

# Wisconsin Westie Rescue, Inc.

## CHANGING LIVES ONE WESTIE AT A TIME

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### Grateful for WWR Volunteers

As I write this article, we are less than a week away from Thanksgiving and the start of the winter holidays. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because of a couple of things. First is the food! What isn't there to like about remaking family culinary favorites and taking the time to get together with family and friends and share a slice of pumpkin pie? Secondly, but probably more importantly is the idea behind the idea of being thankful. To take the time to be aware of all the things that makes our lives worthwhile.

For each of us the list is a bit different but well worth taking the time each year to compile and contemplate. I know my personal list includes being grateful for the volunteers in WWR and how we all work together often times under very uncertain circumstances but all with one goal of making a difference in the life of a dog. One such circumstance happened just a little over a week ago when WWR took in a little guy named 'Angus'. Take a moment and read his rescue story and how volunteers in rescue came together to help this one dog and get him the help he badly needed. Angus' story illustrates what we do in rescue 'behind the scenes' and why my list of personal blessings include volunteers in WWR who take time to make a difference in the life of a dog in need.

### Harriet the Brave Hearted

*By Kimberly Shukosky*

I think the best way to describe Harriet on first glance is pink. After we met her, everything we bought her was pink, people who have only seen pictures of her send pink presents. She is tiny,

seemingly dainty, and as sweet as can be. She is the kind of dog that when people meet her they instantly ask "Can I hold her?" But that is only Harriet's outward appearance. Inside she has the courage and determination of a warrior.



While she was still in Barb Streubel's care her first surgery was to have nine teeth removed. Barb said she had other dogs that had teeth removed (and not as many as Harriet) and they moped around like the world had ended. Not Harriet. She acted as if nothing had happened, immediately going back to her regular, dry dog food. Then 2 weeks later she was spayed and had a hernia fixed. The surgery was so intense that they had to give her two IVs to get through the procedure and to the vet's shock, when Harriet woke up she got up and walked around a bit. The vet said she had never seen that before. Since Harriet has been home she has had to go through the adjustments that all mill dogs have to go through. Learning how to use doors and how not to be scared of them, learning that her food won't be taken away, and the biggest one is learning to trust people. Every time Harriet is up against a new challenge she quite literally takes a deep breath, squares her shoulders and plows on. She may pee from fright and take a couple steps back but she never, ever stops. My husband and I spend a lot of time watching out the back window at what we call "outside Harriet" or sometimes just "some day". She is a completely different dog outside. She flies around the yard at top speed on her own or

shadowing her brother. She even tried to catch a rabbit the other day.



She's made huge strides inside as well and is not afraid to ask (smack you with her paw) for attention or a little cuddling and is leaving her safe corner more and more often. She is even starting to initiate playing with Tyson (our 4 year old rescue who was fostered with the Tyson's) even though he is about 2 1/2 times her size. Harriet is the perfect counterpart to Tyson's carefree, often tornado-like, personality and a wonderful addition to our family.

Max

By Tammy Sindberg



We just wanted to send you all a note and let you know that Max is a great addition to our family. Max is pictured on the left and Hailey is on the right. He has brought the best out of our Hailey. She is playing with Max like she did when she was younger. Hailey was even upset when I took Max to get his haircut this morning she was crying for him when we went in to the groomer. Robert and Ben are ecstatic with Max too! They are so happy that he plays with them. They have been chasing toys with him and playing in the yard. He is such a good boy and is so very sweet. He enjoys hanging out on our laps and likes his belly rubbed.

I want to thank all of you at Wisconsin Westie Rescue for such a pleasant experience in adopting our Maxy boy. Our first experience with adoption

was a great one. We will for sure adopt again and give a loving dog a chance for a better life!

