

2012 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.

2012 STATS

TOTAL: 56 Westies 8 Scotties 2 Cairns 1 Silky Terrier

Grand Total of dogs processed 67

Males	Females	Owners Kept	Shelter adopted out	Intact	Euthanized	# of dogs Refused	Vet costs in 2011
22	27	3	7	8	2	2	\$ 13984 (Westies)
							\$ 600 (Karins Kritters)
							\$ 3000 (Scotties)
							\$ 300 (cairns pending eye surgery \$2K)
							13,335 TOTAL

- Euthanized* - onset of terminal illness or unpredictable biters
- Intact: we paid for spay neutering (average cost \$300 per neuter/spay)
- Refused: Dog was either a repeated biter or very elderly and very sick

Operations:

- Dental and extractions
- Mammary tumors removed
- Eye surgery – lens implants \$2400
- Two dogs with knee surgery (one with double knee surgery) \$4K
- One bladder stone operation \$800

Other Costs (detailed below) \$6980

Mileage/Ferries	Ofc supplies	phone	Meds/food
\$2337	378	730.00	3535

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 2012: \$20,315

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.

Westie Rescue Report



Molly 9 yrs: Molly was a stray from Clackamus Shelter in Oregon. She was unadoptable due to her problems with her back and legs which seemed to be arthritic. She was fostered for over a month and the Foster mom wound up adopting her. We felt no one else would take the dog who had problems moving around. Although she was a loving sweet dog and wasn't ready to die. We are grateful to the foster mom. The foster mom is now no longer fostering, so we gained a home and lost a foster.

Reason for Surrender: Shelter dog – stray very sick, severe arthritis.
(Holley) FOSTERED: 40 days INTACT: Y

Rennie 3 yrs: Rennie was found running down the highway in Port Townsend. She was full of fleas, and ironically had on Tags. The shelter called the owners. The owners said "keep her, we don't want her back". She was very ill with skin issues as well as the worst knees I had ever seen in my life. When she walked you saw her knees swing like a pendulum. When she stopped walking her knee caps swung back and forth until they rocked to a stop! I thought I was having visions! It turned out that her ligaments were non-functioning, and they actually added to the issue by pulling the knee one direction and shoving it the other direction then the knee also wasn't holding in the cradle. Bizzare. It took two operations to correct the problem and there was difficulty on the tightening of the ligaments, but she is A OKAY. She was adopted by her foster mom, and then we lost another foster home.



Reason for Surrender: Owners didn't want her – stray. (Karin/Mel) FOSTERED: 4 mos INTACT: Y



Lorna/Duncan 6/7 yrs: Owner was elderly and losing home so he moved in with his children and they didn't want dogs in the house. This happens frequently. Both dogs were super well behaved, but no exercise. In fact we thought Duncan had a back problem and it turned out he was sore from too much exercise because he was a couch potato. He is now good as new. We were lucky to adopt the dogs out together into a nice home.

Reason for Surrender: Losing home due to economy. (Charlotte/Christine) FOSTERED: 30 days INTACT: N

Zoey 3 yrs: Zoey was a typical girl, she was a handful and jealous. She had a raging ear infection and the baby squealed, and Zoey bit her in the face, missing her eye by about 1/8 of an inch. Since the baby was only 6 mos and Zoey also didn't like the child, she was surrendered. It was a terribly difficult surrender because the owners loved her as their child, and they had a hard time letting go of her. When she came into rescue she also had a severe luxated patella, so we had to do another knee surgery. Zoey was very smart and very diva like, so we rehomed her with a lovely couple and she is an only dog and loves it. She is currently in K9 Nosework class, and doing splendid. .



Reason for Surrender: Bit baby in the face (Karin) FOSTERED: 2 mos (not a typo) INTACT: N



Fergus 6 yrs: Owner died and family rehomed the dog. Everyone should tell their family to find Westie Rescue and not surrender the dogs to the shelter. Nice dog and well-mannered and very well adjusted.

Reason for Surrender: Owner Deceased (Christine) FOSTERED: 16 days INTACT: N



Otto Poptart Pitstop (5mos): Otto was a rambunctious 5 mo old puppy who was in an apartment all day long and the phrase "hell on wheels" comes to mind. To keep him quiet they would wrap him up like a baby and hold him. Ironically this did not help with expending his energy level. We were really lucky to find a wonderful family with three small children who had just lost their Westie. One of our rescue volunteers was their Aunt! The whole thing came together like a well-oiled machine. Otto (formerly Winston) was named by the children. Otto was recently diagnosed with Legg-calve Perthes which is a disease of the ball joint of the hip. It affects children as well as Westies! It's a hereditary diseases and it requires surgery. Otto was diagnosed with it by the time he was a year old. He had the surgery and was in water therapy, and doing wonderfully. We had photos of him in the newsletter with him in the water treadmill holding his froggy toy.

Reason for Surrender: No time for dog, too hard in an apartment, too noisy. (Mel/Shawnie) FOSTERED: 9 days INTACT Y



Meko – 9 yrs Meko was one of the nicest, easiest Westies we had the pleasure to foster all year long. She was given up abruptly because the owners had an 8 yr old grandson who tormented her. He would sneak up behind her and poke her. When she slept and he would leap on her screaming. So she bit him. (I say not hard enough) The owners told me they could not control their 8 yr grandson, so they were kicking poor Meko to the curb. Everyone in foster care enjoyed her. She was well mannered, quiet, behaved, and well socialized with other dogs. We had her dental done, and did a blood panel. We were lucky to adopt her out to a lovely couple on Alki Beach who just adore her. Now she has a great life!

