

2016 Newsletter
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2nd Quarter 2016 Highlights

During the second quarter of 2016, ten dogs joined us at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue: Argos, Ben, Chester, Lee Anne, Merlin, Minnie 16, Misha, Paisley, Penny Lane, and Samson.

The following sixteen dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Amira, Baby, Bandit, Bugzy, Buddy, Charmin, Gigi, Minnie, Olaf, Phoenix, Rose, Scott, Snoopy, Sophie

Rose, Taz and Troy. Congratulations to their new families and thank you so much for adopting your new family member from AGPR!

Pyrfest 2016



On June 11, many of our Great Pyrenees "alum" and families met for a day of food, fun and fund-raising. Yes, the weather was a bit toasty but the shade from the trees and the kiddie pools helped keep all the Pyr alum from getting too hot.

Joining our thirty nine Pyr alum were three canine companions and ninety six humans. The food was delicious! Three of our awesome human "alum" (Grayson and Luna's family) smoked enough pulled pork barbeque to feed an army and also brought lots of lovely desserts. No one went home hungry.

Besides relaxing and talking to other Pyr owners, there was plenty of shopping to pass the time. While many bought our new tee shirts or shopped at the \$5 Below table (thank you Petco for many of the items) or purchased items from *For Dog's Sakes Mosaics*, others placed bids on numerous Silent Auction items.

Between the entry fee, the shopping, donations and the Silent Auction, we raised a little over \$2,000. To put that in perspective, those funds cover the vet costs for the Pys we've brought in

year to date who have required spay/neuter surgeries.

If you haven't seen the photos, please go to our website's Events page: <http://agprescue.org/events/pyr-fest-2016/>. Many thanks to Becky Huddleston Photography, Mike Diegel, and Larry Banner for capturing the day's events.

And we can't forget the Silent Auction donors or the twenty six volunteers behind the scenes – we could not have done this without them.

Many thanks to everyone for making Pyrfest 2016 a big success!

Happy Tails – Bowie



Above: Bowie

{Editor's note: Bowie was adopted last August and made himself at home with his new family and canine companion. We last saw him at the Southern Women's Show Fashion Show – one handsome boy with his two different colored

eyes! Here's an update from his family.} Bowie seems quite happy and has become an attention hound. We love him just as much today as the day we saw him. Oh, you've noticed the blue ribbon on his chest? He is now CGC

(canine good citizen) certified!!!!!! We are planning to continue on with the community CGC. Our desire is for him to become a therapy dog. Thank you for trusting us with one of your AGPR babies.

Happy Tails – Bella



Above: Jessey (left) & Bella (right)

{Editor's note: Bella was adopted from us last November. Here's an update from her family.}

When we arrived at AGPR, Victoria brought Bella out to meet us - she ran right over to me with her tail wagging. I remember saying "guess you're going home to Jersey

with us". Before adopting Bella, she met our Pyr/ Collie mix Jessey. They got along great at AGPR and drove six hours home in the rain. We got both dogs in the house and Bella was there about ten minutes before Jessey nipped at her. Guess he was saying "I'm boss here." But no worries - they

have been the best of friends since. Bella loves to bark - she gets everybody else's dogs started in the mornings. Turns out she is a very good watch dog. Bella patrols the yard every time she goes out. She's a great dog, we are glad she has a forever home here with us.

Happy Tails – Beau and Belle



Above: Beau and Belle

{Editor's note: Beau and Belle were formerly known as Buster and Kitkat. They came to AGPR as a bonded pair and were so fortunate to find a loving home that wanted them both. We saw them at the Middleburg Christmas Parade this past December and they looked great! Their owners adore them, as you can tell from their update.}

The "kids" are doing very well. Beau was 130 pounds at the last vet

check but not overweight. He is just a giant dog! Belle is currently weighing in at a "petite" 95 pounds. They have bonded well with their new cat friend, Dixie (also a rescue) and four hens that I brooded this spring. Their favorite activity outside of chasing squirrels is to go for long walks on the canal. They are rock stars out there and must stop for all the attention and pets from their admiring fans. I always make sure that

people know about the rescue and how many more rock star dogs are in need of new homes! So, Belle & Beau continue their job as AGPR ambassadors.... payment in the form of dog cookies and hugs.

