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WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC.'S FIFTH ANNUAL RESCUE RALLY AND PICNIC

Please make plans to attend our **Fifth Annual Westie Club of the South's Rescue Rally and Picnic** on **Sunday April 29th** from **1:30 to 5:00 pm**. We are having it at **Wills Park in Alpharetta, Ga**. The physical address is **1815 Old Milton Parkway Alpharetta, Ga**. This address is the swimming pool parking lot. We will be in the large Pavilion west of the pool and closer to the Tennis Courts. Our parking lot is just past the intersection of Wills Road and Old Milton Parkway and the Pavilion is to the right of the parking lot. We will have signs to direct you to the Pavilion.

Please note the change in date from our usual 3rd Sunday of the month. Due to the availability of the facility and also hoping for a warm day we had to change the date.

Rescue Rally

The **Rescue Rally** will be a celebration of all that is wonderful about Westie Rescue. If you have adopted a rescued Westie from this club or any other rescue or shelter, we hope you will bring your Westie(s) to this celebration. We will highlight both the rescues and their stories, our own Westie rescue program and the volunteers who make it all happen. (Please note that all Westies are welcome to this meeting, regardless of whether or not they are rescues.)

The Picnic

The Club will be providing Hamburgers and Hotdogs along with all the trimmings. Your Board will be providing all the side dishes that go with the picnic theme. We also will be providing all plates, cups and utensils as well as all of the refreshments. If you would like to provide a dessert, please feel free to bring it along to share with the members. Please note that alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park area. There are numerous picnic tables under the Pavilion but feel free to bring lawn chairs if you wish.

Group Photo

Once again we will be taking this opportunity to take our annual group photo.

Just for Fun!

Melinda Henning will be organizing an Easter Egg Hunt for all our Westies. It promises to be a fun and lively event. All Westies are welcome to participate.

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General Info

Westies must be on-leash, crated or in ex-pens at all times. There is ample room under the Pavilion for all crates or ex-pens so the guys and girls will be in the shade should we have a warm day. Please also bring baggies to clean up after your Westies.

We will hold the event rain or shine, preferably the latter, as the Pavilion is large enough to accommodate our group and keep us out of any rain. We are asking that your **RSVP by Wednesday April 25 to Gary Pence at garypence112@comcast.net or 678-493-0559** and let us know how many in your family will be attending so that we can make sure we have the right amount food.

Let me know if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing everyone at this fun event.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES**Gary Pence**

A very special thanks to Kathy Barnes, Membership Chair and George Wearn, Treasurer for their fantastic efforts in making our membership renewal a huge success. Also, many thanks to Harriett Gess, Dan Levine, and Melinda Henning for their follow-up efforts with the membership renewal. I especially want to thank you the members for your continued support of your Club. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year! I think we have something for everyone.

It's not too early to begin thinking about our Annual Dinner and Auction. We will be returning to Mazzy's Sports Bar and Grill in Norcross on Sunday June 24th. This is the same location as last year. Look for future announcements in the Westie Tales and also emails, as we get closer to this fun event. Also, we are starting to accept items for our auction. Heather Taylor and Elise Wheeler,

Fundraising Co-Chairs, will be sending out emails in the near future giving you more details. I know once again you will all be most generous in your donation of items to this event that benefits our Rescue Program. Our rescues appreciate your generosity!

Thanks go out to Heather Taylor for organizing our participation in the Atlanta Pet Fair this year. Thanks too, to Cindy Levine and Melinda Henning who brought Gennie and Wally who were excellent representatives of the club. Please see additional information in Heather's Fundraising Section.

Cindy Levine and Melinda Henning are busy putting together a fantastic Westie Reunion and Picnic for the 29th of April. Please see the information on the cover of the newsletter. I look forward to seeing all of our members and especially our rescues!

Finally, with all of the new ways to communicate, Facebook, email, Twitter, etc. we hope that you would also inform the membership of anything you would like to share with other members. This could be births in the family, some new accomplishment with your Westie, the same for a family member, or just anything you may wish to brag about and share with the members. We will be having a section in our future newsletters where we will publish the "Braggs" and ask that you submit them to Denise Cooper at denise.cooper@comcast.net prior to her deadline.

