



The Pyrenees Post...

spreading the word about the Southeast's best kept secret.



GPRA Thanksgiving Match October 21, 2025

Dear Great Pyrenees friends,

Thank you to all that have already donated. We are off to good start but have a long way to go to take advantage of the generosity of our anonymous donor who is matching the first \$60,000 donated. Please [DONATE HERE](#). We will be highlighting a few of our recent rescues over the next few weeks. Here is our first story as told by Sabine.

Puppy-Palooza

Rescuing 22 puppies, three mothers, and a kitten is quite a challenge.

For GPRA's amazing fosters and volunteers, it's well worth the effort.



Never in my wildest dreams would I imagine what happened earlier this summer.

We had just taken in **three orphan puppies** that were found in flood waters, **plus an orphan kitten** who loved snuggling up with the puppies. This little group of four needed bottle feeding around the clock! The puppies needed some special medical care, as they likely aspirated some of the muddy water and showed signs of pneumonia. We successfully nursed them back to health, and before long, it would be time to start finding them homes.

Then we learned about Betty Ann, a young pregnant female that needed a place to stay immediately. I did not hesitate and started looking for a second whelping box to set up for her so she could get comfy and build a nest, so that she could have her puppies soon.

Luckily, we knew from x-rays that Betty Ann was carrying **three puppies**, because after she gave birth to the second one she stopped having contractions. After five hours, we rushed her to the emergency clinic nearby where she had a C-section. Her third puppy was alive and healthy just like the other two!

Meanwhile, we were notified about Angel, a young Pyrenees mama who just had a litter of **seven puppies** at the shelter. They did have a temporary foster home for her, just to get her out of the shelter. Newborn puppies do not have much immunity at all and are very vulnerable of getting sick quickly, so it was essential that they had somewhere of their own to stay. The temporary foster fortunately bought me a bit of time to create a spot for Angel and her pups. Shortly after, mama Angel and her pups moved into our foster area.

While all of this was happening, our amazing adoption team had already found homes for the three orphan puppies, and the kitten too!



If you think three different sets of puppies, a kitten and two Mamas is enough, then you need to stop reading here!

I then got a phone call from my rescue friend telling me about a farmer who was threatening to *shoot* his mama dog and her **nine puppies** if my friend wouldn't pick them up immediately!

The rescue friend was on the way to go get the dogs out of their bad situation. Knowing they would need somewhere to stay, and with us having taken in so many dogs in such a short span of time, my first reaction was "Nope, I'm full, can't do it, sorry!" just to wake up the next morning calling her, saying "Okay, get them up here, I'll figure it out!" And we did!

More rescue friends came to help with the (lots of) daily poop scooping, feeding, watering, bathing, washing bowls, washing floors, and keeping whelping boxes clean. Lots of laundry, washable pee pads, toys, towels, sheets, and more. Little puppies can get sick quickly and you have to react immediately. We had several runs to the emergency room due to aspiration pneumonia and severe hookworm and whipworm infestations. We learned a lot in a short span of time!

Those visits get expensive quickly! But GPRA always steps up to give all our puppies and adult dogs the very best care.

To sum it up, it was more than a full time job, and it was well worth it. Sadly, we lost 1 puppy early on, but we **saved 25 lives** in a short period of time. All mamas and puppies (and the kitten) found wonderful homes! Our fabulous adoption team worked overtime to get them all placed.

Would we do it again? Absolutely!



Story by

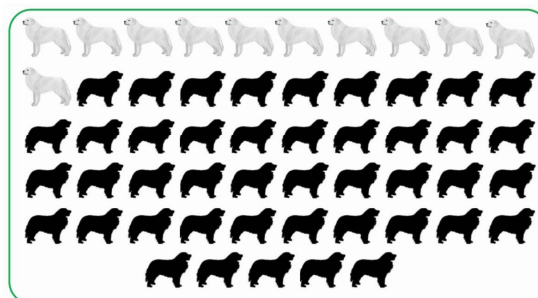
Sabine Elbert

GPRA Intake Director

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Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal

With your generosity, we hope to reach our goal of \$120,000 raised — which means rescuing 55 beautiful, lovable PYRS! 11 down 44, to go.



2026

GREAT PYRENEES RESCUE OF ATLANTA



2026 Calendars Coming Soon

Watch your inboxes, the new 2026 GPRA calendars will be available soon and are filled with lots of great PYR pictures.

Pictures with Santa

Has your Pyrenees been a little naughty this year? Come have their picture taken with Santa so they can get on his good side before Christmas!

When: 11/30/2025 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Animal Wellness Clinic
2790 Bethany Bend, Alpharetta, GA 30004

Cost: \$25 donation

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Sparkle Parade

GPRA will participate in this year's Sandy Springs Sparkle Parade.

Join us for tons of fun!

Sunday December 7, 2025, 6:00pm.
(Participants meet at 4:30pm)

MORE INFO + SIGN UP

Upcoming Adoption Days

October 25th, November 15th
11:00am - 1:00pm
Pet Lodge Pet Resort
3456 Bethany Bend
Alpharetta, Georgia 30004

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