

# WestieMed News

## WestieMed Auction News



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In March The Kandy Korner Memorial WestieMed Auction raised **\$12,694** that will be used to help rescued senior Westies. Kandy was an advocate for rescued Westies, especially seniors. Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants who helped make this auction such a success.

We could not have done it without you.

Thank you WestieMed.



In Loving Memory  
Kandy Merric

### SAVE THE DATE!

## WestieMed 2018 Awesome Autumn Auction

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
THRU SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

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# DOG STORIES



## GEORGE BAILEY | JUNE 2018

On December 16, 2017, I drove to Houston to rescue a Westie brother and sister. We named the girl Charlotte Rose and decided to name the boy George Bailey after the film "It's a Wonderful Life".

I later learned that George had a severe ear infection and will need surgery. The doctor, or dog-tor, feels that his infection was neglected for a very long time, which contributed to his being deaf. While he also doesn't bark, he has no trouble making his needs known. He is the sweetest and most gentle dog. George has adjusted quickly and happily to his permanent home.

It's difficult to know how much pain this infection causes him. With WestieMed's help, George will be able to have the TECA surgery he needs.



## ANGUS | MAY 2018

Angus came to Westie Rescue of Northern California (WRAP) from a northern California shelter on 12/2/2017 after several people contacted us on Facebook about him. Angus was a stray, that the shelter said was about 10 years old. Angus was fairly blind only seeing some shadows with cataracts in both eyes. His dental condition was poor. He had early renal disease and was mildly anemic. In addition he was hard of hearing and had ulcers in his eyes which were discovered later. As the WRAP volunteer was sitting in her car to leave the shelter, Angus began to throw up. That set the tone for the weeks to come. He didn't want to eat and when he did he was sick.

His loving foster mother took him to the Veterinarian almost immediately (and often) to start to deal with his medical issues which were many but most importantly his nausea. Multiple labs and testing over the next months were done... [read more >](#)

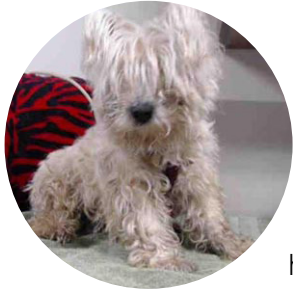


## CHLOE | MAY 2018

In early April, we were contacted by a lady that had taken in five Westies from a family member that had become ill and couldn't care for them. When she found out the owner would not get well enough to ever be able to care for the dogs, she decided she needed to re-home them. We were told that the dogs were acquired for breeding purposes. We arranged for the arrival of the five dogs and settled them into foster homes.

We were told the dogs were all healthy and sweet. They all are definitely sweet, but right from the start, foster mom noticed that Chloe, was not well. She was very skinny, lethargic and just unwell.

She arranged for the vet to see the dogs first thing that next morning and that is when we found the extent of the problem with Chloe, a bad case of Westie Jaw known as Craniomandibular Osteopathy (CMO). They gave care instructions... [read more >](#)



## DAVEY | MAY 2018

Davey is a 14-year-old Westie that came to the shelter at the request of the police due to gross neglect. We called every day for 6 weeks to inquire his possible release date. We were desperate to get him to WROC knowing that a little senior boy of his age would fail to thrive in the shelter environment.

Unfortunately, animals are legally classified as property in the United States, therefore Davey was being held as “evidence”. Our wish finally came true when an officer from the shelter called us on a Tuesday morning, May 8th. The officer handed Davey over to us that very afternoon with tears in his eyes.

Davey was taken to our vet immediately where he was treated for ear and eye infection, received a complete blood panel, clipped his extraordinarily long nails that curled inward making it very difficult to walk, and we scheduled a dental for later in the week. Davey would nip when anyone would get near his mouth so we knew he had a lot of issues going on with his teeth...

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## BEAUMONT | MAY 2018

When Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Gulf Coast late last August, we had no idea what the flood waters would bring. People and animals lost their homes, and many lost their lives. Some “lucky” ones who did not suffer total loss were either evacuated from their homes or stranded and, as the waters receded and damage assessed,

emergency shelters were overcrowded. One of the problems that soon surfaced was the inability of some people to continue to provide for their animals as they pulled their lives back together and Beaumont came from one such situation.

On Sunday, September 3, Westie & Scottie Rescue Houston was contacted by a local shelter to ask if we had room for a family of nine Westies surrendered by a local breeder. The breeder’s son had convinced them to give up the dogs because they were unable to take care of them and had been for some time. All nine dogs were... filthy, covered in fleas and mange, full of worms, and none had been spayed or neutered. The son told shelter workers that they had been unable to sell the last few litters of puppies so kept them and some had bred together. At least five of the dogs we took in that day were products of inbreeding, including Beaumont.

