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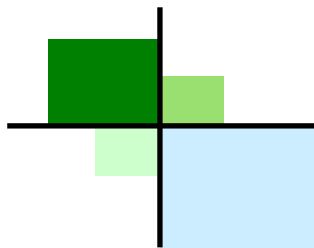
Dear Westie Lovers,

We are now into our 7th year since WestieMed was formed. Without question, it has been because of YOUR generous donations that we have been able to make a difference to help rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

We at WestieMed thank you for your heartfelt donations. Together we have made an enormous difference in the lives of Westies.

WestieMed is solely funded by charitable contributions and donations. With your help we can continue to support injured and ill rescued Westies giving them a second chance at adoption and love from a permanent family.

Donations to WestieMed are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We depend on your kindness. Remember, its all about making a difference...one Westie at a time.



Year	Westies Helped	Funding
2000	14	\$ 5,565.97
2001	7	\$ 8,295.63
2002	19	\$10,642.23
2003	14	\$10,162.15
2004	14	\$15,368.19
2005	20	\$21,323.64
2006	15	\$11,211.43
TOTAL	103	\$82,569.24

Mission Statement

The Mission of Westie Med, Inc., is to help raise the quality of life and adoptability of rescued West Highland White Terriers (Westies). WestieMed provides these Westies with a second chance at adoption and the opportunity to lead happy, healthy lives in stable, loving homes.

In addition, through its efforts and the example it sets, WestieMed aims to stimulate a dialogue, which will educate the general public about rescue animals and rescue organizations.

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ABOUT WESTIEMED

Since its inception in 2000, WestieMed has become a recognized force within the Westie rescue community due to its unique purpose of providing the financial assistance necessary to save the lives of rescued Westies in need of medical treatment and has provided over \$82,000.00 in financial support towards their medical expenses.

WestieMed is an all-volunteer, nonprofit corporation created to distribute financial aid to ill or injured rescue Westies. The organization was founded by a small group of Westie rescuers located across the country who saw a need to provide a resource where medical treatment funding for an abandoned or rescued Westie was unavailable or inadequate.

In August 2000 WestieMed was granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization is registered in the state of Maryland as a charitable organization. Articles of Incorporation were also filed in the state of Maryland. WestieMed is uniquely the only tax-deductible organization in the United States specifically providing financial help for rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

As an internet-based organization, WestieMed is able to intercede quickly on behalf of rescued Westies in need of medical attention by using the communication powers of the internet. Also, the organization maintains a toll-free, web-based voice mail message center at 1-877-853-9469 to better serve inquiries.

WestieMed Website

The WestieMed website was developed in January 2000 and is currently being maintained under the direction of the Board of Directors. The website educates the public on various animal health and welfare issues through the information and updates published about the cases funded by WestieMed. Solicitation of volunteers and contributions is made via the website.

Support Independent Rescuers

In addition to providing support to all Westie rescuers through the organization, WestieMed also works to provide referrals to volunteers who can transport, foster and otherwise care for a rescued animal. The organization helps facilitate the contact of the appropriate volunteer with a specific rescuer's needs.

Presence at Dog Shows and Events

WestieMed provides a presence at dog shows and other dog-related events across the country throughout the year to continue educating the public on WestieMed's Mission. Presence at these events also facilitates contacts with rescuers, volunteers and donors. WestieMed has developed brochures, plastic canned dog food lids and plastic paw-shaped clips as outreach tools for use in this regard. Among the dog shows attended was the West Highland White Terrier Club of America's prestigious Annual Specialty Show in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Throughout the year, WestieMed articles and advertisements are contained in the *Westie Imprint*, the news magazine of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America with a readership of over 1,100.

***“Honor your Westies by caring for those less fortunate.
Rescue dogs are not disposable.”***

FUNDING ACTIVITIES

The WestieMed Board of Directors is responsible for the careful screening of each Application for Aid submitted to ensure that Funding Guidelines are consistently and fairly met. WestieMed's Veterinary Advisory Board is consulted where there are questions about diagnosis, treatment and expected outcome. Further, the Board is responsible for appropriately disbursing funds in a timely manner for all approved cases. During 2006, 15 new cases met the WestieMed Funding Guidelines to receive financial support towards medical expenses which totaled \$11,211.43.

