

November 2025

WISCONSIN WESTIE RESCUE

CHANGING LIVES ONE WESTIE AT A TIME

Reminder

Starting in 2026 the

Wisconsin Westie Rescue Newsletter

Will only be available via Email!!

To sign-up for the WWR Newsletter Email List

Please Send your email to

newsletter@wisconsinwestierescue.com

WWR joins Instagram



Starting December 1, 2025, WWR will officially be on Instagram!

(Though we may get it up sooner) 😊

Please make sure to look for our new account on **Instagram** and sign up. Also, if you have not joined yet, head over to the WWR page on Facebook. Currently we have over 3,300 followers on FB. However there is always room for more!

By the end of 2026, WWR is looking to have a strong presence on both platforms. Our hope is that by posting “Westie – centric” content and highlighting the westies in our community, we will have two active and engaging sites. Look forward to opportunities to have your westie recognized on these sites as well as learn more about the breed and our organization.

Special thanks to Dawn S. who has been managing WWR Facebook page and to Peter O. who will be joining her. WWR has great volunteers!

WWR 2026 CALENDARS ARE HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

The **2026 Wisconsin Westie Rescue Calendars** are now available for sale. The calendar contains many of our rescued Westies that have been placed in their forever homes.

Calendars are \$20 and postage is \$4 for shipping single calendars and a shipping cost of \$8 for 2 or more calendars on the same order going to the same address.

To order the 2026 calendar(s), please send your name, address and check payable to Wisconsin Westie Rescue to:

Wisconsin Westie Rescue Calendar

% Lana Olson

15213 W Union Dane County Line Rd

Brooklyn, WI 53521-9301



Questions about the WWR 2026 calendar can be emailed to Lana Olson at ланаolson@gmail.com.



With Heartfelt Thanks to Lana Olson!!

For 16 wonderful years,

You've shared your time, talent and heart with WWR.

Your beautiful calendars have brought hope,

*Raised over \$20,000 of lifesaving funds and helped Westies find their
forever homes!!*

Thank you for your dedication and a true friend to our rescue.

We are forever grateful!!

WWR Board of Directors

Odie Update– Adopted 2024 by Sue and John Easterday

We first wrote about Odie for the December '24 newsletter. Odie is food motivated which simplifies rewarding good choices. He has learned that when it is time for his meals, he must sit on his cot while the food bowls are filled-not rushing underfoot to the pantry. Then, he must remain on the cot, rather than crashing against the cabinet doors during final prep. Finally, he remains sitting on his cot with the food dish on the floor about five feet away to a count of 20, followed by “Odie, chow!” And he dashes over for all that patience. He still often has miscues at each step, but doing this sequence seemed unthinkable in December.

He has learned to (often) control himself during walks when he sees others walking in the area, with or without a dog. Big success today, he came within 10' from two Boxers in a fenced yard. He did not bark but rather sat down and looked at me for his food reward. He still wants to “fence fight” with the neighbor’s dog so we don’t let him rehearse this. We take him out on a leash to the fenced back yard until we’re sure the other dog is not there.

With old habits hanging on, he still must wear a belly-band inside the house. We take him out at least hourly, but still he has “reserve” for expressing himself in the house. If he hasn’t gone #2 outside “in quantity” each AM, he is on a tether with us lest he sneak off and find a place to squat unnoticed.

We enjoy his big personality and occasional clownish behavior. Yep he is a clown, but he is our clown and we love him. Zinzi, on the other hand, tolerates him, but they do coexist quite well.



Tara– Adopted in 2023 by Diane Long

We adopted Tara almost two years ago now. She is doing very well and believes this is her house and allows us to live here. Lol! She caught a mole earlier this year and brought it into the house before we saw it. She laid it beside her on the couch and was very proud. She makes us laugh every day. We would be lost without her and love her very much! She is 13 1/2 years old and healthy. We hope to have her with us for many more years.

Here are two pictures; Before and after, as she was groomed today. She pretty much spends time in the front window and napping.



In Memory of Mylee Joy by Kathy Kann

Her name was already Mylee. I got her when she was 10. She was both physically and mentally challenged. I soon changed her name to add the Joy as she brought that to me. I had 7 years with her. She died in a few minutes after I got her to the vet. Having her was the Joy in her name. She died without assistance in my arms one week short of 17 years. I am grateful to WWR for rescuing her from an Amish Puppy Mill!!!! Wisconsin needs to be forced to investigate and enforce the laws for animal abuse. She lived ten years outside in a rabbit hutch before WWR rescued her. Thank You!!



