3rd Quarter 2016 Highlights

During the third quarter of 2016, twenty three dogs joined us at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue: Bear, Brewer, Custus and Judy, Darcy, Delilah, Jake, Jane and Nora, Jax, Lady and Hugo, Magnes, Ruthie, Simon, Sonny, Wilson, Zoey and the five female pups (Amber, Becca, Chloe, Danielle, and Elise).

The following seven dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Jane and Nora (adopted together), Lily (hurray – her foster parents “failed” and adopted her...she is now Odin’s new playmate), Minnie, Misha, Roy and Zoey. And we had five dogs going to foster homes – Ben, Judy and Custus (they are staying together), Simon, and Zeus.

Congratulations to their new families and thank you so much for adopting/fostering your new family member from AGPR!

2nd Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
We just can’t thank you enough. This year’s Calendar Photo contest was a big success! Thanks to you, we raised more than $5,200 and all of that goes to the Pyrs at our kennels.

We had 47 Pyrs enter, 109 voters join the fun, and over 5,000 votes. The results were exciting...we had several ties so 16 Pyrs will be featured as “Pyr of the Month”. Four of the months will feature two Pyrs each.

Here’s the current line-up (with votes in parentheses):
Cover: Simon (450)
January: Cotton (365)
February: Kennedy (330)
March: Isaac (305)
April: William (295)
May: Ellie (285)
June: Huckleberry and Rani (275)
July: Lily Ann and Wesley (261)
August: Maggie and Terra (250)
September: Abbe’ (236)
October: Nora & Jane (165)
November: Chester and Sophie (120)
December: Simon
The other 31 entries will be featured throughout the calendar along with the 47 Pyrs that reserved specific dates throughout the year.

We can’t wait to see the calendar and all that big, white fluffy beauty filling the pages.

Congratulations to all those who supported our contest and those who have pre-ordered calendars! The final design for calendars has been submitted and we are anxiously awaiting the proof. Our plan is to have the calendars shipped to us right after Thanksgiving so we can distribute them at the Middleburg Christmas Parade or get them in the mail.

If you haven’t ordered your calendar yet, there’s still time! They are $20 each and you can order by going to our website: www.agprescue.org
Happy Tails—Gus

(Editor’s Note: Gus was a Facebook hit in January. When his photo showed up on a shelter site, we received a large number of requests asking us to please rescue him. Once he was ready for adoption, Gus had numerous applications in for adoption. Here’s a note from his parents.)

Just wanted to update you on Gus and send a couple pictures of our beautiful boy. He is now 120+ lbs. and is very comfortable with the house, no longer hiding with new experiences. But he still does not like ceiling fans. Strange?

We had him groomed this past summer at our vet. He had to be sleeping to do it. We tried for months at home, but he would not allow it, just a glimpse of the comb sent him running. The vet recommended sedatives at home - that did not work, he still tried to run or nip us. So the vet agreed to let him sleep through it, we got all his knots cut out and as you can see he is beautiful. We haven’t given up on home grooming yet, still trying. He is very comfortable with our Golden Retriever, Yorkie and 2 cats. My daughter brings her small dog over and he has always been very good with it. He is starting to be playful. Our Golden always carries around stuffed animals and Gus is also doing this. He loves meals and quickly learned the word cookie. He takes his heartworm cookie without difficulty but to put on the flea and tick drops he has to be distracted. We absolutely love Gus. He is sweet and very affectionate. Thank you for our boy!

Thank You - Wells Tree Service

Earlier this quarter, we experienced a number of nasty storms out at the rescue kennels. While Victoria and Steve were able to remove most of the dead trees and branches that fell, there were two trees that caused us some concern - both having the potential to negatively impacting two kennel yards. The top of the tree over the new outdoor kennel had snapped and started its fall only to get hung up by surrounding tree branches. Our biggest concern was another storm with winds would cause the tree top to crash down on the kennel and nearby storage building. The other tree was dead and ready to fall over with the right encouragement.

We were very fortunate to have some very wonderful people at Wells Tree Service volunteer to come over and rid us of the dangerous tree top and take care of the other dead tree in our play yard. We are so grateful for their services—thank you Wells Tree Service!

Middleburg Christmas Parade

Christmas is coming and so is the annual Middleburg Christmas Parade! We hope everyone has penciled it in for Saturday, December 3 on their calendars.

