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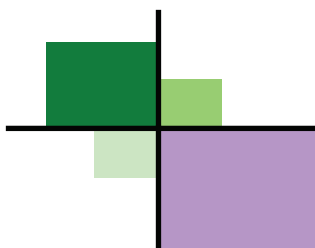
Dear Westie Lovers,

We are now into our 8th year since WestieMed was formed. Without question, it has been because of YOUR generous donations that we have been able to make a difference to help rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

We at WestieMed thank you for your heartfelt donations. Together we have made an enormous difference in the lives of Westies.

WestieMed is solely funded by charitable contributions and donations. With your help we can continue to support injured and ill rescued Westies giving them a second chance at adoption and love from a permanent family.

Donations to WestieMed are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We depend on your kindness. Remember, its all about making a difference...one Westie at a time.



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
2006	15	\$11,211.43
2007	22	\$21,461.83
TOTAL	125	\$104,031.07

Mission Statement

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 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 \$104,000.00 in financial support towards their medical expenses.

WestieMed is an all-volunteer, nonprofit 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 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, 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 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.

***“Honor your Westies by caring for those less fortunate.
Rescue dogs are not disposable.”***

FUNDING ACTIVITIES

The 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 2007, 22 new cases met the WestieMed Funding Guidelines to receive financial support towards medical expenses which totaled \$21,461.83.

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.

Throughout 2007, these efforts included solicitation of individual contributions, club or group donations, corporate affiliations and planned gifts. During the year, several artists auctioned their paintings for the benefit of WestieMed. The Board also sponsored eBay auctions with in-kind donations. WestieMed's online Gift Shop offered a wide variety of Westie-themed products including exclusively selling Becky's Dandy Lines merchandise of unique gift items. The Board also continued to sell the popular WestieGrams line of treats for holidays and special occasions.

In 2007, the Board continued to offer a fund raising opportunity through its Lion Shop and Share grocery program. Additionally, the Board has supported special events held for the benefit of WestieMed such as the extremely successful WestieWalks held in various locations throughout the country.

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 nonprofit 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. The 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.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

WestieMed will provide monetary assistance toward non-routine medical expenses for non-terminally ill Westies or Westie mixes displaying the physical and behavior attributes of a purebred Westie who are abandoned, rescued or recent adoption cases (up to 3 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: How to Apply

- 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
- 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
- The Board of Directors determines and approves the funding

STEP THREE: Disbursing Funds

- 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
- Stay in contact with WestieMed while treatment is ongoing and for a period of at least one year following completion of treatment.

Due to the high cost of veterinary care and the limited budgets of most rescuers, not all rescued Westies are given an opportunity for restored health and a better life. Rescuers are often placed in the difficult position of making decisions based solely on available resources.

WestieMed strives to offer financial assistance to rescuers nationwide allowing them to foster, rehabilitate and nurture as many Westies in rescue situations as possible.

WESTIES WE HAVE HELPED IN 2007



Name: **Valentino**

Age: 2-3 years old

Rescue State: Indiana

Medical Condition: Fractured pelvic bone due to accident

Valentino, a stray male Westie, was found by a woman on Valentine's Day. He was sitting in the middle of a road when an SUV seemed to swerve to hit him. The woman saw the accident and took the Westie home. She placed ads in the local paper trying to find his owners, but to no avail. With no money for veterinary care, the woman kept Valentino at home and he slowly seemed to be on the mend. By chance the woman came in contact with a Westie rescuer who took Valentino into her program and to a veterinarian for evaluation. To everyone's horror, Valentino was diagnosed with a shattered pelvis, broken in five places! No one could believe the pain he stoically endured. WestieMed provided funding for Valentino's surgery. And an approved adopter was waiting for him to start a new life in a loving home.

***“THANK YOU, WestieMed, for helping pay for my surgery!!
That surgery has given me some assurance that I can be
here with my new family for a good while.”***



Name: **Jewel**

Age: 10 years old

Rescue State: Oklahoma

Medical Condition: Mammary Masses

Jewel was surrendered to Oklahoma Westie Rescue (OWR) in December 2006 as a retired breeding dog from a Kansas mill. Jewel was bitten in a fight before she was surrendered and had a bloody leg and bloody ears that no one had taken care of. OWR took care of her leg as well as her eye and ear infections. Subsequently she was spayed and adopted in January 2007 by a family with two Westies. When Jewel was taken to the vet for a check-up, the vet discovered three mammary masses and recommended immediate surgery. OWR refunded Jewel's adoption fee and reimbursed part of the cost of the surgery. Then they turned to

