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## **WWR Holiday Bazaar**

Plans are underway for our 2019 Holiday bazaar, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in downtown Eau Claire, WI. As always, we are looking for donations of gently used holiday themed items for our sale, as well as toys for children, antiques, and the unique and quirky items that make great Secret Santa gifts! Please contact us by November 1<sup>st</sup> for donations that need transport to Eau Claire.

If you live near the Eau Claire area and would like to bake items for our sales table or work a sales shift, send me a note. We would love to have you! Email Barbara at [aroooo@charter.net](mailto:aroooo@charter.net) or leave a message at 715.514.8681 for donations or offers to help.

If you sent items for the bazaar via this summer's picnic and need a donation tax letter, please let Barbara know and she will be happy to get one sent out to you.

## **WWR 2020 Calendars Are Now Available For Sale**

Wisconsin Westie Rescue is having a calendar fundraiser. The WWR 2020 calendar contains many photos of our rescue Westies that have been adopted into their forever homes in recent years. All proceeds from our calendar fundraiser are used by WWR to offset veterinary bills and care for our rescue Westies.

If you are interested in ordering WWR 2020 calendars, please send your name and address and a check payable to Wisconsin Westie Rescue to: Wisconsin Westie Rescue 2020 Calendar, c/o Lana Olson, 15213 W. Union Dane County Line Rd., Brooklyn, WI, 53521-9301

Cost is \$16.00 per calendar plus a one-time fee of \$4.00 postage for all calendars on the same order mailed to the same address. Thanks for your support of our calendar fundraiser!

## **Welcome New Volunteers!**

We welcome Julie Hedgecorth and Chuck Squires, and Judy and Joe Ziemann to our fostering and volunteer ranks. Julie and Chuck are newly retired and recently moved to Wisconsin, while Judy and Joe are previous adopters and will be our UP of Michigan contact volunteers. We thank you for stepping forward to help Westies!

We can always use more volunteers, especially ones with previous mill dog experience. We can only help as many dogs as we have foster homes willing to open their hearts, as well as their homes, to a Westie in need. If you have adopted from WWR, you are approved to foster as well. Try it once and we bet you will be happy you did! Email us at [aroooo@charter.net](mailto:aroooo@charter.net).

## ADOPTIONS

A few quick words about adoptions: We realized that when we did our first newsletter of the year in February, we had not had any new dogs come in to Rescue. We did another newsletter in May, which wasn't very newsy. So, for this newsletter we had to go way, way back!

- Zeus, aka Baxter: adopted by Emily & Greg Lundberg, fostered by Kris and Tom Thommesen.
- Jackson: adopted by Megan Hopkins, fostered by Sheri Rice.
- Lilly Rose & Fergus: fostered and adopted by Kelly Burton and family.
- Momma Mia: adopted by Patricia and Gary Lee, fostered by Susan Jacoby.
- Bosley: adopted by Jane and Brett McCormick, fostered by Lydia Parlow.
- Lady: fostered and adopted by Jerry and Connie Wolfgram.
- Teaka: adopted by Lisbeth and William Edens, fostered by Cheryl Cutsforth.
- Josie: adopted by Sarah and Bryan Fletcher, fostered by Susan Jacoby.
- Maddie: adopted by Terry Gonderzik, fostered by Julie and Tom Risen.
- Lexi: fostered and adopted by Dawn Schepcke.

I need to give a huge shout out to Cheryl Cutsforth and to Barbara Peden for taking on the Adoption Coordinator work/paperwork/"stuff" while I had a horribly, terribly, ridiculously badly timed job change that required I uproot and move from Eau Claire to Madison. This change meant that for a while the time I could commit to WWR would be very limited; Cheryl and Barbara stepped up to help without batting an eyelash. It really does take a village, and I am incredibly grateful these two wonderful ladies are part of the WWR family. Thank you! Amy Wolfgram

## Be Sure You Continue to Receive Your Newsletter

If you move or change your email, do not forget to update your mailing and email addresses with Wisconsin Westie Rescue. Changes can be sent to [wwnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wwnewsletter@gmail.com). Thanks!

## Jack (aka Jackson) by Megan Hopkins

We adopted Jack on July 13<sup>th</sup> of this summer and wanted to share our story with everyone. Jack is the perfect example of how rewarding adopting a senior Westie can be! Little Jack (our nickname for him) is one of the loveliest, sweetest, and most patient dogs we have ever known. It took him a little while to get used to us, but he is absolutely worth the wait! Seeing his sweet tail wag is a highlight of our day.