We’ve registered for the big event and will probably have the same spot in the line-up...the big, white fluffies will be ushering in the big man...Santa Claus! In the past, we’ve met and settled in some time around 1:00 p.m. Once we have more information from the Parade coordinator about the logistics, we’ll let you know.

If you are interested in joining us for the fun, please contact us at agpr-news@verizon.net. Hoping for a big turnout this year...see you there!
Holiday Gift Ideas

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 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 ($2.50 per card or package of 10 for $20). For more information, contact us at agpr-news@verizon.net.

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 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.

Don’t forget our attractive and big white fluffy-filled 2017 calendars. The calendars are in for their draft and we hope to have a sample of the cover soon. But, in the meantime, enjoy the photo of this year’s on the right.

Calendars can be ordered ($20 each) on our website at www.agprescue.org using Paypal. If you would prefer to send a check, please contact us via e-mail (agpr-news@verizon.net) for mailing address.

For the person who has everything, you may want to consider a donation in their name. Due to the increase in Pyrs needing rescue, we are planning on installing another outdoor run and possibly another play yard for the Pyrs in the “admissions” area. Each panel costs $150 and we’d love to purchase them this winter with hopes of installing Spring 2017. Donations of any size are always appreciated. We always need food, treats, preventative care (i.e. heartworm and flea & tick) as well as help paying the vet bills.

If you are attending the Middleburg Christmas Parade in December, we plan on bringing some of these items and others (i.e. Save our Pets window decals) to the event so you can shop while we are waiting to line up.

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

Thank You!
TOXIC & HAZARDOUS Food Guide for Pets

20 foods to avoid feeding dogs and cats
Prevent accidental exposure and potential health risks to your four-legged companions

**MAIN COURSE MENACES**
- Fatty foods & fat trimmings
  - Burgers, pizza, ribs, chicken wings, salmon, etc.
  - Upset stomach, nausea, vomiting, pancreatitis
- Bones
  - Cooked, can splinter, causing internal lacerations, obstruction, choking
  - Vomiting, lethargy, diarrhea, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea
- Raw meat & fish
  - Can contain salmonella and E. coli
  - Vomiting, fever, enlarged lymph nodes
- Raw salmon
  - Most common in the Pacific Northwest, freshwater fish carrying infected parasites
  - Can poison pets if eaten raw
  - Vomiting, fever, diarrhea, weakness, swollen lymph nodes
- Raw eggs
  - May contain harmful bacteria and the avidin enzyme, which can cause skin and coat issues

**PERILOUS PRODUCE**
- Onions, garlic, shallots
  - Small amount can damage red blood cells; vegetable broth may contain garlic, onions
  - Vomiting, weakness, diarrhea, pale gums
- Mushrooms
  - Wild varieties can trigger numerous organ systems
  - Seizures, coma, vomiting

**NOXIOUS SWEETS**
- Xylitol
  - Sugar substitute in gum, candy, toothpaste, children’s vitamins, some peanut butters
  - Vomiting, weakness, seizures
- Chocolate
  - The quantity and level of cocoa will vary toxicity
  - Vomiting, diarrhea, tremors, hyperactivity, seizures

**DEADLY DRINKS**
- Alcohol (wine, liquor, beer)
  - Liqueur-infused desserts can also be a culprit
  - Seizures, respiratory failure
- Hops
  - Fresh and cooked hops are used in brewed beer
  - Fever, restlessness, panting, vomiting
- Caffeine
  - Coffee, tea, energy drinks and bars, diet pills
  - Hyperactivity, panting, seizures, muscle twitching, increased urination

**NO-NO MUNCHIES**
- Nuts
  - Almonds, pecans, walnuts, pine nuts, macadamia nuts, Hickory nuts
  - High fat causes upset stomach and pancreatitis
  - Mothly nuts can cause Watson’s, vomiting, lethargy

**SHAKY STAPLES**
- Nutmeg
  - Spices used in baking
  - Tremors, seizures, nervous system abnormalities
- Yeast dough
  - Expands in digestive system, releasing gas
  - Vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, stomach bloating
- Salt
  - Food, homemade play dough
  - Vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, fever, seizures

**SYMPTOMS**
- Toxicity will vary based on breed, size and age of pet
- Fever
- Collapse
- Seizures
- Drooling
- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Tremors
- Diarrhea
- Weakness
- Restlessness
- Hyperactivity
- Stomach bloating
- Muscle twitching
- Excessive panting
- Excessive urination

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