

2018 Newsletter
2nd Quarter Edition

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2nd Quarter 2018 Highlights

During the second quarter of 2018, ten dogs joined us at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue: Bobby, Charlie, Charli, Daisy Too, Dr. Seuss, Goldberg, Heidi, Judge II, Riley, and Rosie

The following thirteen dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Artica, Bonnie, Daisy Too, Desi, George, Goldberg, Jelly Bean, John, Levi, Maggie, Merlin, Milo, and Murphy.

Banjo is still being loved in a foster home and is loving life on the farm.

Congratulations to the 2nd Quarter adopted Pyrs and thank you to their new families!

Some Happy Adoptees - 1Q2018



Someone's spoiled! Look, it's **Daisy Too** - even though she has lots and lots of energy, she enjoys sleeping on her young human "sister's" play mat near her books.

Daisy loves her daily three mile walks on local paved trails—through the woods, near the stream—lots to sniff and explore. She also enjoys chasing her tail and bubbles.



Desi is doing wonderfully in his new role as a service dog. He is very attached to his people, especially his young charge. They play together and he loves sleeping in her room with her.

His photo on the left is his first professional spa day. Desi looked awesome after his first blow out—such a handsome boy!

Some Happy Adoptees 2Q2018—cont'd



Two of the Fab Four (also known as the Virginia Tech pups):

On the left, **Jonah** (fka George) and **Blu** (fka John) on the right.

Both are doing well in their new homes. Jonah has a buddy and human siblings and Blu is spoiled rotten!



Levi's owners love him. Here's what they have to say:
Levi is a star and doing great! He loves being a working dog. Such a gentleman with our kids, chickens, ducks, lambs and chihuahua. He is so trainable and so sweet. Up until recently, we had him on leash with the

livestock, but not any more. No more jumping or pawing and doing great with the sheep and lambs.

Levi still spending his nights home with us until we're 100% sure he respects our fencing. We feel very fortunate to have found him!!!



Maggie, Maggie, Maggie—you've met your match! This energetic young girl loves her walks and she's in a home where walking and jogging and physical fitness is a daily "must". As a result, she probably gets in 4- 5 miles of walking a day. Maggie has been a good girl and now goes into her crate voluntarily (perhaps the fan outside her crate

that blows on her and keeps her cool encourages her good behavior?). Her human teenage brother walks her in the afternoon – he is still her favorite person. It was love at first sight when they met at AGPR for the first time. He can convince her to do pretty much anything. Life is great- she's a good girl!



Merlin had the pleasure of going from not having anything to do all day to being a working dog. His photo looks like he might have been trying to flee the daily grind or perhaps he was trying to chase off a critter? According to his new family, each day he does a better job of adjusting to the farm. At first things were a little rocky. It took him a while to figure out which animals

belong on the farm and which he needs to keep away. Merlin has since come to differentiate good from bad birds. Every day he does a better job of guarding the farm, the chickens and the vegetables. Along the way he's become the bane of the local fox and coyote population. Merlin's family is pretty happy with him!

Some Happy Adoptees 2Q2018—cont'd



Our buddy Murphy (affectionately known as "Murph the Smurf" by his AGPR fan club) is getting along well. He had a few stomach issues when he first went home, but once they cleared up, he started loving

life with his new buddy Me-Mow the cat. Murphy celebrated his 10th birthday this month (he doesn't act a day over five years old). Remember buddy, age is just a number...you are as young as you feel! Happy belated birthday!



Milo (left) and his owner are very happy together. Milo seems to unwind a little more each day and becomes more affectionate and playful!

Artica's (right) family has this to say about her: She is such an incredible girl, so loving, so sweet and gentle. We love her very much and love being with

her. Inside, she gets so playful, pouncing on the floor and running around the basement. It's so funny to watch her. We gave her a stuffed teddy bear that she carries around the house in her mouth. Twice, we discovered she tried to bury it under the sofa pillows and then cover it up. It was so hilarious and completely adorable.



Thank You Volunteers!



One of our young volunteers, JR, decided that all he wanted for his birthday was to do something for the Pyrs at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue. JR has been volunteering at AGPR for many years and has become good friends with a number of Pyrs.

JR asked his family and friends to donate some much needed items for the Pyrs. On June 18, JR deliv-

ered his gifts and he was rewarded with some play and training time with adorable Heidi.

The Pyrs are thankful for the towels, numerous treats, toys, copy paper, stamps, Q-tips, blankets, pill pockets and Martingale collars.

JR—thank you! What an incredible young man...thinking of those in need instead of himself. We ap-



preciate it and wish you a belated happy birthday!

Happy Tails—Flashback One Year

{Editor's note - Happy One Year Gotcha Day to the Pyrs adopted 2Q2017. Hope you enjoy the updates from their families.}

Lola and puppies - On May 8, 2017, this pretty girl gave birth to eight beautiful puppies. As we all agreed that Lola was a GREAT MOM, we decided to name her pups in her honor: **Gypsy, Rhiannon, Erica, Adam, Tawny, Maggie, Olivia, and Mufasa**. Five of the pups celebrated their "one year gotcha day" during the second quarter this year. Here are some of the updates we received.



Madison (left—formerly known as Maggie) has adjusted so well to our home and thoroughly enjoys playing with her 6 year old big brother (Newfoundland/golden retriever). She greets family and friends with a big smile, loves to take long hikes with us, and protects our property with a few of her big barks!! We are so happy that Madison is part of our family.

