



## 2013 Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue Westies\*Scotties\*Cairns **Rescue Report**

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 our Vets.



**Henry – 3 yrs:** Henry was found in the street in Wilsonville, OR. The person who found him was appalled at his health and she marched down to where she thought he lived. The people said it wasn't their dog and they didn't have a Westie, and slammed the door on her. She had two small children and not enough money to deal with Henry's skin problems. We arranged a caravan and brought him to Seattle to be fostered. He turned out to be an AMAZING little guy and grateful, and had amazing problem solving skills (how to get into the cat food if he moved over a chair and climbed on top of the washer!) His health issue was due to FLEAS gone untreated. Alas, he is well and doing great in his new home. .

**Reason for Surrender:** – stray **FOSTERED by Judy: 40 days INTACT: N State: OR**



**Star 7yrs:** Starski was well cared for, and she was raised in a home with another Westie female who beat the hell out of her. It was so severe that the owners couldn't break up the fight. The owners tried everything, including throwing the locked pair into a cold shower. They tried throwing a blanket over them, then laid on the sparing duo, however, as soon as they got up it was round 2 blood bath. It came down to dividing the house into zones and each dog couldn't cross areas which were blockaded. Again, never say never, the other one got over a baby gate, and the clan wars ensued. More trips to emergency with stitches. Oh those Westie girls! After 5 years, of being beaten up, Star decided she had had enough and fought back, and now Starski was being a mean dog and growling at the humans as well. (Really do you blame her?) So again, after tranquilizers, aromatherapy, etc., they knew they had to rehome her. It was the best gift the owners could give her. When she was safe in foster care, Star's entire

temperament changed. She was rehomed in Oregon where she goes for runs on the beach and is a happy girl. The universe is mysterious - the daughter of the adopter lives next door to Shawnie in Seattle and works with Dee our foster assistant. Divine intervention.

**Reason for Surrender:** Other Westie girl beat her up for 5 yrs **FOSTERED by Vicky/Mike: 40 days INTACT: Y State: WA**



**Danika 4 yrs:** Was a drive-by dump. She was thrown out of a car in the Tacoma Parking lot. She was wandering around sick and with a raging skin infection and fever and an employee of the Tacoma Shelter saw her outside while she was having a cigarette break. The worker brought her into the shelter and they evaluated her and felt she should go to rescue because she needed home recovery. She evolved and was adopted out and is happy and healthy. She was very very ill and required a lot of nursing.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray Tacoma shelter parking lot.  
**FOSTERED by Judy: 3 mos INTACT: N State: Tacoma, WA**



**Jolly 5 yrs:** Wild child – she should have been named Tornado. Jolly was surrendered a year prior, however she became jealous over the other Westie in the house, and beat him up towards the end of the first year. The owner put his hands into a crate in which two Westies were sparring and got chewed up. The owner wound up having to go to the hospital and they reported Jolly as a vicious dog. In hindsight, the owner should have never put his hands in the crate, he could have turned it upside down and they would have tumbled out. She was whooshed over to Idaho to be held so animal control wouldn't throw her in the clink. She had a high energy drive, but had to have a very strong owner. After two mos, she came over to Seattle and we rehomed her with a single woman in a condo who walked her dog two miles twice a day. She left for work the first day and Jolly proceeded to tear up the house and pee on the sofa and poop on the carpet and level the coffee table. Alas.. she was given back to rescue. She was here for a while, and she was a handful. She did

settle down to my commands, but she was hell on wheels and could climb, get into everything. She was like a mosquito on crack. As soon as you left a room, she was off and getting into everything she could. Same if you got on the phone. There were times I had to tether her to the coffee table if I left the room or had to use the loo. The bell around her neck was so I could tell where she was in the house if she got loose. She climbed book cases, and bar stools and jumped from my bed to my dresser, sliding across the dresser while everything crashed to the ground. She could dive on my rolling office chair and ride it to the desk and walk across the keyboard, and knock everything off the desk whilst inspecting if there was anything to eat. She was an awfully trying dog to foster. But no fights at my house, because it isn't allowed.

Alas we found a home, and I was very apprehensive about the whole thing. She is very smart and she always gets her targeted item. She was also an alpha bitch. I we met a couple who had a Swiss Mountain dog, and the daughter did a lot of training The wife was an EMT and husband worked from home.

The first day we met the new owners, she bolted out the front door and jetted near a horse pasture, and took off like a shot. She did recall and promptly came back and took a dump on their new front porch. So I figured, well, we will see. The whole adventure was wonderful because the Swiss Mountain Dog wasn't taking any crap from Jolly and she did a good growl and postured, and Jolly rethought her attitude. The end. The Swiss Mt. Dog won and outweighed her by 60 lbs. Jolly was 14 lbs. The owners daughter took her jogging for 2 miles in am and dad took her for a 3 mile run in the afternoon. So she was going a good clip of five miles a day and lo and behold.. she stopped being naughty and stopped getting into trouble. WHEW.

**Reason for Surrender:** Bit owner and too alpha to be with another Westie. Too high energy **FOSTERED by Karin: 3 mos**  
**INTACT: N State: WA**



**Kelly Snowfall 8 yrs:** Kelly's story is very sad. She was so small, about 9 lbs. She was bred a lot, and found in a field in Oregon in the snow. She was skin and bones and couldn't walk. We later found out she was also deaf She was so frail. She had also been repeatedly bred as her teats were just long and hanging. The Multnomah shelter asked if we could take her and we transferred her up here. I was so worried she had some weird disease because she couldn't stand upright. I spent several days carrying her in and out of the house, up and down stairs to pee and putting her in a bed, and feeding her to gain weight. She was so so sick. After a week I was upstairs and heard this sound on the stair case, and she was on the stairs using her front paws to drag herself up each step (12 of them) to be upstairs with us. She would do a pull up and swing one leg around and scoot. She did this on several occasions and I let her do it so we could build up her rear end. It worked. She was walking after another couple of weeks, and got up and down stairs. She was a treasure. We wound up finding a wonderful home for her on Vashon Island. The sad part is a month after they had Kelly she was diagnosed with Westie Lung Disease so our hearts broke. She had

been through so much. At this writing she is still alive and being treasured. We are also grateful to Scottie Rescue in Vancouver, who helped transport Kelly and picked her up from the shelter for us.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner abandoned in a field in January **FOSTERED by Karin: 28 days** **INTACT: Y**  
**State: OR Outcome: Diagnosed with Westie Lung Disease two mos After adoption.**



**Sparky 4 yrs:** Sparky was a sweet little girl and the owners could not afford her allergies or dog food or flea meds, so they gave her up for adoption. She was a great little dog and found a wonderful home.

