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GPRA Update – January 16, 2023

The Hazel & Jasper love story

as told by their permanent foster - Sabine, GPRA Intake Director

It was one year ago!!! Exactly around this time I was on the way to the shelter to meet Jasper and Hazel a 11 year old pair, seized from the owners by Animal Control. They lived outside, no shelter, no food, no water. Neighbors made sure they got fed and brought clean water over. Hazel was reported to GPRA in rough condition, needing palliative and hospice care for the few weeks she might have left. Jasper in better condition. Both unaltered, emaciated (60 and 70 pounds), very scruffy and thin coats, very high Heartworm positive. Jasper had a large growth by his neck and Hazel had countless smaller growths along her mammaries. She was clearly used for backyard breeding, a quick money maker.....Just heartbreaking!!

I met two very sweet and loving dogs and spend some time with them. Checked out their bodies to get a better picture and to be able to report to our medical team at GPRA. Back then my pack was a bit smaller (or was it?) and I offered to foster both and take them through whatever is needed medically. A few days later I picked them up and they went through isolation at the vet clinic.

Based on their teeth the vet thought at first they might be younger but during the recovery time we realized that the age was probably correct with 11. Both dogs had their cancerous growths removed and were altered. After they recovered from surgery we started heartworm treatment. Hazel's eye condition was addressed but there is nothing that can be done. Her third eyelid is covering most of her eyes on both sides but she can see and gets around pyrfect.

Since summer no more treatment, just a lazy happy life. Both have turned into couch potatoes and love the indoor life!! Jasper spends some time in the backyard, he is on medication for his heart and lungs. Hazel wants to stay in the house, she is having x-rays done again in February to rule out lung metastases from breast cancer. Both gained weight (maintaining roughly around 100 pounds now)and have very a thick and dense Pyrenees coats. Jasper has super grinchy feet and a very curly wavy coat. Jasper is very easy going while it took Hazel pretty long to adjust between different healing stages. She finally settled in fully where she moves through the house with no issues. She has accidents inside frequently but we manage and clean up. Guess she thinks the living room is part of the backyard.....lol

In fall we (GPRA) decided to make them permanent fosters. It would be very hard on them to get adopted and settle in to a new place and routine, with new people. They are very much loved here and enjoy their cookies, good food and supplements and soak up all the attention.

Thank you GPRA for rescuing both!! Here we are one year later, going strong!! Hazel and Jasper are troopers!! Every night at 9pm sharp Hazel peeks around the corner in the kitchen asking for her nitenite cookie!!

John,
GPRA President and Founder



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