



WestieMed

FOR THE LOVE OF WESTIES

Dear Westie Lovers,

It's been 6 years since WestieMed was formed. Without question, it has been because of YOU that we have been able to make a difference...one Westie at a time. We at WestieMed thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. And the Westies thank you too!

All projects and activities of WestieMed are funded by charitable contributions. Only with your contributions can we continue to help injured or ill Westies, giving them a second chance at adoption and love from a permanent family.

Year	Westies Helped	Funding
2000	14	\$ 5,565.97
2001	7	\$ 8,295.63
2002	19	\$10,642.23
2003	14	\$10,162.15
2004	14	\$15,368.19
2005	20	\$21,323.64
TOTAL	88	\$71,410.81

Donations to WestieMed are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, so please continue to give as generously as you can. Remember, you're not just making a donation...you're making a difference!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of WestieMed, 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 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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ABOUT WESTIEMED

Since its inception in 2000, WestieMed has become a recognized force within the Westie rescue community due to its unique purpose of providing the financial assistance necessary to save the lives of rescued Westies in need of medical treatment and has provided over \$71,000 in financial support toward their medical expenses.

WestieMed is an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation created to distribute financial aid to ill or injured rescue Westies. The organization was founded by a small group of Westie rescuers located across the country who saw a need to provide a resource where medical treatment funding for an abandoned or rescued Westie was unavailable or inadequate.

In August 2000 WestieMed was granted tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization is registered in the state of Maryland as a charitable organization. Articles of Incorporation were also filed in the state of Maryland. WestieMed is uniquely the only tax-deductible organization in the United States specifically providing financial help for rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

As an Internet-based organization, WestieMed is able to intercede quickly on behalf of rescued Westies in need of medical attention by using the communication powers of the Internet. Also, the organization maintains a toll-free, web-based voice mail message center at 1-877-853-9469 to better serve inquiries.

WestieMed Website:

The WestieMed website was developed in January 2000 and is currently being maintained under the direction of the Board of Directors. The website educates the public on various animal health and welfare issues through the information and updates published about the cases funded by WestieMed. Solicitation of volunteers and contributions is made via the website.

Support Independent Rescuers:

In addition to providing support to all Westie rescuers through the Mission of the organization, WestieMed also works to provide referrals to volunteers who can transport, foster and otherwise care for a rescued animal. The organization helps facilitate the contact of the appropriate volunteer with a specific rescuer's needs.

Presence at Dog Shows and Events:

WestieMed provides a presence at dog shows and other dog-related events across the country throughout the year to continue educating the public on WestieMed's Mission. Presence at these events also facilitates contacts with rescuers, volunteers and donors. WestieMed has developed brochures, magnetic business cards, plastic canned dog food lids and plastic paw-shaped clips as outreach tools for use in this regard. Among the dog shows attended was the West Highland White Terrier Club of America's prestigious 2005 Annual Specialty Show in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Throughout the year, WestieMed articles and advertisements are contained in the *Westie Imprint*, the news magazine of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America with a readership of over 1,100.



“Thank you WestieMed for giving Tess a whole new lease on life!

Her future is looking very bright indeed.”

FUNDING ACTIVITIES

The 11-member WestieMed Board of Directors is responsible for the careful screening of each Application for Aid submitted to ensure that Funding Guidelines are consistently and fairly met. WestieMed's Veterinary Advisory Board is consulted where there are questions about diagnosis, treatment and expected outcome. Further, the Board is responsible for appropriately disbursing funds in a timely manner for all approved cases.

During 2005, 20 new cases met the WestieMed Funding Guidelines to receive financial support towards medical expenses. Expenditures paid for these cases totaled \$21,323.64.

Since inception, WestieMed has continuously maintained a positive cash flow and has established an exemplary record in its ability to fund eligible cases.

To ensure that demand for future financial aid will continue to be met, WestieMed is responsible for the ongoing development of funding sources. The Board of Directors works year round on establishing and implementing numerous fundraising efforts to protect and maintain the organization's viability.