Thanks, and we all look forward to your submissions. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Gary Pence 678-493-0559
garypence112@comcast.net

TREASURER'S REPORT

George Wearn

Westie Club of the South, Inc.
Profit & Loss Standard
 January 31, 2012

	<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Income		
General Fund		
Membership Dues	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total General Fund	50.00	50.00
Rescue Fund		
Donations, Cash	435.00	435.00
Rescue Fund-Other	<u>240.00</u>	<u>240.00</u>
Total Rescue Fund	<u>675.00</u>	<u>675.00</u>
Total Income	725.00	725.00
Expense		
General Expense		
Insurance	164.00	164.00
Membership Recognition	50.00	50.00
Postage & Shipping	42.00	42.00
Website Expense	<u>29.85</u>	<u>29.85</u>
Total General Expense	285.85	285.85
Rescue Expense		
Veterinary Expense	<u>1077.93</u>	<u>1077.93</u>
Total Rescue Expense	<u>1077.93</u>	<u>1077.93</u>
Total Expense	<u>1363.78</u>	<u>1363.78</u>
Net Income	<u>-638.78</u>	<u>-638.78</u>

Bank Account Balance
 as of January 31, 2012

General Fund	<u>2172.62</u>
Total General Fund	<u>2172.62</u>
Rescue Fund	
General Rescue Fund	5008.44
Rainbow Bridge Fund	<u>1025.00</u>
Total Rescue Fund	<u>6033.44</u>
Total Account Balance	<u>8206.06</u>

Westie Club of the South, Inc.
Profit & Loss Standard
 February 29, 2012

	<u>Feb 12</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 12</u>
Income		
General Fund		

Membership Dues	<u>1200.00</u>	<u>1250.00</u>
Total General Fund	1200.00	1250.00
Rescue Fund		
Adoption Fees	250.00	250.00
Donations, Cash	310.00	745.00
Rescue Fund-Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>240.00</u>
Total Rescue Fund	<u>560.00</u>	<u>1235.00</u>
Total Income	1760.00	2485.00
Expense		
General Expense		
Insurance	0.00	164.00
Membership Recognition	7.72	57.72
Postage & Shipping		42.00
Supplies & Materials	15.36	15.36
Website Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>29.85</u>
Total General Expense	23.08	308.93
Rescue Expense		
Veterinary Expense	<u>1918.70</u>	<u>2996.63</u>
Total Rescue Expense	<u>1918.70</u>	<u>2996.63</u>
Total Expense	<u>1941.78</u>	<u>3305.56</u>
Net Income	<u>-181.78</u>	<u>-820.56</u>

Bank Account Balance
as of February 29, 2012

General Fund	<u>3349.54</u>
Total General Fund	<u>3349.54</u>
Rescue Fund	
General Rescue Fund	3649.74
Rainbow Bridge Fund	<u>1025.00</u>
Total Rescue Fund	<u>4674.74</u>
Total Account Balance	<u>8024.28</u>

SECRETARY’S MESSAGE

Cindy Levine

MEETING MINUTES

**WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

The February 12, 2012, general membership meeting and Valentine’s Celebration of the Westie Club of the South, Inc.,

was held at Best Friends Pet Care, 1087 Johnson Ferry Road, NE, Marietta, Georgia 30068. President Gary Pence called the

meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Gary called for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting, accepted by Cindy

Levine, seconded by Marcia Watson, and the motion carried. Seventeen members, one guest, and at least ten Westies attended the meeting.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Gary Pence:

- Membership renewals are in process, and it looks like the majority of members will be renewing.
- The treat jar was passed around for estimates.
- Valentine scarves were passed out for all the festive Westies.

Vice President – Harriett

Gess: Nothing new to report.

Secretary – Cindy Levine:

Called for a motion to waive the reading of the December membership meeting minutes and approve them as published in the January edition of *Westie Tales*, the club newsletter, accepted by Dan Levine, seconded by Heather Taylor, and the motion carried.

Treasurer – George Wearn:

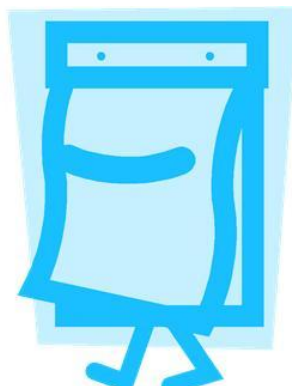
- Presented the Profit & Loss statement in its new format through January 31, 2012, with a checking balance of \$8,206.06, with the breakdown as follows: \$2,172.62 in the general fund and \$6,033.44 in the rescue fund. A copy of the financial report is

attached to and made a permanent part of these minutes.

- A total of 43 membership renewals have been received to date.

