

# OWNER'S RELEASE AND SURRENDER CONTRACT

This contract is used by the ORIGINAL OWNER  
when surrendering to Westie Rescue Michigan  
(Original goes to Rescue; Owner may make a copy to keep.)

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO:  
WHWTCSEM and attach to this contract. The Contract and check will come to us with the dog.**

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

## SURRENDER INFORMATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACTS: PHONE 1: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

## DOG INFORMATION:

### BASIC:

BIRTHDATE (approx age if date is not known) \_\_\_\_\_  
GENDER \_\_\_\_\_ SPAYED OR NEUTERED? \_\_\_\_\_  
COLOR \_\_\_\_\_  
WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTERED NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
CALL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
TATTOO/CHIP ID \_\_\_\_\_  
SCARS/INJURIES \_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTRATION PAPERS EXIST? \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes", send them to Westie Rescue

## HOW OBTAINED:

BREEDER (Name, address, phone): \_\_\_\_\_  
 PET STORE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER (Detail): \_\_\_\_\_

## SURRENDER INFO:

Do you have the legal authority to surrender this dog? (If the owner has died, you must  
Have a notorized letter giving you the authority as Executor of the Will.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for surrendering the dog: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL DISPOSITION

AGGRESSION LEVEL: (Biting, nipping, threatening posture)

None  Yes, Detail \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER AGGRESSIONS: (Detail, e.g., food bowl, dogs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

GETS ALONG WITH:

Children 0 - 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Children 11-15 \_\_\_\_\_

Older Teens \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs \_\_\_\_\_  Other Pets \_\_\_\_\_

FEARS AND OBSESSIONS \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINING

OBEDIENCE TRAINED (Formally) \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSE TRAINED \_\_\_\_\_

CRATE TRAINED \_\_\_\_\_

LEASH TRAINED \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

BEHAVIOR

BARKER \_\_\_\_\_  DIGGER \_\_\_\_\_

CHEWER \_\_\_\_\_ ESCAPE ARTIST \_\_\_\_\_

SLEEP AREAS \_\_\_\_\_ ALLOWED ON FURNITURE? \_\_\_\_\_

DOES TRICKS? \_\_\_\_\_

RIDES WELL IN CAR? \_\_\_\_\_ USED TO SEAT BELT OR CRATE IN CAR? \_\_\_\_\_

USED TO TOOTH BRUSHING? \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH

VETERINARIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ PERMISSION TO CALL VET? \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACH DOG'S HEALTH RECORDS

SHOT RECORD (Dates): DISTEMPER COMBO: \_\_\_\_\_ RABIES \_\_\_\_\_

BORDETELLA \_\_\_\_\_

HEARTWORM PREVENTION (Brand, date last given): \_\_\_\_\_

(Include any remaining meds.)

ANY HEALTH CONCERNS? \_\_\_\_\_ WAS DOG EVER PREGNANT? \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD

BRAND NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FEEDING TIMES: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MUCH/HOW PREPARED/TOPPINGS? \_\_\_\_\_

Please send along some food with the dog so we don't have to switch to another brand too quickly.

## ANSWERS THAT WILL HELP US HELP YOUR DOG

We understand that we are asking a lot of questions. But we will be able to help your dog so much more if we can gather these extra responses. We often get dogs in and wish we had known some things that we had not asked. So if you would please take the time to respond to these questions or add any additional information you feel may be helpful (you can write on the back of the sheet too), your dog will appreciate it very, very much.

### BEHAVIOR

1. Reaction to vet: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Reaction to groomer: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name/phone # of groomer: \_\_\_\_\_
4. How did you handle behavior problems? Name specific behavior problems and how you approached them: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What kind of an area did the dog have for exercise? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What type of area did your dog use for its "Potty"? What is your dog's normal schedule for pottyng? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What key words do you use? (e.g., "go potty", "do your business", etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### SOCIALIZATION

1. Did you take him to parks? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did you walk him in public places? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did you take him to local pet stores? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did he go on vacation with the family? If not, how was the dog taken care of? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### CHILDREN

1. Ages of children living with the dog: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Was the dog around other children? Where? How did the dog react? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### FEARS, REACTIONS, RESPONSES

