

2021 Newsletter
4th Quarter Edition

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4th Quarter 2021 Highlights

Eighteen dogs joined Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue in 4th quarter 2021: Athena II, Bella, Boris, Bruno, Dahlia, Dakota, Dillon, Freya, Flora, Gandalf, Hara, Josie, Lily, Liza, Loki, Natasha, Rosie, and Sapphire.

The following fifteen dogs are very happy in their new forever homes: AnnaBelle, Athena, Athena II, Aurora, Bo, Bonnie, Cody, Cynder, Gandalf, LeRoy, Loki, Maya, Sassy, Wags, and Zoey. And Miss Natasha is with one of our long term fosters and getting adjusted.

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

Sadly, we said goodbye to Dakota. Dakota was six months old when he came in to AGPR, small, underweight, and not eating. We did everything we could in the nine days he was with us. Vet visits, IVs, blood transfusions. We lost Dakota to kidney failure. He was so sweet and adorable...Dakota took a piece of all of our hearts.



Holiday Volunteer Thank You

A big thank you to all our volunteers this year. We had a dedicated group who came out on weekends to walk, train and socialize the dogs.

While not everyone was able to attend our Holiday Thank You, we thank our "weekend warriors", the Hermitage Vet Tech program seniors, the outdoor kennel installers, our transport team, the Pyrfest event team, our Board members, and our long term fosters.

Each and every volunteer brings his/her special skill set and a heart full of

love. They help enrich the lives of our Pyrs and are instrumental in finding their forever home.

We thank all of you! We could not do what we do for these wonderful dogs without your help.



Hermitage High School Vet Tech Spa Day

We are so excited that COVID did not stand in the way of the Hermitage High School Vet Tech seniors coming out for a "Spa Day". Once again, we had a gorgeous day. On October 27th, over two dozen senior high students and several adult volunteers arrived at the kennels with big smiles on their faces. The seniors were ready to put their new skills to work with many of the Great Pyrenees.

After their safety briefing and a short lecture about Pyrs, their personalities, and the rescue organization, the students went to work. They walked, groomed, de-matted, cleaned ears and gave manicures to a dozen dogs. A half dozen Pyrs were treated to a bath.

Veterinary Science at Hermitage Technical Center is a two year

program for high school juniors and seniors in Henrico County. It attracts students who have a love of animals and who wish to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. First-year students learn the basics of animal husbandry, breed recognition, behavior, anatomy, and nutrition. Second-year students learn medical terminology, restraint and handling, and other skills necessary to work as a veterinary assistant.

The class has a grooming business for dogs and cats. Once a week throughout the school year, they work in teams to trim nails, clean ears, brush and de-mat, bathe and dry. The money they make goes towards classroom pet supplies, grooming and cleaning supplies, and sending students to state and

national competitions. Since its inception in 2003, the program has helped hundreds of students decide on a career pathway and has given them the knowledge and skills needed to obtain jobs in the animal care field, and gain entry into Veterinary Technician programs and Veterinary Schools.

All of us at Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue love working with the Vet Tech students—they are very professional, polite and willing to learn. We are very grateful for all their hard work and dedication!



Grateful for the Grants!



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 with the spay/neuter surgeries for the Great Pyrenees dogs waiting to

come in to our rescue. We are very grateful - the cost of medical services increased this year" 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.

Grateful for the Grants (cont'd)



On November 22, 2021, the Ursula Landsrath Animal Rescue Fund (ULARF) and the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties announced \$57,000 in grant awards to 24 nonprofit animal rescue organizations across Virginia. Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue was awarded \$3,000 to help cover medical expenses for Harley who had a number of specialty vet visits for his skin condition and allergies.

Ursula Landsrath founded the Animal Rescue Fund of Virginia as an independent organization in 2008, distributing more than \$1 million to Virginia-based animal

rescue organizations before shutting down grantmaking operations in 2017 when she became seriously ill. Her husband and friends created the Ursula Landsrath Animal Rescue Fund within the Community Foundation at her passing in January 2019 to ensure her grantmaking legacy.

