

**2017 Newsletter
2nd Quarter Edition**

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2nd Quarter 2017 Highlights

During the second quarter of 2017, thirty dogs joined us at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue:

Auggie, Batman, Becca, Cream, Gracie, Jackie, Jordie, Lola (and her eight puppies—Gypsy, Rhiannon, Erica, Adam, Tawny, Maggie, Olivia and Mufasa), Milo, Murphy, Rodney, Sadie, Samson, Sarah and eight Pyr puppies (Blue, Forest, Goldie, Limey, Parma, Pinkie, Purple and Red—we had to color code them since it was hard to tell them apart).

Snowy is staying with a foster family and is amusing them with her silly antics.

The following fourteen dogs are very happy in their new forever homes:

Amber, Batman, Gracie, Hiro, Jake, Noel, Moses, Paisley, Stewart, and puppies: Goldie, Gypsy, Rhiannon, Olivia and Mufasa,

Congratulations and thank you to their new families!

Eagle Scout Project - New Livestock Guardian Doghouse

A big THANK YOU to Walker Ryerson and his project team for his Eagle Scout project. This two story livestock guardian house for our Pyrs allows the Pyr to keep watch over his field on the second floor and stay out of the elements on the lower floor. Walker was assisted by: Kendrick, John, Hunter, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Waite, Mr. Hughes and his family members.



Some Happy Adoptees—2Q17



Left: Amber at the drive in movies.

Right: Batman (now known as Bear)

Far right: Handsome Jake



Some Happy Adoptees - 2Q17 (cont'd)



Left: The lovely Miss Gracie

Right: Hiro (on the far right) with his new best buddy.



Left: Moses (far left) with his new companion.

Right: The always pretty Paisley.

Far right: Stewart escorting his "daddy" to the ferry station be-



Left: Olivia on her "gotcha day".

Right: Gypsy (now Jenx) - first day home.

Far right: Mufasa (now Spirit) wearing puppy diapers.



Left: Goldie (now Belle) in her new front yard.

Right: Rhiannon (her new name is Violet) resting during her walk in the park.



Happy Tails—Flashback One Year

{Editor's note - Happy One Year Gotcha Day to the Pyrs adopted 2Q2016. Hope you enjoy the updates from their families.}

Chester - Chester is happily living with his kitty sister Ellee. He has had a great year with his new family! Chester loves car trips, lazy days at the beach, and playing with his friends at the dog park. He loves being included in all family activities, especially Sunday brunch at some favorite spots in Virginia Beach. The most exciting news he received this past year is that he is getting a little baby (human) brother and is going to be a great protector of his new best bud, Oliver. Although at first the transition to his new life was challenging, Chester has overcome his fear of loud noises, strange people, and being left alone. He still isn't a fan of thun-

derstorms, but he uses them as an excuse to cuddle with mom and dad on the couch. It took about six months for Chester to understand what "dog toys" were, but now he plays every night with his beloved duck and has even learned how to fetch his favorite rope in the yard or at the dog park. Wherever he goes, Chester always draws a crowd of admirers - it seems no one can resist his golden fluffy locks! He has the sweetest soul and everyone that he meets immediately falls in love with him. We couldn't imagine life without him and he couldn't imagine life any other way either!



Minnie - We adopted Minnie last year and she was a perfect addition to our home. We learned she loves to play indoor soccer and she's an excellent goalie! Our beautiful girl loves to cuddle, and she loves to jump into bed at night and stretch out. Minnie is definitely not motivated by food (except for her doggy Oreo which gets

her upstairs at night) and she likes someone to sit by her to make sure she eats all of her food- sometimes she likes it better if it's on the floor and not in the bowl! Minnie is a gentle dog who loves to meet new people. She loves to play ball or tug-of-war, and she's come to fit in well with all of our family!



Finch - We adopted Finch (formerly known as Troy) in April of last year. After getting him settled into his new home he was soon playing with his "new sister" Harper.

In August, Finch and Harper experienced the adventure of moving to Rehoboth Beach.

January 2017 brought Finch his first experience with SNOW and he absolutely loved it.

Finch and Harper feel that the sofa in the living room is theirs, but as you can see there is room for only one of them. When not playing or resting, Finch is a diligent watchdog, letting us know when anyone or anything is near our home (including birds landing on the lawn).

We are very fortunate to have Finch as a part of our family, as we were with Atticus our first Great Pyr.



Happy Tails—Flashback One Year (cont'd)

Paladin (written by Pal) - Well it has been a year since I went to live in WV. I have a big pyr sister Janey and a not so big old cat sister, Hattie. I am not supposed to chase her or she bops my nose. I live on a mountain and have lots of squirrels and birds and love to garden. Evidently I am an expert at un-planting. I have a job called guarding my yard. They tell me I take it very seriously. I think I am pretty lucky as we do these things called picnics and hikes

and vacations. I even got to go to the beach for a week and found out I like being a salty dog. We hope to do a vacation next year out West. Not sure what that means but it involves really big trees.

