GPRA Update - March 8, 2017 - Susan

Dear Great Pyrenees Friends,

The story of Susan. We received word yesterday that a 6 month old female Great Pyrenees had roamed onto a person in Georgia's property that had been shot in the front leg. We immediately communicated that we would take the adorable puppy we subsequently named Susan. Susan was transported today to our orthopedic and Marla and I conferenced with him this evening after he evaluated her and her x rays.

The first thing our surgeon told us was that Susan was the sweetest of sweet and one tough little cookie as her injury was "nasty". The bottom of her fibia is gone along with part of her ligament. In addition, part of the joint at the ankle was blown away. Her wound area is infected and goes to the joint. We discussed the possibility of saving the leg but the chance of success and invasiveness make that option impractical.

Tomorrow Susan will have the leg amputated. The good news is, unlike reported, the damaged leg is her back leg not her front. This is huge as the front leg is weight bearing and we have so many examples of successful hind leg amputations where our PYRS are fundamentally back to normal in 1 to 2 weeks. Susan is only 6 months old and she will be out of this pain and ready to lead a normal life starting tomorrow.

Please let us know if you are interested in fostering or adopting Susan, after Rocky, Liam and Zoey, is the fourth PYR that has had major surgery in the last few weeks. All are doing fabulous with their fosters and now adopters.

Thank you,

John Heldrich GPRA, President and Founder

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