WestieMed for help and WestieMed was there. Jewel's surgery was successful and her tumors were benign. Jewel fully recovered from the surgery and now lives a happy life with her loving family running and playing with her Westie brother and sister. As her new owner put it, *“Jewel, this isn't Kansas anymore.”*



Name: **Boo**
 Age: 2 1/2 years old
 Rescue State: California
 Medical Condition: Malassezia Dermatitis

Boo was owner surrendered to a Southern California shelter with severe skin infections and scheduled for euthanasia. A local Westie owner heard of this girl's plight and went to the shelter where she found a thin, hairless Westie shaking uncontrollably with swollen feet and open wounds. She immediately adopted her and named her "Boo" because of the "boo-boos" all over her body. A veterinarian diagnosed Boo with Malassezia Dermatitis, a severe skin allergy that causes itching, loss of hair and raw, rough skin.

WestieMed assisted with Boo's medical bills. Treatment was begun and after a few weeks, Boo gained several pounds and began growing new hair. Her itching subsided and as it did, her personality emerged. Soon, she became an inseparable playmate with the family's male Westie, Stanley. Boo's owner writes, *"She is a completely different dog, and has so much personality. We are still getting to know her, but she surprises us every day. She is sweet, loving, and very determined! She brings so much laughter into our lives."*



Name: **Missy**
 Age: 9 months old
 Rescue State: Louisiana
 Medical Condition: Legg Calve Perthes Disease

Missy, a 9-month old female Westie, was owner surrendered to Louisiana Westie Rescue (LWR). The owner purchased Missy via the internet from a Missouri breeder. When Missy arrived by airplane, she had a limp and was not weight-bearing on her rear left leg. The owner took her to a vet who diagnosed Missy with a degenerative disease of the hip bone that would need corrective surgery. The owner then contacted the breeder who recommended having Missy euthanized. At that point, the owner surrendered Missy to Louisiana Westie Rescue. Missy was taken to

the rescue group's vet, who diagnosed her with Legg Calve Perthes disease. The required treatment was a Femoral Head and Neck Ostectomy. The WestieMed board unanimously approved funding. Missy had her surgery and came through with flying colors. Her foster Mom has a pool and a Westie-sized life vest so Missy started swimming therapy as part of her post-surgical rehabilitation.

"It is a blessing that WestieMed was able to help this little girl. The volunteers of WestieMed are the Angels who watch over our special little Westies who are victims of careless breeders and handlers. LWR extends blessings to them many times over!"



Name: **Nashville 7**

Ages: 2-6 years old

Rescue State: Tennessee

Medical Condition: Rescued from a breeder going out of business

A breeding kennel was going out of business and members of a local rescue group pooled their personal funds to get these 7 Westies away from the breeder, who was advertising them in the newspaper with little regard for their fate. But seven dogs all at once strained the rescue group's already depleted resources, so Westie-

Med was asked to help with the vetting expenses and provided the funding that was so urgently needed. The six females and one male had been medically neglected. Their ears were crusted with yeast infections, their skin was raw and sore and their long, dirty, matted hair hid ticks that were found to have caused blood infections. Several had eye infections and corneal scratches that threatened their eyesight and most had serious dental decay and periodontal disease. Some of the dogs had as many as three different types of parasitic intestinal worms. The females had problems due to their numerous pregnancies and being bred so young while their own bodies were still growing. Each Westie was placed in foster care where they received lots of TLC, medications, nutritious food, exercise, training and grooming. In time all 7 recovered from their lifetime ordeal and blossomed into happy, healthy thriving dogs full of Westie spirit. All were placed in their loving forever homes and are now enjoying a wonderful life they so deserve.

“Thank you, WestieMed, for helping to give these little ones the chance they needed to enjoy a normal, happy Westie life!”



Name: **Colby**

Age: 3 years old

Rescue State: Maryland

Medical Condition: Extensive infection and mass in sinuses

Colby was a stray who ended up at an animal shelter in Bedford County, VA, in early May 2007. He was suffering from a nasty head wound, along with hook and tapeworms. The shelter staff thought he might have been shot with a BB or pellet gun. Because they did not have the funds to treat him, they wanted to find a Westie Rescue group to take him. Ultimately, they found Maryland Westie Rescue, which is a service of the Chesapeake Bay West Highland White Terrier Club. An MRI showed a deep infection, including a foreign object in his sinuses, and he would need surgery. Colby's surgery revealed a granuloma caused by a fungal infection in his sinuses, thought to be caused by a previous surgery. With WestieMed's help, Colby did well in surgery

and soon recovered, moving from the hospital to a foster home where he began his journey to a new life. He is still undergoing treatment for the extensive infection, and probably will be for some time because the infection did affect the rest of his body. His foster family writes, *“Despite the extent of his medical issues, Colby is such a friendly and affectionate Westie.”*



