

Breeder Puppies needing Rescue

1. We will accept breeder puppies (not breeding stock) into rescue if they would otherwise be put down due to a medical issue.
2. We will not pay for any testing until the puppy is in our possession. Should a situation turn up where this delay is not advisable, it would need to be approved by the Board on an individual basis.

From National website

Under policies, guidelines and definitions

A Westie who faces destruction by its current owner may come into rescue. However, a Westie in need of a new home, who is owned by, bred by or sired by a dog owned by a member of the WHWTCA or one of the Regional Westie Clubs! is the responsibility of the owner, breeder or owner of the sire. Any such member will be contacted, if possible, and asked to accept that responsibility. If such request is denied, the Westie will be rescued and the club member denying responsibility shall be reported to the Board of the WHWTCA and/or Regional Club for appropriate action.

Note: Of course, this only applies if the breeder happens to be a club member. This is referencing an individual (not a breeder) surrendering a dog who originally came from a breeder. In this case the breeder is contacted and asked to take the dog back or provide financial assistance to us. In the situation we are covering here, it is the breeder contacting us and asking us if we will take a sick puppy. The breeder IS taking responsibility by contacting us rather than putting the puppy down. We prefer this to the alternative.

Under Code of Conduct

We will ensure, to the best of our ability, that no otherwise adoptable Westie will be denied rescue because of age or treatable physical condition. If a Westie is ultimately deemed unadoptable for reasons of health or temperament, we will ensure that a veterinarian humanely euthanizes the Westie.

Note: We will take the puppy to insure that if we can invest in it and make it adoptable, it will have a chance at a good life. Should we find that the puppy cannot be made adoptable, we will take the responsibility to euthanize.