To ensure that demand for future financial aid will continue to be met, WestieMed is responsible for the ongoing development of funding sources. The Board of Directors works year round on establishing and implementing numerous fundraising efforts to protect and maintain the organization's viability.

Throughout 2006, these efforts included solicitation of individual contributions, club or group donations, corporate affiliations and planned gifts. During the year, several artists auctioned their paintings for the benefit of WestieMed. The Board also sponsored eBay auctions with in-kind donations. WestieMed's online Gift Shop offered a wide variety of Westie-themed products including exclusively selling Becky's Dandy Lines merchandise of unique gift items. The Board also continued to sell the popular WestieGrams line of treats for holidays and special occasions.

In 2006, the Board continued to offer a fund raising opportunity through its Lion Shop and Share grocery program and ink cartridge recycling program. Additionally, the Board has supported special events held for the benefit of WestieMed such as the extremely successful WestieWalks held in various locations throughout the country.

OUR SUPPORTERS

Our deepest appreciation goes out to all who have given so generously toward the health and welfare of rescued West Highland White Terriers.

As a nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization, WestieMed is funded solely by contributions from the general public. Financial contributions may be deductible for federal income tax purposes to the full extent allowed by law. Each year WestieMed's activities have been fulfilled, thanks to the donations from our supporters.

WestieMed has established two funds to help rescued Westies — the General Fund and the Goober Memorial Fund. The Goober Memorial Fund was created in August 2001 to assist Westies with congenital orthopedic conditions. The fund was named for Goober, the little Westie who touched and inspired so many people with his courage and will to live. The General Fund is used to assist Westies with other medical conditions.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

WestieMed will provide monetary assistance toward non-routine medical expenses for non-terminally ill Westies or Westie mixes displaying the physical and behavior attributes of a purebred Westie who are abandoned, rescued or recent adoption cases and for whom no other funding is available or is insufficient.

WestieMed will accept applications for assistance from any group, organization, or individual who is of legal age (18 years). The age of the Westie is not a limiting factor as WestieMed will decide each case as to the quality of future life for that dog. No funds will be released without specific assurances that the dog has been or will be spayed or neutered.

WestieMed will provide monetary support to reimburse or directly pay veterinary services for medical expenses of rescued Westies. No rescuer or other individual will be permitted to make a profit from funds disbursed by WestieMed.

FUNDING PROCESS

Just as each Westie is unique, each Westie's rescue situation and health condition is also unique. The following is the general process by which an application is submitted, eligibility is determined and financial assistance is disbursed for rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

STEP ONE: How to Apply

- Confirm your Westie meets all the requirements of the Funding Guidelines as stated on the WestieMed website.
- Submit an online application from the WestieMed website
- Email, fax or mail a photo of your Westie and the veterinary invoice or estimate to the WestieMed Applications Coordinator.

STEP TWO: Determine Eligibility and Approve Funding

- The Board of Directors reviews application for eligibility in accordance with the Funding Guidelines
- The Applications Coordinator may contact you, your veterinarian or the WestieMed Veterinary Advisory Board for additional information
- The Board of Directors determines and approves the funding

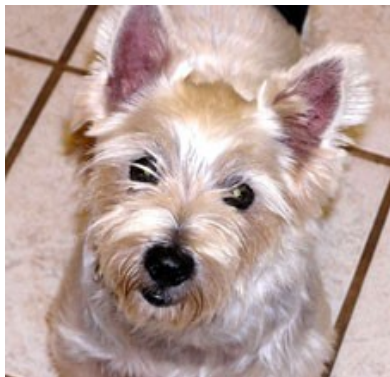
STEP THREE: Disbursing Funds

- Write a summary of your dog's medical condition and rescue story for the WestieMed website
- Approved funding will be issued by the WestieMed Treasurer
- Stay in contact with WestieMed while treatment is ongoing and for a period of at least one year following completion of treatment.

Due to the high cost of veterinary care and the limited budgets of most rescuers, not all rescued Westies are given an opportunity for restored health and a better life. Rescuers are often placed in the difficult position of making decisions based solely on available resources.

WestieMed strives to offer financial assistance to rescuers nationwide allowing them to foster, rehabilitate and nurture as many Westies in rescue situations as possible.

