



Casper
Fostered 51 days

Casper, age 6, came to Rescue when his owner died. The person who turned him in didn't know anything much about him other than age. His ears were swollen shut from infections and he needed to be neutered.

Casper arrived and turned out to truly be a sweet boy, as we were told. He played nicely with the two female Westies in the foster home. He is well behaved and a very easy boy to be around. Casper's ears were treated; he has some hearing loss but it is not significant. Casper has been adopted.

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER DEATH



Annie
Fostered 90 days

Annie, age 11, was surrendered to Rescue when her dad's dementia progressed and mom just could no longer take care of him and the dog. The children decided to move their parents to assisted living and Annie needed to find a new home. Annie had spent most of her early life in a kennel situation, finally got a home of her own and then, sadly, she lost it.

Annie is healthy and happy. She did very well with her foster brothers. She is housebroken and showed no issues. She has some loss of vision, but is not blind and doesn't let it get in her way. She has eye drops that she will be on for life which helped considerably. She has now been adopted by her foster home and is living happily in Las Vegas during the winters.

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER HEALTH



Maggie
Fostered 90 days

Maggie (now Maggie Mae), approx. age 8-9, was surrendered by a family who said they found her 4 years ago on a website and drove to Indiana to "save" her. The woman who had her there indicated that she had rescued Maggie from a puppy mill. When they got her, Maggie was a mess and it took about a year to get her white coat back. To add to this situation, about 3 weeks after her original adoption they found out that she was pregnant and maybe 5 years old. After the puppies, she was spayed. Maggie was very scared and timid when they got her so when they had company over or during storms, they started putting her in her crate in their room so she wouldn't be so anxious during these times. Then they had a child. The boy is 2 years old now and Maggie wasn't doing well with him at all. (So many Westies come in when the child reaches toddler age.) Maggie did very well with the adults and other dogs in the foster home but she is very shy. She has been adopted and continues to do well.

SURRENDER REASON: CHILDREN



Brody
Fostered 112 days

Brody, age 5, came into foster care because he was not doing well with a 2-year-old toddler in the home. Brody did not bite but he snapped at the child. This is not an unusual situation for a Westie and is one of the most common reasons for their surrender. Brody is very submissive and easily scared. His ears were very severely infected and he had a skin infection. He was not on any heartworm prevention so we are thankful that he tested negative for heartworm. All of his shots were out of date.

At first, Brody was very clingy and howled when left alone. But normally, he is very quiet and these behaviors are modifying. He is a nice boy. He has been good with other dogs. He had some allergy issues which kept him in care longer than usual, but he has now been adopted.

SURRENDER REASON: CHILDREN



Benny
Fostered 33 days

Benny (now MacTavish), age 4 or 5, came into Rescue as a neutered male who was not doing well with his family's 2-year-old child. The child (according to the father) just wouldn't leave the dog alone and the dog was forced to give a lot of warnings. "He puts up with a lot before he even growls". They have older children the dog grew up with that he is fine with, but this child just wouldn't stop tormenting the dog. They felt they could not risk having Benny around any longer, especially since another baby is expected.

Upon arrival in Rescue he weighed 16 pounds. He was healthy with no allergies. Even the vet commented on his good nature. He played with the other dogs and learned to use the doggie door. All went well and he was placed rather quickly.

SURRENDER REASON: CHILDREN



Dallas
In Care

Dallas, age 5, was surrendered to a Canadian Westie Rescue group because the owner was allergic to him. The Canadian Rescue was full so we agreed to take him.

He was a bit of a handful at first but he has come a long way since we took him. He is very sweet. He likes to play soccer and play with a tennis ball outside. He has some allergies (not extreme) that continue to be treated. He listens well and is a good dog. We are currently looking for a home for Dallas.

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER ALLERGIES



Dash
Fostered 33 days

Dash, age 4, came into Rescue because his owner moved into an apartment and Dash was not handling it well. Apparently he needed a yard to play in or an owner who would crate him when not at home. He is a very sweet dog with no socialization issues. He does have some minor allergy issues. He is a tall boy and at 25#, he is at the large end of the size range for Westies. Dash quickly found a new home and is doing well.