**Reason for Surrender:** Young family with new babies, couldn't afford dog **FOSTERED by Vicky: 2 wks INTACT: N – State: OR**



**Guster 3 yrs old:** Gus was a very sweet easy going boy with no hair. He had been this way since he was about 6 mos old. The owners paid over \$1200 for him on the internet. He was so inflamed so much of his life that his hair follicles just died. They were a young family with a baby, no jobs, no car, losing home, so they gave Gus up for adoption. Of course he looked very GQ in his jammies. He was adopted by one of our former adopters. He has a very loving home and is a good boy. We are grateful to them for adopting him.

**Reason for Surrender:** Young family with new babies, couldn't afford dog **FOSTERED by Karin: 2 mos INTACT: N State: OR**



**Molly 11 yrs:** Molly was an orphan from a divorce. Owner had a new girlfriend and they opted to keep her Beagle mix and get rid of Molly. Good for us, she was an easy girl, no allergies and so well behaved. She was adopted out to a senior from Bellevue and she adores Molly. Molly is the hit of the bridge parties every week at their home. She goes on walks and has a giant yard to play in and helps with the gardening and greets all the visitors. They adore her.

**Reason for Surrender:** Divorce **FOSTERED by Vicky:5 days INTACT: N State: OR**



**Ricky - 5 yrs old :** Ricky was a stray found by a dog walker. We alerted the shelter who said we could keep him for the allotted time which was 30 days. No owner came forward. We advertised, and put up flyers He was adopted out to a lady in Shoreline and it was a great match. Not microchipped no collar w/ID tag.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray **(FOSTERED by Annmarie:30 days INTACT: N State: Shoreline, WA**



**Coco 4 yrs old -** Coco's was a very sad situation. Coco was rescued from a vet clinic. The owners couldn't afford any more exploratory treatment so they opted to euthanize her. The caring person was appalled and asked to take Coco. She got her home and Coco got sicker. She went back for more tests to the tune of \$800 and they still couldn't diagnose her situation. She also owned 6 cats (not a great place for cats and a Westie who didn't like cats). Eventually she ran out of money and asked if I could take Coco. I had her drop Coco off at Bothell and to get a diagnosis. Coco had no allergies, good with kids, well behaved, low energy, sweet and cute. Unfortunately Dr. Smith called with bad news that Coco had advanced lymphoma that was so extensive she could feel the lumps in her chest, throat, body, lymphnodes, legs, etc. She said when the dogs get it this young, they don't last long. So I took her home and fostered her for a week. During that time she couldn't swallow, had loose stool, coughed, and wouldn't drink water, and I thought – enough is enough, so I took

her in to get euthanized. I didn't want to spend the next two weeks watching her die. I felt if we could feel all these lumps in the outside, what on earth was on the inside, so she was euthanized on Whidbey. It's so sad to have a dog this young pass. I took her to be euthanized and she looked up at me and wagged her tail, and it was over, and I drove home crying all the way.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owners couldn't afford vet bill **FOSTERED by Karin:10 days Euthanized: Lymphoma Shoreline, State: WA**



**Lucy 10 yrs old** Lucy's owner lost her home and was also ill. She was surrendered to us, and we adopted her out to Carolyn who had just lost her Westie Kayla, to Westie Lung Disease (Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis). Carolyn only had Lucy for a couple of weeks and she detected coughing and took her to the vet and she was also diagnosed with Westie Lung Disease, and lived about four mos and passed away.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner lost home **FOSTERED by Vicky: 2 wks** **INTACT: N**  
**State: Puyallup, WA** **Outcome: Diagnosed with Westie Lung Disease two wks after adoption.**

Passed in summer.



**Snuggles 8 mos:** Snuggles was bought on internet by an 84 yr old man who wanted a dog to pet, so what better thing to get than an 8 wk old puppy. Well Snuggles grew older, and didn't want to sit in his lap and so he started holding him down and snuggles started biting. A concerned neighbor convinced him to give the dog up. The concerned neighbor had a friend who owned Westies. They both took the dog to get washed and groomed and collected the shot records. Snuggles was also intact, and had a lot of energy as puppies do. He was

neutered and we adopted him out to a young family who had just lost their Westie to Cancer. He is happily living with two Scotties and a rabbit. He has a big yard and a lot of things to do! He's now a year and a half and a happy boy. He was adopted by a former foster home, and we are elated he is living the good life in Bellevue! It's a black and white world people.

**Reason for Surrender:** Elderly owner, too much energy . **FOSTERED by Annmarie:17 days** **State: Wenatchee, WA**



**Hermie 7 yrs old:** Hermie was owned by a couple who also had a bunch of Chihuahua mixes including Chi/Westie crosses. The short version is that they had no money for flea meds, and were feeding Beneful and Old Roy dog food. They didn't know he had allergies and looked on Google and they diagnosed he had Mange, so they wanted him to go to rescue. He only had allergies, not mange, and they liked him but didn't want him. They had several dogs and their daughter and her children and son and his children and girlfriend were living there along with their dogs. So we took Hermie and he was an angel. He was so cute, and he was adopted out to one of our former foster moms. I just saw him at Christmas and he is full of hair and doing EXCELLENT and happy.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner could afford dog **FOSTERED by Judy: 30 days**  
**INTACT: N State: OR**



**Sniffy 9 yrs:** Sniffy's owner was 94 and had to go into assisted living after a fall. He was heart broken and the relatives didn't want poor Sniffy (a female). She was super well behaved, loving and smart. She was adopted out to a lovely couple on Whidbey Island and she takes dog walks on the beach and travels with her new Owners to Arizona for the winter. Life is good. And she was renamed Buffy. The couple never had a Westie before, so she had to teach them the ropes. They adore her.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner 94 went to assisted living) **FOSTERED by Vicky: 4 days**  
**INTACT: N State: Bonnie Lake, WA**



**Max #7 -4 yrs:** I can't make these Stories up. Max was an intact male living in Oregon. His owner is a traveling nurse from Alaska and went down to Oregon with a fellow nurse to work for a year. They moved in together. She found she was pregnant, and she had a problem with her boyfriend who didn't want to get married, so she moved to Oregon. After she was there for a month she decided to pack up and move back to Alaska to be with the boyfriend and dumped Max on the other nurse. She already had a Westie, and Max got into a tangle with him and she said it isn't going to work. She called Alaska Nurse and said I can't keep Max, and she said, she didn't want him... so he was surrendered to us. He was mostly an

easy dog, he had a trigger cause he was intact, and after he was neutered, he was just a peach. He wound up being adopted out to a wonderful Attorney in Tacoma who had never in her life had a Terrier, and she was going to roll up her sleeves and deal with learning. I just wanted to hug the heck out of her. Both she and her husband adore this dog and

renamed him Scribbles. He now goes on bike rides with them (he is in a basket), they do everything together, and they adore him. I have to admire them for having fortitude. They never gave up and no matter what their learning curve (like trying to keep him in a basket on a bike without diving out running down the road, and other Westie high jinx.) I received a Christmas card of them all. It was priceless.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner abandoned dog and left for Alaska. FOSTERED by Karin: 3wks INTACT:Y State: OR



