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GPRA Thanksgiving Match – November 21, 2023

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving. We have surpassed our original \$100,000 goal and are optimistic we can reach the new \$140,000 goal as we have for the last two years. Only a few days to help make this happen. Please help us rescue 100 Pyrenees in need **DONATE IF YOU CAN** This week we are sharing the story of Roscoe and how given the chance, these resilient dogs can become a loving member of your family. This story is being told by Roscoe's adopter, Rebecca.

I cannot express how happy I am to write this about Roscoe – a few weeks ago I was not sure! I got Beau as a puppy in 2019; he was my first Pyr and I fell in love with the breed! There are so many Pyrs in need that I decided to adopt another one. My sister told me about GPRA. I reached out to the rescue, and I was paired with Duke. Duke has one of those horrible backgrounds - abused, neglected, and abandoned. When I met Duke, it was love at first sight! Beau instantly became Duke's emotional support dog, and slowly Duke began to trust me, then others.

Fast forward to summer 2023 – GPRA sent out an email that they desperately needed fosters and people to adopt because the rescue had been full with a waiting list of Pyrs. I looked at the available dogs on the website and saw Abner (now Roscoe). His story reminded me of Duke, and my heart was drawn to him. Roscoe was brought into animal control due to animal cruelty and was placed in a medical shelter from April through June 24. Medically, he could have left at the beginning of June, but there was no place for him to go.

I told Tara, my GPRA adoption coordinator, that I wanted to meet Roscoe, and she thought we would be a great match. Tara was amazing and helped me through the process. As I live in NC, I drove to Atlanta with both of my pups to meet Roscoe. The meet and greet could not have gone better, and I loved Roscoe right away! He was nervous but so loving! The three pups did amazing together, and the next day, I met the wonderful GPRA transporter, Tammy, in SC to pick up Roscoe and bring him home.

The first few days went well, but then my sweet, goofy Beau started to become very protective of me and his territory which led to three 'fights' with Roscoe in about two weeks. Each incident lasted about 30 seconds, but they were the longest seconds of my life! Neither dog was ever hurt, but I was very overwhelmed and upset. Beau is the sweetest pup, and Roscoe did nothing to provoke the incidents other than having a complete inability to 'read the room.'

I reached out to Tara and Sabine, GPRA intake director, who were SO helpful in navigating how to introduce a new pup to our 'pack.' I also reached out to local trainers and a dog behaviorist. We- Beau, Duke, Roscoe and I- ALL went to training classes. It HAD to work with Roscoe in our home – he belongs here!

Roscoe is an anxious dog, but in the past two weeks, the world has changed for us! The training is working! Roscoe has started going to daycare with Beau and Duke, and Beau and Roscoe are now best buddies. Now, Beau is not so uptight, and Roscoe is beginning to 'read the room.' Meanwhile, Duke sits back and keeps an eye on both of his brothers.

Transitioning Roscoe into my family was completely different than Duke, but both boys are meant to be part of my family! If I could give other families advice, it would be to trust

GPRA to pair you with the right dog, and training is critical.. Also, look for a good support system: good trainers (GPRA was amazing!), vets, daycare, family, friends. And be prepared to have the most loving pups in your life! Thank you, GPRA – we are still a work in progress, but are very happy!

Below is a picture of Roscoe and his new family. 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 Gentle Giants. [Please click here to donate](#) or send your check to 4651 Woodstock Road, Suite 208-185, Woodstock, GA 30075.

Thank you for your continued support of GPRA.

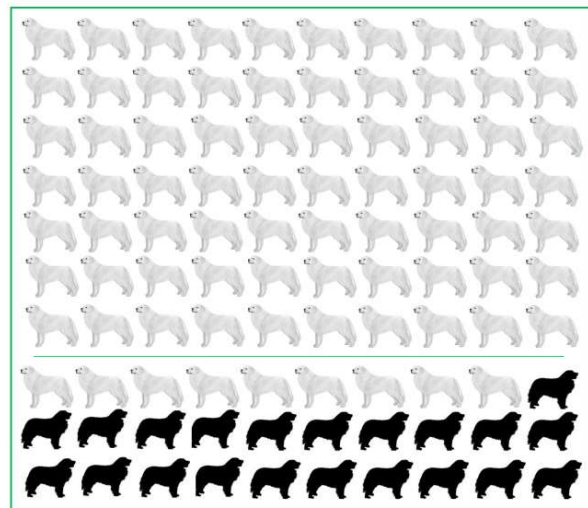
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