During 2005, these efforts included solicitation of individual contributions, club or group donations, corporate affiliations, planned gifts and donations of in-kind items. The Board also sponsored eBay auctions and offered a wide variety of Westie merchandise in WestieMed's expanded online Gift Shop including apparel, jewelry, tote bags, handbags, prints, notecards, books, ornaments, magnets, key chains, silicon bracelets, cookie cutters, treat jars, mugs, soaps, doormats, garden flags and figurines. The Board also established the exclusive WestieGrams line of treats in 2005 featuring the popular CandyGrams and PopcornGrams for holidays and special occasions throughout the year.

Additionally, the Board supported special events held for the benefit of WestieMed such as the extremely successful 2005 Ohio WestieWalk and the 2005 Texas WestieWalk.

OUR SUPPORTERS

Our deepest appreciation goes out to all who have given so generously toward the health and welfare of rescued West Highland White Terriers.

As a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization, WestieMed is funded solely by contributions from the general public. Financial contributions may be deductible for federal income tax purposes to the full extent allowed by law.

Each year WestieMed's activities have been fulfilled, thanks to the donations from our supporters.

WestieMed has established two Funds to help rescued Westies - the **General Fund** and the **Goober Memorial Fund**. The Goober Memorial Fund was created in August 2001 to assist Westies with congenital orthopedic conditions. This fund was named for Goober, the little Westie who touched and inspired so many people with his courage and will to live. The General Fund is used to assist Westies with other medical conditions.

“Thank you WestieMed and all those that contribute so these little ones can receive the care they need and deserve!”

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

WestieMed will provide monetary assistance toward non-routine medical expenses for non-terminally ill Westies or Westie mixes displaying the physical and behavioral attributes of a pure-bred Westie who are abandoned, rescued or recent adoption cases (up to 6 months) and for whom no other funding is available or is insufficient.

WestieMed will accept applications for assistance from any group, organization, or individual who is of legal age (18 years).

The age of the Westie is not a limiting factor as WestieMed will decide each case as to the quality of future life for that dog. No funds will be released without specific assurances that the dog has been or will be spayed or neutered.

WestieMed will provide monetary support to reimburse or directly pay veterinary services for medical expenses of rescued Westies. No rescuer or other individual will be permitted to make a profit from funds disbursed by WestieMed.

FUNDING PROCESS

Just as each Westie is unique, each Westie's rescue situation and health condition is also unique. The following is the general process by which an application is submitted, eligibility is determined and financial assistance is disbursed for rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

STEP ONE: THE APPLICATION

- Confirm your Westie meets all the requirements of the Funding Guidelines as stated on the WestieMed website;
- Submit an online application from the WestieMed website; and
- Email, fax or mail a photo of your Westie and the veterinary invoice or estimate to the WestieMed Applications Coordinator.

STEP TWO: DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVE FUNDING

- The Board of Directors reviews application for eligibility in accordance with the Funding Guidelines;
- The Applications Coordinator may contact you, your veterinarian or the WestieMed Veterinary Advisory Board for additional information; and
- The Board of Directors determines and approves the funding.

STEP THREE: DISBURSE FUNDING

- Write a summary of your dog's medical condition and rescue story for the WestieMed website;
- Approved funding will be issued by the WestieMed Treasurer; and
- Stay in contact with WestieMed while treatment is ongoing and for a period of at least one year following completion of treatment.

WESTIES WE HAVE HELPED



Name of Dog: **Miss Bossypants (Hurricane Katrina Westie)**

Age of Dog: 4 to 7 years old

Rescue State: Louisiana

Medical Condition: Bony Tumor over Eye

Synopsis: Miss Bossypants is a 4- to 7-year old female Westie who miraculously survived Hurricane Katrina. She was found as a stray and brought to the Noah's Wish Shelter in southern Louisiana. The area where she was found was devastated. The Noah's Wish organization became very concerned about this little girl as she seemed even more stressed than what they thought was usual given the circumstances. Consequently, they contacted the Louisiana Westie

