

YEAR 2017



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2017 was a year of extremes. We had several fosters for whom we did not think we would ever find homes because they were in their teens. But you came through for them and most found a new home! That never fails to surprise, amaze and awe us. Adopters of these old dogs are true "Rescuers". We also had three puppies, two of whom had heart conditions.

We had fewer dogs than we normally take in but, as most were sick or older, they needed more medical care than usual.

Even though we have a good size volunteer group, many are not able to foster so we still struggle to find foster homes when dogs need to come in. PLEASE consider fostering. Contact Maggie at 576-739-2273 or maggiepietrzak@yahoo.com to discuss it further. The dogs really need your help!

See our new logo above! We have it on products in our Café Press store. We think it is pretty neat!



Available as a flag in our EBay store

CARRYOVER DOGS FROM 2016 INTO 2017

Our cutoff date is 10/31 so that we can get the newsletter and calendar prepared and available by December. We had four "Permanent" foster dogs and 2 carryover dogs.

Permanent Fosters

- Toby remains in permanent foster care.
- Digger remains in foster care due to illness. His condition and cost of his meds are such that he was never able to find a permanent home.
- Mandy, a Wheaton Scottie, has multiple ailments and will probably be with us for her life.
- Kelly arrived here in 2013; he died of old age in 2017.

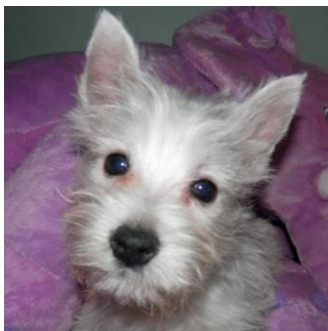
Carryover Dogs

- Jamie Frasier was in care from the summer of 2016. He tested positive for heartworm and finally found his forever home in January 2017.
- Gabriel came in to care in the fall of 2016 and was placed in February 2017. He was 14 years old and passed during the year...but not before he finally learned what it was to be loved.

2017 FOSTER DOGS (Arriving between 1/1 and 10/31/17)



Leia originally came to us when her owner passed. We found her a new home but she came back to us in early 2017 when her new owner also passed. Leia was now 9 years old. Fortunately a good family decided that she was "right for them" and adopted her. She is living well now and we hope she won't ever have a need for us again.



Bravo (now Rudy) arrived at 11 weeks of age. His owner was unable to afford the heart care he needs. He has heart meds and gets regular ultrasounds to try to determine if or when he may need surgery. In the meantime, he was adopted and is now a happy little boy with parents who are both in the dog/medical profession.



Zeke originally came in during 2016. He was cared for and placed but returned to us this year when a temperament problem turned up. His physical condition had deteriorated, and he was in pain. We worked with him extensively using several medical protocols and behaviorists. We hoped that as he felt better, his temperament would recover also. However, after several months, we found that when he felt well, he was even more unstable and was no longer a dog who was safe to place. RIP Zeke.



Griffin came to us when he was 9 years old because he has some allergy and skin issues. His family could not afford his medical care, and this was especially true since they were expecting their second child. Griffin gets along with dogs, and people ... he even got along okay with the toddler in the family, although mom took extra pains to be sure he was protected from little hands. Griffin was adopted and is living out his new life in a family that wants to love an older dog.



Sophie Marie was another puppy who came to us with a heart condition. (It is completely different than Rudy's but still requires visits to a specialist.) Sophie was fostered until she was old enough to spay and then was adopted by her foster home. Sophie is doing well and enjoying her life with a brother and sister who were both rescue dogs from previous years.



Gibbs, estimated age anywhere from 10 to 15 years, was found as a stray. The shelter chose not to adopt him out because he had several health issues to be investigated and treated. Gibbs is a wonderful, loveable little boy who is totally undemanding. He does have some issues we were able to treat: kidney infection, arthritis, hearing loss, heart murmur and possibly Cushing's. He did not have Cushing's and after a few days in care, with antibiotics and pain meds, his personality returned. He was a very easy boy to care for.

