



# The Pyrenees Post...

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



## *GPRRA Thanksgiving Match – October 20, 2020*

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 Dorian, who was attacked and had to endure 4 months of quarantine.

### **Dorian's Story**

Before coming to GPRRA, poor Dorian was attacked in the wild. He managed to drag himself, broken and beaten, into a family's garage who feared that he would perish there. He first was rescued by Toccoa-Stephens County Shelter and was taken to a veterinarian for treatment. His right ear was severely damaged and had maggots, and his body was covered in too many puncture wounds to count.

Sadly, many shelters simply euthanize dogs who are attacked by animals of an unknown origin. When GPRRA first agreed to accept Dorian into its program, the counties in which he would recover and prepare for adoption would not grant permission due to his unknown rabies/vaccine status.

Miraculously, the Rescue Coordinator at Toccoa-Stephens County Humane Shelter has an area that met all of the state's requirements to contain a dog like Dorian and she agreed to be Dorian's Foster Mom for the duration of his rabies quarantine. She has fostered over 400 other dogs and cats and Dorian was the 12<sup>th</sup> dog she saved by providing four months of rabies quarantine.

GPRRA supported the Foster Mom's efforts in a number of ways. Some volunteers donated funds, which supported other volunteers in the building of a 10 x 20 permanent shelter and having a plumber run water to the quarantine area. Not only did this help Dorian's Foster Mom give him shelter to save his life, but also it will continue to serve as a safe space for his furry friends who find themselves in a similar predicament in the future.

Fast-forward to 4 months later and Dorian was adopted by a GPRRA alumni family who also volunteers on several GPRRA teams. While they had not yet met him in person, they had been following his progress and soon realized that he was meant to become a part of their family. Though he had a long list of admirers, the moon and stars aligned, and the family was able to adopt him.

Despite all that Dorian has been through, his family describes him as a laid back Pyr with an extraordinarily sweet spirit. He has integrated quickly and enjoys the good life of piling up on the sofa and bed, watching television, sleeping under his mom's desk while she spends her days working, and giving lot of gracious hugs. His physical wounds have healed, the vet was able to save his ear, and his hair is slowly growing in to cover what seems like a gazillion puncture wound scars. He still has some separation and general anxiety, but he settles in more and is less fearful every day.

He was definitely traumatized by whatever happened to him, which seems to have been in the night as he has an intense fear of the darkness. His evening walks are illuminated by flashlight, with his fluffy siblings in front of and behind him, which he double-checks frequently. He cannot go to sleep at night without a nightlight and his mom reading him 5 bedtime stories. Once he falls asleep, he sleeps soundly through the rest of the night. In case you're wondering, his favorite books are *Dragolin*, *A Wish for Wings that Work*, *Cherries and Cherry Pits*, *The Giving Tree*, and *I'll Love You Forever [Dorian]*. . .

John,  
GPRP President and Founder

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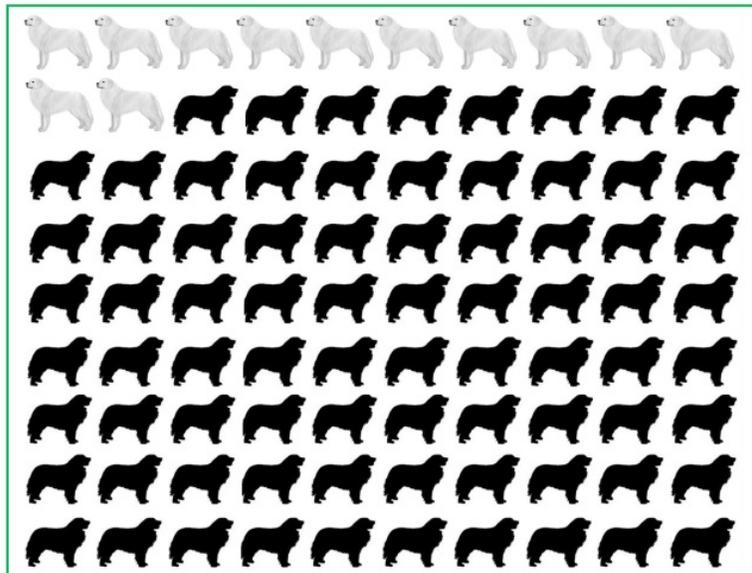
Dorian when we first met him



Dorian today

**Progress towards  
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Each white PYR  
represents amounts  
collected toward our goal  
of raising enough to  
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## 2021 Calendars Coming Soon

Watch your emails, the new 2021 GPRP calendars will be available soon and are filled with lots of great PYR pictures.

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