



# 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...

Pyr of the Month

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GPRA just turned 7 years young on February 1st. It's been quite an adventure since the first three rescues in 2010. And Journey, our spokes pyr, was one of them.

We rescued 154 Great Pyrenees in 2016, 23 so far just in January of 2017 and a grand total of 1,154 in those 7 years. We have recently had some more memorable rescues like Liam who had been shot with a shotgun or Zoey, who was hit by a car. Both recovered from orthopedic surgery and are on their way to recovery. Due to the continuous support of our volunteers, fosters, and everyone's donations we are able to rescue these special Gentle Giants in need without hesitation. A big Thank You to everyone.

After our experienced fosters nurtured these Gentle Giants through their healing process you can observe their transformation and loving nature at one of our adoption days.

We will be soon sending out details about our big Gentle Giants in the Park event on April 23rd. Like every year, this event celebrates all our adopters and volunteers - without them we would not be able to fulfill our mission.

**DON'T FORGET ADOPTION DAY ON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 11 TH  
SATURDAY, APRIL 1 ST**



As always, we thank you  
for your support!

-Journey

New Year, New Waiver

Thank you for volunteering with GPRA! As a state licensed animal rescue group, we are required to maintain current, signed waivers from all of our volunteers. So, it's time to add your "paw print" to the [attached 2017 waiver](#) (click link for



Hi everyone, I'm **Samson**, a handsome young boy returning to GPRA through no fault of my own or my family. Life has not been very good to my dad lately and so GPRA is going to find me a great home. I'm just under 2 years old and still learning manners but I'm a sweet, loving boy. I love to be around people and will make a great companion. I am good with other dogs and cats. If you believe I would make a best friend for you, please [contact GPRA](#) today.

**2017 Westminster Kennel Club  
Dog Show**

At the beginning of February the Westminster Kennel Club hosted its famous Annual Dog Show for the 142nd time. And then Rumor had it. The German Shepard named Rumor took home the Oscar for Best in Show. And the Great Pyrenees are participating in the Working Dog group competition.

downloading the waiver Word document).

You may scan and email the waiver to [VolWaivers2017@greatpyratlanta.com](mailto:VolWaivers2017@greatpyratlanta.com), fax it to **(404) 829-2609**, or mail a hard copy to:

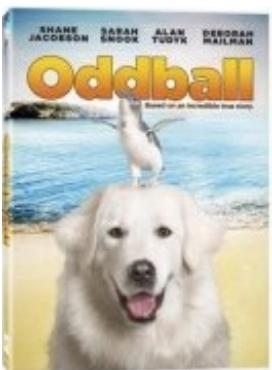
Great Pyrenees Rescue of Atlanta  
ATTN: Volunteer Waiver  
4651 Woodstock Road, Suite 208-185  
Roswell, GA 30075



## Farewell Oddball our Hero



Oddball, the maremma from Warrnambool Victoria, Australia, famous for saving an entire colony of fairy penguins and who the children's movie 'Oddball' is based on has passed. She was 15 years old and an international hero. As a farewell she was once more the star of the local newspaper - The Standard. You can read the article [right here](#).



Most of our readers probably already know who Oddball is. And because Oddball was so famous, we are giving away three DVD's of the movie. Yup, for free. Ah yes, there is a small catch. You need to participate in our photo contest and have one of the three winning photos. Details are listed below.

We want you to submit an original photo containing your fluffy Gentle Giant. Be creative and send us something entertaining. And no, it does not have to be with a penguin. No need to smuggle your Pyr into the Aquarium. You can use your pool instead :-).

### Here are the rules:

Send us an original digital photo of your Pyr to [newsletter@greatpyratlanta.com](mailto:newsletter@greatpyratlanta.com) with the subject line 'Oddball Photo Contest'. The deadline is March 31st, 2017 midnight EST. The photo cannot be copied from somewhere else or modified with a photo tool (i.e. adding a penguin that was not there). There is one entry per email address. By submitting your photo for the contest you provide consent for GPRA to publish the photo in an upcoming newsletter or on other GPRA communication channels (i.e. Twitter, Facebook)

Round and round they go and *Rivergroves Enough Said* took the Oscar for best Great Pyrenees.

By the way a boxer won the Working Group competition. Although I am not sure who was knocked out in the semi finals from him.

In case you are interested you can watch videos from the competition on the Westminster Kennel Club [website](#).

## JEOPYRDY!

In what area of the United States were Great Pyrenees discovered first?

What are the Pyrolinas.

