



2025 NEWSLETTER

We are fortunate to have so many supporters, Facebook fans, and donors to Westie Rescue Michigan. Our organization is now 25 years old and we have seen so many changes through the years. The most striking difference is how very few Westies are now being surrendered to us throughout the year. In the beginning of our organization, we took in nearly 25-30 dogs every year. This trend continued for nearly two decades. Recently though, in about the last 5 years, we only see 3-5 dogs being surrendered to us in a year. Some people think this is a good thing because we have fewer dogs in foster care, but sadly, we disagree. So many social media sites are now advertising their unwanted dogs for “re-homing or adoption fees” and unfortunately, the first person to buy that dog is not always the most suitable home. Here at Westie Rescue Michigan, we pride ourselves on a perfect match, and always consider the needs and temperament of our dogs FIRST, before placing in their forever home.

It is naïve to think that Rescue will no longer be needed because people are making more informed choices and keeping their dogs, but in fact, life situations change for families and we welcome most every Westie being surrendered. The addition of children, an upheaval after divorce, terminal illness, dementia, and death of an owner are the most common reasons why Westies are given up. Westies are not tolerant of rough handling by children, and legal safeguards are not always in place to care for the Westie, in the event of a divorce, illness, or death. Do NOT presume your children or friends will take your dog. Please make your wishes known in writing and appoint a caregiver (with their permission) for your Westie, if you are impacted by an unfortunate event like a move, terminal illness, dementia, divorce, or death. You may even make it known in writing and discussed with your loved ones that you would like your dog to be surrendered to Westie Rescue Michigan. It will bring you great peace of mind knowing your little white dog will be living with a loving person – whether it is with someone you know or with a stellar, caring family entrusted by Westie Rescue Michigan.

We want to thank our foster families publicly in this Newsletter, because behind every dog adopted from Westie Rescue Michigan is one, sometimes even two compassionate, dedicated foster homes! Fostering is truly saving a dog and such a striking, compassionate way of giving back in the world.

We would also like to thank Deb Duncan 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. <https://www.thedogspeaks.com>

2025 FOSTER DOGS



CASPER

Welcome Casper to Westie Rescue Michigan. Casper is a 6 year old male whose human parents moved into a retirement living community. Casper didn't like living in an apartment setting. He also didn't like the children who visit the other residents. They decided Casper would do better in a new home. He's being fostered in a home with another Westie. So far, they are getting along just fine. Casper is a big boy who is a little over weight. He has been well taken care of and seems to be healthy. Casper just came to us the beginning of November, 2025. He will be with us for a least a month.



MOLLY

Molly came to Westie Rescue Michigan because her mom was ill and wanted the best home for her. Molly is 12 years old and has been an only dog her whole life. She and her mom were very bonded. Molly is a very healthy 12 year old who loves to play and go for walks. Molly was placed in a foster to adopt home where she is an only dog with a mom to love and dote on her. Molly was adopted by her foster to adopt mom and is living her best life. Welcome Home, Molly!! You are a Westie Rescue Michigan graduate.



SCOOTER

When Animal Control picked up Scooter from the streets, he was dragging his back legs behind him and was also blind. We picked him up and took him to one of our most experienced foster homes, and his foster home mom promptly named him Scooter. After an intake veterinary exam, a MRI was ordered, and sadly, it was determined that Scooter has spinal cord damage. But, he is full of life and uses his front legs to make his way around energetically. Scooter has started physical therapy at home and we are looking to begin therapy in a professional setting to see if he can regain any use of his legs. It is estimated that Scooter is three years old and as sweet as they come. He will remain a permanent foster dog with his foster family due to his special needs and ongoing medical expenses. Welcome Scooter!



WINSTON

Winston, age eleven, came into Westie Rescue Michigan a healthy boy, but definitely ready for retirement. After the third child arrived in his home, it became apparent that this busy household and an active toddler became too much for Winston to handle. Because of our “Foster to Adopt” program, we were able to find the perfect home where both Winston and his mom could retire comfortably together, taking take quiet walks and snuggling side by side. Welcome to your forever home, Winston!



