

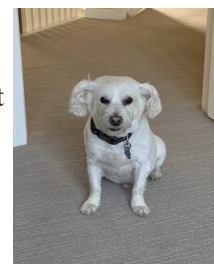
May 2025

WISCONSIN WESTIE RESCUE

CHANGING LIVES ONE WESTIE AT A TIME

Eddie –Adopted 2015 Update by Agustin & Teresa Cardona

He's starting to slow down and some health issues have cropped up. He's got a heart murmur but so far it looks like the medication is helping. He's turning 13 this year. Still likes to bark at school buses, squirrels, the UPS truck and any other big truck or noisy car and motorcycles. He likes to spend the day getting some Georgia sun or on top of the couch where he can see everything that's going on.

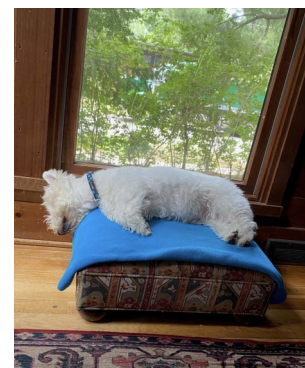


Thank you to all who responded with rescue updates!

We received an abundance of rescue updates. If you do not see your update in this issue, it will appear in the Fall WWR 2025 newsletter.

Bob-Adopted in July, 2017 Update by Kim Turner and Melissa Mulliken

After being fostered for a few months to get his health settled, serendipity lead Bob (known as Ricky when fostered) to us in July, 2017. Bob is the third oldest Westie we have had the opportunity to adopt. Our first two Westie rescues, Gus and Wrigley, were also great dogs. They shared the house for a while and then when Gus passed, Wrigley and Bob were snuggle buddies for a few years. Bob was a breeding dog so his experience as a beloved pet living in a house was limited. Wrigley taught him all the tricks of life with us: how to use the dog door, how to patrol the yard, and when napping was the best idea. Bob opted to not follow Wrigley's lead on squirrel and chipmunk chasing and will discretely look the other way should a rabbit be in the yard when he heads outside.



Bob REFUSES to sleep with us on the second floor; and no, carrying him up the steps does not change his mind on that. It took him several years to learn to enjoy a snuggle anywhere and to get his belly rubbed but he finds these activities highly pleasurable now. He loves to head out for a walk twice a day, always taking with him a stuffed toy. He may refuse to go beyond our front yard if there are trash bins in sight, but from his perspective this is still a good walk. He has a large and adoring public whom he greets on his walks, allowing a quick pet in addition to a compliment on how cute he is!

Bob is not much of a guard dog. He tends to bark when visitors LEAVE the house, not when they arrive. He did give us one, and only one, warning bark in the middle of the night a couple of years ago when a man in a face mask with a head lamp appeared on our screen porch at 1 AM. Bob woke us with his single bark and then sat quietly in his bed while we sorted out why this man was on our porch (slip and fall injury while running; we got him medical help thanks to Bob!).



Bob is now 15, with less than perfect vision, significant hearing loss (seems to be an older Westie trait!), but plenty of joy for life, snacks and meals. His health has been pretty good for a dog who had a rough first act. He gets along well with other dogs but prefers to see them outside of his home. He is clear that prefers to live out his life as an only dog. We respect that and really hope for a couple more good, restful years for Bob.

Adoption Updates continued

In Remembrance of Snowy Rose by Kunstman Family

We adopted our sweet Snowy Rose in October, 2017. She was almost 8 years old at that time. Jerry and Connie Wolfgram were her foster parents for a few months before we came to get her. We had to say goodbye to her in early September last year. She was almost 15 years old. She had bladder cancer and other various ailments. She was a puppy mill mom for 7 years. She lost all her teeth before coming to us but that didn't stop her from loving to eat. One of her



favorite things was her "morning nana" which was a few pieces of banana. She loved to sleep in her bed and by the fireplace. Her favorite and only toy was a blue stuffed critter that came with her from Jerry. She carried it around in her mouth often, and always after she ate.

We called it "blue girl" or "bloobie". Snowy always looked so cute in her winter sweaters. She was the sweetest dog ever. We are so grateful to WWR and the Wolfgrams for allowing us to adopt her. We miss her very much!



