

2020 Newsletter  
2nd Quarter Edition

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**COVID-19 AND AGPR**

Who knew? We think those two words pretty much sum up the second quarter of 2020. COVID-19 brought some challenges and some silver linings.

The Boarding kennel business went from "full" to "empty". That meant no income and an increase in AGPR expenses. BUT with some empty kennels, we were able to take in a few more Pyrs in need. The phone calls were coming in like crazy asking us to take in Pyrs from families needing to move or who could no longer afford to feed their dogs. And calls from a few shelters needing help because they had no room and could no longer get spay/neuter services (which meant they could not adopt the dogs). We had a number of wonderful dogs join us and we were also blessed with a small litter of adorable puppies from the mommy and daddy Pyr we took in.

And applications? Oh my, more than usual! Our screening process had to undergo a few changes since home visits were not allowed. Although the

**2nd Quarter 2020 Highlights**

During the second quarter of 2020, we had eighteen dogs join us: Annie, Appa, Chloe's six puppies, Daisy '20, Hickory, Kalie, Leila, Lola, Millie, Remington, Saber, Sassy, and Simba.

The following sixteen dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Abraham, Annie, Boudreaux, Clancy, Ernie, Hickory, Isaac, Junie, Kalie, Lola, Magnus, Natasha, Piper, Saber, Sammy and Simba,

screening process slowed down, many of the potential adopters were very patient with us. In many cases, the new dogs coming in did not have a chance to get posted and had "adoption pending" next to their names before they were ready to be adopted.

We encountered dog food and bleach shortages - our incredible supporters came to the rescue. We could not have done it without them.

Rescues in Virginia were deemed "essential business" so we never missed a beat. Because we were always open, we now have several faithful new volunteers who had time on their hands and wanted to do something good for dogs. The AGPR humans are so happy to have more wonderful volunteers, the Pyrs are enjoying all the new love and attention along with walks.

We are grateful for our supporters and donors and volunteers. There's a lot of truth in the saying "it takes a village". Thank you to all who have stood by us

Daisy '20 is in a foster home and is enjoying playing with her foster buddy Edgar (also up for adoption through AGPR).

Congratulations to the Pyrs adopted in the 2nd Quarter as well as those in loving foster homes and thank you to their new families!

## "MARCH MADNESS" UPDATE - BERT & ROXY

It has been over a year since we took in over two dozen Pyrs from a hoarding situation which we affectionately called "March Madness". A few of the dogs are still with us at AGPR and are being loved and cared for as we continue to find them forever homes.

Siblings Roxy, Foxy, Bert and Ernie were four months old when they arrived...all four with "mohawk hairdos" (adorable) and very, very shy. It was obvious they had not had much human interaction. Foxy and Ernie found loving and patient homes. Bert and Roxy stayed with us because we believed they had knee problems and we had to wait until they grew into their body to know for sure.

Fast forward to present day. X-rays at our vet confirmed healthy hips but knee issues (both back legs). Our ortho specialist confirmed the diagnosis for both Bert



(left) and Roxy (right) and asked us to leave them that day to undergo surgery on their first knee.

Roxy and Bert are back at AGPR. Both legs looked like "chicken legs" since they were all shaved and Roxy was NOT happy wearing the cone of shame. It has been six weeks since their surgery...Roxy no longer needs the cone and both are excited to get



out to walk on their new knees. Another couple weeks and we do it again on the other knee.

Needless to say, their surgeries are taking a big chunk out of our budget during a time when our boarding kennel saw little to no income. We launched a fundraising campaign and are grateful for the donations to date and welcome any further assistance.

## Flashback to April—Five and Three Years Ago



**April 2015** - Beautiful Annie (left) brought ten adorable mixed Pyr puppies into our lives. For recent photos and updates on all of them, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Annienspups>

**April 2017** - "Great Mom" Lola (right) blessed AGPR with eight spunky mixed Pyr puppies. To read a tribute to Lola and learn more about her pups, check out:

<https://tinyurl.com/Lolanpups>



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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:

- August 10 - September 14:

6th Annual Calendar  
Photo Contest

~ All public events on hold or  
rescheduled due to COVID-19 ~

*AGPRescue is a 501(c)(3) organization -  
all donations are tax deductible.*

## 6th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest



Bo and Zoe - 2020 Calendar  
cover pups (aka WINNERS!)

### Get ready for the 6th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest!

August 10 (6:00 a.m.) - September 14th  
(9:00 p.m.)

Get those cameras out and start snap-  
ping photos. Be creative with your  
photos and get ready to submit the  
best picture of your Pyr to battle for  
the honor of 2021 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.

This fundraiser is very important to the  
Pyrs since it is our **BIG** event this year.  
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.

### **Pyrfest 2020**

You guessed it - thanks to COVID-19,  
we've made the decision to cancel  
our Fall fundraising picnic. We want  
to make sure our Pyr alum and fami-  
lies and friends stay healthy. We look  
forward to seeing everyone next fall.

### **Helping our Pyrs by Shopping**



Details on how to sign up for Kroger and AmazonSmile have been posted on our  
website: <https://agprescue.org/fundraising/>. The Papa John's fundraising flyer is at-  
tached (offer only good for Central Virginia) - use the code "AGPR" when ordering.  
Remember, every little bit helps!

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

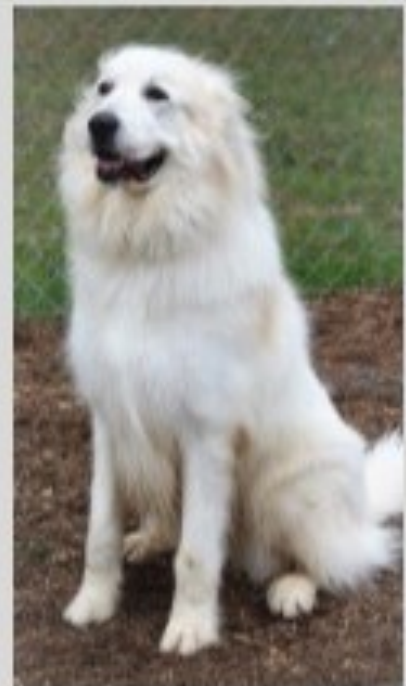


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