

YEAR 2019



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- **Check - Send to Westie Rescue MI, 12460 Pamela Court, Hartland, MI 48353**
- **PayPal - Choose "Friends and Family"**
  - **Email address: [westierescuemi@yahoo.com](mailto:westierescuemi@yahoo.com) (PayPal approves this)**

The year 2019 produced fewer dogs being surrendered to Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc. Those surrendered were mostly older dogs with skin issues, and most needed some immediate specialized medical care. So once again, our expenses remained high.

Our foster dogs receive an immediate medical intake examination and informal temperament evaluation by a veterinarian, a full blood panel drawn, fecal sample collected, microchip, dental cleaning, vaccinations, often prescription food, other procedures as needed and often referrals to a specialist. All foster dogs are groomed as soon as possible to help them feel better as well. The geriatric foster dogs most often need a dental cleaning and microchip, and sometimes treatment for other long neglected medical conditions like skin issues.

We do not exactly know why we are getting fewer dogs and even fewer younger dogs, but there are several factors, which impact Rescues. Some of these causes are due to people "re-homing" their unwanted dogs to neighbors or others, shelter Westies being quickly adopted, the popularity of "designer" dog breeds, and the dwindling of reputable Westie breeders in our state.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of applicants who are open to adopting older dogs, and even adopting those with medical issues. Unfortunately for the group of applicants who really wanted a Westie to love, we had fewer of them to offer. We are very grateful to those folks who continue to be willing to help us pay for the medical care of those dogs that we do receive.

Although we have a dedicated volunteer group, we still struggle to find foster homes when dogs are surrendered. **PLEASE consider fostering. Contact Susan Bloomfield at 810-399-8388 to discuss becoming a foster home. The dogs truly need your help!**

## Rest in Peace:

- **Mandy** was surrendered to a Flint shelter and although she was a Wheaton Scottie, we couldn't leave her there. Because of her many health ailments, including acute dental disease, a bladder stone, and serious allergies, Mandy soon became a **permanent foster dog**. While in foster care, she thrived and became a happy bouncy girl. Mandy was a loving companion to her family, but they had to say goodbye to when she went into congestive heart failure.
- **Digger** was also a **permanent foster dog** due to his health issues and the high cost of his meds. Because of this, we were never able to find him a permanent home. His foster family adored Digger and Westie Rescue MI gladly subsidized his medical care for the rest of his life.

### *FOSTER DOGS (In care 11/1-12/31/18)*

These dogs were not placed or came in after we completed the 2018 newsletter. They were no longer in care on January 1, 2019. Their stories were in the 2018 newsletter.

- **Hope** arrived in April of 2018 and was adopted in December of 2018.
- **Buddy** came to us in September of 2018 and was placed in November of 2018.
- **Libby** arrived in October of 2018 and was placed in November of 2018.

### *CARRYOVER DOGS (in care after 10/31/19)*

Our cutoff date is 11-1-19 so we can get the newsletter prepared and available by December. These dogs came in prior to 2019 and carried over into 2019.



**Abby**, 8 years old, was an energetic little Westie who was diagnosed with bladder insipidus while in foster care. Abby received amazing medical care at MSU thanks to her devoted foster mom, and four months of love. But, due to Abby's unstable and reactive behavior, the soul-searching and responsible decision was made to take her to the Rainbow Bridge.



**Maisey** came into rescue in late December 2018. She was spayed and 11 years old. Both of her owners had passed away. Maisey was a very sweet girl in foster care. After completing her medical checkup, it was suspected that Maisey had Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis or Westie Lung Disease. Maisey received laser therapy for this troubling disease while in foster care, and this treatment seemed to help her. Maisey was very lucky to find her forever home with a person willing to continue her treatments and give her lots of love!

## 2019 FOSTER DOGS



At Surrender



At Placement

**Tucker**, age 11, was surrendered by his owners, who could not afford to treat his skin issues. Tucker was nearly bald, smelled horrible, and was a pretty sick little 13-pound guy. Fortunately, Tucker responded well to Apoquel and the shampoo for yeast infections but continued to lose weight until his infected teeth were cleaned. Once Tucker was stabilized (after the dental cleaning), he continued to gain weight and grow more hair. Tucker has now been placed in his permanent home, weighs in at a whopping 18 pounds, loves to play ball, and bosses the squirrels in his backyard like a true terrier.



**Wyatt**, age 4, was found at the Detroit Shelter as a stray. He was very happy to break out, join Westie Rescue Michigan and find a new loving foster home. He was healthy but had lost all the hair from his rear quarters and front legs due to a flea infestation. Wyatt loved being in a foster home with another Westie boy, and the two played together endlessly. Together they spent long hours wrestling like Westies do and were best buddies. Wyatt has gone on to his new forever home and has settled in nicely with yet another new Westie brother and friend.



