

# WestieMed News



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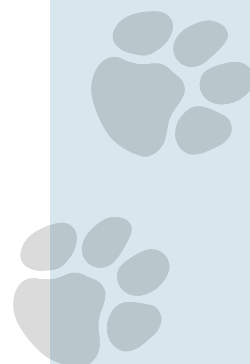
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# THE WESTIES WE'VE HELPED



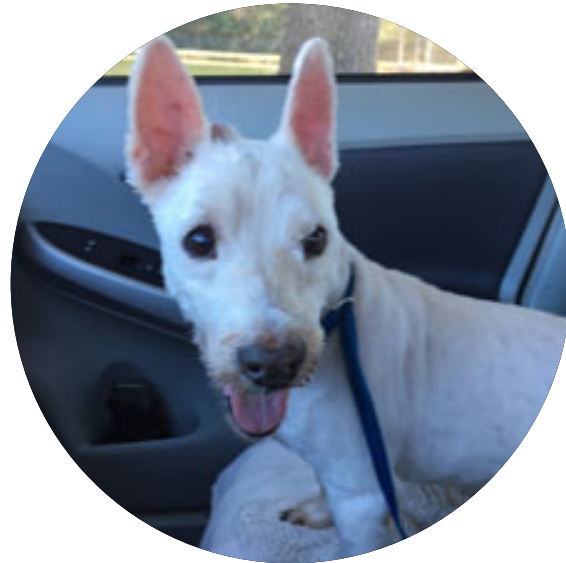
## SAMMI MACBUTT | DECEMBER 2019

After the death of my beloved Westie, Rocky MacDuff, at age 17 years, 6 months, I swore I would never, ever get another Westie. My heart was broken, and I so missed my Moose Boy. Rocky was a WestieMed aid recipient from 2006, who with WM's help, lived 13 more long and lively years. But we all know what happens...we say no more Westies...

For the rest of the story: <http://westiemed.org/stories/2019/sammi2/>

## MCDUFF | JANUARY 2020

On November 24, 2019, a severely neglected white dog, tinged with brown fur from the filth and grime of the elements, was found by animal control, wandering as a stray, in the streets of Orlando, Florida. Upon intake into Orange County Animal Services, a high kill shelter, the county vet was unable to perform the necessary examination of him, due to severe matting, so the shelter groomer was tasked with completing a total shave down of him.



For the rest of the story: <http://westiemed.org/stories/2020/mcduff/>



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## MOLLY | JANUARY 2020

On March 2nd I was looking on the Next Door App on my phone when I saw a listing for a sweet girl who needed a new home due to the death of her owner. The listing stated she rescued about 6 years ago, and at that time her age was approximately 2 years of age. The listing didn't mention what breed of dog Molly was, but she was definitely a Westie.

For the rest of the story: <http://westiemed.org/stories/2020/molly/>



## BAYLEE | FEBRUARY 2020

Hi, my name is Baylee. This is my story, at least what I can remember. Last summer my littermate and I found ourselves in a shelter in NY after our Mommy, who had been sick for a long time went to the hospital and didn't come back home. We were both very sick and one morning my sister went to Heaven to be with Mommy; she was too weak to fight anymore.

For the rest of the story:  
<http://westiemed.org/stories/2020/baylee/>



## DAGWOOD | MARCH 2020

On June 16, 2019 we lost our Sweet Bella to Westie Lung Disease after only having her for 16 months. Bella, who was 9 when we received her, had quite the history and was not a healthy little girl at all. My husband and I decided that we would not rescue another elderly or really ill dog as it broke our hearts.

For the rest of the story:  
<http://westiemed.org/stories/2020/dagwood/>





## JOURNEY | MARCH 2020

My beloved 14-year-old Westie Baxter passed on Christmas Eve, 2019. He was my first Westie and he fought a long hard battle with Westie Lung Disease. It was a devastating loss for me. Baxter was the last of my three dogs. Lexie was a Corgi and my first, then along came Wiley a mixed breed, and finally Baxter came into my life. Both Lexie and Wiley passed away in 2016 leaving just Baxter and myself and we bonded very closely for the next 4 years. Christmas was very hard and to wake up without my faithful friend Baxter was so hard to get through. It was the first time in 15 years I didn't have a dogs around me and it was an extremely empty feeling.

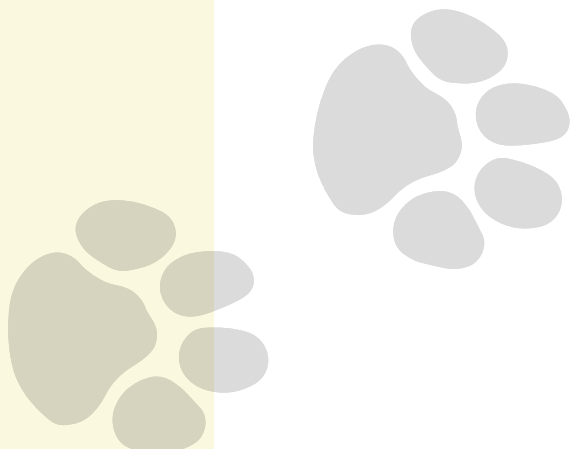
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## BONIE UPDATE | MARCH 2020

Bonnie crossed to the Rainbow Bridge Jan 2020. Suspected stomach cancer. She had the best last year - plus anyone could have hoped for. Her pawrents were wonderful and spared no expense. She was the queen of the house and feeling good right up until she wasn't.

