



# The Pyrenees Post...

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



## *GPRRA Thanksgiving Match - November 12, 2019*

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

Thanks to all that have generously donated to our Thanksgiving Match. Only 2 weeks left and we want to take full advantage of the match. If you follow GPRRA, and particularly if you have adopted from GPRRA, please consider making a donation. Before a family adopts, it is likely we invested close to \$1,400 in medical expenses on their PYR and we will be forever grateful to those who support the medical needs for the many we will continue to rescue.

In March, GPRRA received a call about Sweet Basil Kennels, located in Barnesville, GA that was just taken over by the Lamar Sheriff's Investigators and Agriculture Officials for an alleged puppy mill in deplorable condition and in disrepair along with multiple outbuildings. 32 dogs and 18 pigs were without food and water. GPRRA agreed to take in 6 adult Great Pyrenees and 2 of the puppies that were on site immediately. Virgil, Vaughn, Vanna, Vanessa, Valentine and Valentino would never have to be without food, shelter and love ever again. Our fearless team of volunteers worked hard to earn the trust of these dogs and fosters stepped up to bring them into their homes and provide them with the structure they needed to learn how to be a dog and a member for a family.

### Meet Vanna now known as Kaia

Vanna was a really shy girl when she came to us and we knew she just needed time to shine. She was small at 65 lbs and with a horrific ear infection. Her foster, Suzanne, helped her learn how to walk through doors with confidence, master house training and learn to trust the human touch. Once she started to settle in her foster home, she was available for adoption. An adopter who heard about the story of Sweet Basil Kennels and had previously adopted, Annika, a Pyradoodle from them, knew she needed to

help and wanted to adopt one of the dogs our rescue group took in. Vanna was the only Pyr that was available, and Heather just knew she would be a perfect fit. So over the Easter weekend, they drove from Richmond, VA to adopt her.

They gave her some time to adjust then enrolled her in training over the summer. She did great and has now graduated from her basic obedience

training! Kaia is well known around Holiday Barn, where she did her training, and the workers all love her! When she started, her trainer said it was as if Kaia just didn't know how to be a dog. She was shy and hid behind everyone. When the other dogs played, she stayed to the side; her trainer used positive reinforcement to train her because she didn't take treats as she had not had them before. They worked closely with her and between her 'sister' Annika playing at home and the love and attention she has received, she is like a different dog. Kaia has been to parks, on long walks, and even to the big farmer's market where children love running up to her and hugging her.

She is a true Gentle Giant and absolutely loves children!

Please click [HERE](#) to donate and help us save more Pyrs like Vanna.

Thank you,  
John Heldrich  
GPRA, President and Founder



Shy Vanna



Vanna

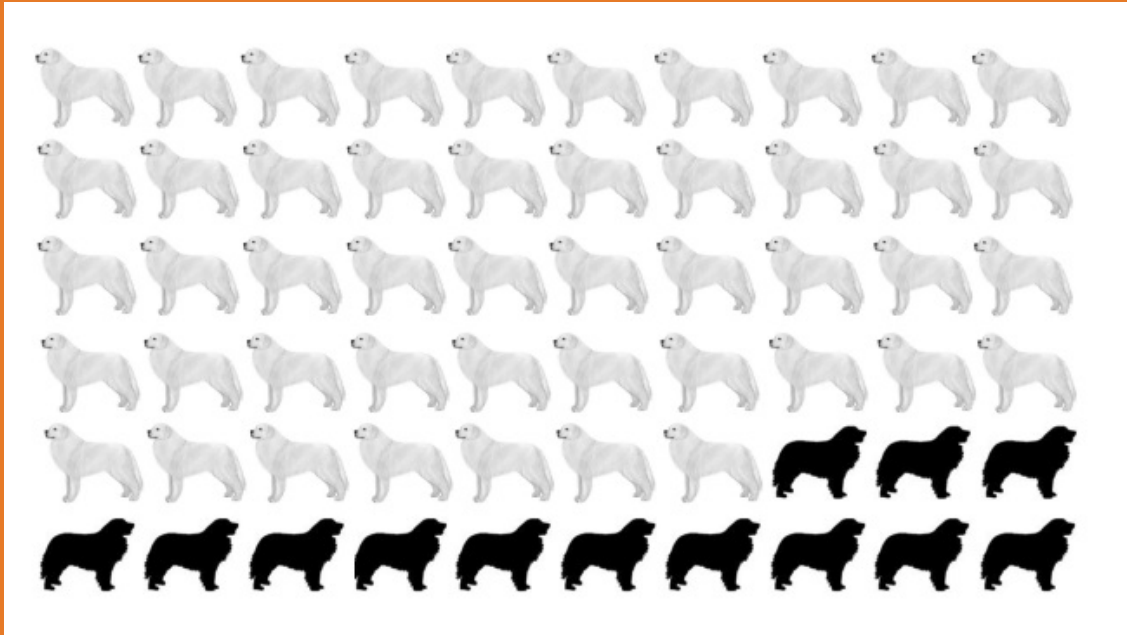


Vanna's Diploma

## Progress toward \$80,000 Goal

Each white PYR represents amounts collected toward our goal of raising enough to save 60 PYRS.

Click [HERE](#) to donate



### New Holiday Long Sleeve Shirts

These are now available in our online store and at Adoption Days. Sizes range from from XS to XXL. The GPRA logo is on the back of the shirt.

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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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As the holiday season approaches please, if you have't already, select GPRA as your charity of choice with



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November 16th    December 14th

Saturday 11 - 1

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