Reason for Surrender: Bit grandson when he pestered her. (Mike) FOSTERED: 3 wks INTACT: N

Robbie 3 yrs: Robbie was a Westie mix from the Clackamus shelter. He was a stray and he had a nasty disposition with people in the shelter, so they asked if we could give him a whirl. We had him in foster care for over 6 mos and in the end, we had to euthanize him. He escalated his viciousness from people to dogs, and almost killed one of Judy's dogs. So it was kinder to euthanize him. We cannot allow ourselves to be irresponsible and adopt him out to cause others pain and suffering or a law suit. It is one of the heart breaks we have to face in rescue. Every time I have to make the decision to euthanize from temperament I get angry at the owners who caused this to happen in the first place. Now we get stuck with the clean up. Sometimes dogs in rescue are too broken to fix.



Reason for Surrender: Stray – Euthanized INTACT: N (judy) FOSTERED Harley: 6 mos

No Photo - Waldo 7 yrs - Owner surrender to the Tacoma Shelter – The shelter adopted the dog out within a week, It is the shelters rules that if the Westie is adoptable and not ill, then they will not turn the dog over to rescue. We have a working relationship with the shelter, and if the dogs are in need of better care, or aren't doing well in shelter, they call us. Otherwise, they need the income as well to keep the shelter open. Many people ask us to run down and pick up Westies. **We cannot.** They are not in harms way nor are they in jeopardy of being euthanized. Tacoma has our phone number and email. **Reason for Surrender:** Owner surrender – adopted out by shelter.



Mordicai – 2 yrs old: This dog was purchased over internet from Nebraska. It was never trained to do much or even know its name. He was more like a fashion statement, however that wore off after he reached 6 mos old. It was a big barker, never sat still and wild as a herd of drunken monkeys. This dog could run for 3-4 hrs a day doing loops around the yard. I really wanted to tie an anchor on him. I knew he needed an owner that would challenge his mind to turn him around. God smiled on us and found me that person. Cynthia has worked so hard turning this dog around, she needs an award. She has taken classes, and walks him several miles a day. Her neighbors were up in arms with his barking. He also got out a window one night and took off down the street at 10pm after a cat. Imagine all the lights on the block going on as well as them calling animal control. She been a true terrier and is making progress. It was a gift to find her. It was a miracle she didn't give up on him like everyone else.

Reason for Surrender: Owner moved out and left the dog with daughter, she didn't want him either. (Karin) FOSTERED: 2 Months INTACT: N



Lionel 8 yrs – Lionel was on the border of Montana and North Dakota. We couldn't air lift him out, we couldn't find a local rescue group to assist, we couldn't even find a shelter in the area. We couldn't get him out by train. The owner was moving to L.A. to live with her adult children and they wouldn't take Lionel and she couldn't bring him on the train. It was a series of miracles to get this dog out of Montana. Judy's son lives in Montana and drove 300 miles to pick Lionel up. His new adopters were in Montana, and they drove and got him. Lionel was wonderful, and they loved him dearly and he loved their grandchildren. He even slept with them. Sadly he died 6 mos later from some cancerous tumor that no one suspected. It was very sad. **Reason for Surrender:** Had to move in with relatives

(no fostering) INTACT: N



Maggie 5 yrs – Maggie was adopted from Olympia shelter and she lived happily with a family in that area. Three years passed and the family's home foreclosed, they were moving in with relatives. The relatives did not want the dog, but would take the family, so she was tearfully surrendered. She was adopted out and three mos later wound up attacking the other Westie in the house because of her jealousy. She was returned again and adopted out to a couple in Spokane, but then she attacked their male after 3 mos and she was back in rescue.

Reason for Surrender: Had to move in with relatives (Judy) (fostering 30 days) (returned 2x)

Penny #2 - 4yrs: Hillsboro Animal shelter – stray. Penny was renamed Maggie and adopted out to a family in Mukilteo, but it didn't work out. Penny was an alpha female who didn't like other dogs in her face, so she let them know it with her teeth. She was returned to Whidbey and I wound up readopting her out to a family in Oregon, who renamed her Brianna. She is happy and living with three children and camping. She gets an enormous amount of exercise and affection and is one happy camper. She did have a learning curve, but now after the family with a "never give up" attitude... she has found her home.



Reason for Surrender: Stray, returned again for fighting with dogs. Intact: N (Mike) foster : 30 days



Mack 6 yrs: From Bend, Oregon, owner died. Mack was a bitter sweet story, he had an unpredictable bite legacy after he got to know you. We tried for months and months to retrain him and break him of this habit but the more we worked with him the more unpredictable he became. We tried professional people as well and in the end, we had to euthanize him because he had bitten 10 people. The bites were getting bolder, and many in a row. We know he is now happy in heaven with his owner. This is one of the hardest things in rescue, however we have to recognize that we didn't cause this dogs nasty habit, and sometimes dogs are too broken to fix.

Reason for Surrender: owner died and biter Intact: N (in foster care 90 days) Euthanized



Luna 6 yrs: Luna was tearfully surrendered due to bladder stones. After we operated on it, it turned out to be a bladder stone the size of Texas. The stone was as large as her bladder. She suffered for a long time, but she recovered and now is fit as a fiddle and living in Beacon Hill having a good time. She is a happy and lovely girl. She was well loved by her owners, but they couldn't afford her.