Name: **Oz**
 Age: 4 years old
 Rescue State: Alabama
 Medical Condition: Heartworms, skin allergies

Oz had been abandoned to a local shelter not once but twice in his hard, young life before someone finally decided to give him a chance. By the time he was rescued, he was lethargic, his skin was a mess and his eyes were weepy and nasty. Luckily, someone saw the loving Westie heart behind that sorry exterior. Unfortunately for Oz, it was a heart that had been infected with heartworms, probably because his previous owners didn't bother taking him to the vet or giving him any preventative heartworm

medications. Oz's foster mom did everything she could for the little guy and she came to WestieMed for help with the cost of his initial heartworm treatment. WestieMed agreed to provide it. Within a few months, Oz's heartworm treatment was successful and his skin condition had greatly improved. Oz's owner writes, *"When I first got Oz, he could barely walk from his bed to the door to potty. His breathing was so labored that he could not spare his mouth for a kiss. Now Oz has more energy than I've ever seen in him. His skin is nice and pink, no longer the irritated red color. The patches of yellow, flaky greasiness have subsided and his fur is growing in nicely. He is now the shaggy Westie I'd hoped he'd become."*



Name: **Sammi**
 Age: 2 years old
 Rescue State: Georgia
 Medical Condition: Degenerative joint disease and Legg Calve Perthes disease

Sammi was a scruffy mess that desperately needed cleaning up after a Good Samaritan convinced her neglectful, irresponsible owner to turn the dog over to West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Atlanta (WHWTGA) rescue, where she would be given vet care that the owner didn't want to provide. After a general physical, she was treated for hookworms and anemia, and spayed. She was then placed in foster care to recover and be evaluated. When she became comfortable in her foster home, she started snapping and biting particularly when approached from the back or picking her up. It was initially thought that she needed behavior training, but a vet re-check determined that she was in pain from her left hip because she had extreme degenerative

joint disease, Legg Calve Perthes disease and possible spine problems. The treatment of choice was a femoral head ostectomy (FHO) which was successfully performed with WestieMed's help, giving Sammi a real chance for happiness in a forever home. Sammi's rescuer writes, *"Sammi has made great strides thanks to our loving foster home. From what we can tell the pain is gone! She will let you pick her up although she reverts back to her alpha habits occasionally so we have continued her in a foster home which has another Westie and an older cat. She goes on walks daily, and uses her leg more each day. After two surgeries, multiple x-rays, some medications for the pain and physical therapy, she is now participating in some training classes to assist in the bad behavior habits she has developed through her medical issues. It will be several weeks before she will be ready for any forever home placement, but she is definitely on the right road to a great Westie life thanks to our volunteers, caring vets and the support of WestieMed!"*



Name: **Penny**
 Age: 5 years old
 Rescue State: Oklahoma
 Medical Condition: Cardiac

Penny was a “brood mare,” owned by a breeder who bred her at every opportunity. She was pregnant when it was discovered that she had a serious heart condition. The breeder didn’t want to deal with it, so sold her at an auction to someone who only wanted her for her puppies. Once they were born, Penny was dumped in a shelter. Her story on petfinder.com attracted the attention of a woman who thought Penny should be given a chance for a life that she had never known – a life that was contingent on getting her heart tested and her condition treated. Penny’s echocardiogram revealed sick sinus syndrome and a 5-chamber heart. WestieMed helped fund the cost of these diagnostic tests, which will give this little girl a chance to be treated and to know what it is like to be a loved, happy and healthy Westie. Penny writes, *“I sure am lucky to have such a great home now. That is why I am always on my best behavior. I am very friendly and never know a stranger. Thank you for helping me so that I can get better and run and play with my new Westie sister!”*



Name: **Sophie's Delight**
 Age: 4 years old
 Rescue State: Washington
 Medical Condition: Severe Malassezia, Yeast and Staph Infections

Sophie's Delight, a 4-year-old unspayed Westie female with a severe case of Malassezia, was owner surrendered to a friend. The owner was afraid to contact rescue directly for fear she would be cited due to Sophie's dire physical condition. The friend, in turn, contacted Seattle Purebred Rescue (SPR) who accepted Sophie into their program. The rescue group found Sophie in horrible condition with itchy, hairless bleeding skin. She was immediately taken to a veterinarian and placed in foster care to get her skin condition as well as her ear and eye infections under control with antibiotics and other meds, daily medicated shampoos and a grain-free diet. SPR sought financial help from WestieMed and the WestieMed board voted unanimously to help this little one. Sophie slowly began responding to the treatment and made a full recovery with a beautiful Westie coat after 2 months. Sophie's rescuer writes, *“The outcome seemed to be that a minor allergy was neglected and caused her to get into this state. Fortunately for us, we can solve this issue with flea meds and change of diet. It was sad to know all this was caused by something so preventable. Our outlook is that Sophie will have a great life, and not a life of allergies. She has been a joy to foster, and cute as a button. Sophie's vet bills were beyond our means. Thank you for being there for us with financial aid.”*



