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50 “Forever Home”-bound Westies

As of July 2008, Maryland Westie Rescue (MWR) has placed 47 dogs into “forever homes” with three recently rescued dogs, Isabel, Max, and Bear currently in foster care. This includes the 34 Westies rescued during “March Madness,” 33 of which came from two separate puppy mills.

In recent months, MWR volunteers, with the Chesapeake Bay Highland White Terrier Club (CBWHWT), helped coordinate and run “Basket Bingo” at the Elks Lodge in Gambrills, Maryland, to raise money for rescued Westies.

On May 4, MWR held its second annual Wine & Fleas in Mount Airy, Maryland, where Westies, honorary Westies, and their owners gathered for wine tasting and

a walk through the vineyards. (Okay, only the people tasted the wine, because all the dogs were underage.) Combined with a “Chinese” auction and a “50/50” raffle,

MWR raised about \$1,200 in donations to be used for veterinary expenses for our rescued Westies.

MWR volunteers, with CBWHWT, staffed the phones during a Maryland Public Television pledge drive. About a dozen Westies, many of them rescues, also attended.

MWR is also beginning to plan our first Alumni picnic for all our rescued Westies and their new families. The picnic is tentatively scheduled for October, 2008. Stay tuned for more information!



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Thank You to All Our Founding Lights

Rescue Westies often require medical attention as many may have not been seen by a veterinarian in their previous situation, especially those coming from puppy mills. So far this year, we have rescued 49 dogs at a cost of nearly \$17,000 in veterinary care. Thank you to all our donors, especially our “Founding Lights,” for help-

ing us provide medical care for our rescued Westies as we locate appropriate “forever homes.” The names of all our Founding Lights will be permanently posted on our Website and published every year in The Westie Watch (with your permission). Founding Lights will also receive a special Founder’s memento.



Buddy's Buddies

First of all, for those who missed my column last month, my name is Buddy. I came into Rescue in May 2007 suffering from a severe case of malassezia (it was so bad, my Doggie Doctor at Greater Annapolis Veterinary Hospital (GAVH) said "I don't know where to start." Today, though, I'm a happy, healthy Westie.

I have some wonderful news. I have been adopted! My new family are Crystal, Brad, and Brandon Long in western Maryland. If I have to say so myself, what a lucky dog I am to go home (and to the office) with such wonderful people.

This month, I want you to meet my good friend, Buddy aka Other Buddy aka Obie.

From January to March, Obie and I lived together in foster care at Angie Gittles' house. Obie came into rescue on January 3, 2008. Like me, he had malassezia, but mild in comparison to my case (the Westie people said he looked "moth eaten"). Thanks to GAVH and Angie's expert care, Obie shows no signs of malassezia.

Obie is three years old and still acts like a crazy puppy sometimes. A mutual friend says Obie is half Jack Russell, half mountain goat, and all Westie. Like me, he loves to cuddle in your lap, but also runs and plays like any normal Westie. I think Obie misses me, even if I did eat all his toys.

[Editor's Note: Buddy has agreed to keep writing his column, even though he has been adopted.]

A Rescue Story: Dunkin (formerly Duncan)

Sometimes a good story gets even better. Daisy Lou was the first of 24 dogs Maryland Westie Rescue (MWR) placed out of our "Operation Wild White Rose, which MWR rescued in early March from puppy mills in Iowa and Pennsylvania. Daisy (on the left) was adopted by Alexandra Valsamakis, Andy Golden, and their daughter Zoe (center). Soon the family began talking about finding a canine companion for Daisy. Enter Duncan.

Duncan (right, showing Daisy and Zoe how to make your eyes glow bright) had been recently adopted by a long-distance trucker whose wife and former Westie had both recently died. While Duncan enjoyed travelling in the truck, his owner did not feel it

was fair for Duncan. After he contacted MWR, we reviewed our applicant lists to find a suitable match for Duncan's personality, age, and attitude. We quickly found one in Alex, Andy, Zoe, and Daisy...but there was one more surprise. While Alex was the first one to suggest a second dog, Andy and Zoe decided to surprise her with Duncan.