Rescue (LWR) group who agreed to foster her for at least 60 days to give her family a chance to find her. The LWR group continued to foster her for several months, but despite her picture being posted on the Petfinders website and on the LWR website, no one claimed her. This little gal really gave her foster Mom a run for her money during the first couple of weeks! She was determined to escape and did once but not for long - thank goodness! She was also quite snappy hence she was given the name, Miss Bossypants. With a new micro-chip for safety and realizing she was in a loving environment where no one would hurt her, she settled down and seemed content to stay. A trip to the groomer's removed the stained and discolored hair on her rump. And as if surviving the hurricane was not enough, it was soon discovered she had a bony tumor over her eye that appeared to be growing. Vet recommended x-rays and biopsy revealed the tumor was benign. It was subsequently removed by the Louisiana State University Veterinary Hospital. The surgery went well and the vets were able to save her eye which had been a huge concern because of the location of the growth. Miss Bossypants subsequently made the decision that her new forever home would be with her foster Mom who has now adopted this very special Westie girl.



Name of Dog: **Abbey**

Age of Dog: 4 years old

Rescue State: Virginia

Medical Condition: Ruptured Bladder

Synopsis: Abbey, a 4-year old female Westie, lived most of her life in a puppy mill where she had been bred 3 times. She was purchased from the mill by a family who, within just two months, surrendered her to Westie Rescue of Greater Washington. The reason was probably due to Abbey's history of urinary tract issues and difficult urination. After her second adoption, Abbey's urination problems continued despite medication and veterinary care. Then suddenly Abbey stopped eating and was completely lethargic. She was taken to the vet who stated Abbey was in critical condition and may not live through the night. Fortunately, Abbey did survive the night and the next morning she underwent surgery where it was discovered that her bladder had ruptured. Surgical repair was performed and Abbey was given a 50/50 chance of survival. Slowly but surely, Abbey recovered and is doing exceptionally

well. Abbey's Mom writes, "We are thrilled to have her with us."

"On behalf of Abbey, and our family, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your help and for your love of Westies. Thank you so much for coming to OUR rescue as well."



Name of Dog: **Bach**

Age of Dog: 8 to 10 years old

Rescue State: Wyoming

Medical Condition: Malassezia, severe emaciation, hernia, multiple tumors and warts

Synopsis: Bach, an 8- to 10-year old neutered male Westie-mix, was found as a stray at a waste treatment plant in Casper, Wyoming and taken to a kill shelter. When no one claimed him by the end of the 7-day waiting period, he was rescued by Rainbow Rescues, Inc. Bach was very dirty, shivering and frightened beyond words to the point of nipping when approached. A trip to the vet revealed Bach was generally in good health but he had been sorely neglected for years. While in foster care his hernia was repaired, his teeth were cleaned and several small tumors and warts were removed. Additionally, medicated baths and oral medications were begun for his seborrhea sicca and alopecia over his neck, hind quarters and tail. Bach has recovered nicely. All of his incisions have healed and his vet commented that Bach *"is making great progress and should have several years of healthy life ahead."* With a new sense of security Bach's personality blossomed. His rescuer writes, *"Bach turned out to be a doll. He loves basking in the sunshine, going for walks, eating and more eating. He is now housetrained, crate trained, loves to ride on a pillow looking out the side window and is very obedient*

and well mannered. And he is beginning to cuddle; it took a long time for him to be comfortable with that. He does sit up to win hearts - and it is very effective!"



Name of Dog: **Annika**

Age of Dog: 5 years old

Rescue State: Texas

Medical Condition: Heartworm, Parasites, Hookworms, Tapeworms, Malnourished, Periodontal Disease

Synopsis: Annika is a 5-year old unspayed Westie female who was relinquished from a breeding kennel in Lake Worth, Texas, to Westie Rescue of Texas. Annika, who had been bred numerous times, had been contained in a filthy outdoor run. Her coat was full of mud and excrement, she was malnourished, infected with a multitude of parasites including hookworms and tapeworms and she had periodontal disease. Lab tests revealed she was also heartworm positive. WestieMed provided financial assistance for Annika's lab work and her subsequent parasite and heartworm treatment. Fortunately, Annika was adopted by a loving family who has devoted their time and energy to her care. Annika's new Mom writes *"With the heartworm and intestinal parasite treatment that Annika has received, she has been transformed from a docile creature who had*

been kept in a breeding kennel all her life to a marvelous, fun-loving, affectionate, energetic 5-year-old. She has endeared herself to both my husband and me. She is currently in obedience training and from our point of view she is at the head of the class."