## ADOPTIONS



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

### December

Rudy, Maximillian, Molly 3, Oz  
Luna McCalla, Bentley, Buddy  
Donald, Wisteria, Baxter, Dory  
Luv, Beau Bartlett, Perdita

### January

Lincoln, Rocky, Capt Kirk, Cotton  
Perdita, Clarice, Michelle, Ace  
Piper, Ghost, Evanora, Bandit  
Rudolph, Jazzy, Molly Dee, Brielle  
Arman, Orchid, Violet, Precious

together with your name. The odds depend on the number of submissions and you are not guaranteed to win a movie. The winner is selected from a panel of GPRA volunteers based on cuteness and other not yet known criteria. We will notify the winners via their provided email and then arrange our delivery Pyr to drop off the movie. No? Ok, United Postal Service it is.

And for fairness reasons we exclude the judges from this contest.

In case you have any questions regarding the rules, our newsletter or else please contact us at the above email. Good luck to everyone.

## DEAR JOURNEY . . .

*An advice column for, by and about Great Pyrenees*

[DearJourney@greatpyratlanta.com](mailto:DearJourney@greatpyratlanta.com)

### What's your Pyrsonality

I realize that most of our readers are already in love with our Gentle Giants. And if not by now then hopefully pretty soon. But perhaps you don't even know yet how much you like Great Pyrenees. Take our Pyrsonality test and let's find out about yourself in 5 minutes or less.

1. You are invited to a party with some friends. You are with a group of people talking about sports, politics, and family.

When someone asks about your family you respond:

A) My family is all about my two Pyrs. The we are not going anywhere without them and I am thinking about adopting another one from GRPA.

B) Yeah, I have two kids and we also have some Pyrs that are really great.

C) I am married with two kids and we have two Pyrs. Our daily life is centered around keeping the house free of hair and everything under control.

A) 5 points, B) 1 point, C) -3 points

2. During a recent sporting event you are watching with your friends a commercial for a car company airs where the car is driven by big and white dogs. One of your friends shouts out loud: "Look at those dogs" and you respond:

A) Really? Now they are already having dogs sell cars.

B) Oh, man are those cute. Did you see the puppy? These must be Great Pyrenees.

C) There is definitely a cuteness factor in this commercial.

A) -3 points, B) 5 points, C) 1 point

3. Someone forwards you The Pyrenees Post with the comment: "Hey, isn't this the right snuggle pup for you?".

Rembrandt, Rainer, Hermey

### February

Pearl, Buddy Walker, Sparky

Mattie, Aspen, Elliott, Marly

Nysha, Sky, Paisley, Perry

**TOTAL RESCUED: 1165+**

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### Mark Your Calendars

#### Adoption Day

**Saturday, March 11th**

**Saturday, April 1st**

11:00am - 1:00pm

[PetSmart](#) in Dunwoody

If you are looking to meet a specific dog during adoption day, please contact us at [info@greatpyratlanta.com](mailto:info@greatpyratlanta.com) ahead of time to ensure that the Gentle Giant is present.

### PYRs are PAWSOME . . .



**More tea Morton?**

- A) You feel interested and plan on leaning more about these fluffballs.
  - B) More spam.
  - C) You spend some time on the GPRA website to learn more about the bread and check out the available dogs for adoption. You mark the next adoption day in your calendar and contact the GPRA adoption team to learn more.
- A) 1 point, B)-3 points, C) 5 points

Result:

*-9 to 2 points - Newcomer*

There is quite some room to grow for you. Have you ever had sweet puppy kisses or a pyr paw? You don't even know what you are missing and definitely need to stop at the next adoption day to feel the fluffiness and puppy love in person. And perhaps you will make a new friend.

*3 - 7 points - Great pyrtential*

There is no denying - you are a dog lover. And it seems that you had your eyes on Great Pyrenees. Yes, I can see it. Check in with us for volunteer opportunities. We are always looking for a dog walker. Or if you have a underutilized big car, help us taxi a pyr to the next adoption day. Or pick a rescue up from a shelter. This gives you some serious bonding time and wants you to come back for more.

*8 - 15 point - Pyr addict*

You are the person who cannot stop talking about your fluffball(s). In the office, in a bar, and even at the car dealer. And no, there is nothing wrong with that. Our Gentle Giants thank you from their heart and hope that we could clone you. Then we could spread the work even faster and have more people interested in pyrs. And do you only have one pyr at home? You know that pyrs are like potato chips - you can't just have one. Let's visit one of our next adoption days and talk about who of our available dogs would fit for you.

We hope you do take this with humor. We do enjoy mingling with all dog lovers. So let's "talk dog" the next time we meet at one of the GPRA events.

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** 

*E-mail your most pressing questions and concerns to Journey at [DearJourney@greatpyratlanta.com](mailto:DearJourney@greatpyratlanta.com). Journey's advice is not intended to take the place of the expert care of your veterinarian nor of an experienced professional dog trainer. When in doubt, always consult a trained professional.*



**Couch pyrtato**



**Slumber party**



**Hallway "runners"**



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**Yeah, this couch is pyr approved**

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