

YEAR 2014

# WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN, INC.



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## 501c3 NEWS

We can now officially say that any donations to Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc. are tax deductible **retroactive to August, 2012** when we incorporated. Going forward, all donors (who provide a name and address) will receive a card from us indicating the amount and date of their donation to keep for their tax records. Donations of goods are handled in the same manner as if you were donating to Salvation Army or Goodwill. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact our Treasurer, Jackie Curtis. Her email address is [jackie451@yahoo.com](mailto:jackie451@yahoo.com). PLEASE NOTE: Many corporations will match, double or triple your donation if you are an active or retired employee. Please check!!

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## NEW, EASY, NO COST FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Shopping at Amazon**  
<http://smile.amazon.com/about/ch/45-0787009>  
Amazon shoppers: Please go to Amazon and choose Westie Rescue Michigan as your Amazon Smile charity!!!!
- **Walk Your Dog and Earn for Westie Rescue Michigan**  
Support Westie Rescue Michigan simply by walking your dog. For every mile you walk, they donate to the shelter of your choice. Get the App at [www.WoofTrax.com](http://www.WoofTrax.com)
- **Kroger Community Program**  
Use your Kroger Plus card account to sign up online by choosing Westie Rescue Michigan. (This does not impact your gas points.)

## CARRYOVERDOGS FROM 2013 INTO 2014

Our cutoff date is 10/31 so that we can get the newsletter and calendar prepared and available by December. The following dogs were still in care as of 10/31/13:

**TOBY**, age 6.5, is not adoptable and will remain a permanent foster dog.

**MAX**, age 9, has medical and behavior issues which required work and remains in care.

**SAM**, (now Harry), age approx. 5, was adopted at year end and spent his Christmas with his new mom, dad and sister dog, Sophie. He thinks he has gone to heaven!

**REGGIE**, age 6, found his new home in December also. Another happy little Westie.

**SOPHIE**, age approx. 4, was adopted in December. What a merry Christmas for her.

**KELLY**, age 15, will remain in foster care for life due to his age.

**ROBBIE**, age 6, has Addison's disease but he did very well in foster care and was adopted by his foster home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHwXdap4ls0&feature=youtu.be> (video of Robbie)

**CASSIE**, age 12, was found to have breast cancer. She had surgery and recovered nicely. She was adopted by her foster home.

**SPARKLE**, age 11, was surrendered when her owner went into a nursing home. Sparkle has been adopted.

## 2014 FOSTER DOGS (Arriving between 11/1 and 12/31/13)



Brady (Fostered 20 days)

**BRADY**, age 20 months, arrived in foster care because his owner felt he was very anxious and needed meds. They said he was peeing in the house. He was left alone frequently and no one bonded with him. He showed none of these issues in his foster home and was adopted before year-end.



Clyde (Foster 88 days in 2014)

**CLYDE**, 7-8 years, (now called Martin) was born in a puppy mill. He was adopted from another rescue but the family had no time for him. He was surrendered and did very well in foster care. He was adopted and continues to do well.



Megan (Fostered 12 days in 2014)

**MEGAN**, age 15, came from a northern Michigan shelter. The shelter did not give any information about why she was surrendered. Often, when they are this age, the owner has become ill, passed or gone into a nursing home and the family isn't willing to care for the dog. Due to her age and health, it was unlikely that she would find a home and her foster home decided to adopt her. She passed on after a few happy months.



Sully (Fostered 32 days in 2014)

**SULLY**, age about 4 years, was found as a stray in northern lower Michigan. Sully did very nicely in foster care and was adopted quickly.

**2014 FOSTER DOGS** (Arriving between 1/1 and 12/31/14)  
(Note: Days fostered are for Year 2014 and end 10/31/14 so we can produce the newsletter.)



Muffin (fostered 156 days in 2014)

**MUFFIN** (a poodle mix) and **SNICKERS** (the Westie) (ages 5-7 years for both) came in to rescue when their owner died. The Sterling Heights police entered the house, and called the cousin. The police told the cousin that the owner had died and if she did not come and get the dogs that night the dogs would be euthanized. The owner travelled from Grand Rapids to Sterling Heights on Christmas to get the dogs. The cousin could not keep the dogs so another rescue got involved and placed the dogs into a first time foster home. This home had three cats and two dogs already and could not handle the situation. After another move, Westie Rescue agreed to take the pair.



Snickers (fostered 156 days in 2014)

The dogs were healthy, groomed and well cared for. But they were very attached to each other and after all they have been through, we wanted to keep them together. They have now been adopted TOGETHER and are living a great life, even getting to spend their winters in Florida!



Blanka (fostered 103 days in 2014)

**BLANKA**, (now Effie) age 7 or 8, came into foster care when her owner went into assisted living. For 3 weeks she lived by herself with relatives coming in to feed her and let her out. She was used to being the adored pet of a woman who was with her 24/7. As a result she was lonely and confused. However she adapted well to her new foster home. Blanka found her forever home and is a happy little girl.



*Josh (fostered 62 days in 2014)*

**JOSH**, age 3.5 years, came from a home which recently had a new baby. There were several nieces and nephews and he wasn't doing well with the kids. The family elected to give him up so he could live in a home more suitable to him.

*He arrived in Rescue on a positive note, fitting right in with the foster family and wanting to play. It wasn't long before he found his forever home.*



*Bailey (fostered 177 days in 2014)*

**BAILEY** age 6 to 7 years, came in to Rescue from a home where he was once an "only child". But the family then had human children and Bailey was no longer #1. Bailey had some medical issues from the beginning of his life. He had chronic allergies and colitis. Because of this he was only able to eat his prescription food. Any accidental food caused him problems from both issues. You can imagine how hard it was for the family to keep food from him when the children became toddlers! They had to crate him away from the area whenever the children were eating. This became an emotional issue for him and eventually caused him to have crate issues. He was released to rescue when he accidentally nipped one of the children.

*Bailey's allergies and colitis were handled immediately with the use of a new drug called Apoquel. However he clearly had an issue with his back as well as a crate issue when he was stressed. After consulting with MSU, his back was treated with acupuncture and physical therapy along with meds and he improved greatly. His crate issues took time but have also been resolved. Thanks to his doctors, Dr. Theodoroff, Dr. Petty and Dr. Hopfensperger!*

*Bailey was finally adopted to a family who is devoted to his care and recovery. He is a happy little fellow, swimming daily in good weather, going for long walks and eating organic food!!*



*Brody (fostered 31 days in 2014)*

**BRODY**, age 3, came in from a home where there were four dogs. He was surrendered due to owner illness. He is healthy and loves to play with other dogs. Initially he was sad and missed his family and the other dogs he lived with. However, he was a well-adjusted dog and was quickly adopted.