

# Westie Rescue of North Texas

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*"We find good homes for Westies who need a new home"*

Dear Westie Friend:

Thank you for inquiring about adopting a rescue dog. Each Westie which comes to us is very special, with a unique background and needs. We are very careful in placing the dogs, so please be patient with us as we ask questions that will help us determine which dog may be right for you and which home is best for the Westie.

Some of these dogs have come out of traumatic situations. For all of them, it is stressful to lose the home they have known. This does not mean that they will not make wonderful pets. However, just as you may have certain desires about the dog you want to adopt, so each Westie also has special needs, which we try to determine through an initial health, background, and temperament evaluation. This is never easy. Therefore, we ask you to be as thorough as possible in answering the questions on the attached Adoption Application form. Please remember that the broader your thinking on what Westies you are willing to consider, the greater the chance there will be a match.

Some of the rescue dogs are released to us from Shelters or Animal Control organizations. When a dog is released to us from an individual, we require that the person giving up the dog sign a Release form to protect the person adopting the dog. We will also require you to sign an Adoption Agreement form to protect the dog. In the event you are unable to continue to give the dog a good home, we require that the Westie be returned to us. Our policy also requires that every dog adopted from our program be spayed or neutered.

Our foster care facilities are limited. When we are contacted by an owner who needs to find a new home for his or her Westie, we frequently try to arrange a "home-to-home" adoption. We use the same active file of prospective adopters for these placements as for Westies in our foster care. In a home-to-home adoption, however, we put screened adopters directly in touch with these owners.

We look for the best home available for each Westie. The program is run entirely by unpaid volunteers. We are a Texas Non-profit corporation, certified as 501(c)(3) by the IRS, and our finances are available for review. We subsist entirely on adoption fees and voluntary donations to pay out-of-pocket expenses. Our veterinary expenses can be substantial, even with discounts, for dogs from shelters, or others which come to us with medical problems. We also incur boarding costs on some dogs. We must ask for a contribution to our Rescue Fund of at least \$250 per placement, including home-to-home placements, to pay these bills. These adoption fees will vary somewhat from dog to dog, and are used exclusively for care of the Westies. Our small administrative costs are either absorbed by our volunteers, or covered by contributions other than adoption fees.

Our website at [www.wrnt.org](http://www.wrnt.org) reviews who we are, how we operate, and contains links to our Petfinder pages, with information about dogs we have placed and those available for placement. There is a lot of good information on Westies, with a discussion of behavioral characteristics, potential health problems, training methods, and club contact information at the national Westie club website, at [www.westieclubamerica.com](http://www.westieclubamerica.com). If you do not have access to the internet, the book, *Westies from Head to Tail* by Ruth Faherty may be the best reference book on Westies.

Your application will be reviewed and placed in our active adoption folder, where it will remain active for about six months or until you adopt a dog. If you wish to update and reactivate your application at that time, please E-mail us with any changes. We will contact you if and when we have a Westie that might be a good match with you and your home. We place quite a few Westies – about seven a month, on average. We normally have an extensive "active list" of people who have expressed interest in the possibility of adoption, but many have specified criteria that rule out consideration for many dogs. All active applications will be considered for all dogs as they become available. It is not uncommon for a recent applicant to be the best match for a dog. The only applicants given preferential treatment are those who have previously provided a good home to "hard-to-place" Westies, either Senior dogs or those with significant medical problems. Your patience will be appreciated.

Thanks again for contacting us.

Paul Barnett  
Westie Rescue of North Texas

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## ADOPTION APPLICATION

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phones - Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

I / We prefer a :  Male.  Female.  Will consider either sex. Dog age restriction? \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Reference (not related to you):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship (e.g., co-worker, neighbor) : \_\_\_\_\_

Phones - Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED HOME ENVIRONMENT:

Do you live in a:  House  Apartment  Other Do you?  Own  Rent

If renting, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog?  Yes  No, not yet

Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No Type of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pool?  Yes  No If so, is it fenced separately?  Yes  No

Do you have children living in the home?  Yes  No If you do, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this dog come into contact with other children?  Yes  No If yes, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this dog be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this dog be kept at night? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will this dog be alone during the day (weekdays)? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will care for this dog when you are out of town? \_\_\_\_\_

What other breeds might you consider? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you consider an older, or Senior, Westie if it appears to be in good health?  Yes  No

Will you consider a Westie with significant, but treatable, medical problems?  Yes  No

Will you consider a Westie mix that looks somewhat like a Westie?  Yes  No

Will you consider a pair of dogs that we want to place together?  Yes  No

Will you consider being a foster home for Westie Rescue?  Yes  No

**INFORMATION ON PROPOSED HOME ENVIRONMENT (Continued):**

Please list all pets you currently own:

Type (dog-breed, cat, bird, etc.)	Sex (M/F)	Age	Spayed or Neutered? (Yes/No)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you ever owned a Westie?  Yes  No      Have you ever owned other dogs?  Yes  No

If so, what happened to them? \_\_\_\_\_

Why have you chosen a Westie as the breed you want to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your veterinarian? Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How much do you think it costs to maintain a healthy Westie for a year? \_\_\_\_\_

Westies, particularly younger ones, tend to be active dogs, needing some exercise to stay in the best of health. How do you plan to provide such exercise (e.g., regular walks, playing in fenced yard, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

What other information would you like us to consider in matching your application, as a prospective adopter of a rescue Westie, with the needs of a rescue dog?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that owning a dog is a commitment for the dog's lifetime.  
This is to acknowledge that information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed forms to:  
Westie Rescue of North Texas  
PO Box 116422  
Carrollton, TX 75011

or fax to (469)384-9259

If you adopt a dog from some other source after sending us this application, or no longer have an interest in such a rescue dog for other reasons, we would very much appreciate your sending us a note so we can keep our records up to date. Thanks!