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The Little White Dogs



MOST COMMON MEDICAL ISSUES



SKIN ISSUES
101 CASES



ORTHOPEDIC
61 CASES



DENTAL
49 CASES



OPHTHALMOLOGIST
ISSUES
40 CASES



HEART
CONDITIONS
36 CASES



HEARTWORM +
24 CASES



TRAUMA
16 CASES



BLADDER STONES
15 CASES



EAR / TECHA
15 CASES



GASTROINTESTINAL
15 CASES

GRANTS AWARDED

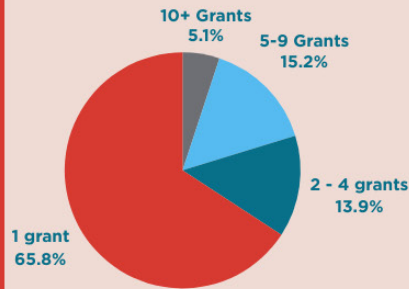


\$471,802.58

Since 2000
as of 6/30/24

ORGANIZATION GRANTS

Since 2000



Total Grants awarded to 89
organizations with an average grant
amount of \$1,248.15

DOGS HELPED



**378
DOGS**

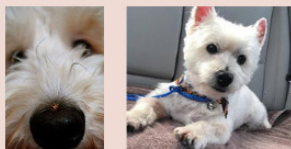
WHAT IS WESTIEMED?

The Mission of WestieMed is to help raise the quality of life and adaptability of rescued West Highland White Terriers (Westies) in foster care or those recently adopted (within 12 months of rescue). WestieMed provides these Westies with a second chance at adoption and the opportunity to lead happy, healthy lives in stable, loving homes.

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A TRIBUTE FOR MOLLY | JANUARY 2023 *As shared by Westie and Scottie Rescue Houston (WSRH)*

Molly is an eight-year-old diabetic Westie. She came to Westie and Scottie Rescue Houston when her person made the decision to surrender Molly due to her recent diabetes diagnosis.

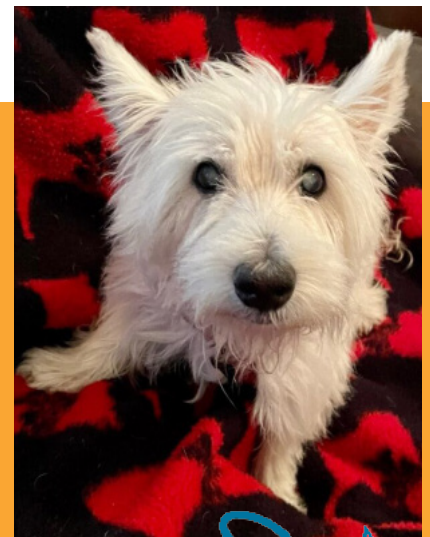
Before coming to Rescue, Molly lived in an apartment with her person. This worked well because she is OK as an only dog. Morning and evening walks were fine with her. When her person began working from home, Molly got more walks during the day.

However, her person noticed Molly was having incontinence issues during the day and was unable to keep her bedding dry. Molly was diagnosed as diabetic and prescribed daily insulin injections and this is when her life changed. Her person had to return to the office and found Molly's medication schedule was hard to follow with her work schedule. Molly began going to different in-home doggy day care that were given instructions on how to administer insulin. She continued to be incontinent as insulin was not being given on schedule, if at all.

Since Molly arrived at our rescue, she has had two glucose curves and her insulin dosage has been increased. She is on a consistent daily food and medication schedule which has shown great results. She is no longer wetting her bed and has more energy for her daily walks. She alerts her foster mom when needs to go out and uses a dog door.

She does have some loss of vision and is seeing a specialist to determine what treatment is appropriate. Molly likes people but does not seem to care about other dogs in her environment. She is a good companion dog.

Cathy Norris, Molly's Foster Mom
Westie and Scottie Rescue Houston



MOLLY UPDATE | AUGUST 2023

When Molly arrived at WSRH, she was incontinent due to uncontrolled diabetes and fluctuating glucose levels. She immediately moved in with an experienced foster mom who knew that she needed specific testing and maintenance to get her diabetes under control. Thanks to help from WestieMed, we were able to do testing to get her on the correct insulin dose and diet, with follow up testing to make sure her dosage stayed right. Now that Molly is on a consistent food and medication routine, she's much healthier and happier. She is now able to keep her bedding dry all night and needs to go out fewer times during the day. She has adjusted well to her food and medication schedule.