SURRENDER REASON: DESTRUCTIVE WHEN LEFT ALONE



Bridget
Fostered 85 days

Bridget, age 7, was released to Rescue because she was chasing golf carts and being a "terrier". She weighs about 16# and is a relatively small dog. She is a nice girl, rides perfectly in the car and behaves around people.

She has been spayed and had a dental where she lost 16 teeth due to tooth damage and some periodontal disease. Bridget is all healed and is better than ever. She made much progress in her foster home. She is defensive, not dominant and has learned how to be part of a pack. She is very smart, loves to hunt and is learning to play. She has now been adopted.

SURRENDER REASON: BEHAVIOR



Princess Fiona of Lachlyn
Fostered 34 days

Princess Fiona of Lachlyn (now Bon Bon), approx age 6 -7, was a stray. She was hanging around the neighborhood for about a month before someone took her to the local shelter. They kept her for a few weeks and then called us to see if we would take her. They had been calling her "Rags".

She had her dental and lost only two small teeth. Her spay went very well, and she is in excellent health. She has no skin issues nor does she have any other health issues. She learned to bark with the resident Westie girls to save her foster parents from the marauding hordes of dog walkers and stroller walkers that pass by the corner lot. She is food motivated and able to learn; however, Westie enough to fight that process at least for awhile before giving in to the command. She learned to stay away from a door as the humans are entering or exiting. She sits but at time of adoption, "stay" and "come" were still only a dream. Fiona has been adopted.

SURRENDER REASON: STRAY



Digger
In Care

Digger, age 8, is a neutered male who was originally adopted out of a shelter. The new owner had no idea why he was surrendered or if he was a stray. Unfortunately, his owner recently had surgery and could not hold the leash to control him anymore. Digger was up to date on his vaccinations and is not a biter or aggressive. He's just a handful and needs a terrier person. He is a "talker" and his deep voice sometimes puts people off. Digger is healthy but he did lose about 5 teeth in his dental.

Digger does seem to want to be an only dog but he is great with people. He has even started visiting a nursing home with his foster mom. Digger has the "sniffles" but when that is taken care of he will begin looking for a home of his own.

SURRENDER REASON: OWNER HEALTH

Digger, Crime Dog

Digger and I were taking our evening walk around the block, this time we chose the church block. We got halfway around when a patrol car stopped and asked if I had seen a man in a brown hoodie and light slacks running up John R. We had just walked passed there, but I didn't remember seeing anyone. We kept on our route around the church, past the huge church parking lot in the back, and made our way back to my street. I was starting to turn to go down my block when Digger pulled me in the other direction, where we had just come from. He stopped to pee and I thought I saw a shadow out of the corner of my eye, across the street, in the church parking lot. I almost didn't take another look, but Digger pulled me around again, and then I could see a guy in a brown hoodie and light slacks now cutting through the church parking lot. Was this the suspect the police had asked about? Or was it an innocent person walking down the street??? I let Digger sniff and pee while I watched where the suspect was going. He crossed the side street and went up the driveway of a house on the corner, where we had just passed. I thought maybe I was mistaken about him being the suspect. Perhaps he lived there or was visiting. People were home at that house and there were a couple of cars in the driveway.



I almost turned to go back home when the suspect emerged from the driveway and started walking the route we had just completed - headed toward the church. Well, I guess he didn't live there! I called the police and they told me to keep an eye on him until they could get a patrol car there. Well, that was fine when the suspect was walking along the other side of the parking lot. But as soon as he got up to the church, of course I could no longer see him. Digger and I had to run across the parking lot to get to the other side, along the main road. I was still on the phone with the police and he kept asking if I could still see the suspect. I was huffing and puffing and hanging on for dear life because Digger was pulling me across the parking lot because he LOVES to run. We made it to the main road and I could still see the suspect. He had not yet made it to John R, where the police would be approaching. The officer on the phone told me to keep following him. I wondered how much longer I could run! Fortunately, seconds later, two patrol cars pulled up to the suspect.

I don't know what happened after that. We were still 1/2 block away and with the police lights I could not see anything. We turned around and went home. And as usual, Digger jumped in bed to recover from his walk.

Submitted by Digger's Foster Mom