Duncan, who was renamed Dunkin, came into rescue on the morning of April 26 and by that afternoon was with his new family. Dunkin's family reports: "Dunkin is doing great...chasing squirrels and coming darn close to many. Daisy and Dunkin wrestle on a daily basis and seem to be enjoying each others company. They love going for long walks and playing with Zoe."

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Wine and Fleas II: Wine and Walk with Westies

Maryland Westie Rescue (MWR) held its second annual Wine and Fleas at Linganore Winery in Mt. Airy, Maryland, on May 4. About 70 people and 40 Westies and honorary Westies enjoyed the wine and walk through the vineyard on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our attendees, MWR raised nearly \$1,200 toward veterinary and other expenses for our rescued Westies.

After months of planning and preparation, the event itself began at 1 pm as the first wine tasters and Westies arrived at Linganore. At the registration table, humans received a wrist-band to allow them into the wine tasting and the Westies received a goody bag filled with toys, treats, and coupons.



Visitors also got their door prize ticket and had the opportunity to purchase tickets for the "Chinese" auction (Auction items were placed next to Chinese food containers. Bidders placed any number of tickets in the container and at 4 pm, the winning bids were drawn from each con-

tainer. The more tickets one put in, the better the chances to win.)

At 2 pm, the Westies (and those people who wished to come) gathered for a walk through the fields and the vine-

yard. Everyone (dogs included) reportedly had a great time on the walk.

In addition to the wine and the walk, attendees could also read the story of "March Madness" aka "the 34 Westies" (including 33 from two puppy Mills) that MWR took in during March 2008.



Sorry, you're too young to drink wine!



Daisy Dishes



Daisy says, "Look, I'm trying to write my column. Can't my bath wait until I'm done?"

Founding Lights

The names of our Founding Lights will ultimately be posted on a special page of our website. If you do not wish for your name to be listed, please contact us ASAP to let us know. Thank you.



Wine and Fleas 2008 glasses are still available! You can get one for \$5 or 4 for \$15.

Bonjour-Daisy here.

Thank goodness for Maryland Westie Rescue, or we White family Westies would be having a very slow social season. While much of Washington canine society has jetted to Barker's Vineyard on the Cape for the dog days of summer, Chanel, Mystic and I are staying around. My people went to Quebec for two weeks in May, selfishly leaving us in the care of a dog sitter. En route to Montreal City, they stopped in Hyde Park, New York to see FDR's home. I snuck a peek at their photos and noted that there is a topiary reproduction of FDR's Scottie, Fala, ornamenting the lawn of the estate. I must say, it would have looked better if all of the foliage had finished growing out into the wire topiary pattern. Fala looked odd with no growth where his snout should have been. My people also

noted as they walked by Quebec City's fabulous five star Chateau Frontenac that this very smart hotel accepts pets. Moi, j'aime voyager (hint, hint).

June was a quiet month with only one sleepover on our social calendar. A neighbor adopted our friend Lilli, who visits from time to time. We attended a Westie Meetup picnic at the Claflin/Giamalva home in early June. Since then, it's been dullsville and the ennui is palpable. (I may not have been invited to go to Quebec, but I can bandy my French vocabulary).

July promises to be a more festive month. Chanel is especially happy, since she is a party animal. (You probably recall from my earlier column that her theme song is Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun"). We are having a sleepover at our place at the lake in Thornburg.

Lucy Claflin/Giamalva is staying with us for a few days and some friends who recently adopted a cockapoo are coming to visit. The lake can be fun, as there are a slew of squirrels to bark at, and the geese and ducks often waddle through our yard en route to the lake. Last time we were there, Chanel decided to roll in goose poop and had to get a bath. She was not pleased. In fact, Chanel cannot understand why people put so much emphasis on good grooming. Our female person purchased a dremel tool after having gone to Gwen Law's grooming class. We now have to endure having our toenails sanded. It boggles the mind that our female person actually pays money for this process called a manicure. C'est la vie.

Ciao for now from your dishing diva,
Daisy



Wine & Fleas II Auction Table

A Buddy Story

I was assigned a community service project for Leadership Skills class and I chose to donate towels, blankets, newspapers, and collect donations toward food, medicine, shampoo, and others needs for the Maryland Westie Rescue (MWR). MWR is an all volunteer group that is always there when a Westie is in need.