Kind regards,
Maggie Escriva, Volunteer - Westie and Scottie Rescue Houston



Westiemed has been informed that Molly passed in her sleep and will be greatly missed by everyone who had the opportunity to get to know this special little white dog.

KANDY (NOW CHLOE) | JANUARY 2023 *As shared by North Atlantic Westie Rescue*



11-year-old Kandy was ill and her family couldn't afford her vet care. Their plan was to have her euthanized because they couldn't help her. They had never spayed her or, it seems, done any meaningful medical care throughout her lifetime, so she needed a lot of vet care which would be expensive. Kandy had been a service dog to help her previous owners with their anxieties. Thankfully, their son couldn't bear to have her die without the opportunity for treatment and reached out to North Atlantic Westie Rescue (NAWR) to see if there was anything they could do. They had a volunteer pick her up at her home in New Jersey, just outside New York City. She showed all the signs of having been sick for a long time: extremely dehydrated, not eating, her rib and hip bones sticking out and loss of much of her muscle, as well.

She spent her first night in foster and by the morning, she was vomiting and unable to stand, obviously very sick. In an effort to get her to a local vet immediately, NAWR contacted Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York Rescue nearby, who they have worked with many times in New

Jersey. They carried Kandy into a specialty vet with an Emergency Clinic that they used frequently. She was examined and admitted for emergency care and observation. After doing a myriad of tests, we were informed that she was a totally unregulated diabetic, seriously dehydrated and was in critical condition. Approving her care and hospitalization, the vet went ahead and got her on IV fluids and antibiotics to try to stabilize her condition. The next hurdle was to try to regulate her diabetes, so she was started on IV insulin once she was better hydrated. She was monitored every two hours throughout the night. The second day in the hospital, she stayed on IV and was weaned onto insulin shots.

Her blood sugar which had been over 600 upon arrival was steadily coming down in the right direction. As she became fully rehydrated, she started feeling better than she must have felt for a very long time. By late that evening, Scottie Rescue was notified that she could be picked up and her insulin shots, prescription diet, and the remainder of her medications could be maintained at home. She spent a few more days with them and although weak, she was definitely recovering, getting stronger, and showing more of her bouncy Westie personality.

In early January 2023, she was transferred to North Atlantic Westie Rescue (NAWR) in Delaware and is doing very well. She's running around, beating up lots of toys, barking when her meals aren't ready fast enough, and just being a happy little Westie girl. She still looks and acts like a puppy, so we feel she still has years ahead of her to enjoy her second chance at life. Kandy's NAWR foster family renamed her Chloe because they embrace their dogs' Scottish heritage by giving all of their pups Scottish names. Chloe is an adorable and sweet, spirited, petite Westie with a big personality, and so worth it to give her another chance at life.

Erica Cerny

Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York Rescue

CHLOE UPDATE | APRIL 2023

In late April 2023, as soon as Chloe was out of her heat cycle and her vet agreed that her diabetes was stable and she was strong enough to have her spay surgery, her NAWR foster family scheduled the procedures. This sweet little girl also had a walnut sized anal gland tumor that had to be removed. Her surgeries were successful! In just one week since her surgery Chloe is back to her playful self. She loves to boss her pack mates around and tends to run the household kitchen with excited barks at mealtimes if her meal isn't prepared fast enough for her! We're very grateful to WestieMed for agreeing with us and paying for this life-saving medical care for Chloe!

With great appreciation,
Vicki Fuchs - NAWR

TILLY | MARCH 2023 *As shared by WROC*

Tilly is a small Westie mix that was found at the East Valley Animal Shelter with an upper respiratory infection. She was incredibly scared of everything around her and was always looking for an exit. She was lethargic, wouldn't eat and moaned quite a lot. We thought she may possibly be in heat cycle because of the discharge and enlarged nipples. We tried everything type of food trying to entice her appetite but she refused and just wanted to sleep. We knew something wasn't right, aside from the upper respiratory infections so we scheduled her spay appointment fourteen days out from the start of antibiotics.



Tilly had her surgery and it was discovered that her uterus was thickened and she had early pyometra which is an infection of the uterus. Infection in the lining of the uterus is established as a result of hormonal changes. Following estrus ("heat"), progesterone levels remain elevated for eight to ten and thicken the lining of the uterus in preparation for pregnancy. If pregnancy does not occur for several estrus cycles, the lining continues to increase in thickness until cysts form within it. The thickened, cystic lining secretes fluids that create an ideal environment in which bacteria can grow. Additionally, high progesterone levels inhibit the ability of the muscles in the wall of the uterus to contract.