Dedicated to her love of animals, the Ursula Landsrath Animal Rescue Fund continues to provide needed funds to grassroots animal rescue organizations while benefiting from staffing and investment support unique within the Community Foundation.

"We are pleased to be able to continue to honor Ursula's lega-

cy by increasing the amount of funding available this year to organizations helping animals in need," said Sandal Larose, member of the Ursula Landsrath Animal Rescue Fund Grants Committee.

AGPR is very grateful for the support and assistance from the Ursula Landsrath Animal Rescue Fund (and so is Harley).



Congratulations to our 4Q Adoptees



Left: Athena - now known as Lady Athena

Right: Maya



Left: Bo - now known as Beast

Right: Aurora - now known as Dakota



Congratulations to our 4Q Adoptees (cont'd)



Left: LeRoy and AnnaBelle

Right: Cynder



Left: Sassy

Right: Cody and Wags (now Kelly)



Left: Athena II (now Athena Anastacia)

Right: Gandalf (now known as Izzy)



Petco's Photos with Santa

On Sunday, December 19, Santa arrived at the Parham Road Petco in Richmond, VA. It was time for photos (suitable for a holiday card) and Santa's elves were ready to help.

Four volunteers from AGPR, acting as Santa's elves, assisted in the photography event. Santa posed with a number of AGPR alum, various dogs and cats, a

ferret and a snake (brave Santa!).

Proceeds from the event benefit lifesaving animal welfare organizations such as AGPR through the Petco Foundation.

The AGPR elves enjoyed their time with Petco Santa and all the pets who came for photos. We look forward to returning next year. Thank you Petco!



Year End Numbers and Tribute

AGPR started the 2021 calendar year with 32 dogs at the rescue who had not been adopted in 2020. Of those 32 dogs, 19 of them had been with us for more than a year (two of which for more than five years).

During the year, we welcomed 64 more animals in need - 60 pyrs/pyr mixes and 4 kittens. We often get asked where all these dogs come from. Last year we took in 1 stray, 19 Pyrs turned in by their owners, 38 Pyrs from Virginia shelters, and 2 from shelters

outside of Virginia. The kittens? Our local postal carrier asked us to help her out. She found two litters of tiny kitties without moms and asked if we would take one of the litters. We couldn't say no, could we? We assisted 96 animals in 2021 and we could not have done it without the help of all our supporters!

What happened to all those animals? Sadly, one of our long-term Pyrs passed away from old age. And despite all our efforts, we lost a young boy due to kidney fail-

ure. On a happier note, 2 dogs were returned to their owner, 3 were transferred to Atlanta Great Pyr Rescue and adopted (they were part of the crew we took in from the Louisa Hoarding situation), and 47 Pyrs and the 4 kittens were adopted. A total of 58 animals left AGPR.

38 Pyrs/pyr mixes were on hand to start off the 2022 season.

In case you missed our year end tribute, <https://youtu.be/4MgAJ91CCYE>.

We thank you so much for your support!

"A Pyr in Need" Recurring Donation Program Update

A big thank you to those of you who are participating in our "A Pyr In Need" Recurring Donation program (Ariele, Bob, Coleen, Elizabeth, Frank, James, Jan, Lauren, Louise, Mark, Nelle, Patti, Rachel, 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/>.

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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:

To be announced

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

AGPR Chewy.com Wishlist

Oh my goodness! "Santa" sure was busy during the holidays and the Pyrs got lots of presents from Chewy.com.

It seemed like every day the delivery van pulled up to deliver yet another Chewy.com box. There were toys and leashes and collars and dog food and treats and more.

Thank you so much to our anonymous "elves" (donors)...you know who you are even if we don't. We really appreciated your generosity!

If you are interested in checking out the list? Here's the link:

<https://tiny.cc/Chewy4AGPR>

P.S. Chewy.com does NOT provide us with sender information, so we'd love to hear from you and thank you. A simple email sent to agpr-news@verizon.net

saying "a Chewy gift box is on its way" would be appreciated.



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.