At first, Little Jack did not go for very long walks--mainly just down our drive way and down the street a little before turning around. He has some mobility issues and is in physical therapy, which we think will help. We can already see that his endurance and strength are improving greatly. Now he can make it almost a half of a mile!! He loves going for walks and being included.

Little Jack spent two weeks up in Michigan at our family's cottage and he really blossomed up there. He loved watching (to the best of his ability) the boats go by, taking naps in the sun, and being rocked by his grandma in a rocking chair. It has not taken long for Jack to become a cherished member of our family. To say he is a wonderful little guy is an understatement. Every day his personality comes out more and more, which is one of the best parts of adopting an older Westie. They have so much love left to give! We love this little guy and are very thankful to the WWR and Sheri (his fabulous foster mom) for allowing us to adopt him!!



## **Baxter** by Emily & Greg Lundberg

We welcomed Baxter into our home in mid-July 2019. He is the little brother to Buddy who we rescued nine years ago from WWR. From the moment Baxter walked through our door he has been part of our family, immediately playing with toys, looking for treats and finding the most comfortable place to lie. Buddy, on the other hand, was not so sure about Baxter and why there was a dog in his house. Within a few days the boys warmed up to each other and Buddy accepted Baxter into our Westie pack, as long as Buddy gets to be in charge of everything and take the lead on walks.

Baxter loves playing with Buddy and roughing him up. The two little guys will run circles around the living room and wrestle. When they stop, they have great big dog smiles and wagging tails. They have become fast friends. Buddy had not had a playmate since we lost our sweet old Westie, Sophie, a year before.

Baxter looks forward to his walk in the park each day, and loves to chase the ducks at the pond. We learned recently that he loves swimming more than anything. We were at the lake and my husband jumped into the water, and Baxter wanted to go in, too, so we placed him in the water and he immediately started swimming and could not get enough of it. In addition to swimming, he loves hanging out on our pontoon boat with the wind in his hair.

We are a Westie family and grateful for the love and fun Baxter has brought to us.



## **Josie** by Sara Fletcher

Just when we thought we'd never be able to love another dog as much as we loved our Maggie Mae, Josie joined our family and has filled our hearts with so much love. Josie is full of energy. Josie loves taking walks, playing with her ball, and playing chase around the house. Josie is also an amazing snuggler and always has five willing participants. We are so blessed to have her in our family and are so thankful to the Wisconsin Westie Rescue organization.



## **Dixie** by Cheryl Cutsforth

Hi! Dixie here. I'm so pleased to meet you! I'm always pleased to meet everyone! My other name is Miss Congeniality. Sometimes my other name is Diana the Huntress. I have a lot of fun keeping four-legged intruders out of our yard. Not so much fun for them if they're too slow, if you get my drift. I landed in Westie Rescue six years ago when my family said they couldn't afford to keep me. I was in my WWR foster home for several months. I'd meet families and give them kisses and bring them my best toys and think I was off to their house. Then they'd leave without me. Always the same old excuse: "Well, we love her, but she has Addison's disease and we just don't know....." So finally my foster people said "This is nuts! How can we give her up anyway?" so they just adopted me.



It has been a pretty good life. I love walking in parks with my friend Dawn (here's a picture of me at one of my favorites, Carson Park), car rides, my stinky squirrel toy, and wrestling with my Westie brother, Tommy. And as for that Addison's stuff, no biggie. A tiny pill every day and a shot every month and I'm never sick!--unless I eat something yucky outside, of course. It is hard for a girl to resist that sometimes. So here's my advice to you: If you meet a wonderful Westie in a WWR foster home, don't be put off by some dumb old disease that the vet can easily take care of. You just might be lucky enough to adopt another Dixie. (Well, you probably won't ever be THAT lucky as there's only one of me.)

## Reunion Recap

This article should more appropriately be titled something like "This WWR Reunion Was Brought to You by Martha & the Vandellas and the 'Heat Wave.'" Holy melted ice cream bars, it was a heck of a hot day!!

First, a great big thank you to all of you who took the crazy heat like warriors and came to hang out at the reunion. We hope everyone had a good time in spite of it being almost surface-of-the-sun hot! There was a very nice turn-out; our officially unofficial count of attendance was around seventy-five people. We forgot to count dogs, but we guesstimated there were around fifty or so.

