## GPRA Update - 1/24/2019

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,,

In just over a week, GPRA turns 9 years old!!! When we rescued our first Gentle Giant, Sam, in 2010, we never could have imagined that 9 years later, GPRA would have rescued 1,530 PYRS. We have experienced first hand the incredible resiliency of our breed as so many arrived broken and often near death and we witnessed how love and nurture can turn the most neglected PYRS into stunning, confident and truly regal dogs. We also believe our PYRS have been lifelines to many of our adopters.

We cannot thank our many selfless volunteers enough. From our dog walkers, transporters, donors, adopters and our gold standard fosters, our success is attributed to you. We have an extraordinary board who are passionate in their support of GPRA and to the committed volunteers that comprise their teams.

GPRA rescued 209 Gentle Giants in 2018, our largest rescue year ever. In January of this year we already have rescued 23 with more incoming. At this rate we will be between 300-400 for 2019!!!

Our priority has always been quality, not quantity but we never anticipated the need to save this many as we cannot refuse a PYR on death row. The best way to help GPRA is to become a foster. Jenny will make it painless and the reward your family will experience will be immediate. If you can't foster, come to our Gentle Giants in the Park event on April 27th and/or participate in our \$5,000 raffle which, with your donations, help offset our massive medical bills for treating so many PYRS. More information on the Raffle to come.

It's going to be quite a year and thank you once again for supporting GPRA.

Thank you,
John Heldrich
GPRA, President and Founder



Gentle Giants in the Park
Saturday
April 27, 2019
2:30 to 5:00
Pickneyville Park, Norcross, GA

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

It's not to soon to begin gathering items for the Gentle Giants in the Park SILENT AUCTION. We are looking for Tickets to Music or Sporting events, Weekend Getaways, Restaurant Gift Cards, Retail Gift Cards, Dog/PYR related items, Gift Baskets and even home made items like bags, pillows and jewelry. Anything that you think PYR Owners would be interested in. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Please email us

at  $\underline{SilentAuction2019@greatpyratlanta.com} \ if \ you \ have \ any \ items \ to \ donate.$ 

# **St. Patrick's Day Parade** Saturday, March 16th, 2019

GPRA will be marching in this annual parade in Midtowm Atlanta. If you and your GPRA Alumni PYR are interested in joining us please click below.



**RSVP and more information** 

### 2019 Calendars

Includes lots of pictures of GPRA Alumni from 2018. Only a few left. Get yours before they are gone.



#### Click here to purchase

Upcoming Adoption Days

January 26th February 9th

Saturday 11 - 1

Dunwoody PetSmart

#### QUICK LINKS

GPRA Website Available Dogs Volunteer Foster a Dog Donate

<u>Today</u>





