



Travis (now Mac)
Fostered 86 days

Travis (now Mac), age 2, was surrendered to the Humane Society because he had a PDA heart murmur. We assume the family could not afford the necessary surgery. He arrived looking as though he had never been groomed.



We might have thought he wasn't loved and cared for, but he is such a sweet dog he must have had a loving home. We arranged for the heart surgery (as well as neuter and dental) and when it was done he was declared "healed" with no follow up or restrictions necessary. He was adopted by someone willing to work with his issues

related to meeting new dogs.

SURRENDER REASON: DOG ILLNESS



Gabby - Fostered 52 days

Gabby, age 2, came from a Humane Society shelter. The family simply said they could not take care of her. Perhaps it was her unending energy! Gabby is a sweet little girl who is now in her new home with a Westie sister to keep her busy.

SURRENDER REASON: UNKNOWN



Scottie - Fostered 61 days

Scottie, age 8, came to us because his owner has Alzheimer's and the family felt she was unable to care for him any longer. When they called us, he had been living in an empty house with some family member going in a couple of times a day to feed him and let him out. His owner would not be returning. When he arrived he had strong marking tendencies but the foster home treated him like a puppy and started his training all over again. He came around nicely. Scottie did develop cysts around his toes. The vet thought it was due to the crate he was in for so long without a bottom tray. They were treated and we hope they will stop developing. He was adopted and goes to work with Mom many days. He greets customers and has been a great addition.

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER ILLNESS



Penny - Fostered 7 days

Penny, age 6, was adopted a couple of years earlier by one of our Club Members. When Carrie Robertson died this year, Penny came back to Rescue but was immediately moved to another Club Member who had cared for her during Carrie's illness and wanted to adopt. So Penny is now in her new home with two Westie brothers and is doing well.

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER DEATH



Holly - Fostered 47 days

Holly, age 5, was also adopted by Carrie Robertson. She came back to us and has now found a new home with a Westie brother with whom to play.

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER DEATH



Coconut (now Foster)
Fostered 59 days

Coconut (now Foster), age 3, came in when his family got divorced. Mom found that he had marking issues. Coconut did well with the housebreaking and eventually found his way to a new home and family where he is very much loved.

SURRENDER REASON: DIVORCE



Buddy - Fostered 60 days

Buddy, age 4, was originally found as a stray. Several months later his mom lost her job and could not afford his medical care or even food. He arrived with skin issues which were treated. Buddy is a nice boy who did well with his foster siblings. He even did some traveling and stayed overnight in a Bed and Breakfast! He was adopted and we very much enjoy seeing photos of him and his new adventures.

SURRENDER REASON: DOG ILLNESS/COST



Butch - Fostered 38 days

Butch, age 6, was surrendered to us because he was not good with young children. A neighbor told us that he WAS good with children but they were not given limits and they pushed him too far. Butch came in to Rescue and was a joy to his foster home. He and his foster brother did well together and his foster mom and dad loved him so much they decided to adopt him.

SURRENDER REASON: CHILDREN



Wrigley - In care

Wrigley, age 7, was surrendered because the husband was allergic. Wrigley also had skin issues and his family could no longer afford his medical care. We took him in and he became part of a drug study involving a drug that is similar to Atopica but faster acting. In his first week, we were not allowed to bathe him, change his food or give him any meds other than the pills in the study. Although it was a double blind study, it appeared that Wrigley was receiving the real drug because he began to respond immediately. After a week, we were able to have him groomed and begin to treat his ears. Wrigley recovered very quickly and is on long-term Atopica.

SURRENDER REASON: HUMAN ALLERGIES; ALSO DOG ILLNESS/COST



Tyson - Fostered 19 days

Tyson, age 2, was surrendered because of difficulties with children. Once he moved from his home to a new, more controlled environment, he did well and was good with the neighbor children. Tyson was quickly able to move to his forever home.

SURRENDER REASON: CHILDREN



Mickey - Fostered 54 days

Mickey, age 4, was in a shelter. His owner went into assisted living. We were full up so we sent out a notice to our applicants and one of them adopted Mickey. But after they had him a week they called. Mickey had been sick ever since they had him and they were not able to afford the vet bills. We took Mickey, with permission from the shelter, and got him to our vet. Dr. Theodoroff of the Animal Medical Center of Troy took him in and kept him for 5 days while they tried to resolve his issues. He had a very enlarged spleen and pneumonia. He required IVs and force feeding for several days. Even when he moved to a foster home the force feeding continued but slowly he recovered and was adopted by foster mom.

