



WestieMed News

Fall 2012

Do you have your tickets for the WestieMed Raffle?

First Prize in this year's raffle is an item any Westie lover would be proud to sport on their wrist. This fabulous 14 karat yellow gold bracelet weighs 27.0 grams and features a 14 karat yellow gold *Westie charm* and a lobster clasp. At eight inches in length, the bracelet will fit almost anyone. This is a truly beautiful piece of jewelry! **Appraised Value: \$2,430.00**

The appraisal is available for viewing on the WestieMed website.

<http://www.westiemed.org/raffle/appraisal.html>



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Second Prize isn't "just for reading" anymore...it's a new Kindle Fire direct from Amazon.com featuring full-color 7" multi-touch display with Wi-Fi. Designed from the ground up, Kindle Fire's simple, intuitive interface puts the content you love at your fingertips - spin effortlessly through your recent titles and websites straight from the home screen. Whether you are in the mood to watch, read, listen, play or browse, you can get to all your favorite content with a single touch. It's that simple. **Retail Value: \$199.00**

Third Prize...hold on...an entire basket of goodies for you and your Westie! This Westie Goodie Basket contains many Westie-themed as well as dog toys and *many* other gifts. You and your Westie(s) will love the surprises inside...it will be like a birthday that lasts for days!

Retail Value: \$150.00

Drawing on December 1, 2012

Tickets: \$5.00 each / \$25.00 for 6

Unfortunately, it is against PayPal policies to accept payment for raffle tickets. To purchase tickets, please make (USD) check or money order payable to "WestieMed, Inc." and mail to:

WestieMed, Inc.

**c/o Jen Hosler, Treasurer
2108 Fulton Avenue, Unit #3
Cincinnati, OH 45206**

Or contact WestieMed at: info@westiemed.org



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For the Love of Westies



Barney

Barney first came to the attention of Westie Rescue late in 2011. The owner's son emailed saying that his dad was ill and his mom was suffering from Alzheimer's disease so they needed a place for Barney, a five-year-old male with Addison's Disease. He said his dad was not ready to surrender Barney, but wanted a place for when the time came.

As time passed, Barney's owner's health deteriorated and rescue searched for a home. He was placed with a woman who had lost her male Westie and was seeking a new playmate for her nine-year-old Westie Meghan. She knew nothing about Addison's so the rescue sent information as well as care instructions from Barney's owner. She was unsure about the cost but wanted Barney.

After a short time she noticed Barney was limping and learned that Barney might need surgery; not long after he was diagnosed with a torn ACL. She was very concerned about the cost so an application was filed with WestieMed. Funding was approved and Barney had the surgery.

Read Barney's full story on the WestieMed website:
<http://www.westiemed.org/stories/2012/barney/>



Jessie

An Oregon woman learned through Rescue Me that a Westie needed a home. She emailed immediately to learn that a woman with Alzheimer's wanted her male Westie put to sleep, so her adult daughters put him on Rescue Me.

When the adopter lifted Jessie to put him into the car he growled, and the adopter suspected that she might have an abused as well as severely neglected dog. When asked about food, the previous owners gave her a bag of pig ears. They were evasive when questioned, but gave the adopter vet records and a certificate of ownership that revealed that Jessie had been purchased from a "breeder" in Missouri.

While researching online, the new mom learned about Malassezia Dermatitis and suspected this was Jessie's problem. She had recently moved to the area, and scrambled to find a vet on a Saturday. She was lucky to find a vet with experience with skin issues.

They are working on the skin problem; Jessie is on antibiotics and medicated baths twice a week. He's responding well but may need an antifungal treatment

Read Jessie's full story on the WestieMed website:
<http://www.westiemed.org/stories/2012/jessie/>

**Read about the dogs helped January - June 2012
on the WestieMed website:**

<http://westiemed.org/stories/2012/>

Millie

Little Miss Millie was as sick as she was tiny and feisty when Westie Rescue Indiana (WRI) got her out of a Kentucky shelter in February. Although she had a wracking cough and was obviously unwell when arrived at the shelter, they refused to release her to rescue. Millie stayed in the shelter as her condition deteriorated. She was sent to a foster home for better care, but at this point she was listless and running a fever. WRI was finally asked to take Millie.

She was rushed to the vet and found to be suffering from the effects of pneumonia, a chronic cough and an extremely high white blood count from an untreated infection. She was not expected to survive, but within a few weeks she was able to go to her foster home.

Millie made return visits to the vet to monitor her condition; she continued to improve. Because her lungs were scarred, Millie would always have a cough, but she



was healthy and ready for her forever home. It took almost four long months to save this little girl and find her forever home, but to look at Millie now no one can doubt that it was all worth it.

