



2017 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 foster families, and transporters making us a successful volunteer group. We also thank our many donors who make it possible for us to continue, and the enormous support and discounts that we receive from our Vets.



Rosa – 9 yrs: Owner was a kind gentleman and he had 3 westies and several grandchildren under 4 yrs old. One of the toddlers kept messing with Rosa and she bit them. The son-in-law lost his mind and said if he didn't get rid of the dog he would never see his grand children again, and if he kept the dog, he would shoot it. Thus, "frantic call". I talked to him for a long time, and it seems he had a doggie door in the bedroom that led to a fenced kennel area in the yard. I suggested he hop on down to target or walmart and get a pressure gate that swings open for \$39. When grand children came for their hour visit once a week, put the dogs in the bedroom. They will have access to the yard, and potty and the children will not mess with them. He did, and it worked like a charm and the dogs were relieved they had refuge!



Angus – 8 yrs: Angus was as close to perfect as I could get. His owner was moving into an apartment and no room for the dog, so she gave him up. He was sweet, loving and obedient. Can't get much better than that! He was promptly rehomed to former adopters I had on my list, and he is living the good life in Bellevue!

Reason for Surrender: – Moving into an apartment. Foster Vicki/Barbara Mitchell : 13 days
INTACT: N State: WA



Ava – 2 yrs: Ava came from a stellar owner. She was obedience trained, good on a leash, great in a car, great in the house, etc. The owner loved her a lot but her job had her traveling 2 wks a month and the dog was alone far too much or in a kennel during her business trips. She felt it wasn't fair to her. She was adopted out to another wonderful owner who had adopted from me before. She came to our last Wine Tasting Party in 2017.

Reason for Surrender: – Long Working hours. Foster Vicki: 8 days INTACT: N State: WA



Gemma – 12 yrs: Gemma was adopted by us, and the owner passed away. We assisted the daughter in rehoming Gemma in Oregon. Gemma is a hoot, but had to be an only dog. Gemma was originally surrendered to me by Parking Lot Pearl. It was the last of her dogs. She was in good shape, with no allergies. It was a good transition.

Reason for Surrender: – Owner died. Foster none INTACT: N State: OR



Sam – 10 yrs: Sam was given to us by the Olympia shelter because he bit a child. We found him a dream, and we figured the child should have gotten bitten (LOL) .

Reason for Surrender: – Bite - Foster: Barbara Kam INTACT: N State: WA

Travis – 9 yrs: Travis was a referral from another adoption agency and we made a perfect match with someone who lost their Westie. He is currently living the high life in University District. (no photo)

Reason for Surrender: – Referral from another rescue. Foster Barbara Kam INTACT: N State: WA



Casper – 13 yrs: Casper was a wonderful sweet dog, and he was fostered in two places. His owner came down with Stage 4 cancer, and we held him in rescue for a while. Unfortunately he succumbed to heart failure while in foster care, and it was sad for all of us. He did have a wonderful time in foster care, he was part of a loving household

Reason for Surrender: – Owner had cancer. Foster: Vicki INTACT: N State: WA



Sophie 14 yrs: Sophie was given away free on Craigs list. She was placed in a household with multiple small children and mom felt the dog sure didn't have enough energy for her household and that she slept all the time, so she called us to take her or she was marching her to the shelter. So we picked her up. She lived another 9 mos in foster care and passed away from cancer. Foster mom has her ashes and loved her very much ! She said Sophie made her smile every day she was with her. God bless Sophie.

Reason for Surrender: – Received free off of craigs list. Foster: Barbara Mitchell INTACT: N State: WA – Passed away while in foster care.



Lacey 5 yrs: Lacey was the counter part of of Casper, and she was rehomed to a lovely adopter in Oregon She has acquired a new brother and they are like two peas in a pod. They both watch TV together! Their owner, Norma is the BEST.

Reason for Surrender: – Owner had cancer. Foster: Vicki INTACT: N State: WA



Taco 7 yrs: Taco was with the family from puppyhood. He was really well behaved, and he was adopted out to Ileana who comes to all our Westie events. She renamed him Paco, and she loves him dearly. After he was adopted they discovered a cancerous growth on his belly (which I hadn't seen) and he was treated and they kept him. We are grateful to her and John giving him a great loving home.

Reason for Surrender: – Not good with 2 yr old . Foster: Karin INTACT: N State: WA



Arthur 6 yrs: Arthur was a heartbreaker. I took him in as a Westie Mix and he wound up to be a Wire fox Terrier/Westie designer dog.. ironically sold on Craig's list as a "WOWSER" (which is a westie/schnauzer). After I called on the microchip, he was actually a wire fox/westie. He was super well behaved and manners that people would DREAM their dog had. The woman couldn't get rid of him fast enough because she was going on a CRUISE with her husband who had just retired. She also explained to me that he was a very valuable dog, a WOWSER, and if I looked on internet I could see they are going for a lot of \$\$\$\$. She said she had seen them as high as \$500 and that she even had papers. Its very good that I am on the phone during these conversations so no one can see my facial expressions! I asked her if she paid \$500 for him? She said no, she got him free off Craig's list .. but he is very valuable! Oh Sigh. On that note the heartbreaker was she left the dog behind with foster, and he sat at the fence waiting for his owner to return for 5 hrs. Just staring at the gate. Finally Vicki went outside and said – Arthur! Your mom is a jerk and doesn't deserve you, we will find you a better home. At which time Arthur turned around and trotted inside. He went to a retired gentleman who visits his mom in the nursing hoome and Arthur goes with him and is the hit of the nursing home!