Roscoe –Adopted June 2020-by Karen & Jon Berman



Roscoe came to live with us during the pandemic (June 2020), first as a foster and then a "failed" foster, when we adopted him. He was 16 weeks old and had been surrendered by another family.

Now at five years old, Roscoe still has some anxiety, but he has learned how to socialize with other dogs at the dog park and is welcoming visitors at our house (especially if they have a dog treat when they arrive). He loves to chase a ball or any squirrel or rabbit that dares to come into his yard. Roscoe howls when sirens go past our house, singing along until they fade into the distance. Roscoe was a very anxious guy, challenging our older Westie (Dewey) at every turn. Not a major problem when he was small, but soon he significantly outweighed our older guy. We went through some tough times during the pandemic, but Dewey and Roscoe finally

settled in as brothers.

Unfortunately, we lost Dewey in August 2024. Initially Roscoe seemed happy to have all our attention, but increasingly he is whining to see other dogs on the walk. Fortunately, he has a best friend who lives just two houses away, who is also white, but much bigger than Roscoe.

Roscoe has his own Instagram account. You can follow him on [@2wanderingwesties](#).



Charlie's Adopted 2013-Sheri Rice & Tim Lightner

Tim and I adopted Charlie as a rescue back in 2013 when he was about six months old. We still remember fondly meeting Cheryl Cutsforth and taking him to our up north cottage that first night.

Charlie had a rough start in life and his health has always been a little frail. But his personality is so strong!! Over the years we have taken him to see many specialists to understand and treat what we now think is an autoimmune disorder called pemphigus foliaceus or PF. We always thought it was just allergies so this had been a huge relief.

Thankfully, it is highly treatable with Apoquel, which many dog owners are already familiar with. He tolerates it well. He takes it along with some dasequin for his arthritis. At 12 1/2 we feel like he's living his best life with his siblings, Pumpkin and Henry.



The pack enjoys a huge fenced backyard where they can do all the sniffing they need to. He likes going to the nearby Nashotah dog park where he can do laps off leash. When he's excited he "plays the bongos" by standing on his back legs and "drumming" his front paws. He's so cute! When we travel, we typically have dog sitters come to the house and stay. Every single one has a special spot for Charlie.

Our first Westie, Pebbles lived to 17 and we sure hope that Charlie keeps our yard squirrel free for many more years. We feel we got such a wonderful gift in Charlie from the Wisconsin Westie Rescue!

Freddy's Second Chance-Adopted August 2021by Jana Hite

Our lives were forever changed when Freddy found his way into our hearts. Rescued from the confines of a puppy mill where he spent seven long, lonely years. Freddy arrived with hesitant eyes that had seen too little kindness. Those first days together were a delicate dance of trust-building. Every gentle touch seemed to surprise him, every open door a mystery. We watched with tear-filled eyes as he cautiously explored freedom for what felt like the first time-tentative paws testing the soft grass, his nose twitching with wonder at the countless scents of a world previously denied to him.

What amazes us most is Freddy's resilience. Despite everything, his spirit remained unbroken. His intelligence shines through as he eagerly embraces each new experience, making up for lost time with boundless curiosity. Each new skill mastered feels like a small miracle, a triumph over his past. Now, Freddy and his brother Sunny have created their own little kingdom of comfort. They've settled into the rhythm of their golden years together. Sunbeams sought for afternoon naps, gentle snores filling our home with the most comforting soundtrack. These moments of peaceful slumber feel sacred, knowing the peace he was denied for so long.



There's nothing quite like watching Freddy's newfound confidence bloom. His recent discovery of his voice-barking boldly at deer who dare cross his domain—fills us with immeasurable pride. The small act of bravery represents how far he's come, from a dog who once cowered to one who now protects what he loves. But perhaps the most precious gift is the way he melts into pure joy at the promise of affection, immediately rolling over for belly scratched with complete trust in his eyes. That trust is something we never take for granted—a precious gift from a soul who had every reason to withhold it.

Freddy isn't just a pet, he's a daily reminder of resilience, forgiveness and extraordinary capacity for love. Our lives are immeasurably richer for having him. When we look into those soulful eyes, we silently promise him that every remaining day of his life will be filled with the love he always deserved.

