

WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN
OWNER'S RELEASE AND SURRENDER CONTRACT

This contract is used by the ORIGINAL OWNER
when surrendering to Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc.
(Original goes to Rescue; Owner may make a copy to keep.)

WE APPRECIATE YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO:
Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc. and attach to this contract. The Contract and check will come to us with the dog.

DATE: _____

SURRENDER INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACTS: PHONE 1: _____ PHONE 2: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

OTHER: _____

DOG INFORMATION:

BASIC:

BIRTHDATE (approx age if date is not known) _____

GENDER _____ SPAYED OR NEUTERED? _____ If unspayed female, date of last heat: _____

COLOR _____

WEIGHT _____

REGISTERED NAME _____

CALL NAME _____

TATTOO/CHIP ID # _____

SCARS/INJURIES _____

REGISTRATION PAPERS EXIST? _____ If "yes", send them to Westie Rescue

HOW OBTAINED:

BREEDER (Name, address, phone): _____

PET STORE: _____

OTHER (Detail): _____

SURRENDER INFO:

Do you have the legal authority to surrender this dog? (If the owner has died, you must have a notarized letter giving you the authority as Executor of the Will.) _____

Reason(s) for surrendering the dog: _____

GENERAL DISPOSITION

AGGRESSION LEVEL: (Biting, nipping, threatening posture)

None Yes, Detail _____

ANY OTHER AGGRESSIONS: (Detail, e.g., food bowl, dogs, etc.) _____

GETS ALONG WITH:

Children 0 - 10 _____

Children 11-15 _____

Older Teens _____

Dogs _____ Other Pets _____

FEARS AND OBSESSIONS _____

TRAINING

OBEDIENCE TRAINED (Formally) _____

HOUSE TRAINED _____

CRATE TRAINED _____

LEASH TRAINED _____

OTHER _____

BEHAVIOR

BARKER _____ DIGGER _____

CHEWER _____ ESCAPE ARTIST _____

SLEEP AREAS _____ ALLOWED ON FURNITURE? _____

DOES TRICKS? _____

RIDES WELL IN CAR? _____ USED TO SEAT BELT OR CRATE IN CAR? _____

USED TO TOOTH BRUSHING? _____

HEALTH

VETERINARIAN NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____ PERMISSION TO CALL VET? _____

ATTACH DOG'S HEALTH RECORDS (Include any remaining meds.)

SHOT RECORD (Dates): DISTEMPER COMBO: _____ RABIES _____

BORDETELLA _____

HEARTWORM PREVENTION (Brand, date last given): _____

ANY HEALTH CONCERNS? _____ WAS DOG EVER PREGNANT? _____

FOOD

BRAND NAME: _____ FEEDING TIMES: _____

HOW MUCH/HOW PREPARED/TOPPINGS? _____

Please send along some food with the dog so we don't have to switch to another brand too quickly.

ANSWERS THAT WILL HELP US HELP YOUR DOG

We understand that we are asking a lot of questions. But we will be able to help your dog so much more if we can gather these extra responses. We often get dogs in and wish we had known some things that we had not asked. So if you would please take the time to respond to these questions or add any additional information you feel may be helpful (you can write on the back of the sheet too), your dog will appreciate it very, very much.

BEHAVIOR

1. Reaction to vet: _____
2. Reaction to groomer: _____
3. Name/phone # of groomer: _____
4. How did you handle behavior problems? Name specific behavior problems and how you approached them:

5. What kind of an area did the dog have for exercise? _____
6. What type of area did your dog use for its "Potty"? What is your dog's normal schedule for pottyng?

7. What key words do you use? (e.g., "go potty", "do your business", etc.) _____

SOCIALIZATION

1. Did you take him to parks? _____
2. Did you walk him in public places? _____
3. Did you take him to local pet stores? _____
4. Did he go on vacation with the family? If not, how was the dog taken care of? _____

CHILDREN

1. Ages of children living with the dog: _____
2. Was the dog around other children? Where? How did the dog react? _____

FEARS, REACTIONS, RESPONSES

1. Does the dog react to trucks? _____
2. Does the dog react to the mail, UPS or delivery persons? _____
3. Does the dog react to the doorbell? _____
4. Does the dog react to thunderstorms? _____
5. Does the dog react to fireworks and other loud noises? _____
6. Does the dog react to bikes, strollers, etc.? _____
7. Are there other things the dog reacts strongly to? _____

