



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...

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER

We have taken the hurdle on our first 1,000 rescues and are now focusing on the next 1,000. The year has started strong and we already rescued more than 30 Gentle Giants in January and February. And we have more PYRS lined up waiting to come in.

However, we have currently run out of boarding space and are urgently looking for foster volunteers for several of our Giants. One of them is Leandra. She had the beautiful mixed of puppies that were all already adopted. For her we are looking for a foster who is home most of the time and can help her getting over her separation anxiety. She is a sweet girl who loves playing with children and is very good with people. Leandra needs someone who can provide her with affection, exercise, and socialization.

This is just one case where we are looking for a foster. You can find our other Gentle Giants in need of a foster on our website under the section [available dogs](#).

Any assistance helps even if you are only able to foster for a short period of time. Our Gentle Giants will be most thankful.

Let's do this together. With your support we are able to continue our mission and work towards the next big goal of 2,000 rescues.

**DON'T FORGET ADOPTION DAY ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 19 TH
SATURDAY, APRIL 9 TH**



As always, we thank you
for your support!

-Journey

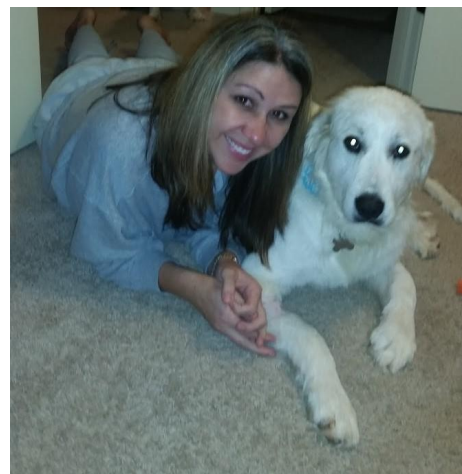
Fosters Needed

Volunteer of the Month

As most of you know GPRA is relying on volunteers and fosters in order to take care of all the different tasks that need to be handled for our Gentle Giants. This month we want to say a special Thank You to one of our hard-working volunteers - **Jenny Veal**.

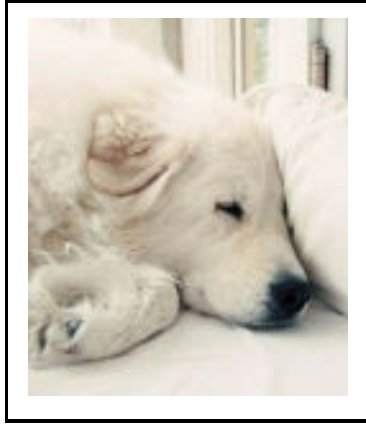
Jenny began as a volunteer with GPRA in June of 2015. She started as a foster but immediately began volunteering for other areas as needed. Jenny is on the Home Inspection and Transport Team and works with our Intake Director, to keep our dogs, their pictures and descriptions up to date and engaging on our website.

She and her family recently received their membership in GPRA's PREMIER FOSTER FAILURE CLUB when they succumbed to the love and charm of Athena, one of GPRA's sweetest tri paws!



Jenny also gets backup support from her husband Todd and son Nolan. GPRA could not ask for a better volunteer.

Thanks a lot Jenny, Todd and Nolan.



Can I crash on your couch for a while?

Great Pyrenees Rescue Atlanta (GPRA) urgently needs foster volunteers to provide short-term in-home care for our Gentle Giants. All veterinary care is paid by GPRA. Fostering can last from a few days to several months and is one of our key characteristics from other rescue organizations. You are not just taking care medically of our rescues but also emotionally. Many of our rescues show their gentle and caring side while with their fosters. And this makes it easier to place them later on.

To learn more about fostering one of our sweet giants visit www.greatpyratlanta.com/foster_app.html

or call 404.829.2609.

Don't Forget to RSVP !

Gentle Giants in the Park

**Celebrating the rescue
of over 1000 Pyrs!**

Sunday, April 24, 2016

2:30-5:00PM



This will be the Best Gentle Giants event yet!

RSVP at gentlegiants@greatpyratlanta.com

More information to come soon.

The Top 5

Well, since David Letterman retired, we thought we would publish our own **Top 5** of questions that we hearing on a regular basis from other people while we are on our daily Pyrade with our Gentle Giants.

And of course, we are trying show our funny side. So we hope you get a good laugh out of it.

Questions No. 5

Don't forget...



Happy Easter

Don't forget - Easter Sunday is on **March 27th**. Just in case you are hiding some chocolate eggs be sure your PYR is not finding the treats your family missed.

Volunteers Wanted



Snowflake: Hey Journey. How are you?

Journey: Just peachy Snowflake.

Snowflake: Listen, I heard we are looking for volunteers for GPRA.

Journey: Yes, that's true. We are looking for some brave souls who are not afraid of wet dog kisses and getting hair on their clothes.

Snowflake: Any specific tasks for which we need volunteers?

Journey: You mean besides giving us a belly rub or scratch behind the ear?

Snowflake: Ha ha. Yes.

Journey: We need help in all areas. And it is totally fine if you are only able to help out as your schedule allows.

It's a full grown Pomeranian.