Gibbs was adopted by a family who will give him the love and attention he needs.



Toby, age almost 11, came into foster care because the grandchildren came to live in his home. The children are toddlers and do things that toddlers do and it just wasn't going to work out. Toby has been a nice dog with humans although a bit headstrong. He has not done well with other dogs. We have been working with a behaviorist to try to work through issues but expect he will have to be an only dog. His behavior with humans has greatly improved and we have great hopes of placing him with someone who has terrier experience and knows how to be the "boss" (in a nice way!).



Spike came in at age 14. Spike's owner loved him but could not afford medical care. When Spike began having physical issues, he tried various home remedies which didn't work. When surrendered to a shelter, Spike had a lot of hair loss, skin issues, and eye and ear infections. His Day 1 picture is below:



Spike ignores other dogs and enjoys a lot of long naps. He is very easy to fall in love with. His medical issues came along nicely and he now has a much nicer coat. Spike is another of the older dogs who found a new home!!



Lucy (now Fiona) came out of a shelter. Her age is estimated to be about 12 years. She was a stray and needed a lot of help. She was covered in fleas, very itchy and a lot of hair loss as a result. Lucy is a very small at 13 pounds. A friendly girl, she is now adopted and living well with a cat who is about her same size.



Samantha, age 5, arrived in October. Her owner died and Sammie was adopted by her second mom who heard about her at her vet's office. But mom soon realized it wasn't working out. Samantha delighted in chasing the cat, now afraid to come out of hiding. And Mom wants to travel and doesn't want to board Samantha. Sammie came into foster care and proved to be a delightful little girl. Many Facebook followers hoped to adopt her....by the time this newsletter is published she will likely be in her new home.

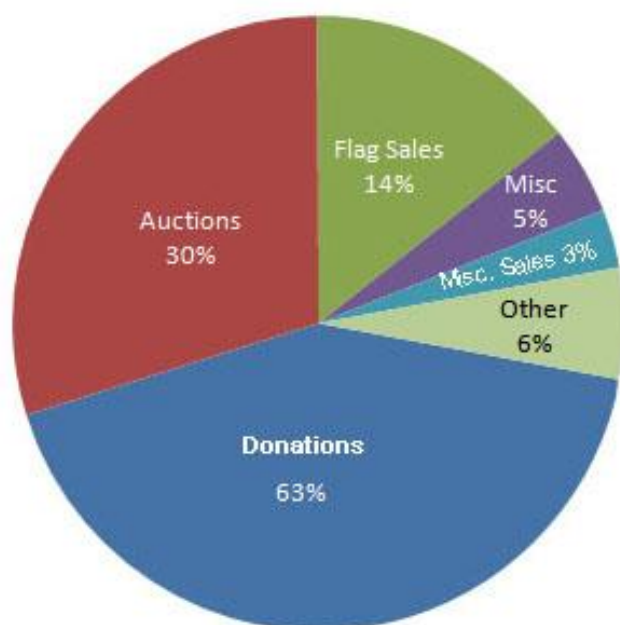


Puppy Stevie (now Wynter Starr), was sold by a breeder to a home with 4 children under 10 and Pomeranians. They found her to be too rough for the Poms and not a fit for their family so they advertised her for sale. A couple who had recently lost their 15 year old Westie bought her, knowing they were not ready for a new dog but wanting to get her out of her situation. They brought her home, took her to the vet and surrendered her to us all in one weekend! (Bless the good hearted!!) Stevie is in a "foster to adopt" home where she will stay in foster care until she is older and can be spayed. They will then adopt her.