### Scarlett and Ernie Report: Westies Volunteer for WWR

*Editor's note. Volunteers in the Madison, Appleton and Green Bay area have been busy selling coupon books to benefit WWR at the Boston Store in Madison and Yonkers Stores in Appleton and Green Bay. Here are reports from two of our four-footed volunteers in Madison, Scarlett and Ernie, with a little help from their 2-foot companions Renee and Doug, and a photo of Dexter in Green Bay giving kisses to his admirers while mom Stephanie sold the booklets!*

Hi Everyone! My name is Scarlett and I'm a two year old Westie that was just rescued a couple months ago. Traveling from home-to-home over a few days was tough. I did tell you I am a Westie, right? Well then, you know our breed is tough and resilient, so I made it through just fine.

The family that adopted me suggested I needed to go to work. At first I was confused, you know that head tilt to the right then the left look. They told me I could meet some new friends and help other Westies. Wait, you mean what happened to me happens to others? I'm so in. We, Westies, never met a challenge we couldn't conquer.

So last Friday morning, my Mom got me all pretty. I love it when she brushes my coat. It makes all those people "ooh and aah" over me. Then, we went for a little car ride to this real big building where we met my long lost cousins Ernie and Laci. It was awesome to get reacquainted.

Once the three of us were finished introducing ourselves, my Mom told me it was time to get to work. She told me, I was supposed to look pretty and to get everyone's attention. I thought to myself, this is work? The way my Mom and Dad talked about work I thought it was tough! This was going to be an easy day!



Ernie, Betsy, Molly and Scarlett taking a much-needed break!

So the three of us went to work. While we were doing exactly as we were told, our Mom's and Dad's kept talking to the grown-ups. Many times I heard them say thank you, and they exchanged something called coupon books for money. I don't know what that was about, but kept hearing we were doing a great job and we got carrot slices!

The more praise we got, the harder we work, because that is what Westies want more than anything. So we kept working and people kept coming. We met so many people; young, old, men and women. All told us how pretty we were. They even gave us lots of loving and one spoke to me in a foreign language (When I got home I googled coo-chi-coo-chi-coo and learned that is a good thing

Mom said we earned \$245 in 3 1/2 hours of work. I don't know what that means but it sounds like a lot of money to help other Westies. I can't wait to go back. My Mom told me that we will have the opportunity to work on Oct. 28, Nov. 4 & 5, Nov. 9 & 10 and possibly (TBD if we have "top" sales) Friday, Nov. 11 and/or Saturday Nov. 12. I can't wait! I hope I get to see my cousins Ernie and Laci again.

**"THE ERNIE REPORT "** JUST GOT THE NEWS HOW GOOD WE DID AT THE BOSTON STORE PROMO. I CAN NOT WAIT TILL THIS FRIDAY AND WORK MY MAGIC AGAIN. MY MANAGER (DOUG) HAS A LITTLE TROUBLE GETTING THE PITCH DOWN SO I COME IN AND CLOSE THE SALE. NOT BAD WORK AND I GET A CHARLIE BEAR AND SOMETIMES A CARROT FROM SCARLET AFTER THE SALES. AND YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE IT I GET A DRINK WHEN EVER I WANT. LACI AND I HAVE MADE UP AND WE PLAN ON DOING OUR BEST ON FRIDAY THE 28TH. I WORE MY BADGER JERSEY LAST WEEK I HOPE THAT DOES NOT JINKS THE GAME. MY MANAGER DOUG GOT ME A NEW SWEATER WITH A BIG W ON THE BACK SO I AM GOING TO WEAR IT THIS FRIDAY. AND LACI MANAGER LANA SAID SHE WAS GOING TO BRING MORE FLYERS ALONG FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE AND UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT WHO US "BIG DOGS" ARE ALL ABOUT. MY TEAM IS READY AND WE COULD USE SOME EXTRA HELP. LET'S BREAK LAST WEEK'S RECORD AND GO FOR THE GOAL. THIS IS ERNIE (WILSON) QUARTER BACK SAYING SEE YOU PLAYERS ON FRIDAY. GO BADGERS!!!!!!

**Scarlett's Boston Store Grand Total Update!**

WooHoo -- We sold a GRAND TOTAL of \$1,400! The Boston Store's Spring Community Day Sale is April 27 & 28, 2012 so mark your calendars! Volunteers

(and buyers) are needed to help sell coupon booklets!



