

WestieMed News

2017 WestiesMed Auction



Sneak Peek of Special Donations



The donation of the Peanuts™ collectibles and many of the beautiful Westie items for our auction this year have been generously donated by the estate of the late Linda Antonaccio. Well-known in the Westie community, Linda was a true champion of the breed. She showed in conformation and obedience under the kennel name Allmywesties. She loved the Westitude all Westie owners know. Linda's life was dedicated to dogs; she was an expert groomer and also ran a boarding business where her patrons always came first. With her vast knowledge and experience of behavioral, medical and care issues, many owners considered Linda their "go-to" for advice. Featured here are just two of the many special donations from Linda's estate - the retired Danbury Mint Westie Sleigh and the retired Danbury Mint Westie Christmas Tree.



It is with sadness that we share the news of Sara Studebaker's passing on Aug 3, 2017. Sara Studebaker was a WestieMed board member for many years and our newsletter editor. She was active in rescue and was a devoted westie owner of Darby and Caleigh who she adopt from rescues.

Sara was passionate about helping to raise funds for Westies in need and was always enthusiastic about the WestieMed auction. True to her character, she hand picked items from her collection to donate to the 2017 auction. Check out her special auction items on WestieMed's Facebook auction page.

This year's auction is being held September 15- September 17, 2017 as a Facebook online auction at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestieMedFundraisingAuction/>

Lucky

Lucky is a 6 year old Westie that ran in front of our van, sat down and stared at us. My husband opened the door and he jumped right in. It was obvious he had been on his own for a while. His fur is severely matted and even after a professional bath, he is still brown with dirt. We immediately took him to a vet and had them do a check up on him and check for a microchip. He was hook worm positive and we treated him for that ailment. He is also heart worm positive. When we got the estimate for the treatment, we were heartbroken. We knew we couldn't afford to pay it. Our kids were devastated, as they had already fallen in love within him.



We reached out to the San Antonio Area Scottie and Westie Rescue (SAASWR) and told them our situation. Read the rest of Lucky's story: <http://www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/lucky/>

Scout

Scout is our 3rd Westie and a 3 year old rescue. We are so happy he's here with us and is bringing us so much joy!

We were beyond heartbroken when our Callie passed away suddenly in September, 2016. Although Callie had been diagnosed with IBS and Addison's Disease she had been doing really well for many years with much love, monitoring and medication. She was almost 14 when we lost her.



We knew we would eventually would want to rescue another Westie so I contacted Sunshine State Westie Rescue. It was amazing for us when in a very short amount of time we found out about Scout who had been rescued and was being fostered.

Read the rest of Scout's story: <http://www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/scout/>

Lencsi

Lencsi is an approximately 9-10 years old Westie lady who was rescued in May 2016 in Hungary. She was found in the countryside on the street in horrible condition, so Westie Rescue Hungary picked her up immediately the day we were notified. She did not have a microchip and her owner was not found. Probably that was her luck.

During her first examination at the veterinarian the following was diagnosed:

- Ultrasound examination - small lime crystal sediments are visible on the liver and kidneys. Hernia, probably the uterus is protruded. Operation is URGENT.
- Lacrimation check - very low, KCS disease, treatment twice a day.
- Skin issues - infections, alopecia, scratching, postulate, overall state is devastating. Antibiotics for 2 weeks, mono diet with hypoallergenic pet food, biweekly bathing. Ear also infected, daily treatment.
- Blood taken and sent to the lab - result is promising, only the leukocyte is higher, but only due to the inflammation in her body.
- Heartworm test: POSITIVE
- Transponder inserted



So we needed to look into her eyes and decide how to proceed, we have to be honest we had doubts if we can succeed. She was in lot of pain and we have probably never had such a complicated case.

But her sweet face and calm, kind nature convinced us that she would fight, and she would recover so we started the long rehabilitation.

<http://www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/lencsi/>

The Goober Memorial Fund

In addition to our General Fund, WestieMed has two very special Memorial Funds set up to help rescued Westies.

The Goober Memorial Fund was established in August 2001 for congenital orthopedic conditions. Goober was born to a breeder in New Jersey who realized he had a medical problem at six weeks of age. The breeder asked his friend, a vet, to do a complete physical. At first it was thought that he had bloat, irritable bowel syndrome, and/or hypoglycemia.