Reason for Surrender: Can't afford surgery. Intact: N (karin) foster care 30 days



Betty 9 mos- Betty and her sisters were picked up when a backyard breeder passed on and they had to get the dogs out of the house asap. The daughter unfortunately seemed to place the ones without maladies. The good news, was all the dogs had wonderful temperments. Betty was one of three she had a bent tail. Ironically both Betty and her half sister Nikki were adopted out to Alaska, by two different people who go to the same vet, and who didn't know each other! They now have play dates.

Reason for Surrender: owner passed away Intact: Y (karin) foster care 2 weeks



Madison/Nikki 4 mos: The other two sisters were adopted out. Madison went to live with a foster mom who wound up adopting her. We lose so many foster mom's that way. Nikki had deformed front feet. She had toes and nails fused together but she gets around. Both were cuties that we really enjoyed them.

Foster care (Shelly/Judy) 2 wks

Reason for Surrender: owner passed away Intact: Y



Sam 10 yrs: Poor Sam was a train wreck. He was owned by an elderly man who was in his late 80s and in assisted living. He had no transportation, and no ability to take the dog to be groomed or to the vet, and his relatives didn't have much time for him. He sadly handed over Sam a little too late. He hadn't had toe nails clipped for a year. YUP.. and he had no hair, and was obese and had cataracts. Alas, under great foster care and hard work, he lost weight. We raised money for his eye surgery, and we got his hair growing back. It was a LONG haul, and a lot of money. I normally would not have spent the money on Sam but



with the drama he had to live through – we thought what the hell, it's only money. So we had a fund raiser, and he can see! He is very well loved and was adopted. Before and After photos – left and right...Charlotte worked very hard to make him a new man.

Reason for Surrender: owner elderly - Intact: N (Charlotte/Christine) foster care 3 months + Laser surgery for eyes

Bo – 19mos: Bo was a birthday gift from a puppy mill. The owner never even got him shots, we do think the puppy mill did start him on his parvo. He was unneutered, and not terribly housebroken, a bit wild. He was cute as a bug. The woman who rec'd him for a birthday gift wanted a Westie, and didn't realize she would have to groom it, feed it, take it to the vet, oh the list goes on and on. We had him neutered, and we also did his dental because his teeth were bad from so many human treats. He was adopted out to a loving home.

Reason for Surrender: Can't afford dog - Intact: Y (Mike) foster care 1 month



Pike 12 mos: Pike was found in a campground abandoned at about 3 mos old. The people took him home and liked him a lot, but he was a handful. The family was happier with the temperament of their Bernese Mountain Dogs and this little terrier was too much of a handful for them. They were also having a child and he was too snappy alas although they really loved him dearly, they asked us to take him. He was adopted out to a lovely family and they were thrilled to have him

Reason for Surrender: Not good with children - Intact: N (Judy) foster care 3 wks



Mia 5 yrs: Mia was a former surrender, She was returned after two years due to a divorce. We rehomed her in a lovely home on Whidbey Island. She is very happy and sweet. She had suffered from Legg Calve Perthes when she was 2 yrs and we had an operation done on her. She is basically a tiny thing, about 10 lbs, and she is mostly a lap dog.

Reason for Surrender: Divorce - Intact: N (Vicky) foster care 2 weeks



Evie 3yrs: Evie was from the same household. She was a yorkie/Silky mix. Ironically judy found an adopter who had two dogs that were the exact mix of Evie. Evie went to visit and thought she was looking in a mirror. Evie found her Peeps! The rest is history Great ending

Reason for Surrender: Divorce - Intact: N (Judy) foster care 2 weeks



Finnegan 12 yrs: Finnegan was a hardship case. His owner moved here from back east and was kicked out of his apartment and living in the car with the dog. He asked us to please take his dog for a month so that he could get on his feet. The dog had a knee problem and then had a pinched nerve, so we wound up taking him to emergency. I should have had him sign the dog over earlier. We gave the owner a window of opportunity to retrieve his dog, or it would default to rescue as ownership. He then lost his car and living under a bridge. We figured we were doomed to keep Finnegan forever, however a great older woman came forward, and her son was a VET. So we gave her the dog, and her son fixed his knee.. and the rest is history.

Reason for Surrender: Owner homeless - Intact: N (Jim) foster care 2 ½ mos



Bella 8 yrs old: Bella is a product of a very spoiled dog and an alpha dog, and should be renamed “she who takes no prisoners” She was adopted out in April to someone with Westie experience, but it fell to the wayside when I was called 5 mos later to come and pick her up. She had terrorized the woman and terrorized the schnauzer in the household. The woman was sleeping on the sofa because Bella had taken over the bed and snarled at her. (can you say “air borne”) So she went over to one of our newer foster homes (Vicky) and Vicky’s learning curve was on the fast track. Whatever you learn about alpha girls, Vicky learned in a month and how to deal with her snarling, taking over the bed, and biting when she had a hissy fit. Vicky worked a long time with our little terrorist, and she decided to keep her because she would be unadoptable otherwise, and we knew an owner who was relentless could whip her into shape. However adopters don’t want to be that person, they always want a dog well behaved and no fuss no muss. That isn’t the types of dogs we get. Bella is growing into a good girl and is a permanent foster (which takes up foster space)

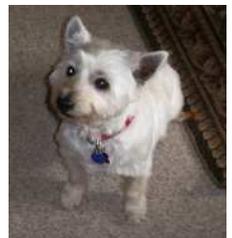
Reason for Surrender: dog is too alpha - Intact: N (Vicky) foster care 4 mos (returned 2x)