**Owen 4 yrs old:** Owen was a stray out of Oregon and the shelter called us in Multnomah and asked us to take him and he was a cutie patootie. They updated his shots and Microchipped him for us and again Scottie Rescue in Oregon moved him up towards Seattle for us. Owen was a sweet vivacious dog, and he was adopted out to a wonderful home with a second Westie Girl. They renamed Owen, "Sunny" because of his happy temperament and his smile. We are again grateful to Multnomah Shelter for working with us and giving us free vet services. We are also grateful for giving us a healthy adoptable dog. Most shelters do not relinquish the dogs

unless they are near death or no hair or nasty.

**Reason for Surrender:** Stray - FOSTERED by Judy: 6 days INTACT:N State: OR



**Tiki 7 yr old Yorkie :** Judy was approached by someone who had a friend who could no longer afford her Yorkie. The yorkie had bad knees, and was also intact, and not updated on shots. We felt this dog was so sweet, we would raise money for her knee surgery. We did so and went to our Surgeon Dr. Kovar, in Bothell, and had a double knee surgery which was successful. She was also kind enough to give us a discount for rescue. Tiki was doing great and then she started losing weight and it was discovered she had Diabetes. So we opted to let her stay with Judy and just do the shots and let her live her life out. She was also spayed and her dental

done. We thank all the donors. We have a wonderful list of adopters who always support us, both Westie and Scottie People.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner couldn't afford dog. FOSTERED by Judy - 3 mos INTACT:Y State: WA



**Bella-June:** I had so many Bella's this year that I started naming them by Month. So there was Bella April, Bella May and Bella June. Bella-June's owner could not afford her, she was full of fleas, couldn't afford dog food or vet care, or dog food. The owner was so broke she was purchasing the dog food from the dollar store. The owner was pregnant with her third child (under 5) and her husband was working two jobs, and had to sell their car. So she gave us the Westie and kept the Scottie. Both were flea ridden and our foster mom gave them flea meds and some good dog food and we crossed our fingers. The Scottie was the husband's dog, and he wouldn't relinquish it. Bella-June was only fostered a short time and adopted out to a family in Everett who had a darling little male Westie. They are two peas in a pod and very happy.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner couldn't afford dog, young couple with babies FOSTERED by Sammi/Karin 3 wks INTACT:N State: OR



**Cracker 7 yrs old:** Cracker was a great dog, but the owners were retired and were traveling and they had to wind up boarding her several times. They had previously left her with relatives, and she got away and was lost for a while. She was recovered, so hired a dog sitter to stay at the house. Again she escaped and was loose for 4 days and found and identified by microchip. Returned. So they decided to rehome her. She again escaped and was called by the shelter. That was the last straw so she asked us to find her a home and flew Cracker over to Seattle via Alaska Air Cargo (we highly recommend them). She was placed in a loving home in Bellevue and is doing great, and not running away!

**Reason for Surrender:** Owners retired and traveled a lot FOSTERED by Charlotte 1 day INTACT:N State: Helena, MT



**Jake from State Farm 8 yrs.** Jake was owned by a lovely couple in Anacortes. They liked him and had four Westies. He was the youngest. They also adopted a handicapped Westie no one wanted. The handicapped Westie had a bad back and had a hard time walking. They spent an enormous amount of money on the dog going to acupuncture massage, and every other option they could give the dog. Jake figured the old dog needed to die, so he did attack him on several occasions. Then they took Jake to the vet to calm him down, they used mood alteration aromatherapy, tranquilizers, etc, and it got to the point he was drugged and still had an attitude about the old dog. Then he started marking on the doggie door. The family loved him but felt no one would take the handicapped dog, so they sadly gave up Jake. Teary eyed. They brought him to me in Oak Harbor, and had him groomed and new leash, collar, and all his vet records and dog food. No allergies. My neighbor heard me call him Jake, and he was chanting over the fence. Jake, Jake from State farm! What are you wearing Jake from State farm. And we all broke out in laughter. I rehomed Jake to a lady in SEATAC who had never had a Westie before, and she not only listened to all my pointers, but she learned to groom him herself and she did a STELLAR JOB. She adores him. Her husband loves him as well.

Then two mos later, the original owners called to tell me their old handicap dog died, and could I please get Jake back, and I told them that I couldn't. They were so forlorn. But we kept in touch and I found them two more dogs!

**Reason for Surrender:** attacking old handicapped Westie in the house. **FOSTERED by Karin 5 day INTACT:N**  
**State: Anacortes, WA**



**Brodie 10 yrs** Unfortunately Brodie's owner loved him a lot but she was diagnosed with terminal blindness, and she had to prepare to handle that and care for herself. She was living with her sister, who was just diagnosed with cancer, so it was a very sad hardship. She had to give us Brodie, and she also groomed him before she gave him to us and gave us three mos of food and the dog was a gem. We were so excited to adopt him out to an interior decorator and her husband who were a young couple with an older Westie. Brodie fit like a glove, and they adore him All is WELL.

**Reason for Surrender:** Failing health of owner . **FOSTERED by Vicky - 14 days**  
**INTACT:N State: Birch Bay, WA**



**ANGEL 3 yrs old:** Angel was an itsy bitsy Westie out of Oregon. Her owners were not happy with her because they wanted a dog that was permanently affixed to their lap and Angel was sick of being a stuffed animal and rebelled! (as she should, she isn't a Shih Tzu). She got snappy and growly and not a good dog, so they got rid of her. We were lucky to find a wonderful home for her. I found the new adopters I had chosen, were on a CRUISE. I wanted Angel to have more stimulation of more dogs, and fun stuff do to and be a Westie! We worked around the cruise and inhome visit, and she is now a new member of the household and happy as punch! And spoiled mercilessly!