Happy Tails - Hutch

{Editor's note: Starsky and Hutch were four month old puppy brothers when they got adopted by two different families last February. Hutch's mom recently helped out AGPR by doing a home visit that resulted in a happy adoption for a boy who had been with us for a while. So thank you to Hutch's mom for all the assistance! Hugs to Hutch, who sent us this update.}

My name is Hutch and I'm one and a half years old. I love to play with my cousin Isaac. My daddy is a police officer and mommy is studying criminal law. I love to eat and cuddle. This is me wearing my daddy's tie for "take your son and daughter to work day". I love when they come home. I love long walks and lots of kisses. When daddy is not home I protect my mommy. I lay next to her and bark if I

hear anything...even a leaf blowing off of a tree. I'm so happy here and they love me so much. I miss AGPR and all my friends, especially my brother Starsky, but I love being home. Winter time is my favorite since mommy and me and daddy played in the snow. Oh, I can't forget to mention my cat brothers, Jax and Taz.



Above: Hutch

Happy Tails - Sasha

{Editor's note: Sasha (formerly known as Reba) came to AGPR in early 2014 and went to her forever home in March of that year. Such a cutie! We recently got a note from her mom telling us that she had moved to the country. Sounds like she's enjoying it. Judge for yourself...}

We've moved out to Powhatan, and Sasha LOVES it! She's much calmer (though those pesky rabbits and deer do like to tease her). Sasha has plenty of nice cool floor to lay in the house, she gets three nice, long walks a day and is starting to get used to the horses behind us. We have just

over 2 acres that she reigns over. The other day, Sasha did chase off a coyote and let us know about a big black snake on the front porch. She thinks we bought the house just for her!



Above: Sasha

Happy Tails - Nora

{Editor's note: A few of us "old time" volunteers, were reminiscing about the first Pyrs we walked and fell in love with a couple years ago in 2014. Nora was one of our favorites and one of

the volunteers asked if we would do a follow up to see how she is doing. We got a quick update and a photo...she looks wonderful!} Nora is doing very well. She's as sweet as ever and

takes good care of all of us. She and her dad go for a walk every day. She's my cuddle bunny and I love her dearly.



Above: Nora

Big News!!!!

New Kennels at AGPR and Two Grants Awarded

{Editor's note: OK...I'm going to admit that I am cheating! I would usually wait until the 3rd quarter newsletter since this event happened in July. But this is just too exciting not to share right now.}

We made a big decision earlier this year. For years and years, the garage next to the Office was used for "intake" – a place to house the new-to-rescue Pyrs for the short term. Once they were evaluated and seen by the vet, it was time to move them to the big kennels. Unfortunately, we have been seeing more Pyrs who need special care and therefore more supervision. We came to the conclusion that it was time to replace the aging crates with some new kennels. The Pyrs would have more space, the kennels are safer and harder to escape (i.e. like during thunderstorms), and much, much easier to clean! So, on July 26th, a big truck maneuvered up the driveway to the garage and off came two huge skids with all the panels for eight new kennels (now known as "dorms") and one large (8' x

8') whelping kennel (now called the "family room"). It took five of us to move everything into the garage in preparation for Installation Day.

Thank goodness for volunteers! Five of our good friends from Petco showed up that Friday, along with the parents of recently adopted Olaf, a handful of high school students, and "regulars" (Kim, Jack, Victoria, Steve, Don and myself). We rolled up our sleeves and worked our way through some confusing instructions. The good news is that by 3:30 we had all the dorms installed and even had time to enjoy a bbq lunch. We celebrated the new "admissions dormitory" with a check presentation by our Petco friends. We had been awarded a Petco Foundation grant for \$2,500 to help defray the costs of the new dorms. Earlier this summer, we were awarded a grant for \$1,500 from So Delicious Dairy Free. A decent start to achieving our goal of funding the new "dorms" by year end.



Petco Foundation Grant presentation (back to front): Brent, Summer, Kim, Brandon, Scott, Nelson, Don; Victoria with Argos, Rachel with Celeste, Jamie.



New Pyrs Judy (left) and Custus (right) – the first Pyrs to enjoy their new "dorms".

How can you help AGPR? Let me count the ways:

1. Help fund a dorm room in our new Admissions Dormitory. Each dorm costs \$1500 and will have a plaque with room for three sets of donors' names (\$500 each). The "family room" (formerly known as the whelping kennel) cost us \$3000. We currently have it set up for Jane and Nora, a bonded pair we recently rescued as a result of a cruelty case (same case

as Judy and Custus). For more info. on sponsoring a dorm room, please contact us at agpr-news@verizon.net.