Cokie – 1-1/2 yrs old: (no photo): Cokie wound up in a private rescue in Puyallup. She was purchased from a Pet Shop as a birthday gift. She was given up because she was too hard to handle. The agency changed their mind in giving us Cokie and decided to adopt her out themselves. She was adopted out and wound up brawling with the other Westie in the household and she also snarled at the new owner and bit her too. Oh those girls. This is another typical example of someone buying a Westie and not setting limitations or giving boundaries. Total disrespect for a human. Cokie wound up coming back because she bit the owner several times. The Puyallup organization then said they would hand her over. I refused and said she was their problem. I would only wind up with another permanent foster, or have to euthanize her. The adoptive agency was so angry at the adopter they told her to go euthanize the dog because she couldn’t handle it. They were angry because she was giving the dog back. It was mr. toads wild ride. She would attack if you were on her sofa, or if you were by her stuff. I just figured there are too many good dogs to save, I haven’t any energy for this one.

Reason for Surrender: dog is too alpha - Intact: n Other agency euthanized her.

Penny Lane – 5 yrs Returned to rescue after three months. Got into spats when dogs got into her space. The owner couldn’t handle it. She also apparently decided to battle with Grandma’s Bichon and neither girl let go. The family really wanted a quiet, serene Westie girl that was more like a marshmallow. I am not sure I have ever met one of those. So Penny Lane was returned, and she was adopted out to a nice family with children – in Oregon – she is a new woman. The entire family works with her and works with training her, and they ADORE her

Reason for Surrender: Too alpha - Intact: n (Judy) foster: 3 wks



Maisey – 8 yrs Maisey was surrendered to Puyallup shelter for biting the baby. She was a cutie and well behaved, but she didn’t like you messing with her. She liked being treated respectfully. No one had any problems with her. She was adopted out to a person who had previously adopted an older dog from me. Claudia’s other dog Lilly was dying of bladder cancer and I convinced her to take Maisey because she was an easy dog, and needed an adult only home. Lilly has passed, and now Maisey is keeping Claudia company and she is a very very good girl.

Reason for Surrender: dog bit baby - Intact: n (Charlotte) foster: 6 wks

Ruby (5yr) and Dooney (2yrs): Ruby and Dooney were purchased off Craigs list, intact and were a mating pair. Unbeknownst to the purchaser, she didn't figure out they were being dumped until she got them home and realized they had never been in a house, weren't housebroken, didn't know their names, freaked out over the TV, lights, microwave bell, etc. Dooney was sweet but nippy and was the bold one. Ruby was subdued and stayed in her crate and hid. They decided to get their money back, only the seller wouldn't answer the phone and when they drove back, the person they bought the dogs from – disappeared. So they gave the lively duo to a sick friend to bring him comfort.. he promptly handed them back in two days. Then we got the dogs. The girl had a tumor on her neck and mammary tumors and was also in full blown heat, and Dooney wanted to make babies with gay abandon. I tried to separate them but he would HOWL... I knew they would be spayed and neutered within a week, so I gave up and Dooney was in Monkey Love mode. We moved Dooney to another foster home to stop him from protecting Ruby and I needed Ruby to blossom and it worked. Dooney was full of himself and he was a riot. We adopted him out and within being in his new home one day – he wound up biting the owner on the hand. The new owner kept petting him and he growled and wouldn't stop – so he bit him. Dooney came back.



At this point I was worried about Ruby's tumors and they were malignant. I went to the holistic vet and she gave me Turkey Tail mushrooms, to keep the cancer in check. I watched poor Ruby who looked like Frankenstein. She had stitches on her neck and down her back for her neck tumor and from most of her abdomen for mammary tumors, and then spay. Dooney was readopted out to a wonderful family in Redmond and they committed to going to training, he had a rocky start, but they didn't give up on him. Ruby was so wonderfully adopted by a former adopter. I told her that Ruby had cancer, and we hoped it stayed in remission but I couldn't guarantee her health and all we could hope for is that she would make whatever time she had left... loving.

The adopter (Suzanne) told me she and her husband were cancer survivors and they would be happy to have Ruby as part of their family. Kind of makes you weepy. I wish we had more people like that.

So although the Ruby and Dooney are in different cities, and been split up, they have loving new lives and turned into fabulous dogs, but it was a big commitment with their new owners. God bless them!

Reason for Surrender: bought off craigs list, kennel dogs with health problems - Intact y (Karin: Ruby) foster: 5 wks (Judy/Mike) foster:5 wks



Peanut 6 yrs: Peanut's story was sad. It is a tragedy of having good intentions. Peanut was given to a couple with children who had no dog experience, and they also didn't have a fenced yard or time for the dog. Peanut was almost given up a year prior but the wife felt too guilty. Eventually a year later the husband put his foot down and said the dog was "going". This is a cruel way to keep a dog. (thank God someone had a lightbulb moment!) Peanut had lived most of his life, almost 18 hrs a day in a small bathroom. They had nowhere else to put him and the bathroom was tiny. He stayed there when people were at work, stayed there at night and otherwise he was tethered outside to go pee. No one was going to take him out on a leash, and wife was too busy. Ironically Peanut was the sweetest dog in the world. He was a large size Westie. He wound up being adopted out to a home with a second dog, and he is having the time of his life. We transported him to Bend, OR. He gets daily walks and plays and has a lovely bed, a car seat, and goes to the best groomer in town. Peanut is living the good life.