Irish & Charlotte—Adopted Spring 2024 *By Ryan Crisp & Brian Walmer*

Irish and Charlotte have embraced their new life in Chicago with tail-wagging enthusiasm. We quickly discovered that we live in the most dog-dense neighborhood of the city. These ladies have become a huge hit with many of our human and canine neighbors. Irish leads the charge as the calm and confident mother. Charlotte follows with her youthful curiosity. They love exploring Lincoln Park and the lakefront and cuddling with us on the couch in the evening. We've all grown together. These amazing little creatures have transformed our lives in so many wonderful ways. We've also remained in contact with Whitney and Dan, their foster parents, and will always be grateful for their good work in setting all of us up for success. Every day is a new adventure with the unstoppable mother and daughter duo of Irish and Charlotte.



Gus— Adopted September 2021 Update *by Renate Wisniewski and Family*



We got our Westie, Gus in September 2021. He was 5 years old. He has learned so much and come so far. One thing I never thought he would ever do, would be to sit on my lap and snuggle with me. However, I kept working with him and encouraging him. Finally, after 4+years, 3 months ago he started to come and sit on my lap.

Now it has become the best part of our morning routine!! It amazes me how he is still learning, and learning to trust. He has the sweetest personality, even after all he went through. The trust took a long time, but so worth it!!



Hazel—Adopted May 2024 *by Dan & Whitney Kieffer*

Hazel came to us in late January 2024. She was to be a foster and had major skin issues. She was scared, skittish and afraid.

Her only words were screams when she was put up for the night. Needless to say after the second night she came to sleep with us on the bed and the rest is history. I believe it was May when we decided that even with looking at lifelong medication, we wanted to adopt her. She has blossomed! Her skin issues are not major any more but will probably be life long. The University of Wisconsin Dermatology Department has been a wonderful help ! Hazel has learned to be a real westie! She loves attention (probably has some separation issues), food, going for walks and rides on the river. She may be a princess but she loves getting outside and being with big dogs at the dog park. We are her forever home.



WWR Explores Needs of Dogs with Diabetes

Dog diabetes involves elevated blood sugar due to insufficient insuling, mostly resembling Type 1 diabetes in humans. The primary treatment for diabetes in dogs is insulin therapy, typically administered via twice-daily injections timed around meals. Various types of insulin are available, and veterinarians tailor the choice and dosage to each dog's individual response, sometimes requiring adjustments over time. Consistent insulin administration, combined with regular blood glucose monitoring and a stable, low-stress environment, is essential for effective management. Moderate, regular exercise also supports glucose control and overall health.

Nutrition plays a crucial role in managing canine diabetes. Diabetic dogs benefit from diets high in fiber and complex carbohydrates to slow glucose absorption, moderate to high-quality protein to maintain muscle mass, and restricted fat to reduce pancreatitis risk. Feeding consistent amounts of food at regular times, usually twice daily, helps stabilize blood sugar levels in coordination with insulin injections. Prescription diabetic diets designed for blood sugar control are often recommended, though some dogs can be managed on carefully controlled home diets under veterinary guidance. Home diets or nutrition for diabetic dogs emphasizes whole, minimally processed foods that help maintain stable blood sugar levels. This includes feeding low-glycemic carbohydrates like sweet potatoes, green vegetables, high-quality lean proteins such as chicken, fish, and balanced fiber to support digestion and slow glucose absorption. Healthy fats from sources like fish oil provide essential nutrients without excess calories. Natural supplements like probiotics may also support overall health. This approach complements medical treatment by promoting metabolic balance and improving the dog's quality of life, always under veterinary guidance.

Emotional support for diabetic dogs is vital because stress and anxiety can worsen blood sugar control. Providing a calm, consistent routine with regular feeding, exercise, and gentle interaction helps reduce their stress. emotional care complements medical treatment by helping stabilize glucose levels.

SYMPTOMS OF DIABETES IN DOGS

Noticeable symptoms of early diabetes in dogs include:

- Excessive thirst - drinking water frequently
- Frequent urination, even if the output is very low
- Increased appetite
- Weight loss
- Lethargy
- Dehydration
- Blurry eyes

Effects of uncontrolled diabetes on dogs are:

- Cataracts
- Enlarged liver
- Seizures
- Kidney failure
- Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA)



Fredo's Rescue Story—Life with Diabetes by Lisa Janairo

"Fredo keeps his Mom company in the kitchen while she's cooking!"