Kisses courtesy of Dexter!

### **FOSTER NEWS**

We are sorry to lose Lana Olson as our WWR adoption coordinator. Until we find a new victim, err, volunteer for this job, Cheryl and Carol Cutsforth, with some help from yours truly, will divide adoption duties. Please direct adoption inquiries to [aroooo@charter.net](mailto:aroooo@charter.net) for now and we will get your questions answered.

We are very pleased that Lana will continue writing our grants, coordinating events like Badger Kennel Club and heading up the calendar project (to order your copy of the 2012 edition please see page 5. Now she will also get to enjoy a few free hours a month to travel with her husband Tom and have a little life outside of rescue. Thank you Lana for your year long service to WWR as adoption coordinator! Many new rescue relationships were formed and westie lives changed for the better thanks to Lana!

### **Looking for a Forever Home**

#### **Millie NEW**

Millie is another owner turn in and is approx 5 years of age. New to rescue, we will have more information on her soon. Please email us at [aroooo@charter.net](mailto:aroooo@charter.net) or check our web site for updates on this little lady. Millie is fostered in the La Crosse area.

#### **Mulligan NEW**

Mulligan is a spry 11 year old senior female westie and an owner turn in due to ill health. Mulligan or 'Mullie', does NOT like being picked up and will give you a low growl. Her foster mom is working with her on this and it is improving, but non-terrier folks may find this sound a bit threatening at first. Mullie does not snap but does let you know she is NOT happy. More information and a photo of her will be coming soon to our web site, or you can email us at [aroooo@charter.net](mailto:aroooo@charter.net) for more information on Mullie. Mullie is fostered in Milwaukee.

**Kara (pending)**



Kara is a shy 8 year old westie female looking for a home with a big doggie brother or sister to share adventures with. Kara came to us when her owner became too ill to care for her and she really wants a forever home to love her and cherish her as she will love and cherish them. Kara is fostered in Madsion.

**Bella Trix**



Bella Trix is a young terrier mix that came to us from a shelter in Illinois. Her first owner left the country to join a spouse serving in the military. As with many shelters, overcrowding brings her to us and we are looking for a home with no other dogs and an owner willing to give this little Queen Bee plenty of attention and exercise! She does play fetch all by herself by climbing up to the back of a chair, tennis ball in mouth, and dropping it off the back and jumping down to retrieve it! Bella Trix is house trained and loves her people very much. Bella Trix is fostered in the Eau Claire/Altoona area.

**Bobby (pending)**



Bobby is an 8 year old owner turn in to rescue with the most darling disposition and zest for life. Bobby

needs to work a bit on learning how to be a good walker on a leash and also to let you know when he needs to potty outside, but he is a fast learner and like Bella Trix, LOVES to play fetch! Bobby is fostered in Eau Claire.

**Angus**



Angus is a young westie male approx 2 years of age coming to us from MADACC. Angus, hit by a car, and forced to wait a week for a stray hold to expire before he could get help for a broken leg. By the time we could pick him up, too much time has passed for the leg to be fixed without being done surgically so \$2300 later, Angus is doing well and getting rehabilitation with his foster mom. Please see Angus' rescue story on page 6. If interested in adopting Angus, please check with us for when he will be ready to go to his forever home. Angus is fostered in the Milwaukee area.

**Jezebelle (pending)**



Jezebella or 'Jez' as she likes to be called is a 5 year old westie girl with spunk and love for everyone she meets! Jez is an owner turn in as she loved to go for 'unauthorized walks' and got into some trouble for doing so. Jez requires a visible fence and maybe an obedience class or two! She has an adoption application pending so please email us before sending in an application to adopt this little lady to check on her availability. Jez is fostered in Mauston.

## ***Forever Homes Found!***

Ernie is now first mate to Doug and loves spending warm days on the boat and palling around with doggie friends and getting treats at the mall (see his report from the Boston Store)! On cooler fall days you will find Ernie cheering on the WI Badger football team! Thanks to Kris and Tom Thomessen and their westie Wilson for fostering Ernie.