**Reason for Surrender:** dog was rebelling because she refused to be a lap dog.  
**FOSTERED by Vicky/Sammi – 10 days INTACT:N State: OR**



**Gemma 9 yrs old -** Gemma was a back yard breeder dog, who was very well adjusted, very healthy, and very socialized. She had never been to the vet, never had a rabies shot, never been spayed, nothing. She had no skin issues, no health issues, perfect blood panel, a great coat, a wonderful personality, great eyesight I couldn't ask for me. We ran a track on her AKC papers and her father was from Ireland and her mom was from England and she was a champion out of California. WHO KNEW. She was so loving and wonderful. We adopted her out to a wonderful volunteer of our rescue group but lo and behold we unknowingly put together two females who wouldn't back down. The first brawl caused one of them to lose a tooth and have 14 punctures in her neck and the other a chunk out of her ear and neither would back off. Then time went on they were okay and the adrenalin went up again. So we

decided to find a calmer dog for this person and we rehomed Gemma to another woman in Oregon who had just lost her dog, and was a widow. This wonderful lady drove up here to pick her up and I didn't know she was on a cane and a leg brace! She wanted her badly and she still writes me and has great praises of Gemma, our little Gemstone! The breeder loved Gemma but she had a house fire and was living in a trailer, and was on a cane and she just couldn't keep her dogs. She was down to three and had quit breeding. She gave us Gemma because she was the youngest and would be the easiest to place. She also gave us some money toward her spay which I thought was nice.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner had a house fire and couldn't afford the last three breeding dogs she retired.  
**FOSTERED by Karin – 30 days INTACT: Y State: Yelm, WA**



**Fiona 12 yrs old:** Owner died, and daughter lived in small apartment and couldn't keep the dog. We were very lucky and found an adopter on Facebook who opened her heart and took in this old dog. She had two other dogs, and took in Fiona. They are all doing well and Fiona has brought happiness into the household. Thank you ANGIE

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner died  
**FOSTERED by Charlotte – 10 days INTACT:N State: WA**



**Jasmine and Zilla – 10 mos old aka: What were you thinking? \*\*a mini series\*\*** A young woman in Lynnwood wanted a Westie puppy badly, couldn't afford one from a reputable breeder, and rescue never gets puppies but perhaps once every 4 yrs. So what to do? She went shopping and found an ad for Westie puppies in Roseburg, OR. When she got there she found a huge enclosed yard with dogs running amok, lots of different breeds. (clue #1) Then they took her to the barn and showed her the Westie girls

(Jasmine and Josie (zilla)) .. they had been bred at 7 mos old and the pups were all sold at 8 wks. (clue #2)... but she would sell the Westies who just had pups for \$500. Breeder was keeping two puppies to breed again in 7 mos (CLUE #3) However, she had a Maltese/Westie mix she wanted to sell who was 3 mos old and she would give her a deal for \$175 if she took that instead of one of the purebred Westies. After all the Maltese/Westie was a designer dog AND came with papers. (Clue #4) (hum are we talking newspapers? ) So the buyer said no, she wanted a purebred Westie, she was willing to pay the \$500, and so the woman said – these two dogs are sisters and are close.. and if you take them both I will give them to you for \$700! So the woman said OK. Off she went with Jas/Jos.

These dogs were not spayed, had no shots, weren't ever in a house, and so.. if they were in a crate and in a strange place they went looneytunes. I mean full out tazmanian devil mode all teeth and snarling. Mostly that was Zilla. Alas... she gets the darlings home and they proceed to run all over the house and poo and pee, and attack boyfriends spaniel. Then they open the garage door and the dogs run out and start licking something off the floor, which they think is antifreeze. Neither have ever had a collar on or been on a leash, let alone know the word come. After Mr. Toads Wild ride of catching the demon seeds, they whooshed them off to the vet for an exam to see if they had ingested antifreeze. Upon arrival at the vet clinic, Zilla had an out of body experience, and may have been possessed by the devil and tried to take out two vet techs, and eat the vet. She weighs 12 lbs. They had to throw a blanket over her to contain her and find a muzzle. Both were fine, and off they went back to the house.

Upon arrival they peed all over the house again and Zilla was feeling her oats. So they got shoved into crates for some down time, whereupon they howled and barked like maniacs. Mostly it was Zilla leading the charge. She would have taken on a water buffalo. I couldn't help admire her moxie. Bold dogs are much easier to train because they are not paralyzed with fright.

Day two – Zilla tried to attack the cat, and Josie helped with the chase, the cat was stressed and pooped on the owners dresser and pissed on her bed. This did not go over well, the dogs barked nonstop at the cat even through the closed door betwixt the cat and dogs, as she scratched the crap out of the door. Oh those girls! She proceeded to bite one of the kids who tried to get her away from the door, and Josie shot out the front door as they had to chase her down the street. If they got them in the crate, they couldn't get them out because Zilla was all teeth and snarling like she was straight out of a Tim Burton horror movie.

Day three, owner got up and stepped in dog poo and the cat was ready to climb the curtains. The dogs were barking maniacally at the cats, and no one came when they were called, and she called me on Wed and asked me to take these dogs TODAY. So I met her in the parking lot of Rite Aid, and showed up and the dogs didn't have leashes on – they wouldn't come out of the crates, and if they would have bolted you couldn't have caught them. They were both about 12 lbs. and very fast. Remember they are 8 mos old. The owner now suspected the breeder was lying about them being socialized and house broken. (CLUE #5)

I opened Jasmines crate who came out nicely, however, Zilla wanted to reenact the chain saw massacre. Being an experienced person who has been bit a lot, I know where not to put my hands. I was trying to figure out how the heck to get her out of the crate. The owner wouldn't give me the crate. The owner managed to get her hands in the crate and get a leash on and we got her out. She was fine when I picked her up. She was just not going to take any chances on my intentions.

I put them in crates in my car, and tied the leash to the door of the crate so I didn't have to reach in and get it, and off we went. I was on the ferry calling the vet saying I needed to SPAYS!!!

I carried Zilla in and she got a tramadol shot right a way to subdue her and we kept her on a leash. I picked she and Josie up that nite, and we gave Zilla an extra dose of tranquilizer to keep her quiet all night. Day two no one felt good and they were quiet, and they knew wee pads. Sorta. Then the rest of the next month I worked on house training and recall, and socialization and exposure, and k9 nosework, walking on a leash. Grooming, toe nail clipping WHEW it was a chore. Both finally walked on leashes, road in cars well and were exposed to bikes, kids, cars, skateboards and strollers. It was a LONG HAUL.

Josie was adopted to a couple in Bellingham. They also had a large Chihuahua who was calm and she was bout that size. She was the most subdued and I felt breaking them up would help each develop. I don't believe Josie was a purebred Westie.

Zilla was adopted out to the lady in Anacortes who gave me Jake from State Farm. She has a hunting area where Zilla is in heaven. And she is good with the other Westies, and just a peach. The couple wrote me several thank you letters telling me there is laughter back in the house.