Member at Large –Melinda Henning:

- Distributed emergency stickers for front doors to alert first responders of any pets residing in the home.
- Made Valentine Goody Bags for your Westies, which will be distributed at the end of the meeting.
- Passed around the suggestion box for ideas on parks the club could use for the Rescue Reunion in April.
- The April meeting will include the Rescue Reunion and cookout. Date and location to be determined.
- Today's program includes a trip to Montrose Animal Hospital and Pet Hotel, which is just across the parking lot, for a tour of the facilities and micro chipping of your Westie if desired at a cost of \$52. We will then return to Best Friends for the Best Sit/Stay and Best Recall competitions (for the Westies, of course).



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising – Heather Taylor:

- Elise Wheeler has been named Co-Chair of the Fundraising Committee.
- iGive total to date is \$341.37. iGive.com is an online shopping service whose retailers designate a portion of their profits to your designated charity. When you make a purchase through iGive and designate Westie Club of the South, Inc., as your charity, the club receives a donation for that purchase. This does not add any cost to your purchase price; the vendors are going to give this money to someone anyway.

Membership – Kathy Barnes:

- Recognized new member Susan Feazell in attendance today.
- Reminded everyone that renewals are coming due.

Rescue – Cindy Levine:

- No new surrenders so far in February. The anticipated 1-year-old brothers were once again no-shows for surrender at Montrose.
- Rescue Maddie, in spite of her cancer scare, has been adopted to the Lumpkin family in Hoschton and is now known as Molly.
- Explained the inordinate veterinary expenses on the P&L statement. Most of it was for Maddie this time for her initial treatment and biopsy at Montrose and then an oncology consult at Georgia Veterinary Specialists.

- Gary Pence reported nine approved applicants waiting for rescued Westies.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

- The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 18, 2012, at 1:00 at the home of Gary and Sandy Pence.

There being no further business before the club, Gary Pence called for a motion to adjourn, approved by Kathy Barnes, seconded by Heather Taylor, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. to the tour of Montrose, sit/stay and recall competitions, and Valentine photographs by Martin Saunders.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Levine, Secretary

WESTIE CLUB OF THE SOUTH, INC. BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2012

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westie Club of the South, Inc., was held on March 18, 2012, at the home of Gary Pence, President. (The full address can be obtained from the membership roster.) After a delicious cookout prepared by Sandy Pence, Gary called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Those in attendance were Harriett Gess, Vice President; Melinda Henning, Member At Large; Cindy Levine, Secretary; Gary Pence, President; and George Wearn, Treasurer. Also in attendance were Heather Taylor and Elise Wheeler, Fundraising Co-Chairs; Jeannie Wearn, Publicity Chair; and

Judy Carter and John Carter, member observers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was called by Gary Pence to adopt the agenda for this meeting, accepted by George Wearn, seconded by

Harriett Gess, and the motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President's Report – Gary

Pence:

- Gary thanked Kathy Barnes, George Wearn, the Board, and Dan Levine for their membership renewal efforts.
- Called for a motion to reinstate the membership of the Macken family, accepted by Harriett Gess, seconded by George Wearn, and the motion carried.
- Volunteer of the Year: Melinda Henning will bring forms to the April membership meeting.
- Membership Roster: We will wait to purge the roster and birthday list until after the next newsletter comes out. At that time we will also purge the list of committees.
- Policies and Procedures: It was brought to Gary's attention that sometimes people join toward the end of the year and then the renewal comes up right after they join. Gary called for a motion that for anyone joining the club in the last calendar quarter of the year will be deemed to have paid for the following year, accepted by Cindy Levine, seconded by Melinda Henning, and the motion carried.
- Membership Communication: A short discussion was held to find out if everyone thinks the Board's communication with the membership is adequate.

Gary will put something in the next newsletter.

Vice President – Harriett

Gess: Nothing to report.

Secretary – Cindy Levine:

Cindy read the minutes of the February 2012 membership meeting into the record. The minutes will be published in the club newsletter, *Westie Tales*, and voted on at the April meeting.

Treasurer – George Wearn:

- George presented the financials as of February 29, 2012, showing a current checking balance of \$7,622.08.
- George reiterated the 91% membership renewal rate, an astounding result.
- George presented a cash trending report showing a steady decline in cash balances. He noted that there is three times a year that the club receives cash infusions: membership renewals, the annual auction, and calendar sales. He suggested that we need to think about funds coming into our club year-round. This generated much discussion, which is listed under "Fundraising."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Member At Large – Melinda Henning:

- Rescue Reunion: Will be held April 29 at Wills Park on Old

Milton Parkway. The club will provide paper products, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. The Board members will provide the main dishes, and members will be asked to bring a dessert to share. Cindy Levine will solicit assistance from members for the program for the day.