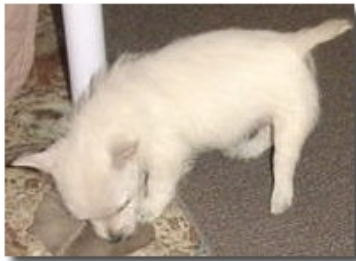
Name of Dog: **Penny**

Age of Dog: 5 years old

Rescue State: Arkansas

Medical Condition: Weight loss and hair loss

Synopsis: Penny is a 5-year old unspayed female Westie who was surrendered by a commercial breeder to Small K9 Rescue of Arkansas due to deteriorating health with weight loss and hair loss. A veterinary exam and subsequent blood work proved inconclusive. A food allergy was suspected and Penny was started on a special diet of Science Diet Z/D. Additionally, Penny was spayed. Penny started to look better and slowly began putting on weight and growing hair. Penny continued improving and her rescuer eventually was able to place her in a fabulous new home.



Name of Dog: **Baby Girl now Miss Mckenzie Starbucks**

Age of Dog: 11 weeks old

Rescue State: Arkansas

Medical Condition: Leg Deformity

Synopsis: Baby Girl was surrendered to Small K9 Rescue of Arkansas by a commercial breeder when she was 5 weeks of age due to a leg deformity. Her left rear leg bent at the hip only. The rescue group's veterinarian took x-rays. The vet had never seen anything like this and suggested amputating her leg. The rescue group rejected the suggestion and searched for other options. When Baby Girl was 11 weeks old, WestieMed

provided financial assistance to have the pup evaluated by specialists with state-of-the-art facilities at the University of Missouri Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Columbia, Missouri located 6 hours away. The specialists concluded that her leg had been broken and had healed leaving just scar tissue for her quadriceps. There was nothing that could be done for her, but they predicted her leg should not cause her any problems! Baby Girl was adopted a few months later by a family with two other Westies, ages 6 and 4 ½. During the drive to her new home, her family stopped at a Starbucks where they discovered Baby Girl loves coffee...hence her new name. Her Mom writes *"Mckenzie's leg does not cause her ANY problems or slow her down at all. She keeps up with the other two Westies and you would never tell she had a problem. Thank you for giving her a chance to live a normal life."*



Name of Dog: **Cutie now called Woody**

Age of Dog: 8 years old

Rescue State: Arkansas

Medical Condition: Inguinal Hernia

Synopsis: Cutie is an 8-year old unneutered male Westie who was breeder surrendered to Small K9 Rescue of Arkansas with a large mass in his groin. Veterinary evaluation revealed an inguinal hernia requiring surgery. WestieMed assisted with Cutie's surgical costs. During the operation, it was discovered that one of Cutie's testicles had become infected. Additionally, several of his teeth had to be removed and he was neutered. The

surgeon stated that Cutie had to have been in a tremendous amount of pain for a very long time. Within a few weeks he was adopted by a family with a 9-year old female Westie rescue named Muffy. His new family writes *"He is doing so well. Woody is the cutest, funniest little dog you can imagine. He is totally mellow about everything. He gets along well with Muffy. He's super affectionate, gentle and fun-loving. This is a great dog!"*



