

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.

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 \$300 per placement 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 are covered by contributions other than adoption fees.

Our website at 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. 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. If and when we see a possible match, we will check your vet and possibly other references, and will contact you to arrange a home visit in your home to meet you and any other pets. When a specific match is identified, you will then have an opportunity to meet the dog and decide if you wish to adopt. 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 most 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.

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ADOPTION APPLICATION

Applicant: _____ Co-Applicant _____

Age: _____ Occupation: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Employer: _____ 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:

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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!