

**2021 Newsletter
2nd Quarter Edition**

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2nd Quarter 2021 Highlights

Because we were really full, only six dogs joined Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue in 2nd quarter 2021: Bonnie, Buzz, Calli Jr., Hagrid, Harley Girl, and Remi.

The following eight dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: Aries, Calli Jr., Hagrid, Jasper 2, Magnus, Rose, Thomas, and Zeus. One

of the first quarter Louisa dogs, Vincent, was transferred to a local rescue and has since been adopted. And Atlanta Pyr Rescue asked if they could help us with three of the Louisa dogs...Diego, Glenda and Maverick.

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

Louisa Dogs - Part II

"Part II" you ask? Yes indeed!

In March while helping with the surrendered dogs, we learned that there were more than a dozen dogs that had been living in the house. Those dogs were seized and taken to the Louisa shelter or local vet to be cared for until the court case was heard.

We tagged a few dogs so we could bring them to AGPR should they become available.

The court decision? The dogs were not to be returned to the owner. We were happy to welcome Bonnie, Buzz and Hagrid to AGPR.

The trio was similar to those who joined us in March - no shots or HW/flea/tick protection, required spay/neuter surgery, and had limited exposure to collars and leashes...but,

they were a little bit more social. Hagrid and Buzz took quickly to leash walking but needed some work with pulling. Bonnie is a bit more cautious. All three are lovely dogs with good dispositions.

Hagrid was adopted late June and is adjusting to his new home and owner. His soulful eyes and calm household demeanor captured everyone's heart at AGPR.



Girl Scout Project - Chicken Yard

Earlier this year, Annabelle Van Saun (Troop 5107) approached AGPR to ask if we had a project she could complete for her Girl Scout Silver Project. The timing was perfect - we were adding some chickens and two ducks to the property as a means to determine if any of the Pyrs would do well guarding the birds.

A Silver Project is the service project a Cadette achieves that involves a minimum of 50 service hours to complete. The project's main focuses are finding an im-

portant service topic, taking action to make a difference, and gaining the confidence and skills to take on the Gold Project (the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive in high school).

Annabelle agreed to fence an area around the chicken house and install two gates for easy access. We were so impressed - Annabelle's crew consisted of her dad and grandfather who taught her each step of the process and assisted her when needed.



Thank you Annabelle for a project well done - excellent quality in a very timely manner. And thank you for raising money to bring food and supplies for the dogs!



Happy Birthday to Chloe's Pups!

On March 25, 2020, Chloe and Harley joined us at AGPR. Chloe was "in a maternal way" and Harley was the daddy.

Almost two months later, Chloe gave birth to six adorable puppies ... four girls and two boys. Chloe turned out to be a wonderful mom and took good care of her litter.

Chloe had been pending adoption prior to her giving birth. All six puppies were quickly adopted and we said "happy gotcha day" to all the end of July/ beginning of August.

On May 20th this year, the siblings turned a year old. And are all doing well (and, editor's note, all very good looking). We hope



you enjoy this quick update on Chloe and her pups from their owners.



Chloe (now known as Mooney) is doing well in her new home! Her family recently moved to a 6 acre homestead where she has plenty of room to run around with her two small humans. She loves to sleep in every morning until almost noon. Everyone she meets is

her best friend. She loves to lay her head in your lap and stare lovingly into your eyes. Such a sweetheart!



Luna is doing really great! She's so sweet, truly enjoys meeting new people and adores her buddy Oakley. She loves being outside and playing "fetch" (in theory)...but rarely brings the ball back. She gives the most gentle hugs and kisses and

when she's excited or wants to play, she'll sit and "chomp" at the air to get our attention. To entertain herself, she grabs a squeaky tennis ball and struts around the house squeezing it. I think it's hilarious! Others in the house don't always agree. ;-}



Misty Blue (so named for her eyes) is a "COVID-inspired" adoption. She has turned out to be the sweetest fur baby we have ever shared our home with. She is a napkin thief (and

the rest). She loves and plays with everyone especially Elvis, her buddy the French bulldog puppy.

Happy Birthday to Chloe's Pups (cont'd)



Our old guy, Wally, did a great job teaching Jovie the 'ways of the house'. He taught her important rules like lay down when they eat their dinner, paw at the door when you want to go out, get excited when you hear "let's go for a walk", and "grrr" means leave me alone! Wally was an awesome role model until he went to the "big farm in the sky" back in April.

