

National Pyr Rescue



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The Latest News From National Great Pyrenees Rescue

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2011 Happy Endings Calendar Contest Winner: Woody

Woody (left) is the winner of his year's Happy Endings Calendar contest. Woody came into Pyr rescue from Memphis, TN. He was named Haywood and was so matted he needed to be completely shaved down. In fact his haircut was so bad, he became known as Haywood, the sheepshorn Pyr (right). He disliked confinement and proved to be something of an escape artist although he just wanted to be around people. He came up to New York last summer and was adopted



by a family in the Hudson Valley who had lost their Pyr and wanted another. Woody has proved to be an exceptionally people-friendly Pyr. He so enjoys the spotlight that staying home and hanging around the house with several other dogs (as had been expected) was a rather ho-hum life for him. During this very warm spring Woody accompanied his owner to work to cool off in the AC. It became immediately clear that he enjoyed "working the floor" of the manufacturing facility. Not everyone initially welcomed the presence of a huge dog but by early summer he had a fan club of people who looked forward to seeing him on a daily basis. By the time the rescue calendar contest rolled around in August, Woody had numerous people snapping photos of him. The contest was strongly supported by workers in the Highland NY plant but word of mouth resulted in involvement from staffers at the New Mexico and Puerto Rico locations. Woody is the company's new P.R. man. He relishes his role as "Mr. Meet and Greet" and he is now truly welcomed by all! This year's calendar, starring Woody, is the "Pyrriest" so far, with over 160 pictures including the photos of many dogs from our rescue files.



Calendar Dogs Pay It Forward

The 2011 Calendar is on sale now. Calendars sell out early, so order [2011 Calendars](#) here. The calendar has 84 snaps of rescue dogs and 50 dogs were entered in the calendar cover contest. Woody raised \$899. Runners-up (clockwise from left) Samson (MA), Willis and Zoe (RI), Ranger (PA) and Hugo and Bridget (TN) raised a total of \$1079.



Calendars will be mailed the 2nd week of November. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped "pay it forward" for the new dogs coming into rescue.

It Feels Like the Ark: Neediest Cases Flood Rescue Two By Two

As of late it seems that dogs needing rescue are pouring in in pairs. National Pyr's surrender coordinator, Jodi Bialik, has been getting requests from places as far apart as Mississippi and Missouri to help pairs of dogs in need. Our surrender program is important because it keeps dogs out of shelters. But to make things worse, of the last two pairs rescued, National Pyr has treated three out of four dogs for heart worm. [Pippen](#) and



[Strider](#) (left) who are foreclosure victims, are as cute a pair of Pyrs you'll ever see. Both are now heart worm negative and waiting for fosters or adopters. Contact [Jodi](#) if you can help them. Closer to home, National Pyr was notified by the SPCA about two seven-year old sisters living outdoors in Southern Jersey. They needed rescue because of severe neglect by their breeder-owners. When the local Pyr rescues were unable to help, National Pyr networked with the SPCA and a local rescue, [Burlington County Animal Alliance](#), who agreed to foster the dogs. To date, \$825 has been raised by

our donors towards an estimated \$2500 bill. Both girls are heart worm positive, have severe dental problems, Lyme, and ehrlichia. Information and donation links for our neediest pairs are [here](#).

The Hair of the Dog

Stop vacuuming, start spinning!



An intriguing part of Pyr history is how their silky fur has been used through the centuries for a very practical purpose, keeping Pyr owners warm. You can see for your own eyes [how this is done](#).

Rescue Starts Early

Soon National Pyr's youngest rescuers will be hard at work learning how to take care of their new foster dogs. Mary Nelson, National Pyr's Director of Southern Operations, is speaking to parents and troop leaders in the Atlanta, GA area about how Girl Scout Troops can sponsor a rescue dog and earn a badge. It's a great experience for the kids as this [video](#) shows. Most of the dogs National Pyr rescues in Georgia travel north on PETS transport, so kids and fans of the program at either end (sending or receiving) can see how the pups get a new start on life. E-mail Mary@nationalpyr.org to get

information and guidelines about this program which helps kids learn how to take care of animals. Adult fosters are needed everywhere too--so please contact info@nationalpyr.org if you can foster a Pyr or Pyr-mix owner-surrender or a dog coming out of a kill shelter.



Pyrs Make Medical News

Bella Holmes made her local newspaper, the *Journal News*, in October with a photo of her acupuncture treatment in the back of a minivan. Before being rescued,

Bella was hit by a car; she's had cancer since the Spring. A patient of Dr. Bea



Ehrsam at [Vet At The Barn](#) in Chestnut Ridge, NY, Bella is treated with holistic methods from acupuncture to Venus Fly Trap extract injections and Chinese medicine. Not too far away, another Pyr also made the news when a Randolph, NJ vet performed a rare stem cell procedure on the dog.

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