



Jake

Jake is almost 12 years of age. He arrived in Rescue because the owner watches her grandchildren 2 days a week and she was concerned about having him around the children. Jake was advertised as healthy however when he arrived he had some very serious dental issues. During his dental he lost 11 teeth some of which crumbled when they tried to pull them. He had crusting around the nose, also due to the dental problems. He did well around other dogs and even around children although he is a bit protective of his "Master". Jake found a happy new home.



Toofer

Toofer, 4 years old, was surrendered because their new baby was allergic to him and had to have breathing treatments. You can tell this boy was well cared for and loved. The owner managed to hold it together during the surrender, but barely. Toofer's favorite activity is warming the lap of anyone that will let him. He never met a person or dog he didn't like. He loves playing with other dogs and will chase toys until the thrower gets tired. Toofer did well in foster care and has found a great new home where he seems very happy. He is now called Cooper.



Zoey

Zoey, 3 years of age, came into foster care when her mom got very ill and could no longer care for her. Zoey is spayed and well cared for. She is about 12 pounds, very tiny. She is basically healthy except for some allergy issues. At first she seemed a bit stunned by the changes in her life. We treated her for Giardia and she was soon feeling much better. She was a very nice girl, getting along with the dogs in the foster homes, loving to play and chase. Zoey was quite mild mannered when she came into foster care. Once in foster care her true diva personality came out. She fully enjoyed the outdoors and was fortunate to find a forever home where she gets to live on a lake in the summer. Even though she enjoys playing with other dogs and has frequent play dates, she fully enjoys being an only dog and getting all the attention for herself.



George

George is a 3 year old neutered male. He came to us because he was having problems with the toddler in the family. This is the most common cause of surrender other than illness or death of owner. George is a handsome fellow and he passed his medical with flying colors. He did well with other dogs and has found his happy new home.



Macie

Macie is a 10 year old female. She came into Rescue when her owner passed away. Macie had some high kidney values and it took some time with good food and care for those numbers to come down. Once that happened, she was able to search for her new home. Macie bonded very well with the male westie in the foster home and was very much missed when she found her “forever” home.



Daisy

Daisy, age 5, was tied up to a picnic table by her owner. When a neighbor realized Daisy wasn't being provided adequate food or water, she began to care for Daisy. After a week or so she convinced the owner to let her have Daisy. She then took her to a rescue on the west side of the state. From there she was transferred to Westie Rescue. It was originally thought that Daisy had been debarked as she did not bark when she first arrived in foster care. When she finally did start barking, the barking was extremely raspy and sounded as if it was painful. The vet believed that the initial raspiness was due to abuse (being tied out and her desperate attempts to get untied). Daisy had issues with her rear and did not like anyone to touch her from the hips back. It was discovered that she suffers from hip dysplasia and had a cyst on her tail which had to be removed. (It was speculated that the cyst may have been caused by her being kicked on numerous occasions.) Daisy is a nice girl who loves to play and demands to sit in her owner's lap or any available lap, regardless of the fact that another dog may already be there. It was also discovered that Daisy loves to dress up and has an ever growing wardrobe. Daisy did well with the other dogs in her foster home and loved to play with them and toys. Daisy quickly found her new home and is doing well.



Willie

Willie, approximately age 7, was surrendered to the Taylor shelter. He was pulled by the Taylor Pet Rescue and fostered where he got along nicely with other dogs. After his neuter he got sick and after considerable effort to determine his issues, he was surrendered to Westie Rescue. When he arrived to us, we got him to the vet and he had surgery that same evening. He recovered very quickly. His skin has cleared up nicely and he is doing well on Apoquel. He is eating well and active. Willie is doing well with the other dog in the household. He loves to cuddle and can hardly wait for his morning walk. He LOVES his babies (toys) and carries them around all the time. We call this his “traveling zoo”. Willie is in care as of 10/31/15 but we are actively looking for his home.



Colby

Colby, age 11, came to Rescue because he wasn't doing well with the toddler in the family. He doesn't like cats but he is fine with other dogs and adults. In fact, he loves to play and, in spite of some arthritis is a real varmint chaser! He arrived in Rescue and fit in easily with the other dogs in the foster home. What a pretty boy! He has now been adopted and the family reports that he is doing very well and keeping all the birds and squirrels in his new yard under control.



Kearney

Kearney, age approx. 8 years, came to Rescue from a shelter. He is doing well in foster care and getting along with the foster home's Westie. Kearney had some pretty severe skin issues but they are responding well to treatment. He loves to play. His favorite activities are chasing the Lure bait and fetching a ball. He is smart and is very affectionate. He travels well and greets people warmly and politely.

Kearney is still in foster care as of 10/31/15.



Bella

Murphy/Bella came in to rescue when she was 3 months old. Her owners had never had a puppy and soon found that a Westie puppy was too much for them to handle. They were very sad, but gave her up Rescue so she could find another home. Bella was in care for longer than anticipated because she had some medical issues. When they were resolved, she had her spay surgery and an extra toe between two other toes on her back feet removed as well. This was done to prevent issues with her feet as she grows. She then was quickly adopted and is living happily in a new home with a Westie brother with whom she loves to play.



Dakota

Dakota, age 6, was surrendered when his family moved into an apartment. Dogs were allowed but Dakota was very upset and barked all day while his family was at work. The manager gave them a choice to move or give him up. Dakota was surrendered and his foster mom has been working with him to relax. His need to bark has been reduced and he is doing well in foster care. Dakota is very smart, learning new tricks and how to handle new situations. Dakota is very sweet and loves children and is always ready to go for a walk or a car ride. His health is excellent and we will be looking for his forever home very soon.

Dakota is in foster care as of 10/31/15.



Mandy

Mandy, age 6, came to us from the Genesee County Humane Society. They sent us photos but we couldn't tell from the photos if she was a Westie or a Scottie. When we saw her, it was clear that this was a white (wheaten) Scottie but she was in such need that we took her anyway. Mandy had surgery the very next day to remove a huge bladder stone and spay her. At the same time they removed all but six teeth. The ones that were not rotten were broken. She actually had hair growing out of one of the broken ones. Her ears were infected and she had hookworms. There was a skin tag on one eye lid and her skin was very inflamed. She had lost much of her hair and much of it was orange! She was very swollen as though she was in extreme heat but she wasn't. After the surgery she was hurting for a bit but is now on the road to recovery. Mandy is very friendly, curious and smart. She just needs love. We especially want to thank Dr. Theodoroff from the Animal Medical Center of Troy for helping her and giving a huge discount on the bill.

Mandy is still in care as of 10/31/15.



Harry

Harry, 4 years old, was an only child. When the new baby came, everything changed. Suddenly he wasn't the center of attention any longer. He became unhappy and withdrawn. Now that new baby is crawling, Harry is even less happy. It was time for him to find a new home without children. Harry came into foster care with that in mind. Right now he is very scared and confused. But we will give him time to adjust and become part of a family which includes dogs but not children.

Harry is still in foster care as of 10/31/15.

FOSTERING

As of October 31, 2015, we have had 21 dogs in foster care for the year. Generally we will get another 3 or 4 by year end. We are struggling to have enough foster homes for the dogs who need our care. In fact, as of this writing (early November) we are already struggling to find space for a couple more who need to come in.

Your help would be very much appreciated, even if it were just for one dog a year!!!!



(Kim Niles drawing)

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