Name of Dog: **Tess**

Age of Dog: 7 or 8 years old

Rescue State: Illinois

Medical Condition: Seizures

Synopsis: Tess, a 7- or 8-year old spayed female Westie, was abandoned in a Chicago, Illinois area kennel and subsequently put in a local kill shelter. She was pulled from the shelter and adopted. Tess was found to be suffering from numerous tremors each day that began with her staring blankly ahead. Then the tremors would start at her head and work their way down her spine locking her legs in place causing Tess to lose her balance. Her new owner requested WestieMed's assistance for a Neurological examination to get the diagnosis and treatment that Tess needed. The Neurologist concluded that Tess has seizure activity that is very rare in canines. It was likely brought on by either an old head trauma, or virus, something ingested once upon a time, maybe even low calcium in her mother's milk when Tess was a nursing pup. She was prescribed Potassium Bromide that would be gradually increased to find her optimum level. During a subsequent visit, the Neurologist palpated Tess' neck and spine and found

extreme tenderness in her back. He took x-rays that revealed a solid, round metal BB lodged against her spinal column. To everyone's horror it appeared that Tess had been used for target practice! The Neurologist said it could have been there for years but had just become inflamed. After a month of total crate rest and steroids to reduce the inflammation in her back, Tess was much improved. After several months, the Potassium Bromide had almost eliminated her seizure activity. Her owner writes *"Tess is smiling, happy, coordinated and able to run and enjoy herself. She is just a happy little sprite, eager to explore her world and surroundings. I just can't get over the change in her."*



Name of Dog: **Murphy**
Age of Dog: 4 years old
Rescue State: Texas
Medical Condition: Juvenile Cataracts

Synopsis: Murphy, a 4-year old neutered male Westie, was owner surrendered to Westie Rescue of Houston, Texas when local vets refused to euthanize him due to nipping at the owner's toddler. Murphy was placed in foster care where it was soon discovered he was very, very scared. He did not allow anyone to touch his back-side, he was terrified of men and he did not want to play with his foster family's Westie. Murphy mostly growled and snapped into the air. A veterinary exam revealed Murphy had a skin yeast infection and juvenile cataracts that seriously impaired his vision. It was soon realized that Murphy's eyes could only delineate light and dark

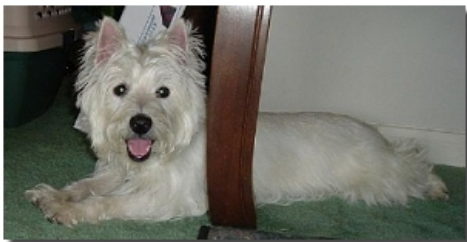
which explained his behavior. His "unfriendly" demeanor was simply his attempt to protect himself from all the things he could not see. His foster Mom treated his yeast infection with baths, good food and medications. Murphy was evaluated by a veterinary ophthalmologist who recommended cataract removal surgery to restore his vision. Murphy's foster Mom applied to WestieMed for financial assistance with the surgery. His cataracts were successfully removed and Murphy can now see. Four days after his operation Murphy wrote, *"My foster Mom and Dad are grateful beyond words to the people of WestieMed. And I stare at everything now. There is a whole other life waiting for me!!"*



Name of Dog: **Shelby**
Age of Dog: 1 year old
Rescue State: Washington
Medical Condition: Addison's disease

Synopsis: Shelby, a 1-year old neutered male Westie, was admitted to emergency care in critical condition and in shock after months of lethargy, weakness, vomiting, anorexia and tremors. He was quickly diagnosed with Addison's disease. His owners could not afford the ongoing medical care that Shelby would require for the rest of his life and decided to surrender him to Westie Rescue of Washington rather than euthanize him. Shelby was immediately adopted by a Veterinary Technician who understood the seriousness of his current condition and the amount of care and monitoring he would need in the future. Shelby's new Mom also has a 2-year old male Westie named Mac Duff

and a cat. Shelby was started on his maintenance medications of Flurocortisone Acetate tablets and Prednisone and also given plenty of TLC and nutritious food. Shelby was soon getting stronger every day and able to enjoy going on hikes, running again and playing with his new big brother. Shelby writes, *"My life is so great now - I get to go out and run and hike every day. Now I can even out-run my older brother Mac Duff and boy, does that make me feel good! My muscles are really starting to come in and fill out. And my hair is growing back thick and healthy. When I was really sick, before I was rescued, my muscles had atrophied so badly I could hardly stand, and my hair was falling out all over the place! Shelby's my name and getting healthy is my game!"*



