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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, Magness, 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.
Thanks again 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 com-

fortable 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 lin-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!



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Email your photo and/or sto-
ry 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, clari-
ty, and length.

Upcoming Adoption Events:

~ November 19 ~

Parham Plaza Petco

(11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

1520 N. Parham Road, Henri-
co, VA 23229

~ December 3 ~

Middleburg Christmas
Parade (start time still tbd,
but is definitely in the after-
noon)

Middleburg, VA 20117

*AGPRescue is a 501(c)(3)
organization - all donations
are tax deductible.*

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 gra-
ciously donated dozens of
packages of notecards

with the drawing of Cotton
on the front and a brief
write up on the back about
Pyr's. 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](mailto:agpr-news@verizon.net).



Did someone mention **tee
shirts**? Yes, we have tee
shirts. This year's new de-
sign can be seen on the
right. They are available in
two shades of blue - Carib-
bean 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 calen-
dars 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 us-
ing 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 **do-
nation** in their name.
Due to the increase in
Pyr's needing rescue, we
are planning on in-
stalling another outdoor

run and possibly another
play yard for the Pyr's in
the "admissions" area.
Each panel costs \$150
and we'd love to pur-
chase 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

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foods to avoid feeding dogs and cats

Prevent accidental exposure and potential health risks to your four-legged companions

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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, drooling

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

DAIRY DISCOMFORT

Milk & dairy

Pets lack lactase, the enzyme needed to digest lactose
Upset stomach, diarrhea

HARMFUL HARVEST

Apricots, peaches, plums, apples

Stems, seeds and leaves contain cyanide
Difficulty breathing, panting, shock

Grapes & raisins

Just a few can be harmful
Vomiting, lethargy, diarrhea

Rhubarb

Commonly used in pie, jams, sauces, juice
Drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, weakness, tremors

PERILOUS PRODUCE

Onions, garlic, shallots

Small amount can damage red blood cells; vegetable broth may contain garlic, onions
Panting, weakness, drooling, pale gums

Mushrooms

Wild varieties can trigger numerous organ systems
Seizures, coma, vomiting

NO-NO MUNCHIES

Nuts

Almonds, pecans, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia nuts, hickory nuts
High fat causes upset stomach and pancreatitis
**Moldy nuts can cause seizures, vomiting, lethargy*

SHAKY STAPLES

Nutmeg

Spice used in baking
Tremors, seizures, nervous system abnormalities

Yeast dough

Expands in digestive system, releasing gas
Vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, stomach bloat

Salt

Food, homemade play dough
Vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, fever, seizures

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)

Liquor-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

Symptoms

Toxicity will vary based on breed, size and age of pet

Fever

Collapse

Seizures

Drooling

Lethargy

Vomiting

Tremors

Diarrhea

Weakness

Restlessness

Hyperactivity

Stomach bloat

Muscle twitching

Excessive panting

Excessive urination

Don't wait to contact your veterinarian. Nationwide pet insurance members can contact the **vet helpline**® at no cost 855-331-2833

URGENT:

Immediate veterinary care is recommended.

Nationwide® covers treatment costs relating to poisonings and more.

Get a quote at petinsurance.com

For more pet health and safety tips, visit MyPetHealthZone.com

www.toxicfoodforpets.com



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