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GPRA Thanksgiving Match– November 7, 2023

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

We continue to make progress toward our Thanksgiving Match goal but still need your help. Please [donate if you can.](#) This week we are sharing the story of so many recent puppy rescues as told by GPRA Foster & GPRA Intake Director, Sabine.

In animal rescue, sadly, we see a lot of heartbreak. But, today, we would like to focus on the new beginnings! In the past few years, GPRA has had a lot of young puppies coming in from pregnant mothers or along with their nursing mamas who were unfortunately not spayed in time, and sometimes, even, dad (not neutered) tags along with the whole family. When GPRA gets notified about a litter of puppies, it always puts us in high gear to move as quickly as possible to save these young lives. The GPRA transport team has to move into action, GPRA fosters have to get space and materials ready for a litter, and the GPRA adoption team has to find them homes.

We just shared the story about Rosalind, the young mama dog that was found in a hollow tree who later on also took care of a litter of orphan puppies in addition to her own babies. Well, just a few weeks later, we had a young female foster dog admitted to our partner vet for a possible obstruction. Turned out Skye was carrying a pretty big-sized single puppy. Giving birth was a struggle, but our amazing partner vet, Dr. Bonny at Animal Wellness Clinic in Milton, did everything in her power to save Skye and puppy Nova's life. Skye and her newborn puppy came to my place for foster care the very same night.

Skye did not produce milk, so Nova had to be bottle-fed. Bottle-feeding is a very beautiful and rewarding process but also an extremely time-consuming operation. A newborn puppy has to be bottle-fed about every two hours for the first couple of days, depending on the puppy's size and ability to take in nutrition. We also supplemented colostrum and vitamins to give Nova the best start to a healthy life! As a GPRA foster, I am always ready to move my schedule around, like waking up every hour to feed the puppies in my care. Thankfully, Nova was a very good eater, so we did not suffer too many sleepless nights.

Only a few weeks after we rescued Skye and Nova, GPRA was notified about four more bottle babies that needed our help. Luckily, I had just come across a very neat little gadget: a bubble feeder. It is basically a silicone bubble with four nipples that you can fill with milk-replacer (we use goat's milk), and the puppies can nurse from the bubble. Now, keep in mind, everything needs to be introduced slowly, and it takes a bit of time for the puppies to get the hang off. There is always one that cannot handle it, so the good old-fashioned baby bottle is the back up. Part of being a GPRA puppy foster means figuring out how to help each individual puppy. Soon, they were all able to play and run together. Milk bubbles and baby bottles were eventually replaced by food bowls with gruel until the pups were able to eat puppy kibble on their own.

All these supplements, food supplies, and gadgets cost money that GPRA can only provide through the generosity of its donors, and it's all worth it because, happily, we found wonderful homes for all of our puppies. I would love to say a great big THANK YOU to everyone supporting GPRA through donations and sending items. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you again to our anonymous donor who will match the first \$50,000 raised. In other words, any donations between now and Thanksgiving, whether \$5 or \$5,000, will be 100% matched up to a total of \$50,000. GPRA is a 501c3 non profit so all donations are tax

deductible. None of our volunteers are paid and virtually all donations go toward the medical care of our GIANTS. [Please click here to donate](#) or send your check to 4651 Woodstock Road, Suite 208-185, Woodstock, GA 30075. With your help and the generosity of our anonymous donor we can achieve our goal of at least \$100,000 which will cover the cost of rescuing approximately 70 PYRS. Please play a role in making this happen.

Thank you for your continued support of GPRA.

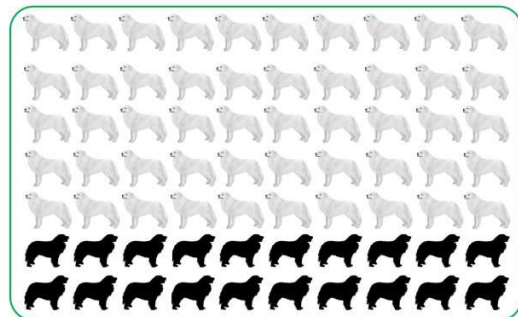
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\$100,000
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2024 Calendars

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[Order you calendars now](#)

Santa's Coming

We will be hosting a photo session with Santa on

December 9th from 12:00 to 3:00. This is your opportunity to get a Christmas picture of your Pyr. Limited slots available. \$25 for 10 minute session.

[Link for more info and to Sign Up and Pay](#)



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