WESTIES WE HAVE HELPED IN 2006



Name of Dog: **Lilly**

Age of Dog: 7 years old

Rescue State: Oklahoma

Medical Condition: Leaking Heart Valves and Inguinal Hernia

Synopsis: Lilly, a 7-year old female Westie, was breeder surrendered to Scottish Terrier Rescue of Western Missouri who, in turn, gave her to Oklahoma Westie Rescue. A veterinary exam revealed Lilly had three leaking heart valves which explained her breathing difficulties. The vet also discovered she had hernias from her years of producing puppies. Lilly was taken to Oklahoma State University Veterinary School for a cardiac workup. After many tests, it was concluded that Lilly's heart could not be repaired but her breathing could be improved with medication. Lilly was subsequently adopted. About a month later, Lilly was rushed to the vet's office due to vomiting. She was found to have an inguinal hernia that required immediate surgical repair as her intestine had gone through the hernia causing a blockage. WestieMed assisted with the surgery costs. Despite her weakened heart, Lilly's surgery was successful. Lilly became a feisty, sweet and happy Westie who grabbed life with much gusto bringing joy to her new family. Sadly, within months Lilly succumbed to her heart disease. Lilly's owner writes, *"I am so sad and miss her greatly. Thank you for allowing me to have her for as long as I did."*

"WestieMed thank you so much for helping me."



Name of Dog: **Lucy**

Age of Dog: 10 months old

Rescue State: New York

Medical Condition: Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease

Synopsis: Lucy, a 10-month old spayed female Westie, was owner surrendered to Westie Rescue of Western New York. Lucy had Legg-Calve-Perthes disease and her owner could not afford the cost of the operation to repair her hip. Lucy was subsequently adopted by a family with previous Westie experience. They had been on the rescue list for more than a year and were determined to wait until just the right Westie needed a new home. That lucky little Westie was Lucy. Her new owners arranged a veterinary consult that recommended a right Femoral Head Ostectomy to correct her Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease. WestieMed provided financial assistance for Lucy's consult and surgery. Lucy's owner writes, *"Lucy is doing very well. However, her leg surgery was not one hundred percent successful. Although not in pain now, she still pulls her leg up to body part of the time. It will be all to the good of the breed if puppy mills would stop breeding dogs with this defect."*



Name of Dog: **Yu-Gi**

Age of Dog: about 4-6 months old

Rescue State: Missouri

Medical Condition: Parvo Infection

Synopsis: Yu-Gi, a purportedly 10-month old Westie pup, was abandoned at a veterinary office. The next day he was adopted by a rescuer from Westie Rescue of Missouri. Yu-Gi fit in perfectly with his new family that included 2 sons as well as 2 female Westies. Despite Yu-Gi's great adjustment to his new home, one day he stopped eating and began vomiting. He was taken to the vet's office where he tested positive for Parvo infection and dehydration. He was placed in isolation and treatment began. WestieMed provided financial assistance for Yu-Gi's treatment. During this time, the veterinarian discovered that Yu-Gi was only about 4-6 months old, not 10-months old as previously

stated. Yu-Gi surprised the vet by how strong he was and how quickly he responded to his treatment. Yu-Gi continued to improve and was soon able to return to his home. This plucky little guy is doing fine now and living the good life of a well-loved, active, playful pup. As Yu-Gi wrote to us, *"Life is great now...the best part is I haven't been sick ever again. My Mom works with Illinois-Missouri Westie Rescue and I have even been in charge of watching over some foster friends here at the house. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else but here with my sisters and my boys."*



Name of Dog: **Makii**

Age of Dog: 3 years old

Rescue State: Illinois

Medical Condition: 3 Leg Fractures, Spinal Fracture, Internal Injuries

Synopsis: Makii is a 3-year old neutered male Westie who was placed in foster care with an independent rescuer when multiple health issues caused his owner to be hospitalized. While in foster care, Makii escaped from his yard and was seriously injured by a hit-and-run driver. A stranger found him on the

side of the road and took him immediately to the nearest emergency veterinary hospital. Makii's Guardian Angel then went back to the neighborhood to find where he lived. Makii suffered 3 leg fractures in his back leg, a spine fracture as well as internal damage. His fractures were repaired; his spleen and 50% of his small intestine were removed. The surgeon performed miracles to save Makii. With the love of the doctors, staff and his foster family, Makii recovered. The foster family spent thousands of dollars on Makii's surgical and post-surgical care. WestieMed was able to assist the foster family with these costs. After 3 months of recovery, the external fixator device for his leg fractures was removed and Makii was ready for adoption. Makii is assured of continuing to receive the very best care as he was adopted by the family of one of the emergency hospital employees.

