul who was in for a "BIG SURPRISE". We feel our job in rescue is to handle the sick and the untrained dogs that have the ability to be rehomed, not dogs that are known repeated biters. Sadly – the owner should have handled this when the dog was 3 mos old, not ignoring the entire problem for 7 years. Sorry, my magic wand is bent, I can't fix it. **Reason for Surrender:** aggressive biter, relatives coming to live with them **Outcome:** Refused dog

**Sweet Pea 9 yrs old (No photo)** Owner had to go to nursing home and he couldn't take the dog because he couldn't get up to take it outside for toilet duties. Sweet pea was in Salem, Oregon. We were making provisions to hand her off to Oregon Dog Rescue, when the daughter found someone to take Sweetpea.

**Reason for Surrender:** elderly owner going into nursing home **Outcome:** Relatives rehomed dog.



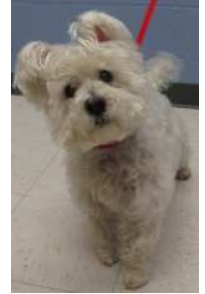
**Misty 11yrs –** We were called by the Port Angeles Shelter, and asked to take Misty. She was a stray and adopted out, but came back because the adopter said she was deaf. We had a lot of work transporting her, thanks to Rebecca Horton in Port Angeles. She transported Misty for us all the way to SEATAC so Judy could pick her up. Misty had her dental done and she has a raging ear infection bladder infection and a tumor between her colon and anal gland. She stayed a long time with Judy and ultimately was adopted out. She was the sweetest and prettiest Westie I have ever seen. She could have made commercials. She was adopted out to a person in Vancouver who is giving her a loving life. We are grateful for people who adopt these senior dogs.

**Reason for surrender:** Stray (Judy/Lyle) Fostered 3 months Adopted!

**Walker 9 yrs old:** (No photo) I received a call from Vet Clinic in Everett to take a dog into rescue who the owners didn't want to keep any longer because they couldn't do the diabetes shots. He was sadly blind with cataracts (which would then cause the eyes to atrophy in the sockets or a \$2500 eye operation). He was having incontinence problems, and deaf as well as onset of heart failure. We refused the dog. He was put on Facebook and petfinder, but I don't believe he was ever adopted out. It's easy to say these illnesses are manageable, but who is going to handle the expense and the onset of more problems of a dog this old? It's hard enough to adopt out a healthy 10 yr old dog.

**Reason for Surrender:** diabetes, blindness and health issues **Outcome:** SPDR refused to take the dog, Old Dog Haven had no space, they have 200 dogs in foster care and permanent foster situations. **Refused Dog**

**Odie – 12 yrs old** Odie was a disposable dog by owner. He was deaf, sweet and mostly blind and also had Cushing's. We were contacted by Canyon County Animal Shelter (Nampa, ID) to see if we could take him. We declined him due to his health issues, foster space and we as not geographically accessible. **Reason for Surrender:** Stray at animal shelter **Outcome:** Refused/Euthanized



**Trauck/Axel (3 yrs old)** Stray at animal shelter in Everett. We had no foster space. We worked with the shelter to help with placement in the right home. We contacted someone who was waiting for a Westie for over 8 months, and they drove up there and adopted him! He was wonderful and they really adore him.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray at animal shelter **INTACT:N**  
**Outcome:** SPDR adopter adopted him directly from shelter **No Foster care/or space**

**Robbie 3 yrs old – Westie mix:** I was contacted by Clackamas Animal Shelter to take a Westie. They showed me a photo of a Westie sitting down and not standing, he just looked like a badly bred Westie. They also didn't show me his tail and long legs. They said he was having a bad time in the kennel and he was a good dog, but his anxiety was off the charts being dumped in the shelter. They said one of the kennel girls could approach but if anyone approached him with a noose or anything he went into "Terrorist mode". They felt he would do better in a foster home, because if he stayed there he would be euthanized.