Baxter is pleased to announce his life-long commitment to be a loving doggie companion for Pearl of Waukegan IL. Julie and Tom Risen fostered Baxter.

Milo joins his westie brothers in running mom's doggie daycare business. This 10 month old boy knows a great deal when he finds it! Congratulations to Joan and Ed on their new family addition and thanks to Renee Overland and Mike Morris for their talents at fostering Milo!

Harley is our first Upper Michigan adoption! Harley joins Judy and Joseph in Bessemer MI. Michelle and London Robinson fostered Harley and gave her a wonderful new lease on life.

Mac, another of our super seniors this year joins Gary in Stillwater MN where Mac has a new job rescuing horses! Quite a change for this former city slicker! Carol & Cheryl Cutsforth fostered Mac.

Scarlett was a challenge needing to find a foster home willing to take on her special raw diet to control her allergies. What she found was her perfect foster home was also to be her forever home! Best wishes to Scarlett, Renee and Mike!

Tasha is looking forward to spending the cold months down south with Glen and Jeanne and warmer months in lovely Egg Harbor WI. Barb and Steve Streubel fostered Tasha.

Cody has a westie brother named 'Scottie' and a new family life with Jane and Russell in Argyle WI. CindyLou and Doug Seefeld fostered Cody.

Black Max joins his westie sister Hailey and human kids Robert and Ben in New Berlin WI. Best wishes to Tamara, Cary and family for your newest westie addition. See Max's story page 2.

Buddy (Blue) also found his special forever home shortly after his brother Black Max did and now is settling in nicely with Terry and Jan in Oregon WI. We owe a huge thank you to Greg and Susan

VerPlank for taking on fostering of Max and his littermate Buddy. Fostering TWO westie puppies at a time is not for the faint-of-heart.

## **Our 2012 WWR Calendar**

By Lana Olson

With news recently about corporate greed related to Occupy Wall Street Movement, WWR recently has had a very different experience. Anticipating going to print for our WWR 2012 calendar in June, we initially checked with Rick Sanders at Park Printing Solutions, from Verona, Wisconsin, who did such a great job printing our 2011 WWR calendar. They provided a price quote that appeared to be very reasonable. Due to some unfortunate situations, we had a delay in getting the calendar to print this year. In September we contacted Park Printing Solutions to verify that their June print quote was still valid and we were told that they had refocused their business vision and would not be able to print our 2012 calendar.

WWR volunteers started checking with various print companies around Wisconsin for quotes for printing our WWR 2012 calendar. We found that other printing houses were quoting prices \$637 to \$1340 MORE for printing our calendar than what Park Printing Solutions had quoted us in June. Since the WWR calendar is one of our larger WWR fundraisers and with the high print quotes, we realized that we would have to price the calendars considerably higher than last year to make any type of profit for our fundraiser.

As a last ditch effort, we again contacted Rick Sanders at Park Printing Solutions and explained to Rick about our dilemma with the printing costs for the WWR 2012 calendar. We made an appeal to Rick to reconsider printing our 2012 calendar. After hearing how high our price quotes were, Rick Sanders and Park Printing Solutions didn't want to have WWR lose the opportunity to make a profit for our fundraiser. Park Printing Solutions agreed to again print our WWR calendar even though their business focus had changed to printing larger corporate orders. They also agreed to print our 2012 calendar at the price they had initially quoted in June which was \$1340 LESS than a major printing company located in Madison had quoted WWR for printing our calendar. Park Printing Solutions is definitely a company that cares about its customers. So, when you hear or read the news about greedy corporate America, stop and think, not all corporations are greedy. Park Printing Solutions still cares about providing great service,

great product and great corporate partnerships and was willing to go the extra mile for WWR! The 2012 WWR calendars are now available for order. Prices for the calendars are \$16 each. Shipping is a one time charge of \$4.00 per order for all calendars being mailed to one address. If you would like to order WWR 2012 calendar(s), please send your check payable to Wisconsin Westie Rescue with your name and address and number of calendars you wish to order to: Lana Olson, 15213 W. Union Dane County Line Rd., Brooklyn, WI 53521-9301. The WWR calendars are a great holiday gift for friends, neighbors and relatives.