Violet (right—formerly known as Rhiannon) loves to adventure, hike and swim. She's an official Virginia Beach Animal Control dog and accompanies me to work at the shelter, where all the officers love her. She also enjoys going to doggy daycare and harassing all her doggy friends. We were working on getting here CGC certification. Violet shares her home with two senior pit mixes and a two and a half year old little boy.



Ellie (left - formerly Olivia) - She's such a good, sweet girl! Weighing in at 85 pounds...all heart!

Spirit (right - formerly Mufasa) - Loves to play and gets bigger and bigger by the day. He's in the triple digits as far as weight goes.



My name is **Tinsley** (right—formerly Erica) - and I'm quite an active little girl. I really enjoy my home and family and love my big brother most! He's a 90 lb German Shepherd/Collie mix who is ever so patient with me! We celebrated my first birthday with dog-friendly bakery treats – that was a really special treat. We also had big round things floating in the air attached to strings that sometimes popped...I'm not so sure about those and have yet to decide if I like them or not, but mommy and daddy find it pretty funny. I'm so thankful that I got to be with my big brother and mommy and daddy and want to thank the staff and volunteers at the AGPR for all the love and care they gave me until I got to go home!



Happy Tails—Flashback One Year (cont'd)

Octavius (fka Stewart) is all settled in, lives for walks and chicken jerky, and is working on his life goal of becoming an Olympic sleeper. He's getting along well with the cats, and we've been pet sitting a golden doodle puppy off and on, so he's slowly making a new dog friend. His favorite place is the pond at the park, he likes to bark at birds, and loves digging holes in our backyard (occasionally burying bones back there). But his most favorite thing to do is cuddle his humans.



More Happy Tails



Timber (left) - was AGPR's first adoption this year. Timber came in as a three month old puppy (photo on the right) and is now about 100 pounds. He is loving life with his new family and they love him dearly. He goes everywhere with them. Lucky boy!



Fred has definitely been coming out of his shell. This spring, he discovered the couch and how comfy it is versus laying on the floor. He now loves it. He has also discovered the dog bed that we kept in the living room and loves to lay on that as well and will often squish into it with the other dogs. He doesn't realize his size. Fred recently discovered himself in the mirror for the first time. He was so confused!! He kept walking by, would kind of sneak up to it so he got a good look at himself. It was hilarious. We love our Fred!



Heads Up - Poisonous Mushrooms

Recently, there have been news reports of mushroom poisoning in dogs. And it's no wonder, with all the rain we've had—things are a bit damper in our yards. Many of the not so happy endings were a result of mushrooms called "Death Caps". If you are like me, you won't know one mushroom from another. So while out poop scooping, consider including the mushrooms too. For a bit more information, check out these two articles:

https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/digestive/c_dg_mushroom_poisoning

<https://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2018/06/11/mushroom-poisoning-in-pets.aspx?>



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ry to the address above. In-
clude 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 Events:

~ August 11, 2018 ~

Parham Plaza Petco (11 - 2)
1520 N. Parham Road
Henrico, VA 23229

~ August 18, 2018 ~

Ashland Petco (11 - 2)
Intersection of Rts. 1 & 54
Ashland, VA 23005

~ Calendar Contest ~
6 a.m. August 13 - 10 p.m.
September 24, 2018

~ Pyrfest ~
September 22 (11 - 3) @
AGPR kennels

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organization - all donations
are tax deductible.*

4th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest



Get ready for the 4th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest!

August 13 (6 a.m.)
to September 24 (10
p.m.)

Join the fun - claim bragging rights for
your most photogenic/beautiful/
handsome/amazing/wonderful/
mischievous Pyr on earth.

It's simple. Once the contest is open,
visit the website, register, and enter a
quality photo of your Pyr for \$20. Then
work your magic and solicit votes for
your deserving Pyr. The top voted Pyr
gets the cover honors, the next twelve
become the calendar Pyr of the month.

Be creative with your photos and get
that campaign plan ready (family,
friends, co-workers, social media con-
tacts, hairdresser, strangers on the
street, people who owe you favors) to
encourage the purchase of \$1 votes for
your Pyr and to benefit the Pyrs at AGPR
who have not found their forever
home... yet.

For other ways to participate (i.e. pur-
chasing a Date Block, buying an ad for
your business) watch your email and
our AGPR Facebook site.

And of course you can purchase hun-
dreds (?) of 2019 calendars to give as
gifts. The calendars will be \$20 each.

Remember - all profits go to take care
of the wonderful Pyrs at AGPR!

Pyrfest—AGPR Picnic

AGPR alum and friends - make some new friends and
enjoy a picnic lunch out on the lawn with your Pyr (or
those of others). Besides the Teddy the Dog tee shirt
sale and Silent Auction tables, we'll also be doing a
RAFFLE. One of our long time adopters/supporters is a
very talented collage quilter and she is donating "The
Guardian" quilt wall hanging (see photo). "The
Guardian" is in its final stages. More details to follow
via email and AGPR Facebook.



Helping our Pyrs by Shopping



Details on how to sign up for AmazonSmile and Kroger have been posted
our website: <https://agprescue.org/fundraising/>

Thank you for your support!

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