Name of Dog: **Misty**
Age of Dog: 8 years old
Rescue State: Texas
Medical Condition: Addison's disease

Synopsis: Misty, an 8-year old spayed female Westie, was surrendered to Westie Rescue of Austin, Texas when her family felt they could no longer deal with the medical needs of her Addison's disease. At this point Misty had uncontrolled Addison's disease as she had not been receiving her medication on

a regular basis and would "crash" before her owners remembered to get her back to the vet for her next shot. Fortunately, the rescue group found the perfect foster home for Misty with a family that has another Westie with Addison's disease. Misty was taken for veterinary evaluation. After electrolyte testing for her Addison's disease and treatment for a bladder infection, Misty was placed on a maintenance regime of a Percoten shot once a month with electrolyte testing two weeks after each shot. Misty's prognosis is positive. Misty and her new foster sister, Nessie, are now having the times of their lives playing together.



Name of Dog: **Duncan**
Age of Dog: 2 to 3 years old
Rescue State: Maryland
Medical Condition: Bilateral Patella Luxation

Synopsis: Duncan is a 2- to 3-year old male Westie who was found as a stray by the Prince George's County, Maryland Animal Shelter. When he was not claimed by his owner during the 7-day waiting period he was neutered and microchipped by the shelter. Duncan was then adopted by a woman who had visited him every day while he was in the shelter. By chance, she saw him on the day he arrived at the shelter and it was love at first sight. Upon arrival at his forever home, Duncan found a warm and loving family that also included a 15-month old miniature Dachshund named Albert. It was soon apparent that Duncan was housetrained, obedient, mannerly, patient and playful. His favorite activity became going to the dog park for walks with his Mom and Albert, however, his Mom noticed he had a 'hitch' in his gait when he walked and ran. Veterinary exam found that Duncan had bilateral patella luxation causing his kneecaps to slip out of proper alignment – a condition that would require surgery to correct. Duncan's Mom found WestieMed on the Internet and applied for funding. Duncan writes, *"My Mom and I are extremely grateful for WestieMed's assistance. We will not forget your generosity in our time of need."*



Name of Dog: **Poppy now called Heidi**
Age of Dog: 15 weeks old
Rescue State: Oregon
Medical Condition: Liver Shunt

Synopsis: Poppy was born with a congenital Liver shunt. She was a sick puppy and showed signs of neurological problems such as running into walls and being confused. She also had problems gaining weight. Her first owner was a relative of the person who bred Poppy. They took the pup to an emergency clinic where she was diagnosed as possibly having a liver shunt and more tests were recommended. She was then taken to their local vet who also said the puppy most likely had a liver shunt. The veterinarian advised them that she would not survive without surgery to repair the shunt. The owners said they would think it over. About three weeks later Poppy was found as a stray by the LaPine, Oregon Animal Control. Poppy was only 3 months old, cold, thin (weighing just 5 pounds) and filthy dirty. The Animal Control officer brought her to the local Animal Hospital where the veterinarian recognized her and contacted her owner and breeder but neither wanted Poppy back. She was released to the Animal Hospital and the vet decided to do the surgery. After the operation, Poppy was fostered by the hospital staff as she recuperated. The staff contacted WestieMed for financial assistance with her surgical costs. By the time she was 4 months old, Poppy had no signs of neurological or any other problems and was acting like a normal terrier pup. The vet gave his okay to place her and Washington rescuers offered to help with her placement. Soon Princess Poppy, now called Heidi, went to her new kingdom in Washington where she is loved and adored by her new parents.



