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GPRRA Thanksgiving Match November 15, 2022

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donations. We have already surpassed our original goal of \$100,000 and are hopefully on our way to the new \$140,000 target. That said, we have a long way to go in a short time. This week's story demonstrates how medical costs can add up quickly. Please help us reach this new goal.

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This week's story is about Ellie and her difficult medical journey to find her best life as told by our Medical Director and now Ellie's Mom.

As a foster for GPRRA for TEN years and TEN times a foster failure (yes, you read that right!), there are times you end up adopting with absolutely no intention of doing so. Our Ellie is one of those dogs! She came into the rescue February 14th, 2022, a very appropriate day for our 4 year old sweetheart!

She had a torn cranial cruciate ligament that her former owner could not afford to have repaired. On intake, we found that Ellie also had bilateral upper and lower entropion eyes that would require surgery as well as being heartworm positive. She ended up having a six-month medical journey with GPRRA. In addition to the three medical issues above, she had a chronic bladder infection discovered the day of her eye surgery and prior to her heartworm treatment. One of the pre-heartworm treatment medicines triggered an issue that revealed a chronic kidney infection that took 45 days to resolve before heartworm treatment could begin. The day of her second heartworm shot, Ellie had blowout diarrhea that continued for 36 hours on the hour every hour, and she repeated that when we gave her heartworm medicine 2 weeks later. Next issue discovered! Ellie had encysted hookworms not found on her intake fecal check which took another 4 weeks to treat.

Ellie is a great example of the time and money that GPRRA spends on dogs with unknown medical issues prior to intake. Ellie's medical bills for the treatments she had to undergo ended up totaling \$9,500 (yes, you read that right, also). Not once during her journey did GPRRA ever say no to the treatments required. In addition to fostering for GPRRA, I have had the privilege of working as the Medical Director for GPRRA since 2015. I wish I could say that the Ellies of our rescue who cost much more than their adoption fees are the exception – unfortunately, they are not. Are they worth every penny GPRRA spends on them? Absolutely! We hear from our adopters all the time what joy their dog has brought to their lives and how they can't imagine their life without their fur baby!

With costs continuing to rise across all segments of our lives, GPRRA's vet costs are no exception. Please consider contributing to our Thanksgiving fundraiser, so GPRRA can continue to help the Ellies of the world thrive.

Thank you,
John,
GPRRA President and Founder

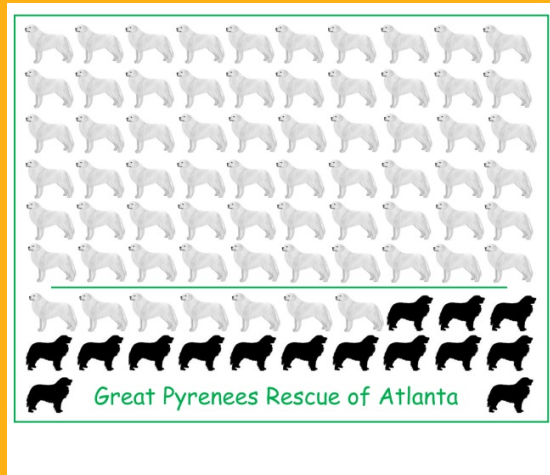
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ELLIE



**Progress towards
\$140,000 Goal**

Each white PYR represents amounts collected toward our goal of raising enough to save 82 PYRS. Click [HERE](#) to donate.



2023 Calendars

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11:00-1:00

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