- Annual Dinner and Auction: Will be held at Mazzy's Sports Bar and Grill on June 24th. Set up will begin at 2:30, dinner at 5:30, and the auction from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Gary Pence called for a motion to approve the site, accepted by George Wearn, seconded by Harriett Gess, and the motion carried. There was some discussion on allowing outside people to bid on items, and it was the overwhelming consensus that, if it is going to help the rescues, anyone will be able to bid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising – Heather Taylor and Elise Wheeler:

- Elise reported that they currently have two leads on embroidery, and Melinda offered another one during this meeting.
- They are working on obtaining grants for our rescue. Cindy Levine will send the Rescue Round-Up information to both.
- Will set up a "donate now" button on our Facebook page.

- Other options for fundraising include a fun walk/run.

Rescue – Cindy Levine:

- Cindy reported that Jake's knee repair surgery went very well and he went home with Ann Marie and Jason on Saturday morning. His adoption is scheduled for March 24.
- Cindy reported that she monitors six different web sites that are collection points for all municipal and private shelters and humane societies' web sites throughout Georgia. She asked that if anyone knows of a Westie in danger that they contact her directly.
- There is a definite need for more foster families. Cindy will look at the calendar to

come up with a date for another training session.

- Cindy has applied to WestieMed for assistance with Jake's care. She has sent the application, Jake's history, and photographs, and a representative has been in contact. She is just waiting for the final invoice from Montrose so she can send all the invoices at one time. Then it's just a matter of waiting to see if they approve the application.
- Gary reported that he still has seven approved applicants but not one that wants to adopt a senior Westie.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on May 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Melinda and Kurt Henning.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Gary Pence called a motion to adjourn the meeting, accepted by Cindy Levine, seconded by Harriett Gess, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,,
Cindy Levine, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

I am very happy to report that our Westie Club of the South, Inc. membership renewals are in the 85% range, which is the highest rate of renewal that the club has had since its inception. If you have not yet renewed your membership and would like to, please get in touch with me or any other Board member, and we will assist you.

Thank you for your continued participation in this great club and also for your support of the Atlanta Westie Rescue, which, in my mind, is the most important thing that this club does. Many of you included an extra donation for the rescue, and we will certainly put that to good use!

We all look forward to a great 2012!

Kathy Barnes, Membership Chair



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ASK THE VET

By Randall J. Bondurant, D.V.M.

EAR INFECTIONS

What most pet owners and many veterinarians overlook is that an ear infection is quite often secondary to another, primary problem. Most often that primary problem is allergic reaction (usually a food allergy or inhalant allergic reaction) that creates inflammation and additional discharge within the ear canal. That environment is a perfect breeding ground for organisms to grow and create the ear infection. Many of these organisms (usually bacteria and/or yeast) live in small numbers within the ear canal normally, but under the conditions that the allergies create, they multiply exponentially.

There are some infections that might develop without the underlying allergic reaction, but are much lower in incidence. One infection many pet owners refer to is ear mites. We do see occasional ear mite infections, but the typical case is a new puppy or kitten, usually from the pet store or shelter. They can transmit to other pets in the family, but usually

through immediate contact with each other such as sleeping together.

Treatment of ear infections requires a multi-faceted approach:

1. Identification of the causative agent, whether yeast, bacterial or mites. Sometimes bacterial culture must be done with resistant infections
2. Cleaning of the discharge that has accumulated within the canal. This would necessitate proper flushing and irrigating of the canal to remove discharge deep within the canal and use of an appropriate cleanser that would liquefy the discharge for removal, yet not irritate the already inflamed ear canal.
3. Treatment with the appropriate antibiotic or antifungal medication

4. Treatment or removal of any, underlying, allergic reaction. This might involve anti-inflammatory injections, a food trial, or in severe cases, a referral to a veterinary dermatologist for allergy testing and identification of offending allergens.
5. Determine if there could be any other underlying condition that may predispose an ear infection such as hypothyroidism or Cushing's Disease.

The first step is to have the ear evaluated by the veterinarian so the appropriate treatments are initiated. Then, ongoing attention to keep the ear clean and prevent discharge from building up that can be a medium for the infections to grow in. If the underlying cause can be identified, the frequency and severity of the ear infections is dramatically reduced.

