



The Pyrenees Post...

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



GPRA Thanksgiving Match November 4, 2025

GPRA is Happy to be "SOMEBODY"



Dear Great Pyrenees friends,

The dog rescue world is rewarding, but it can also be frustrating to the people involved in animal rescue, especially Rescue Organizations. We get the urgent calls, emails, Facebook tags and other communications constantly saying that "SOMEBODY" needs to help a dog. I often wonder if people understand the strain and demand that are a constant part of the rescue world and that there are only so many "Somebodies" available.



Story by

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GPRA has a long history of being the "Somebody" who helps in cases where others are not able or willing to help, be it a dog who has been at the shelter so long the dreaded "E" word comes up, the older dog no one wants that has lost their loved ones, the mama with 8-10 puppies, or the critical medical dogs.



Hector

Often, GPRA ends up being the "Somebody" to step in and help because no one is willing to take on the challenge involved with the dog.

Hector, who joined the GPRA program on October 9th of this year is one such dog. Hector is a front leg amputee (a tripaw).

Front leg amputees have a more difficult time walking as 65-70% of a dog's balance is on their front legs. Hector is not a recent amputee based on how he moves, sits, and stands, and has adjusted well to the loss of his front leg (and is a perfect candidate for a prosthesis) but GPRA was the only one willing to pull him from the shelter.

Things worked out great for Hector as he has recently found his fur-ever home!

Shortly after rescuing Hector, we then received a call from an Alabama resident who had a stray dog that had 7 puppies under his house (and yes, we took them in).

Within a week another shelter called us. They had received a complaint about a dog getting into the trash, and when they picked her up and got to the shelter they realized she was a recent mama. The neighbor whose trash can was being raided started looking and found 8 puppies under the house.

The owner didn't even realize the dog was pregnant, but Mama and Puppies were reunited at the shelter and yes GPRA was once again that "Somebody".

In between the puppy litters we took in Isabelle, a 3-month-old female who was with another rescue after they sent her siblings north for their fur-ever homes. They kept her because she has a Grade 4/6 heart murmur. We also rescued Chief, a 3-year-old male tied on a chain in the back yard because family circumstances took a downturn.



Isabelle



Chief (right)

In addition to the shelter and critical need dogs, GPRA constantly receives calls and emails from owners wanting to surrender their dogs for whatever reason — moving, life circumstances and sometimes they just don't want the dog any longer. We take as many of these dogs as we can, but we are limited due to foster availability and funds.

The circumstances of the dogs we take into the GPRA program are varied, but the constant is the care they receive with us while we work diligently to place them into their forever homes.

It is thanks to GPRA's generous donor base that we can continue to meet the medical needs and other challenges of the dogs we rescue. Please consider donating again to this year's Thanksgiving Match.

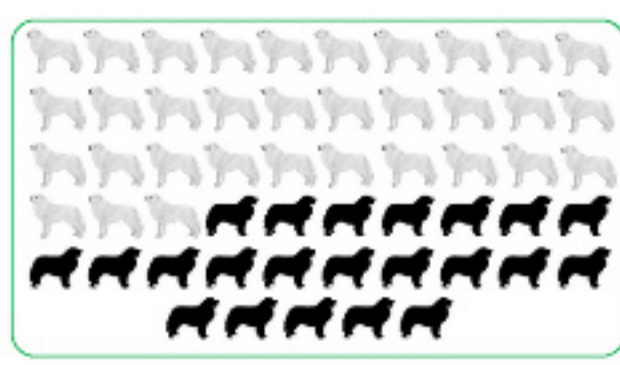
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Funds for 33 Pyrs raised so far



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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!

Sunday November 30, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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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Becoming a Foster is one of the most powerful, life-changing ways to help a Great Pyrenees in need. Sign up to be a part of our Foster team today!

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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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