

**2019 Newsletter  
3rd & 4th Quarter  
Edition**

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Sometimes time just gets away from you when you are in the rescue business. Here's a quick summary of what happened in the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2019...

**3rd and 4th Quarter 2019 Highlights**

During the third quarter of 2019, nineteen dogs and two cats joined Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue: Abigail, Banjo, Bert, Braum, Crash, Curly, Diamond, Dr. Seuss, Jayden, Joey, Junie, Larry, Mickey & Minnie, Moe, Mouse, Penny, Piper, and Ragnar along with felines Presley and Priscilla.

The following seventeen dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Apache, Banjo, Bert, Charlie, Ernie, Ginnie, Halligan, Jayden, Katie, Leon, Lisa Bessie, Lufy, Johnson, Milligan, Ozzy, Pacino, and Penny.

During the fourth quarter of 2019, twenty two dogs and three cats joined us at the rescue: Anya, Buttercup, Chip, Cynder

and her nine puppies born on site, Dixie, Ernie, Kaya, Loki, Noble, Poppy, Russet, Spud, and Yukon along with felines Gray Kitty, Tangerine and Tortie.

The following fifteen dogs went to wonderful new homes: Anya, Braum, Chip, Curly, Diamond, Dixie, Hansel, Larry, Loki, Moe, Noble, Ragnar, Rocky, Spud, Yukon. And three felines were lovingly adopted: Gray Kitty, Presley and Priscilla.

Ten of our Pyrs are in loving foster homes: Abigail, Albert and Tyler, Banjo, Ben, Edgar, Ginger, Old Blue, Rosie, and Sheba.

Congratulations to the Pyrs and felines adopted in the second half of 2019 and thank you to their new families!

**5th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest**

We had another wonderful response to our annual calendar photo contest. Our goal? To raise \$8,000. Thanks to all our supporters we exceeded the \$10,000 mark. Wow - we were so grateful!

147 participants voted on 38 Great Pyrenees entries. There were over 8,000 votes cast, resulting in 14 winners. There were also 50 dates reserved for Pyr photos.

We ordered 175 calendars and there were none left shortly after the new year was ushered in. Many thanks to all of you who "played" and supported AGPR.

Get ready for the 6th Annual Calendar Photo Contest. August 2020 is coming!



Bo & Zoe—2020 Calendar cover winners

## Pyrfest 2019



A fun time had by all!

It was an absolutely beautiful fall day for a picnic. Pyrfest 2019 brought together 65 humans and 22 dogs (almost all Pyrs and alum of AGPR).

Our yummy BBQ lunch was provided and donated by Greg and Sherri Johnson (owners of The Citizen Restaurant in Richmond).

Thanks to those who donated Silent Auction items and to Cindy Harris for her pottery sales. The picnic brought in close to \$3,000 which is used to keep the Pyrs happy, healthy and well fed.



## Eagle Scout Project



**Eagle Scout** candidate Alex Schuler took on the task of helping Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue build a Livestock Guardian Yard. The objective was to enclose a large area in the front yard where we could work with Great Pyrs to determine their ability to be working dogs.

Along with the help of several fellow scouts, parents and over a dozen AGPR volunteers, the fencing foot-

print was marked, post holes were dug by hand and machine, and posts installed. Next came the rails and finally the galvanized wire mesh to ensure the Pyrs did not sneak through the rails. The fencing is five foot high since we have a number of rather enthusiastic Pyrs. Two huge gates were finished and installed by Blake Thomas and

his two helpers, Cody (son) and Cal-lie (Pyr). The Pyrs are extremely happy with their new area and love protecting the property!



## Barkfest



ZuZu and Savannah waiting to greet the people

Pyr ambassadors Savannah and ZuZu had a spooktacular time representing AGPR at Barkfest, hosted at One Loudoun in Ashburn, VA on October 26, 2019. They impressed all the attendees by their friendliness to all the little witches, pirates and jedi who stopped to visit and learn about Great Pyrenees. Strolling through the event, Savannah and Zuzu, enjoyed seeing all the interesting pet supplies on display, meeting animal behaviorists and assisting other vendors by quality checking their home made dog treats. They did question why so many Dachshunds were dressed as hot dogs?



Savannah with Chase from Paw Control

## Little Washington Christmas Parade



**Little Washington Christmas Parade** took place the first Sunday in December and the weather cooperated perfectly! Over a dozen Pyrs and their owners participated in this first time event for AGPR.

The crowds were so excited to see all the big, white fluffies. The cameras were clicking and the crowds were reaching out, anxious to pet all the lovely dogs. And the Pyrs were eager to comply! What a

great way to usher in the holiday season! A big thank you to all who participated.

## Our New Kennel Sign



We have such talented volunteers! Our new sign was designed and created using the skills of Ron Alexander (under the watchful eye of his wife Wendy). We are so pleased with the results!

Does the Pyr head look familiar? It was drawn by Kylie who was a teenager at the time. Cotton was 8 years old when

adopted by Kylie's family and loved unconditionally. She passed six years later and Kylie and her dad had note cards made up for AGPR in her memory. We sell them at Pyrfest and upon request. Thank you to Kylie and the Alexanders for our beautiful new sign!

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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:

~ Holidays ~

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## 2019 Year End Numbers

Every year, AGPR is required to provide data to the State of Virginia. Here's a brief summary:

- At the beginning of 2019, we had 34 Pyrs on hand.
- Over the year, we took in 104 animals (25 owner surrenders; 58 transfers from shelters; 7 Strays; 9 born on site; 5 cats)
- 33 of those joining AGPR were mixed or non-Pyrs
- We paid for 36 neuter surgeries and 21 spay surgeries (total 57)
- We reported 76 adoptions - 7 of those adoptions were returned within the year

- Major surgeries: Mimi, Titan, Abigail, Old Blue
- We returned 2 Pyrs to their owners; sadly euthanized 4 dogs for health reasons; transferred 5 dogs to other VA rescues/shelters
- At the end of the year, we had 13 dogs in foster homes
- On January 1, 2020 we had 55 dogs on the books (includes 13 fosters and 9 newborns)
- And we processed over 165 applications.

A VERY BUSY YEAR!!!

## Welcome to Cynder's Newborn Puppies!

On December 14, Cynder brought nine "holiday pups" to AGPR. The pups were named after the reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudy...four cute boys and five adorable girls. Mommy Cynder is a great mom. Her recent DNA test claims she is part Pyr, Akita, German Shephard, St. Bernard and a little bit of a miscellaneous mix. No matter - she's lovable and amusing!



## 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/>

For more information on how you can help, e-mail us at [AGPR-news@verizon.net](mailto:AGPR-news@verizon.net).  
 Thank you.