2017 FINANCIALS *THROUGH 10/31/17*

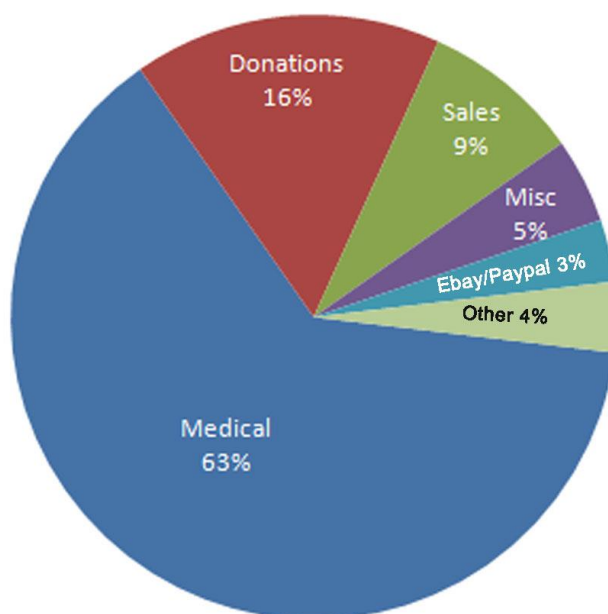
We received \$43,257.98

INCOME as of 10/31/17



We spent: \$44,235.24

EXPENSES as of 10/31/17



Totals through Jan- Dec 2016 were:

Income of \$67,544.82 and Expenses of \$53,371.53

Other Income: Includes Sale of Cards \$1200; Raffles \$735; Commissions \$550

Other Expenses: Includes Auction, Postage and Grooming; Misc expenses include collars, leashes and other items needed for fostering. Donations include a donation to Westie Med (www.westiemed.com). This group gave us a huge amount of direction and support in our Auction. They help Westies every day of the year.

10 month Net Loss: \$977.26

These numbers exclude profit and loss for Westie Education efforts

Please help us help our Westies

RESCUE DONATIONS TO:

**WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN, INC
12460 Pamela Court
Hartland, MI 48353**

PayPal: Use westierescuemi@yahoo.com and choose "Friends and Family" option to avoid fees; this is approved by PayPal.

2018 RESCUE CALENDAR

This Calendar features photos of the dogs we fostered in late 2016 through October 31, 2017. You can see and purchase yours at www.cafepress.com/Westierescue

Be sure to choose January as your starting month when you order.

THANK YOU VETS!

These vets have cared for our Westies so far in 2017:

Animal Medical Center
Rochester Hills, MI
248-852-9800

<http://www.amctroy.com>

(Mandy, Digger, Jamie Frasier, Gabriel, Rudy, Gibbs,
Stevie)

Lake Lansing Rd. Animal Clinic
517-484-8031

<http://www.Lansingvetclinic.com>

(Kelly)

Arbor Pointe Vet Hospital and Pain Center
Canton, MI 48187
734-844-8844

<http://arborpointe.com>

<http://drmikepetty.com>

(Zeke)

Sylvania Veterinary Hospital
Sylvania, OH 43560
419-885-4421

(Sophie)

Advanced Animal Chiropractic

<http://advancedanimalchiropractic.com>

(See website for locations/phone numbers)

(Zeke)

Euclid Veterinary Hospital
Bay City, MI 48706
989-684-4700

<http://www.euclidvethospital.com>

(Zeke, Samantha)

Advanced Veterinary Medical Center
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
248-478-5400

<http://www.advancedvetmedcenter.com>

(Toby)

Oakland Veterinary Referral Services
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-334-6877
(Sophie, Rudy)

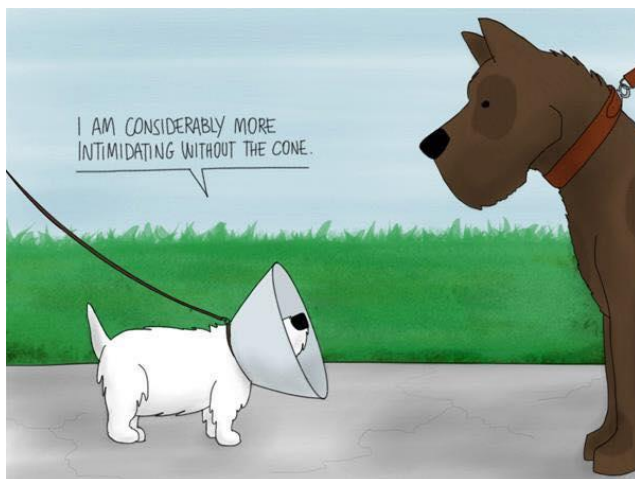
Michigan State University
Small Animal Clinic
Lansing, MI
(Zeke)