Thank you to Victoria, Brenda and Celeste for saving me and my brothers' and sisters' lives. Also a big thank you to fosters Tom and Mindel for giving me a great start to my puppy-hood.



Lily - One year ago we got our Lily. She has been a wonderful, fun addition to our lives. She's such a funny, sweet girl. For her birthday, Lily had a burger for lunch, Frosty paws for dessert, got a new collar (even though you can't see it) and some toys. Her friends Mocca, Sam and Adora came to play. A very happy day!



Tulip - formerly known as Rose. Tulip is Lily's sister (above) and is loving life with her new canine brother, Tristan, and her kitty cat buddy, Toby.



More Happy Tails—Years Gone Past

Emma (right) - We adopted Emma (formerly known as Ellie Mae) two years ago at the urging of two wonderful AGPR supporters/Pyr owners and now

she owns the whole family! My son Henry was home for Easter and he and Emma liked taking the golf cart out for a spin.



Layla (left) - This is our Layla. We got her in April 2014. She was formerly known as "Maggie." Love her to pieces!

Bear (right) - Back in mid-May, the weather was cool and cloudy, so Bear went with his family to a car show at Mason-Dixon Dragway near Hagerstown. He was a big hit and absolutely loved all the attention. Two weeks later, we went to another car show in Clarksville, MD, near Baltimore. A lady came up to us and asked straight out "where's Bear."



3rd Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest



mischievous Pyr in the whole wide world.

It's really simple. Once the contest is open, visit the website, register, and enter a quality photo of your Pyr for \$20. Then it is up to you to work your magic and contacts, then rack up those votes for your wonderful Pyr. The top voted Pyr gets the cover honors, the next twelve become the calendar Pyr of the month.

Be creative with your photos and get that campaign plan ready (family, friends, co-workers, social media contacts, hairdresser, strangers on the street, people who owe you favors) to encourage the purchase of \$1 votes for your Pyr and to benefit the Pyrs at AGPR who have not found their forever home... yet.

Other ways to participate? Purchase a *Date Block* by selecting a specific date that has special meaning to you (i.e. birthday, holiday, anniversary, Pyr adoption date, first kiss) and submit a photo for that block. These Date Blocks are first come, first served and are \$10 each.

You can buy an ad for your business. And of course you can purchase hundreds (?) of 2018 calendars to give as gifts. The calendars will be \$20 each. We'll announce how to do so in a few weeks, so keep your eyes on our Facebook, Google+ or Twitter sites or your e-mail.

Remember - all profits go to take care of the wonderful Pyrs here at AGPR! Enjoy the rest of your summer - stay safe and healthy.

Get ready for the 3rd Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest!

We are getting things in order to kick-off the event the end of August, so keep your eyes open. For those of you who are new to the contest, it is a fun way to claim bragging rights for your most photogenic/beautiful/handsome/amazing/wonderful/

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Email your photo and/or story to the address above. Include your name and your Pyr's name as you would like it printed. All submissions will be edited for style, clarity, and length.

Upcoming Events:

~ August 12, 2017 ~

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

~ August 26, 2017 ~

Ashland Petco
(11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Intersection of Rts. 1 & 54
Ashland, VA

~ September 12, 2017 ~

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

~ September 30, 2017 ~

Pyrfest—a big picnic at AGPR
8976 Battlefield Park Road
Richmond, VA 23231

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Helping the AGPR Pyrs by Shopping

Do you like to shop on-line? Do you use Amazon.com? Would you like to help the Pyrs at AGPR? Amazon offers a program called **AmazonSmile** that will contribute a small percentage of sales to the charity of your choice. Here's how you sign up:



1. Sign in to set up an account at: www.smile.amazon.com
2. Click on Accounts & Lists
3. Under Account Settings, pick Change Your Charity
4. Pick Your Charity => we are listed as Appalachian Great Pyrenees Association (not Rescue) in Henrico, VA
5. Click on Select and you are all set

You **MUST** access Amazon via www.smile.amazon.com or else your purchases will not be linked to AGPR. Your charity will be listed up near the top of the screen when you log in. Same products, just different log in.

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1. Log in to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Sign In or Create an Account to Enroll (for the latter, you'll need your Kroger Plus card number)
3. After setting up your account, Select Community Rewards
4. Enter "Appalachian Great

Pyrenees Rescue" or our charity number => 86255

5. Complete and shop!

Save these dates:

- * **September 30, 2017 - Pyrfest (a big Pyr picnic) at AGPR kennels in Richmond, VA**
- * **December 2, 2017- Middleburg Christmas Parade**

For more information on how you can help, e-mail us at AGPR-news@verizon.net.
Thank you.