We called Scottie Rescue in Vancouver, WA to pick him up. Jeannie rearranged her plans, grabbed a crate and was there bright and early on Saturday AM. The whole waiting room was a bit chaotic. Then the kennel help said they needed more people to get Robbie into a crate. Then the two women came back out disheveled and said, we need a third person to help with Robbie. By this time he had to be put on a catch pole a rope/noose around his neck that was threaded thru the crate, and he was pushed and yanked to get into the crate, whilst reenacting the scary part of the movie Alien. Alas, Jeannie got him into her car, and his teeth were bared and he was snarling at the door, etc. She got him to the designated pick up point, and transferred him to another car to transport him to Judy. When Judy opened the door, all canines were very "visible". She opened the crate door and said ok, come out – and he did, and she said "come here and let me get that rope off your neck" (he did) and she pointed at the seat and said, sit there and be a good boy (he did). She called me on the cell and said – Karin – this Westie has legs longer than the Rockettes! He turned out to be a very well behaved dog, and very affectionate. He would be a great Frisbee dog. He is very well behaved.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray, Clackamas Animal shelter (Oregon) (Judy) Foster care 45 days

**Tacoma Shelter 3 Westies (no photo) :** Three Westies were in Tacoma shelter as stray's.

**Outcome:** One was claimed by owner, and the other two were adopted out by the shelter.

**Ted 5 yrs old:** Ted was another case of becoming a permanent foster. He is still fighting raging skin problems and still not really right in the head. He has come a long way. He is currently competing in agility, and he has achieved Earthdog titles, and has one more leg of his Senior Title to complete before going into Masters. He is still not really reliable with strangers, and he sometimes falls into that spiral of nervous insanity. I have worked with him over 3 yrs and he is 98% but I don't know if he will ever be 100%. We are currently working hard on his chronic allergies. It seems they are all environmental and even the shots aren't helping. My only alternative is euthanasia so we are hanging in there.

**Reason for Surrender:** Returned 3 x from adoptive families, nips/bites when he is in a frenzy

**Outcome:** (Karin) permanent foster 3 yrs.



**Parnell 6 mos:** Parnell was purchased by a couple in their early 60s. They also owned an 8 yr old mini schnauzer. The woman called me from her home in Spokane and said she has had it with this Westie. She didn't know Westies were so barky and high strung (I smirked – BARKY – what about a mini schnauzer? They can peel paint off walls with their bark!) She said he won't shut up, he won't settle down and he cries and whines and they can't control him. She was done with him and wanted him gone. I told her that I had a foster home in Selah, but I didn't know the Foster mom's availability to help move Parnell. The owner said – she would drive him to Selah, and she asked, "How about tomorrow, we will drive him to her door step!" So they did! He arrived in Selah at 2pm the following day. Kaleen (Scottie rescue) fostered him. After the owners left, she called me and said, "Wow, I never had a "drive by" drop like this. My mouth is still agape. I

saw them pulling up the driveway and I walked out to meet them and stood in the driveway. They opened the car doors, handed me the dog on a leash and papers. Proceeded to unload the bed, his food, his crate, blanket and toys onto the driveway. Then they promptly piled back into the car, closed the doors – and waved as they backed down the driveway!"

Kaleen said, "I was left holding this tiny dog that was looking up at me and I was looking down at him. We are surrounded by a pile of his "stuff". I smiled and said, "Gosh – you are just a baby! " He barked and wagged his tail". She said he just now turned 6 mos a day ago. He learned how to walk on a leash and they worked with obedience commands, and worked on his "in door voice". She called me and said, "Are all Westies this chatty? " I said most are. Parnell was renamed Wally and adopted out to a young couple in Seattle who also had a Scottie. They currently have him in obedience class and they really love him.