**Monk** (now Robbie) came into foster care on August 3, 2019. His human dad had passed away and his human mom was going into a nursing home. Robbie is 13 years old. He was very nervous at first, but he soon settled in and even tolerated the 8-month-old Westie puppy in the foster home. He had a UTI when surrendered, but once that cleared up, he was in perfect health. He lived with his new mom for a month and then she got a puppy. Robbie is now the big brother of Libby and is very patient with her and helping to teach her manners. Robbie's new mom just adores both her Westies!



**Tinker** is a spirited 7 year-old female who was surrendered along with her brother, Teddy. Their owner passed away and could not be rehomed with relatives. Both dogs were in dire need of grooming and medical care for skin issues. Tinker loves to give kisses when she's not chasing squirrels in the backyard. Now that Tinker has recovered physically, this loving and energetic little girl is looking for her forever home probably as an only dog.



**Teddy**, age 7, is the littermate of Tinker. After the death of his owner, the pair was left in a garage until being surrendered. Teddy and his sister were infested in fleas, had eye infections, and nearly bald. Teddy is a timid little guy and was quickly adopted after a month in foster care.



**Happy** came to us from a couple that worked full time and also cared for their aging parents. There just wasn't enough time for Happy so she was surrendered to Westie Rescue Michigan. She is sweet 12-year-old who loves attention. Her favorite thing is to be held and talked to by her foster mom. She is fitting into her new foster home and learning how to behave with another dog in the house. She looks much like a Wheaton Scottie. The vet says she is in good health and doing well for her age but does need arthritis medication and a pill for incontinence. Happy is on the road to recovery now and bonding nicely in her foster home. We are now currently looking for Happy's forever family.

## 2019 FINANCIALS THROUGH 10/31/19

**We received: \$12,568**

*Rescue INCOME as of 10/31/19*

**We spent: \$25,282**

*Rescue EXPENSES as of 10/31/19*

**Net deficit: \$12,714**

**Please help us help our Westies**

**RESCUE DONATIONS TO:**

Westie Rescue MI, Inc.  
12460 Pamela Court  
Hartland, MI 48353

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



**THANK YOU VETERINARIANS!**

**These veterinarians have cared for our foster dogs in 2019:**

**Animal Medical Center**

Rochester Hills, MI 48307

248-852-9800

<http://www.amctroy.com>

(Digger, Mandy, Hope, Maisey)

**Lake Lansing Rd. Animal Clinic**

Lansing, MI 48912

517-484-8031

<http://www.Lansingvetclinic.com>

(Abby, Tucker)

**Euclid Veterinary Hospital**

Bay City, MI 48706

989-684-4700

[www.euclidvethospital.com](http://www.euclidvethospital.com)

(Buddy)

**Oakland Veterinary Referral Services**

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

248-334-6877

(Maisey)

**Animal Medical Center of Wyoming**

Wyoming, MI

616-531-7387

(Maisey)

**VCA Hartland Animal Hospital**

Hartland, MI 48353

810-632-7698

(Libby, Robbie)

**Small Animal Clinic**

(<https://cvm.msu.edu:hospital:small-animal>)

East Lansing, MI

517-353-5420

(Abby)

**Companion Animal Hospital**

Linden, MI 48451

810-735-7857

(Wyatt, Happy)

**Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital**

Harper Woods, MI 48225

313-881-8061

(Hope, Teddy, Tinker)

**Auburn Animal Hospital**

Rochester Hills, MI

248-852-5666

<http://rochesterhillsvet.com/>

(Maisey)

**Hollow Corners Veterinary**

Dryden, MI

810-267-2600

[www.hollowcornersvet.com](http://www.hollowcornersvet.com)

(Mandy)

**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 AND BUSINESSES!

## These Businesses gave us discounts for our foster dogs

### **Klasy Klip (Lisa)**

Waterford, MI 48329  
248-673-5151

(Maisey, Libby, Hope, Wyatt, Robbie,  
Happy)

### **Andrea Reini**

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

### **Paragon School of Pet Grooming**

Jenison, MI  
616-667-7297  
(Maisey)

### **Claws-N-Paws Grooming**

Madison Heights, MI 48071  
248-398-5539  
(Crate pads and coats)

### **Bruno's Pet Parlor**

Bay City, MI 48706  
989-894-4622  
(Buddy)

### **Maple Lawn Kennels (Virginia)**

Eagle, MI 48822  
517-626-6025  
(Abby, Tucker)