***"I couldn't imagine how I would be dealing with this if
WestieMed hadn't been around to help."***



Name of Dog: **Duggan**

Age of Dog: 3 years old

Rescue State: Texas

Medical Condition: Fractured Pelvis

Synopsis: Duggan, a 3-year old neutered male Westie, was hit by a car and taken to an animal shelter. The animal shelter contacted the Director of Westie Rescue of North Texas (WRNT) who took him into their program. It was discovered that Duggan had a broken pelvis. Unfortunately, this kind of pelvic injury is exceptionally difficult to heal, very expensive and requires significant rehabilitation. The treatment decided upon by the rescue group and their veterinarians in Dallas was a Femoral Head Ostectomy. WestieMed assisted the rescue group with the surgical costs. The surgery was performed during which the head of the leg bone was removed, permitting the pelvis to heal. Duggan handled the surgery like a champ. He is healing well and getting physical therapy at the pool of one of the WRNT Directors. As the rescue group wrote, *"Our little Duggan may have caught a 'bad break' recently, but he sure came out of this one smelling like a rose."*

***"Thank you WestieMed from the bottom
of our puppy lovin' hearts."***



Name of Dog: **Suds**

Age of Dog: 6 months old

Rescue State: Missouri

Medical Condition: Fractured Leg

Synopsis: Suds, a 6-month old male Westie puppy, was owner surrendered to a local Missouri veterinarian. Suds had been purchased as a companion for the owner's children. However, the children had not been taught how to treat a puppy. The children pulled his hair, slung him around and eventually threw him off the washer fracturing Suds' leg. The family took him to the animal hospital where the vet found this young puppy in pain and scared not knowing who to trust. When told Suds would need x-rays, the family stated they could not afford to spend any money on Suds and requested euthanasia. However, the veterinarian offered to treat Suds if the family would give him up. The family agreed and his leg was repaired. WestieMed was contacted and provided financial assistance for Suds' surgery. The veterinary office staff cared for Suds while he healed and found him a new family complete with a Westie sister. With TLC Suds' personality has emerged and he has become a happy, playful pup. As Suds writes, *"I know that all these people really love me and have made it possible for me to be exactly what I am, a wee Westie boy with the tenacity of a terrier and more spirit than can be contained."*



Name of Dog: **MacDuff**

Age of Dog: 11 years old

Rescue State: Texas

Medical Condition: Large Neck Tumors and Bilateral ACL Injuries

Synopsis: MacDuff, an 11-year old neutered male Westie, was owner surrendered to Westie Rescue of North Texas (WRNT) as the family no longer had time for him. MacDuff was found to have large tumors in his neck and old anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries to both rear legs that had been “just allowed to heal” by the previous owner. Despite his conditions, the WRNT found this senior statesman to be an affable, good-natured and genial Westie with an endearing way of asking for attention – by putting his paw on your arm as if to say “*Hey, bud, got a minute for me?*” The first step in MacDuff’s rehabilitation was to remove the two very large tumors from his neck which were found to be non-cancerous. Next, MacDuff had the first of two surgeries to repair the ACL injuries to his rear legs. The second surgery will be done in a few months. WestieMed provided WRNT with financial assistance for MacDuff’s veterinary bills. The WRNT Director writes, “*MacDuff has been a real sweetheart throughout the whole surgery ordeal...a sweeter disposition you’ll never find.*” Due to his age and the difficulty in placing senior dogs, the rescue group is committed to fostering MacDuff for the rest of his life, if necessary.