Now that she has recovered, a completely new dog has emerged. Tilly's energy came back and she very much acts like the puppy that she is. She loves to play with the other dogs, and her people too, and has taken a new interest in toys. Now, she is the first one done eating and will steal food from the other dogs if given the chance.

This once little shy and scared girl is no more.

Thank you WestieMed for sponsoring this little girl. Because of you, she has a bright future coming!

Karen Simondet

Westie Rescue of Orange County (WROC)

ELSA | MARCH 2023 *As shared by All About Paw Rescue (St. Louis Missouri)*

Elsa was born in May 2022. She was purchased by a “breeder” from another “breeder” for the sole purpose of producing puppies. In February 2023 she was taken for a routine exam so she could be declared fit so that her owner could start breeding her. During the exam, the veterinarian diagnosed a heart murmur. Her owner now considered her useless and did not want to bother following up with a specialist. However, her owner did reach out to a group in Kansas that helps dogs get to rescue to surrender her. This group (Friends of Animals) reached out to us having worked with All About Paws in the past knowing we will always help special needs dogs. We of course said yes, bring her to us. We will absolutely help. Elsa was transported to our rescue in St. Louis, Missouri, in early March. Not knowing the exact extent of her heart issues, we immediately scheduled an appointment with a cardiologist. During that appointment, Elsa was diagnosed with PDA (Patent Ductus Arteriosus). This is a common congenital heart defect in dogs and basically means the blood is not flowing how it should through the heart. For most dogs if this is not fixed it can lead to cardiac heart failure – basically a death sentence. Elsa’s cardiologist felt surgery needed to be performed soon so this can be avoided. Elsa has been an absolute delight in her foster home and we believe she deserves the chance to live a full, happy, and healthy life in a loving home.

After her surgery, Elsa had several weeks of recovery and follow up before she was medically cleared and then we had her spayed. All About Paws is incredibly thankful to WestieMed for helping us help Elsa live her life to the fullest.

All About Paws Rescue
St. Louis, Missouri

**ELSA UPDATE | APRIL 2023**

Elsa arrived bright and early on April 17, 2023 at VSS for her rescheduled appointment with Dr. Marshall. We were notified several hours later that the surgery was a success. Elsa remained at the vet overnight for monitoring. Dr. Marshall informed All About Paws when we went to get her that Elsa was being a little naughty as she just wants to play play play. Of course, had to keep her calm and relaxed so she could heal. She returned to the vet two weeks later for suture removal.

ELSA UPDATE | MAY 2023

Elsa’s surgery and recovery were a complete success. Her surgeon gave the OK for her to have her spay surgery and the hunt for her fur-ever home began. Lots of folks were interested in Elsa and she got lots of wonderful applications. All About Paws received a fantastic application that checked all the boxes we wanted for Elsa and today she got her happily ever after. Elsa joins a family where she has two fantastic dads, Richard and Mike, and gets a Westie brother named Belin. Happy “Tails” Elsa. All About Paws sends their gratitude to WestieMed for helping us help Elsa.

PIPER | APRIL 2023



In mid-February, we were contacted by a kind Samaritan in a very rural part of Middle Tennessee. An elderly co-worker of hers (and nearby resident) had found two little dogs who were either lost or had been turned out. She found a rescue to take the other little dog, and we agreed to take in Piper after this gal exhausted all efforts to find Piper's home. She kept her for several weeks, bathing her almost daily to try to get her clean and cared for; this while working full-time, taking care of a toddler and another young child and her own animals!

Piper was in a TERRIBLE mess, but the sweet gal had given her yet another bath the morning before she brought her to us at the vet clinic. She came to us with a severe ear infection ... for starters. One ear has so badly affected that the ear could no longer stand up. The infection in both ears was so bad that the vet opted to just clean them as thoroughly as she could without hurting her further, then thoroughly clean while she was under sedation for another severe issue ... her mouth,

gums and teeth. We lucked out as she only had to have four teeth pulled, and her mouth must have felt so much better after the dental surgery!

