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3rd Quarter 2015 Highlights

During the third quarter of 2015, we had 20 dogs join us at Rescue: Allie, Baby, Banjo, Bella, Bowie, Brianna, Gabriel, Garrison, Gracie, Leo, Matilda, Michael, Moose, Ranger, Sadie, Snowflake, Snuggles, Sophie, Sophie (2), and Zeke.

The following 22 dogs are very excited to be in their new forever homes: Five of Annie's puppies (Gilligan, Ginger, Professor, Skipper and Thurston Howell) as well as Allie, Bowie, Connor, Diego, Dolly, Elvis, Honey, Hoss, Leo, Matilda, Millie,

Philo, Ranger, Snowflake, Sophie (2), Stella and Zeus. We are so happy they found loving families.

Fundraising: 1st Annual AGPR Photo Calendar

How exciting...AGPR kicked off its "First Annual Photo Calendar Contest" earlier this month. It's a fun and interactive way to support our Pyr rescue efforts. Don't hesitate, the contest only runs through Sunday, October 25. There are several ways to participate:

~ Do you like to compete? Upload a photo of your Pyr and get your friends to vote him or her into one of the top thirteen spots. It's not too late (especially if you have a number of friends and family!).

~ While all dogs entered will be included somewhere in the calendar, you can help

vote thirteen dogs onto the cover or the monthly spots on the calendar.

Check out the contest website and rules for all the ways you can help AGPR while showing off your Pyr:

<http://gbcphotocontest.com/agprescue/>

You can find out more about the following options on our website: www.agprescue.org.

~ Purchase a "Date Block". You can feature your Pyr(s) on a special day on the calendar (i.e. your pet's birthday, your birthday, an anniversary). Deadline is October 30.

~ Buying a few calendars for holiday gifts. In order to receive these in time for giving, please order your calendar by November 8. Any extra calendars will be available for sale until the supply runs out. So order soon!

Thank you for supporting Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue and all our wonderful dogs.



More Fundraising: Kroger and AGPR

Kroger is partnering with AGPR to support our rescue efforts. If you have a Kroger Plus card, simply shop at Kroger (or subsidiary) 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 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.

Questions???? E-mail us at agpr-news@verizon.net

Thank you for your continued support!

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



Above & Right: Sophie (2)

Happy Tails – Sophie (2)

{Editor's note: Sophie (2) arrived as a result of her owners moving. We knew she would not stay with us for long and we were correct. Ten days later, she went home with her new family. According to her family, she is doing quite well – we've had two reports from them.} We have had a great twenty-four hours with Sophie. She seems to be

settling in just fine. She is such a love bug!

One month later and Sophie is still doing great. We've had fun exploring the neighborhood on our walks. She has been sleeping well.

We've been giving Sophie lots of love and she lets us know when she needs more.

{P.S. Based on the photo below, Sophia looks very, very comfortable on that sofa!}.



Above: Charlie

Happy Tails – Charlie

{Editor's note: Charlie is a wonderful older boy. The couple who transported him to AGPR told us he was quite the gentleman. And that he was.

When Charlie came to AGPR in early May, we were told he was 5 ½ years old. The "older" dogs are harder to place...many people prefer a younger dog.

Charlie proved us wrong! He was adopted in less than two months and currently has a wonderful playmate}.

We thought you might like to see a picture of a happy Charlie awaiting a tummy rub!

He weighed in at a healthy 109 pounds at his vet check-up last week and is enjoying life,

bounding around and relishing his guardianship of the place.



Happy Tails – Ranger

{Editor's note: Ranger was adopted in August. His family sent us this thank you after they arrived home.}

Our drive home was as good as it could go. The dogs were great...you didn't even know Ranger was there except when he would pop his head up and ask if we were home yet.

Ranger is a complete gentleman and seems to like it here in his new home already. He enjoyed a nice bath last night and was very patient with me.

We showed him our chickens and goats and he didn't show any aggression or much interest at all.

So far Ranger has enjoyed watching our daily routine and seems mesmerized by me unloading the dishwasher...how cute!

Thank you for our new addition, we just love him already!



Above: Ranger surveying his property.

Happy Tails - Zumba

{Editor's note: Zumba was adopted the end of May 2015...her new family sent us an update this summer}. Zumba is doing great and we are so happy to have her as part of our family. She was afraid of our ceiling fans when we first got her, but we worked through her fears and now she hangs out in every room

in our house. She still stares down a ceiling fan every once in a while, but she's tough. Zumba has settled in nicely and loves to hang on our front porch with us. Her first camping trip was in July and she did pretty well at the campground and in the trailer. Zumba met lots of dogs

and people and was gentle with all of them. She has such a gentle way about her, she just "chills" all the time. Thank you again for making the adoption process so easy and for helping us to pick out the right dog for our family!



Happy Tails - Millie

{Editor's note: "Silly" Millie got her nickname because of her amusing antics while at the kennel. She would jump up and down with excitement whenever visitors would arrive in hopes that she would get the first walk. Millie was in a loving foster home before being adopted this summer. Her new owner loves her dearly and shares her stories with us}.

So proud of my Millie, she hit an amazing milestone a couple weeks after joining us. I introduced

her to the chickens and she is protecting them so amazingly. I knew my other Pyr, Dozer, was chicken friendly but wasn't sure of Millie. Millie did great! The other day, I returned home and found Millie and Dozer in full alert, chasing away a hawk. What a pair! By working Millie, I have given her a purpose and she has become much calmer in the house. She no longer paces and barks all day long. And working is a natural for

her - she follows Dozer's lead and wants to learn. I just am so happy and love my Millie so much.