**Reason for Surrender:** too much energy, too barky (Kaleen) Foster Care 14 days



**Mollie 8 yrs old (Vancouver, WA Shelter):** I was at a crossroads about taking Mollie. She had some skin problems, was riddled with fleas, had some back problems and an enlarged heart. Mollie was a stray in bad shape, and horrendous dental problems. We later found out she had a shattered disk on her back which probably was a result of being hit over the back with something. She has severe pain when walking so she is on anti-inflammatory medication. She had several teeth extracted, and went on antibiotics and then she is evolving. She is very sweet, and she is sensitive when you pick her up (due to the pain in her back) She still manages to go on walks and is really evolving and the foster moms love her dearly. They tell me she was so worth saving.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray at shelter (Holley) Foster care since Dec 10, 2011

**Rennie 4 yrs old:** Rennie was found running down the highway in Port Townsend. She was picked up by a concerned citizen and taken to the animal shelter. She was totally engulfed with fleas. She had ID tags and her owner was contacted. They said they didn't want her back and to keep her. They took her to the Vet Clinic where she was diagnosed with severe luxating patella. One knee was so bad that after she stops walking the knee sways to the left, then to the right then settles down in the socket. It's like "the wave". Her other knee is also bad. She was put on flea meds, given a bath, and we raised money to have a double knee surgery done in January. She will remain in foster care until March 2012 to recuperate from her surgery. We had a fundraiser for her in December and raised all the money for her surgery. \$2500 (less \$200 fees for PayPal and go fund me). We are grateful to our Westie community in pulling together to help us.



**Reason for Surrender:** Stray at shelter (Karin) Foster care since Dec 18, 2011



**Duncan 7 yrs/ Lorna 8 yrs:** Received call two days before Christmas. Elderly owner had to move in with son and daughter and they weren't fond of the Westies, so he had to surrender them tearfully. It was sad, he loved them a lot. Duncan came with Lorna. Both had bad dental and were otherwise well behaved and loved. They just arrived in foster care, so we don't have anything to report on them at this time.

**Reason for Surrender:** Moving Foster care since Dec 22, 2011  
Mike (Foster – Duncan) Charlotte (Foster- Lorna)



## Scottie Rescue

As some of you know I wear two hats. The difference is, there are 10x more Westies than Scotties. However, there are four Scottie Rescues covering (1) eastern WA & Idaho, (2) Seattle, (3) Western to Olympia, and (4) Oregon. For Westie Rescue for Oregon, WA, and Idaho there is only us!

Therefore, in most cases I can ask for backup from three other agencies. However sometimes it comes down to location, location, location. I sometimes cannot get a dog from Nampa, Idaho to Whidbey Island, but I can get it to Selah, WA.



**Taffy 3 yrs old** Taffy was picked up in October 2010 abandoned and in horrible shape at McChord AFB. She had half her face missing from being eaten away by mange. She was a true hit and miss situation. The darn dog is the sweetest in the world. Among immune system problems she also had deformed eyes. She probably only has 15% of her eyesight left. The upside is she was adopted in February 2011 and I see her all the time. Taffy and my dog Daisy are in K9 Nosework Class on Whidbey Island. Taffy completed the Beginners Class-Session I, as well as receiving a distinguished award for rescue dogs. Only one is given out per year. Taffy is a dear sweet dog who made it. There were several occasions that I wanted to pull the plug and put her out of her misery but my Veterinarian wouldn't let me, and didn't want me to give up \*HOPE\* because she had a feeling Taffalina would make it, and she did. Taffy comes to Westie Parties and Scottie Events. She is currently here for Christmas vacation. She is a very happy and much loved little Scottie.

**Reason surrender:** Stray on McChord AFB picked up by animal control in Tacoma (Karin) Foster 5 months - Adopted.

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### Diploma and Harry Award



### Nosework Class- Vehicle inspection test (PASS!)



**Kelly 7 yrs old:** Kelly was owned by the same family since she was a puppy. They decided they didn't want her any more because she had allergies. (Snickering here – Scotties have zero allergies compared to Westies) We changed her dog food, put her on some Claritin and she was good to go. She was a very happy girl and she was adopted out quickly.