Reason for Surrender: No time for dog - Intact N (Judy) Foster: 2 wks



Day 1 from Shelter July 23, 2013

November 5, 2013 - 3 1/2 mos later

Hobart 8 yrs: Hobart's story was a very sad story. Hobie was found in a ravine in Tacoma. He was dumped and abandoned and flea ridden. His entire hair loss, and state of his skin was solely from not having flea meds. I think the state of this dog made me the angriest I have been in past years. When you let your dog get this bad because you won't buy a \$30 vile of frontline is beyond me. He was a bit deaf, and very very sick. He was the most charming, sweetest boy I have ever had the pleasure to foster. He was gentle, well behaved, housebroken, didn't bark, got along with dogs, had no aggression, well mannered, and just happy to be clean and fed and

have a bed. He was one of my favorites this year. He was adopted out to a lovely family with three boys who live in Redmond and he is now one of the family who is well loved. They enjoy him daily.

Reason for Surrender: Abandoned in a ravine - Intact N (Karin) Foster: 40 days

No Photo: Duffy – 8 yrs: Duffy was from Alaska and her owner had to go into assisted living. The relatives were ready to fly him down to Seattle, but they ultimately found an adopter in Alaska.

Reason for Surrender: Owner went into assisted living – relatives rehomed dog (no foster care)



Lewis 6 yrs : Lewis was a darling little dog. His owner could not afford him. She was a young lady in her early 20s who was surviving working part time and just didn't have the cash flow to get him groomed, and put a deposit down for an apartment, and so forth. He was darling, and he was very easy to adopt out. He was one of the few Westies we have had that loved children.

Reason for Surrender: Owner couldn't afford dog - Intact N (Vicky) Foster: 2 weeks

Snowflake 10 yrs: Snowflake popped on the radar a year ago from Port Angeles. The owner had died and the girlfriend and turned Snowflake loose. Friends called animal control to get the dog, then Animal Control in Port Angeles called us, however, the friends decided to keep Snowflake, and so animal control adopted the dog out to the friends. Fast forward – a year later, the friends call, and they are broke and moving to Tennessee (not sure why) . They begged us to take Snowflake who was now a bit arthritic and a bit deaf. They agreed to drive her to a foster home in Port Orchard. However when they arrived they told the foster they had no money for gas to get home! The foster mom gave them \$20 for gas. Snowflake was adopted out to a lovely woman in Vancouver, WA who loves her to death... She was a sweet wonderful dog and very cute and active for 10 yrs old. Her foster mom enjoyed her a lot.



Reason for Surrender: Owner died - Intact N (Judy) Foster: 1 month



Shasta 5 yrs: Shasta was adopted from the Olympia shelter two yrs prior. She had a nice family but their home went into foreclosure. The family was invited to move into relative's home, without the dog. So she was sadly given up. We found a fabulous family to adopt her who has another male Westie. Shasta is now in all kind of sports as well as agility and she is very loved. It was a wonderful happy ending.

Reason for Surrender: Foreclosure - Intact N (Vicky) Foster: 1 month

Aubrey Rachel 4 yrs: Aubrey was a stray from Tacoma shelter, and most of the hair on her was gone and she had a severe yeast and bacterial infection. She was in foster care a long time to get her hair into shape. She loved the warmth and was glued to the fireplace. She was also a climber. She knew how to move chairs to get on top of what she wanted. She drove me nuts. She was on my kitchen counters, on my kitchen table, and on my printer (with the paper spewing out of it). I had to enclose the barstools and the kitchen table in an expen! She was rehomed to a wonderful woman in Canada, and she is doing great. She was switched to a raw diet, and her skin is doing excellent and so are her climbing habits.



Reason for Surrender: Stray dumped in Tacoma - Intact Y (Karin) Foster: 3 months



Tessie: 5 yrs : Tessie was a big Viking girl. She was so discheveled that they weren't sure she was a Westie. She was about 25 lbs, and not fat and tall. She is an exceptionally great girl. We were wondering who would take a big Westie, when I received an application for a Westie from a gentleman who had just lost his Westie, who was a BIG Westie. Ironically in the foster mom knew the applicant. She had met him at a party several years before, and remembered the name. We made the match, and the rest was history. I couldn't have picked a better home. Tessie is happy and the owner is happy and all is well.

Reason for Surrender: Stray from Kent shelter - Intact N (Vicky) Foster: 2 weeks

No Photo – Cappy 5 yrs: Cappy was a pretty well adjusted dog. The family was moving to Arizona and felt the Westie wouldn't like moving! We had a long discussion on the phone and I told her the dog would be happy to live wherever his owners lived. Dogs don't have any "concept" of the United States! The owners regrouped after my lecture and moved to Arizona with Cappy! ☺

Reason for Surrender: Moving out of state - Intact N - owner kept dog.



Fiona 10 yrs: Finoa was a good girl, well loved, a bit deaf, but a happy girl. The owner could no longer afford the dog, she had to move in with relatives, and again they would take her and not the dog. So Fiona came to rescue. She was a charmer. Some people do not want an older dog, but they are the most rewarding dogs to have. She was adopted by someone who had adopted a Westie from us years prior. Now Fee is living with her new brother Seamus.

Reason for Surrender: Couldn't afford dog - Intact N (judy) 1 month



Honey Bee 17 mos: Honey bee had a stinger! She was purchased from a petshop and she fought with the 7 yr old Westie in the household. The owner was 80 and lived with her daughter. To keep Honey from growling at people and biting, she gave her SUGAR cookies (yup real human kind). This inadvertently trained Honey that when she growled, bit and fought with humans and dogs.. she got a sugar cookie. (Not to mention the sugar high.) She went into foster care, and she fought there as well, she was a handful. We found her a home with a young owner, who has time to do activities with her, train her, and do agility and give her a job. She is working really well with her, and Honey is smart, and hopefully not stinging like a bee!