Read the rest of Goober's story: <http://www.westiemed.org/stories/2000/goober/>



Wally

On November 29, 2016, we received a call from a woman who stated that her daughter has a Westie that she wants to euthanize due to his skin problems. She sent pictures of the dog and the neglect was so severe that we asked her to bring him to us the very next day. Wally arrived in terrible shape. He was grossly underweight and every bone in his body protruded through. For a dog his size, he should be about 18 lbs. His eyes were covered in discharge and he screamed when his ears were touched. He smelled so badly and it was quite obvious this dog had never been bathed. By the time we got home, his car seat was covered in yeasty crust. Read the rest of Wally's story:



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How Can You Help WestieMed?

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

MAKE A DONATION

- Mail a check or money order donation to: WestieMed, Inc. 1546 Brandon Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45230
- Make a secure online credit card donation.
- Make an automatic monthly subscription donation.
- Donate Westie treasures for WestieMed's Facebook 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.
- Donate your artistic Westie designs for fundraising purposes through our Artists To The Rescue 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 WestieMed's Affiliate Companies and a donation will be made to help us help rescued Westies.
- Shop in WestieMed's online Facebook Auctions.
- Shop at our Cafe Press Store - the WestieMed Cafe featuring Westie designs by many talented artists.

VOLUNTEER

- Help organize a Fundraising event or a Westie Walk for the benefit of WestieMed.
- Offer your talents and time for a WestieMed project.
- Get WestieMed news and updates through our Friends of WestieMed email list.
- Join the WestieMed group on Facebook.





Chauncey

Chauncey came into Westie Rescue USA 3 years ago at the age of 3. He was in good health and received his inoculations at the time of rescue. He was a very nervous dog and was unadoptable. As a volunteer, he came to my home where he is now a permanent foster. I have worked with Chauncey over the years but I just could not get him out of some very bad habits. If Chauncey was in a room with more than one person he would become wild eyed and start licking anything in sight. This included walls, furniture, floors and saliva would be coming out of his mouth like a rabid dog. About a month ago, I noticed a change in him where he would start licking his lips and swallowing rapidly. Read the rest of Chauncey's story: www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/chauncey/



Piper

Piper is a 5 1/2 year old Westie who is a little sweetie with a heart of gold but, unfortunately, that heart is not working as well as it should be at this time.

She was owner surrendered to Scottie Rescue at age 5. She was spayed and updated on her vaccines and when she was ready for adoption, she was advertised as available. She went to a new home in Virginia with a Westie lover who already currently had two sweet

Westies and wanted to share his home with another one who could benefit from all he had to offer. She's fit in easily and has become one of the family over the last 5 months since her adoption. Although she'd been evaluated at her original vet before her spay, and also been seen by her new dad's vet after her adoption, oddly it wasn't until a subsequent vet visit with another vet in the practice, that the heart murmur was detected. At that time, she was referred to a veterinary cardiac specialist in the area. This specialist did a full cardiac workup and advised that the two lower chambers of the heart were not working as well as they should be, and she should have a pacemaker implanted to correct this before it became an emergency. Read the rest of Piper's story: www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/piper/

Nemo

Nemo came to us in terrible shape. He was found as a stray and picked up by animal control. The shelter contacted the owner and his owner said they gave him to another family member. When they were contacted, they stated they did not want him anymore. Nemo was found over 100 miles from his "home". It was revealed that Nemo was left in a cage for most of his existence. As a result, Nemo had 14 broken and fractured teeth from trying to chew his way out. This is no way to live!! The shelter asked us if we would be willing to take him on as his skin was a horrid mess, his eyes were infected and so were his ears and was coming down with kennel cough. He was in such bad shape that the shelter thought this 2-4 year old was a senior! For several weeks, we worked on his skin



with medicated soft brush baths and medication. Just recently, we had a complete dental done on Nemo.

www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/nemo/



www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/isabel/

Isabel

Our friend and companion Nigel, a male Westie, died 5/28/16 after a year-long illness. We got him as an 8 week old and we were together at home, showroom, and visits to family and friends. He had a big outgoing personality, noisy and friendly to just about everyone except other small non Westies. I really loved the guy and mourned his passing. I never thought I would find and accept another Westie until I saw an ad in Pet Finder and saw a picture and description of Izzy also stating what type of home Garden State Westie Rescue was seeking for her. She rang all the right bells for me, and after speaking to Lisa Curry of Garden State, we both agreed that this would be a good fit for all.



