



# The Pyrenees Post...

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



## *GPRRA Thanksgiving Match – November 6, 2018*

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

We are three weeks into our Thanksgiving Match Fundraiser and have made great progress but still have a long way to go to meet our goal and take advantage of the \$40,000 match. Here is the story of Danica as told by GPRRA and her new parents.

*GPRRA - Danica came into GPRRA in December 2017. She came to us from a rural shelter with obvious eye issues. Both eyes were examined and it was determined that her left eye needed to be removed in order to give her a chance at a pain free life. As Danica was recovering from her surgery, she went into a loving foster home. Danica got to share her foster home with another GPRRA Alumni who helped her become a fantastic companion. In May, her ultimate wish was granted and she found forever family*

*New Parents - So how did we come to adopt sweet Dani? To be honest, it was our other Pyr, Aslan, that led us down this road. Aslan was about a year and a half. She was (and still is) a rambunctious 75 pound puppy. She was destroying everything - shoes, every toilet paper roll in the house, underwear. She chewed up an entire oversized ottoman, a leather chair, a coffee table... you get the picture. We'd buy her tons of bones, buffalo horns, deer antlers, toys, but while we were gone and when she was bored she'd chew. We thought maybe if she had a big friend to play with she'd quit destroying our house. My husband had wanted a Pyrenees for over 20 years and when we felt the time was right, we adopted Aslan from a breeder. But I told him this time we were rescuing a dog. I started by searching humane societies and shelters, but every dog I came across, he found something wrong. I knew I had to find another Pyr, which is how I discovered GPRRA. Originally I had come in contact with another Pyr rescue a little closer to our home, but let's just say they weren't very friendly. When I came across GPRRA, I emailed them. Their response was quick, very cordial and helpful. I told them what we were looking for- around a 3 year old Pyr, good with kids, other dogs and ok around cats. We talked about a few but nothing seemed to match. I just figured we would be patient and the right one would come along. Dani had been brought up originally, but they just weren't sure how she'd do. In the meantime, she got moved to another foster home and was doing great, so they asked if we wanted to meet her. We drove to Atlanta, our 4 year old and Aslan in tow, spent some time with her, and she left with us!*

*The first couple of nights, she was very timid. She seemed very fearful of thunderstorms and would come stand right next to my bed and breathe very heavy. But as she has become more comfortable, this has subsided. As I write, hurricane Michael is coming through and she's asleep at the end of my bed. All 3 of my kids love her, but the four year old ADORES her. Every morning he gets up and asks where his Dani- coco is and goes and lays down with her and hugs all over her. She is so good with him. She is literally the sweetest dog ever. Because she is so calm compared to Aslan, my husband likes to take her to work some. He owns/publishes our local*

*newspaper and she goes every Wednesday with him to deliver to post offices and stores and then spends the day greeting people at the office. She and Aslan are Facebook famous in our small town due to his newspaper FB page. There was one story, written for childhood cancer month, where the little boy featured is recovering from a cancer that took his eye - the same side Dani had lost. He met Dani and fell in love and they appeared on the front page together. I'd like to end by saying how thankful I am for GPRA. Not only do they spend endless time, energy and finances rescuing our precious Pyrs, but everyone we came in contact with was so nice, helpful and efficient. All rescue organizations need to take lessons from them! Oh and by the way, although Aslan does get a little jealous of Dani, they love each other! And she hasn't eaten one piece of furniture since May! PTL!*

Please donate to help us rescue these amazing Gentle Giants. We are investing an average of \$1,300 in every PYR rescued and really need your help to continue to make this happen. And remember every dollar donated during this fundraiser is matched 100%.

Thank you,

John Heldrich  
GPRA, President and Founder



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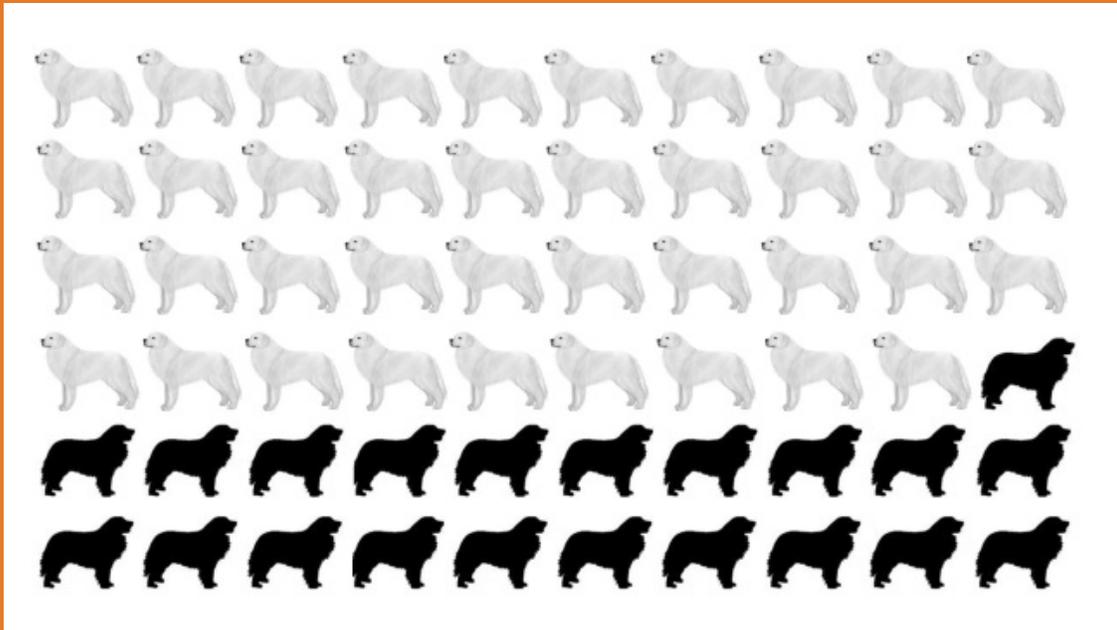


With her best friend

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