

The West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Ohio



Westie Rescue Committee

Terms of Adoption

1. The adoptive family will provide a fenced area and/or always leash walk the dog. Invisible/electric fencing is not considered adequate protection or restraint for a dog adopted from us. Because Westies are bred to hunt and exterminate vermin, they will chase wild animals, bark, dig, and perform other hunting actions, and require protection from harm. A West Highland White Terrier must never be allowed to run loose and should always carry identification tags or be tattooed with an identifying number or name.
2. Westies will be placed only in private homes as pets.
3. The adoptive owner should be able to provide proper food and care for the dog, including regular veterinary care, annual vaccinations, parasite checks, and dental care, and should properly license the dog as required by local ordinance.
4. The adoptive owner must notify the Westie Rescue committee immediately if the dog is lost or stolen and must make every effort to locate the Westie.
5. If for some valid reason the adoption does not work to the advantage of the new owner and dog, the Westie must be returned to the rescue committee. The new owner cannot transfer ownership of the Westie under any circumstances. The adoptive owner must promise never to take the dog to an animal shelter, pound, or humane society.
6. All West Highland White Terriers placed through the Westie rescue committee will be spayed or neutered. If a West Highland White Terrier placed through the rescue committee is not spayed or neutered at the time of adoption the new owner must have the dog spayed or neutered and provide written proof to the rescue committee within 90 days.
7. An owner wishing to offer his West Highland White Terrier for placement through the Westie rescue committee accepts the fact that there is no financial reimbursement for the dog.
8. The fees charged the adoptive owner will be in the nature of a donation to the Westie rescue committee to help defray the cost of medical and custodial care for the Westies not fortunate enough to be under the care of an owner. In most cases of adoption, a donation to the Westie Rescue committee will be required.
9. Supportive advice by a West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Ohio member will always be available to the adoptive owner following placement of a Westie by the rescue committee.
10. Adoptive owners of Westies placed by the rescue committee are encouraged to join the West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Ohio.