“We could NOT have made it without WestieMed’s financial support. It would have been detrimental to us not having the cash flow to handle the other Westies incoming into our rescue program in the Seattle area. We are so grateful.”



Name: **Suzi**
 Age: 6 years old
 Rescue State: Massachusetts
 Medical Condition: Torn tendon in rear leg

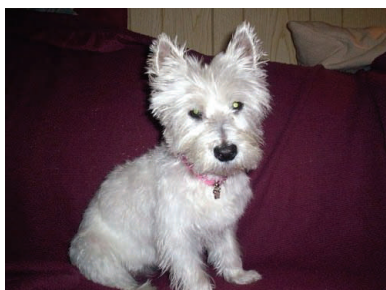
Suzi is a 6-year old spayed female Westie who had been in foster care for eight months when she found herself facing surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). Her journey into rescue was a sad one. After the sudden death of her 86-year-old owner, she went to live with the man's daughter, who had a six-month-old Westie puppy. The two dogs bonded and it appeared that all would be well, but for some reason the daughter's husband didn't want Suzi in the home and was lobbying to have her put down. So the daughter contacted rescue and surrendered Suzi to yet another home – her third in less than a month. Suzi spent several more months adjusting to the losses she had suffered, and was just beginning to find her inner "Westietude" when she jumped off of a bed and tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her rear leg. Her foster mom came to WestieMed for help, and WestieMed was there, ensuring that Suzi would soon be facing her future firmly planted on all four feet.



Name: **Chloe**
 Age: 6 years old
 Rescue State: Missouri
 Medical condition: Addison's disease, urinary tract infection

Chloe lived for five of her six years with a family who loved her, so in that way she was luckier than most. But eventually Chloe's family had to take her to a shelter because they no longer could afford the monthly cost of the meds needed to maintain her Addison's disease. Missouri Westie Rescue got Chloe from the shelter and found a new home for her, but an Addison's crisis proved more costly than anticipated, and WestieMed was asked for help. The board voted unanimously to provide

funding for Chloe's Addison's and to treat her urinary tract infection. Chloe is doing much better now and is the reigning "Princess" in her new home adored by new family.



Name: **Dutchess**
 Age: approximately 13 years old
 Rescue State: Missouri
 Medical condition: Hookworms, Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) and numerous tumors and cysts on her body.

Dutchess, approximately 13 years old, was surrendered to Westie Rescue of Missouri by her elderly owner, who could no longer take care of her. She was adopted by a woman in Ohio and arrived in her new home on Thanksgiving Day complete with hookworms, a urinary tract infection and numerous tumors

and cysts on her body. The hookworms and UTI were treated immediately, and surgery was scheduled for the following week. Eight large tumors were removed and sent off for testing. After a week of nail biting, the vet reported her tumors were benign and her blood work was perfect. WestieMed was asked to help with the unexpected cost of her surgery, and the board voted unanimously to do so. Dutchess' new owner writes, *"Our vet estimated that Dutchess is at least 13 years or older. She appears to be very young and acts like a pup. Who cares about age? Not us! Miss D. is adjusting well to our home and my other two Westies. She a fine old lady and we love her dearly! Thanks to WestieMed and their generosity, Dutchess now has a clean bill of health."*



Name: **Libby**
 Age: 12 months old
 Rescue State: Colorado
 Medical Condition: Liver shunt

Libby's family was large and lively. When she was a very small puppy, she had been dropped on her head on a concrete patio, immediately bringing on convulsions. Her family then fell onto hard times and needed to surrender all of their pets. When Libby came into rescue, her hair had been shaved nearly to the skin, exposing an emaciated body. Her tail curled tight under her belly as she hunched her way across the floor, dragging her back leg behind her. At first, it was thought that she was simply malnourished, but a vet exam disclosed a liver shunt that was causing her neurological symptoms. A liver shunt is a congenital condition that causes blood to be rerouted from the intestines directly into the blood system without being filtered through the liver. This caused toxins to flood Libby's system, requiring surgery to correct. Libby's rescuer requested and received WestieMed's assistance for the surgery needed to help Libby live a normal Westie life.