Name of Dog: **Payten**

Age of Dog: 2 or 3 years old

Rescue State: Kansas

Medical Condition: Seizures and Front Limb Weakness

Synopsis: Payten, an approximately 2 to 3-year old male Westie, was found as a stray in a local theater parking lot wearing a collar, neutered and recently groomed. Numerous efforts to locate his family by distributing fliers as well as contacting local veterinarians and local shelters were not successful. He was then turned over to Westie Rescue of Missouri. Payten was placed in foster care where he was found to be very affectionate. He was subsequently adopted by a woman with another Westie. Payten got along well with the owner’s dog and she soon discovered Payten was housetrained and well-mannered. No one could understand why Payten’s original family did not want this wonderful Westie anymore. All was going well with Payten and his new family until he began experiencing seizures and excessive weakness in his front limbs. WestieMed approved funding for Payten’s diagnostic testing, evaluation and treatment by a specialist. A spinal tap was performed by a neurologist revealing infection and inflammation in Payten’s spinal column and brain. Treatment began and in less than a month, Payten was almost back to normal.

“Many thanks to WestieMed for their financial support as we strive to give this abandoned little boy a better life.”



Name of Dog: **Shadow**

Age of Dog: 10+ years old

Rescue State: Illinois

Medical Condition: Bilateral Cataracts

Synopsis: Shadow, a mellow, quiet and gentle 10+ year old male Westie, was obtained from a mill auction and placed with Westie Rescue of Missouri (WRM). He was blind, deaf and near death from starvation and infection as well as severe periodontal disease. His muscles were wasted away and he had lost most of his hair. He was literally skin and bones weighing less than 13 pounds. This poor Westie had been kept at the mill with no attention given to his needs. He was initially placed in foster care where he received medical care, good food and lots of love. After several months his health improved and his Westie spirit was renewed. His ears were clean and healthy, his hair was growing and he had gained 6 pounds. His foster family named him Shadow as he followed them wherever they went. Foster care saved Shadow's life and even brought him to the point of being adoptable. Shadow and a female Westie named Lily, both seniors, were subsequently adopted from WRM by a bachelor. WRM stated that Shadow and Lily were the most unlikely adoptable Westies that they had at the time but this man wanted to make a difference in their lives. And indeed he has. Shadow's owner received assistance from WestieMed to correct Shadow's bilateral cataracts. As his owner writes, *"Shadow's rescuers and I have tried to shower him with enough care to try to make up for his years of imprisonment. Now, thanks to WestieMed, Shadow will be able to have a chance at opening up his world and having his sight restored."*



Name of Dog: **Pearl**

Age of Dog: 5 years old

Rescue State: North Carolina

Medical Condition: Craniomandibular Osteodystrophy (CMO)

Synopsis: Pearl is a 5-year old spayed female Westie with Craniomandibular Osteodystrophy (CMO). Due to her CMO, Pearl has lived in foster care with the President and Founder of the Friends Forever rescue group since 2001. WestieMed provided financial assistance for Pearl in October 2003. Since then Pearl had been stable until she recently began losing weight and generally not feeling well. It was discovered that Pearl had severe dental decay causing all the problems. She was placed on antibiotics in preparation for the removal of 18 diseased teeth. WestieMed provided financial assistance for Pearl's dental surgery. Pearl can now put her tongue out of her mouth and lap her food for the first time ever! Pearl recovered from the surgery and has gained weight. Pearl's foster Mom writes, *"She yips and barks and is generally happy now. I am so grateful for all you have done to help us with her. She has a new lease on life now for sure!"*

***"THANK YOU so very much on behalf of Pearl.
WestieMed has made a world of difference in her life."***



Name of Dog: **Finn**

Age of Dog: 15 weeks old

Rescue State: Maryland

Medical Condition: Pneumonia, Craniomandibular Osteopathy (CMO) and a Strained Knee

Synopsis: Finn, a 15-week old male Westie pup, was voluntarily surrendered from a Western Pennsylvania puppy mill to the Greater Washington (DC) Westie Rescue group due to "skin problems". Finn came into rescue malnourished and underweight. He was placed in foster care with a couple and their two Westies. A veterinary exam revealed Finn was suffering with acute pneumonia, Craniomandibular Osteopathy (CMO) and a strained knee. He was hospitalized and treated with antibiotics, nebulizer, Tramadol, Metacam and prednisone. WestieMed assisted Finn's foster family with his medical expenses. After a while all of Finn's conditions began improving and he was able to go back to his foster home to continue his recuperation. As little Finn writes, *"These days I love to eat, look out the windows, bark, and nibble on fingers (my big dog teeth are still coming in). I play tug with my foster brother Arie and chase with my foster sister Jasmine and bark at dogs, people, and squirrels passing by. I am learning to be a Westie."*