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## INTRODUCING NEW BOARD MEMBER

Jon Elkow  
AS TREASURER

Jon Elkow grew up in Brooklyn, NY. He married Barbara Breslin the same year they graduated from Brooklyn College (Jon with a BS in Accounting). They moved to CT in 1964 and despite Jon’s 35 year career with IBM have never moved since. Jon received an MBA in Corporation Finance from NYU.

Jon and Barbara joined the Westie world 25 years ago when Fiona entered their lives and have never looked back. Since then they have lived with Robbie, Tuppence, Annie, Tucker, Jennie and Molly as actual members of the family, as well as a bunch of part-timers who passed thru as they fostered. The most was when they hosted the Missouri Six for several weeks until they could teach these rescued Westies to walk on grass and live outside of a cage. They were all placed. Left ruling their lives are Tucker and Jenny, both rescues.

Jon and Barbara, have been active in the CT Westie Society; Jon served as President and Treasurer and Barbara co-chaired their rescue operation with Lucy Ryley. Jon has also been active in the community, serving as the Treasurer of their church for several years as well as serving on the Board of Education and chairing it. He currently volunteers as the Ridgefield coordinator for AARP TaxAide, preparing tax returns for low to moderate income taxpayers at no cost.

# DOG STORIES



## KOBI | MAY 2018

I would like to share our story of how this little monster rescued us. My name is Scott and my girlfriend is Millie. We were out on a little road trip on a Saturday afternoon and decided to stop by a local rescue shelter. While we just walked around “window shopping”, I noticed Millie was nowhere around.

The shelter employee and I went looking for her and we found her kneeling down at one of the kennels getting friendly with this little white monster you see here. I quickly told her, “We are not getting a little dog” as she used to raise Boxers and I raised Akitas. Well, to make a long story short as possible, Kobi now owns us.

His first daddy passed in November and his children surrendered Kobi to the Open Door Animal Sanctuary in early December. He came to live with us... [read more >](#)



## BELLA | APRIL 2018

We lost our little Westie Man in December of 2017 at the age of 14. Our hearts were broken. We went back and forth discussing if we wanted another dog or to wait. Well after a few weeks we both decided that we had a huge void in our lives without our Little Man. Nothing beats coming home from work and having the little guy coming running over with the unconditional love.

My husband started tearing up the Internet looking for another Westie to rescue as we had with Westie. Yes, our little Westie was named Westie by his previous Owner. In the middle of January my husband came across Bella which was in a Rescue in New Bedford and had been surrendered by her elderly owner. The Rescue was nice enough to keep her for us as we had a trip planned in early February... [read more >](#)



## SIR TRAVIS | MARCH 2018

My husband and I knew that we wanted to get a dog as soon as we had a house. So, in September of 2017, after we'd settled into our home, we began searching for our furbaby. Our search took us to a high-traffic, high-kill shelter in Newark, NJ. We were immediately taken in by a little white face. His name, according to the cage, was Travis, and when we took him outside he was calm, gentle, and a great walker on the leash. We knew he was the one. We had to wait until his stray hold was up, but when it was, we went back immediately and filled out the paperwork and waited for them to have him neutered. We added “Sir” to his name because we knew we were going to treat him like nobility!

We brought Sir Travis home that Friday night. He had been in the shelter all week awaiting his neutering, but he kept being rescheduled, and we couldn't let him languish there any longer. He was curious about his new surroundings, but never seemed nervous or scared. He took to my husband immediately, giving him kisses... [read more >](#)

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## CHLOE | MARCH 2018

My 2 sons are 21 and almost 19. They are fine young men growing up and pursuing their lives. As such, it left me and my husband with more alone time than we were prepared for. I found myself feeling like another dog, a Westie, would help fill the void. We already have one Westie boy, Harley, whom we rescued almost 10 years ago from Westie/Cairn Terrier Rescue of SW Ohio. He is the apple of our eyes and we thought a new addition would be nice for our family.

Enter Chloe. She's such a boisterous little lady, who captured our hearts right away. The boys love her and she loves them. More than anything, Chloe is a "daddy's girl". She follows my husband around the house constantly. I am her back up parent.

We are lucky enough to know her prior story before coming to Rescue or to us. Her owners were an older couple. They were advancing in age and health problems. The Mrs. was becoming increasing allergic to Chloe. They had to make... [read more >](#)



## MOLLY | FEBRUARY 2018

Last year we lost our precious Westie girl, Lexie. She was ten when we adopted her. It's because of Lexie we fell in love with senior Westies.

