

# National Pyr Rescue



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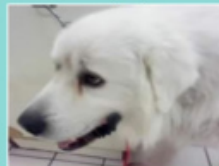
The Latest News From National Great Pyrenees Rescue

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[Volunteer](#) To Help Rescue Get Off to a Good Start in the New Year!

## The Ditch and Caught-in-a-Trap Dogs

Since Thanksgiving four Pys have been found in ditches, run over, shot or caught in traps. **Oliver (left) in Missouri** was the first victim found lying in a ditch. Both his front legs were broken but they were fixable. Unfortunately, too much time had elapsed and his infection could not be contained so after a noble fight, he was euthanized. Two weeks later the next emergency call came in about **Kodiak (right) in Ohio** who was caught in a trap resulting in injuries to both front legs and a partially severed paw. He did not survive either. A week later, a call came from Tennessee about a young Pyr who had been hit by a car and left in a ditch. **Jack Frost (left)** has been stabilized and will survive but needs orthopedic surgery. The last trauma



call came once again from a Tennessee shelter at noon on a Friday, one week before Christmas. A Pyr had a severely injured/infected foot that was caught in a trap. The infection was spreading and the dog needed rescue ASAP. National Pyr arranged for his transport to a vet where he was stabilized and the damaged toes were removed. He's been named **Nanook** and will be transported to the Northeast for additional orthopedic work. We've set up a **tax-deductible Neediest Cases** ChipIn fund, to contribute to the medical costs for **Jack Frost** and **Nanook**, the surviving **Ditch and Trap Dogs**. Close to \$4,000 has been spent on the Ditch and Trap dogs so far. Emergency and orthopedic medical care is expensive. Your donation will ensure that these emergency cases continue to get the help they need.

## Westward Ho!

The hundreds of Pys and Pyr mixes who are rescued every month need a place to go. Many of these dogs have found homes in the Northeast but rescue placement can be competitive, especially in a tight economy. The Great Pyrenees Rescue Society (GPRS) in Houston has always gone the extra mile (or 1,000 miles) to get dogs out of Texas kill shelters. They use air and ground transport to move the dogs long distances. The **McQuade family** of Washington, with their six Pys pictured at left, adopted a rescue dog from GPRS in 2009. They adopted a second dog through National Pyr from Bear Creek Rescue in Missouri in 2010. Since applications have been coming in on a steady basis from potential adopters in the Northwest, this seemed a good time to establish a **National Pyr Petfinder site** in Oregon. Terry McCabe in Portland, Oregon



volunteered to help establish the site and develop a foster home network for dogs in the West. Eighteen Texas dogs have found homes in Oregon and Washington since the West Coast Petfinder site was established in November and more dogs will be headed there from Texas kill shelters in the new year.

## Update on Second Half Neediest Cases

**Pippen and Strider**, the two heart worm positive Pys from Kansas City, Missouri who were victims of a foreclosure, have found a wonderful home together in Pennsylvania. Our PA Pyr girl, who was named **Blondie**, had her orthopedic surgery and has been adopted by a family in PA. The two Jersey girls, **Amy and Lea**, had their dental work and heart worm treatment; Lea is available for adoption. **Denver and Denali**, National Pyr's pair of owner surrenders from Mississippi, have both come to the Northeast. Denver found a home with a wonderful family in Ithaca, NY and **Denali** (right) is being fostered in Connecticut, and is still looking for his forever home.



**Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with these dogs, helped with fostering or transport, gave assistance with the many administrative and design projects or donated their time, energy or hard-earned money to support rescue. We will celebrate our fifth anniversary next year in 2011. Thank you one and all. We couldn't do it without you!**



## National Pyr's Annual Appeal

Please help us continue **front line Pyr and Pyr mix rescue** in these challenging times. It's easy and secure to [donate online](#) with your credit card.



Your donation is **tax deductible** for the 2010 tax year through midnight Dec. 31. And all donations go to the dogs.

## Big Fluffy Dogs Needs Help

**Big Fluffy Dogs of Nashville, TN** has gotten hit with a double whammy this holiday season-- dogs from a hoarding situation and two litters of puppies who were exposed to the Parvo virus. You can contribute online to their ChipIn for the [parvo puppies](#).

## Join the Doomed Dogs Club

The **Doomed Dogs Club** gives funds to National Pyr and other rescues to pull dogs from kill shelters and pays a portion of their initial vetting and boarding costs. The club has sponsored 50 dogs to date, giving about an average of \$150 per dog.



Both National Pyr's **Solomon** (above) and **Toby** (below) were rescued by Alissa Saredy, National Pyr's new rescue contact in AR. Doomed Dogs sends out notices a couple of times a week to offer sponsorships and let rescuers know where endangered dogs are. You can join the Doomed Dogs Club by going to [Facebook](#). Without Facebook go to [Doomed Dogs](#).



Have you ordered your 2011 **Happy Endings Rescue Calendar**? We have a few calendars left that can be ordered by clicking [here](#).