Name: **Jack**
 Age: 7 years old
 Rescue State: Louisiana
 Medical Condition: Ruptured anterior cruciate ligament in both rear knees

Jack was used as a stud dog for 7 years and was going to be put down by the backyard breeder because he had lost use of his back legs. He was turned over to rescue and it was found out that he was using his front legs only to get around as he was immobile on his hind legs. Jack only weighed 10 pounds and he looked more like a puppy than an adult Westie. Due to the generosity of WestieMed, Jack gets a second chance to walk. Orthopedic surgeries are very expensive and require a long healing process not to mention the cost of therapy. Jack had a repair of the ruptured anterior cruciate ligament in both hind knees and a trochleoplasty to the left rear leg. Surgery was followed by a long recovery period and water therapy sessions to regain the use of muscles in his back legs. Later Jack got wheels to help him walk. Jack's foster parents write, "Jack is so lucky to have WestieMed's help with his expenses and he sends big kisses to you all! Please say prayers for this brave little boy; he asks so little and gives so much. He truly is a special little guy."



"This poor little guy just had the deck stacked against him. However, he will always be, to me, the sweetest Westie that ever lived. Thank you WestieMed for all your help in getting a better life for Jack."



Name: **Clover**

Age: 11 weeks old

Rescue State: Texas

Medical Condition: Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) and congenital heart murmur

Clover, an 11-week-old puppy, was released from a breeder in Missouri allegedly because she had a "slight" heart murmur. Not being able to sell her, she was offered to rescue and Westie Rescue of Austin took her into their program. When she arrived, the "slight" heart murmur was very pronounced and a cardiologist was consulted. The sonogram showed an enlarged heart due to the failure of the patent duct to close at birth. It was determined that Clover had a very serious PDA defect that needed to

be repaired or she would not live to see her first birthday. With WestieMed's help, Clover underwent open heart surgery, after which she had an excellent chance of living a full and active normal lifespan. Clover was placed in a foster home for her recovery and she was subsequently adopted by her foster family. Her new owner writes, *"She is thriving and is the busiest little girl with many, many toys in her toy box. She makes challenging games for herself by always having one toy in her mouth while playing soccer with her balls. I just don't know how she could be any sweeter. She is a constant source of smiles. We are so fortunate to have her in our lives. After all she has been through and the caring and diligent work everyone has done to make her survival possible, I certainly hope to do everything I can to make it a happy one. She is our girl. You really make a difference far beyond helping the furbabies."*



LET'S GO SHOPPING!

We are delighted to offer you a wide selection of unique Westie items in our online Gift Shop. You will find great gifts for yourself and your friends for all occasions.



All proceeds from these items will go toward helping to raise the quality of life and adoptability of rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

Shop and help us give the gift of "HOPE" to a Westie. It is for a good cause.

On behalf of the Westies your purchases will help, THANK YOU!

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

HOW CAN YOU HELP

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

MAKE A DONATION

- Mail a monetary donation to:

WestieMed, Inc.
2108 Fulton Avenue, Unit #3
Cincinnati, OH 45206
- Credit card donations are accepted on line using PayPal. Our PayPal email address is treasurer@westiemed.org
- Donate items for WestieMed's online 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*

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 the affiliate companies listed on the WestieMed website
- Participate in WestieMed's online auctions

VOLUNTEER

- Help organize a Fundraising event for the benefit of WestieMed
- Offer your talents and time for a WestieMed Committee
- Help spread the word about WestieMed

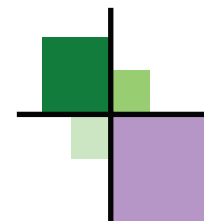
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It is only through donations made directly to WestieMed that we are able to fulfill our mission of helping rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

WESTIEMED OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

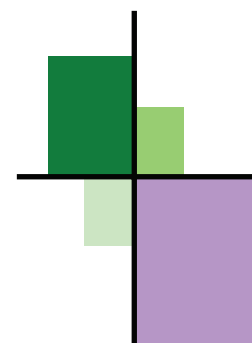
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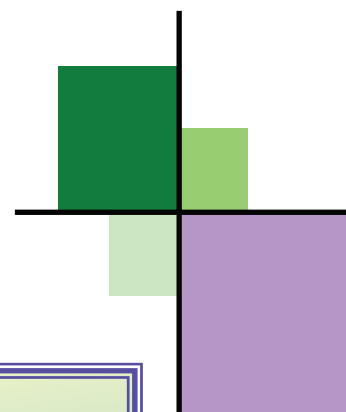
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