Name of Dog: **Austin now called Scoorie**
Age of Dog: 7 years old
Rescue State: Michigan
Medical Condition: Addison's disease

Synopsis: Austin is a 7-year old neutered male Westie with Addison's disease who was abandoned with the neighbors when his owners could no longer handle his health and the expenses. At that time Austin was in an emaciated condition and suffered from hair loss on the rear half of his body. With WestieMed's help, the neighbor obtained medication for Austin's Addison's disease. She also fed him home-cooked nutritious meals, bathed him, removed fleas and clipped his long nails. After almost two months of care, Austin gained 6 pounds, grew most of his hair back and was starting to look and behave like a healthy, happy Westie. The neighbor realized, however, she could not afford Austin's ongoing veterinary care and surrendered him to Westie Rescue of SE Michigan so he could continue to receive appropriate health care in a loving home. Austin was soon adopted by a family with 2 other Westies, one who also has Addison's disease, and 2 cats. He has been renamed Scoorie and is doing quite well. His new family writes *"Your organization has my sincere thanks for what you did for Scoorie. He is a delightful companion."*



Name of Dog: **Breezy and Woody**
 Age of Dogs: 6 months old
 Rescue State: Maryland
 Medical Condition: Unknown Diagnosis

Synopsis: Breezy and Woody, male and female 6-month old Westie litter-mates, were surrendered from a Pennsylvania puppy mill to the WHWTC of Greater Washington Westie Rescue group. They were from a litter of 4, all of which were very sickly. Breezy and Woody were the only 2 that survived but remained ill since birth. At the time of their rescue, Breezy and Woody were less than half the size they should be. Both suffered from strangles, stunted growth, respiratory disease, conjunctival discharge, a degree of lethargy and depression, anemia, marked leukocytosis (inflammation), mildly

elevated serum globulins and nucleated red blood cells. Despite tireless efforts, local veterinarians were at a loss for a diagnosis. Test after test were all negative for what could be causing their illness. There was no evidence of liver shunts. They were treated with antibiotics, corticosteroids, fluids and vitamin supplements. It was possible that they might have been exposed to some sort of toxins early in their life. It was also speculated that the combined effects of drastic malnutrition, some prior viral illness and the possible use of steroids early in life could have caused these problems. With the puppies too ill to be discharged from the hospital, the vet bills were mounting. The rescue group applied to WestieMed for assistance. The University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Hospital agreed to take both puppies and perform whatever tests may be necessary to save them. Sadly, before they could be transported, Breezy passed away. And 5 days later, Woody joined his sister at Rainbow Bridge before a diagnosis could be determined.



Name of Dog: **Little Joe Brodie**
 Age of Dog: 5 months old
 Rescue State: Missouri
 Medical Condition: Liver Shunt

Synopsis: Little Joe Brodie, now 5 months old, was placed in rescue as an 8- to 10-week old Westie puppy. He had been taken to a vet in southwest Kansas to be euthanized. The vet believed the puppy had a life-threatening liver shunt, however, she did not have the specialized equipment to diagnosis or treat him. The vet obtained permission from the owner to release the puppy to Westie Rescue of Missouri. The rescue group took Little Joe to the Veterinary Specialty Clinic in Overland Park, Kansas, where they confirmed the diagnosis of a liver shunt and determined that, although he only weighed 5 pounds, Little Joe was a good candidate for surgery. WestieMed assisted with the surgical costs and Little Joe's liver shunt was repaired. Five days after surgery he was found to be retaining fluid and was re-hospitalized for a couple of days. Since then Little Joe has continued to progress well under the care of

his foster Mom and his foster sister, Wendy the Westie. Little Joe likes to go on wonderful backyard adventures with Wendy and particularly likes to help Wendy chase squirrels. He likes to play with his favorite ball and he has just learned how to go up and down stairs. His rescuer writes, "Little Joe's bile acid tests are almost back to normal and we expect that he will have a long and healthy life."

"Rescue groups would not be able to give beautiful little puppies like Little Joe the chance for a life without the wonderful help and support of WestieMed. Thank you so much!"



