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1st Quarter 2021 Highlights

We had a busy first quarter of 2021, twenty nine dogs joined Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue: Aries, Athena, Aurora, Buster, Cody, Darcy, Dexter, Diego, Duke, Faith, Glenda, Honey, Hope, Jasper II, LadyBug, Maverick, Maya, Nala Jr., Nana, Rebbel, Rose, Sam, Suki, Thomas, Trixie, Vincent, Wags, Zeus, and Zoey.

The following twelve dogs are very happy in their new forever homes:

Bert, Boris, Daisy, Flopsie, Ginger, Liz, Rebbel, Roxy, Suki, Toby, Trixie and Zelda. Two dogs were returned to their owner - Duke and LadyBug. And Diego, Glenda and Maverick went to Atlanta Great Pyr Rescue to find their loving home.

Congratulations to the Pyrs adopted in the 1st quarter of 2021 and thank you to their new families!

Happy Tails



Remember Bert, Roxy and Zelda? The three dogs who needed multiple ortho surgeries in 2020/early 2021? Well, thanks to you, enough money was donated to pay for their surgeries and all are in loving homes.

Bert was adopted the end of January by his foster family and has become well known at the local Lowe's (he's a rock star there).

Zelda has a big brother (Pyr) and loves playing in the yard with him. She was on restrictions for the first few weeks after her adoption (February) but all is well now.

And Miss Roxy is living a life of leisure and travel. She spends part of her time at her "summer home" in West Virginia and seems to enjoy the car rides with her mom.

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)
- 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; 4 dogs were transferred to other VA rescues/shelters; 1 Pyr lost 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 "A 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.

Expenses to care for Pyrs include food, supplies, and medical and we all know they 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/>.

Louisa dogs

The last weekend in March, AGPR (along with several other rescue organizations) were asked to help the Louisa County Animal Shelter with a "surrender" situation. They took in over sixty dogs who were living outside on a farm. While their conditions were far from ideal, they were being fed, had some shelter, and plenty of water.

We were told that many of the dogs were pyr mixes (in other words, they had rear double dew claws). With the help of our "Alexander transport team", we brought thirteen back to our kennels over the three day weekend. Each dog needed a bath (or two or three), an enormous amount of grooming, a collar and leash, their own ken-

nel or crate, and shots and deworming. We provided that at AGPR and then got them scheduled for vet visits for rabies, Heartworm test and eventually a spay/neuter surgery. Thank goodness for our crew and volunteers! Lots of moving parts, to say the least.



Athina



Aurora



Cody



Darcy



Dexter



<http://AGPRRescue.org>



Honey



Nana



Thomas



Wags

None of these dogs had ever been exposed to collars or leashes. Most had to be carried from inside to outside several

times a day for potty breaks until they learned that leashes weren't going to kill them. And tons and tons of socialization with

people. They are on their way to a better life as they learn to trust!

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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 sum-
mer 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/>

Ushering in the New Year

As we usher in the new year and look forward to COVID coming to an end, we'd like to welcome our four new Board members:

- Kelly Calder
- Mike Diegel
- Sherri Johnson
- Ariele Sieling

We are looking forward to a great year and assisting lots of Great Pyrenees with the help of all our volunteers and supporters.



For more information on how you can help, e-mail us at AGPR-news@verizon.net.
Thank you.