

Westie Rescue, Inc.
Adoption Terms of Agreement

Westie Rescue, Inc. has been established to provide rescue and care for Westies who have been given up due to family circumstances, neglect, or abuse, or have been abandoned by their previous owner. Adopting families or individuals hereby agree to our purpose of providing safe, secure, affectionate, and healthy environments for these Westies, and specifically agree to the following:

1. No member of the adopting family has been charged with cruelty to animals.
2. The Westie will be kept solely as a house pet.
3. The Westie will never be used for breeding, fighting, or experimentation.
4. The Westie will never be given, leased, or sold to any person, laboratory, or business. If the adopting family or individual wishes to relinquish custody of said dog, they agree to notify Westie Rescue, Inc. at 540-554-2963 or WRI, PO Box 187, Bluemont, Virginia 20135. Any expenses incurred by the adopting family/individual for the care of this Westie are not reimbursable.
5. The adopter(s) will provide sufficient food, water, shelter, and veterinary care.
6. The Westie will be spayed/neutered at the time of the adoption, except for unique circumstances such as a Westie under 7 months of age. If the rescue Westie has been altered recently, the adopting family/individual will have the Westie examined within 7 days by a licensed veterinarian to certify that the dog is healing properly and to obtain medical advice on recovery procedures for the Westie. If the rescue Westie is under 7 months of age and unaltered, the adopting family/individual agrees to have the Westie spayed or neutered by 7 months of age and will provide Westie Rescue, Inc. with a copy of the spay/neuter certificate within 7 days of surgery. Adopting family/individual is responsible for all costs associated with the surgery. Failure to have the Westie spayed/neutered and provide requested documentation could result in removal of the Westie from the adopting home, and should such situation lead to legal process, the adopting family/individual agrees to sole responsibility for all costs, including attorney fees and court costs.
7. The adopting family/individual will provide a properly fenced yard and/or will leash walk said dog several times daily. **(Invisible/electric fencing and tethering/tie-outs are not considered adequate protection or restraint for a Westie adopted from our organization.)** Because Westies are bred to hunt and exterminate vermin, they may chase wild animals, bark, dig, and perform other hunting/go to ground actions, and, therefore, require protection from harm. Westies should never be allowed off leash in unsecured areas.
8. The adopting family/individual will maintain a current dog license as required by local law, and will assure that the Westie is inoculated against disease, especially rabies. The adopter will also see that the Westie always carries, at minimum, identifying tags on its collar or, as is considered best by most Animal Control officials, the tags plus microchip or tattoo identification.
9. The adopting family/individual agrees that if a Westie Rescue, Inc. representative determines that the terms and conditions of this agreement have not been met, the adopting family/individual will surrender custody of said Westie upon demand, and any expenses incurred by the adopting family/individual for the care of this Westie are not reimbursable. Further, should such situation lead to legal process, the adopting family/individual agrees to sole responsibility for all costs, including attorney fees and court costs.
10. Westie Rescue, Inc., its rescue representatives, and its elected officers make no warranties regarding the temperament, behavior, or physical condition of any adoptive Westie, nor do they guarantee it to be free of genetic defects peculiar to the breed. The adopting family/individual agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Westie Rescue, Inc., its rescue representatives, and its officers from all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, or liability of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in connection with this adoption.
11. Even if a Westie has had obedience training, a “refresher” course is highly recommended since it helps establish close rapport and bonding between the owner(s) and the Westie.
12. Westies are typically affectionate and friendly. However, no one can predict how any dog will react in any given situation, especially without complete knowledge of its life experiences. Therefore, adoptive owners are encouraged to exercise caution in introducing an adoptive Westie into new situations until it has become adjusted to its new environment. It is strongly recommended that all interaction between dogs and children be monitored by an adult at all times.