BRAGS

Becki Hart

We competed in the Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club Obedience Trials in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, February 4th & 5th. Salty (Salty Dawg Rocks the Boat RN) qualified in Rally Novice B both days with truly entertaining performances! Salty will begin competing in agility next month, and we are super excited about that!

Jack (Jumpin' Cracker Jack Flash BN RN) placed 4th in Wildcard Novice Obedience both days.

Since the boys were the only Westies competing in Rally and Obedience, they had their own cheering section!

And I don't want to leave out my Golden Retriever, Amber (Amber Too CDX GN RE), who thinks she's a Westie! She placed 3rd in Rally Excellent B and Rally Advanced B both days to earn two legs toward her RAE title.

ASK THE TRAINER

Melinda Henning

The question was asked--- “*Why does my dog go “nuts” over his squeaky toys?*”

The “thrill” that your dog experiences when he plays with a squeaky toy goes way back to a time when dogs had to not only hunt their prey, but also kill it to survive. It is a natural trait for a dog to hunt. In the wild an injured prey animal would emit squeaks and cries therefore revealing its location. Imagine a dog with a strong hunting instinct recognizing a squeaky toy as the cry of a field mouse, birds or other small prey. The more the toy squeaks, the more excited your dog will become. You might notice that some dogs will try to “kill” the toy by destroying it and locating the

squeaker. While satisfying to the dog, it is not a safe exercise. If your dog loves to assassinate his squeaky toys, please supervise his play and remove the squeaker so he cannot choke on it.

Your dog might LOVE his squeaky toy and treat it like his baby carrying it everywhere while giving it loving squeaks! The toy will last forever because the dog will not rip or tear out the squeaker.

Finally there are dogs who have no interest whatsoever in the squeaky toy. That is until they see their “brother” with it!!!!

The variety of squeaky toys is limitless. There is soft, hard rubber, and soft plastic, and fuzzy in all shapes and sizes. Dogs especially like the ones that resemble live prey. A squeaky toy can provide lots of playtime and mental stimulation for your dog. Please put safety first when you purchase one for your pet. Don’t buy one that has lots of pieces glued on that can be chewed and swallowed (eyes,nose,etc.). Once the dog chews the toy, please pick up the squeaker and the fiberfill stuffing inside.

SUPERVISION IS THE KEY.

HEALTH ISSUES**Pam Smith**

As most members know, Scarlett has irritable bowl syndrome and a sensitive stomach and she frequently ends up on antibiotics for infections resulting from these attacks. She has never eaten very well either.

On her last visit for such an event, Dr. Webster gave us Flortiflora pro-biotics made by Purina. I have been very surprised at how well they have worked in the 40 days she has been on them. Scarlett's episodes seem to be slowing down, she hasn't taken any more antibiotics as yet, and she eats a good size meal every night without coaxing.

I also do not mix it in her food as suggested just to make sure she gets enough. It smells good, so it's an end of dinner treat for being good and eating her dog meal. As for dosage: I sprinkle only half the pouch a day in her bowl, not all of it. The whole pouch seems to be too much after a few days...gas wise.

Members have also asked me to give them results on K9 Advantix Multi. I switched to K9 Advantix Multi by Bayer about 6-8 months ago, which has a treatment for fleas, ticks and heartworms in one dose that you apply topically. It seems to work as well as front line and heart guard did for half the price and there are no stomach upsets or lethargy either. 6 months of treatments is about \$73.00 at Dr Foster and Smith on line. If your vet doesn't carry it, they can fax a prescription for it to Dr Foster and Smith and they will keep it on file.

Keep those tails wagging!

*Note This is what has worked for Scarlett and Pam Smith and is not intended as a substitute for a trip to your vet.

FUNDRAISER

2012 is off to a fabulous start for our WCOS rescues: We are soooo lucky to have Elise Wheeler join the Fundraising Committee as a co-chair, She has a ton of fabulous ideas!

On Sunday, March 4th, several families attended the Atlanta Pet Fair's Rescue Rodeo, where 50 groomers paid to enter a competition to beautify 50+ rescues from all over the Southeast. Although we didn't have a Westie place this year, Wally and Gennie were adorable and well-behaved contestants. Not only did our Westies get great haircuts, but also they raised \$100 for our rescues in the process. A big "thank you" to all who attended to show their support.

Our total iGive donation to WCOS is \$342.01. Thanks to our wonderful members for using their search engine to shop over 700 vendors. We encourage members to sign up, and please tell family members and friends in support of our rescue fund too. Shopping online through iGive.com directly donates to our club with no

additional cost or charges to you.