### Angus: A Special Rescue

Our web site email address which come to me to answer gets several different types of inquires including adoption inquiries and surrender inquiries. Intake inquiries are always the hardest and often come with a sad story about a dog needing to be re-homed. Recently an email came to me with a cryptic statement: 'I suppose you've got this one', and a link to a dog at MADACC, an animal control facility in Milwaukee County. I checked the link and there was an adorable little face and a brief description of a young male westie being held at their impound facility. We do have volunteers notified when a westie is at MADACC, but often if the dog is not reclaimed by its owner and is young and healthy, the dog is not available to us after the stray hold expires which we assumed would be the case with this fellow. Young, pure-bred dogs are often snapped up fast. Within a half a day things changed dramatically when Angus' whole story came out: he had been hit by a car, picked up by animal control and was having to wait out a 7 day stray hold with a broken leg. Unless the owner claimed him, this little guy needed help and fast! Cheryl Cutsforth, our volunteer coordinator spent almost all day coordinating events from the shelter to the vet to a foster home. Compounding the problem was there were TWO westies at MADACC so which one needed help? One? Both? Finally, after numerous phone calls, emails and prayers to the goddess of small animals, a plan was in motion, but not without bumps in the road.

Pam Simpson, a WWR volunteer who was aware of Angus' story offered to be at MADACC right away to pick him up and get him to her vet. Greg Ver Plank, our treasurer called and made arrangements to pay Angus' vet bill. Pam picked up Angus, drove him to her vet only to learn that the leg had been broken too long and Angus would need to go to a different vet clinic and have it surgically repaired.

Pam then drove Angus to MECA where he was admitted and had surgery to repair the broken leg with an estimate of cost to rescue of \$2500.

Angus' foster home needed to be close so once he was released from the vet clinic he should not have travel far but open homes are scarce and Angus would need one near Milwaukee. The only option was a new foster home but as fate would have it, an emergency in the family meant Angus could not go there after discharge. Susan Jacoby had offered to foster Angus for the weekend but the weekend became a longer-term deal and Susan graciously took on Angus' special post-op care.



Appeals for donations for his vet bill went out on our web site, our Facebook page and by Renee and Lana at the coupon booklet sale day in Madison. Previous supporters of WWR stepped up as well as strangers from Ohio, Iowa and beyond. People responded generously and became an Angus Angel.

Angus' rescue story will have a happy ending but the story in this story is about the volunteers and supporters of WWR who took the time to help a little dog they knew nothing more about that a picture with the pleading eyes. His story illustrates the need for volunteers to make a little room in their busy lives for a dog in need and as I have always said, WWR has the best volunteers in the world! Angus' story truly is an example of volunteers living our motto of making a difference one westie at a time. Thank you to all of Angus' and WWR special angels!

### Upcoming Events

#### *Holiday Silent Online Auction*

Holiday shopping opportunities await you with our 2011 WWR silent auction! Just like our previous online auctions, our offerings are just for YOU! Starting the end of Nov. we will feature 2 weekly auctions of 16-18 items including this fabulous one-

of-a-kind Westie twin size quilt/throw donated by Lori Lane.



Other items include an autographed sweatshirt by Heisman trophy winner Ron Dayne donated by Loren Frank and Brewster, unique jewelry items, sports-themed items, American Girl products and MORE! Auction bidding in our online auction is limited to our WWR mailing list that expresses interest in participating in this auction. For a list of items auctioned, or to be added to the bidder list, please email us at [aroooo@charter.net](mailto:aroooo@charter.net).

### Odds and Ends

#### *October Cookie Month!*

Once again October was cookie month with Barb Streubel busy baking and selling her famous chocolate chip cookies at her work place. Barb donated all ingredients, her time and her talents and netted over \$500 for WWR! Thank you Barb!