Maggie Escriva  
Westie & Scottie Rescue of Houston







# DOG UPDATES



## **TROOPER 6 MONTH FOLLOWUP | WESTIEMED AID NOV 2019**

We knew we would have very little interest in Davey due to his age but that would Trooper is doing great. He loves having us home during shelter in place, of course! I am so grateful for WestieMed's financial help during the difficult first few months after adoption. Unpopular opinion: vet bills can have pet owners hold on to feelings of resentment, stress, uncertainty, and feeling like "did I make a mistake?!" in the beginning. I remember the feelings of joy, surprise, and gratitude when I received financial help from WestieMed. And I will never forget! Thank you. We are all settled in now and have our routine. Trooper is happy and healthy.

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## **ABBEY | SEPTEMBER 2019**

Abby was happily adopted by Melodee, a retired registered nurse. Melodee had been looking for a companion for some time and discovered Abby on our website. Thanks to WestieMed who provided financial assistance for her bladder stone surgeries, WROC was able to give Melodee a healthy and happy Abby. We sincerely appreciate all that WestieMed has done for us over the years. Attached are pictures of Abby's adoption and her favorite place in her new home. Please let everyone at WestieMed know how grateful we are!!



## WIZARD 11 MONTH FOLLOWUP | MAY 2019



Wizard is doing great. He receives lots of attention and walks since my son is quarantined with us as well! He returns from his two-three daily long walks exhausted and tries to hide in one of his many beds! Wizard appears to be very happy, eats well, and has become very affectionate - on his terms! He barks and looks at you with his big black eyes when he wants to sit in your lap or get on the sofa however, he does continue to growl when you want him off your lap or want him to get out of bed to go out. We've accepted this 'growling' as his way of saying "I'm happy here, don't bother me!" but he still gets moved but hasn't quite gotten the message yet- his growling isn't as strong! He hasn't urinated in the house since his bladder surgery and has learned to go to the door when he wants out...he just hasn't figured out he needs to bark so we know he needs to go, hence we just keep an ear out when he starts walking around. To our surprise he can hold his pee from around 10 pm, til we force him up the next morning (he doesn't like to get up in the AM) and he never seems like he's in a hurry to get out! He has many toys but most of all he loves to play with his 'moose doll'.

We have Wizard's ALT levels checked about every 3-5 months, highest was in April 2019 at 890; June 2019 at 471; October 2019 at 306; Feb 2020 479; and April 2020 478. He is on Denamaran, 1 tab daily; and is on a diet of Hepatic wet & dry dog food by Royal Canine. He's a treat snob so he doesn't like many treats and we don't feed him table scraps. His weight has been consistent now for the past year and averages around 18 lbs. He seems to have bouts every 2-3 months with vomiting but the Vet hasn't been able to find anything even with blood workups. He had an episode about 2 weeks ago when he repeatedly vomited so we took him to the Vet right away. By the time we got there he was wagging his tale and running around like he was never sick. Vet still couldn't find anything wrong. The only other issue we have noticed is that sometimes his rear legs noticeably shake, Vet still couldn't find anything. Wizard had a second dental cleaning Feb 3, 2020, and as noted at his first cleaning, he has gum disease so we are trying to brush his teeth more often, which he doesn't like to say the least.

He has become the neighborhood mascot-everybody loves him and he in turns loves everybody. We think he is doing well in spite of his background. The Vet described him as an "old 7 year old" last year.

We thank WestiMed for their financial assistance but most of all NE Westie Rescue for their support and patience in assisting Wizard to live a happier more deserving life and finding a forever home—think he found one!!!

Kathy & Tim Johnson



## GET TO KNOW THE BOARD

### Becky Walker

#### WESTIEMED GIFT SHOP COORDINATOR

Becky Walker has been owned by Westies since 1992. Her love of the breed grew, and through the internet, she was able to connect with other Westie lovers. Through an internet message board she learned about rescue and was eager to become involved. She co-founded a Westie rescue group that served five states. She initiated a rescue internet message board that brought together rescuers and groups from all over the US. Rescues and transportation was coordinated and Westie rescue took off, growing by leaps and bounds.

After leaving the Westie rescue group, she became a board member of WestieMed in 2000. Becky was appointed WestieMed Gift Shop Coordinator. The majority of items for sale in the giftshop are created by Becky under the name of Becky's Dandy Lines. Her handcrafted and hand painted items are exclusively through WestieMed and are unique and Westie related. Since her retirement in 2013, she has focused on creating items for the annual WestieMed Fundraising Auctions on Facebook.



# HOW CAN YOU HELP?



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!

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### MAKE A DONATION

- Mail a check or money order donation to: *WestieMed, Inc.  
13 Spire View 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.

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### 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

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### 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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