DICKENS

We welcomed Dickens to Westie Rescue Michigan on November 15, 2025. He is 9 ½ years old. He was surrendered to WRM because his human mom passed away and his dad is having health problems and can no longer care for him. Dickens went to a foster to adopt home. He new family lost their rescue Westie last year and were ready to adopt again. At this writing, Dickens has been with them for a week. He has been to the vet and is up to date on all vaccines. He is a healthy little guy. His new mom and dad say he is very loving and follows them around everywhere. He is learning to do stairs. Welcome to your new life, Dickens.

2025 FINANCIALS

INCOME NOVEMBER 1, 2024 – OCTOBER 31, 2025 = \$24,785.00

INCOME INCLUDES:

DONATIONS: \$19,137.00

SALES: \$5,425.00

COMMISSIONS: \$223.00

Our sales income includes garden flags, collars and leashes, kilts, fleece coats and crate pads. Commissions come from Kroger rewards program.

EXPENSES NOVEMBER 1, 2024 – OCTOBER 31, 2025 = \$17,271.00

EXPENSES INCLUDES:

ADMINISTRATION: \$7,420.00

VETERINARY: \$2,737.00

FOSTER HOME EXPENSES: \$567.00

SALES EXPENSES: \$2,283.00

DONATIONS: \$4,264.00

Administration expenses include Professional fees, taxes, insurance, and website maintenance. Veterinary expenses are all the medical costs for our foster dogs.

Foster home expenses are supplies for foster homes, microchip fees, and dog grooming.

Sales expenses include the purchase of sale items, Ebay fees, Paypal fees and sales shipping.

Donations: We donated to foster dog Scooter's medical expenses before he came to us.

***WE RELY ON DONATIONS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS TO
ENABLE US TO CONTINUE TO HELP THE WESTIES!!!***

Please help us, help our Westies!

**MAIL RESCUE DONATIONS TO:
WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN, INC
12460 Pamela Court
Hartland, MI 48353**

PayPal: Use westierescuemi3@yahoo.com and choose the "Personal" option to avoid fees; this is approved by PayPal

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WAYS YOU CAN HELP

WALK YOUR DOG - Earn funds for Westie Rescue just by walking your dog.
Get the smartphone app at <http://www.wooftrax.com>

Choose **WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN** as your shelter.

KROGER COMMUNITY PROGRAM - Earn funds for Westie Rescue by registering your Kroger Awards Card for the Community program. Sign up online by choosing Westie Rescue Michigan. (This must be renewed every year.) This does not impact your gas points.

FUNDRAISING:

All fundraisers benefit Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc. Fundraisers can be found on our website : <http://westierescue-mi.com/fundraisers>. Our Ebay store also has lots of fundraisers.

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

- Garden and House Flags
- Kilts
- Collars and Leashes
- Other misc. items as we find them

FACEBOOK RESCUE PAGE: Flash sales of misc. items. <https://www.facebook.com/WRMich/>

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.



STILL WAITING FOR YOUR FOREVER PUP?

In the last few years we have had very few Westies coming into Westie Rescue Michigan, and when they do come, they tend to be older and have more medical needs. Fortunately, our waiting list includes many who are interested in adopting older Westies and willing to deal with medical issues. This says a lot of good things about our adopter base! It is a true “rescue” when the dog is truly in need.

For those who have waited so patiently, we want to suggest some alternatives to your search efforts.

- Watch online for Westies to rescue. One good source to watch is [Petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com).
- Go to www.westieclubamerica.com There you can find a list of breeders who are National Club Members and who have signed a Code of Ethics. Many times, breeders have older dogs who they no longer wish to use in their breeding programs. In this case they are likely to be willing to sell the dog for much less than a well-bred puppy would cost. They also stand behind their dogs and may have a Westie who has been returned for some reason. They will be looking to find a home for these dogs. Contact the breeders and if they don't have any themselves, they might be able to refer you to another breeder who has an available dog.
- Talk to folks at your vet's office and let them know you are looking. They might not have anything immediately but might remember you if another client with a Westie needs help to rehome their dog.
- Check your local shelters. Not all use Petfinder. You can Google Animal Shelters and Rescues in Michigan for a list of shelters.
- Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates!!

If you adopt a dog from elsewhere, please let us know so we can cancel your application.
We thank you for your patience and continued interest and support.



*From all of us at
Westie Rescue Michigan,
we wish you a very
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!*