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GPRA Update – February 28, 2022

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

We are rescuing Gentle Giants at a rapid pace but have been unable to keep up with the overwhelming number of surrenders and shelter dogs. Our fabulous fosters are full, we have 15 PYRS in boarding and over 20 lined up waiting to come in. We are getting 2-3 turn in requests a day and some are multiples from one family. We are also adopting out to great families but not at the rate to keep our intake in balance. Some of our PYRS stories are heartbreaking but, as always, our group is up to the many challenges.

Some of you are aware of Katori's tragic story and some have generously donated toward his medical care. We were alerted to an abuse case where the authorities seized a near dead PYR named Katori. We immediately claimed him and are doing everything in our power to make sure Katori has a quality life for years ahead. Note the improvement in the before and after pictures after only one week and included is our outstanding vet Bonny's write up of what Katori has had to deal with. The prior owner has been brought up on multiple cruelty charges. Katori is currently at one of our best fosters and is responding well to much deserved TLC.

GPRA will see through this tsunami of PYR surrenders thanks to our always devoted and enthusiastic team ranging from our transporters and walkers to our fosters and adopters. Our greatest need to help reduce our imbalance is the need for more fosters and adopters. Shawna and Lourdes will make certain you are considering the right PYR for your family.

We have several major events upcoming - the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12th and our biggest ever Gentle Giants in the Park on April 30th. See below for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

John

GPRA President and Founder



Katori Before



Katori Before



Katori Now



Katori Now

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The following is a summary of the medical condition and poor state of the dog now known as Katori Great Pyrenees Rescue. Katori is a intact male Great Pyrenees who is approximately 7-8 years old. Upon intake here at the Animal Wellness Clinic on 2/9/2022 he weighed only 76 pounds. He was cachectic with a BCS of 1/9. His ideal body weight is 120lbs. He was in VERY poor condition. He was so weak he could not bark or lift his head or walk more than 100 feet.

Laboratory evaluation of his blood on 2/9/2022 found he was anemic, heart worm POSITIVE, he was sick euthyroid, had an E.coli bladder infection and he was leaking large amounts of protein into his urine (proteinuric). Chest xrays on 2/11/2021 revealed heart enlargement and severe lung inflammation associated with advanced heart worm disease. An echocardiogram and ECG was performed that same day for his heart enlargement and he was also found to have cardiomyopathy and a severe heart arrhythmia (ventricular premature contractions). Katori was then placed on Vetmedin, Sotalol and Plavix for his heart.

Katori also likely has an untreated autoimmune disease called sebaceous adenitis. This is a condition where the body attacks its own sebaceous glands and it has caused his hair to fall out (alopecia) and for him to have crusting and scaling of his skin. As a result of the alopecia, he has severe, permanent solar injuries and scars on his neck, back and dorsal pelvis. I cannot confirm his diagnosis with skin biopsies because I cannot anesthetize him due to his heart condition and Stage 3 heart worm disease. We are doing our best to treat him topically with medicated baths, humectants and antibiotics for his secondary skin infection.

We hope that his quality of life will improve significantly on the heart medications and with exceptional nutrition but sadly he will likely succumb to his heart worm disease or his heart disease within the next few months to years.

Dr Bonny Willhite



SAVE THE DATE

Gentle Giants in the Park
Saturday April 30th 2:30 - 5:00

RSVP and volunteer sign up coming soon

Silent Auction

We will be having a Silent Auction at our *Gentle Giants in the Park* event on April 30, 2022. Please contact us if you are able to donate any items to the auction. We are looking for anything that our attendees would be interested in - tickets, trips, dog related items, gift certificates and anything else.

If you can help or have questions we can be reached at
SilentAuction2022@greatpyratlanta.com



St. Patrick's Day Parade

GPRA will be participating in the
Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 12th
Click [HERE](#) for more information
Deadline to RSVP is Friday February 4th

Upcoming Adoption Days

Saturday 11:00 - 1:00

March 5th and March 26th

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