



The Pyrenees Post...

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



GPRA Thanksgiving Match October 28, 2025

Dear Great Pyrenees friends,

Last week we told you about our adorable Puppy Palooza we experienced early this summer. Today, we want to talk a little bit about what often comes with puppies (and a lot of adult dogs, too): the **unforeseen emergencies** that force a rush-trip to the emergency vet.

Our Fosters do their very best to keep their foster dogs safe, happy and healthy. But sometimes things just happen, especially with puppies. When a dog needs an emergency visit, it's often difficult to deal with because most of the time it's a critical situation or a situation where a dog is hurt and in pain. As you can imagine, quality treatment for these sweet dogs is also hard on our pocketbooks.

Here are a couple of examples:

When we took Mama Betty in, we already knew from previous x-rays that she was carrying three puppies. When she went into labor, we were of course hoping for easy delivery. Everything started just fine and she had her two puppies shortly past midnight. Surprisingly, about an hour later she laid down comfortably nursing her puppies with no signs of any more contractions. I kept watching her for the next 2 hours until I got in contact with our vet. She gave me instructions to watch the mama closely, and if nothing changed to take her into the emergency room. After 5 hours, I packed her and the two newborn puppies into the car, and we drove over to the emergency room where they were already waiting for her. They had to perform an emergency C-section to get the last puppy out.



We got great news about 2 hours later. The emergency C-section went well with no complications and the little puppy was alive, and he is doing well just like his two siblings.

A few hours later we were able to pick up Betty Ann and her three puppies and bring her home into their cozy whelping box. Betty recovered well and quickly from her big surgery and took excellent care of her three puppies. Everyone is now thriving in their permanent homes.

A few weeks later, we took in Mama Clair Bear and her puppies. Sadly, we lost one of her puppies the same day they were transported to us. Two others declined quickly, and we had to rush them into the emergency clinic. The vet did a thorough exam and told us that the puppies have a high burden of hookworms which can be life-threatening. With little puppies, medication is very limited because of their young age. That said, both puppies pulled through, but we had a couple of sleepless nights making sure that they were doing

well.

A few weeks later we got alarmed by one of the puppies yelping very loudly and we realized that he was limping on his front leg. We were watching him for a little while to make sure if he's getting better.



A little bit later we were again on the way to our vet to have x-rays taken. The X-ray showed that both his radius and ulna were broken. We quickly scheduled an appointment with our orthopedic surgeon and Panda was scheduled for surgery to put a bone plate into his arm and repair the damage. After the surgery he had to be separated from his litter mates to make sure that he could heal properly. After a week or so we started with little visits where he could see one of his siblings and then two of the siblings, so we took it very slowly but made sure that he got introduced back to his litter. All are doing well and happy in their furever homes.

These emergency vet visits are unavoidable in the rescue world, but they're absolutely necessary if we are to give our rescued Gentle Giants the best care possible and get them ready for a happy, healthy life with their future adoptive parents. This can only happen through the generosity of our wonderful donors whom we count on to have the funds necessary to be able to care for our sick and injured rescues as well as to be able to cover all our medical expenses.

If you can, please donate to our Thanksgiving Match fundraiser.

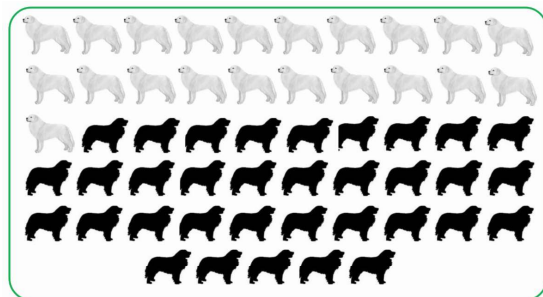


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Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal

With your generosity, we hope to reach our goal of \$120,000 raised — which means rescuing 55 beautiful, lovable PYRS!
21 down, 34 to go.



2026 Calendars Coming Soon

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2026

GREAT PYRENEES RESCUE OF ATLANTA



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)

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November 15th, December 13th

11:00am - 1:00pm

Pet Lodge Pet Resort

3456 Bethany Bend

Alpharetta, Georgia 30004

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