Reason for Surrender: Dog fought with other female Westie in house Intact: N (Vicky) foster: 2 wks

Tacoma shelter 8 yrs: November - Westie female adopted out by shelter - stray

Tacoma shelter 3 yrs: December - Westie female adopted out by shelter – owner surrender

Tacoma shelter 1 yrs: December – Westie male adopted out by shelter – owner surrender

Buster 10 yrs old: Buster was from a hording situation and owner died. He was turned over to Rebecca's Rainbow. They called me and ironically that day I had received a request for an older Westie. I connected the dots, and Buster was driven down to the applicans, and he fit right in. It is another magic moment for being an adopters matchmaker.



Reason for Surrender: Hording situation - Intact N (Michele) foster: 1 day



Jolly/Maggie 5yrs: Maggie was surrendered in February and adopted out in May. She was rehomed with a second Westie male. In November she decided she didn't like sharing her humans so she was in brawls with the male Westie. The owners interceded and were bit, animal control was called and she was returned. She was tentatively adopted out as a single dog, but the adoption has not gone through at this time. She needs a job. She needs activities and to use her brain. She is very very smart and full of energy.

Reason for Surrender: Fights with second Westie in the household - Intact N (Becky) foster: 1 month



Reggie 4 yrs: Reggie was a well loved dog out of Oregon. The family lived on acreage and they couldn't keep Reggie contained. He would shoot out the door and get into livestock pens, the horse corral and the goat pen and the owners were terrified he would get his head kicked in. They spent many an afternoon chasing Reggie down. Then about December 20th, they decided enough was enough and to keep this dog alive, he had to have a fenced yard, so the surrendered him to Rescue. I had a person in Oregon who was waiting for a companion Westie. The gentleman had a fenced yard, lived alone and had lost his Westie and was very very lonely. He was also retired, and wanted a dog he could take with him RVing. Reggie was the ticket. We made the exchange and Ron was so happy to have Reggie that he was

in tears. It was another happy moment for Rescue.

Reason for Surrender: can't contain dog in unfenced yard - Intact : N

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Star 7 yrs: Star was given up the day before Christmas eve. She was in another situation where her sister Westie was beating the snot out of her. Both were siblings. The owners took them to an animal behaviorist, and a vet where both dogs were put on tranquilizers, and they still fought. Star decided she had had it and fought back, which caused the owners to get bit. Star got the worst part of the deal as she wound up at the vet for a torn eye lid, then on other occasions - stitches in her chest and neck. It got so bad that the husband had to sleep in a separate bedroom with his dog and wife with Star in her bedroom. There were fences and gates, and expens. It was basically a war zone. When they went on vacation they had to house them at different boarding facilities. Then at Christmas it came down to euthanizing one dog to have peace in the household. They called on December 21st, and I suggested they give me Star and keep the other dog so it would solve their problem. I told them when a Westie girl gets a bug up her butt and it jealousy based, it wasn't ever going to end. We picked up Star and she is happy and well loved, and very happy not to be beat up!

Currently in Foster care

Henry 3 yrs old: Henry was found running the streets in Oregon. The neighbors almost accidentally ran him over with the car. They took him in and he was full of fleas. They took him to the vet, and they didn't want to deal with the cost to get him into shape. They pleaded with us to take him into rescue because they feared he would be put down in the shelter due to his health. He is currently in foster care, and we do have an adopter, we are ust waiting for his hair to grow

Currently in Foster care – adoption pending



Scottie Rescue Report



Dexter 6 yrs: Dexter's owner remarried and they had a baby who yanked on his years and pulled his hair. The family decided to rehome him rather than sequester him alone to the back of the house. He was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed him. He was a very good boy. He was cheerfully adopted out to a former adopter who had adopted Benny from me years earlier. So now she has a black and white household.

Reason for Surrender: not good with Toddler - Intact N (Karin) foster: 2 wks

Hunter 5 yrs: Hunter was one of my favorite dogs. Not many dogs make me tear up when they are adopted, but this heart throb was one of them. Hunters owner gave him up because her son

became allergic to him. He wound up living outside with the hunting dogs, so the owner felt so badly because he was a people person. Hunter also wound up having a severe infection on his neck from being outside in the damp weather. She tearfully gave him to us so he would have a wonderful life. Hunter was adopted out to a woman in Bellingham, and he now goes hiking had is living the good life.

Reason for Surrender: Child allergic to dog - Intact N (Karin) foster: 1 month



Mary Moonlight 8 yrs: Mary's story was heartbreaking as well as tragic then euphoric because she was like the little engine that could. Mary was left outside a petsmart in Federal way. The shop called animal control as it is illegal for them to bring in a dog, and if the dog had diseases, it could spread through the dogs in the grooming area. She was taken to the Kent shelter, on a Sunday, she was not in good shape and could hardly walk. On Monday she was Moved to Tacoma shelter and after being looked at the

Veterinary staff said she should go to a rescue because she needed a lot of care.