The ears continued to improve slowly, but little Piper was soon diagnosed with an even worse situation ... a severe bladder infection that didn't seem to resolve with numerous trips to the vet and various antibiotics. She was also producing blood in her urine. We were afraid of what might be going on with this precious girl! The vet wanted to send in and grow a culture to see if Piper was resistant to a certain (or numerous) antibiotics. While we were waiting for the culture results to come back, we agreed to have the vet run an ultrasound and radiographs to rule out any masses or other problems. At this point, it was determined she had a number of EXTREMELY large bladder stones. This poor girl had been through the ringer with obviously NO CARE from the previous owner then just turned out to fend for herself. There was no idea how long she had these stones and if they had done permanent damage to the bladder wall, so time was of the essence to get her scheduled for surgery right away. She was obviously in pain and felt the need to urinate constantly. We also were not able to identify a spay scar, but the decision was made that if she still had a uterus when the Cystotomy surgery was performed, that the vet would spay her at the same time (which ended up being the case).

The surgery went very well, and the vet communicated with us several times throughout the day with updates. EIGHT stones were removed (of which FIVE were very large) from this petite Westie girl, which were taking up 90% of her little bladder!!! Thankfully, the bladder wall did not appear "angry," and we were SO thankful for that. The other good news was that her ears were doing better on the antibiotic pack treatments.

PIPER (cont'd)

Piper stayed in ICU care overnight, with fluids and pain meds. She started urinating properly almost immediately and got to return to her foster home the next day. This has been the most precious little angel of a dog. Even with all of the horrible things wrong with her and all of the severe pain she has endured for God knows how long, she has been the sweetest girl and as compliant as can be! The vet staff were all instantly smitten with her!

She promptly went home with her new prescription urinary health food and ate dinner like a champ, followed by a really good potty break! She is being well-loved by one of our former adopters and her other rescue Westie pup, Avery. We were just alerted officially yesterday that Piper has found her furever home with her foster mom, Elizabeth. We couldn't be MORE thrilled as she will have a nice quiet home with a lovely Terrier-enriched backyard with a mom and sister home with her most all the time.

We really don't have any idea how old this little gal is, but the vet seems to think between seven and eight years old.

We cannot express our gratitude to WestieMed enough for helping us with funding the final large





MAXI | APRIL 2023 *As shared by Westie Rescue Hungary*

Around her second birthday Maxi lady escaped from her home. We don't know the reason, but after meeting her we realized that maybe this happened for the better. Unfortunately, she was hit by a car and found on the street by dog loving kind people. They rushed to a veterinarian clinic with the bleeding, shaking dog who was in a shock from her injuries. They found out that she has a microchip and her owners were called to tell them what happened. Due to the fact that Maxi was in a horrible shape and her treatment would have cost a lot of money, they decided to give up on her.

This was the point when Westie Rescue Hungary came in to the story. We were informed by another organization about Maxi and we were requested to help her. She was already hospitalized and had good care and treatment, but her condition was still unstable. She needed more examinations which were not possible to make there, so we took her to Budapest, to the Veterinarian University where they have more expertise for such cases. MRI, CT, several other tests were done – Maxi had fractures on the skull and in her jaw, a huge hematoma and she was not able to see at all at that stage. She was in a lot of pain constantly.

She was hospitalized for a week, at the time we did not know if she would survive at all, recover, regain her vision or she would remain disabled in any way. We only had hope and faith that she was strong enough to stay with us. We had to be very patient. And I can tell now, that Maxi made it. Day by day, week by week she got better and better. We need to wait a little bit more and then we can find her a forever home where she will be happier and will never think of running away again.

Westie Rescue Hungary





HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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!

1 MAKE A DONATION

- Mail a check or money order donation to:
WestieMed, Inc.
13 Spire View Road
Ridgefield, CT 06877
- 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.

2 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.
- Help spread the word about WestieMed

3 MAKE A PURCHASE

- Obtain “ever-burning” online [Tribute and Memorial Virtual Candle](#) from the [Paws and Remember](#) program on the WestieMed website
- Shop with WestieMed’s Affiliate Companies and a donation will be made to help us help rescued Westies.
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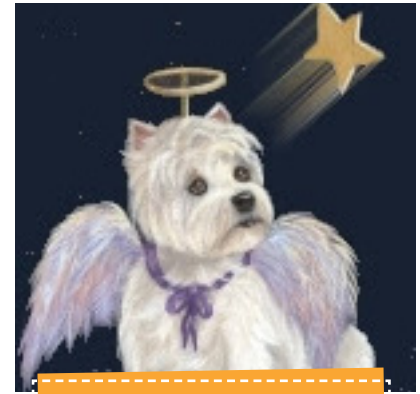
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The Paws and Remember Program

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 heart.

- 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.



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Our Mission

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