

## Westie Rescue Michigan

### Adoption Application

[www.westierescue-mi.com](http://www.westierescue-mi.com)

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Questions about adoption process – call Jackie at 586-481-5477

#### Costs

- A one-time donation of \$25 is requested. This is a voluntary donation and not subject to refund. It is not a fee and offers no special consideration. It simply helps our rescue operation.
- **There is no “adoption fee”** for dogs adopted through Westie Rescue Michigan.
- We conduct many fundraising activities throughout the year and are grateful for whatever you can contribute to help the dogs we rescue.

#### The Dogs

- Most of the dogs we receive into foster care are male and most are over 6. We seldom receive very young dogs/puppies into foster care.
  - We ask for your consideration of an older dog (8 and up) or one that may have more than minor medical issues. Those who are willing to help us save Westies that might not otherwise be adopted are very special people in our book.
  - Westie Rescue Michigan is an all-volunteer organization. The dogs are cared for in our homes for at least a month to deal with behavior issues and to get them healthy, identify any health issues we cannot fix, and update vaccinations, etc. We work with an animal behaviorist for support on resolving behavior issues.
  - All dogs are spayed or neutered before they leave foster care.
  - Westies are terriers – they bark at birds and squirrels, can be diggers and often love to hunt. If you can't handle the gift of their prey, reconsider your choice of breed!
- By their nature, dogs that come to rescues can have some behavior issues. We work hard to get them healthy and deal with behavior issues. However, there almost surely will be some work that you would be required to do with the dog.

#### The Adoption Process –

- Once your application is received and processed, your application is stored in a secure location for foster homes to review when they are trying to find a permanent home for the dog.
- Your vet may not release information to our volunteer without your permission. Please alert them that we WILL be calling. If we need to contact you so that you can provide permission to your vet, it delays processing your application.
- We do not place Westies in homes with children under 10 or in families that anticipate having children during the lifetime of the dog. We may also restrict adoptions if young children are frequent visitors to the home. **One of the most frequent reasons dogs are surrendered to Westie Rescue is difficulty with young children.**
- We are all about finding the right home for the dog. Applications are not considered in order of receipt. If your selection criteria are very limited, it could be a long wait. Should you wish to change your selection parameters, please contact us by email or phone.
- Should your application be selected as a potential fit for one of our foster dogs, you will receive either a phone call or an email to assess your interest in the specific dog. If that exchange works out, you will be asked to a “meet and greet”. We would also like the other family dogs to be present. During this meeting, you will be assessing the suitability of the particular dog and we will be assessing the likelihood of a successful match. We may be considering other homes at the same time.
- The final step, before signing the adoption contract, is to schedule and complete a home visit in which all living in the home must be present. Our volunteer may find some things that need attention prior to adoption (access to gaps in fences or other similar hazards). We will arrange another home visit once the items are repaired.

**Visit our website –** [www.westierescue-mi.com](http://www.westierescue-mi.com) and our Facebook Page-Westie Rescue Michigan (community)

- The website is where we list the dogs currently in foster care.
- There is also a variety of information about Westies, our rescue and the process we use to place dogs in forever homes.

Do NOT submit this page with your application – keep it with your records along with a copy of the application you submit.



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For additional information contact Jean at 517-267-8838  
Mail application to Beth Widdows, 1371 West South Blvd, Troy, MI 48098  
Make checks payable to Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc.

We ask that you provide answers to the following questions so that we can determine the most suitable rescued Westie for your situation. **All questions MUST be answered and signatures are required in order for your application to be considered and valid.** A donation of \$25 is requested. This is a voluntary donation and not subject to refund. It is not a fee and offers no special consideration. It simply helps our rescue operation. By submitting this application, you are expressing your interest in providing a home for a rescued West Highland White Terrier and will accept full responsibility for providing housing, food and physical and mental care for the animal.

If you are not ready for a dog NOW, please hold your application until you are ready. If you apply and later find you cannot take a dog at that time, please ask us to pull your application and reapply when you are ready for a dog. We want only ACTIVE applications on our call list. Thank you.