SURRENDER REASON: SICK DOG/COST



Katie - In Care

Katie, age 5, came back into Rescue for the third time. She came to us originally as a very young girl and found a new home. But that family divorced and Katie came back. After a foster period, she was placed again. She was her daddy's little girl but when he died recently, her mom moved into a smaller condo and could not take Katie with her. So Katie came back into foster care. She has had a health issue (back injury) but we hope she will recover and find her permanent home and that it will be hers for the rest of her life.

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER DEATH



Max - In Care

Max, age 5, came to rescue when he was surrendered by an owner who had Alzheimers. While she loved him very much, she wasn't able to care for him and understand his needs. Max had not been to the vet or groomer in the 5 years she had him. He was skin and bones; had lost most of his hair to skin issues; his eyes and ears were severely infected. Despite all of this, he is a very sweet and loving little boy who is playing with other dogs and enjoying life. We hope there is a wonderful home waiting for him somewhere....maybe yours?

<http://www.westie3.fatcow.com/EDU/RESCUEMAX09/max.htm>

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER ILLNESS



Kirby - Fostered 22 days

Kirby, age 6, was one of three dogs owned by the family. Another dog, an older Westie, nipped one of the grandchildren, and for some reason they decided that Kirby should be surrendered so they wouldn't risk him doing the same. (They kept the dog who actually did bite because he was rather old.) Kirby arrived at his foster home and hid behind the foster mom when his original family wanted to say goodbye. He then blended right into the family and has not presented any major issues at all. He was adopted quickly.

SURRENDER REASON: CHILDREN



Daisy - In Care

Daisy, age 5, came into rescue because her owners wanted to travel which meant that she was being boarded frequently. She also "barked too much and was a runner". She fostered with a family who already had 3 Westies and got along well. She was having housebreaking issues but that turned out to be an infection and was treated. We expect her to be placed shortly.

SURRENDER REASON: TRAVEL



Max - In Care

Max, age 8, came to Rescue with his sister Maddie. Their family was going through a divorce and their mom could not afford to keep them any longer. They came in together and we hope we will be able to find a home where they can stay together. Max is a very laid back little guy and appears to be healthy.

SURRENDER REASON: DIVORCE



Maddie - In Care

Maddie, age 8, came in with her brother, Max. Her family loved her but their family life was in turmoil and mom was no longer able to afford to have two dogs. Maddie also fit into her foster home nicely. She is a more typical Westie than Max in that she is active and outgoing.

SURRENDER REASON: DIVORCE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO BABYSAT, TRANSPORTED AND DID HOME CHECKS FOR US THIS YEAR. THESE ARE SERVICES THAT ARE SO HELPFUL TO THOSE WHO FOSTER! THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE FOLLOW UP CALLS, SENT OUT THANK YOU NOTES, DID SEWING PROJECTS, DONATED ITEMS FOR AUCTION, RAN THE AUCTIONS AND EVER SO MANY OTHER THINGS. YOU ARE ALL SUCH AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE EFFORT TO CARE FOR THESE LITTLE ONES.

WESTIE SKIN ISSUES

So many of the Westies who arrive in Rescue have allergies and skin issues. If your Westie has these problems, we would like to share with you the treatment we use to help them. While we can't eliminate the allergies, we can clear up their skin, re-grow their hair and give them back a quality of life. We can do this without putting them on long-term steroids which will almost certainly cause many other serious health issues.

Please click on this link to see the Westie Foundation's Summer Newsletter

<http://www.westiefoundation.org/newsletter/2009/WestNewsSum09.pdf>

or go to <http://www.westiefoundation.org> and click on "PDF newsletters", then choose SUMMER 2009. When you get to the newsletter up, go to Page 12 to read, "Skin Issues, Then and Now".

FOREVER STAMPS

One of our significant expenses is postage. When you buy stamps for your own supply, consider buying a book of Forever Stamps for rescue. It seems a small thing but they add up and help us a lot. For instance, this newsletter will cost us about \$240 to mail. A typical package sent to an applicant costs us \$1.56 in postage. Forever Stamps are a small, painless way to help! (Mail to WHWTCSEM, 1371 W. SOUTH BLVD., TROY, MI 48098).

DOG HAIR PROBLEMS?

Vacuums don't pick hair up very well off upholstery or some oriental type rugs. But a sneaker bottom (clean) rubbed along the upholstery or a rug that doesn't vacuum easily, will roll the hair right up and makes it easy to pick up.