## These Businesses Sell Our Products

### **Euclid Veterinary Hospital**

Bay City, MI 48706  
(Handmade cards)

### **Animal Medical Center of Troy**

Troy, MI 48307  
248-852-9800  
(Handmade cards)

### **Sylvania Veterinary Hospital**

Sylvania, OH 43560  
(419-885-4421  
(Handmade cards)

### **Timberstone Veterinary**

Sylvania, OH 43560  
419-517-5042  
(Handmade cards)



### **Claws-N-Paws Grooming**

Madison Heights, MI 48071  
248-398-5539  
(Crate pads and coats)

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

**So many people and businesses have helped us throughout the year!  
We would like to thank the following:**

- **FOSTER HOMES!**
- All **DONORS**
- Our **behaviorist, Deb Duncan** (<http://www.thedogspeaks.com>) who donates many hours of her time to help us with our foster dogs.
- The various **vendors** who give us a commission from their sales.
- **VOLUNTEERS** who help in so many ways and thank you to some who wish to remain anonymous.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- **Shop at Amazon** (Amazon Smile) <https://smile.amazon.com>  
Go to 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 and does not impact your gas points.)
- Follow us on **Facebook** at **Westie Rescue Michigan Inc.**

## FUNDRAISERS

Purchasing items (below) will benefit **Westie Rescue Michigan** and can be found using 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
- Necklaces
- Collars and Leashes
- Other misc. items as we find them

**VARIOUS EVENTS** - like craft shows, Frankenmuth Dog Bowl, and the Novi Expo.

## BEQUESTS

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

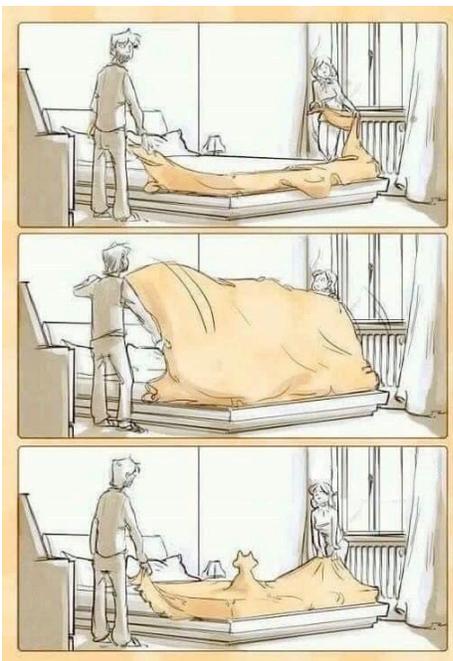
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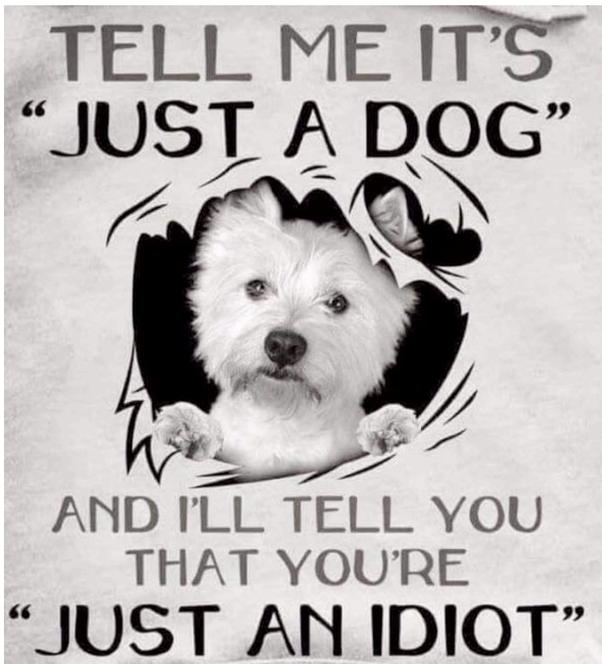
Our Website has a page named "Reggie's Page" after the first dog that was honored in this way. <http://westierescue-mi.com/memorials/>

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 for other memories such as birthday, anniversary, etc. You will find more information about this on the page.



Westie Rescue Michigan Inc





There's a deep sleep that only comes on the first night out from the shelter. As he settles in he gives a great big sigh like a weight has been lifted off his shoulders. Then he sleeps, deeper than he ever has, knowing he is safe. You get a lump in your throat knowing how close he came.

Now he is safe.

Forever.

Because YOU fostered.





This flag is sold in our Ebay Store. "Happy New Year In The City"



**Westie**  
Rescue Michigan, Inc

*509 Webb Dr.  
Bay City, MI 48706*