At first, Jovie seemed a little lost without her big doggie brother,

but with more leash training she has become a more confident dog with very good manners. Jovie walks well on a leash, sits when we greet new people, and is friendly to all dogs she meets.

When we open the door to take her for a walk in the morning, she has to stick her head out and make sure all is well for about 30 seconds before we can go out. She also loves chasing birds in the backyard and throwing her bone or toy to herself.



Lexi Diamonds is our sweet girl who loves to play and snuggle

with everyone in our family. We love her so much!!



Matisse celebrated his first birthday with a bath and then a nice creek walk with his big sisters. Later that afternoon, he had his annual vet appointment and a special birthday dinner when he got

home! Matisse always wins over everyone he meets with his sweetness, gentleness and silly charm! We are so blessed to have Matisse in our lives.



Chester has been a great addition to the family. He's always chipper and happy and loves sleeping in the shower. He loves the couch and has claimed it as his

own. Chester always has a toy in his mouth or a chewy if he's not harassing Amber, his older Pyr "sister" who was also an AGPR adoptee.



AGPR is honored to have been awarded a grant from Prince William Humane Society Homeless Animals Support Network to help Pyrs and their family live their best lives.

"The Prince William Humane Society award will help us provide behavioral training for those Pyrs adopted into new homes and

having some difficulty with the transition. Sometimes the Pyr needs a bit of time and structure before settling in to their new lives" said Victoria Marshman, AGPR's executive director.

The Prince William Humane Society has served the people and pets of Prince William County VA since 2012 and has recently created the Homeless Animals Support Network to expand its mission to strengthen the human/animal bond by providing assistance to keep pets in their homes with their families and to protect and assist the most vulnerable lives who do have to

enter shelter environments. They are accomplishing these goals by increasing their existing programs to shelters and rescues throughout Virginia. Their ultimate goal is increasing adoptions and saving more lives. The organization is funded through donations from individuals and business sponsorships. More information on their various programs can be found at:

www.pwhumane.org.

"A Pyr in Need" Recurring Donation Program Update

A big thank you to those of you who are participating in our new "A Pyr In Need" Recurring Donation program (Ariele, Bob, Elizabeth, Frank, James, Karen, Louise, Nelle, Patti, and Susan - no last names needed, you know who you are)!

Every month, new Great Pyrenees dogs are surrendered to AGPR, and we never want to have to say "no" to a Pyr In Need.

Our canine "kids" 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.

Interested in learning more?

Information is posted on our website, <https://agprescue.org/recurring-donations/>.

We thank you so much for your support!

P.S. Take a look at our "Meet Nala" story, one of the dogs who benefits from the Recurring Donation Program: <https://youtu.be/x9ADq53c4BA>



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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:

Petco - 1520 N Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23229

=> Saturday, July 24 (11 - 1)

=> Saturday, July 31 (10 - 1)

**** The 7th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest will kick off August 16th. 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. ****

**** October 16—Pyrfest (11– 3)
@ AGPR in Richmond, VA ****

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all donations are tax deductible.*

7th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest



Nonny - 2021 Calendar cover Pyr

Get ready for the 7th Annual AGPR Calendar Photo Contest!

**August 16 (6:00 a.m.) - September
20 (9:00 p.m.)**

Get those cameras out and start
snapping photos. Be creative

with your photos and get ready to
submit the best picture of your Pyr
to battle for the honor of 2022 cal-
endar cover or one of the "pyr of
the month" spots. All proceeds to
benefit the Pyrs at AGPR who
have not found their forever
home... yet.

This fundraiser is very important to
the Pyrs since it is our **BIGGEST**
fundraising event the year. Get
that list together of all your family
and friends who will vote for your
Pyr (\$1 per vote). Help us beat our
goal of \$10,000.

Stay tuned... more details to fol-
low via email and AGPR Face-
book.

SAVE THE DATE - Pyrfest 2021 (a.k.a. AGPR Picnic)

AGPR alum and friends - we're
back! Come 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 16, 2021 from 11 - 3.
Plans include picnic lunch, silent
auction items, and shopping op-
portunities (including AGPR tee
shirts). More details to follow 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/>

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