WWR owes a giant thank you to some folks who helped to make the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion possible:

- Jerry and Connie Wolfgram--thank you for offering your home and hosting.
- Julie and Tom Risen--thank you for being the other half of the "Planning and Making it Happen" Committee.
- WWR Board--thank you for continuing to support the Reunion and allowing us to purchase the coolers.
- Lana and Tom Olson--thank you for the amazing job you do with calendar sales to support WWR.
- Barbara Peden and Paul Bowe--thank you for the Silent Auction.
- Kris and Tom Thommesen--thank you for handling check-in.
- Katie Ray, Barb Senglaub, Cheryl's niece Sue, Julie's sister Becca, Steve and Gretchen Brown, Paul Wolfgram, Travis Johnson, and the Johnson and Nelson families--thank you for all the help with setting up, taking down, making food, and for all the work that goes in to an event like this!
- To Miller's Classics and Dvorak's Tent Rentals--you rock!

Additionally, everyone please pat yourselves on the back as we did a booming business in WWR calendar sales, and made almost \$1000 on the Silent Auction thanks to some really wonderful donations and your generosity.

It was too hot at the Reunion to make much of a speech, so we sort of skipped that part. We did want to take time to sincerely thank everyone for being part of the WWR Family. We just hit a major milestone--twenty years of WWR. We could not have done that without each one of you and the contributions each of you continue to make to Rescue. Whether you adopt, foster, or volunteer in other ways, please know how much what you do for WWR matters.

As long time volunteers (or, in the case of my parents, their participation in WWR is more like being dragooned into service, but that's another story for another newsletter...), we encourage you to consider trying something new. If you have never fostered, reach out to someone who does and talk about it. If you have never helped with fundraising, reach out to someone who does and talk about it. The Bazaar crew is about as much fun a bunch of people as you will ever find....and there's a bake sale! Let's start off the next twenty years with a great big WWR...AROOO!!!

With permission of Janice and Jonathan Kostreva, we included a few photos of the Reunion for you to enjoy.



## Early Detection Screening of West Highland White Terriers for Bladder Cancer



### About the Clinical Trial

The NC State College of Veterinary Medicine, with the help of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, is screening dogs for a bladder and prostate cancer called urothelial carcinoma or transitional cell carcinoma (UC/TCC). As part of this study, investigators will screen your dog's urine for a marker of UC/TCC using the CADET® BRAF Mutation Detection Assay.

If the marker is undetected, your participation in the study will end. If your dog tests positive, two options are possible:

1. You and your dog will be invited to either the NC State Veterinary Hospital or the UW Veterinary Care for a comprehensive clinical evaluation.
2. Investigators will recommend follow up with your primary care veterinarian.

### Goal

The goal of this study is to show that the CADET® BRAF Mutation Detection Assay can be used to diagnose UC/TCC before dogs develop signs of bladder and prostate cancer. With early diagnosis, investigators hope to initiate treatment earlier to delay progression and improve survival of dogs with this devastating disease.

### Eligibility

Your dog must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the clinical trial:

- Be clinically healthy (no signs of urinary tract infections)
- Be at least 6 years old
- Be willing to participate in the study for 12 months

### How to Participate

If you are interested in participating in this clinical trial, you will be asked to do the following:

1. Collect a urine sample from your dog
2. Ship the sample to our laboratory using the self-addressed and postage-paid shipping containers.

### Incentives

- A free diagnostic test screening for UC/TCC.
- If invited to the NC State Veterinary Hospital or UW Veterinary Care, your dog will receive a complete exam including bloodwork, abdominal ultrasound of the urinary tract, and cystoscopy of the urinary tract at no cost to you.
- Dogs accepted into the study will also receive regular clinical follow-up for 12 months, at no cost to you.

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### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary WWR Coolers Available for Sale!**



The WWR Board graciously allowed us to purchase a quantity of insulated coolers for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion. They are red and are screen printed with "Wisconsin Westie Rescue 1999-2019" and a paw print logo. These coolers are great advertising for WWR, and are just a fun way to pack lunch or bring home a few groceries!

Following the Reunion, we do have some coolers remaining. They are available for purchase for \$10 plus the cost of shipping. If you can pick up, then shipping is free. All proceeds from the sale of the coolers goes back to WWR.

If you are interested in purchasing coolers, please reach out to Amy Wolfgram at [llbj77@gmail.com](mailto:llbj77@gmail.com) or call 608.547.1577. Don't wait--get yours today!

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