TERMS OF RELEASE AND SURRENDER FOR ADOPTION

I/we, the undersigned, hereby IRREVOCABLY surrender to WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN, INC. a West Highland White Terrier (Westie) described as follows:

CALL NAME: _____ GENDER: _____
AGE (Birthdate): _____

1. REPRESENTATIONS & WARRANTIES

We hereby represent and warrant that the undersigned are the sole owner(s) of the above-described Westie. That I/we have full power and authority to surrender this animal for adoption, (if not AKC registration, cross remainder of this sentence out and initial _____) that I/we are the only person(s) who are listed as registered owner(s) of this animal with the AKC, that no other person or person's signatures are required to effect a valid transfer of AKC registration papers on this animal and that no other person or persons have any legal or equitable ownership interest in this animal.

2. DELIVERY OF REGISTRATION (Void if no registration exists)

I/we agree to, within three (3) days of the execution of this document, deliver TO RESCUE, a properly signed transfer of the AKC registration papers for the above described Westie.

3. OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

We agree to provide the above named new owner with any documents and all other available information concerning this Westie which might assist the new family, including health and shot records, pedigree, name and address of breeder or other person from whom the dog was acquired, and information concerning this Westie's "dog history", such as important life events and individual personality quirks. We certify that this dog is not possessed of any dangerous or vicious propensities and that we have not willfully concealed information about the dog that might indicate such propensities. The information I/we have provided about this dog is true and complete.

4. CONSENT FOR CONTACT

We understand that Westie Rescue Michigan or the new owner may contact the breeder or previous owner or veterinarian to provide additional background information, to assist the new family in facilitating the animal's adjustment. In surrenders from foster care, because these are blind adoptions, the new owner must contact Westie Rescue Michigan with any questions.

5. SURRENDER OF RIGHTS

By executing this document, we understand that we are giving up forever all right, title and interest to the above-mentioned Westie and we further understand that all future decisions regarding this animal will be made solely by the new owner, possibly in conjunction with the Westie Rescue Michigan. We also understand that if this Westie is later found to have such an unpredictable temperament as to be unsuitable for the average family, or if this animal's quality of life is substantially impaired, in the opinion of a competent veterinarian, by a chronic, irreversible, painful condition, euthanasia may be considered as a final alternative. Further, Westie Rescue does not pay medical bills for privately owned dogs nor will we allow an owner to adopt back a dog they have surrendered.

6. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

I/we, the undersigned, hereby specifically and forever release, and hold Westie Rescue Michigan (its board of directors, its members, officers and agents as well as the West Highland White Terrier Club of SE Michigan) harmless from all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and any and all liability arising from the placement for adoption by Westie Rescue Michigan in accordance with, and in reliance on, the representations we have made and the authorizations we have provided under the terms of this document. I/we agree to indemnify and hold harmless Westie Rescue Michigan for any damages suffered and expenses incurred (including legal fees) in defending any legal action, whether for bodily injuries or death, property damage, breach of contract, or otherwise, whether instituted by us or by any other person or persons including the adoptive owners, arising out of or in consequence of the placement of the Westie, in reliance on the authorizations, representations and warranties we have made in this agreement.

7. DONATIONS

It is understood that Rescue does not buy or pay for dogs. This is a service to help place Westies in new homes when their present owners can no longer keep them. This service is free, however, a donation to help pay for rescue expenses is appreciated.

8. This agreement shall be governed by all applicable laws of the State of Michigan. If any provision of this agreement is deemed invalid, then said offending provision may be stricken from the agreement and the remaining provisions enforced.

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT FOR THE IRREVOCABLE SURRENDER OF YOUR WESTIE FOR PLACEMENT WITH THE ABOVE NAMED PARTY. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING. TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS YOU NEED TO FULLY CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT DECISION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN.

I have read the preceding and agree to the conditions set forth in this contract.

Date: (Month, Day, Year) _____

SIGNATURE OF OWNER:

SIGNATURE OF CO-OWNER:

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE - HOME _____ WORK _____

WITNESSED (optional)

RESCUE MEMBER (If present but optional)

RESCUE MEMBER: RECORD DATE DOG IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED INTO FOSTER CARE

DATE: _____