

WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN INC.  
 MEDICAL CARE CHECKLIST  
 (Mail completed copy to Record Keeper)

<u>CHECK</u>	<u>ITEM</u> <u>DETAIL</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	FLEAS	Check immediately. If unsure, give a CAPSTAR and isolate
<input type="checkbox"/>	BATH/GROOM	Do immediately esp. if surgery is imminent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	EMAIL	Post to list <u>same day</u> . Ask about anything. Post photos immed. Post @ least 2x week.
<input type="checkbox"/>	MED RECORDS	Take ALL records to vet. If none, give vet name/# of previous vet. Ask vet staff to get records fax'd. Get copies for your files. If no records, assume no shots ever given and start over.
<input type="checkbox"/>	VET APT	Sch. before getting dog. Get in within 24 hrs. Isolate dog before, esp. if dog comes from shelter or looks mangy. If dog is up to date, do a well dog visit. (Isolate means they cannot even sniff each other through gating.) This is for your own dog's health.
<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOTS	Bring the dog completely up to date on shots. (If anesthesia is scheduled very soon, you may hold off for that. Any delay, make sure rabies is done.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabies	1 yr for puppies; 3 for adults if records show past shots
	<input type="checkbox"/> DHLP	IF this is 2st known DHLP, a booster is needed in 3 weeks. (Initials may vary from vet to vet) -3 year cycle is okay -1 year for Lepto
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bordetella	Redo if the person gave their own shots. (Shot or Nasal) If shot, booster is required; if nasal, must be repeated in six months.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lyme	Request a Lyme Vaccination
	<input type="checkbox"/> Flu	Get the flu shot and booster in 2-3 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/>	HEALTH CERTIFICATE	Get a completed health certificate before placing the dog. Your vet may have a different name for this. It lists all shots and when given/when due; lists neuter and fecal check etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	FECAL CK	Required. Take recent sample to vet or ask vet to obtain. PICK UP ALL POOH IMMEDIATELY UNTIL RESULTS ARE IN.
<input type="checkbox"/>	HEARTWORM TEST	<u>Always</u> have this test run. Do <u>not</u> give heartworm pills until results are back.
<input type="checkbox"/>	HEARTWORM PREVENTION	Sentinel will be provided in packet. Give one when test comes back negative. IF your vet prefers another brand, you can buy and return Sentinel to Carole. We prefer Sentinel because it cares for internal parasites.
<input type="checkbox"/>	TICK PREVENTION	Get some form of Tick preventative <a href="http://www.marvistavet.com/tick-product-comparison.pml">http://www.marvistavet.com/tick-product-comparison.pml</a> Buy 2, apply one and give one to adopter. If dog is in care long enough you may need to buy a third.

- MICROCHIP Have vet check for existing chip. IF none, have one inserted and Registered ASAP. (May wait for anesthesia if it will be very soon.) If vet charges for registration, have them register it to Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc. 12460 Pamela Court, Hartland, MI 48353;westierescuemichigan@yahoo.com 586-557-4622; 810-632-5477; 248-879-2479 (use 3<sup>rd</sup> space if available). If they don't register, send papers to Maggie ASAP so she can get it done. If dog has chip, inform Maggie and give her chip brand and number so she can have it transferred.
  
- NEUTER/SPAY If dog is not altered, this must be done ASAP. Ask for spay/neuter certificate.
  
- DENTAL Most adults need this. We want the dog's teeth to be pristine when placed. Prefer this be done at same time as neuter but ASAP regardless. (Too often after delays we find the dog has been in pain.) If you can't get dental done immediately, contact us so we can get the dog in to another vet sooner.
  
- OTHER Tell the vet anything noted by person surrendering or that you have noticed such as lumps or bumps, limps, sneezing, sniffles, hair loss, runny eyes, shaking leg while running, smelly dog, possible UTI's etc. Loose knee caps are common. We don't normally fix them unless dog is in real pain but we do note them to adopter. ACL's we fix. Heart murmurs, unless possibly serious, we just note to the adopter. If possibly serious, get referral to specialist.
  
- BLOOD PANEL ALWAYS get a COMPLETE blood panel so we can catch anything possible and for a baseline. Do before surgery; for senior dogs, do the extra testing and surgical support recommended. Complete means more than just a CGC and includes things such as Kidney values and the new kidney test. This is usually under \$100 and is often sent out. GET A COPY FOR OUR RECORDS.
  
- THYROID PANEL Discuss if the dog appears to be a Cushing's dog. We prefer one that goes to MSU and takes a week or so. No in house panels for this.
  
- EXTRA SURGERY Get details and cost estimate, recovery time, prognosis and discuss with the Board before proceeding except in emergencies.