Fredo found his forever home with us in September 2023. He was 10 at the time and had recently been diagnosed with diabetes. I had experience with another diabetic Westie. Finn, my first rescue, developed diabetes at age 7 and, with proper care, lived a good long life until he passed at 14. I knew adopting Fredo would take some extra work, but I thought it would be worth it — and I was right!

For best health, we gradually switched Fredo to Hill's Prescription Diet w/d formula, a special high-fiber food for glucose and weight control. He gets only very limited treats, like as a reward for going into his crate when we need to leave the house.

Diabetic dogs need two insulin injections each day. Fredo eats two meals, breakfast and dinner, and after each we give him an injection in the skin around the withers area. It definitely takes patience and practice, but it really becomes routine for both person and dog after a while. Ideally, the meals and the injections would be spaced 12 hours apart. But we have two dogs and Fredo's pretty set in his ways, so we space meals closer to 10 hours apart.

Travel can be tricky if your kennel doesn't administer injections. Occasionally missing an insulin injection isn't a catastrophe, but skipping injections for days isn't something you can do if you want your diabetic dog to live a long, healthy life. We switched kennels so that Fredo can get his injections when we're traveling without our furry friends. Diabetes in dogs leads to cataracts, so Fredo's eyes are clouding over. He can still see, but I expect him to lose his eyesight eventually. Lucky for him, he's a dog, so his great sense of smell will help him navigate the world. I'm betting our other dog Daisy will be a big help to him, too.

If any readers find themselves facing a diagnosis of diabetes in their dog, or if you're considering adopting a diabetic dog, know that there will be challenges. However, they will all be manageable, and the reward is adding a loyal and loving companion to your household. Fredo is an amazingly sweet, cuddly dog, and I'm thankful for him every day.



Tara– Adopted in 2023 by Diane Long



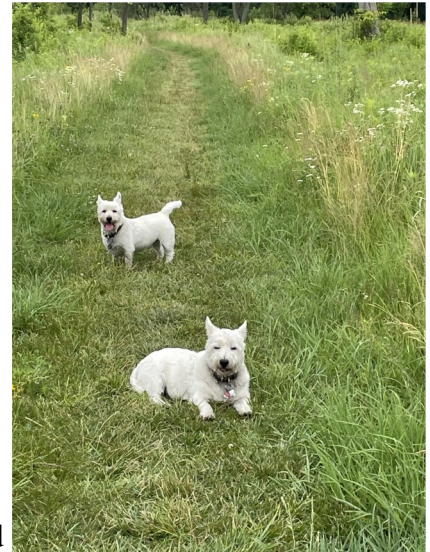
We adopted Tara almost two years ago now. She is doing very well and believes this is her house and allows us to live here. LOL! She caught a mole earlier this year and brought it into the house before we saw it. She laid it beside her on the couch and was very proud. She makes us laugh every day. We would be lost without her. We 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.



Gibby & Jasper Update by Mary Cole

Thirteen years ago I drove to Appleton to pick up my new puppy from his foster home. My senior Westie had died, and my rescue Westie, Buzz, needed some company. My husband had recently died, and the house was just too quiet. Enter Bud, whose name I immediately changed to Jasper, and thus began our new lives. Jasper quickly filled the house with his happy little puppy self; random barking at nothing at all, sweet little smiles and loving cuddles. I often ask myself how I got so lucky. Buzz passed away, and luckily, just as I was about to buy a puppy from a breeder, WWR called. They had a dog for me! So Jazz and I drove to Milwaukee to pick up Gibson (nee Bailey) from Anne Plouff, the same foster mother who had fostered Buzz. Gibby was only four months old and shortly after I got him I

