



# The Pyrenees Post...

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



## GPRA Thanksgiving Match November 18, 2025

### Rescue Story: Mud Bug

When it comes to recovery, for Mud Bug "it's all in the hips."



Mud Bug was found as a stray on Mud Road, and because he was such a little love bug, that's how he got his name. It fit him perfectly — **a messy past, but a heart overflowing with sweetness.**



Story by

**Shawna Pierce**

GPRA Foster Director

When he arrived at GPRA, his fur had been shaved down, leaving his sensitive Pyr skin exposed. We had to protect him carefully from the sun so he wouldn't burn. We immediately scheduled him to see our orthopedic specialist, desperate to understand what was causing the painful limp in his back right leg.

At his exam, it became clear just how much Mud Bug had been enduring. He tried to stand on his right leg, but the limp gave him away. His hip was painful, and the joint was no longer sitting where it should—it had partially slipped out. Suddenly, his struggle to walk made perfect, heartbreaking sense.

And as if that weren't enough, the news got even harder to hear. His left knee—though not as urgent—had a kneecap that slipped in and out of place. Both that knee and his injured hip were already developing arthritis. He had been living with pain for far too long.



**Mud Bug (just rescued)**

The doctors urged us to start pain medication right away, but with the extent of the hip

damage, surgery was the only real path forward. They also recommended physical therapy to strengthen his weakened muscles and help protect his fragile joints.



Shawna, our Foster Director, turned to Meghan, one of our amazing medical fosters. Meghan said “yes” without a second thought, giving him a safe place to heal so we could move forward with his surgery immediately.

As soon as our Medical Director, Marla, saw his hip X-rays, she said, “**These are the worst hips I’ve ever seen on a dog.**” And she’s seen more X-rays than she can count over the years.

On July 29th, **Mud Bug underwent FHO surgery**—a procedure that removes the damaged portion of the hip joint to allow the leg to function without pain—and the procedure went wonderfully.

In October, he began rehab in Atlanta to help strengthen his right leg, and he went to two sessions. But before he could continue, his life took the happiest turn — **a kind, loving family from Ohio adopted him and gave him the forever home he’d been waiting for.** His rehab will continue in Ohio.

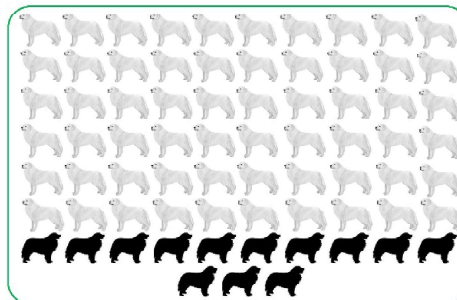


**Because of our generous donors**, GPRA was able to provide Mud Bug with over \$8,000 in medical care that has greatly improved his quality of life. This holiday season, **please consider giving so we can continue changing the lives of dogs just like him.**

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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 - 4:00pm  
Animal Wellness Clinic  
2790 Bethany Bend  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
**Cost:** \$25 donation



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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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December 13th, January 10th

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3456 Bethany Bend

Alpharetta, Georgia 30004

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