Left: Dozer and his new "sister" Millie.
Right: Millie at work guarding her chickens.



Happy Tails - Simba

{Editor's note: Simba joined AGPR the end of January and was adopted mid-May. This is a bit tardy...my apologies to Simba's owners!}

We can't thank you enough for the whole adoption process-- and for bringing us to Simba! He is such a wonderful addition to our family. I probably spoil him too much and he has become a bit of a (BIG) lap dog. When we first got him, he was a bit timid of couches and sleeping on pillow beds. However, now he thinks that the couch is his personal throne and back scratcher! Our parrot, Feathers, was also rather curious and timid of Simba in the first couple of weeks. Now Feathers tries to land on the floor to get his own attention during

Simba's brushing time. We are definitely lucky that you suggested such a laid back Pyr for our parrot! If only Feathers could learn a little something from Simba...

The pictures I am sending are from Simba's birthday party. He got to eat doggie ice cream and hang out with his best pal, Sandie the Goldendoodle. He loves to run, take never-ending walks and try to eat whatever everyone else is eating. Overall, we LOVE him very much and it's hard to remember how we survived without him!!



Happy Tails - Sam

{Editor's note: Sam was adopted in 2007 and was formerly known as Bonnie Blue} Sam is just over nine years old now and loves going for walks every day and sleeping. She had to have double knee surgery back in 2010 (bilateral tibial tuberosity advancement), but fully recovered and has been an incredible dog since the day we got her.



Happy Tails - Belle

{Editor's note: Belle (formerly known as Stella) was with AGPR for three months and stole all of our hearts. Every time she looked into our eyes, you could feel her love and trust.} Belle loves going to tennis with us - she's now a court dog. And we've recently been taking her for swimming lessons. She is just so adorable!



Happy Tails - Jack

{Editor's note: Jack was adopted from AGPR in early 2014.} We have had Jack for over a year and a half and he continues to be a happy dog. We love Jack! Jack loves to travel in the car and recently spent a week in New Hampshire.



More Happy Tails - Gallery



A quick picture of **Skeeter** (formerly known as Brian) on his favorite rug.



Meeka (formerly known as Naomi) was adopted in May of this year. She's seen relaxing on her back porch and enjoying the day.



My Diva Dog...Pretty Pyrenees Puppy...**Sophie Bella**...(adopted 2013)



Hazel and **Bowie** wanted to say good morning.



Bandit and his new play area. Lucky boy!



Sebastian (at 4 months) is settling in really well. He's a really sweet boy. We love his goofy puppy brain and his rambunctious personality. Here he is after a romp in the mud.

Thank You Petco!

A special **Thank You** to the new Petco in Ashland, VA. They have welcomed us with open arms and have been generous with their time and donations. Since the store opened earlier this year, Petco has been sponsoring AGPR adoption events on the second Saturday of the month. The staff has been eager to help with any set up need we have and do their best to spoil the Pyrs. Many thanks for the recent donation of shampoos for our upcoming Spa Day and for the yummy treats and goodies for the dogs. And we can't forget the dog house...one of our rescues, Banjo, immediately claimed it for his own.



Above: Volunteers Pam Murphy and Ronnie Walton at our October adoption event.



Above: Volunteers Andrea Loewy and Inger Dzwilewicz at Petco's 50th Anniversary event.



Left: Puppy Snuggles checking out a recent donation.



Right: Michael looking for all the BIG, yummy treats!

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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 Adoption Events:

~ October 24 ~
Dogfest at the Cobbler
Mountain Cellars in
Deplane, VA. 12 - 4.
Website for the Cellars:
<http://www.cobblercellars.com/>

~ November 14 ~
Ashland, VA Petco
(11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
Rt. 1 & Rt. 54
Ashland, VA 23005

~ December 5 ~
Middleburg Christmas
Parade, Middleburg, VA
2:00 Parade; 1:00 Line
Up at the Library.

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

Fall Spa Day



Photos from this past Spring's event

The students from the
Veterinary Science
program at Hermitage
Technical Center are
returning on Friday,
October 23 for another
"Spa Day". And we are
very excited to have their
help getting the dogs
ready for the winter
months.

Licensed Veterinary
Technician Karen Bowles
and her students are
volunteering for a day of
walking, grooming and
bathing Pyrs.

Karen's class also has a
grooming business. Every
Thursday throughout the
school year, her students
trim nails, clean ears,

brush and de-mat,
bathe and dry dogs
and cats. The money
they make goes
towards classroom pet
supplies, grooming and
cleaning supplies, and
sending students to
state and national
competitions.

How you can help...

Don't forget – our Calendar Photo Contest ends October 25; Date Blocks can be purchased until October 30; Calendar orders are being taken until November 8. And shop at Kroger using your Kroger Plus card to support AGPR Pyrs (sign up using our NPO => 86255).

Volunteer Time

Want some exercise
and love? Come out
and walk the Pyrs and
spend time socializing
them. We can also use
help transporting dogs
to adoption events or
from shelters or
rendezvous locations to
our kennels. Our big
white fluffy dogs need
brushing now that the
weather is cooler.
There's always a list of
"honey do's" for a work
group to tackle
(painting, minor repairs).
So come join us!

Donate Supplies

We can always use
supplies... some of the
typical needs are:

- Dog biscuits (all sizes)
- Blankets (preferably
polyester) and towels
- Pedigree canned dog
food (chopped
chicken)
- Pork rolls (for chewing)
- Hard tough toys
- x-large dog crates
- Stainless steel water
buckets
- Pill pockets
- Postage stamps, file
folders, labels, office
supplies.

Fundraising

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
Pyrenees we rescue.
To send a donation by
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