Pearl Update– Adopted September 2021 by Cindy McMullin

Pearl came to us in August of 2021. She was one of the puppy mill Westies. Everything was new and scary to her. Thankfully we had an older terrier mix that took her under her paw to show her the ropes and be her emotional support friend. She helped Pearl adjust to life in a loving home.

Fast forward to today. Pearl found her voice, goes for a daily walk, rides (still reluctantly) in a car and loves her “spot” on the couch. Loves her toys and balls. Plays outside with her 2 younger rescue siblings and enjoys sitting beside anyone for hours of pets. It has been an emotional experience to have a puppy mill mama and almost 4 years later we still see her making progress. We are so grateful to WWR for trusting us with this incredible opportunity to make such a difference for Pearl. We love her so much and our lives have been forever changed because of her!



In Memory of Lily & DeeDee by Bob & Sharon Fredericksen

We adopted a bonded pair of Westies from WWR, Lilly and DeeDee. They were both older when we got them, and passed on a couple of years ago. We miss them so much! DeeDee lived the longest and died of a large tumor, right side.

In Memory of Marley by Susan Pukall & Rick Wilson

We are very sad to report that our sweet Marley crossed the rainbow bridge at the end of September 2024. He came to us from WWR in the spring of 2014, just shy of age 4, after having been fostered by Brenda Blum for nearly a year while she and his vets got to the bottom of the cause of the inflammation of his paws and the skin on his tummy (Demodectic Mange). We always felt that Marley was an old soul, much more subdued than your typical Westie, though he was always ready to try to catch a stream of water from a hose! Those who attended the Westie picnic in Minocqua a couple of years ago might remember him as the big boy that several Westie girls followed around the garden. We are so grateful for the 10 ½ years that he was part of our family. Here is a photo of Marley living his best life, enjoying a ride on the pontoon boat.



Caelli Update– Adopted September 2011 by Sue & John Bowman



My husband, John, and I adopted Caelli from WWR in 2011, when she was a puppy. She was known as Skye then, and she was turned over to WWR by a puppy mill owner, along with her sister. Caelli's mother had bitten her lower eyelid, creating a bit of a defect, and so the puppy mill owner felt that pet stores wouldn't want her. We had an older Westie at the time, and so we let that dog help pick out which of the 2 sisters she would probably get along with best. We watched our older dog play with the 2 puppies, and Caelli (Skye) was a clear choice, as she was less hyper and was less focused on annoying our older dog.

Caelli was a bit of a challenge at first, as she developed worms and was also a bit malnourished and so she liked to eat her own poop. But she got over those challenges and became a wonderful pet. She is now 14 years old, and very healthy. She takes medication for a chronic cough from a partially collapsed trachea and a joint supplement for some arthritis in her hips, but is otherwise very healthy. She has started losing her hearing recently – but that just means the vacuum cleaner no longer bothers her. And she can ignore us when we call her to come in from outside (I suspect, though, that sometimes she does hear us calling her and chooses to pretend she can't hear us!). We now have a 5-year-old Westie as well, and the younger one helps keep Caelli young by getting her to run around the backyard and still chase rabbits and squirrels. She still loves to go for walks, even though she doesn't want to walk as far as she used to. Caelli can still jump up on furniture, including our bed. She is a very sweet dog, and always wants to be in whatever room we are in. It's hard to believe she is our senior dog now. We can't imagine our lives without Caelli.



In Memory of Joc by Annette Kolek

We rescued our beloved Joc when he was nearly 8 years old, and in October of 2024 we had to say goodbye to him due to kidney failure. We loved that boy and were totally devastated when we knew it was time to let him go. He was a bit on the wild side when we adopted him, but with patience and perseverance, we trained him to be a wonderful Westie.

His foster mother was Amy Wolfgram. When we attended the first WWR summer picnic at the Wolfgram farm, he remembered her and barked and barked at her!! It was an emotional reunion and I feel that both Amy and Joe enjoyed it. It was such a special moment.



2025 WWR Picnic

We had a great twenty people attend the WWR Picnic this year. It was a little warm, but everyone found some shade. As you can see the puppies seemed to have a great time exploring the yard and all who attended..



***We are grateful to Janell and Ron Westimayer
For hosting the WWR 2025 Picnic!!!***

Financial Update

In 2025 we are again seeing very little activity. We had one new foster in August who was adopted immediately. We have received \$3,267 in donations, which is not surprising since we have very little activity. Our main expense category was veterinary expenses for the rescued dogs, which was primarily for the dog we euthanized earlier in the year. Our net cash position declined by \$2,572 as of October 28 th . The rescue still has a very strong financial position which will enable us to continue helping Westies in need.