Shortly after Lexie's passing we contacted Rachel Phelps with Preston Cares Network inquiring about another Westie. Rachel informed us that she had a ten year old female Westie named Molly who had been surrendered by a breeder from Kentucky. Rachel was very upfront with us about Molly having some health issues. Molly was heart worm positive when she was surrendered and had just completed heart worm treatment. The treatment was very rough on her. Poor Molly also had a very large Inguinal Hernia that needed to be repaired and the poor girl still needed to be spayed. The lady who surrendered Molly said she only bred her a couple of times, however I find that hard to believe considering the size of the hernia... [read more >](#)



## MATTIE | JANUARY 2018

Mattie age 11 years (born 11/30/2006) came into rescue on 1/20/2018 with her 9 year old sister, Jackie. Their human mother had died the previous Monday after a long illness. The family, at a loss for what to do, put the dogs in a kennel.

The dogs were picked up by Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California (WRAP) who transported them directly to a veterinarian, in as much as they needed all their shots. Prior medical records indicated that neither girl had any medical issues in past two years but shots were needed. Mattie was able to receive her shots and heartworm test (which was negative) that day. The girls went to a prearranged adoptive home that evening. It was clear within 24 hours both girls were sick. Mattie began throwing up and both girls had diarrhea. Mattie was the sicker of the two and was very thin appearing. On 1/21/2018 Mattie was taken to the veterinarian. Mattie was thin and we all (adopters, rescue and vet), wanted to try to figure... [read more >](#)

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## **ADDIE | JANUARY 2018**

Addie's rescue story began in April 2016 near Memphis, TN. Her former owner finally did the right thing and surrendered Addie to Westie Rescue, TN.

Addie was a very malnourished 11lbs and almost hairless with lesions all over her skin. She had been living in horrible conditions for the entirety of her first 6 years of life. Having been fed table scraps with little to no outside access and no clean indoor space. Her foster mom tells us that Addie had almost no muscle mass and could not even jump onto the couch. She was afraid of not getting another meal. It took endless love and patience from her foster family for 18 months before they even considered that she might be ready for adoption.

That's when we discovered her on PetFinder.com and fell right in.... love! We have a 14 yr old Scottie who was missing his former Westie friend, Fiona (a prior WestieMed grantee) who passed in July 2017. Addie's foster mom Sandy brought her over to our house. Our Scottie and Addie got along right away and Addie stole our hearts.



## **CHEVY | JANUARY 2018**

Chevy was owner surrendered to Westie Rescue of Western PA a couple days after Christmas 2017 when he became jealous of a new baby. I was made aware that Chevy needed to go to the vet right away because he was sick. He was urinating blood and had blood in feces. We also became aware that Chevy needed all vaccinations and neutering. The meds were immediately given, but neutering would be done when he was healthy. We also had blood work done, urine analysis and feces tested. It revealed that Chevy had a urine infection, ear infection, allergies and Lyme disease. After the vet visit, his world began with love and attention. Westie Rescue of Western PA covered all the costs for the vet visits and meds.

I find Chevy to be a very sweet and loving Westie. He loves to snuggle next to me on the couch, with his head on my lap. He follows me everywhere... He loves when I scratch his head or rub his belly.



# ALUMNI UPDATES



## WALLY

It took all of two months to get Wally back to his normal self after such a long period of neglect. In January, Wally was adopted and joined a family with two other Westies. Wally is on the right. Though he still has an occasional skin flareup, his Mom and Dad stay on top of his care and as such, he has grown a beautiful full coat. Thank you WestieMed for sponsoring Wally!



## NEMO

Our sweet Nemo was adopted by Paul in May. He looks absolutely stunning and is doing extremely well. His new dad reports that he loves car rides in his new car seat, walks perfectly on a leash, and he completed obedience school with flying colors. Nemo loves to throw his toys in the air with his nose and catch them without a worry in the world. Years of neglect came with expensive veterinary bills and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you WestieMed for all your help with Nemo!

## 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!

### 1 MAKE A DONATION

- Mail a check or money order donation to:

WestieMed, Inc.  
13 Spireview Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

- Make a secure online credit card donation
- Make an automatic monthly subscription donation.
- Donate Westie treasures for WestieMed's Facebook Auctions .
- 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.

### 2 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

### 3 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 Facebook Auctions.
- Shop at our Cafe Press Store - the WestieMedCafe featuring Westie designs by many talented artists.

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## 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 acknowledge 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.

[Light a Virtual Candle >](#)

## Our Mission

The Mission of Westie Med, Inc. is to help raise the quality of life and adoptability of rescued West Highland White Terriers (Westies). WestieMed provides these Westies with a second chance at adoption and the opportunity to lead happy, healthy lives in stable, loving, forever homes. In addition, through its efforts and the example it sets, WestieMed aims to stimulate a dialogue, which will educate the general public about rescue animals and rescue organizations.

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