

National Pyr Rescue



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The PIN List: Tracking Tragedy

The rescue situation in the South has been so difficult that Pyr rescuers have resorted to keeping a database of the Pyrs and Pyr mixes who need help. Since August '07, a total of 330 dogs have been listed on the Pyrs in Need (PIN) list. Our NYC volunteer has been keeping track of these dogs a thousand miles away so rescuers can call shelters, pull dogs and network without duplicating each others' efforts. Time is of the essence as dogs may only have a few days.

Donate to the Pyr Food Bank

If you adopted a rescue dog in 2007 (and even if you didn't), please remember the dogs who stand behind, still waiting for homes. The list is long, especially in the South where over a 100 dogs are in foster at one time. Tennessee has been especially hard hit because of the drought in 2007. Pyrs are used as livestock guardian dogs here but farmers abandoned them when they sold their livestock. You can help feed these dogs by visiting www.nationalpyr.org/donate and specify "Feed Dogs". We thank you and the waiting dogs thank you, too.

Kibbles and News Bits

Do you fly or have friends that do? **Paws and Pilots** is a new rescue service where pilots volunteer to fly rescue dogs to different parts of the country. Please let us know if you can help by e-mailing info@nationalpyr.org.

Read about the travels of Luke Robinson and his two Pyrs at 2dogs2000miles.com. They are walking to raise money for a dog cancer study.



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2007 Placements

National Great Pyrenees Rescue (NGPR) helped Pyr rescue groups place 150 dogs in New York, New England and other states last year. Many dogs came from Tennessee, where 120 Pyrs and Pyr mixes headed north to their forever homes. Homes were found for 20 dogs from Texas and 20 dogs from the Midwest. These numbers are already climbing upward; for Texas NGPR year-to-date placements already exceed those made in all of 2007.

Tales From the Front Lines

Texas

Buddy is a Pyr born with a birth defect in his eyes so he was left at the pound. A Great Pyrenees Rescue Society of Houston (GPRS) volunteer, Frances DeGeli (below), contacted the A&M Small Animal Clinic in College Station, TX for help with him. Buddy has microphthalmia, where the dogs eyes are too small to function. Although Buddy can't be cured, he is now ensured of a happy future and will be trained to work in animal-assisted therapy, thanks to the caring volunteers at GPRS.



Tennessee

Athena is the brave Pyr girl who tangled with a cougar defending her livestock. She was found by the side of the road, close to death and brought to a local shelter, where she was unattended for three days (top photo). Athena's sinus cavity was punctured. She had slash marks on her chest and bites on her face, throat and legs. Without care or antibiotics, she developed a raging fever and infection. She was rescued by Jean Harrison of Tennessee Big Fluffy Dogs and with financial assistance from Chris Holmes in New York, Athena was brought back to life. You can see her in the picture below as the happy, healthy girl she is today. Athena still needs a home and is featured on nationalpyr.org/dogs.



The Lost States

Did you know that there are no Pyr rescue groups to serve Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and other states? Individuals or neighboring rescue groups must struggle with the dogs who are found as strays or dumped at shelters. NGPR helps these rescuers with financial, networking and placement support. Please help us help them.

The Joy of Fostering

Every dog that goes into foster, allows rescuers to pull another dog from a shelter. Please e-mail us at info@nationalpyr.org to get our Fostering Guidelines.

Help With Transport

Participating in transports is another way to keep the rescue train rolling along. Legs are usually an hour or less each way. If you can drive a Pyr, send an e-mail to info@nationalpyr.org. Thank you for helping.