Name of Dog: **Abbey**

Age of Dog: about 2 years old

Rescue State: Texas

Medical Condition: Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)

Synopsis: Abbey, an approximately 2-year old spayed Westie female, was a stray found at the Temple, Texas animal shelter by a rescuer. She was initially placed in a home but was returned to the rescuer due to an undiagnosed Urinary Tract Infection. After the infection was treated, the rescuer released Abbey to Westie Rescue of Austin who placed her in an approved foster-to-adopt home. It was soon apparent that something was terribly wrong with Abbey as she was unable to go for walks without becoming exhausted and collapsing. A veterinary exam revealed Abbey had a heart murmur. Subsequently, a veterinarian cardiologist diagnosed the murmur as Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) that would require open heart surgery to repair. Without the surgery she would develop congestive heart failure and not survive. WestieMed provided the financial assistance for Abbey's surgery which was performed in early December. The Director of Westie Rescue of Austin writes, *"Abbey came back home and her recovery has been speedy and uneventful. She is bouncing around like a puppy and you would never know she had major heart surgery at all! Abbey's foster caregiver adores her and has nurtured her through all the ups and downs. We have finalized the adoption. We are so grateful to WestieMed for the financial support for little Miss Abbey. She would not have survived without your help."*

"Our undying gratitude goes to WestieMed for giving this adorable little Westie girl, Abbey, a second chance at a wonderful long life."



Name of Dog: **Max**

Age of Dog: 6 years old

Rescue State: Oklahoma

Medical Condition: Hair Loss and Gastritis

Synopsis: Max, a 6-year old neutered male Westie, was owner surrendered to Oklahoma Westie Rescue (OWR). For the previous year, Max had been forced to stay outside chained to a tree. During this time Max began losing his hair and itching all the time. He was taken to a dermatologist where he was diagnosed as being allergic to almost everything outdoors and many foods. His owner realized she could not give Max the proper care he needed and surrendered him to OWR. He was adopted by a family with a female Westie where he easily settled into his forever home. A few weeks later, however, Max was taken to an emergency hospital with symptoms of lethargy, anorexia and shaking. He was treated for gastritis and rapidly recovered. WestieMed assisted Max's family with the hospital expenses. Max quickly returned to normal health and, once again, resumed playing with his Westie sister and chasing squirrels. With TLC from his new family as well as proper food and medication, Max is a bright-eyed, happy boy with a brand new white Westie coat. Max's owner now fosters Westies for the OWR and Max has be-



Name of Dog: **Pirate**

Age of Dog: 9 months old

Rescue State: Iowa

Medical Condition: Demodex Mange and Bacterial Infection

Synopsis: Pirate, a 9-month old male Westie, was rescued from a Missouri puppy mill by Westie Rescue of Missouri. He was placed in foster care with a couple and their Cairn Terrier. After two weeks, it was apparent the entire family had formed a great bond with Pirate and they officially adopted him. About a month later, they noticed an oozing sore on Pirate's neck. Their vet diagnosed it as a "hot spot", shaved his neck and prescribed an antibiotic and a spray. By the next day, the sore had tripled in size and continued to spread. Westie Rescue of Missouri recommended another veterinarian to examine Pirate who realized that he actually had Demodex Mange, not a hot spot. Pirate was also taken to the Iowa State University veterinary teaching hospital in Ames, Iowa where a bacterial infection was found in addition to the Mange. WestieMed provided assistance for Pirate's consultation and treatment costs. After 10 days of treatment, Pirate was beginning to act like a bouncy puppy once again. Pirate will need to take the medicine for a while and be carefully monitored over time but his prognosis for a healthy, happy life is excellent. Pirate's owner writes, *"Pirate is getting better! He is a great little dog and totally worth saving. I wish everyone who has contributed to WestieMed could meet Pirate because I am sure they would be reassured that their money, time, and talents are being put to good use. We are all so thankful for WestieMed."*