MWR is where I adopted my dog, Buddy. Buddy had a serious case of a skin disease called "malasseiza" (mala-say-shia) and lost all of his fur. His owners didn't want to take him to the vet to treat this, so they took Buddy to MWR. He spent a month in the hospital and he was treated with lots of love and care. He has now grown a lot of his fur back and feels a 100% better.

We adopted Buddy on April 26, 2008. He has adjusted well since then and fits in with our



By Brandon Long,
Bishop Walsh School, 8th Grade

family. Buddy is a sweet, sensitive, loving, and caring dog, who always wants to be by your side.

In 2007 MWR rescued 39 Westies. As of May 1, 2008, they have rescued over 45 dogs. A lot of these dogs have been rescued from puppy mills, others are from families that no longer have time for the dog, or the dog has health problems. Without MWR what would happen to these dogs?

If the MWR can do an amazing job with one dog, imagine what they could do with other dogs that need help. If you could donate just one dollar to the MWR, it would help a dog in need and go to a good cause.

All I have to do is look at Buddy.

Buddy has made our family complete, and at the same time he has now found his forever home where he will always be loved. Thank you Maryland Westie Rescue!

How can I help?

1. Provide Foster Care for a Westie in transition.
2. Help with transporting a Westie.
3. Volunteer your time at our events
4. Make a donation via PayPal or check.
5. Make In-Kind donations. (heartworm, flea/tick preventatives; x-pens, postage stamps, copy paper, etc.).
7. See if your company or organization matches donation funds.



A Foster Mom's Adventure

By Lisa Lehner

I've learned a lot since becoming a foster. Some things that I might suggest to anyone considering becoming a foster would be to first know the Westie personality. I know from my experience the puppy mill dogs are a lot more low key but they do come with their vices.

You must be willing to housetrain them and be patient when accident's occur. I'd also say have a designated area that you can keep them in for the first few days. Watch them when they go outside, even if you

have a fenced yard to make sure they don't get into something. I'd also suggest making up a dog tag with your name and phone number in case one accidentally escapes from your yard. [Ed. Maryland Westie Rescue can provide MWR tags with our contact information.]

And lastly, all you really need is the time and the love. But beware, these little guys will take hold of your heart and you will never be the same.

Lisa's former foster, Breeze, if you can find her...



IN FOSTER CARE

Maryland Westie Rescue recently took in a Westie, **Max**, and his honorary Westie brother, **Bear**, (above) both about 2 years old. Unfortunately, Max and Bear's owner could not keep them because of a family situation.

Because these two are bonded to each other, we will be placing them together. Do you have a place in your heart and home for Max and Bear?

Maryland Westie Rescue on MPT



Westie volunteer Bug takes a break from answering calls as human volunteers Gwen Law and Fred Askin look on.

On June 8, Maryland Westie Rescue (MWR) volunteers, along with members of the Chesapeake Bay West Highland White Terrier Club, spent the afternoon answering the telephones at Maryland Public Television (MPT). MWR volunteers and Club members took viewer pledges from 4 pm until 7 pm during a broadcast of *The Morgan Choir: A Joyous Celebration*.

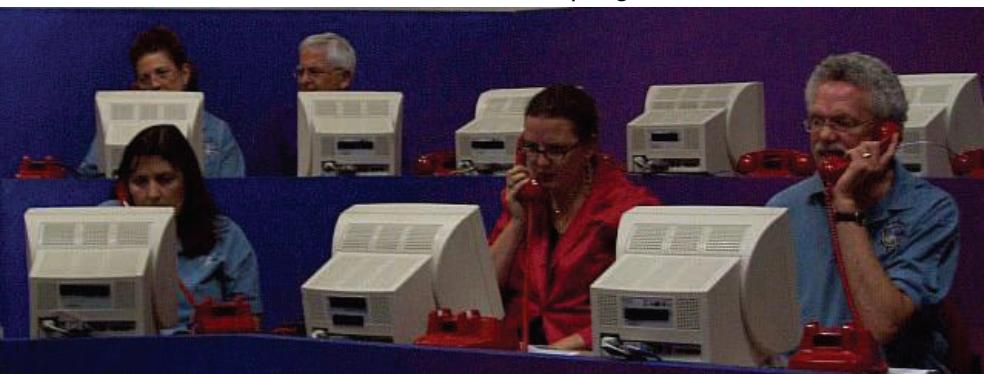
Westie owner and MWR donor Marlene Rodman, who works at MPT, contacted MWR and the Club about the two organizations “working the phones” during the recent pledge season. MWR and the Club