When she came into rescue I rushed her to the vet, and we found she had so much muscle loss in her back legs that she could hardly walk. Her back thigh muscles had atrophied. We did xrays and found she had a lot of bone loss and had osteoporosis. Her teeth were in terrible shape and her whole muscle tone was bad. She could not get up and down stairs. I felt the



homeless person who owned her didn't have money to feed her so she probably fed her bread or something cheap thus causing the osteoporosis. She couldn't hardly walk four steps without sitting, however she was happy to be out of a crate, and happy to be clean and have good food and a nice soft bed. I wound up taking her to a holistic vet and we added calcium and MSM to her diet, as well as some raw turkey neck and we supplemented her liver which was enlarged. The holistic vet also did chiropractic realignment of her back. Mary Moonlight wanted to be with us so much that she would crawl up the stairs by putting her front paws on the step and doing a pull up and dragging one back leg and shifting then doing the other back leg. I caught her coming up the stairs one day very slowly and she would do the pull up rest, breathe, do the next leg, and so forth, she never gave up hope. She was an inspirational rescue. I named her Mary moonlight because she emitted a beam of soft serene light from her presence in a room. She just made you smile. She was a big inspiration to me. She was not giving up, so I refused to give up!

After working on her diet and nutrition as well and liver supplements, I decided to put her in water therapy to build up her thigh muscles, and we went to water therapy every week and sometimes 2x a week to build up her stamina. The change was MIRACULOUS. She was running around the yard, scaling the staircase, and she became a normal dog again. Poor Mary came a LONG way baby. She is one of our success stories that makes rescue so worthwhile for me. She was adopted by a wonderful family in Stanwood, WA. They really wanted a younger dog, because it took them 4 yrs to get over losing their other pair of Scotties. I told them about Mary and I said honestly. "If you are considering adopting this dog, I am going to tell you she had a rough start, and she has had poor health, but is fighting back. If you want to adopt her, you need to go into the adoption with the understanding that you aren't going to have longevity with her, but you will have an amazing amount of love for her and give her a better second half of her life!" They met her, and there was no question they wanted her, no matter how old she was.

Reason for Surrender: owner homeless - Intact N (Karin) foster: 3 month



Tavish 7 yrs: Tavish was a wonderfully well-behaved, happy boy! His owner was dying from cancer, and she wanted to die at home and with her dog. Tavish was with her in her bed until the end. When she died in her home, he got off the bed, went into the living room and raised his head and mournfully howled. It shook up the nursing staff and family. This sounds like a sad story, but in hindsight, I believe he had closure. He knew his owner had died and he went forward. He was not confused about his future nor did he feel abandoned. He knew he had to find a new owner. Each person he met, he would greet and smile as if to say – are you adopting me! I learn so much from dogs! Tavish wound up being adopted by the same family who adopted Mary Moonlight. Mary is enjoying the company! The new owners are enjoying a little male who loves playing ball, and all is well in the universe! **Reason for Surrender:** Owner died - Intact N (Karin) foster: 1 week



Maggie and Tia (7 yrs): Maggie and Tia were well loved. Their owners moved to Portland and had to live in an apartment that would only allow one small dog. The wife won the toss, taking her Maltese, and Tia and Maggie lost. However, it was to our benefit! We split the dogs up with the intention of adopting them out separately. Tia was fostered with the Westies at Judy's and Maggie was fostered at my home. Both Judy and I were enamored by both of these enchanting girls. The owner sent them clean and groomed, with dog food, meds and all their vet records, all shots brought up to date. Maggie suffered from doggie Lupus and had to have daily meds, and both were great about doing toe nails, and grooming, affectionate. "LOVED THEM" We went to adopt Tia out and the adoption fell through. Then all of the sudden we found a couple of men in Spokane who had a foster home for teenaged orphans. They said they'd love to take both dogs. When the applicant told me he had a Scottie when he was younger - while he was in college, and he actually had taken the Scottie with him to college and that Scottie's name was also Maggie. We reunited the dogs, who didn't really care if they were reunited. The rest was history and he calls us occasionally telling us how good these dogs are. Both dogs are well loved and have a lot of laps to hang out on!

Reason for Surrender: Owner had to move to an apartment - Intact N (Karin/Judy) foster: 2 ½ mos



Fritz – 2 yrs old: Fritz is currently in foster care with Scottie Rescue from WA State Scottish Terrier club. He is a surrender out of Reno, Nevada and was flown in. He was fighting with his littermate and the owner couldn't handle the fights any longer. She did seek out Scottie Rescue of America and they enlisted Kaleen to assist. He is currently in bootcamp and becoming a great little boy. He just needed to know the rules..

Reason for Surrender: Fighting w/sibling - Intact N (Kaleen) foster: currently in foster care

Here come the CAIRNS

We have often been contacted by the shelters to help with Cairn Terriers. Through the years we have taken in Cairns that had nowhere to go. Recently one of the local Cairn foster homes are not taking any more fosters. They currently have 15 dogs in the house and foster mom wants a rest.



Judy and I talked to SPDR (Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue) and they encouraged us to represent the breed and we had \$1200 in our account. We also spoke with our fosters, and they had no problem taking on Cairns, as they had fostered them previously. So the first dog we took from Tacoma winds up having cataracts and is blind unbeknownst to us! The operation for him will be \$3K. We were fortunate to raise the money in December and he will have his operation in January. What a way to start off. Our only hardship is that we do not have a connection with the Cairn group and owners, so we have some issues with raising money. However, the Westie people have stepped up and donated whole heartedly to Coal's Surgery as well as Scottie owners purchasing everything on Ebay during December – as a fund raiser for Cairns. Ironically only one Cairn owner donated. We raised \$3000 for his operation in four days.