***"WestieMed is giving Pirate a fighting chance
and they are saving Pirate's life."***



Name of Dog: **Canny**

Age of Dogs: 8 years old

Rescue State: Indiana

Medical Condition: Skin Allergies, Eyelid Tumors, Ear Infections

Synopsis: Canny, an 8-year old neutered male Westie, was rescued from a puppy mill by an Indiana rescue volunteer. He had lived his entire life in the mill. After a veterinary check-up, he was subsequently adopted. Canny, who had never been inside a home, was initially so frightened that he cowered in fear of being touched and he would not come out of his crate. But with the love and patience of his new family and their two Shelties, Canny began to learn how to be a much loved family pet. The Shelties taught him where the food was, how to go potty outdoors, how to play and where to sleep on soft blankets. And his owners talked to him and gently petted him. Soon Canny started to like his new home. Within a couple weeks, it was evident that Canny had some health problems. Another vet visit revealed that Canny had multiple medical issues including skin allergies, ear infections, dental decay and eyelid tumors. WestieMed assisted the family with financial support for the diagnostic testing and treatment necessary to restore Canny's health. Canny writes, *"It's pretty fun here. But the very best part is I am going to get well."*

"Thank you WestieMed for being so generous."

LET'S GO SHOPPING!

We are delighted to offer you a wide selection of unique Westie items in our online Gift Shop. You will find great gifts for yourself and your friends for all occasions.



All proceeds from these items will go toward helping to raise the quality of life and adoptability of rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

Shop and help us give the gift of "HOPE" to a Westie. It is for a good cause.

On behalf of the Westies your purchases will help, THANK YOU!

HOW CAN YOU HELP

There are a number of ways and opportunities you can help support WestieMed to raise the quality of life and adoptability of rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

MAKE A DONATION

- Mail a monetary donation to:

WestieMed, Inc.
2108 Fulton Avenue, Unit #3
Cincinnati, OH 45206
- Credit card donations are accepted on line using PayPal. Our PayPal email address is treasurer@westiemed.org
- Donate items for WestieMed's online Auctions
- Make a *planned gift* consisting of such items as stocks, bonds, cash, personal property, bequests, trusts, life insurance and IRAs
- Make a donation with your company's *Matching Gift Program*

MAKE A PURCHASE

- Obtain "ever-burning" online *Tribute and Memorial Virtual Candles* from the Paws and Remember program on the WestieMed website
- Shop in the online WestieMed Gift Shop for unique Westie items
- Shop with the affiliate companies listed on the WestieMed website
- Participate in WestieMed's online auctions

VOLUNTEER

- Help organize a Fundraising event for the benefit of WestieMed
- Offer your talents and time for a WestieMed Committee
- Help spread the word about WestieMed

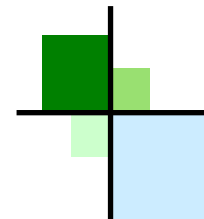
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It is only through donations made directly to WestieMed that we are able to fulfill our mission of helping rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

WESTIEMED OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

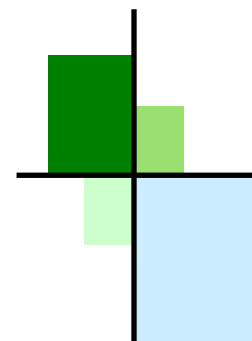
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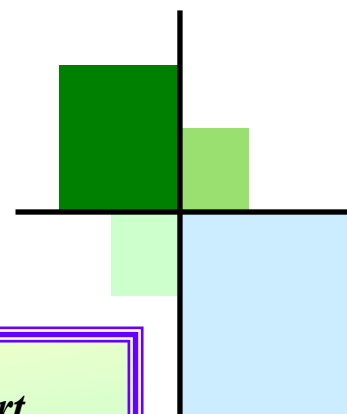
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*WestieMed thanks you for your wonderful support
and dedication to this supreme breed.*

WestieMed is not a rescue organization, and the Westies we've helped are not available for adoption through WestieMed.

If you are interested in adopting a rescued Westie, please contact the Westie Rescue representatives in your area. You can find a listing of U.S. and Canadian Westie Rescue representatives at www.westieclubamerica.com/rescue/regreps.html.

If you have, or know of, a Westie which needs to be rehomed for any reason, please go to www.westieclubamerica.com/rescue/reportawestie.html and submit the info. The appropriate Westie Rescue representative will be contacted to provide prompt assistance.