#### *K-9 Agility Concession Stand Results*

Greg and Susan VerPlank and thier talented and friendly crew of bakers, cooks and food servers took on running of our WWR concession stand this past Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Menomonee Falls.. Final total of the receipts brought \$1,100 to rescue! Thank you all who participated in this event!

#### *WWR Holiday Bazaars*

WWR held its first of two Holiday Bazaars on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at the Grooming Hut in Eau Claire. This one-day event raised just over \$950! A HUGE thank you goes to Maren Books and Jan Doud for again allowing up to co-opt their grooming business for this event!

Our even BIGGER two-day bazaar was held at the historic Schlegelmilch House in downtown Eau Claire this past weekend and although we are still totally up the final take, but we appear to have exceeded \$2600! Thanks to EVERYONE who donated items, including many handcrafted one-of-a-kind goodies shoppers loved! Many shoppers told us how unique and special our craft items were and that they plan to make us their bazaar destination!

### *Forever Stamps for Westies*

Yikes! Postage is going up again! When you do your holiday mailing, think of WWR and a gift of stamps! Mail your gift of Forever stamps to us at:

WWR News  
1332 Armstrong PL  
Eau Claire WI 54701

Thanks to Jerry and Connie Wolfgram and Laura Bergdoll, the cost of mailing this edition of the WWR newsletter is covered! We would like to dedicate this issue to Westies Katy and Scooter-Rose Wolfgram and Scrapy Bergdoll!

### *2012 WWR Calendars are HERE!*

The WWR 2012 benefit calendar is a beautiful full-size color calendar certain to please any dog lover on your gift list! Prices for the calendars are \$16 each. Shipping is a one-time charge of \$4.00 per order for all calendars mailed to one address. To order WWR 2012 calendar(s), please send your check payable to Wisconsin Westie Rescue with your name and address and number of calendars ordered to: Lana Olson

WWR 2012 Benefit Calendar  
15213 W. Union Dane County Line Rd,  
Brooklyn WI 53521-9301

This year's calendar employs both full-page photos and collages to maximize the number of dogs featured. Over 50 different dogs are in this year's edition. We think you will be pleased with the results! For questions, please contact Lana at [lanolson@wildblue.net](mailto:lanolson@wildblue.net)

### *Badger Kennel Club*

The Badger Kennel Club Dog Show held Sunday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> was well attended! Lana and Tom Olson put together a great display highlighting what WWR does as a rescue group. Doug Allen and Ernie made their debut BKC event and Ernie showed some serious Badger pride! Thanks to everyone who volunteered at BKC and put WWR in such a great light as a rescue organization!



Ernie making his BKC debut! Looking good!!!

### ***I Give***

Here is a great way for all of you online shoppers to help WWR when you do your cyber Monday (or anyday) shopping. Sign up as an iGive member. It is free and WWR can earn money from iGive by you signing up and designating us as your charity choice and then doing your shopping online with one of iGive's many participating merchants. Go to [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com) , sign up as a new member and designate Wisconsin Westie Rescue as your charity. Over 900 online merchants participate in this program including many of your favorites like Amazon.com, 1-800 Pet Meds, Best Buy.com, and more. For a full list of merchants go to [www.igive.com/html/merchantlist2.cfm](http://www.igive.com/html/merchantlist2.cfm)

### **Thanks!**

We wish to thank the following people for their writing contribution to this edition of the WWR newsletter: Kimberly Shukosky, Tammy Sindberg, Scarlett (Renee Overland), Ernie (Doug Allen) and Lana Olson. As always, a huge thank you goes to Cheryl Cutsforth for editing the newsletter and keeping me (sort of) on track!

### **Write On!**

If you'd like to write about your life with Westies, or just send a cute photo (don't forget we will be asking for photos for our 2013 calendar soon too hint, hint), please do! The stories and pictures are the best part of the newsletter! Submissions by email go to [59barbie@charter.net](mailto:59barbie@charter.net) or by snail mail to the newsletter address. Our next newsletter deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup> , 2012. ☺

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