

RESCUE REORGANIZATION

After 13+ years of doing Rescue, the time has come to announce my "semi-retirement" from Rescue, my second career. My dogs have never known a mom who wasn't doing rescue, spending many hours a day at the computer, living with many other dogs, and getting less of me than they deserve. Now, with Molly in her 13th year and Glennie in his 10th year, (as well as Jake who needs so much), it is time to give them the time and for me to enjoy them fully. It will also give me more time to offer support to my family during a time of medical crisis.

I, along with our Rescue "Advisory Committee" realized that this decision put Westie Rescue in Michigan at a turning point. We did not believe anyone was likely to take on the job as it stood because of the time commitment required. Since we very much wanted to keep Rescue going in a manner of which we can be proud, we decided to break down the job to piece parts so that it will not take any one person's full time commitment. When that was done, we published the list to the Rescue list of volunteers and asked everyone to consider taking on a job so that Rescue could continue. In the end, all functions were covered by existing volunteers. We then proceeded to give some training and instruction to the incoming volunteers and have now completed the transition.

Following is the list which covers each volunteer and generally what they are doing.

Jean Story is taking the applications. She is reviewing, asking questions, and checking references, putting them on the site for all to see.

Martha Sayles is taking the surrender calls. She is collecting information, finding a foster home and supporting until the dog is in foster care.

Chris Gillespie takes over once the dog hits the foster home. She is supporting the foster homes all the while they have the dog and is collecting and maintaining records and helping the foster home find an adopter when needed.

Carole Beaudry is checking Petfinder daily and sending any dogs on Petfinder info to Martha. She is doing the Club reports and the Wagtales report for Rescue. She is probably as close as we have to a "Rescue Chair" although we haven't really named anyone for that position formally. Carole maintains and mails out the dog packages to the foster homes; she receives most donations and also sends out thank you notes to donors

Jan/Maggie Murray/Pietrzak is handling the dog follow up calls after the foster home has finished their scheduled follow up calls; Jan does an annual follow up for the life of the dog as long as we can find the adopter! Jan also works on Ebay, PayPal and Café Press.

Marcia Reimer is working on Café Press and helping with flag design and other projects that fit her "graphic design" talents.

Beth Widdows is the "Treasurer", webmaster and Christmas newsletter person.

Jackie Curtis is a "Bookkeeper" and QuickBooks liaison with the Club Treasurer.

Sue Peters is the Spring Specialty Rescue Chair. (Jan/Maggie handles the parade)

Jean Story is the Volunteer coordinator. She also maintains the adopter/applicant email mailing list so we can send out notices.

Barb Engerer is the person who gets the photos for the calendar and any other purpose she wishes to use them for. Barb is also the Fundraising Chair. She will coordinate with Michelle Bogart who has been doing our annual Calendar.

Barb Engerer, Carole Beaudry, Beth Widdows, Janice Collins and Jackie Curtis are the "Rescue Advisory Committee". We are here to advise on anything that might come up; make policy wherever something new arises.

Sue Peters and Chris Finkbeiner are working together to organize the various events that are attended to hand out information for Club, Rescue and Education combined.

Several members are foster homes, work on bag lady projects or individually on fundraisers.

Together we are Michigan Westie Rescue!