



# The Pyrenees Post...

spreading the word about the Southeast's best kept secret.



Official E-Newsletter of the Great Pyrenees Rescue of Atlanta

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## All the News that's fit to Bark...

### WE DID IT

It is official. We are honored to announce the rescue of our **1000th Great Pyrenees.**

We are very proud to reach this milestone in less than six years since the beginning of GPRA. When looking back on this first 1000 rescues I have to say that it was quite a journey. We continue to be stunned at the sad conditions of many of the dogs we rescue. Aside from our more dramatic rescues where we discovered that the dog was tortured or even shot, we are still rescuing a large number that are heartworm positive and/or emaciated.

When starting GPRA in 2010 we had no idea that we will be saving so many Gentle Giants in need. We learned a lot about this gentle and majestic breed and hope we can apply this knowledge to rescue our next 1000 Gentle Giants.

We are still amazed on how they respond to human kindness and bounce right back so they can protect their newfound family.

We also hope you, our GPRA family of wonderful volunteers, will continue to help and support us as we strive to achieve our ongoing mission of Gentle Giant rescue.

**DON'T FORGET ADOPTION DAY ON  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 TH  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 TH**



As always, we thank you for your support!

**-Journey**

## Happy Valentines Day



### Can I be your Valentine ?

Don't forget - Valentine's Day is on **February 14th.** Which is by the way the day after our next adoption day.

And then I just remembered a song about Pys and Valentines Day ....

*"Sweets for my sweet  
Pys for my honey"*

## Address Change?



Have you moved or changed email address? No problem.

Just send us a quick note to [ContactChange@greatpyratlanta.com](mailto:ContactChange@greatpyratlanta.com) to let us know of any changes or to ensure we have your correct information. You don't want to miss our next Pyrenees

# A Grand Slam Rescue



Wow !! It finally happened.

G P R A rescue number **1000**. And it was Grand. Yes indeed, welcome to the family Grand.

Of course now he is already a local celebrity and hopes to find his furever home (or Grand Hotel) very soon.

If you are interested in adopting Grand or any of our other Gentle Giants please visit our section for [available dogs](#) on the GPRA website.

Or if you are ready to provide a furever home to one of our cute Giants go ahead and fill-out an [adoption application](#) and we will contact you soon.

## Save the Date !

### Gentle Giants in the Park

### Celebrating the rescue of over 1000 Pyrs!



**Sunday, April 24, 2016**

**2:30-5:00PM**

Pickneyville Park, Norcross  
Good food, great people, best pyrs!  
\$10,000 Raffle and Silent Auction

This will be the Best Gentle Giants event yet!  
RSVP at [gentlegiants@greatpyratlanta.com](mailto:gentlegiants@greatpyratlanta.com)

## Pyrs in the Media

It's time for another edition of our Pyrs in the Media column. Today I want to share a website about our favorite breed and a BBC news article about Pyrs coming to the rescue. Enjoy !

### Living Large - Living Fluffy

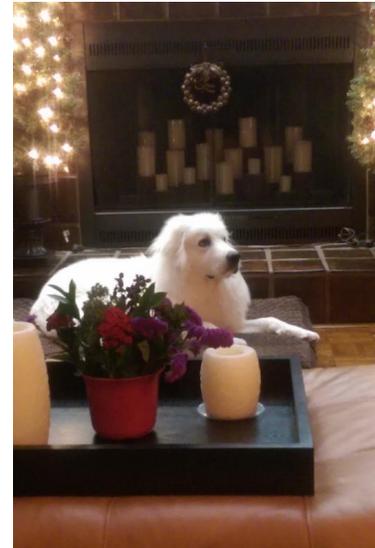
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## PYRology

Pyrs are like potato chips.  
You can't just have one.

## Christmas Highlights

Thank for all your Christmas photos and wishes. And as promised, here are some of the highlights.



## ADOPTIONS

Congratulations to all the lucky pups who found their furever homes in

### December:

Blaize, Hershel, Dooley, Roxanne  
Cupid, Prancer, Natasha, Buddy  
Poseidon, McDreamy, Vixen  
Molly, Omar, Angel, Meg





Hello there. I am **Bran** the Brave, a 4-year-old, 130-pound (slightly overweight) male GP. I came in from the shelter with Arya, my best friend and possible sister. No one knows what sinister plot landed us there, but here's one thing GPRA does know - we are both sweet and playful. The fine people at GPRA took care of us and we rolled

right onto our backs looking for petting. We figured, hey, if you're going to groom us, you may as well scratch our bellies while you're at it!

I'm **Arya**, a brave female from a faraway land called The Shelter. At 4 years old and 106 pounds, I haven't missed many meals. (I must be royalty!). I came in with Bran, my best friend and possibly my brother. Here is my new Glamour Shot pic showing me back in my full Pyr coat after the nice people at GPRA took care of me. Aren't I gorgeous?



[Contact GRPA today](#) for more information on us.

## DEAR JOURNEY . . .

An advice column for, by and about Great Pyrenees

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### Keeping your Pyr occupied during the day

We know that when we are at work we think about our Gentle Giants being all alone at home, and wonder what he is doing or if he is bored.

Here are a couple of simple ways to keep your Pyr occupied and out of trouble. And then you hopefully don't worry about what might happen in the meantime.

## PYRs are PAWSOME . . .



Was this just Bugs Bunny outside ?



All paws on deck



Mattress tester at work



Bacon Burger on your right!

If you can't take your puppy out for a walk in the morning to work off energy than one of the next toys might do the trick to keep them occupied for a while.

### The Kong



One of the simplest and very durable toys available is the Kong. It is a funny looking hard rubber toy that can be stuffed with all kind of goodies like peanut butter or dog treat. It is available in different sizes and not very expensive. You will be amazed how long the tongue of

your dog suddenly can be.

Ideally you want to mix different treats to allow some of it to come out early and some of it has to be worked on. I have for example successfully tried a combination of large and small milkbones.

One other possibility is to mix up kibbles and wet dog food and freeze it overnight in the Kong. This will allow him to eat his treats slowly while it thaws.

### Tug-A-Jug

Another toy available is a a jug with a rope attached to it. It can be filled with kibbles or training treats.

This might take some training for your dog but after he figures out that he needs to pull on the rope to get to the hidden treats he should be busy for a while.



### Doggie Popsicle

If you would like to try something a little more creative make a doggie popsicle. You can pour some chicken broth into a reusable plastic container and toss in some treats and a couple of spoonfuls of peanut butter.

You can freeze it overnight (of course, otherwise it would not be a dogsicle). The next morning just run some hot water over the container before you leave for work and the "dogsicle" is ready. Your dog will certainly enjoy this for a while.

I am sure you can find plenty of recipes on the Internet to keep it interesting and tasty.

Here is the link to [an article](#) that provides guidance on how to introduce your dog to treat dispensing toys and how to



Let's clean this up here



I just saw Santa

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## GPRA Information & Links . . .



- [Volunteer - Donate](#)
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- [Available Dogs](#)

[Apply to Adopt](#)

increase the challenge in case he gets bored.

Try any of the suggestions first out while you are at home and can supervise your dog and see how he reacts. You might be surprised how inventive your dog can be in order to get to food.

And if any of our readers have suggestions that have worked for them please [do share](#) the with us.

Writing this column for the Pyr-nation and trying to give some advice and information and share experiences of our brother and sister giants is a lot of fun and very rewarding. So, keep the questions coming!

--Journey 

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