1. Does the dog react to trucks? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does the dog react to the mail, UPS or delivery persons? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does the dog react to the doorbell? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Does the dog react to thunderstorms? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does the dog react to fireworks and other loud noises? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Does the dog react to bikes, strollers, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are there other things the dog reacts strongly to? \_\_\_\_\_

## TERMS OF RELEASE AND SURRENDER FOR ADOPTION

I/we, the undersigned, hereby IRREVOCABLY surrender to WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN, a West Highland White Terrier (Westie) described as follows:

CALL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE (Birthdate): \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. REPRESENTATIONS & WARRANTIES

We hereby represent and warrant that the undersigned are the sole owner(s) of the above-described Westie. That I/we have full power and authority to surrender this animal for adoption, (if not AKC registration, cross remainder of this sentence out and initial \_\_\_\_\_) that I/we are the only person(s) who are listed as registered owner(s) of this animal with the AKC, that no other person or person's signatures are required to effect a valid transfer of AKC registration papers on this animal and that no other person or persons have any legal or equitable ownership interest in this animal.

### 2. DELIVERY OF REGISTRATION (Void if no registration exists)

I/we agree to, within three (3) days of the execution of this document, deliver TO RESCUE, a properly signed transfer of the AKC registration papers for the above described Westie.

### 3. OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

We agree to provide the above named new owner with any documents and all other available information concerning this Westie which might assist the new family, including health and shot records, pedigree, name and address of breeder or other person from whom the dog was acquired, and information concerning this Westie's "dog history", such as important life events and individual personality quirks. We certify that this dog is not possessed of any dangerous or vicious propensities and that we have not willfully concealed information about the dog that might indicate such propensities. The information I/we have provided about this dog is true and complete.

### 4. CONSENT FOR CONTACT

We understand that Westie Rescue or the new owner may contact the breeder or previous owner or veterinarian to provide additional background information, to assist the new family in facilitating the animal's adjustment. In surrenders from foster care, because these are blind adoptions, the new owner must contact Rescue with any questions.

## **5. SURRENDER OF RIGHTS**

By executing this document, we understand that we are giving up forever all right, title and interest to the above-mentioned Westie and we further understand that all future decisions regarding this animal will be made solely by the new owner, possibly in conjunction with the Westie Rescue. We also understand that if this Westie is later found to have such an unpredictable temperament as to be unsuitable for the average family, or if this animal's quality of life is substantially impaired, in the opinion of a competent veterinarian, by a chronic, irreversible, painful condition, euthanasia may be considered as a final alternative.

## **6. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY**

I/we, the undersigned, hereby specifically and forever release, and hold the West Highland White Terrier Club and Rescue (its board of directors, its members, officers and agents) harmless from all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and any and all liability arising from the placement for adoption by Westie Rescue in accordance with, and in reliance on, the representations we have made and the authorizations we have provided under the terms of this document. I/we agree to indemnify and hold harmless Westie Rescue for any damages suffered and expenses incurred (including legal fees) in defending any legal action, whether for bodily injuries or death, property damage, breach of contract, or otherwise, whether instituted by us or by any other person or persons including the adoptive owners, arising out of or in consequence of the placement of the Westie, in reliance on the authorizations, representations and warranties we have made in this agreement.

## **7. DONATIONS**

It is understood that Rescue does not buy or pay for dogs. This is a service to help place Westies in new homes when their present owners can no longer keep them. This service is free, however, a donation to help pay for rescue expenses is appreciated.

8. This agreement shall be governed by all applicable laws of the State of Michigan. If any provision of this agreement is deemed invalid, then said offending provision may be stricken from the agreement and the remaining provisions enforced.

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT FOR THE IRREVOCABLE SURRENDER OF YOUR WESTIE FOR PLACEMENT WITH THE ABOVE NAMED PARTY. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING. TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS YOU NEED TO FULLY CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT DECISION. A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF THIS EXECUTED DOCUMENT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS VALID AS THE ORIGINAL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL WESTIE RESCUE.

I have read the preceding and agree to the conditions set forth in this contract.

Date: (Month, Day, Year) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF OWNER:

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF CO-OWNER:

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE - HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSED (optional)

\_\_\_\_\_

RESCUE MEMBER (If present but optional)

\_\_\_\_\_