**Reason for Surrender:** Allergies (Lynda) Foster 6 days Intact: N

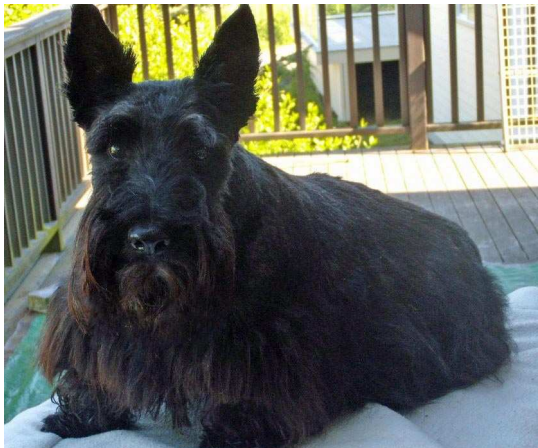
**Jock – 7 yrs - (No Photo)** The Tacoma Shelter contacted me to come and get a Scottie, he wasn't very personable and wouldn't show well in the shelter. I was too busy with Westies, so I contacted Scottie Rescue NW to pick him up and put him in their foster program

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray at Tacoma Shelter Intact: Y Outcome: Turned over to another Scottie Rescue

**Carly 9 yrs** - Carly was adopted out in 2008, her owner had a stroke and wound up in a nursing home and at the same time Carly came down with lymphoma. Carly was returned to rescue where she stayed in permanent foster care until she succumbed to Lymphoma. Both the foster mom and the owner said she was the best Scottie girl ever.



**Reason for Surrender:** Returned to SPDR, owner went into nursing home (Barbara Kam ) Fostered 6 mos Outcome: Euthanized due to Lymphoma



**Molly – 6 yrs :** Poor Molly came into rescue through PAWS. Her owner died, and the son's family didn't want her. The son's children were just yanking on her and teasing her when they came into the shelter. The PAWS manager, thought the children should be put in restraints. Molly came in weighing 32 lbs. She should have been 18 lbs. She was breathing so heavy she couldn't walk across my front porch without sitting down and gasping. We took her to the vet and it turned out she had some serious double pneumonia and bronchitis. She was on bed rest, and a diet, and she got better and better. The x-rays showed she was so fat, that the fat from her chest was pressing against her heart so much that it misshaped her heart! I wound up having to carry her out to the yard to pee and carry her back in. I am only 5 ft tall, and it was a bit load! It was like lugging a 35 lb bag of

dog food. She also had liver damage. It was irreversible but I worked with the vet and we put her on milk thistle supplement to help cleanse the part of her liver that was good, and it really seemed to help her. The first time my vet saw Molly, she shook her head and said, "Another dog a little old lady loved so much she fed her dog to death. She must have had the dog on the Taco Bell diet! She's HUGE. She can't breathe or walk! This is so pitiful. The poor dog. "



Molly stayed with me for over two mos until I had to move her to another foster home to make room for "more Westies". She did the stair cases in the house 10 times a day and her weight was dwindling. I jokingly called it Karin's Stair Master. Molly wound up being adopted to a friend of mine who had just lost her Scottie. Molly was a perfect match. Molly is outgoing, sassy, a social little girl who greets everyone and she ironically loves kids! I saw her at the 2011 Scottie Xmas party and she is a svelte 18 lbs. I didn't even recognize her. Now she is officially a "babe" and she is full of energy and zest for life. Both Molly and her owner walk 3 miles a day and no one would have ever believed she would turn out this lovely. What a success story.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner died (Karin/Denise) Fostered 2 mos



**Morgan 5 yrs old.** I believe Morgan's owners went into nursing home. Morgan was a delightful little dog out of Eastern WA. The world moves in mysterious ways. The day after she landed in rescue, I received a call from a wonderful family in Redmond. They had just lost their family Scottie. I interviewed them on the phone and they wound up coming to the Black and White Party in Marymoor and it was a Match! Morgie is living the good life. Her yard looks like Buckingham palace!

