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GPRA Thanksgiving Match-October 18, 2022

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

Our 2022 Thanksgiving Match has begun, and although we are very grateful for the generosity of those that have donated so far, we are off to a relatively slow start and have a long way to go to reach our critical goal of \$100,000. Your help is needed more this year than ever. Each week we will share one of the many stories that are typical of our rescues throughout the year. Our first story is about Katori who came to us in absolutely horrible shape and desperately needed our TLC to live a better life. Here is his story as told by Katori himself.

Who knew that a simple thunderstorm would change my whole life? A fence panel fell over, and me and my gal Millie went on an adventure. Somewhere along the road, I lost her; I might have been too busy sniffing all the smells out there. It was fun, and I enjoyed wandering around. A lady picked me up, and the next thing I knew, I was in a kennel. I heard something about animal control, not sure what was out of control. People did not want to pet me and stared at me in disbelief. They said that I'm emaciated, weighing less than 60 pounds. Yes, I was really, very hungry. They said my coat and skin were in very rough shape and that I looked real sick. A few days later, another lady from a rescue picked me up and took me to a vet. I was given medicine and a bath. Then, I went to a foster home on a real cute farm. The people were super nice, but I have to admit that I was not on my bestest behavior. I attacked one of the little doggies there, and I bit the lady when she wanted to take the doggie away from me. I could not stay there.

The rescue lady picked me up from there and took me in. It was another cute place, this time with lots of big dogs, and wow, they all looked just like me! I got pretty good food and got 2 baths a week with some special stuff. She sprayed the stuff on my naked skin, and it finally stopped itching. The best thing was, she petted me all the time and itched my neck whenever I needed it! I started to feel better, but I gotta say I missed my gal Millie a lot! My new Mom took me on short walks; hey, at almost 13 years old, that was all I could do. I slept a lot, and she kept bathing me, brushing me and feeding me good stuff. Soon, I had my beautiful white fluffy coat back! We went to the doctor again, and I weighed 94 pounds now! From the day she picked me up at the shelter, Mom told me how beautiful I am, and I think she really loves me a lot!

One day, we went on a car ride to a place where a lot of other Pyrenees were waiting to get adopted. Lots of nice people from the rescue were there. Everyone was so happy to see me out and about. At some point, a car pulled up, and I couldn't believe my eyes; there she was!!!! My gal Millie, my life long companion! She found me and came to live with me! We were both so happy to see each other. I will not leave her side ever again!

Then, it became summer, and I felt myself getting weaker. My back legs gave out quite often, and Mom had a special harness on me to catch me and help me up again. One night, I woke up Mom and told her that it was time for me to go. She cried and hugged me; she said "I know," and I hated to break her heart. I went to the rainbow bridge, and here I will wait for Millie until she comes to join me again.

Katori came to GPRA from a shelter in North GA in horrible health and body condition. Our wonderful partner veterinarian was able to put him on the right medication quickly to get him better. His previous owner was only charged a fine for severe animal neglect. Our fosters are pouring their hearts into these special needs dogs and taking care of them day and night! The medical care they need becomes very expensive quickly, but we never hesitate to do whatever is necessary to get the dogs into better shape and health!

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2023 Calendars Coming Soon

Watch your emails, the new 2023 GPRA calendars will be available soon and are filled with lots of great PYR pictures.

<u>Upcoming Adoption Days</u> Saturday November 12th and December 17th 11:00-1:00 See our <u>website</u> for more information

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