I thought hard about taking on another breed. I was looking through Petfinder and found that several Westie rescues in different states that took in Scotties and several Scottie rescues in the states took in Westies. They covered the bridge so both breeds were covered. States like Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Texas and others, have both breeds. So we are integrated. I figured we could extend a hand and help a Cairn in need on an as needed basis.



Violet 3 yrs old: Violet was owned by severely heavy woman who had some extreme problems. She was mostly bedridden. She was a service dog. Every time the woman was stressed, Violet would come to the lady and sit on her lap. Social services came and sent her young daughter to live with grandma, but Grandma didn't want violet. So social services contacted Kaleen who promptly went to pick up violet. She turned out to be a cairn mix and was very sweet. Again, the stars collided and I received an applicant who wanted a Westie girl. I told her perhaps she might consider a mix? She said SURE... and she adopted Violet. The woman lived on Lopez island. We moved violet from Eastern WA and she was adopted out three days later and is now a wonderful happy dog on Lopez Island. The adopter is a retired nurse and volunteers at the senior center doing foot care. So she is using Violet as a therapy dog. Violet sits on the seniors laps while they are getting foot therapy.

Reason for Surrender: Owner had to give her up due to medical issues - Intact N (Judy/Kaleen) foster: 3 wks

Currently in Foster care



Coal 7 yrs: Coal was surrendered to the shelter because his owner couldn't have him in his apartment. He said coal had a cataract in one eye. He was a well-adjusted dog and the shelter asked us if we could take him into rescue. Well turns out Coal is a fabulous dog, and it turns out Coal is totally blind. We had ebay sales, and had a fund raiser All our Westie and Scottie friends turned out in droves, and we made our quota of \$3K to cover his eye surgery We also have an adopter for Coal. He will have vision in January and he will also be adopted then. It is a special Christmas for a special Cairn.

Happy and Mary - (no photos) December 23 – call from animal control 2 Cairns found with deceased owner - (family rehomed dogs)

The Rules: We understand your compassion for rescue however due to laws we are unable to go storming around and rescuing dogs off Craig's list or out of the shelter. If you feel you have seen a dog in need or on Craigs list we suggest you email the owner and inform them that we have a rescue organization that will help them and insure the dog is placed in a safe home, because this is what we do. Point them to the SPDR site and they can contact us immediately via hot line, or emails that come to our smart phones and computers. You can find SPDR on a Google search under Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue. Or paste the link in for them.

Rescue is exhaustive enough without having to chase down ads, Craig's list info and shelter info. Since we are part of SPDR we get shelter reports, so we know exactly who is in the shelter and what shape they are in. Due to the cutback of funds for Humane Society and County animal shelters, they must be able to collect funds by adoptions. If the dog is in good shape, passes temperament test, and is congenial, then it is adoptable, and they will adopt the dog out and

NOT turn it over to us. However, if the dog doesn't show well in the shelter, or if it is sick, or is returned to the shelter, or very stressed, we are the first line of contact for all three breeds. Our phone numbers and emails are accessible to all animal control officers and shelters from Bellingham to Oregon and out to Nampa, Idaho.

A big NO NO – do not post belittling and inflammatory info on Craigs list to people who are rehoming their dogs. At least they are not dumping them in ravines, and not abandoning them on the highway as we see all the time. Abandoning a dog in the street is the cruelest thing you can do to a pet dog. Domesticated dogs are not raised to fend for themselves. At least the people on Craigs list are trying to find a home for their dog. Instead of berating them, maybe education would be a better course of action. When you berate them they shut down and there is no contact. We also WILL NOT buy a dog off Craig's list, it's not our mission. If you want to buy it and turn it over to us, so be it, but we cannot and will not buy a dog off Craig's list, it's not our mission and it is against our rules. We often see back yard breeders dumping sick dogs which are a breeding dog, on Craigs list, so we are not going to give them money. Most of these types of dogs already have mammary cancer or tumors which the unsuspecting buyer figures out when they get the dog. So to stop the madness – education is our only chance of making a change.

Therefore - we encourage you not to post things on Facebook about dogs in need of rescue at shelter or they will be euthanized, because this just doesn't happen. Tacoma and all the shelters in the area have not euthanized an adoptable Westie, Cairn or Scottie nor have they euthanized an adoptable dog in over five years. Tacoma has adopted out over 6000 dogs and cats this year. We could never even attempt to make a dent in that amount of animals. We need the Humane Society and shelters! These shelters will contact the breed rescue first and ask them to take the dog and evaluate it if they aren't fitting in. Shelters realize sometimes terriers do better in a home environment. The influx of email hysteria makes so much paperwork for the shelter, the reps and the rescue organizations. Therefore if you really want to help... I suggest you contact the person on craigs list and point them to SPDR and let it go. We are not vigilante's - we do not hunt these people down and we cannot demand they turn their dog over to us. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

The Teachers: Each of our household's has resident dogs who are getting to be scholars in the field of training the new-bees 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, showing a great deal of empathy to those who are sick, but bad behavior is quickly checked. Lily, Christine's dog keeps order in the household and teachers manners, and Al at Vicky's just wants to play and shows the dogs there is nothing to fear. 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

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
- Transport locally as well as too and from Portland.
- Donations of money thru SPDR website. Just designated your breed preference.

We totally appreciate all the people who adopted, we appreciate all the benefactors who have kept us solvent this year, and we couldn't do it alone. It takes a village! We have accomplished great things this year.

Contact Karin: seattleblackandwhite@gmail.com or Judy: westyork@comcast.net

Thank you - we couldn't do it without your financial support!