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner passed away (Kaleen) Foster 7 days

**Cameron 7 yrs** I received an SOS from the Caldwell Shelter in Nampa, Idaho. A Scottie was brought in to be euthanized for having diabetes and being incontinent. The vet at

the shelter received the euthanasia order, saw the dog and said – NO WAY. He took a sample of urine, the dog didn't have diabetes. He refused the order, and asked the volunteers to find a Scottie rescue. Cameron was very loved at the shelter, volunteers with Sheltie rescue transported him. Coordination was done by Idaho Domestic Animal Rescue (who we have partnered with before). Sheltie rescue drove him right to his foster home in Selah, WA. They refused a donation towards gas for the transport. Cam was a BIG Scottie, about 14 -1/2" at the shoulder. He was a peach, well mannered, and he was housebroken in about 4 days. He had most of his obedience done in two weeks. He was cheerful, loving and personable. We were able to adopt him out to a fabulous family. Cameron had a guardian angel on his shoulder the day of the euthanasia order. We are glad the angels were in "protecting" mode that day! God Bless the Vet!



**Reason for Surrender:** Peeing in the house, requested shelter to euthanize him (Kaleen) Foster 3 weeks  
**Outcome:** Adopted!

**Molly 8 yrs and Lulu 4 yrs: (no photos)** owner had too many dogs, and needed to downsize. December 24 is a hard time to roust the troops! We were full up with Westies, so I contacted Scottie Rescue in Vancouver, and asked them to take the "girls". It takes a village! We are grateful to have such amazing connections with our surrounding rescues.

**Reason for Surrender:** too many dogs Intact: Y  
**Outcome:** Called in Scottie Rescue in Oregon to help us with these dogs. We had no more foster space.



**Caeden 6 yrs:** I received a call on December 23<sup>rd</sup> about Caeden. We have been trying to get him out of the Puyallup home where he resides with 14 other dogs. The downside is that the other dogs attack him and he has already lost an ear. He was recently just shutting down.

He was picked up by Judy and held for transport to Eastern WA to be fostered over there in a quieter home so he can evolve in peaceful surroundings. Judy washed him and combed his knots out which was no small feat. He was nice and clean for Christmas. He wondered around the yard and loved food but he was very sick. Caeden's outcome was sad. He had some paralysis in his head, blind in one eye, bleeding from both ears from severe oozing hematomas with a ravaging infection in both ears. He had six grand mal seizures in less than 12 hrs, even when he was on heavy doses of valium via IVs. We had to weigh our options and we felt if we tried our best, the big picture was that this little dog was unadoptable, and dogs with violent seizures are very hard to handle, let alone adopt out, so we had to put him to sleep and end a lot of his suffering. He also had distended testicles, thyroid problems and some brain damage. It was sad. He was a lovely little boy. We all felt horrible to have to make this decision. Its cases like this that make rescue painful and sad and the burden on us takes its tolls. We were all touched by this little man.

**Reason for Surrender:** Dog being attacked by household dogs. Intact: Y  
**Outcome:** (severe epilepsy and some brain damage and brain infection, ear trauma, thyroid, etc) Euthanized

## Karin's Kritters

Karin's Kritters was developed to cover the dogs that SPDR didn't allow us to take, i.e. mixes or dogs that came into rescue along with the Westies we picked up. In some cases other rescue agencies ask us for support or have no space and we foster them when there is no other alternative than euthanizing them due to no foster space. Sometimes (as in the case with the Lanchester Heeler) they kind of drop into my lap and I connect the dots and either foster them out or try and find a rescue agency who isn't being pummeled with dogs.



