



# The Pyrenees Post...

spreading the word about the Southeast's best kept secret.



## *GPRC Thanksgiving Match - October 22, 2019*

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

Our Thanksgiving Match has begun, and although we are off to a little bit of a slow start, we are confident our dedicated base will once again make this year's match a huge success. Each week we will share one of the many stories that are typical of our rescues throughout the year. Our first story is about Salt, an 8 year old, 3 legged Pyr mix who was abandoned and in horrendous condition.

### Salt's Story as told by Tracy and Jenn

The salt of the earth. The best and noblest elements of society: kindness, reliability, honesty. The dog's name is Salt and his rescuers are two of our Directors, Tracy and Heather.

It takes a non-judgmental soul and occasionally superhuman restraint to work with surrenders. For every heartbreaking story you read in our newsletter or in a dog's bio, GPRC's board has heard dozens more. Sometimes accepting a surrender brings peace to a dying owner or tears of gratitude from a suddenly homeless family. Other times we're saving Pyrs from unspeakable situations.

Salt's owners moved out of state, promising they'd return for him. Except for the also abandoned kittens using Salt's flea-infested body for their bed, Salt was alone in an empty, 107 degree house without electricity. Alone. He was perfectly house trained, gentle with the kittens but without human contact. Fortunately, few of us can imagine the pain many of our rescues endured prior to GPRC, but we've all known loneliness one time or another.

Neglecting a dog is inconceivable. Physically abusing a dog is reprehensible. Abandoning a dog is indefensible. Thank goodness for the kind soul who drove an hour round trip, three times a day, to care for Salt and to contact GPRC.

Salt sadly fits the profile of so many of our rescues: no vaccinations, infected skin bloody with flea bites, abandoned, and still smiling. Yep, a Pyr at heart indeed.

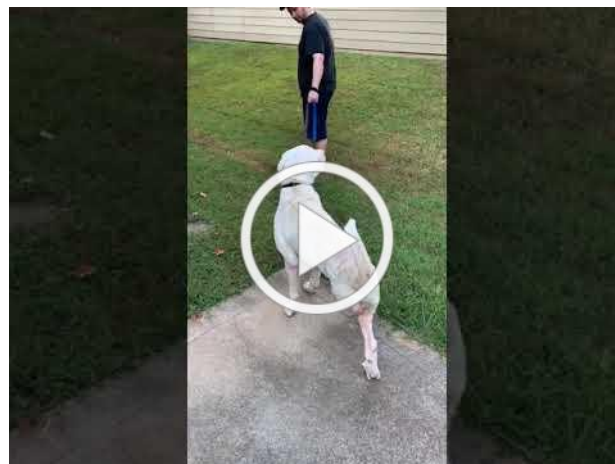
Salt's only vet visit, before GPRC, was years ago when, stuffed in a bag

and thrown out of car window at 70 mph, he landed at a stranger's feet. The eight week old puppy with a mangled leg was taken to a vet who had to remove the leg to save his life. Ironically a car ride also helped save his life when our Heather drove eight hours round trip, through the night, in response to an emergency call indicating that Salt could not survive another night in the intense heat.

Salt is 8 years old, oh-so-sweet, wonderful with other dogs, loving with cats, friendly and very gentle and he is now getting the expensive medical care he needs. Salt is currently available for adoption. Click [here](#) for information on Salt.

This year's Thanksgiving campaign is dedicated to Salt and all of our "salt of the earth" GPRA volunteers. We know we've asked before, and you know we'll ask again but please, do what you can now. Please donate to GPRA's 2019 Thanksgiving Match campaign and remember every dollar donated during this fundraiser is matched 100%.

Thank you,  
John Heldrich  
GPRA, President and Founder



Salt

**Progress toward \$80,000 Goal**  
Each white PYR represents amounts collected toward our goal of raising enough to save 60 PYRS.  
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### **2019 Childrens Hospital of Atlanta Christmas Parade**

Join us for one of our most fun events of the year. We need about 100 PYR Teams to march in this event on Saturday December 7th.

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**2020 Calendars are coming soon**

### **Upcoming Adoption Days**

November 2nd    November 16th

Saturday 11 - 1

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