Companion Animal Hospital
Linden, MI 48451
810-735-7857
(Spike and Leia)

Riverview Veterinary Center
St. Clair, MI 48079
810-329-4100
(Lucy)

Animal Medical Center of Wyoming
Wyoming, MI
616-531-7387
<http://www.amcwyoming.com>
(Griffin)

Some dogs are listed more than once. That is because they were seen by more than one vet, either due to a special medical situation or because of a change in foster homes.



THANK YOU GROOMERS!

Who gave us discounts or donated grooming for our dogs in 2017!

(Lisa) Klasy Klip
Waterford, MI 48329
248-673-5151
<http://www.facebook.com/klasyklip>
(Rudy, Jamie Frasier, Gabriel, Gibbs, Stevie,
Samantha)

Andrea Reini
Rochester Hills, MI
248-506-7047
(Mandy)

(Kim)The Perfect Pooch, LLC
Fenton, MI
Spike 734-673-7695
<http://www.theprecfectpoochtraining.com>
(Spike, Leia)

(Virginia) Maple Lawn Kennels
Eagle, MI 48822
517-626-6025
(Spike, Kelly)

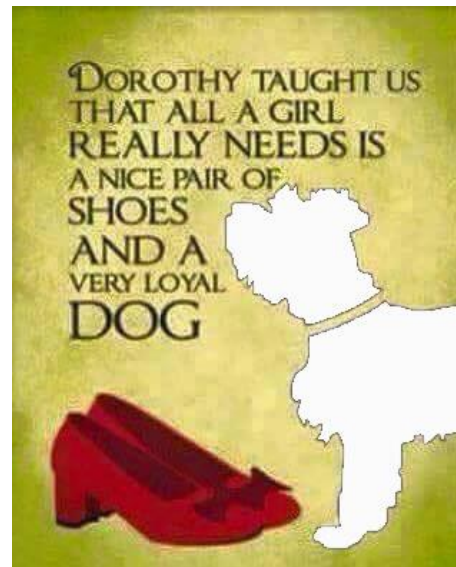
(Sue) All Breed Grooming
Farmington Hills, MI
248-471-2726
(Toby)

Paragon School of Pet Grooming
Jenison, MI
616-667-7297
(Griffin)

(Nancy) Sylvania Veterinary Hospital
Sylvania, OH 43560
419-885-4421
(Sophie)

OTHER SERVICES

Claws-N-Paws Grooming
Clawson, MI
(They sell our crate pads and coats)



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

So MANY people and businesses have helped us throughout the year in so many ways.
We thank:

- **FOSTER HOMES and other VOLUNTEERS.**
- **Michelle Bogart** who does our calendar each year.
- All **DONORS** of whom there are so many!!
- Our **behaviorist, Deb Duncan** (<http://www.thedogspeaks.com>)
- Those businesses who allow us to sell products at their locations (**Claws and Paws Grooming in Madison Heights, Animal Medical Center of Troy, Sylvania Veterinary Hospital, Sylvania, Ohio**)
- Everyone who participates in **our Facebook Auction**, either donating or bidding, or both!
- The various vendors who give us a commission of sales
- So many others who help out in many different ways, some of whom wish to remain anonymous.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Shopping at Amazon (Amazon Smile) <https://smile.amazon.com>
Please go into Amazon Smile and choose Westie Rescue Michigan as your charity.
- Walk Your Dog <http://www.wooftrax.com>
Choose Westie Rescue Michigan as your shelter.
- Kroger Community Program
Sign up online by choosing Westie Rescue Michigan. (This must be renewed every year.)
This does not impact your gas points.
- Follow us on Facebook and participate in our Facebook Auction, currently scheduled for April 6-8, 2018 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestieRescueMichiganAuction/>
(More information below)

