

**2017 Newsletter
1st Quarter Edition**

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1st Quarter 2017 Highlights

During the first quarter of 2017, seventeen dogs joined us at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue:

Addie, Andorra, Arrow, Bella, Ben, Cratos, Daisy, Debra, Fred, Lacey, Lucy, Matteo, Moses, Snowy, Star, Yukon and Ziggy.

Three lovely Pyrs are with wonderful families in long term foster homes— Amber, and Lady and Hugo (happy to announce they are still together).

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

Addie, Andorra, Arrow, Bella, Ben, Jackson, Jax, Lacey, Lucy, Magness, Matteo, Max, Russell, Ruthie, Sonny, Star, Stella, Yukon and Zeke. Congratulations and thank you to their new families!

Eagle Scout Project - New Livestock Guardian Doghouse

What a wonderful way to kick off 2017...an awesome Eagle Scout project led by Walker Ryerson. He and his work team are building a two story livestock guardian house for our Pyrs. He has been assisted by: Kendrick, John, Hunter, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Waite, Mr. Hughes and his family members.

Stay tuned next quarter for the finished product!



Some Happy Adoptees—1Q17



Left: Addie guarding her new home



Right: Andorra and her new family



Far right: Arrow's new resting place

Some Happy Adoptees—1Q17 (cont'd)



Left: Ben & Star
(now Fred & Ginger)



Right: Jackson
checking out his
new view



Far right: Russell
looking majestic



Left: Lacey—just chillin'

Right: Sonny (now Walter) - is still as lovable as ever - a big snuggle bug. He has his favorite chair and has taken over whole areas of the house as his own.



Left: Ruthie (now Abby) - phew, steps are tiring!

Right: Yukon and his new little buddy

Far right: Matteo claiming the sofa as his



Stella—This wonderful girl has brightened our world. She is incredibly smart, sweet and keeps us active. When our family met her at the AGPR, for me it was love at first sight. I just knew she

was meant to join our family. She has been a true joy! I'm so glad she chose us to be her forever family. Her goofy smiles and excited hugs make every day a bit more beautiful.

Happy Tails—Flashback One Year

{Editor's note - Happy One Year Gotcha Day to the Pyrs adopted 1Q2016. Hope you enjoy their updates.}

Santa Bell - loves to nap with her tongue out and leg up. She also is great with our niece who likes to climb. We have taken road trips to Lincoln, NE and Tampa, FL, and Santa Bell is the perfect road trip dog. We love coming home to her wagging tail after work!

{Editor's note: When Santa Bell can't go on a road trip, she comes out to vacation at AGPR. We love seeing her and having a chance to play with her. She is a lovely girl and we look forward to her next visit!}



Ally - I have a rather pleasant life and home. I have my own bed, my own food bowl, my own water bowl, and I keep my own schedule.

I get to accompany my family to the farm where their horse lives. I have a few canine friends there that I play with regularly; one of them enjoys pulling my tail!

I love to go for walks on my leash (I got a new one for Christmas). I walk with my sister dog, a corgi named Patty. We get taken on all sorts of walks; the neighborhood, the boardwalk, the nature trails and the marina.

My job at the house . . . keeping the big birds off the neighbors' roofs. When I see a large bird, I make a fuss. I bark and jump and try to catch them as they fly in the sky. I have not caught one yet . . . but still trying.

I have lots of toys but my favorite toy to toss around the house is the corgi's bed. I treat it like a frisbee!

I love this photo - a picture of me by the pool playing with my rope. I'm loving my new life! Thank you AGPR.



Jacob - Just slightly over a year now with Jacob and he loves his home, his family, and his "Big Sis Bitsy". He is sooo very well behaved, loves to romp, play and wrestle with Bitsy, and he is the hit of our neighborhood families.

Many thanks to AGPR. Wish we had a bigger piece of property - we would love to have a few more! Someday perhaps...



Happy Tails—Skili

We don't know how old he is, but we think somewhere between 9 and 10. We got him in September 2009. We thought he was two because he'd been with AGPR for a year and was thought to be a puppy when they rescued him. We later worked out that his small size (55 pounds – half his current weight) wasn't so much due to his age, but malnutrition. When we got him everyone called him "Skelly" because he was so skinny. We decided to call him "Skili" (Greek for dog)... a little more dignified.

He may love us and our house, but he does like to wander by himself sometimes. For every new way we devise to keep him inside, he finds a way to get out from time to time. His motto is "you may have a big brain, but I've got all day!" He has worked out how to turn doorknobs, slide sliding doors, flip latches and bash through baby gates. He gets out but always comes back – happy and muddy. (P.S. I'm in front in the photo)



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Upcoming Events:

~ April 29, 2017 ~

Woofstock
(10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Westchester Commons,
Midlothian, VA
www.ral.org/woofstock/

~ May 13, 2017 ~

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

~ May 21, 2017 ~

Dog & Cat Fest
(noon - 4:00 p.m.)
Fox Hall Farm, Delaplane, VA
www.arfrescueva.org/

~ May 27, 2017 ~

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

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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
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3. After setting up your account, Select Community Rewards
4. Enter "Appalachian Great



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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.