GPRA Thanksgiving Match-October 25, 2022

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

Our 2022 Thanksgiving Match has begun and we want to thank all those that have already donated. That said, we still have a long way to go to reach our critical goal of \$100,000. Your help is needed more this year than ever. Click <u>HERE</u> to donate. This week we share the truly amazing story of Kane's journey as told by his adopter.

We lived a beautiful life with two amazing children. A few months earlier, we had just bought our first house together and had a huge backyard fenced in to make ready for one more addition to our family. While doing some research and figuring out what dog would be great for us, I came across this handsome little white ball of fluff with gorgeous golden eyes. We fell in love at first sight.

Oh boy, Kane! He was playful, loving, adorable, and most of all loved to cuddle. He was my son's baseball buddy. Always ready to go to the park with us every day. He was my daughter's pillow and snuggle bug. He was my blanket on cold nights and my support on bad days. He was my husband's shadow on those exhausting days in the yard. Kane always had so much love to give, but most of all, he was our best friend. You could look into those big gold eyes and feel the love and happiness that he shared with us everyday. He was a young pup with an old beautiful soul. When Covid hit, our lives were flipped upside down. We struggled, to say the least. My husband's job completely shut down, and my job of watching children from our home became a health risk to our asthmatic son. Over time, we lost everything. Everything but our house and our love for each other. When it came down to feeding our children or our pets, I knew it was time to make the heartbreaking decision. I felt like I was cornered and had no other choice but to find our sweet Kane a loving home where he could thrive.

I put the word out to some friends and made a post on Facebook explaining our situation and love for him. I wanted him to go to a home where he would continue to be loved unconditionally. A few days later, I was contacted, and everything sounded wonderful. It sounded like a pyr's dream: 27 acres, chickens, rabbits and goats and two young children. We were promised that Kane would be loved so much and continue to get all of his snuggles.

The day the new adopter picked him up was absolutely one of the hardest days our family went through. We all cried and our house felt empty. Our hearts were broken. I continued to check in on him to see how everything was going, and we were reassured that he was doing wonderful and dearly loved.

It had been over a year since he left.....

My heart shattered when I heard the news. The feelings of guilt and shame immediately took over. The tears were unstoppable. I was contacted by the county humane society. I had to look through the gut-wrenching photos of several pyrs in horrible health. They all looked so sad. And there he was...my boy!

He was skinny, had extreme hair loss on his legs and rear, and his nails very overgrown. I asked the humane society worker where he was and how do I bring him home. She told me that he was with GPRA, and I probably wouldn't be able to get him back because I had given him up. I tried thinking positively and to be understanding. It was my fault that he suffered.

I gave it 24 hours, and I couldn't settle my thoughts and emotions. I knew Kane needed us. He was broken physically and mentally. We also needed him. We have overcome our losses, and our home was never the same without him. I knew I had to try to get him back. I reached out that evening and immediately received a call from John, President and Founder of GPRA. John listened and that alone made a huge impact. He had Lauri, an adoption coordinator, and Jackie, Kane's foster, contact me the next day. I went through the entire adoption process to prove our love for our Kane, and it all worked out wonderfully.

Kane is home now, exactly where he belongs. After everything he went through, he is still the

most loving boy. We are working on regaining his trust and showing him all of the love that he needs to heal. He is gaining weight, growing his hair back, and thriving. The kids picked up right where they left off with tons of snuggles, hugs and kisses.

I have learned so much through all of this process. Unfortunately, the hard way. Never just give your dog away. Don't simply trust what people say and do your research. If I would have known what I do now, poor Kane would have never gone through an abusive, neglectful situation. We are so lucky and thankful to have a 2nd chance. All thanks to John and his wonderful organization, GPRA!

Everyone at GPRA works so hard to make sure all of their dogs go to wonderful homes. They put every ounce of love into the dogs, and it truly makes a difference. John, Lauri, and Jackie were the most amazing people. When I was reunited with Kane, I could see the relationship that Jackie had built with him. The love and trust she had gained from Kane in just a short amount of time as his foster was stunning. Every step of their process in finding these lovely pups good homes is well worth it. Thank you GPRA for giving us a 2nd chance!

Love, The Peters Family

Thank you so much for your support.

John, GPRA President and Founder

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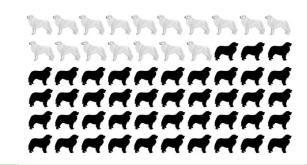




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