FUNDRAISERS

Most of these items benefit Westie Rescue Michigan. Some benefit our local Westie Club (and will be noted as such) or Westie Education which is part of Westie Rescue. Most items can be found from this link: <http://westierescue-mi.com/fundraisers/>

CAFÉ PRESS STORE: Choose <http://www.cafepress.com/westierescue>

MAILING LABELS AND BELLY BANDS: <http://westierescue-mi.com/rescue-fundraising/>

EBAY STORE: <http://stores.ebay.com/WESTIE-CLUB-MICHIGAN>

- Garden and House Flags
- Kilts
- Westie World of Willy Figurines
- Blankets
- Various Necklaces
- Collars and Leashes (Club)
- Other misc. items as we find them

EVENTS: In the fall we attend some craft shows and the Novi Pet Expo.

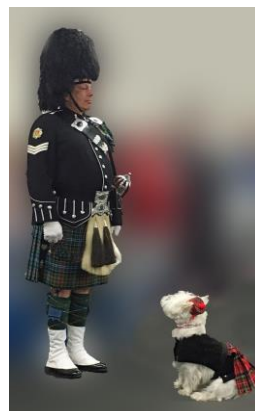
Newer Flags in our EBay Store:



Christmas Puppy



Cornucopia



Scottish Pride

SHOP AND BENEFIT RESCUE

ART (including Custom Paintings). These businesses donate a commission back to Westie Rescue. Mention us to the artist so they will know to send us a commission.

- Gina McCormick's Creations email: fivegina22@yahoo.com
- Denise Randall <http://www.gooddogjack.com>
- Lara Harris <http://studiolara.com>
- Mary Sparrow Smith <http://www.marysparrowsmith.net/>

BEHAVIORIST SERVICES:

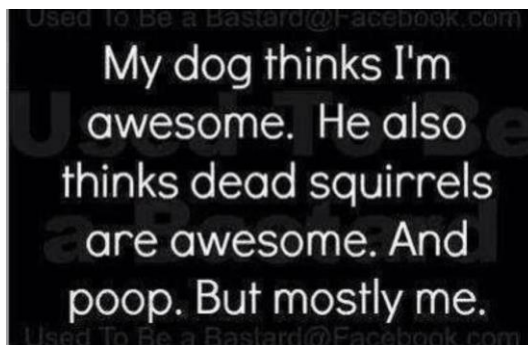
- <https://www.thedogspeaks.com> Deb Duncan is the behaviorist who services our foster dogs. She also has an EBook which we highly recommend. Deb donates many, many hours of her time to help us help our foster dogs.

BEQUESTS

Occasionally someone asks us about setting up a bequest in their will. We have received a couple of these bequests and they really, really help. If you are interested, please look at our website: <http://westierescue-mi.com/donations/> for more information.

REGGIE'S PAGE

Our Website has a page named "Reggie's Page" after the first dog who was honored in this way. <http://westierescue-mi.com/memorials/> When a Westie passes, their owner or friends can send us a photo and paragraph about them along with a donation and we will put them in this memorial section. We also have a page for Special Memorials which are usually a memorial for a human or other memories such as birthday, anniversary, etc. You will find more information about this on the page.



WESTIE RESCUE MI FACEBOOK AUCTION

We will again be organizing a nationwide auction for Westie Rescue Michigan. PLEASE RESERVE:

APRIL 6-8, 2018

Please **LIKE** our Facebook Auction Page **NOW** and you will begin receiving emails closer to the auction. Log into Facebook and put into the search box:

2018WestieRescueMichAuction

Or from outside of Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=2018westierescuemichauction>

Prior to the auction we will begin to ask for donations of items to the auction. Typically, you would take a photo of what you are donating and post it to the Facebook page along with information about it. After the auction, you will be notified as to where to send the item. They do not have to be Westie related!!