**Toby 5 yrs old:** I was called by a mini-schnauzer rescue to help with a Cairn terrier who was unwanted. The dog was owned by a son, and he went off to college, and the dog was left with the parents. Mom particularly didn't like the dog, didn't want to be responsible for the dog, and didn't want to care for the dog. The outcome was, he peed in the house because no one let him out, and he barked incessantly because no one would let him out of the bedroom. We contacted Cairn Terrier rescue, but they had no foster space available, so we took him in and he was adopted out. He was a very good boy.

**Reason for Surrender:** Son's dog, he left for college (Barbara Kam) Foster care 10 days

**Faith 8 yrs and Gabby 5 yrs:** I received a call from a Yorkie breeder who had found my name through someone else who had surrendered their Westie to me. She needed to downsize, and it was in the cold month of March and she had the yorkies on her back porch. I explained to her that I didn't do Yorkie rescue, and she said she wouldn't turn them over to anyone else. She said that she was ill and she couldn't care for them, and she was only going to keep one breeding pair. So Taylor went off to pick them up. Gabby (male) was 3 lbs and they were having trouble keeping weight on him. If he went any lower he would have seizures from being hypoglycemic. Taylor worked her magic and fed little Gabby 3-5 x a day to get weight on him. Both were wonderful little dogs. I wound up going to Oregon to pick them up and it was a "welcome to the world of Yorkies moment" I didn't realize that small ones could seizure if they were too small and didn't get fed 3-4x a day. If you tried to feed them more than their small tablespoons – they would vomit it up. I learned about coat care and cream rinse, and rolling pin combs, and slicker brushes for wet coats. Holy moley – a whole new world of grooming. We finally wound up finding them amazingly fabulous homes with loving owners, and households with other dogs. Faith wound up being a therapy dog for someone with severe arthritis, and Gabby turned out to be the "main man" in the household when the adopters 20 yr old Maltese died (yes 20 - She cooked his food)



**Reason for Surrender:** breeder downsizing kennel (Taylor) Foster care 20 days (Karin) 5 days



**Charlie 7 yr old Bichon:** I was contacted by one of our foster moms in Forest Grove, Oregon. Her vet had taken in a little bichon that the owner no longer wanted. He was healthy, and a good dog, but he didn't want him and brought him in for euthanasia. The vet went bonkers, and had the owners sign Charlie over to him. He was a bit hesitant to let us list him and find a place for him so poor Charlie remained at the Vet clinic for another month. We finally found a home for him in Oregon and the woman couldn't be more thrilled. She said she has never had such a lovely dog in her life. The cat even likes him.

**Reason for Surrender:** owner tired of the dog adopted out directly from vet to applicant Intact: N

**Wylie – 9 mos old – Cairn/ mini schnauzer Mix:** Wylie was a little long legged cairn mix that was dumped from a car on a cul du sac in Puyallup in front of one of our volunteers homes. She fostered little Wylie and we wound getting him neutered and a rabies shot as well as microchipped. Adopted to a lady in Mukilteo.

**Reason for Surrender:** drive by dump in Puyallup Intact: Y (Vicki) Fostered 14 days



**Little Lulu – 5 yrs old Cairn:** Lulu was a lovely dog with expert problem solving skills, as in “getting out of any type of wire crate. She was a hoot, and very loving and sweet. We all loved Lulu. Lulu’s owners had a new child who was 18 mos old and he liked to sneak up on Lulu while she was sleeping and throw himself on top of her, which frightened her and she bit him. You’d think a bite would change the child’s behavior. That would be a No answer. We called Cairn rescue and they had no foster space, and so we took in Lulu. Lulu turned out to be a sweet dog, and wound up being featured in our breed booth at the Pet Expo in Puyallup. She was ultimately adopted by a vendor at the show who loved Lulu who interfaced with dogs and children wonderfully. She adopted her, and now Lulu travels in the trade shows and is a Model for their harness products.

