



# Adoption Day

*Please visit GPRA's website for up-to-date days and times*

GPRA is excited to host an adoption event giving you an opportunity to meet/some amazing PYRS!

**Parking:** Please park along the tree line after passing the black fence. Parking spaces closer to Pet Lodge are reserved for Pet Lodge customers.

**Arrival:** Check in at the main GPRA table. You will be given directions at this point.

*\*Please make sure you are prepared for the weather and bring items that will allow you to remain comfortable.*

## Approved Applicants vs. Visitors

People who have put in an application, are working with an adoption coordinator and are approved will be able to adopt on adoption day. Visitors are always welcome to walk around and learn about the breed but are highly unlikely to leave with a Pyr since an application must be in our system and must be approved. Once an application is received, you will work closely with an adoption coordinator to get approved and decide what a good fit is for you and your family.

## Other General Information:

\*Bring a pen and notebook if you want to remember questions to ask and jot down any notes.


\*Only ONE family will meet any particular Pyr at a time. You may wait for your turn, at a distance of over 6 feet, or you may move on to meet others and come back. We encourage you to talk with the Pyr handler, which may be one of our walker volunteers or a foster. You may ask additional questions to your adoption coordinator or any other GPRA volunteer.

\*If you are bringing your current dog, please make sure follow appropriate dog introduction etiquette. Remember, just like people, some dogs may be friendlier than others.

# It Doesn't Happen Overnight

The 3/3/3 rule is a general guideline for the adjustment period of a dog after adoption.

Every dog is unique and will adjust differently.

		
3 Days	3 Weeks	3 Months
<p><b>TO DECOMPRESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Feeling overwhelmed</b></li><li>▪ <b>May feel scared &amp; unsecure of what's going on</b></li><li>▪ <b>Not comfortable enough to be "him/herself"</b></li><li>▪ <b>May not want to eat or drink</b></li><li>▪ <b>Shuts down and/or hides under furniture</b></li><li>▪ <b>Tests the boundaries</b></li></ul>	<p><b>TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Starts settling in</b></li><li>▪ <b>Feels more comfortable</b></li><li>▪ <b>Realizes this could be his/her forever home</b></li><li>▪ <b>Figures out your environment</b></li><li>▪ <b>Gets into a routine</b></li><li>▪ <b>Lets his/her guard down; may begin to show true personality</b></li><li>▪ <b>Behavior issues may start to appear</b></li></ul>	<p><b>TO START TO FEEL AT HOME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Finally feels completely comfortable in his/her home</b></li><li>▪ <b>Begins to build trust and a true bond</b></li><li>▪ <b>Gains a complete sense of security with his/her new family</b></li><li>▪ <b>Sets into a routine</b></li></ul>

Give them a chance!