



Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas & Happy Holiday Season
from all of us at Westies in Need!

We wanted to let you all know what we have been doing this year. This newsletter comes to you at a very busy time for us! We have rescued more than 30 Westies over the last year, and unfortunately more and more keep coming to in.

Please take a look below to see some of their success stories and to see just how your generous donations have made such a difference to those sweet Westies in need.

We have also had some wonderful things happen for our rescue as well. We have 2 VERY successful Westies walks that, thanks to all of you, brought in some much needed funds.

Sunday, June 7th, 2009 brought 33 Westies and their fun lovin' owners together to make new acquaintances, play some Westie games and take home some wonderful prizes at our 2nd annual Ottawa Westie Fun Day.

Then in September we had our Toronto Westie Walk and Fun Day, which saw 213 Westies, and their families show their amazing support! We added a fabulous photo contest to our event and had so many entries, it was great! We are very happy to announce that the Toronto Westie Walk is now the largest Westie event in North America, and it is all because of folks like you!

Westies in Need (WiN) has also gotten involved with some community events over the past year as well.

WiN attended the Morrisburg's Dog Rescue Day on Saturday, September 26th in the Ottawa area. The main purpose of this event was to heighten public awareness on what wonderful pets' rescues can be.

We have also joined an umbrella rescue group in the Toronto area called Helping Homeless Pets. This group organizes events that rescues can get involved with and each participating rescue gets a percentage of the day's profits. We attended the Royal Winter Fair this year in the Helping Homeless Pets booth and gave out lots of great info about the joy of owning a Westie in Need!!!

The next commitment that *Westies in Need* has on its calendar for 2010 is at the Adopt a Pet-Athon that is being held in February in Toronto. It is an indoor show that the public is invited to and it is full of vendors and rescue groups who will talk to them about pet rescue and the importance of spaying and neutering their pet.

We will have a booth at the event and in addition to the day, we have booked the 12,000 ft play area for a one hour play date for all Westies. Last year we had 94 Westies come to a winter play day-we are hoping for more this year. We will send you all an e-mail with the details in the next few weeks!

The other commitment we have is at the All About Pets Show at the International Center in Toronto on the Easter weekend. We have gotten a booth at the 2 day event and will have our banner flying and we will be there sharing lots of Westie information with the public.

Our website continues to be a great resource for us, and in September we added [Memorial pages](#) to our *WiN* website. For a donation of \$25.00 to *Westies in Need*, we will make a forever web page dedicated to a Westie who has gone on to Rainbow Bridge.

Well, I think that is it...a busy but rewarding year!

Below you will find just a few stories of the rescues you have helped over the past year with your donations.

If you would like to see all of the stories, please go to our [Westies in Need](#) website and you will see all the sweet little white dogs that are now in forever and loving homes because of the help from folks like you!

With love and thanks to you all,

Corrie and her little Westie, Charlotte



SOME OF OUR RESCUES IN 2009:

LILLY

Lilly is a sad, sad story. We are sorry to post her picture here as we know how she looks, but we just thought our wonderful *Westies in Need* families would like to know why we do what we do...well Lilly is the reason.

She was surrendered to us by a lady in Sudbury, Ontario who could not financially or emotionally care for her any longer. As you can see she is our worst case of Malassezia we have ever had and she is in pretty rough shape.

Our thanks goes out to Elaine and Ron (the same lovely family who adopted our little blind girl Tara) for leaving their home at 7:30 am and driving 4½ hours north to Sudbury to pick her up and then turning around and driving right back!

Lilly was one year old on the 28th of November and has lived like this for most of her short life.

She is now living at my home for a VERY long foster period. I will give you updates about her over the next few days, weeks and months...but right now we are only taking things one day at a time as she is a pretty sick little girl!

Her care will be long and expensive, but she is worth it. If you think you could make a donation to directly support our Lilly we would sure appreciate it... (every penny would help!)

You can mail a donation to: *Westies in Need*, 1392, 8th Line, RR#4, Tottenham, ONT, L0G 1W0 or just go to [our website](#) and you can make a Pay Pal donation for our Lilly.





HUNTER

Hunter was a 3 month old puppy, purchased by a lady in Toronto who lives in a condo and then found that condo living and a puppy were not a good match for her, so after only 4 days had to surrender him to *Westies in Need*.

He is sweet and loving and full of beans...just the way a Westie puppy should be!

Hunter was adopted out to a wonderful family who have an 11 year old Westie as well.



MANDY

Mandy is a 10 year old lady who through no fault of her own has been homeless twice - once when her first family moved and now again when her 92 year old Mom passed away and Mandy was left all alone in the house till someone went in and got her!

Mandy was adopted out to a family in the Ottawa area who just love her to pieces!



BELLA

Bella is a wonderful Westie who is one of the lucky ones to get out of a puppy mill. She previously lived all of her short 3½ years of life in a cage but is now enjoying her life to the fullest.

This lovely girl came to us along with Faith (see next page).

I took this picture of our Bella as we were waiting in the car just outside the Vet's office before she was spayed and had her dental work done. Look at that face...she is a gorgeous girl! Our love and thanks to Brad and Denise for adopting our Bella!



FAITH

Faith is the perfect name for our little puppy mill survivor! Her Mum describes her as the "biggest love sponge" she has ever known.

This small, 3 year old girl arrived along with her Westie sisters with black tar embedded in her fur and a raging ear infection and badly inflamed gums. Our sweet Faith has now been vetted, spayed and had her teeth all cleaned.

Faith has found a new home...she will be the loving and forever Westie to Tracy!!!



BRINKLEY

Brinkley is a young female from Quebec who was surrendered by a lady who did not want her any longer.

Brinkley's paw pads were not in good shape; they were cracked and splayed, as if she had spent many hours standing on a harsh wire cage.

The bad news is our Brinkley is going to have puppies! The ultrasound at our Vet confirmed that there are 6 Westies coming into the world shortly.

We do NOT want to celebrate having these puppies, but since we can not turn back time, we must make the best of it.

She is beyond cute and sweet and hopefully it will be an easy time for her... then after the puppies are all adopted out on VERY strict spay and neuter contracts, she will be off to the Vet herself for her spay!

Another big thank you goes out to Wendy Falls who has volunteered to keep Brinkley for us and help her birth her babies!

We are Rescue

*Until you have held a tiny puppy in your arms as it kissed your face
with slobbery puppy breath and felt their love,*

*Until you have held an injured or severely ill dog in your arms and felt their pain,
Until you have looked into the eyes of a tired, aging, senior dog and felt their wisdom,
You will never understand the life of a rescuer.*

*We find beauty in the most incomprehensible places and the otherwise homely faces.
It is our gift to see beyond the dirt, terror, sadness and defeat and find the true soul that lies within.*

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