Read Millie's full story on the WestieMed website: <http://www.westiemed.org/stories/2012/millie/>



Casper and Diamond

Casper and Diamond came into rescue from a man who said his daughter had purchased the pair for breeding but moved and was unable to take the dogs. She left them in his care; the dogs lived outside in a pen.

Once in rescue, the pair was groomed and seen by a veterinarian. At that time it appeared they were happy and healthy.

Once in their foster homes it was observed that both dogs drank unusually large amounts of water and urinated frequently. The vet



performed blood and urine tests on both dogs and referred them to the Midwest Veterinary Specialty Hospital in Omaha. The initial visit which included specialized blood and urine testing for both dogs was quite expensive, and additional testing was recommended for Diamond.

Casper and Diamond have shown their true terrier spirit and the rescue has made a commitment to care for them for the remainder of their lives, regardless of how long that may be.

Read Casper & Diamond's full story on the WestieMed website: <http://www.westiemed.org/stories/2012/casperdiamond/>

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A WORLD WITH NO HOMELESS WESTIES. THAT'S WHAT WESTIEMED IS ALL ABOUT...

How Can You Help WestieMed?

There are a number of ways and opportunities you can help WestieMed raise the quality of life and adoptability of rescued Westies in need of medical attention. We appreciate your support!

MAKE A DONATION

- Mail a check or money order donation to:
WestieMed, Inc.
2108 Fulton Avenue, Unit #3
Cincinnati, OH 45206
- Make a secure online credit card donation.
- Make an automatic monthly subscription donation.
- Donate Westie treasures for WestieMed's online eBay Auctions or Raffle.
- Make a *Planned Gift* consisting of such items as stocks, bonds, cash, personal property, bequests, trusts, life insurance and IRAs.
- Make a donation with your company's *Matching Gift Program*.
- Donate your artistic Westie designs for fundraising purposes through our *Artists To The Rescue* program.

MAKE A PURCHASE

- Obtain "ever-burning" online Tribute and Memorial Virtual Candles from the *Paws and Remember* program on the WestieMed website.
- Shop in the online WestieMed Gift Shop for unique Westie items.



- Shop with WestieMed's Affiliate Companies and a donation will be made to help us help rescued Westies.
- Shop in WestieMed's online eBay Auctions.
- Shop at our Cafe Press Store - the WestieMed Cafe featuring Westie designs by many talented artists.

VOLUNTEER

- Help organize a Fundraising event or a Westie Walk for the benefit of WestieMed.
- Offer your talents and time for a WestieMed project.
- Get WestieMed news and updates through our Friends of WestieMed email list.
- Join the WestieMed group on Facebook.
- Help spread the word about WestieMed.

WestieMed helped 24 Westies in 2011 by providing \$22,000.97 in financial assistance for medical care.

Read their stories on the WestieMed website:

<http://westiemed.org/stories/2011/>

“Why should I visit the WestieMed website?”

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By now, you probably know that you can find information on the WestieMed website about the dogs that have been helped. You can also check on the current raffle, see even more volunteer opportunities, find out where the donations go, learn about the application requirements and more.

But...there's more!

Did you know that WestieMed provides information on various Westie health issues on the website?

<http://www.westiemed.org/health/>

Looking for the perfect gift for a Westie lover or something special for yourself? You have a couple of options that will assist WestieMed and you can shop for items in the WestieMed Gift Shop on the website.

<http://www.westiemed.org/shop/>

Shop with our affiliate companies and a portion of your purchase will go to help WestieMed.

<http://www.westiemed.org/affiliates/>

Thanks to CafePress.com, we are now selling a number of products featuring unique and beautiful Westie designs donated by renowned artists Kirsten Fox, Carol Sanger, Suzanne Renaud, Barbara Scotten, Ann Kallal, Dawn Barnes, Anne Huddleston and Allison Platt.

<http://www.cafepress.com/westiemed>



The Paws and Remember Program

Please take a moment to *Paws and Remember* your special friends.

Make a donation to light an "ever-burning" Virtual Candle from WestieMed's *Paws and Remember* program. This is a wonderful way to show your admiration, love and devotion for those you hold closest to your heart.

- Honor your own special family members,
- Celebrate a living friend, pet or person, with a Tribute Virtual Candle, or
- Remember those you have loved and lost with a Memorial Virtual Candle.

When you make a donation for either a Tribute Virtual Candle or a Memorial Virtual Candle, WestieMed will send a lovely

personalized card to the designated recipient acknowledging your thoughtful gift.

Our acknowledgment card features the *Paws and Remember* logo — Toto — The Rescue Angel designed and donated exclusively to WestieMed by artist Suzanne Renaud.

<http://www.westiemed.org/pawsandremember/>