Just kidding of course. Only Great Pyrenees can be so gentle, loving and sometime stubborn at the same time.

I hope you enjoyed this and if you have other questions that you are getting asked on your daily walks, please share them with us.

Rescue of the Month



Hello, I am **Cotton**. I am believed to be around 2 to 3 years old. I am really sad because I was picked up by a county shelter worker recently and was given a lot of attention. I was lucky to get adopted by a wonderful family, however it did not work out in my favor. Like most young kids, I like to see how far I can push my parents.

I am an escape artist! I have crafted my skills and can leap over a 4ft fence with little to no effort. My next home will need at least a 6 foot fence. My current foster family has a fur sibling that I really enjoy playing with. Like most, in new situations and new surroundings, I am a little bit more reserved. Once I feel comfortable, I am super sweet and house trained. I will thrive in a home with structure and become a wonderful member of your family.

Please [contact GPRA](#) today to find out more about me.

DEAR JOURNEY . . .

An advice column for, by and about Great Pyrenees

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Walking Accessories

Today I want to share with you some information that could make your life a lot easier when walking your Gentle Giant. When it is time to go outside and smell freedom and squirrels our beloved fluffballs are sometimes not that gentle anymore. They like to show their strength and try to walk you. And this might really stretch your arm.

I can recommend two products that really worked for us in

Thank You

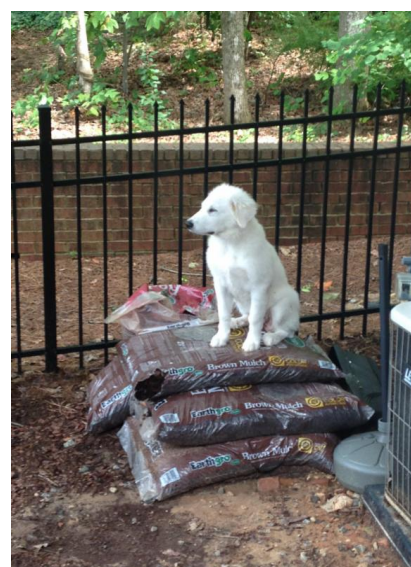
Thanks to Isabel and Rania GPRA is now the proud owner of handcrafted, wooden donation boxes. Don't they look just pawsome?



And as you can see the the picture was taken with Isabel's sign which counts our Gentle Giant rescues.

So stop by at one of our next adoption days and see the new donation boxes live in action.

PYRs are PAWSOME . . .



King of the Hill

getting the pulling under control. And rather quickly.

First, try a harness instead of a simple collar. A harness sits more around the chest of your dog and therefore allows better control. Here I tried two options; a harness where the leash connects at the back or where the leash connects in the front. The harness where the leash connects in the back is more padded and usually comes in more options. Like your favorite NFL team (there are also other NFL teams or neutral colors available).



Front View



Top View

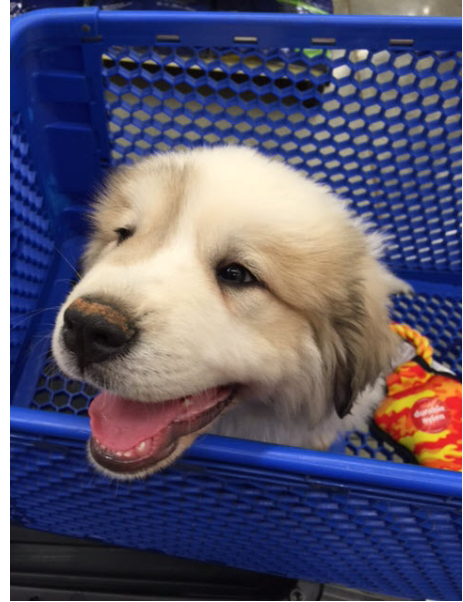


The second harness that hooks up in the front is the Easy Walk harness.

As you can see there are two loops around the chest and back of your dog. It comes in different sizes and is easily adjustable.

The advantage is the front hook up. As soon as your dog decides to pull away the harness forces him to turn sideways. And that takes care of the pulling.

If you want to take it one step further you can also get a European walking lead. What is so special about it?



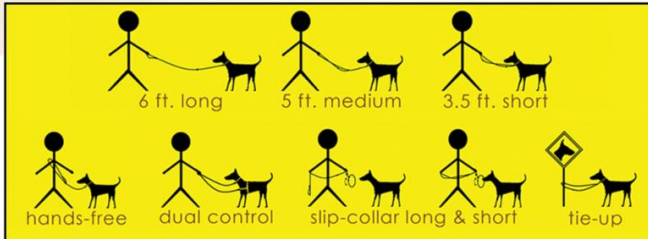
Faster, faster



One day this is all yours, son



Pysitter



8-Way Lead™
by Bold Lead Designs



As you can see from the top diagram the 6 foot leash can be adjusted to 8 different positions. From different lengths to an over-the-shoulder loop. And that is my favorite. From the picture you can see that you have your hands free or need only one hand to control the length

of the leash. That allows you to pick up your dogs business easily or do other things. You can get the more durable leather or a cheaper nylon version.

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

E-mail your most pressing questions and concerns to Journey at 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



Big bear and Little Bear

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