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

First Application? (\$25 donation requested)     Revised Application (\$25 donation optional)

Applications expire after 2 years from date of signature. Please note the date and reapply if you wish to stay on the waiting list.

Desired Age Range of Dog in years: \_\_\_\_\_ Desired Sex: Male  Female  Either   
*(e.g. 3-10 years, 0 to 2 years, any age, etc.)*

Would you be willing to consider a dog with more than minor medical conditions?  Yes  No  
*(This does not commit you to anything. You would simply be told about the condition and you could then make a decision.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Please be Legible!!!!

1. Why do you want to adopt a Westie? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you Rent  Own  House  Condo  Apartment  Other (explain)  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you rent, please attach a copy of your lease or landlord's written permission to have a dog (letterhead and phone number required).  lease agreement and landlord letter enclosed?

3. Do you have a fenced yard? Yes  No  Type of fence \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Dogs must be on a leash or in a fenced area at all times. Fenced areas must be enclosed without gaps. We seldom place dogs in homes with electric fencing, however, it may be considered for some dogs. If you do not have a secure fence, how do you plan to exercise the dog?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. How long will the dog be left alone on an average weekday? \_\_\_\_\_ hours Where will the dog stay during the day if you are not at home? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_ We require that Westies be kept as indoor pets.

Will the dog be crated?  Yes  No (Crates are good! See <http://westieedumi.com/crates/>)

5. Please list names and ages of all residents in the home (We do not place Westies in homes with children under 10 or in families that anticipate having children during the lifetime of the dog.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have young (under 10) frequently visiting children? If so, please give us more detail. (Ages, frequency of visits, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please understand that many Westies are not good with young children. This may require you to confine the dog during visits. Are you willing and able to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Does your city/county restrict the number of animals allowed in a home? If so, what is that restriction? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., three dogs, 4 cats and dogs, etc.) What government authority did you contact to check on this?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please list the names, ages, species or breed of any pets in the home (please include all, including birds and ferrets, rabbits, etc.) (This is important as some Westies cannot be around some animals.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Are all dogs and cats neutered or spayed? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Who will be responsible for the care of this Westie? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you willing to take on the care of a Westie for its entire life (average 15 years)? We estimate the cost of good food, medical care and grooming to be around \$1,000 per year.

11. Two references are required. If you currently have a pet, or recently had a pet, you must list your veterinarian  
Veterinarian: Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please alert your vet to our call and give them your permission to release information to us.\*\*\***

Personal Reference:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(eg., parent, sister, aunt, or neighbor, friend, boss etc.)

Personal Reference (if you do not have a veterinarian, please provide a second personal reference.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you:

- Smoke; if so how do you protect the dog from second hand smoke?
- Have a swimming pool? If yes, does it have a cover or alarm?
- Will you put a written plan of care in place for the care of your dog if you are incapacitated?

13. Sometimes we get two dogs who have always been together. Are you willing to consider adopting a pair instead of just one dog?  Yes  No.

14. How did you learn of us?

- Facebook
- Web site
- Referred by a friend
- Other (explain)

From time to time, and purely as a courtesy, Westie Rescue Michigan will inform you of purported Westies or Westie mixes in shelters, other rescues or situations outside our own rescue. Understand that, should you decide to adopt or purchase an animal from a shelter or other third party from which you may be referred to by Westie Rescue, Michigan, the agreement is solely between you and the third party and that Westie Rescue Michigan will have no obligation to you or any other person or entity concerning such animal, whatsoever. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless Westie Rescue Michigan, the West Highland White Terrier Club of SE Michigan (Westie Rescue Michigan is separate from, but affiliated with the West Highland White Terrier Club of SE Michigan, agents and representatives, members, successors, or assigns from any and all claims. You further acknowledge that the information contained on this form is true and correct.

Signature (applicants) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

While Westie Rescue fosters each dog, no guarantees are offered as to their health or disposition. *If you decide to give up a dog adopted from us, you are obligated to return the dog to this Rescue without regard to distances involved. The dog may **not** be given away sold, or surrendered to a rescue or shelter. Dogs are a life-long commitment. Please don't apply if you don't fully intend to keep this dog until the end of his/her life.* A photo copy of the executed document shall be considered as valid as the original.

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