In both cases, it was not these dogs fault that they were the way they were. They were raised in barn runs, they were not socialized, and had never been without a hoard of dogs. When these types of situations happen the dogs who get removed from their pack, they freak out because they are used to being with a barn full of dogs. These dogs were not handled a lot, and then turned around and bred at 7 mos, after the litter was sold – out the door. Typical rescue scenario, and I had to experience the brunt of it. It's sad but they evolved. It's also typical of the new owner to rehome them on Craig's list so the owner can recoup some of the cost of buying these dogs, and they would be in yet another drama or being bred in the garage and/or dumped at the shelter. And that's the rest of the story.

**Reason for Surrender:** Inadvertently bought two unsocialized, untrained puppy mill dogs.  
**FOSTERED by Karin – 35 days INTACT: Y State: Roseburg, OR**



**Hunter 3 yr :** Hunter was a rambunctious 3 yr old dog who's owner went into assisted living. He was adopted out to someone who wanted a larger Westie who was rambunctious and outgoing, and a month later, he was returned because he was too rambunctious and too outgoing, and too much energy. We shook our heads because Hunter was a good dog, and he met all the criteria. He was rehomed to another owner with a larger Labrador, and Hunter and he are best friends.

**Reason for Surrender:** Senior owner into assisted living. **FOSTERED by Vicky – 2 wks**  
**INTACT: N State: Shoreline,, WA**



**Lightening 6 yrs old, Dutchess 4 yrs old**

Lightening and Dutchess were purchased from a pet shop to be bred to bring in extra income for retirees. They never got around to breeding them. The Husband died, and the wife went into depression and ignored the dogs. She was going to drop them at the shelter, but a friend convinced her to give them to rescue. When she went and picked the dogs up she was appalled at what terrible shape the dogs were in. Both were so flea ridden that there was severe hair loss and infection in ears, eyes, same ole same ole. Neither had had a nail trim for 10 mos. So we split the dogs up and Dutchess stayed in Olympia w/Sammi and Lightening went to Puyallup w/Vicky until they could heal.

We spayed/neutered and took care of all the infection. Dutchess was adopted out to a nice family in Bend, OR, they also had a male Westie, so it was great. Lightening was adopted out to Yakima but came back in 20 hrs because he chewed up a c-pap mask for breathing that cost \$300. It was very short lived. So he came to Whidbey for another month or two. He FINALLY was adopted out to a wonderful retiree who is elderly who really needed a companion. He and Don are fast friends, and do everything together and Don is so grateful to have such a fabulous Westie.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner passed away. **FOSTERED** by Vicky/Sammi/Karin – 3 mos **INTACT:** Y **State:** OR



**Dugan 5 yrs and Cesar 6 yrs:** Dugan and Cesar were well loved and taken care of but due to a divorce the mom couldn't afford to keep them and raise her two children. They were well behaved and so easy. We were just about ready to have to separate them when there was a divine intervention and someone appeared on the horizon who wanted only one Westie as she had a Lab already. With my expert marketing skills I explained that two dogs raised together are as easy as one dog, and she said she'd do it. The rest is a success story. The dogs got to stay together, they have a fabulous yard and home and retirees who can fawn all over them all day long and a lab who sleeps. Life doesn't get much better.

**Reason for Surrender:** Divorce . **No fostering, went directly to adopter**  
**INTACT:**N **State:** OR



**Max #8** - Cute as a bug in a rug, I couldn't stand it. Owner was homeless and the dog had no where to go. At first I realized he was the color of a wheaten cairn, and it turned out it was nicotine! I washed him up good as new and he was white. Well behaved, neutered, and owner taught him so much. Socialized, great in a car. Even though she had no money she got him a new collar and leash so he would look nice. It touched my heart. She cried a lot when she had to give him up. He was rehomed to a retired Navy Captain on Whidbey island. He and the Capt go everywhere together, and it's just a great match.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner homeless . **Fostering by Karin -5 days**  
**INTACT:**N **State:** Sedro Wooly, WA



Joey—before make over— and after. How did that ear pop up!

**Bebe 9 yrs old (FIRST PHOTO ON LEFT) , Joey 5 yrs old**

Bebe was a Eskie/Westie mix which is our best guess, and she could alert on her owner's diabetes sugar slumps, and Joey was a sweet full bred westie. Owner died and brother dumped the dogs on her. She had two other dogs and couldn't keep these two so she drove them north from Roseburg and met Taylor who kept them for a

while. We moved Joey North and he was adopted out with Zilla as her new brother and is now living in Anacortes. We had a hard time with Bebe who was a stellar well behaved dog, but people who want Westies, want Westies, not Westie mixes. So it took us longer. We found the right match up in northern Central WA. She drove down to Bellevue to pick her up and it was a great match. She loved her as soon as she met her. Thanks for all the driving Taylor does down in Oregon. We are so grateful for her. The adoption of both these dogs was sheer MAGIC. I can be the Westie Matchmaker!

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner died . Fostering by Taylor -3 wks INTACT:N State: OR



Footnote: Zilla/Joey adoption



**Bitsy 3 yrs old:** Bitsy's owner had to sell their home and move into an apartment so they rehomed all their dogs. Bitsy was the last to go and he contacted rescue to assist. We found a lovely home for her near Olympia where she is living with two Shih Tzu's and living the good life. Bitsy was a sensitive dog and the adopters embraced her and worked through her being shaken with her rehoming. They worked through potty training and insecurity for a good two weeks while she evolved. We are grateful they didn't throw in the towel because she was worth it. Now all is well and everyone is happy.

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner moved . Fostering by Vicky -3 days INTACT:N State: Steilacoom, WA

**Maisey #3 -6 yrs old:** I feel like a broken record. Owner surrendered Maisey because she had no money for food and flea meds and grooming or for the vet, so she gave her up. The owner was actually homeless and Maisey was living in a Van with two cats and a snake. The owner felt Maisey was depressed so she used her medical marijuana to blow in Maisey's face to keep her happy (so toxic to dogs). We rehomed her with a retired couple in Olympia, WA who are over the moon for her. We love retired people! They always treat the dogs like their children. Maisey is very happy and well loved and doesn't need medical marijuana to be happy (big sigh) **Reason for Surrender:** Owner cannot afford dog . Fostering by Judy -6 days INTACT:N State: Bremerton, WA



**Jack 5 yrs old :** We were contacted by an owner in Boise, Idaho She recently was divorced and ex-husband took off to California and left his dog behind. She had an Aussie and both were intact males and guess what happened next? Range war. She didn't want to keep him and didn't want him to go to the shelter, so we wound up paying to fly him into Seattle and we adopted it out to a club member who had recently lost her little Westie girl. Vicky, my foster, was going on vacation so we shipped him to Susan to foster, in anticipation she would adopt him and all went as planned. She also had a big adventure with Jack. I hope she will write an article about it for the Westie newsletter. Jack bolted out of the car, and she didn't see him and he wound up at a busy mall and walked into Tiffany's (yes the

diamond store) and sat in the middle of the shop and stared at the workers, who of course oohed and aahhed and got dog cookies and took him out to get scanned. The story is all involved, and he was reunited with a tearful owner who thought he was stolen out of the car. All we can say is Jack has good taste in jewelry!

