

**2019 Newsletter
1st Quarter Edition**



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MARCH MADNESS AT AGPR

No, we're not just talking about college basketball. Earlier in March, AGPR stepped in to handle a hoarding situation in the western part of Virginia. We took in a number of Pyrs ranging in age from 1 week old to 11 years old. And boy, along with the current residents, they have us on our toes all day long. The two mommies, Tina and Mimi, have come to appreciate us. They love the meals that Victoria is cooking up for them and they enjoy the quiet time the volunteers give them as we snuggle with their little ones.

The beautiful thing? We asked for help and so many of you reached out in response. And we are so very grateful. The monetary donations will help us pay for the spay/neuter surgeries for all the new dogs as well as their vet health checks, shots, and vaccines and special puppy food.

Our Petco partner provided some very delicious adult food (twice); a long time supporter froze goat's milk so we can

give it to the puppies (they love it); a recent supporter has hens laying eggs galore and gave us 30 dozen eggs (over the past month) and some goat's milk for the mommies and young ones.

We can't leave out all the wonderful people who gave freely of their time. Our AGPR help who worked long hours. And the volunteers who came out to the kennels to lend a helping hand. Socializing all the "March Madness" dogs (even teaching some of the young ones how to walk on a leash) as well as bathing and grooming them—several times. Many rolled up their sleeves and helped clean the kennel runs, washed dogs dishes and prepped meals, and helped transport dogs to and from their spay/neuter appointments. We are in the process of working through adoption and foster applications but need to finish the spay/neuter surgeries first.

We could not have made life better for all these dogs without all of you. THANK YOU!!!!

1st Quarter 2019 Highlights

During the first quarter of 2019, forty dogs joined us at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue: Albert, Buddy, Hansel, Katie, Lola, Maya, Natasha, Nigel, Pacino, Rocky, Snowflake, Titan, Tyler, Var-mint, Walter and the "March Madness" dogs (more on them later).

The following eighteen dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Annie, Ben, Casey, Dr. Seuss, Edgar, Esmeralda,

Link, Magnus, Nigel, Peaches, Pete, Quesito, Riley II, Sissy, Snowflake, Sophie, Titan, and Walter.

Several of our Pyrs are in loving foster homes: Albert, Banjo, Rosie and Tyler.

Congratulations to the 1st Quarter adopted Pyrs and thank you to their new families!

Introducing the “March Madness” Pyrs



Here's a quick look at the Pyrs who came in from the recent hoarding situation. **Tina** (left) is the 2-ish year old mommy for five healthy and cuddly puppies (some featured on the right). The pups were born February 20th so we'll be loving them for at least another month!



Mimi (left) came in scrawny, hungry and unhappy but her four pups (born March 1) are all very healthy and noisy when they are hungry (right). Mimi is 2-ish and is happier now that she is getting plenty of food and love. The puppies are enjoying cuddling with us (and the feeling is mutual).



Sheba (left) and **Betsy** (right) are two of our senior girls. Sheba is 11 years old and a real sweetheart. Quiet and loveable. Betsy just turned 7 years old and is also quiet and a bit reserved. She is getting comfortable with her new surroundings and enjoys greeting new people as they come to visit.



Johnson (left) is our 3 year old boy. Stately, reserved and an all around nice boy. He enjoys walking with the volunteers and being told how handsome he is.

Lisa Bessie (right) is a year and a half old and is a smaller girl. She is another quiet girl and could use some good meals and lots of love. Like all of these Pyrs, she has not been exposed to lots of outside noises.



March Madness - cont'd



Bella (left) is a pretty little 7 month old girl who enjoys being around people and getting love and attention. **Minka** (right) is a smaller 6 month old girl who is a little shy and getting accustomed to walking on a leash. Her preference is to sit in your lap and be loved.



Roxy (now known as Holly) (left) and **Foxy** (right) are adorable sisters. They are said to be 5-ish months old and are with our puppy foster family in northern Virginia. They have made friends with their foster siblings and all is going well. The girls are skinny and need to add a few pounds but their foster humans are taking really good care of them!



Bert (left) and **Ernie** (right) are handsome young boys who are about 4-ish months old. The boys are adorable with their mohawk hairdo. Neither boy knew how to walk on a leash when they came but you'd never know it to see them now. They are learning how to enjoy the environment and all the smells associated with being in the great outdoors.



Beau (left) is very, very shy right now and is nervous about walking on a leash. We are working with him in hopes of finding him a quiet and loving home.

Jackson (right) is a very handsome young man (about 6 months old) and we aren't sure if he came from the same situation but he did come to us from the same shelter. He is happy go-lucky and loves people and his walks. Our bet is he will be the first to be adopted!



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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 Events:

~ April 6, 2019 ~

Parham Plaza Petco (10 - 1)
1520 N. Parham Road
Henrico, VA 23229

~ April 27, 2019 ~

Woofstock (10 - 2)
Westchester Commons
Route 288 & Midlothian Turnpike
Midlothian, VA 23113

~ May 4, 2019 ~

Starbucks (11 - 1)
Gaskins & Mayland
Richmond, VA 23233

~ May 11, 2019 ~

Parham Plaza Petco (10 - 1)
1520 N. Parham Road
Henrico, VA 23229

~ Calendar Contest ~

Coming in August (tbd)

~ Pyrfest ~

This Fall (tbd) @ AGPR kennels

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5th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest



Get ready for the 5th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest!

Starting later this summer...

While still months away, now is the perfect time to start capturing the beauty of your Great Pyrenees. Spring is here... the grass is green, flowers blooming...lots of new color.

Be creative with your photos and get ready to submit your best photo to battle for the honor of 2020 calendar cover or one of the "pyr of the month" spots. All proceeds to benefit the Pyrs at AGPR who have not found their forever home... yet.

Stay tuned...More details to follow via email and AGPR Facebook.

Pyrfest 2019 (a.k.a. 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). The date for this fun event will be announced next month. 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 on 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.