Our Facebook page is looking better than ever thanks to many generous members sharing lovely photos of their favorite furry friends and Martin Saunders for creating some great albums for us to view. Feel free to share our info with your friends and family and add your own photos/comments www.facebook.com/westieclubsouth.

Calling all crafty Westie Clubbers. Auction time is just around the corner. Do you have a talent or skill to create a unique gift that we could auction off to help raise money at our annual auction? We would be very grateful if you would donate your goodies. We've seen what you are capable of and we know members will fight over it. Please let us know what you have in mind, and we will gladly add it to our inventory list. Also, if you have a favorite vendor who would be willing to donate items as well, we will be happy to help publicize for them in our newsletter as well as offer

Heather Taylor & Elsie Wheeler

them a tax letter for their contribution. Please be thinking about how we can top last year's earnings. Anyone with donations for the auction, please contact Heather Taylor or Elise Wheeler. Either of us will be happy to pick up your items. Please note that Auction items or donated items do not have to be Westie-specific; however, we do reserve the right to use the items where we think that they will be most successful in raising funds.

Embroidery is on the horizon - and we will provide you with our findings in the very near future.

We are also exploring grant writing to obtain funds for our rescues and long-term fosters, so if anyone has suggestions of grants for which we should apply, please share your insight.

We are always open to new ideas, so please feel free to share with us and we will happily take your suggestions to the next Board meeting.

Westie Rescue Rocks!
Heather and Elise





NOAH'S NEWS:

WESTIE RESCUE UPDATE

As Chair of the Atlanta Westie Rescue Committee, I want to thank all of our foster, transport, and home visit volunteers for the awesome job you all do. I know what a strain this is sometimes, but the day we see a successful rehabilitation and adoption is so rewarding. Thank you again to all of our volunteers in rescue!

We had two rescues entered in the Atlanta Pet Fair Rescue Rodeo on March 4. Wally and Gennie were troopers, although I think Wally napped through the entire grooming process! They didn't place in the competition, but both looked terrific after their bath and grooming. Several members attended in support of our rescue (and for the great shopping!). A huge "thank you" to Heather Taylor for coordinating this event for our rescues once again.

I am currently trying to find a good date for training specifically for foster care volunteers. If you have any interest and want more information, please call or e-mail me – 770-317-1774 or levined3@bellsouth.net. Four of our foster homes have senior, thus long-term, rescues, which makes our need for foster homes more urgent. Be on the lookout for the next training opportunity.

Our 5th Annual Rescue Reunion will be held on April 29! Rhona Terrell has agreed to help out this year with the program, and I look forward to her involvement. Keep the date open. More information regarding the Reunion will be forthcoming.

After that, our Annual Dinner and Auction to benefit our rescue program is coming in June, so watch for that

information. We have lots of activity before summer gets into full swing. Hope to see you all at both events!

One more note. If anyone sees and finds out about a purebred Westie in need of rescue, please contact me directly; I will make sure to find out more about the Westie in need. If the angel is in a humane society, I monitor them until adoption – these are usually no-kill shelters. There are six websites that I check twice a week looking for Westies, and these web sites cover the entire state of Georgia. But please don't be shy about calling or e-mailing me – I could miss one and I don't want that to happen. Every Westie deserves a second chance at a good life.

Cindy Levine, Chair
Atlanta Westie Rescue
Committee



Be sure to check out our significant dates calendar on the last page



CLIP AND SAVE!

Listed below are the meeting dates for 2012 along with other important dates in our club's annual calendar. Please note that, although we will be meeting on Sundays in 2012, it is not always the third Sunday of the month. This change was made to avoid conflicts with holidays. Please mark your calendars or detach this page and post it among all of those photos of your westies on the fridge!

Westie Club of the South, Inc. 2012 SIGNIFICANT DATES

WHAT	DATE*	TIME	LOCATION*	NOTES
Rescue Reunion	*4/29	*1:30	Willis Park 1815 Old Milton Pkway Alpharetta, GA	*Different date and time
Board Meeting	5/20	1:00 pm	Melinda Henning's home	
Annual Meeting and Fundraising Auction	6/24	4:00-9:00pm	Mazzy's Sports Bar 7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd. Norcross, GA	Date change
Board Meeting	7/15	1:00 pm	TBD	
Bow Wow Luau	8/19	2:00 pm	TBD	
Board Meeting	9/16	1:00 pm	TBD	
Howloween Party	10/21	2:00 pm	TBD	
Board Meeting	11/18	1:00 pm	TBD	
Snow Ball	12/16	2:00 pm	TBD	

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