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**"MARCH MADNESS" UPDATE**

This past quarter has been pretty busy with all the Pyrs needing our attention. For those of you new to AGPR, we took in two dozen Pyrs from a hoarding situation in March and have affectionately called it "March Madness". The beautiful thing about March Madness? We asked for help and so many of you reached out in response. We are so very grateful. Many gave funds to help support the vet bills, others donated their time and energy, our Petco partner provided adult dog food, and a couple volunteers offered up fresh eggs and goat's milk. Many of you are wondering how these dogs are doing. Here's a quick run down:

- Sheba (our senior girl) is with her foster mom just down the road from us and enjoying helping with morning chores in the barn. Don't worry, she has adjusted quickly to the cushy life and enjoys the sofa.
- Betsy has been adopted by previous adopters and is enjoying the good life and all the attention.
- Tina and her pups are all adopted. Our mommy dog was very shy and spent some time with a wonderful foster mom who helped her adjust to a "normal life". Her new family adores her and continues to work on her confidence. Two of Tina's pups - Bo and Zoe - are on the Eastern Shore and are spoiled rotten. They love riding around in a golf cart. Zoe is deaf and has quickly learned sign language. The other three pups went to our puppy foster family and have

since been adopted. Leon \* (deaf) amuses his family with his silly antics; Fuego is a ball of fire and energy; Tierra has an older Pyr brother to teach her the ropes.

- Three out of four of Mimi's pups have been adopted. Nanna stayed local and has a canine brother to play with; Tank (deaf) has lots of energy and loves his kids; Charlie \* (little girl) is enjoying her big yard and the company of kids. The remaining little boy is now 5 months old and looking for a loving home.
- Lovely Bella stayed local and is responsible for two kids and five chickens.
- Sweet Minka (deaf) - you would swear she is watching your face to read your lips. Her family and canine brother are head over heels in love with her.
- Roxy and Foxy are sisters with a mohawk hairdo. Foxy has been adopted and is doing well - she is enjoying her little puppy brother. Roxy is still waiting for the right family and loves playing with her brother Bert.
- Bert and Ernie also sport the mohawk hairdos. Ernie now shares a home with his eight year old canine sister. Bert is waiting for his loving home.
- Handsome and very shy Beau is working on gaining confidence and is enjoying his time at AGPR where he knows everyone.

\* Adopted in July.

- Easy-going Johnson\* stole the hearts of previous adopters. He is such a good boy...pretty chilled and enjoys life and his family.
- Ginnie is a special girl. She is also deaf and was recently adopted \* by her foster family. She has started coming out of her shell and loves playing with

tennis balls and collecting items her parents leave on the floor. Not a problem, there's no damage - she just "collects". Her parents are learning to pick things up and put them in a safe place.

- Lisa Bessie is still at AGPR. She's funny...one minute she's really chilled and the next she is

ready to explore the world. She's done well with kids who know how to treat dogs with respect.

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

\* Adopted in July—those still available for adoption can be found on our website under "visit the dogs".

## 2nd Quarter 2019 Highlights

During the second quarter of 2019, sixteen dogs joined Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue: Akira and Atlas, Apache, BB and Boo, Daisy, Dr. Seuss, Edgar, Magnus, Milligan, Mona, Ozzie, Wesley, Winnie, Yeti and Zeke.

The following twenty two dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Bella, Betsy, Bo, Ernie, Foxy, Fuego, Leo, Lola, Maya, Minka, Mona, Nanna, Ozzy, Sarah, Tank, Tierra, Tina, Varmint, Wesley, Yeti, Zeke, and Zoe.

Ten of our Pyrs are in loving foster homes: Albert and Tyler, Banjo, Bones, Edgar, Katie, Lufy, Old Blue, Rosie, and Sheba.

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

## Happy Tails - A Wonderful AGPR Success Story



**Apache** joined AGPR in May. This two year old boy weighed only twenty eight pounds (left - shelter photo) and had the most incredibly wonderful disposition. Due to his malnourished condition, he was put on a very special monitored diet (protein only in very small doses throughout the day). To put his weight in perspective, it was like a 180 pound man weighing only 65 pounds.

Today Apache weighs in at 74 pounds (photo on the right), loves life to the fullest, and has the most beautiful coat. He will make some family very happy when adopted.



## AGPR Bonded Pairs



**Atlas** (left) and **Akira** (right) joined AGPR in May. Atlas is a big and very handsome Pyr and Akira is his girlfriend. Given Atlas' size and enthusiasm, he needs to go to a home without small children. And the bonded twosome would love a nice big yard (with a secure fence) to protect and keep free of critters.





## AGPR Bonded Pairs (cont'd)



**Albert** (left) and **Tyler** (right) are brothers and are a bit smaller than your average male Pyr. They used to be working dogs (livestock guardians) and have decided that being inside with air conditioning is a better way of life. They are very fortunate to have been able to retire at a younger age so they can enjoy themselves. The boys are bonded and need to find a home together. Albert wants everyone to know he is the boss (regardless of what Tyler will tell you).



**Roxy** (left) and **Bert** (right) are adorable siblings. They are 8-ish months old and smaller than the average Pyr. The siblings with "mohawk hairdos" are part of the March Madness pyrs and a little bit shy, but that will lessen once they get comfortable in their new home. While the twosome can be adopted individually, they are very happy and cute together, enjoy each other's company and are great playmates.



**Mickey** and **Minnie** recently joined AGPR. They come from North Carolina and we've been told they are about nine months old. Mickey is the larger of the two and they are inseparable. The term "Velcro dogs" apply to them but only because they prefer to be right next to each other. Minnie is the shyer of the two but they are starting to enjoy the love and attention they are getting. They are so very cute!



Last, but not least, **Boo** (left) and **BB** (right). Boo was adopted from AGPR in 2016 by one of our lovely previous adopters who is in ill health. Boo was very shy and took some time getting comfortable with household living. BB is his best friend and they enjoy living a life of leisure. This senior couple doesn't ask for much...a comfy bed, some A/C in the summer, two meals a day and lots of love and attention. They enjoy casual strolls and belly rubs.



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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:

~ August 10, 2019 ~

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

~ Calendar Contest ~

August 12 (6 a.m.) - September  
16 (9 p.m.)

~ Pyrfest ~

October 12 (11 - 3) at AGPR  
kennels

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## 5th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest



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

August 12 (6:00 a.m.) - September 16th  
(9:00 p.m.)

Get those cameras out and start snap-  
ping photos. Be creative with your  
photos and get ready to submit your  
best picture of your Pyr 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 forev-  
er home... yet.

Get that list together of all your family  
and friends who will vote for your Pyr  
(\$1 per vote). Stay tuned...More details  
to follow via email and AGPR Face-  
book.

## SAVE THE DATE - 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 fundraising event is Saturday, October  
12, 2019 from 11 - 3. Plans include picnic lunch,  
silent auction items, shopping opportunities  
(including AGPR tee shirts). More details to fol-  
low 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](mailto:AGPR-news@verizon.net).  
Thank you.