

# THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS

## 2009 Westie Rescue – Why do we charge \$300 for a used dog?

I was writing up stats on what we have spent this year in rescue and it was some mind boggling numbers. I am grateful to everyone and still happy we are afloat. We had some very generous donations from Karin Bishop, Karen Tilbury, Chris Larson and Suzanne Vaughn and so many others that we are so grateful, especially with this economy.

These numbers also **do NOT** reflect the mileage and costs that people have donated and not been reimbursed for (Tilbury, Ann, Corbley, Michele, Taylor - made some outrageous trips - add another \$1000 onto that bill) Also not include in who did not ask for reimbursement mileage for inhome visits – Shawnie, Barbara Trejo, and Vicki Ray )

**In 2007 - Rescued 27 dogs**

**In 2008 Rescued 68**

**In 2009 Rescued 58**

- We currently have 3 Westies in foster care (one Scottie and 3 Cotons)
- From July - September of 2007 we adopted out 12 dogs (2 were returned)
- 39 dogs adopted in 2009 and three dogs have been returned
- Spayed/Neutered 18 Westies
- Two Legg Calves Perthes Operation, and Double Ear Ablation, one Westie Lung Disease, Heart problems
- Severe Allergies - 14 dogs

**Vet Bills: We have spent \$12,745 on vet bills**

Grants from WestieMed & National Club \$3,300 gave us in grants.

\*Michele donated \$2,900 on top of the above number.

OTHER EXPENDED.....**\$7264**

Mileage reimbursement: \$3264

\*Supplies reimbursement : \$4000

My phone bill for 2009 for long distance calls \$1,345

**What we spent on rescue this year: \$27,554**

Dogs adopted out this year: That we rec'd \$300 or less for - **39 dogs**

**Dogs on average are costing us \$705** to care for, vet, etc.

\*This does not include the \$5400 that Michele paid for the spay/neutering and dental care of Cotons.

Supplies are: Dog shampoo, medicated sprays, brushes, towels, urine remover, crates, pads, toys, leashes, collars, ID tags, greenies, bullies, vitamins, food supplements, treats, flea meds, grooming supplies, sharpening grooming supplies, brushes, combs, mat cutters, ear meds, crates, ear cleaner, eye meds, dry eye meds, itch lotion, laundry soap, x-pens, wee pads, car seat belts, no pull harnesses, muzzles, gates/baby & swinging, office supplies, postage, envelopes, ink cartridges, thank you notes, bereavement notes, flyers, bathing tubs, throw rugs, dental care items, first aid kits, training books and supplies, agility training, dog training help, and the list goes on and on and on .