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner cannot afford dog . **Fostering by Vicky -7 days INTACT:Y**  
**State:** Boise, ID



**Lass 7 yrs :** Lass was found in a ditch in the road in Missoula, MT. The people who found her were cattle ranchers and kept her a year, got her vet care and incorporated her into the family. The family felt she would be better off in a home who had someone home more of the time. They were always out on the range with the border collies and the cattle dogs. They relinquished her to be rehomed to SPDR. Judy's husband, Lyle, drove her home from Missoula, MT to Seattle. We were very short foster homes and I begged one of our club members to foster her for a week until my foster moms came back from their vacations. The foster family wound up falling in love with her and adopting her. But what's not to love! Everyone who had her in their arms loved her, even the vets.

**Reason for Surrender :** No time for dog . **Fostering by Judy/MaryAnne Hunt 10 days INTACT:N**  
**State:** Missoula, MT



**Luther – 9 yrs old :** Luther was a sad story. His owner abandoned him and their roommate dropped him off at the shelter. He was very sick and had puss dripping from his ears. He had raging dental problems as well. I got him to the vet ASAP and we did his dental and his ears, and started him on antibiotics. He also had low thyroid so we started him on meds. As he came out of the infection his mannerism turned. He was aggressive with people and dogs, and he was deaf. It was hard to try and train him because he couldn't hear you calming and he couldn't feel the floor when you banged on it. His vision wasn't great, so he couldn't see and signals either. If you were behind him trying to correct him, he couldn't hear you. If you touched him gently

he would go into a rage. As the days passed I knew I couldn't adopt him out and you couldn't control him if he couldn't hear you or the tone of your voice to calm him. As he became more aggressive in situations with other dogs anywhere in the house and me passing him I couldn't adopt him out and had to euthanize him.

**Reason for Surrender :** owner abandoned dog . **Fostering by Karin 10 days INTACT:N**  
**State:** Everett, WA **Outcome :** Euthanized



**Mr. Higgins -1 1/2 yrs:** Same story – lets buy a dog on internet because they are so much cheaper than the reputable breeders. Mr Higgins lived in Eastern WA and had severe allergies they couldn't control. Came from a large family with lots of children (7+ I think) , and they could not afford the vet bills but mom was pregnant with yet another child. He did have severe allergies and was with Judy for a long time. He recently was adopted out to Moses Lake and the new owner can afford his allergy shots and his well care. She thinks he is a baby doll We are happy to make the match. He is currently on allergy shots and will be the rest of his life.

**Reason for Surrender :** owner can't afford dog. **Fostering by Judy 3 mos INTACT:N State: Pasco, WA**



**Charlie –7 yrs old :** Poor Charlie was abandoned in the middle of nowhere and no place by Oso, WA or 15 miles from it. I think only 90 people live there. He was dumped in the woods in November in the cold with nothing, to fend for themselves. This is one of the cruelest things an owner can do. These dogs are not wolves and cannot fend for himself. Worse being in the woods there is no chance of bumping into a person who can call animal control. At least at a shelter he will be safe, warm and have food. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING. I wish I could take these owners and drop them in the middle of the Congo with nothing and say – good luck. It would bring much joy to my heart.

He was found by a hiker who brought him home. He was microchipped but not registered, he was terrified of being left alone. This dog did not run away, he never gets more than 2 ft from you for fear he is going to be left alone. He was great with cats and dogs and people and obedient. He was housebroken and intact as well. The hiker kept him 3 wks then turned him over to us. She had high hopes the dog had run away, however as time passed, she realized Charlie just doesn't run away! I had him neutered and his dental done and blood panel, a bath and he was wonderful. Such an easy dog after having to deal with Luther. I had a Scottie friend who lost her Scottie recently and I had her foster Charlie and she was really liking him. However, he eventually was adopted out to our friend Carolyn who had just lost Kayla and Lucy. So we gave her Charlie whom she renamed Winston. My Scottie friend wound up getting a Scottie puppy that came into rescue. WE NEVER get puppies, but my rescue counterpart in Oregon said, do you know anyone who would be a good home for a Scottie from Alaska? I said why yes. So again there really aren't any coincidences in the universe.

**Reason for Surrender** : owner abandoned dog in woods . **Fostering by Karin/Sarah 10 days INTACT:Y**  
**State: Oso, WA**



**Cody 3 yrs old (Cairn Terrier)** : Cody was adopted out of Concord, CA to Bremerton. The lady who had adopted him had never had a Cairn terrier and only a Westies who was calm and 14 yrs old and had just passed. She also had an African Grey Parrot who Cody was not fond of and wanted to disassemble. She also didn't have a fenced yard, so in 7 days she decided she didn't want him. She contacted the Cairn club and they contacted me and April picked up Cody. This is a perfect example of

why rescue groups do not adopt dogs out of State. I was ready for a crazy boy and was pleasantly surprised at what a great dog he was. I asked my cairn friends if they could foster him because I had Charlie and Luther, and my own dogs. So they gratefully fostered him for three weeks. We found Cody was a nervous wreck because he had been in the shelter in CA, in rescue in CA, to the vet to get neutered, then on a plane to Seattle, then a new home with a parrot squawking at him, moved again to me, then moved again to foster home. Every time he got into the car he shook like a leaf wondering what was going to happen to him again. Then he took three days worrying to wonder what was going to happen next. During this time in foster I worked with him in K9 Nosework classes, and we rotated him to my home and their home and exposed him to more dogs, and different places. Therefore he identified the car with more pleasant things and every time he went in a car a wonderful adventure happened, he was either at the beach walking or on a trail walk, or at Nosework class, or at another home who had Cairns and he played in the yard and got treats. He was a great dog, and I wound up adopting him out in Seattle to a couple who had just lost their Cairn terrier at 14 ys. They also had another older Cairn who was 14 who showed Cody the ropes. Even the resident cat went over and stared at him and went back to bed. We adopted him out just before Christmas and it was the BEST match I made. He gets to go to work with mom or dad – depending what the day, and he is a great dog on the leash. In a week it was like they always had him as their dog.