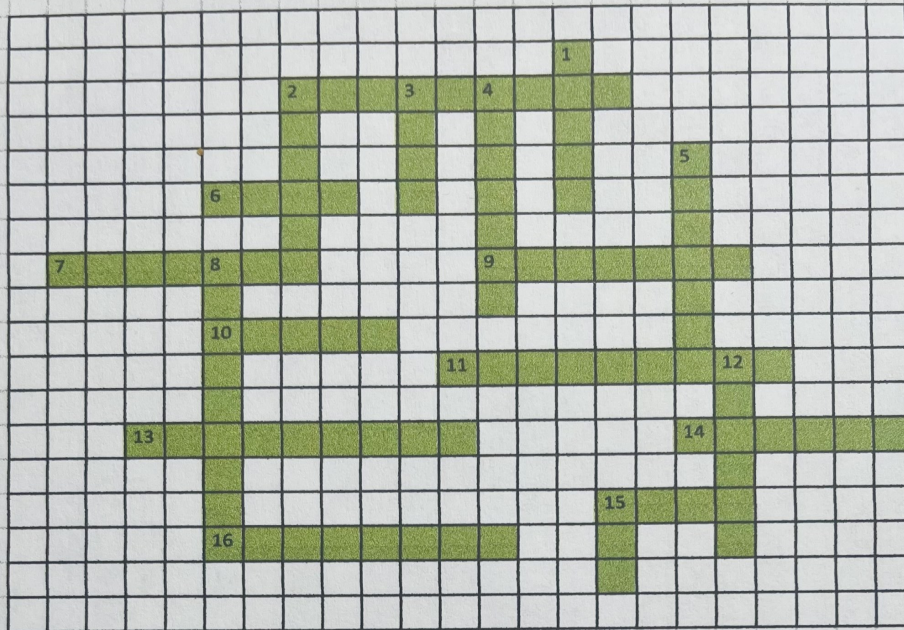


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woke up to find my bed covered blood. I was horrified. I quickly bundled him up and took him to the vet who diagnosed him with von Willebrand Disease, a genetic disorder resulting in the inability of the blood to clot. This means that the slightest cut (including teething) will cause excessive bleeding. Needless to say, trying to keep a puppy safe from getting cut isn't easy. The slightest nick can result in extreme blood loss that, in Gibby's case anyway, means an emergency trip to the vet. But despite the illness, after seven years, Gibby is still the happy curious little trouble maker today that he was as a puppy. We visit the Open Lands (in the winter) or swim in Lake Michigan every day in the summer. The Boys are better swimmers and retrievers than my Lab and Golden ever were. Life with Westies means life with adventure, curiosity and love. Thank you, WWR, for helping make my life so meaningful and rich.

Butter Bean's First Attempt at a ChatGPT Inspired Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 2 A westie makes a great _____
- 6 What a Westie does when they look out the front window
- 7 A westie's small size is _____
- 9 Adjective for a badly behaving westie
- 10 What westie owners feel about having a westie.
- 11 The state that has the best Westie Rescue :)
- 13 Westies originated in this region of number 16 across
- 14 Something a westie likes any time (pl.)
- 15 Something a typical westie never seems to show
- 16 Origin country of a westie

Down

- 1 Barking tendency of westies
- 2 Tail shape of a classically groomed westie
- 3 Favorite thing of young westies to do
- 4 An activity westies like to do in the sun
- 5 What westies were originally bred to be
- 8 A common health issue of westies
- 12 What westies do to their humans when the westie can't be bothered
- 15 One of many words that describe owning a westie



KEY

Across

- 2- Companion
- 6- Bark
- 7-Compact
- 9-Naughty
- 10-Lucky
- 11-Wisconsin
- 13-Highlander
- 14-Snacks
- 15-Fear
- 16-Scotland

Down

- 1—Vocal
- 2- Carrpt
- 3- Play
- 4- Napping
- 5- Ratters
- 8- Allergiies
- 12- Ignore
- 15- Fun

Wisconsin Westie Rescue 2026 Calendar Photos Wanted

It's that time of the year again, we are looking for your best Westie photos for the WWR 2026 Calendar.

[Deadline to submit photos is June 15, 2025.](#)

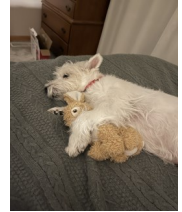
Our annual Westie calendar has been one of our favorite fund-raising activities and everyone loves to see all of the photos of our rescued Westies, Westie mixes and their siblings! We will try to include at least 1 photo from each photo submission (if space allows we may use multiple photos) in the 2026 calendar.

