

**2016 Newsletter
Year End Edition**

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4th Quarter 2016 Highlights

During the fourth quarter of 2016, eleven dogs joined us at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue:

Blizzard, Cream, Hiro, Jackson, Jinx, Max, Noel, Stella, and three Pyr/black lab mix pups (Bear, Gracie, Stella).

The following eighteen dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Bear,

Becca, Ben, Brewer, Chloe, Custus and Judy (adopted together), Danielle, Darcy, Delilah, Elise, Lenny, Penny Lane, Samson, Wilson and the three Pyr/black lab pups (Bear, Gracie and Stella).

Congratulations and thank you to their new families!

Fall Spa Day with the Hermitage Vet Tech Program



Lucky Pyrs, lucky us...we had a gorgeous day for this Fall's Spa Day. Although early in the school year, the seniors were ready to put their new skills to work with many of the Great Pyrenees at our rescue kennels.

Over two dozen students, their teacher and several adult volunteers spent the day volunteering at the kennels – walking, grooming, bathing, de-matting and giving manicures to almost a dozen dogs. AGPR was very grateful for all their hard work! Their special project included getting two of the Pyrs looking good for their big adoption the following day.



Veterinary Science at Hermitage Technical Center is a two year program for high school juniors and seniors in Henrico County. It attracts students who have a love of animals and who wish to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. First-year students learn the basics of animal husbandry, breed recognition, behavior, anatomy, and nutrition. Second - year students, under the direction of Licensed Veterinary Technician Karen Bowles, learn medical terminology, restraint and handling, and other skills necessary to work as a veterinary assistant. Her class also has a grooming business. Students groom dogs and cats. They do this every Thursday throughout the school year and work on teams of 3-4 to trim nails,

Fall Spa Day with the Hermitage Vet Tech Program (cont'd)

clean ears, brush and de-mat, bathe and dry. The money they make goes towards classroom pet supplies, grooming and cleaning supplies, and sending students to state and national competitions. Since its inception in 2003, the program has helped hundreds of students to decide on a ca-

reer pathway and has given them the knowledge and skills needed to obtain jobs in the animal care field, and to gain entry into Veterinary Technician programs and Veterinary Schools.

We look forward to seeing the students again in the Spring. A big thanks to all!



Middleburg Christmas Parade



What a wonderful day for a parade! The air was crisp and cool, the sun was shining, and there were Pyrs all over the hillside behind the National Sporting Library. A sea of big, white, fluffiness adorned with red scarves. Yes, it was time to usher in the holiday season. And what better way to get squeals of delight from kids (and their parents) than to parade down the main street of Middleburg, VA.

While the official RSVP count was 40 Pyrs and 52 adoring family members and friends, a few more magically appeared and joined us along the way. To see more pictures, visit our website at: <http://agprescue.org/events/christmas-parade-2016/>. Want to join the fun next year? Mark the first Saturday in December on your calendar and watch our newsletters or Facebook site.



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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 Adoption Events:

~ February 5, 2017 ~

Over the River Maker's Mart
(11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
Bon Air Shopping Center
2620 Buford Rd, Richmond,
VA 23235

~ February 11, 2017 ~

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

~ February 18, 2017 ~

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

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A Big Thank You for a Wonderful 2016!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We just can't thank you enough. Without all your support, we would not have had such a good year.

Thanks to many of you, wonderful and loving homes were found for 59 Pyrs. We had 25 Pyrs on hand at the end of 2015 and rescued another 70 throughout the year. While that number isn't as high as in the past, we had a number of older and medically challenged Pyrs in rescue this year. If you haven't seen the tribute we put together in honor of the adopted Pyrs, here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-yLOF759w>

Speaking of medically challenged Pyrs, we raised over \$6,600 for our Two Broke Girls early last year which helped with medical expenses for GiGi and Dee-Dee. Both were adopted midyear by their guardian angels and are doing very well. GiGi is looking gorgeous and enjoys her country walks (she can walk about 1/2 mile before resting). DeeDee has recently changed her name to Luna in celebration of the end of her surgery and recovery. We hear she has turned into a very beautiful and elegant lady. Without your help, these girls would not have had a chance to be Pyrs.

More adoption good news - several potentially tough to place Pyrs were adopted. Two heartworm positive dogs, the four Pyrs from a cruelty case (adopted in pairs so they would not be separated), and three extremely shy girls (now working on family farms and doing very well), to name a few. We also dealt with Banjo's ear issues - major internal surgery on both ears. While we were not able to do anything to improve his hearing loss we did take care of the serious infections and severe pain. Your donations helped with many of the medical bills for these Pyrs.

Several grants from Petco, SoDelicious, ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation), and

Maddie's Fund as well as a few generous donations from you helped us fund some new kennels for the "admissions dormitory". We are so grateful and excited - gone are the old crates. The Pyrs have more room, the kennels and Pyrs are easier to keep clean and we are able to spend time in the kennels with the Pyrs with medical needs. Here's a link to a quick video of some of the new "dorms": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ggb4_kOO96U

Thanks to all of you who attended Pyrfest this past Spring. It was hot but we had fun! We had wonderful volunteers who helped provide the food, fun and shopping experiences. It was a good day to meet and make new friends and share Pyr anecdotes.

Our 2nd annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest was successful. We raised more than \$5,200 - once again, thanks to many of you. 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...several ties resulted in 16 Pyrs featured as "Pyr of the Month". 175 calendars were sold.

The Heritage Vet Tech Program students were awesome this Fall. The Pyrs looked absolutely wonderful when the students returned to their classrooms.

Many thanks to those folks who helped by fostering Pyrs for a long weekend (or more) in November due to a wedding on the property. The Pyrs got a little vacation and two of them actually were adopted by their foster family.

The holiday season was ushered in with many of you joining us for the Middleburg Christmas Parade. Thank you for making that event a big hit! Product donations from Best Bully Stick and Nylabone made Christmas day happy for the Pyrs. One last thanks - we appreciate all the holiday donations. What a great start for 2017!

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

Congratulations to the 2016 adoptees and their families!



Ally



Baby



Ringo (fka Bandito)



Charlie (fka Bandit)



Becca



Bear



Ben



Xanthe (fka Fannie)



Aspen (fka Brooke)



Admiral (fka Bugzy)



Cotton



Gracie (fka Elise)



Lenny



Simon



Garrison



Sophie Rose



Bera (fka Delilah)



Debra



Fred (fka Buddy)



Dewey (fka Dewdrop or DeeDee)



Darcy



Brewer



Chloe (in background)



Charli (fka Charmin on left)



Judy (left) & Custus (right)



Alex (fka Moose)



Santa Bell (fka Luna)



Lilly (on right)



Penny Lane



Palidin (fka Scott)



Finch (fka Troy)



Taz



Gatsby (fka Phoenix on left)



Minnie



Danielle (on right)



Jacob (left)



Miranda (fka Mnnie)



Olaf



Gus



Gracie



Lily

Lily (fka Amira) &
Samson (fka Snoopy)

GiGi



Samson (on couch)



Tulip (fka Rose)



Wilson



Zeus (fka Jake from Ghent)



Sadie



Sophie



Roy

Ellie (fka Nora) and
Lucy (fka Jane)

Zoey

*May you all have a very happy and healthy
2017!*