**Reason for Surrender** : Stray in shelter, then adopter wanted to return . **Fostering by John/Barbara-Karin 30 days INTACT:N State: Concord, CA**



**Marco 5 ys old:** Marco was a wonderful dog. His owner was in the process of having her home repossessed and she kept the Westie and gave us the Scottie. He was very healthy and socialized. She had adopted him from Tacoma Shelter two yrs prior. He got along with all the dogs here, and he was a breeze. I wound up adopting him out to a lady in Pullman, WA who already had two Scotties. She adopted Marco and just thinks he is absolutely amazing. She sends us updates all the time, and he is very happy. Unfortunately the lady who owned him moved in with her son and his pit bull killed her Westie. It was very sad situation. She kept them separate, but there is only that second of time where a door doesn't shut all the way, or someone forgets a gate that isn't locked, then it's over. We are grateful she gave us Marco. He is well loved

**Reason for Surrender** : Owner- Homeless . **Fostering by Karin/Kaleen 10 days INTACT:N State: Burien, WA**



**Abby 7 yrs old:** Abby's story was amazing. She came from a family of 23 kids. *Not a typo.* The first 13 were adults and most moved away from home and the last 10 were under 12yrs and about to bring in two handicapped toddlers from China who had to crawl on floor due to spina bifida. Abby was raised in all this, however she was getting into it fights with the other Scottie and he wasn't taking any of her crap and now was fighting back. Let the games begin. And when mama reached in there she got bit. The owner loved her to pieces, and didn't want to give her up, however, she was worried that if the babies were inadvertently between two pissed off dogs, they could be bitten and she could face problems with child services. (She also home schooled.) Her solution: have all Abby's teeth pulled to solve the problem and keep her. Gratefully every Vet she asked turned her down. So she called me. I truly had to really push hard to get Abby

because she did not like giving up her dog or kids. I had to really make a stand on how selfless would be to give the dog up for adoption. I finally said, "It is a cruel and selfish thing to have a dogs teeth pulled for your own perceived benefit. She needs to be rehomed!". That kind of knocked some sense into her. She was rehomed to a lovely couple in Spokane and is the Belle of the Ball and only child. She has a four-poster dog bed, and she has breakfast in the am with Dad and a daily walk, and a crystal collar and a car seat in the Mercedes! Life is good for Miss Abby and she kept all her teeth!

**Reason for Surrender:** Owner- not getting along with other Scottie I the house  
**Fostering by Karin/Kaleen 14 days INTACT:N State: Vashon Island, WA**



**Eddie 4 yrs old (no photo):** Kaleen was in Shoreline at a Scottie Grooming Seminar when she received an SOS on her cell phone from someone in Cle Elum who was going to take their 4 yr old Scottie out to the yard and shoot it because it bit him when he was wrestling with it. Kaleen left the seminar and high tailed it out of Shoreline to Cle Elum in Eastern WA. She arrived to find out that the dog was happy and fun and the two men (or three) in the house really couldn't give a lot of info about the dog and called it by another name which wasn't its name on its tag? Billowing pot smoke was waifing through the living room as she stood outside on the porch. The guys appeared to have been smoking pot and were mostly unclear on how old the dog was, and not agreeing too much on his name,

nor were they clear about the story of a past roommate leaving it and no one would sign a surrender form. Kaleen waited patiently acting like she sympathized with these men and tried not to be obvious when she was inspecting at the dog tags. He was wearing three of them. Rabies, ID tag and Microchip. Hummm...

Kaleen took the dog by the leash and bid the men farewell. We never take a dog without a surrender form, but she did because something FISHY was going on. She put the dog in the car and drove downtown and found a parking spot so she could examine the tags better. She called the phone number on the ID Tag. A woman answered and Kaleen said "Hello do you own a Scottie"? The woman was euphoric and said. "You found my baby EDDIE!!! OMG he's been missing for a month and I thought he was dead. OMG ".and she started crying.

Kaleen said she got him from someone named Tim. The owner shrieked in the phone and said, that is my ex-boyfriend and he must have stolen that dog from my yard when we broke up. DAMN him, I asked him repeatedly if he had the dog, and he said no. I asked him if he came over and left the gate open, he said no. She cried and cried, and Kaleen said, I will meet you at the police station in Cle Elum and you can pick up your dog there. Cle Elum isn't a huge town.

Smart thinking on Kaleen's part because she walked into the police station with the well behaved Scottie on a leash and told them what happened. Since they have no shelter there, the owner was coming to meet the dog and she could decide if she wanted to press charges. It would be between the police and the owner. Kaleen was asked by the Police who had the dog, she said some guy named Tim who lives on such and such street. Officer said – oh we know TIM! He's always in trouble. The owner came sprinting into the station with tears in her eyes and had a wonderful reunion with Eddie the Scottie. It was kind of humorous when they were calling the dog Bruce and his name tag said Eddie. Also that the address on the ID tag didn't match Tim's place.

If this dog was microchipped and registered it would have been even a better ID.. Dogs who are registered and found are returned 100% of the time.

## 2013 STATS

**TOTAL: 43 Westies 3 Scotties 1 Cairns 1 Yorkie = total 48 rescued**

### Grand Total of dogs

Males	Females	Returned to Owner	Shelter adopted out	Dogs spayed neutered	Euthanized	# of dogs Refused	Vet costs in 2013
25	24	1	4	12	2	0	<b>\$ 10,500 (Westies)</b>
							<b>\$ 615 (Scotties)</b>
							<b>11,115 TOTAL</b>

- Euthanized\* - onset of terminal illness or unpredictable biters
- Intact: we paid for spay neutering (average cost \$300 per neuter/spay)

#### Operations:

- Dental and extractions
- Mammary tumors removed
- Skin infections, ear infections

Dogs who were microchipped when we got them but never registered – 10 out of 11 were not registered.

**States dogs came from :** CA (1) – OR(19) – WA(20) – MT(2) – ID (1)

### Other Costs (detailed below) \$10,060

Mileage/Ferries	Ofc supplies	phone	Meds/food
\$3310	\$244	\$585	\$5927

Note: Supplies encompass leashes, crates, gates, xpens, crates for transport, crate liners, airline shipping costs, cleaning products, meds, antibiotics, vitamins, office supplies, printing ink, file folders, envelopes, postage, wee pads, training classes. Grooming and grooming supplies.

**Total Expended for Rescue in 2013: \$21,175**



**The Rules:** We understand your compassion for rescue however due to laws and rules of our rescue, 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 Craig's 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.



**A big NO NO** – do not post belittling and inflammatory info on Craigs list to people who are rehoming their dogs. Same for our Facebook page. At least they are not dumping them in ravines, and not abandoning them on the highway as we see all the time. This is much crueler than going to a shelter.. Domesticated dogs are not wolves. 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 and against our policy. If you want to buy it and turn it over to us, so be it. 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 last year. (I didn't even count rabbits and hamsters and birds) We could never even attempt to make a dent in that amount of animals. We need the Humane Society and shelters! Shelters are in dire need of money to exist, and they are very proactive not to have a reputation of euthanizing dogs due to overcrowding. The shelters work hard to find rescue groups to take adoptable dogs. I am always contacted by shelters in Oregon, Idaho and Montana to take dogs. In Oregon, the Troutdale Shelter will even spay and neuter and do dental for us for free, before we get the dog, as a courtesy for our travel.