2. Participate in our upcoming 2nd Annual Calendar Photo Contest Fundraiser. You can do this by entering your Pyr's photo and then campaigning (friends, family, social media) for votes. \$1 per vote. The Pyr photo with



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the most votes gets the privilege of being the cover photo from our 2017 AGPR calendar. The next twelve photos will be featured as one of our Pyrs of the Month. Other options include: advertising your

business in the calendar, buying a date block to showcase your Pyr, purchasing lots and lots of calendars to give as holiday gifts (they should be available the end of November).

The contest is scheduled to start

next week and will run for six weeks. More details to follow when the contest website is ready. Watch your e-mail, the AGPR Facebook page, and Google+.



3. Shopping at Kroger. As many of you may know, Kroger has partnered with AGPR to support our rescue efforts. If you are currently signed up to participate, Kroger requires you to reapply each August. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to do so. For those of you who have not joined Kroger and AGPR and you have a Kroger

Plus card, simply shop at Kroger and they will send AGPR a check every quarter based on the amount spent. If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, please pick one up at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

Here's how to use the Kroger Community Rewards program:

- Register online at: krogercommunityrewards.com
- Have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with our NPO number, 86255, (or you can type in Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue) after you sign up.

- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see our organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count until after you register your card(s).
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

P.S. No Kroger store in your area? Please share with family and friends in VA, NC, WV, KY or southern OH.



4. Do you shop with Amazon? Yes??? Then this is a perfect way to help Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue by doing something you are already doing. AGPR teamed up with AmazonSmile last year and has been receiving quarterly donations based on dollars spent.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, it is the same thing as shopping at Amazon with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select Appalachian Great Pyrenees ASSOCIATION (note the difference in name) to register your account with our organization. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible

purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. For more information, please go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/gp/a/w/ch/about>

P.S. One of our adopters has shared that she found most of her Chewy.com purchases on Amazon and has switched over to benefit AGPR. Thank you for the information... it is worth checking out!

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Include your name
and your Pyr's name as
you would like it
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Upcoming Adoption Events:

~ August 13 ~
Parham Plaza Petco
(11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
1520 N. Parham Road,
Henrico, VA 23229

~ August 27 ~
Ashland, VA Petco
(11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Rt. 1 & Rt. 54
Ashland, VA 23005

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organization - all
donations are tax
deductible.

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Let me count the ways (cont'd):

5. We have some wonderful **Great Pyrenees notecards for sale**. Do you remember the article we ran last year about Kylie and her older pyr Cotton? Perhaps Kylie's drawing on the right will refresh your memory.

Kylie and her family graciously donated dozens of packages of notecards

6. Did someone mention **tee shirts**? Yes, we have tee shirts. This year's new design can be seen on the right. They are available in two shades of blue - Caribbean Blue and Denim.

The top photo on the right is Caribbean Blue and shows the design on the back of the tee shirt. The

7. **Volunteer time** - Looking for some exercise and love? Come out and walk the Pyrs and spend time socializing them. Our big white fluffy dogs always need brushing and bathing now that the weather is hot.

We'd love some help with photographing our new Pyrs and capturing some of our Pyrs on cute videos for our social media outlets.

There's always a list of "honey do's" for a work group to tackle (painting, repair dog house roofs, minor repairs). So come join us!

with the drawing of Cotton on the front and a brief write up on the back about Pyrs. The inside is blank so you can customize your greeting. We are offering them for sale. For more information, contact us at agpr-news@verizon.net.

Many heartfelt thanks to Kylie and her family! We hope to raise a few dollars in memory of Cotton.

bottom two photos are Caribbean Blue (left) and Denim Blue (right) and show the smaller design on the left chest area.

We also have inventory left on some of the previous tee shirts and sweat shirts. If interested, please e-mail agpr-news@verizon.net. We'll try to get some photos to share soon.

8. **Donate supplies** - We can always use supplies:

- Capsule pill pockets - chicken (yes, our Pyrs are fussy)
- Dog biscuits (all sizes)
- Blankets (preferably polyester)
- Towels
- Pedigree canned dog food (chopped chicken)
- Pork rolls (for chewing)
- Hard, tough toys
- Stainless steel water buckets
- Martingale collars
- Web leashes
- Office supplies (i.e. copy paper, postage stamps, file folders, labels, pens, drop files)

9. And last, but not least, any organization that does rescue is always in need of funding. If you would like to offer **financial help**, please feel free to make a donation. The money goes directly to the care and placement of the Pyrs we rescue. There's a Donate button on our website as well on our Facebook page. Or checks can be made payable to: AGPRescue
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For more information on how you can help, e-mail us at AGPR-news@verizon.net and Thank You!