Reason for Surrender: – Going on vacation and doesn't want her dog . Foster: Vicki INTACT: N State: WA



Maddie 9 yrs : Maddie was brought into a vet in Port Orchard to euthanize due to ongoing skin problems. The owners felt she was suffering for 9 years, and enough was enough. The vet asked them to surrender the dog to the clinic, then went about 4 mos of intensive skin care and got her in shape to be adopted out. At that time she contacted me to help her place the dog, and we assisted. She paid for all the care, and ultimately wound up adopting her out on her own.

Reason for Surrender: Surrendered for euthanisa for skin problems . **Foster: none INTACT: N State: WA**



Max #10 5 yrs old: You people need to think of new names for your Westies! Max unfortunately bit a 3 yr old and the family was amazing. They knew it wasn't the dog's fault, however they didn't trust their 3 yr old. Max was super well behaved and loving and was placed in a stellar home. We are happy we could assist with this placement as the owners were very devoted to Max and he was so well behaved and mannered.

Reason for Surrender: Biting child . **Foster: Barbara Kam INTACT: N State: WA**



Tyke 7 yrs : Tyke was returned to the breeder after 7 yrs. She had to be placed as an only dog. We worked with the breeder and found her a nice "only dog" home. The breeder worked with her, and evaluated her and interviewed the adopter. The adoption contingency was the adoption fee would be refunded after she saw proof of going to obedience class, and other dog training, so it was a win win.

Reason for Surrender: Fighting with dogs . **Foster: none INTACT: N State: WA**



Sammy-12 yrs and Lucy 10 yrs: Ring a ling, emergency phone call. Why is it always a holiday? On December 19th I received a call that the owner had passed away. The family was in shock. They were driving back and forth quite a way – from their home to their sister's home to care for the dogs while she went in for minor procedure which was supposed to be 3 days. On day four they were waiting for a call to pick her up from the hospital . They called, and were told she passed away an hour before she was to be picked up. Mostly they were in shock, and for the following week they were dealing with funeral, relatives, wills and what to do with the dogs. It was very very sad. They were so grateful that I was helping they did all the blood panels,

dental and neutering of the male. They alls groomed them (I don't have a current grooming photo) and well, they went above and beyond with these two. They spent over \$3k getting them ready. They requested the vet keep them for three days so that Sammy could recover from his neutering. The relatives also demanded they keep Lucy with Sammy at the vet during recovery because they would not cope being separated (I am sure they would but who am I to suggest it) Thus the large bill. They were adopted out as a pair and living in Bothell. I have continually invited adopter to our events, but so far no go. We hope to see them someday at one of our events.

Reason for Surrender: Owner passed . **Foster: none INTACT: Y State: WA**



Tia 10 yrs Tia (Scottie) was a rehome from a former adoption. She lived in a group home and one of the newest foster children was allergic to her, so they had to rehome her. We found a wonderful forever hoome in Oregon. Bless you that adopt our senior dogs.

Reason for Surrender: Foster child allergic to her . **Foster: none INTACT: N State: WA**



Tuffy and Duncan – 8 yrs.. Owner decided she had no time for the dogs After 8 yrs she rehomed them. Inconvenience? I don't know, it came to mind. We did senior blood panels and had their dental done. They were rehomed to a loving home.

Reason for Surrender: No time for dogs . **Foster:** Kaleen **INTACT:** N **State:** WA



We also helped place two senior Bichons because owner died.

2017 STATS

TOTAL: 18 Westies* 3 Scotties 1 Cairns* = total 22

*Note: Refused a dog due to aggression problems.

Males	Females	Returned to Owner	Shelter adopted out	Dogs spayed neutered	Euthanized	# of dogs Refused	Vet costs in 2013
11	7	0	3	3	3	1	4220.00 (Westies)
2	1						1567.00 (Scotties)
1						1	0 (Cairns)
							5787.00 TOTAL

- Intact: we paid for spay neutering (average cost \$300 per neuter/spay)

Operations:

- Dental and extractions
- Blood panels
- Tumor removal
- Skin infections, ear infections

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

Other Costs (detailed below) \$10,060

Mileage/Ferries	Ofc supplies	phone	Meds/food
\$1600	\$299	\$540	\$2047

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 2017: \$15,847



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 Craig's 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 Craig's 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 Craig's 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 confrontational. 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 Its 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



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:

<p>Bothell Pet Hospital (425) 486-3251 Drs. Shannon Smith, DMV, Dr. Kim Hsu, DMV, Dr Lesley Kovar , DMV (giving us first class care since 2005)</p>	<p>Healthy Pets Animal Hospital Olympia, WA Dr. Natalee Rosinski, DMV</p>
<p>Selah Vet Clinic (509) 697-6111 Dr. Mike Beksinski</p>	<p>River Road Animal Hospital (253) 845-7525 Puyallup</p>
<p>Dr. Jean Dieden, DMV Animal Hospital by the Sea (360) 331-8090 Langley, WA</p>	<p>Dr. Donna Kelleher, Bellingham , WA</p>

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: Victoria Ray: Vickie transitioned from foster to co-rep and learned from all of us. I could not do it without her, and she is always ready to go. Her husband Fred gives a lot of his time and does a lot of dog sitting, vet trips and such. We appreciate all of Vickie's family and her nice dogs.

The heartbeat:

Barbara Kam: Barbara takes care of Olympia and south to Portland. She has been with me on and off since perhaps 2006. She is a wonderful asset and very hands on and knowledgeable. She is someone who is so dependable that it makes my life easier. I appreciate all she does and the numerous hours she drives, and cares for all our dogs. She also fosters for other agencies.

Barbara Mitchell: Barbara has fostered for me on and off, but due to her health, I can occasionally give her the older dogs. But I do appreciate what she can do.

Claudia Bailey: She is a driver and emergency foster when I need her, and I appreciate all her dedication to rescue

The helpers:

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 2017 - which is a blessing. Thank you all for your donations and support. My motivation below

