



The Pyrenees Post...

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



Official E-Newsletter of the Great Pyrenees Rescue of Atlanta

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All the News that's fit to Bark...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GPRA just turned 7 years young on February 1st. It's been quite an adventure since the first three rescues in 2010. And Journey, our spokes pyr, was one of them.

We rescued 154 Great Pyrenees in 2016, 23 so far just in January of 2017 and a grand total of 1,154 in those 7 years. We have recently had some more memorable rescues like Liam who had been shot with a shotgun or Zoey, who was hit by a car. Both recovered from orthopedic surgery and are on their way to recovery. Due to the continuous support of our volunteers, fosters, and everyone's donations we are able to rescue these special Gentle Giants in need without hesitation. A big Thank You to everyone.

After our experienced fosters nurtured these Gentle Giants through their healing process you can observe their transformation and loving nature at one of our adoption days.

We will be soon sending out details about our big Gentle Giants in the Park event on April 23rd. Like every year, this event celebrates all our adopters and volunteers - without them we would not be able to fulfill our mission.

**DON'T FORGET ADOPTION DAY ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 11 TH
SATURDAY, APRIL 1 ST**



As always, we thank you for your support!

-Journey

New Year, New Waiver

Thank you for volunteering with GPRA! As a state licensed animal rescue group, we are required to maintain current, signed waivers from all of our volunteers. So, it's time to add your "paw print" to the [attached 2017 waiver](#) (click link for downloading the waiver Word document).

Pyr of the Month



Hi everyone, I'm **Samson**, a handsome young boy returning to GPRA through no fault of my own or my family. Life has not been very good to my dad lately and so GPRA is going to find me a great home. I'm just under 2 years old and still learning manners but I'm a sweet, loving boy. I love to be around people and will make a great companion. I am good with other dogs and cats.

If you believe I would make a best friend for you, please [contact GPRA](#) today.

2017 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

At the beginning of February the Westminster Kennel Club hosted its famous Annual Dog Show for the 142nd time. And then Rumor had it. The German Shepherd named Rumor took home the Oscar for Best in Show.

And the Great Pyrenees are participating in the Working Dog group competition.

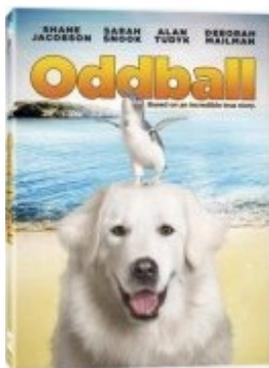
You may scan and email the waiver to VolWaivers2017@greatpyratlanta.com, fax it to (404) 829-2609, or mail a hard copy to:

Great Pyrenees Rescue of Atlanta
ATTN: Volunteer Waiver
4651 Woodstock Road, Suite 208-185
Roswell, GA 30075

Fairwell Oddball our Hero



Oddball, the maramba from Warrnambool Victoria, Australia, famous for saving an entire colony of fairy penguins and who the children's movie 'Oddball' is based on has passed. She was 15 years old and an international hero. As a farewell she was once more the star of the local newspaper - The Standard. You can read the article [right here](#).



Most of our readers probably already know who Oddball is. And because Oddball was so famous, we are giving away three DVD's of the movie. Yup, for free. Ah yes, there is a small catch. You need to participate in our photo contest and have one of the three winning photos. Details are listed below.

We want you to submit an original photo containing your fluffy Gentle

Giant. Be creative and send us something entertaining. And no, it does not have to be with a penguin. No need to smuggle your Pyr into the Aquarium. You can use your pool instead :-).

Here are the rules:

Send us an original digital photo of your Pyr to newsletter@greatpyratlanta.com with the subject line 'Oddball Photo Contest'. The deadline is March 31st, 2017 midnight EST. The photo cannot be copied from somewhere else or modified with a photo tool (i.e. adding a penguin that was not there). There is one entry per email address. By submitting your photo for the contest you provide consent for GPRA to publish the photo in an upcoming newsletter or on other GPRA communication channels (i.e. Twitter, Facebook) together with your name. The odds depend on the number of submissions and you are not guaranteed to win a movie. The winner is selected



Round and round they go and *Rivergroves Enough Said* took the Oscar for best Great Pyrenees.

By the way a boxer won the Working Group competition. Although I am not sure who was knocked out in the semi finals from him.

In case you are interested you can watch videos from the competition on the Westminster Kennel Club [website](#).

JEOPYRDY!

In what area of the United States were Great Pyrenees discovered first?

What are the Pyrolinas.

ADOPTIONS



Congratulations to all the lucky pups who found their furever homes.

December

Rudy, Maximillian, Molly 3, Oz
Luna McCalla, Bentley, Buddy
Donald, Wisteria, Baxter, Dory
Luv, Beau Bartlett, Perdita

January

Lincoln, Rocky, Capt Kirk, Cotton
Perdita, Clarice, Michelle, Ace
Piper, Ghost, Evanora, Bandit
Rudolph, Jazzy, Molly Dee, Brielle
Arman, Orchid, Violet, Precious

about the bread and check out the available dogs for adoption. You mark the next adoption day in your calendar and contact the GPRA adoption team to learn more.

A) 1 point, B)-3 points, C) 5 points

Result:

-9 to 2 points - Newcomer

There is quite some room to grow for you. Have you ever had sweet puppy kisses or a pyr paw? You don't even know what you are missing and definitely need to stop at the next adoption day to feel the fluffiness and puppy love in person. And perhaps you will make a new friend.

3 - 7 points - Great pyrtential

There is no denying - you are a dog lover. And it seems that you had your eyes on Great Pyrenees. Yes, I can see it. Check in with us for volunteer opportunities. We are always looking for a dog walker. Or if you have a underutilized big car, help us taxi a pyr to the next adoption day. Or pick a rescue up from a shelter. This gives you some serious bonding time and wants you to come back for more.

8 - 15 point - Pyr addict

You are the person who cannot stop talking about your fluffball(s). In the office, in a bar, and even at the car dealer. And no, there is nothing wrong with that. Our Gentle Giants thank you from their heart and hope that we could clone you. Then we could spread the work even faster and have more people interested in pyrs. And do you only have one pyr at home? You know that pyrs are like potato chips - you can't just have one. Let's visit one of our next adoption days and talk about who of our available dogs would fit for you.

We hope you do take this with humor. We do enjoy mingling with all dog lovers. So let's "talk dog" the next time we meet at one of the GPRA events.

Writing this column for the Pyr-nation and trying to give some advice and information and share experiences of our brother and sister giants is a lot of fun and very rewarding. So, keep the questions coming!

--Journey 

E-mail your most pressing questions and concerns to Journey at DearJourney@greatpyratlanta.com. Journey's advice is not intended to take the place of the expert care of your veterinarian nor of an experienced professional dog trainer. When in doubt, always consult a trained professional.

GPRA Information & Links . . .



Couch pyrtato



Slumber party



Hallway "runners"



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Yeah, this couch is pyr approved

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