



The Pyrenees Post...

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GPRRA Thanksgiving Match - October 26, 2021

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

We always try to communicate the successes but, in the real world, our very best efforts don't always have happy endings. We rescued a 3 month old puppy from a Ga. shelter and named him Luke Skywalker. We discovered soon thereafter that our puppy had parvo. We did everything humanly possible to save Luke, but after multiple days of 24/7 care at a cost of \$5,000, Luke succumbed.

We share Luke's and Whistler's stories, not to upset, but to recognize the heartfelt care so many of our selfless volunteers display on those that are most in need.

Whistler's Story as told by his Foster and Adopter

In December 2017, GPRRA was looking for someone to host a pregnant Great Pyrenees over the holidays. We had no plans and took the sweet Mom-to-be in. Shortly before Christmas she had 10 beautiful puppies. Whistler was the first to be born and the smallest. We had never planned on keeping him, but it happened. Together with his brother Kevin, Whistler got to stay with us. They grew up with 3 other Pyrs and lots of other foster siblings coming and going. He picked up quickly and grew into a very happy and healthy 90 pounder!

In January 2021 while giving Whistler a bath, I noticed a spot on his tongue. It did not look good and I grew very concerned. A few days later the vet recommended a biopsy. He shared my bad gut feeling. Shortly after, Whistler was diagnosed with malignant spindle cell fibrosarcoma. In February, he had surgery at Blue Pearl in Atlanta. They were able to remove 1/3 of his tongue with clear margins. I was prepared to give him water through syringes and hand feed him. Whistler picked up the task of drinking on his own the same night he came home. He dipped his nose all the way into the water bowl, blew some very cute bubbles and managed his water intake. After just 5 days of hand feeding him, he started eating on his own again. In May he had his first screen after surgery. Everything looked great, no new growth. My family was very happy about the great news! Whistler was happy and content as always!

Just 10 days later I saw something under his tongue and my heart sank! I called the vet to make sure they had checked under the tongue and they confirmed that there was nothing there. Within the next two weeks this new tumor grew rapidly. Whistler was still as happy as can be. We all knew there was nothing that we could do anymore, other than enjoying the time we had left with him. It was an extremely aggressive form of cancer. We lost him in mid July, just 6 months after his initial diagnosis. Our hearts are broken. His brother Kevin and the other pack members Koda, Baloo and Maurice are still trying to find their way back into a new pack groove.

Run free Whistler, we miss you every day and you have a very special place in our hearts

A great big thank you to GPRRA for being there and supporting us through this difficult time! We greatly appreciate all of you!

Please click here to donate or send your check to 4651 Woodstock Road, Suite 208-185, Woodstock, GA 30075. With your help and the generosity of our anonymous donor we can achieve our goal of at least \$100,000 which will cover the cost of rescuing approximately 75 PYRS. Please play a role in making this happen.

Thank you for your continued support of GPRRA.

John,
GPRRA President and Founder

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Whistler the Puppy



Whistler and Kevin



Kevin and Whistler



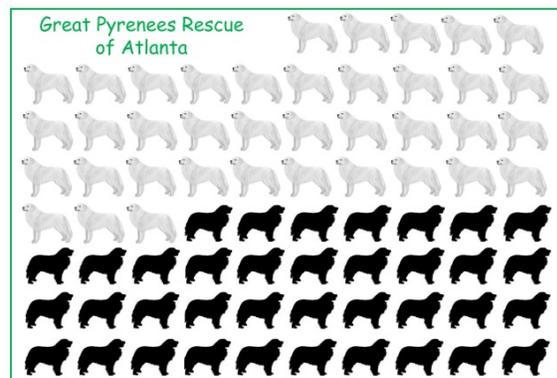
Whistler

Kevin



**Progress towards
\$100,000 Goal**

Each white PYR represents amounts collected toward our goal of raising enough to save 75 PYRS. Click [HERE](#) to donate.



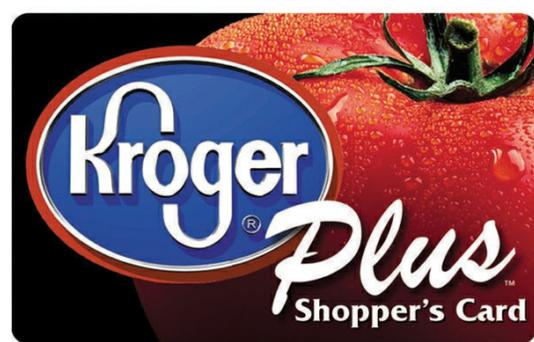
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2022 Calendars Coming Soon

Watch your emails, the new 2022 GPRA calendars are expected to be available next weekend and are filled with lots of great PYR pictures.

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