

**2020 Newsletter
4th Quarter Edition**

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Happy 2021!

The new year is here and we are all excited about what goodness it brings. For all the challenges we faced in 2020, there were a number of "silver linings":

- * We were all able to spend more time with our beloved Pyrs. More love, more therapeutic grooming, more lessons learned. We've captured some of the "Words of Wisdom" from the Pyrs in our blog: <https://agprescue.org/agpr-blog/>
- * The Pyrs at AGPR have been blessed with a number of new, dedicated volunteers who show up every weekend to walk, socialize and love them. And sometimes a little bit of grooming happens.
- * A number of wonderful supporters stepped up to help us through a potential food "shortage". When the stores started limiting us to one bag of dog food per visit (we go through at least 15 bags a week), several of you stepped up and came to the rescue (no pun intended).
- * This year's calendar photo contest and calendar sales were the best ever. We are so grateful for the support and the money raised for the Pyrs.
- * The incredible response to our fundraising for Bert, Roxy and Zelda left us speechless. Between the mid-year request for financial assistance and the year end matching funds offer, all three Pyrs have their multiple operations funded and will soon be ready for their forever homes.
- * Before COVID, we knew we had a wonderful support base. As a result of COVID, we know we have an absolutely incredible support base. We can't thank you enough for helping AGPR make it through 2020!

4th Quarter 2020 Highlights

During the fourth quarter of 2020, eleven dogs joined Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue: Beau II, Billie Jean, Cloudy, Dax, Flopsie, Jasper II, Liz Taylor, Polar, Prince, Wilson and Zelda.

The following fourteen dogs and two kitties are very happy in their new forever homes: Beau II, Billie Jean,

Brandy, Casper, Cloudy, Dax, Dolly, Jasper II, Jasmine, Kaya, Merlin, Nala Jr., Prince, and Wilson, as well as kittens - Periwinkle and Stella.

Congratulations to the Pyrs and felines adopted in the 4th quarter of 2020 and thank you to their new families!

2020 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 2020, we had 53 Pyrs and 2 kittens on hand
- Over the year, we took in 60 animals (27 owner surrenders; 22 transfers from shelters; 2 Strays; 6 born on site; plus 3 owner surrender cats)
- 15 of those joining AGPR were mixed or non-Pyrs
- We paid for 14 neuter surgeries and 14 spay surgeries (total 28)
- We reported 70 adoptions - 5 of those adoptions were kittens
- Major surgeries: Bert (2), Roxy (2), and Zelda (1)
- We returned 2 Pyrs to their owners; sadly euthanized 2 dogs for aggression; 4 dogs passed due to old age; transferred 4 dogs to other VA res-

cues/shelters; lost 1 Pyr in care

- At the end of the year, we had 6 dogs in foster homes (4 of which are long term)
- On January 1, 2021 we had 32 dogs on the books (includes the 6 in foster care)
- And we processed over 210 applications!

WE HAD A VERY BUSY YEAR!!!

2020 Adoption Tribute



In case you missed it, here's our annual video tribute to all the Pyrs who were adopted during 2020 (including a kitty or two).

It was so much fun seeing all the Pyrs again and getting quick updates on all of them.

For those of you interested in viewing the 2020 tribute, just click on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh0koRDqVKk&feature=youtu.be>

ENJOY!

NEW!!! "A Pyr in Need" Recurring Donation Program

Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue is excited to announce the launch of our newest "Pyr In Need" program! Every month, new Great Pyrenees dogs are surrendered to AGPR, and we never want to have to say "no" to a Pyr In Need.

Pyrs cost money to care for - food, supplies, and medical expenses can add up quickly. Which is why recurring donations

are critical to the health of our organization.

We'll feature five levels of participation:

- * *Help a Pyr* - \$10/month covers kennel supplies for a month for a Pyr
- * *Feed a Pyr* - \$30/month to pay for the Pyr's food
- * *Save a Pyr* - \$50/month is used for vet/health care
- * *Sponsor a Pyr* - \$100/month takes care of all of the above plus things like bedding, collars, leashes, etc.
- * The *fifth level* is a recurring donation of your choice.

Interested in learning more? Information will be posted on our website, <https://agprescue.org/recurring-donations/>, in time for Valentine's Day, so keep your eyes open!

Happy Tails - Cynder and her pups



A year ago December, Cynder came to us very pregnant and delivered nine adorable puppies a week later as an early Christmas present. To honor the holiday season, we named them after the reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudy.

All the pups were adopted and are in loving homes. Check out their photos below (original name/"current name").

P.S. Cynder is still available for adoption and waiting for a very special family.



Dasher/"Bootsie"



Dancer/"Gracie"



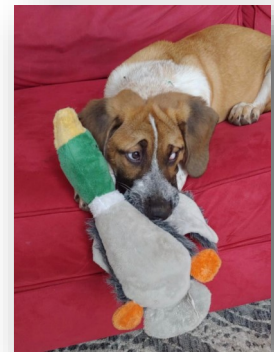
Prancer/"Atlas"



Vixen/"Demi"



Comet/"Holly"



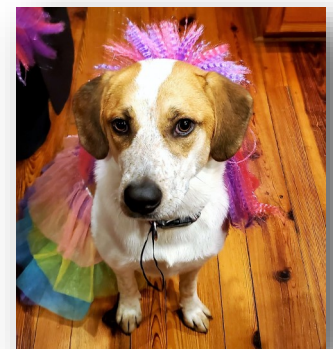
Cupid/"Pal"



Donner /"Graham"



Blitzen/"River"



Rudy/"Winnie"

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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:

~ None due to COVID ~

***** The 7th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest will kick off this summer in August. If you are bored, why not dust off that camera and take some good shots now? Good quality photos that enlarge well (no blurriness) are required. *****

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

Helping our Pyrs by Shopping

Many of us will continue to shop online because of COVID. So it is a perfect time to take advantage of AmazonSmile. If you haven't signed up with AmazonSmile and selected Appalachian Great Pyrenees **Association** as your charity of choice, please do so. Amazon will donate a portion of sales to AGPR and the Pyrs will love you for it! And for those of you in central VA, Kroger would love for you to sign up to their "giveback" program so they can also help the Pyrs. Thank you for your support!



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. Thank you.