



# Westie Rescue

## 2021 Year In Review Report



Assisting West Highland White Terriers To Regain Health And Find Loving Homes Since 1991

As we all begin 2022, **Westie Rescue** would like to wish you and yours a wonderful New Year and share with you a few of our 2021 accomplishments which would not have been possible without the generous support of caring friends such as you.

The volunteers of **Westie Rescue MidAtlantic** in VA as well as (eastern) PA, (southern) NJ, DE, MD, WV, DC, NC, and SC assisted **51 West Highland White Terriers (Westies)** in need. We want you to know that your donations made incredible improvements happen in these Westies' lives.

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact Westie owners ability to care for their dogs. Some Westie owners died or had to move into assisted living thus requiring their best buddies to seek new homes and lives. Some people moved to find jobs and could not take their Westie with them. Some people's Westies had medical issues their owners did not know how to treat or where to go to get treatment. Some owners had a Westie with attitude issues from being the *prince or princess* of their household.



*Behavior Training  
Who? Me?*

When owners needed help finding appropriate medical treatment or seeking behavior training so they could keep their Westies, we freely offered our knowledge of medical and training resources and approaches which have worked for Westies coming through our program. If the owners still felt they were unable to keep their dogs, **Westie Rescue** stepped in to find the little tail wagers new homes.

Although we were present at several events, Covid still hampered our efforts to promote adoption by letting people see real, live Westies.

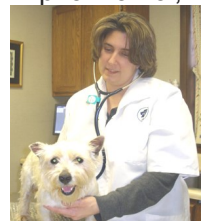


*Alexandria Virginia Scottish Christmas Parade*

Luckily, people could still go to [www.WestieRescue.com](http://www.WestieRescue.com) to read about the breed, resolve behavior and health issues, and submit adoption applications. In addition, the site's **Westie Rescue USA** section helped Westies in need, potential adopters, and rescue volunteers *all over the USA* to connect with each other.

So, what does **Westie Rescue** do with the dogs they take in? Volunteers up and down the East Coast pick up Westies from shelters, owners, and other locations; transport them to Veterinarians for checkups; and then take them into their own homes for behavior and socialization evaluation as well as some good ole loving. In the meantime, we look at the adoption applications on file to find the best match for each dog.

The majority of Westies we receive are happy friendly little guys and girls who just need a quick trip to the Vet, where they receive health checks, are spayed or neutered, and have updates of their preventative shots before going to their new homes. Some Westies, however, require extensive veterinary care to identify and resolve complex issues. Although veterinary costs have skyrocketed, all of these things need to happen so the Westie can be on the right path to a wonderful new life.



*Greater Annapolis  
Veterinary Hospital*

Such was the case with six year old **Nipsey**. After being dropped off at a shelter due to extensive and dangerous ear infection and hair loss which his owners could not afford to treat, he was picked up by **Westie Rescue** and rushed to our veterinary hospital in Annapolis, Maryland ([www.GAVH.com](http://www.GAVH.com)).



*Infected Ear*

When Nipsey first came in his ears were swollen shut and were oozing infection. He was showing signs of constant pain. To make matters worse, the poor little guy had a raging skin infections causing hair loss. Through the services of our Vets, the infections are now under control, his hearing has returned, his skin has started to heal, and fur is popping out everywhere. Nipsey is one lucky dog because everyone involved thought he would lose his hearing permanently.

There is even more good news for Nipsey. His foster mom has adopted him and named him **Dudley** ("Nipsey" gave people the wrong impression about his sweet nature). His biggest challenge now is sparring over toys with his Scottie sister.



*Nipsey (aka Dudley)*

# Westie Rescue 2021 Alumni

Westies rescued, rehabilitated, and re-homed included: Annie, Bailey, Barkley, Brody, Carley, Dewey, Duncan, Finley, Gordie, Holly, Josie, Kalie, Lola, Marsh, Mistletoe, Mojita, Dudley (Nipsey), North, Pinky, Piper, Rocco, Salty, Samuel, Savannah, Scarlett, Sophie, Stella, Toby, Winston, and Sir Winston Churchill.



## 2021 Westie Rescue Program Statistics

- 51 Dogs Rescued and Rehomed in the MidAtlantic Region**
- 30 Dogs Rescued and Rehomed in Florida** - plus four permanent foster dogs
- 83 Dogs Rescued in other regions of the USA** with our assistance
- 265 Calls and Email Responses** to requests from owners for help with Westie issues
- 3 Public Events** where we joined with Westie owners to show potential adopters how wonderful Westies can be
- \$50,000 in Vet bills incurred were paid off by your donations**  
(including checkups, spay/neuter surgeries, updating shots, and providing specialized care)
- 95% of every dollar spent went to paying veterinary medical bills**  
The other 5% paid for leashes and collars; shirts for the Westies with fur loss; software updates; and website hosting, PO Box, and postage expenses.

We want each Westie to get a Second Chance at being medically fit (or at least having issues identified and treatments started) and at living in a loving and safe home. It sure helps your self-confidence, if you sport a new collar and leash!

From all of the volunteers at **Westie Rescue**, we wish you the best in 2022.

Yours,

*Stephen*

Stephen Di Giulian  
President  
Westie Rescue MidAtlantic

P.S. Your generous gift of \$50 or more will go a long way to provide medical care for Westies while they wait for their forever homes. **Please go to WestieRescue.com to make a secure donation online.**