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GPRA Thanksgiving Match - November 24, 2020

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

We're almost there thanks to the generosity of so many. Just 2 more days left to push us past our goal. Thanks in advance to those that will put us over the finish line to benefit the Fergusons of the world.

Ferguson's story as told by Ferguson

I am a Great Pyrenees or people call me a gentle giant. When I was 11 years old, my family gave me up. They got me as a puppy, but now they said they just could not take care of me anymore. I know, I am old and getting around is hard for me now. My knees are swollen, and my hips hurt and some days I pee in the house. They say I have "accidents"??..... A lady picked me up and took me to the vet, they ran all kinds of tests there. Later we went to her house and she gave me a bath, so I did not look orange anymore. I do not know what orange is, but I sure felt a lot better. She let me go inside a lot more than at my old house, and I think I like inside a lot more. The beds are very comfy. I got my own area and she put a twin mattress there, just for me!! She said I was going to get a new home, but I really do not need that, I'm perfectly fine here. She used to say I was her permanent foster dog, and I still am, but she just calls me her dog now. Mom has lots of other dogs in the house, they run around with no problem and I was a little jealous. She started to give me magic medicine wrapped in meat (I knew it was medicine, I'm smarter than she thinks), she put a green powder in my food and some funny tasting oil on my tongue. Now getting around is easier, I can play with the young dogs and run with them a bit, even if they are a little annoying sometimes.

I used to be shaved twice a year, always made me feel naked, but not anymore. Mom brushes me and says that all my fur grew in nicely and soft. It feels comfy to have fur! Mom told me I have heartworms. I do not know what that is, but it did not sound good and her face was sad. She said there were two options - slow or fast kill for those worms. Mom was really worried about doing the fast kill on me. I think the vet wanted to do it so I could get a new home faster, but GPRA decided it was better for me to do the slow kill, because I'm old and the fast kill might be too much on me and my heart. I think it is amazing that GPRA made the best decision for me!

The getting to a new home part does not really matter now anyway, I know Mom will not give me up to anyone, she loves me way too much. I know I am a bit difficult, but she is putting up with me every single day. The slow heartworm treatment was still hard, and it took a long time. Most of the days I could not really eat my food, I felt nauseous. Mom always makes sure that there is dry bread in the house, boy do I love her for that! Mom has human puppies, and I was not used to them at all. I got scared when her human puppies were loud or stepped over me when I was laying down. I almost bit her tallest one once, but I was just scared. Mom said I was even more confused because of the treatment. It took me a long time to get used to all of them, especially with the stress of the heartworm treatment, but they are okay now. The tall one still scares me, but everyone else can pet me if they are gentle and do not stare at me too much. I made it through heartworm treatment all okay. Mom was happy when she got the results. They say that I am now Heartworm negative. I think she loves me a lot. I love her too. I get happy when she comes home, I stand up and run to her with my biggest smile, even if it is hard to stand up sometimes.

I am twelve and a half now, and I am thankful for GPRA and my new Mom for giving me a chance and doing what was best for me. Things are a lot different than they were a year ago, and even though the changes were hard, I am very happy now.

Thank you, Mom, and GPRA! Mom always says that GPRA totally rocks and always does what is best for the dog.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving.
John,
GPRA President and Founder

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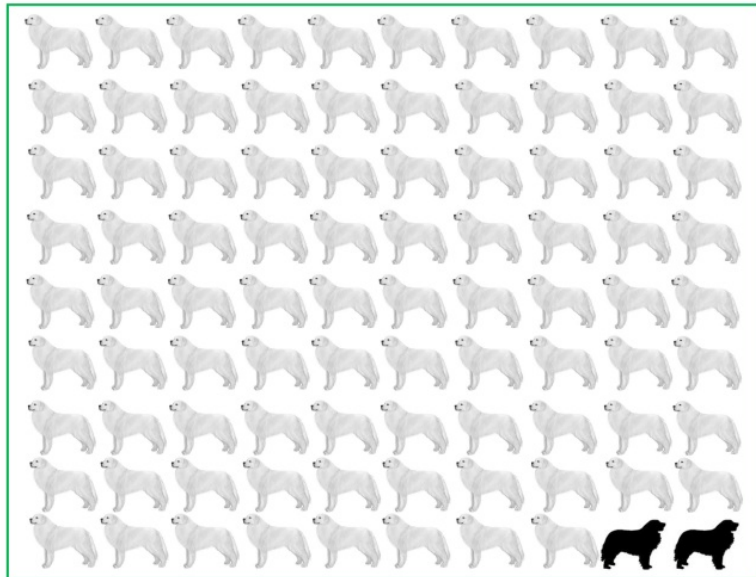
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