## GPRA Thanksgiving Match November 5, 2024

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

We had a good week thanks to the many that answered our plea but we have a long way to go. This week's story is shared by our medical director Marla. **DONATE HERE** 

When people think of a rescue, they usually think of dogs who are brought into a rescue program and adopted to their forever homes. There is another side of rescue that we seldom talk about that GPRA quietly goes about doing - the dogs we bring into GPRA that for one reason or another are not adopted and end up being long term dogs in the GPRA program, primarily because of medical needs and/or age. They become a "permanent foster". and stay with a GPRA foster till the end of their life. The foster provides love, day to day medical care, and food, but GPRA covers all medical expenses.

As a rescue it is never easy to decide which dogs we bring into GPRA. We have the tragic stories where dogs have been mistreated, dumped, abandoned or have had minimal medical care, if any at all. We also take in the "normal" dogs who have issues that we identify at intake that adopters are understandably reluctant to adopt due to the ongoing costs.













Our Intake Director Sabine and I have been privileged to be two of the permanent fosters for GPRA. We both love senior dogs and have managed medical conditions as varied as heart disease, sick sinus syndrome, kidney disease, diabetes, EPI, Addison's, laryngeal paralysis, cancers of various types, DM, and seizures. Other fosters have helped with

sebaceous adenitis (our girl Gurley currently in foster) and other issues including heart conditions, allergies, stomatitis, and osteoarthritis.

I joined GPRA in April of 2012 as a foster and transitioned into medical care in 2015. In my years with GPRA there has never been a time we have refused a medical need for a dog, regardless of the cost, whether it is as simple as heart worm treatment (a \$1400 to \$1500 cost) to complex orthopedic surgeries (currently \$5000 to \$6000 per surgery).

Many of you are dealing with living costs increasing constantly and GPRA is doing the same, trying to keep our costs as low as possible while at the same time making sure the dogs get the medical care they need. For several years GPRA has been able to maintain our average cost per dog between \$1200 and \$1500. This past year we have seen price increases in medicines, labs and treatments far beyond the normal yearly increases and GPRA is currently managing a 12 month average cost of \$2042 per dog.

Your donations have been and continue to be an important part of allowing us to care for so many. The GPRA Board and I thank you, and hope that this year you will continue to help us help our Pyrs. There are always more waiting for our help!

GPRA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so all donations are tax deductible. None of our volunteers are paid and virtually all donations go toward the medical care of our GIANTS.

<u>Please click here to donate</u> 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 \$120,000** which will cover the cost of rescuing approximately 55 PYRS. Please play a role in making this happen.

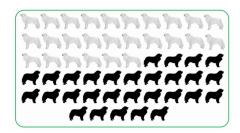
Thank you all for your continued support of GPRA.

John, GPRA President and Founder

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Progress toward our goal of raising \$120,000 to save 55 Pyrs

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# 2025 Calendars Are Now Available!

The new 2025 GPRA calendars are now available in the online store. Click <u>HERE</u> to order your Calendar today!

## Pictures with Santa

Sign up to get you and your pup's picture with Santa. New times added! (now starts at 1pm) Sunday December 1, 2024 1:00 to 4:00pm \$25 donation

Click **HERE** for more information and to sign up.





### PARADE

GPRA will be participating in the Sandy Springs Sparkle Parade.

Sunday December 8, 2024 at 6:00pm Click <u>HERE</u> for more information and to sign up.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

- Adoption Coordinator facilitate matching applicants with the perfect PYR
- Fosters we desperately need more foster families
- Transporters for intake and vet appointments
- Walkers for our PYRS in boarding in Alpharetta

If you are interested in volunteering for these or any other positions please contact us at <u>volunteer@greatpyratlanta.com</u>.

Upcoming Adoption Days
Saturday November 9th and December 7th
11:00-1:00
See our website for more information

Great Pyrenees Rescue of Atlanta 404.829.2609

GPRA Website - Available Dogs - Volunteer - Foster a Dog - Donate







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