We ask that you submit photos without people in the photos.

Please email photos (do not compress photos, please) to Lana Olson at lanasolson@gmail.com.

If you need to submit photos via snail mail, please contact Lana Olson for mailing information.

Deadline for photo submission is [June 15th](#) so please don't delay!



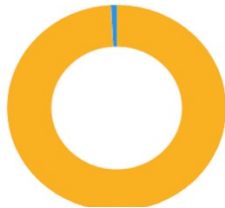
Financial Update

2025 has started off very quiet. We took in 1 new rescue who was in such bad health we were forced to euthanize him, leaving us with no dogs in rescue. We received \$1,360 in donations, at this time WWR is not actively soliciting out side of our WWR Calander fundraiser. Our main expense category was veterinary expenses for the rescued dogs. Our net cash position declined by \$2,272 for the first quarter. The rescue still has a very strong financial position which will enable us to continue helping Westies in need.

This Quarter

\$1,230

in all categories
Percent of total: 100%



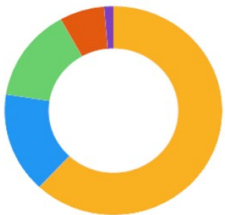
Donations	\$1,360.00	99.44%
Interest Inc	\$7.70	0.56%
Fundraisers	-\$137.87	
Total	\$1,229.83	

Income

This Quarter

\$3,502

in all categories
Percent of total: 100%



Pets	\$2,177.14	62.16%
Printing	\$543.46	15.52%
Gifts & Donations	\$500.00	14.28%
Bills & Utilities	\$233.76	6.67%
Shopping	\$47.88	1.37%
Total	\$3,502.24	

Spending

Announcement

Starting in 2026 the WWR Newsletter will be only available

Via email and on the WWR Website.

This decision was made by the WWR Board of Directors due to the high cost of printing, postage, etc.

If you receive the WWR newsletter by post, please send your emails to newsletter@wisconsinwestierescue.com as soon as possible.

Thank you for you continued support of WWR!!

WWR 2025 Picnic Invitation

Greetings, all! It's time to celebrate our Westies and Family Fun!! Come one, come all!!

When: Saturday, July 26, 2025, Noon to 4 p.m. The food and fun will start around noon so come and hang out!

Where: Ron and Janell Westimayer are hosting at **7476 Spruce Street, Minocqua, WI 54548**. Ron and Janell's phone is 715-356-6308 or email at westimayer@gmail.com if you need to call for directions.

Cost: \$10/person or \$15/Family; includes all food and beverages and all the fun you can stand!

- There will be any area that will provide shade if needed. We do always ask that everyone bring their own chairs.
- Food! And lots of it—come with your appetite ready! We anticipate there may be photo opportunities!!
- Relax, enjoy and have fun visiting with other Westie friends and families!

Of course, if all this proves to be way too much fun, Westie jail will be provided.

Please RSVP by July 15th by:

- Completing and signing the attached form.
- Writing a check to the WWR for the fee (\$10/person or \$15/family).
- Sending both form and check to Ron and Janell Westimayer, 7476 Spruce Street, Minocqua, WI 54548.

Questions? Email Janell Westimayer at westimayer@gmail.com or call at 715-356-6308.

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2025 Wisconsin Westie Rescue Picnic

Name(s) of person(s) attending_____

Name of dog #1_____male/female (circle) Name of dog #2_____male/female (circle)

Name of dog #3_____male/female (circle) Name of dog 4_____male/female (circle)

Please read the following statement and sign/date on the space below to acknowledge the receipt of this waiver and agreement to the contents expressed. Return to Ron and Janell Westimayer by mail with the above RSVP.

I/We* agree to hold WISCONSIN WESTIE RESCUE and its volunteers harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my dog(s) while in or around the premises while attending this WWR event. I/We* assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and we further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless to any such claims or loss of my dog(s) or injury to this dog(s). I/we* further will not hold WWR or its volunteers responsible for the negligence of any other person and their dog(s) in attendance at this event, as to property damage, injuries, loss or death due to alleged or unalleged activities. By signing I also certify that my dog's vaccinations are current.

Signature_____ Date_____

*One signature needed per family

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