Bailey

Bailey was born 4/22/16. He came into rescue on 4/28/17 at a little over one year old. He was bought in Nevada at age 8

not happen and the dog was kept in a crate most of the time while the girl was at school and in her bedroom the rest of the time. Finally the parents and grandmother intervened and contacted Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California (WRAP). Bailey came to WRAP dirty and with severe matting and bloody diarrhea. The family insisted there was no history of diarrhea. Bailey had not been to a veterinarian since getting his puppy shots. He was completely untrained but was social with people and dogs.

Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California (WRAP) received Bailey on April 28, 2017 and that same day he was taken to the veterinarian who did an exam and routine blood work and a heart worm test.

www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/bailey/

Bocci

In January of this year we were contacted by Bocci's owner. She had gotten Bocci as a puppy and he was fine and healthy for years. Then he began having ear infections. She said she worked with the vet for a few years but the infections just kept coming back. Her vet told her the only way to treat him at this point was an ear ablation surgery. She had a baby and was a single mother with a new baby and other children to care for. She contacted us for assistance because she could no longer afford the cost to continue treating him.

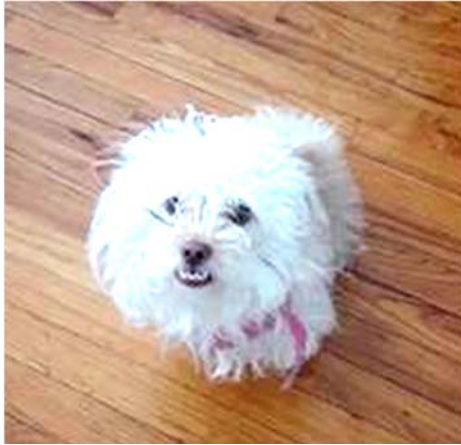
Bocci came to us January 29, 2017. Our 1st intake exam confirmed the ear infection. That vet referred us to a specialist, who also talked about the ear ablation. Unfortunately,



the person that had agreed to foster Bocci was having a difficult time caring for him so we moved him to his current foster home. The distance between the foster homes required us to take him to yet another vet who really felt that they might be able to help him without the surgery.

www.westiemed.org/stories/2017/bocci/

WestieMed Alumni Updates



Amber is doing ok but not 100% she still hops on off the right leg that she had surgery on more when she just had a shower are something to activities she will hop off that leg.

I don't have the funds to her to another veterinarian facility to get checks up to see if the issue with her leg wasn't address are what did the veterinarian surgeon did at the time to correct the issue she had, but it takes money to do so I am disable and don't have the funds to really do so.

Pasha

OMG how she has changed. November last year she had a healing session from a friend. She asked us to keep her collar off in the house and only use it for walking her. Well, that change has worked, her ear is completely healed and she is trusting herself that she doesn't hurt and wow, she has changed. She's happy, she's playing, she's trying to get her step brother Hamish to play as well and when their on their walks she will often now run around like a headless chicken, she's loving life.



Cosmo

We wanted to update you on Cosmo's status. He underwent surgery on Tuesday (7/18). While they were doing the surgery, they took a biopsy of his liver. Unfortunately, there were significant changes in the liver that indicate lack of oxygen and cellular death, which means he will likely have liver issues for the rest of his life. However, the surgery itself was successful.

He stayed in ICU for 4 days and received medication for pain, seizure preventive, and antibiotics. him for seizures, which is a possible complication of the surgery.

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The Paws and Remember Program

Please take a moment to *Paws and Remember* your special friends.

Make a donation to light an "ever-burning" Virtual Candle from WestieMed's *Paws and Remember* program. This is a wonderful way to show your admiration, love and devotion for those you hold closest to your hear.

- Honor your own special family members,
- Celebrate a living friend, pet or person, with a Tribute Virtual Candle, or

- Remember those you have loved and lost with a Memorial Virtual Candle.

When you make a donation for either a Tribute Virtual Candle or a Memorial Virtual Candle, WestieMed will acknowledge your thoughtful gift.

Our acknowledgment card features the Paws and Remember logo — Toto — The Rescue Angel designed and donated exclusively to WestieMed by artist Suzanne Renaud.



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, forever 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.