



# The Pyrenees Post...

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



## GPRC Thanksgiving Match - November 8, 2022

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donations. We are already closing in on our original goal of \$100,000. Last year we raised over \$140,000 and although we know that will be a big stretch we are hopeful to match that this year and save an additional 22 PYRS above the original 60. Medical costs, along with everything else, have increased significantly over the past year and as this is our only annual fundraiser it is critical to raise as much as we can to save these deserving Gentle Giants. Please help us reach this new goal. Donate [HERE](#)

This week's story is about Mila and her journey to find her best furever home as told by her foster and now furever Mom.

*Mila first came to GPRC in the summer of 2020. Back then, her name was Dahlia, and she was only 7 months old. We didn't have a lot of information on her as her owner turned her in because of personal reasons and could not take care of her anymore. She was a puppy living in a small apartment with nowhere to take her energy, and it turned into resource guarding. She was such a sweet, young girl and we were certain that she would be adopted out quickly and easily. Six failed adoptions later, Mila was stuck in boarding, probably wondering just as we were, why no one gave her a real chance.*

*Mila did not make it easy, of course. Her resource guarding issues only got worse with each adoption that took place. Even though each time our adoption coordinators warned each adopter about her issues and how to handle her, there she was, back in the kennel over a year later. Mila's longest time "home" was 18 days, and the shortest was just around a day or two. We wondered what to do. Here she was, forgotten about and spending her days at the boarding facility. She was well-loved by the walkers and fosters that came to visit her, and very famous for her gentle hugs, but we couldn't help but think she needed a better chance than this. So in September of 2021, we decided to foster her at our house for a new chance. We posted a hashtag on Facebook #AllIWantForChristmasIsAHomeForMila.*

*Of course, it wasn't easy. We were afraid to really give her love and kisses because she did not trust us near her face. Mila tried all the tricks she pulled at her other foster homes and "homes," but we were determined to work through her issues. By November, she was doing amazing! She learned that we can trade the things she guards for treats, how to walk on a leash better, and she even learned to sit, wait and take it when eating! We were so proud of her, and on December 14th, she was on her way to a new home, her seventh one, just in time for Christmas!*

*But just three days later, on December 17th, on her second birthday. She came right back to GPRC and we were devastated. We wondered what to do. At this point, we had really lost faith that anyone would really carry on the hard work we did to get her to the point where she was at. We took her to a few more adoption days, but even when potential adopters would show interest, we couldn't help but wonder what the point was. Her seventh adoption showed us that we can give all the warnings and tips and tricks we want - if they do not trust her, and she does not trust them in turn it is not going to work. Everyone had been telling us that she was already home and that's when we realized Mila got her home for Christmas already, and she's been there since September.*

*We officially adopted her on February 14th, 2022, Valentine's Day, and celebrated with a dog-friendly pizza party. She was the first female Pyrenees in our pack, and every day, I am thankful we decided to take her out of boarding. Every time I give her a kiss on her little kiss spot, I remember that girl who not long ago would not let me near her face without a snap.*

*It's so important to give rescue dogs a chance. I cannot imagine my life without Mila now. She may be a little infamous in GPRA for the stunts she has pulled, but everyone knows Mila gives the best hugs around. We don't know what she really went through before she came to us, but she reminded all of us that these dogs should not only have one chance of being a normal dog with a home. Mila had eight chances, and the last one was finally it.*

*I write this, completely by coincidence, exactly one year after she started her chance with us, and I have the feeling she knew then that we were her forever family.*

Thank you,  
John,  
GPRA President and Founder

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### MILA



### Progress towards \$140,000 Goal

Each white PYR represents amounts collected toward our goal of raising enough to save 82 PYRS.  
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### Pearl and her Puppies

These cuties will be ready to go to their furever homes in about a month



## 2023 Calendars

The new calendars are now available.

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## Save the Date Gentle Giants in the Park 2023

Saturday - April 15, 2023  
Pickneyville Park



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*Saturday November 12th and December 17th*

*11:00-1:00*

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