

History of the Great Pyrenees



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They were the dogs of the nomads from Asia who circled around the Mediterranean until they reached the Pyrenees Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean.



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They were the flock guardians who watched over sheep and goats in the mountains.

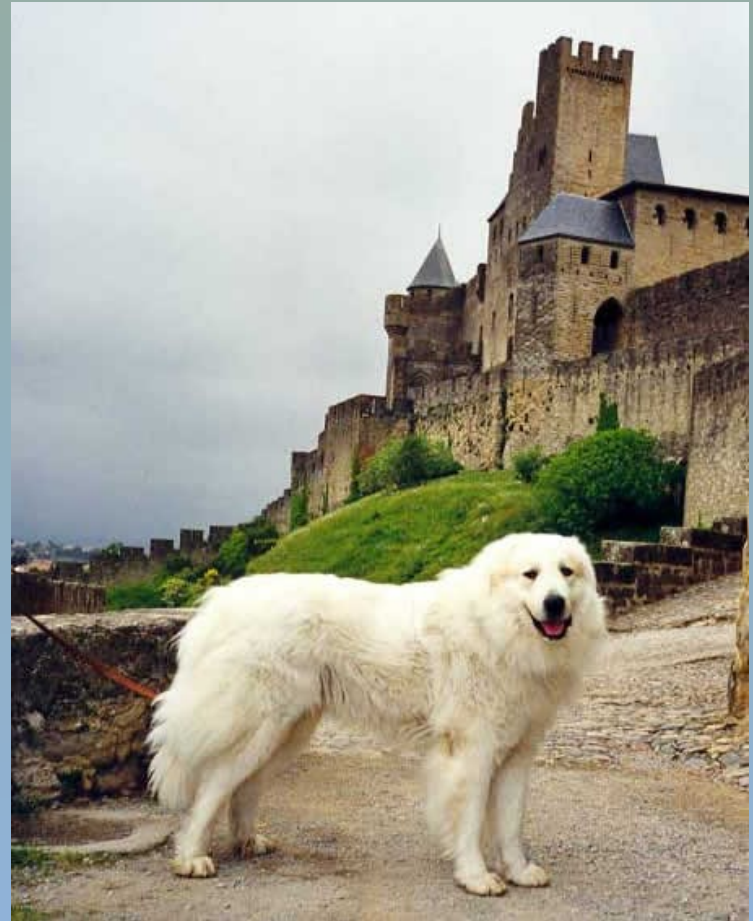
They warned of predators and strangers.



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They are recorded
in 14th century
French history
books as guarding
the great chateaux.



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General Lafayette brought the first pair to America in 1824.

Queen Victoria owned two Pyrenean Mountain dogs –their name in England.



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Today as working dogs they are still used as livestock guardians.

Their gentle nature also makes them excellent therapy dogs in nursing homes and hospitals.



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Many dogs are now at risk in the South and Midwest where they are used as livestock guardians.



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Dogs are not spayed or neutered, like the livestock they guard.

Result: More dogs produced who need rescue from kill shelters.



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Many dogs need rescue
from kill & gassing
shelters

Where big dogs only
have a few days



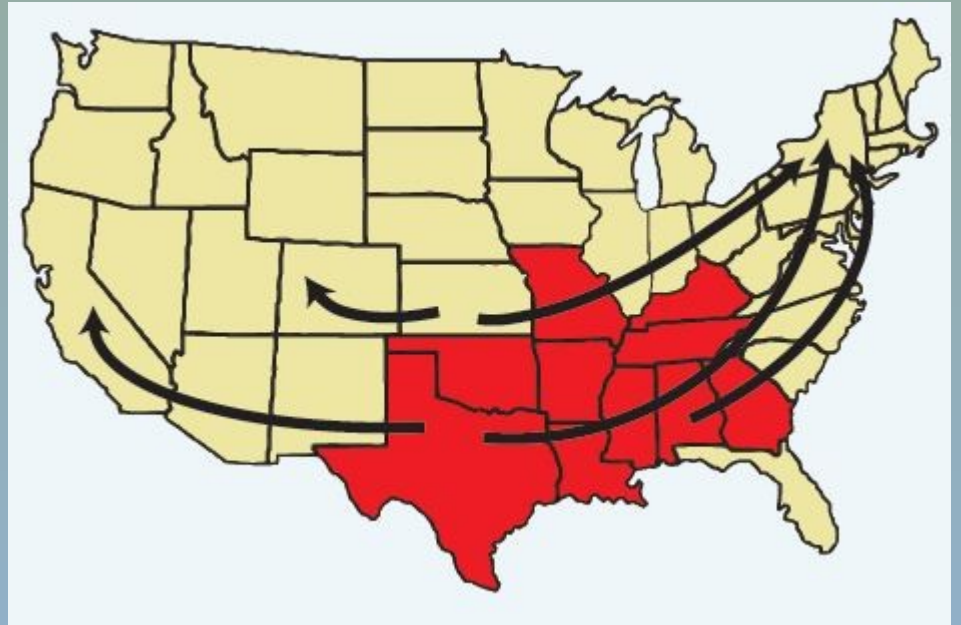
And rescuers
only a few hours

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Rescue Solution:
Get these dogs out!

Dogs come North to
find homes away
from danger.



Adopters and foster homes are
desperately needed to take them.

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What You Can Do

Adopt from rescue

Don't buy from breeders or pet stores

Volunteer to foster, transport--anything

Support spay/neuter legislation



Thank You!



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