Name of Dog: **Tucker**
Age of Dog: 3 years old
Rescue State: Missouri
Medical Condition: Bilateral Hip Dysplasia

Synopsis: Tucker, a 3-year old neutered male Westie, was taken to a shelter when his owner died. The shelter adopted him to a family with 2 small children. When Tucker nipped the children, he was surrendered to Westie Rescue Missouri. He was soon adopted by a family with a female Westie named Dixie. The family noticed Tucker did not move or act like other Westies. He immediately disliked Dixie, he did not run, jump, bark or play with toys and he had difficulty getting up from a prone position. A veterinary exam revealed severe hip dysplasia in both hips with arthritis. The vet stated the options were surgery or euthanasia. Tucker was then evaluated by a specialist and later that day a right femoral head osteotomy (FHO) was performed. The

vet indicated Tucker's prognosis was good and his left hip may not need surgery if he heals well enough to compensate with his right. Tucker's Mom writes that he is *"improving daily. He and Dixie are pals now and roll around together. He is even starting to play with some toys. It will be a long recovery but we think he is going to be every bit the happy Westie."*



Name of Dog: **Mac**
Age of Dog: 10 years old
Rescue State: Texas
Medical Condition: Chronic Ear Infections

Synopsis: Mac, a 10-year old neutered male Westie, was owner surrendered to Westie Rescue of Austin, Texas because of his medical needs. Five years earlier Mac had been surrendered to the same rescue organization due to aggression toward the husband and also some allergy issues. He was then adopted by a retired woman. Over the ensuing years, Mac continued to have allergies, especially ear infections, one right after another, which his loving adopter treated as best she could with the country doctors she had access to. Mac was even taken to Texas A & M for ear scoping and in 2004 he underwent two major surgeries to clear out the ear canal

of infections and blockages. But the problems persisted. Mac's chronic ear infections with subsequent blockage due to scar tissue caused hearing loss. Veterinary evaluation recommended total ear ablation to remove the ear canal and the tympanic membrane to close the ear completely so no further contamination or buildup of fluid can occur. The cost of the proposed surgery was far more than Mac's adopter felt she could handle, so she contacted Westie Rescue of Austin and surrendered Mac back into rescue. Mac's ablation surgery was performed and he has recovered nicely. His rescuer writes, *"Mac and I are grateful to WestieMed for their assistance. The surgery did cost quite a bit, more than we normally can handle with our rescued Westies, but WestieMed came through to help this loving and affectionate Westie, who has been through a lot of changes over his life."*



Name of Dog: **Lacey**
Age of Dog: 15 years old
Rescue State: Ohio
Medical Condition: Bladder Infections

Synopsis: This 15-year old well cared for female Westie was placed in rescue when her owner became ill and had to move where she could not have a dog. Lacey was placed with an independent Westie/Cairn rescuer in Ohio. Lacey had a history of bladder infections and had been on numerous antibiotics. An ultrasound revealed one kidney was smaller than the other with the smaller kidney collecting bacteria. Her urinalysis was cloudy and contained blood although her blood work was normal. X-rays did not show stones or any other abnormalities. Lacey was treated with antibiotics

and was available for adoption but, due to her age, she was not wanted. Lacey continued to live with her rescuer who continued to treat her infections. By June sweet Lacey had celebrated her sweet 16th birthday. However, in November Lacey peacefully went to Rainbow Bridge with her rescuer at her side.

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VOLUNTEER

- Help organize a Fundraising event for the benefit of WestieMed
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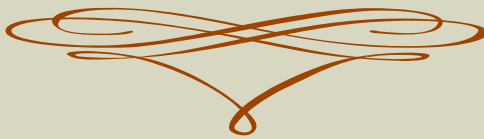


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Forget the North and South and East
They do not matter in the least
Put all directions to the test
And you will find that West is best
And when you take a look at me
You'll see I'm West as West can be.

Not only am I West, I'm White
A snowy brilliant shining sight
Though some who are not groomed each day
Turn out a dirty muddy grey
But when you take a look at me
You'll see I'm White as White can be.

To add confusion to the riddle
My name has Highland in the middle
For I can dance and wear the plaid
A braw and stocky Highland lad
For when you take a look at me
You'll see I'm Highland as can be.

Though I am White from head to toes
I have a black and shining nose
If they remark I'm 'just a terrier'
Then I reply 'the more the merrier'
West Highland White is what they say
Call me a 'Westie' that's O.K!

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