put out calls for volunteers and nearly 15 people and about 10 Westies offered a hand or paw.



The volunteers arrived at MPT in Owings Mill, Maryland, at 4 pm for orientation by MPT coordinators. Our volunteers—human and canine—moved to the studio answering calls during the pledge breaks for a pre-recorded program.

Soon, though, the volunteers were on live television with co-hosts Rhea Feikin and Donald Toms. The hosts interviewed MWR President Angie Gittles and Club President Fred Askin on camera during one of the pledge breaks.



Woody the Westie



Maryland Westie Rescue has a wonderful Westie item available for sale. MWR volunteer and expert craftsman, Bob Kjellberg, has created “Woody the Westie.”

“Woody” is available for a \$125 donation. Donations received for “Woody” go toward veterinary expenses for our rescued Westies.

Each “Woody the Westie” is hand-crafted with high-quality plywood and painted with multiple layers of durable marine paint. “Woody” can stand guard inside or outside.

“Woody the Westie” stands about 18 inches high and is about 16.5 inches wide. “Woody” also comes with a metal stand.

Here in this House

Here in this house.....

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs out there.
 I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.
 I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.
 I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.
 I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be
 allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.
 My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house.....

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.
 I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words.
 I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among so many.
 My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

Here in this house

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.
 I will never be used to improve peoples' image of themselves.
 I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.
 I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.
 I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.
 If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

Here in this house

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch.. Knowing that, no matter what they do,
 they do it for the good of me.
 If I am ill, I will be doctored.
 If scared, I will be calmed.
 If sad, I will be cheered.
 No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of value.
 I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.
 My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.
 I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and fair as dogs.

Here in this house

I will belong.
 I will be home.

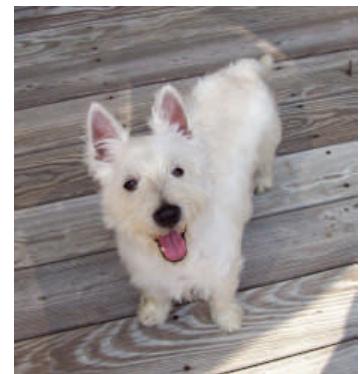
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RECENTLY ADOPTED

Maryland Westie Rescue recently rescued Mickey (above), an eight-year old Westie. Mickey is blind in one eye, the result of an attack by another dog. Nearly nine, Mickey has the energy level of a Westie half his age. Mickey now lives in Tidewater, Virginia, with his adoptive family.

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It's all about the Westies!

Get Involved, Join the Fun!

August 23 Join Maryland Westie Rescue at Carmen's Gallery in Solomons, Maryland, for National Dog Day 2008. E-mail us at info@marylandwestierescue.com for more information. You can learn more about National Dog Day at <http://www.nationaldogday.com>

Sept 14 Basket Bingo to Benefit Maryland Westie Rescue, Sponsored by the Laurel Elks's Lodge #2283, 8261 Brock Bridge Road, Laurel, Maryland. Visit <http://www.marylandwestierescue.com/basketbingo> for details.

Sept 27—28 Westie Rescue Booth at the Frederick Oktoberfest in Frederick, Maryland on Saturday, Sept. 27th and Sunday, Sept. 28th. \$5.00 per person, Children under 11 are free. Visit www.frederickoktoberfest.com for more information. -- You'll have to leave the Westies Home --

Coming in Sept 2008: Be on TV with your Westie! Stay tuned for details.
Check out all our events at <http://www.marylandwestierescue.com/calendar.htm>