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 homes are blessed with our own dogs who welcome rescue dogs to their domain. This is a continual transition for our own dogs. It's hard to put our own dogs in harms way with dogs who are not socialized or aggressive. Our dogs beds get torn up, toys destuffed, hysterical nervous dogs, or happy crazy dogs who have more energy than a Jack Russell because they are FREE and have a yard. Our attention is taken away from our own dogs while we care, train and nurse rescues back to health. My poor dogs have been putting up with it for 9 years.

If I have learned anything all these years , it's that all dogs need structure and routine. They need this more than being overly affectionate adoration. They evolve into different dogs when they are introduced to a sport they must learn and build their confidence. Their self-esteem changes them. They achieve confidence by facing their fears and getting through it with a positive ending. I spend a lot of time on the phone with trainers asking 1000 questions. Confident dogs are good dogs.



**NEED HELP:** If you can help us in any way other than foster, we can also use the following assistance: Transporting between Oregon and Seattle, and between Tri-cities and Seattle and Spokane/Seattle. It's usually only taking one leg of the trip.

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](mailto:seattleblackandwhite@gmail.com)



## THE MEDICAL CARE - PRICELESS

We appreciate all the excellent support from our vets. They give us priority, and give us first class service and rescue discounts which is very rare these days. If you are looking for a new vet, use one of ours! They know our breeds! We can give you recommendations.

Special thanks to:

<b>Bothell Pet Hospital</b> (425) 486-3251 Drs. Shannon Smith, Kim Hsu, Lesley Kovar (giving us first class care since 2005)	<b>Animal Hospital of Maple Valley</b> (425)432-2999 Dr. Karla Mooers
<b>Selah Vet Clinic</b> (509) 697-6111 Dr. Mike Beksinski	River Road Animal Hospital (253) 845-7525 Puyallup
Value Pet Clinic Shoreline, WA	Dr. Jean Dieden Animal Hospital by the Sea (360) 331-8090 Langley, WA
Tumwater Veterinary Hospital 360-754-6008 Tumwater, WA	Dr. Donna Kelleher, Bellingham , WA

## The People who make it a success:

There are absolutely no words to express that I could not do this alone. I am forceful, demanding and have high expectations and I surround myself with people who work as hard as me and have my qualities, or it doesn't work. Years ago, a boss of mine told me a secret. She said, "You are only as good as the people you surround yourself with. If you build your team with good people, it makes you look good and you are all a success". She was so right.

Rep - Karin Parish: I process all the applications, do the interviews, spread sheets, pick ups, coordinate, foster the sickest dogs or the ones with the worst temperament (much to my dogs dismay). I do most of the training and guide all the foster homes, delegate, and yell for help when I am exhausted. I process the reimbursements, pay for all the vet bills on my visa (and then wait for reimbursement from SPDR), I do the fund raising, thank you notes, and write up all the stats on the dogs, handle the photo album, and deal with shelters and veterinarians. I groom, I figure out transports, and probably more, but that is enough to tire you out.

Co Rep: Judy Lane: Works full time at Pemco. She has five of her own dogs and a husband. She specializes in nutrition, she grooms, she specializes in diabetic dogs, dogs with cataract surgery, knee surgery and skin issues. She helps me with interviews, and she drives hither and yon on her only weekends off picking up dogs, and scheduling vet appts, transports and getting paperwork.

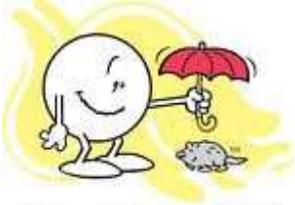
## The heartbeat

Vicky Ray- Foster: Vicky works part time, has her grandchildren four days a week, a husband and three dogs. She picks up all my dogs from Tacoma shelter, she is learning allergy problems, she covers the area from Renton down to Yelm. She always is flexible, makes great decisions and I can just point her and let go, and I know it's done. She is thorough, efficient and dependable. She's everything anyone would want for a teammate. Vicky has fostered the most dogs this year. (15).

Sammi Carlstrom - Foster: Sammi has three of her own dogs, and takes care of her elderly father who is suffering from mild dementia. She consistently handles Olympia to Portland. You call her and she has her keys in her hand before she hangs up the phone. She listens, follows directions, knows the protocol, and is just a delight because you can hang up the phone and know you don't need a follow-up. She fosters, has had to have dogs in horrible condition health wise

in her house, and she is a stopover between Portland and Seattle. Her only answer to me is “ok, no problem” . ( Now what’s not to love about this lady!) She has put extreme mileage on her car, and has to take Dad with.

June Taylor Oregon: June was busy in 2012 with losing a job, and working on to find a job in this economy, which was a job that was a good hour and a half from home. But she has come back and helps us in Oregon. She goes beyond the call of duty. She is excellent with dogs, and grooming and evaluating. If she has to pick up a dog from someone who is losing home, or has no money she will bring them dog food, and flea meds for the other animals in the house and give them instructions on ear care, etc. This is what she does. She is very kind and caring. If a new dog is going to a home and its cold she will go buy them a new coat so they look nice when they get adopted. June is like a long haul driver. She will drive to the border of CA then to the center of OR to pick up another dog and back up to Portland. She will give up her weekends to do this After all this driving she will still groom them or give them a bath, even when she is tired. This is a lot to ask of someone who works four 10 hr days a week and only has Friday-Sunday off, and uses that to transport dogs, and interview people when she still has her own dogs to care for and laundry. None of us get paid.



## The helpers:

I have some other foster homes I use on occasion who will help fill the void, and we always need a second string to help. Charlotte, Shawnie, Claudia and April. April is my friend and she has Friday’s off, and I am forever asking her to pick up a dog when I am desperate, and she works it into her weekend and delivers it to my door and then I jump for Joy I know she does it because she is my friend, but I so appreciate it. She has learned a lot from rescue. I also run scenarios off her to see if I am on the right path or have overlooked something.

There are many other helpers who assist when I ask but only on occasion. I am grateful for them as well. Even if they drive a dog once, its one less time I have to do it.

## In Closing:

We have had less dogs in rescue during 2013 - which is a blessing. 2012 we had 67, in 2011 we had 74. This year we had 47. However this year we are covering more states. We also have another breed. But less dogs, which is great. We are all getting old and like the down time!

Thank you all for your donations and support. My motivation below