**Reason for Surrender:** Child tormented the dog Intact: N (Mike) Fostered 30 days/ (Judy) fostered 5 days

**Biggie 5 yrs old:** Biggie was from a hardship situation; the owner dumped her children and her dog off at her mom’s trailer and took off. Biggie was living outside in a filthy wire kennel with some cheerios. She was taken out of this situation by Rebecca’s Rainbow rescue, but they had no foster space, and asked us to foster him. They paid for the neutering and shots and dental.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner abandoned Intact: N (Barbara Kam ) Fostered 10 days



**Wahini – 2 yrs (Westie Lhasa mix) :**

Wahini was surrendered by owner to shelter in Stanwood, she was picked up by Rebecca’s Rainbow and fostered by Barbara Kam. She was spayed and housebroken while in foster care. Wahini had a nasty temperament and would inflict lots of bites. We had people come to visit her, but she bit an applicant, and the last straw was biting the foster mom several times in the hand for the third time. She was explosive. She was also fighting with other dogs. She was unpredictable and a true unstable Alpha bitch. Wahini was returned to the shelter.

**Reason for Surrender:** biting Intact: Y (Barbara Kam ) Fostered 18 days  
**Outcome:** Returned to Shelter (probably euthanized)

**Trudy – 6 mos old (Lancashire Heeler)** One day while minding my own business at the dog park, a woman came upon me with this peculiar dog. I thought it was a doxie mix but it turned out to be a rare breed called a Lancashire Heeler. The dog is rare in the states, and only a few breeders have foundation stock which was imported from England. Trudy was with the lady since she was 10 wks old. The woman was going on vacation and wanted a dog sitter, and I really wasn’t into dog sitting at this time. She was very frantic about what she would do and she couldn’t cancel her trip. I relented and told her that if she found no other sitters, I would watch the dog for the weekend, but I was charging \$30/da. She came over that week and was very upset and frantic, burst out in tears and told me she couldn’t keep this dog any longer, and handed her to me and about faced, and walked out my front door. I stood there with my mouth open and that “shocked look”. I stood there wondering how I managed to be holding a 6 month Lancashire Heeler that I had offered to babysit in a pinch, what just happened?



Two days later I called the woman and hoped she had calmed down and asked her if she would rethink "Trudy". She said no. She was in the midst of having to move homes and going on vacation.

I told her she should return her to the breeder, and she said the breeder didn't want her back. I looked the breeder up on line (thankfully there is only one in Oregon and WA) and I talked to her and told her I had Trudy. She most certainly wanted her dog back. I called the previous owner and told her I talked to the breeder and she wants her dog back. I said she should get the dog back, it's in your contract. She said she didn't want to drive to Portland to meet the breeder she didn't feel she should be put out and she didn't care about the contract. The breeder told me to please get the AKC papers so she could not lose those papers and have her sign the papers.

After a lot of DRAMA which I didn't need with a little black and tan dog, that isn't my "dog group", we managed to get it all ironed out. Jim thankfully transported and had Trudy returned to the breeder and the Breeder paid us for transport as well as the owner gave me money for Jim's gas. I was happy with my decision. I was glad I could reunite the breeder with her dog.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner didn't realize puppies were so much work and didn't want her anymore, too much work  
**Outcome:** Returned to breeder



## The Teachers

Each of our household's has resident dogs who are getting to be scholars in the field of training the newbies 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, no begging at the table, how to play nicely and where to go potty outside. Tessa oversees her kingdom, letting them know the rules of the house and keeps all the dogs in check. Tessa also nurtures the ones who are afraid or sick. Christine's, 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. Holley's Patterdale, Rory, is large and in charge, and helps the newbee's evolve in the household. 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.

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)

### NEED HELP:

If you can help us in any way other than foster, we can also use the following assistance:

- Telephone interviews
- In home visits
- Intake forms
- Scanning 2008-2010 vet records and burning them onto CD for archival purposes
- Transport pick up from shelters
- B&B - Babysit for a weekend so we can have a break or go on a short vacation.

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