

IT'S A RARE WESTIE

- Who can actually hear while chasing a squirrel
- Who doesn't know the word "squirrel" or want to go outside the moment it is mentioned
- Who doesn't really want to be a little black doggie and actively work to get there



- Who isn't too busy to sit on your lap for more than 15 minutes at a time
- Who isn't "official officer in charge of protecting the neighborhood" (defined as anything within sight)
- Who isn't the family bathroom monitor
- Who doesn't believe that knit gloves are actually toys that mom carries when we go for winter walks
- Who knows that it isn't the biggest dog in the world
- Who, when ignored by strangers on the street, doesn't want to go back and give them another chance to adore him/her
- Who doesn't have the family trained to open and close the door upon command (usually every 10 to 15 minutes)
- Who doesn't feel an obligation to make sure there isn't something buried in the backyard; and to oblige by digging holes every few feet (and where does that dirt from the hole go??)
- Who doesn't have to bark back at any other dog it hears; and if it doesn't hear any other dog, then to bark to try to start up a conversation.
- Who will come to the word "Come"; or not come to the words "Ride", "Treat", "Walk"
- Who doesn't know exactly when you are planning to leave the house, even when you are only considering it
- Who can't hear the opening of a package of cookies or a carton of ice cream even when sound asleep under the bed, three rooms away.