Understanding Lyme-Related Joint Issues in Dogs: Prevention, Awareness & Nutritional Support

In September our 15 year old Westie, Hunter started having problems with his back legs especially the right side. After a couple days he lost interest in eating much and he was limping. In 2020, he had presented the same symptoms and he tested positive for Lyme Disease. So when this happened , I took him to the Vet and they ran a full blood panel. The results were normal with the exception of slightly high MPV Platelets. Signs/Symptoms can include joint inflammation stiffness, slower movement, increased sleeping, reduced appetite, sensitive digestion, diarrhea, and slower tail wag.

Lyme disease can affect dogs long after a tick bite, sometimes appearing months or even years later. One of the most common long-term effects is **inflammatory arthritis**, where the immune system reacts to the infection and causes ongoing joint irritation, pain, and stiffness. Research by veterinary scientists such as **Appel et al. (1993)** and **Summers & Straubinger (2005)** has demonstrated this connection between Lyme infection and joint inflammation in dogs. Simple prevention steps — including regular tick checks, keeping yards clear, and using safe tick repellents — can help protect dogs from this chronic condition.

Watch for signs such as stiffness, difficulty getting up, reluctance to jump or climb stairs, shifting lameness, swollen or warm joints, tiredness, or behavior changes. These symptoms may flare after rest or in damp weather due to Lyme-associated inflammation. If your dog shows these signs — especially after tick exposure — seek veterinary guidance. **Red light therapy is also becoming a widely used supportive treatment, and many veterinarians and canine rehabilitation specialists recommend it to help reduce inflammation, improve mobility, and support joint comfort in dogs with Lyme-related arthritis.** Lyme can sometimes remain dormant and reappear later, so long-term immune and joint support is beneficial. A clean, anti-inflammatory diet with omega-3s , leafy greens, and antioxidant-rich foods (blueberries, carrots, sweet potato) can help reduce inflammation. Also, collagen or bone broth, probiotics, and vitamin D (if recommended by a veterinarian) may support joint and immune health. Gentle movement, healthy weight, hydration, and rest also promote comfort as your dog ages. Vet approved tick & flea collars, oral preventatives and regular baths are helpful for tick prevention.

This information is for educational purposes only. Always consult your veterinarian before making changes to your dog's healthcare, diet or supplements, especially if your dog has existing health conditions/taking medications.



Butter Bean's Word Search

What Westies Do

Attack	G	N	I	W	O	T	Q	Z	T	J	F	S	N	A	I	D	R	A	U	G
Chasing	R	P	R	O	T	E	C	T	I	O	N	A	M	G	D	A	U	Q	Y	N
Comfort	X	R	U	Y	Y	S	C	I	D	R	O	N	J	D	N	K	L	B	Y	Z
Companion	G	K	E	J	Q	I	N	S	P	E	C	T	I	N	G	I	V	R	G	P
Cuddling	N	E	T	Q	S	D	N	U	O	H	T	N	E	C	S	E	S	V	J	J
Detecting	I	E	G	G	F	T	R	O	F	M	O	C	P	X	M	D	X	A	Q	U
Guardians	D	P	N	N	F	A	B	R	O	Z	E	X	U	K	X	A	I	R	H	P
Guarding	R	I	I	I	I	P	L	S	W	I	M	M	I	N	G	L	H	N	A	C
Herding	E	N	T	Y	T	T	V	O	U	B	C	I	S	S	O	E	N	G	Q	M
Hunting	H	G	C	R	S	Y	G	S	V	O	A	D	R	W	A	R	N	I	N	G
Inspecting	Y	W	E	R	A	E	U	V	M	E	N	E	N	B	G	T	C	E	Z	B
Keeping Warm	K	A	T	A	M	P	S	P	T	U	H	Y	F	W	G	L	U	R	V	N
Love	W	R	E	C	P	T	A	R	O	S	A	S	K	U	S	C	D	E	J	R
Protection	V	M	D	O	I	N	A	H	U	Y	R	T	A	O	S	U	D	N	E	E
Rescue	O	G	R	R	I	C	T	L	R	E	V	R	T	E	R	I	L	S	H	W
Scenthounds	F	T	O	O	K	H	F	R	I	P	D	V	R	A	U	A	I	W	H	S
Support	D	I	N	I	G	D	M	R	K	I	U	C	C	G	C	X	N	U	O	N
Swimming	R	D	N	I	R	S	R	U	N	Q	R	C	T	M	I	K	G	P	H	G
Terriers	V	G	S	I	A	E	W	G	S	E	R	V	I	C	E	S	L	M	I	C
Tracking	T	R	B	X	T	X	Q	G	N	I	T	N	U	H	P	C	C	P	T	W
Warning																				

More WWR

Picnic fun

With

Westies!!



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