Please pass this information along to your Westie-loving friends so they can participate too.

Note: Tax receipts available upon request. Donors will get a card acknowledging the donation that can be used for tax purposes. Winning bidders can deduct the difference between the amount paid and the item's value (assuming the difference is positive).

2017 Total from the Facebook Auction was \$12,700.92 (less expenses)

All of our foster dogs need medical care. The auction makes a huge dent in our medical debt. Please consider finding even one nice thing to donate to the auction. Once the auction starts, check in during the weekend to do some bidding on the many nice and often unique items!



Art by Kim Niles of Kiniart



CAN YOU HELP US?

For many years, a volunteer (who refuses to let us acknowledge her by name) has been helping us by printing our newsletter at no expense to us. This is the final year she will be able to do this. Next year we need to find an alternative way to get the newsletter out to 500 recipients.

If you are in a position to be able to print 500 color newsletters for us, please contact Beth Widdows at 248-879-2479 or bew1234@sbcglobal.net. We hate to go to internet access only but that is currently our only alternative.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. The Westies thank you too!!!!

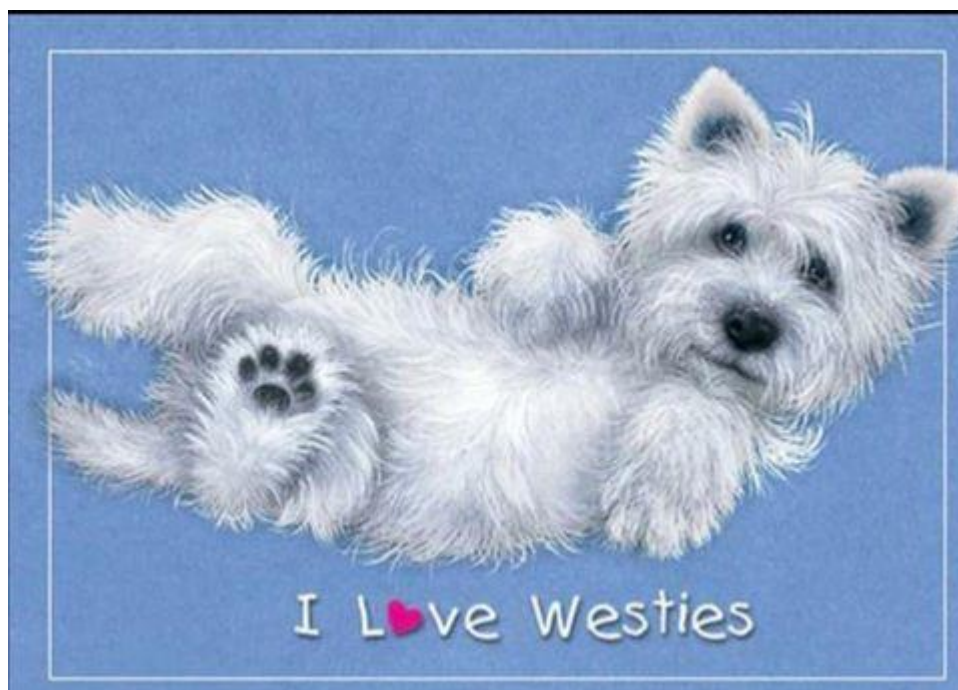
A Very Special Thank You...

We mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter that we received direction and support from the Westie Med group when we did our auction last March/April. They helped us raise more than \$12,000! This would not have happened if several of their members had not dropped everything they were doing to spend many hours helping us set up the auction, solicit donations, train our volunteers and then monitor the auction for 3 full days and nights.

We want to be sure you are all aware of this group and hope you will go to their website and read more about them and their efforts.

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