

National Pyr Rescue



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Bubba
Great Pyrenees, Chow Chow [Mix]
Large • Baby • Male • Dog • Pet ID: 11-10-3
Nevada Animal Shelter, Nevada, MO



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More About Bubba

Hello, I'm Bubba, and I'm about 7 weeks old. I'm not sure what breed, but I'll be big since I have some big paws. I would like a wonderful family to live with. Please come and adopt me since I only have 15 days.

Where Puppies Come From

Bubba is just one of several Great Pyrenees pups in shelters that National Great Pyrenees Rescue (NGPR) was notified of last week. Hopefully, by the time you get this e-mail, someone will have adopted him. But if they don't, NGPR's safety net of rescuers will be there for him. NGPR has received a license to pull in Missouri—another one of the many states where there was no active Pyr rescue before NGPR.

Why NGPR Is Different...

We don't just talk about stopping puppy mill production or back yard breeders. We're right there, every day, on the front lines of rescue. We're focused on saving dogs in the places they need saving—and getting them out. We have a dedicated foster coordinator who, in just six months, has quadrupled the number of foster homes in the Northeast.

But we need more help. If you would like to learn about volunteering or fostering a dog to save a life, please let us know. Go to www.nationalpyr.org/volunteer.



This tiny pup was pulled from a kill shelter in Little Rock, Arkansas on Friday, November 14.

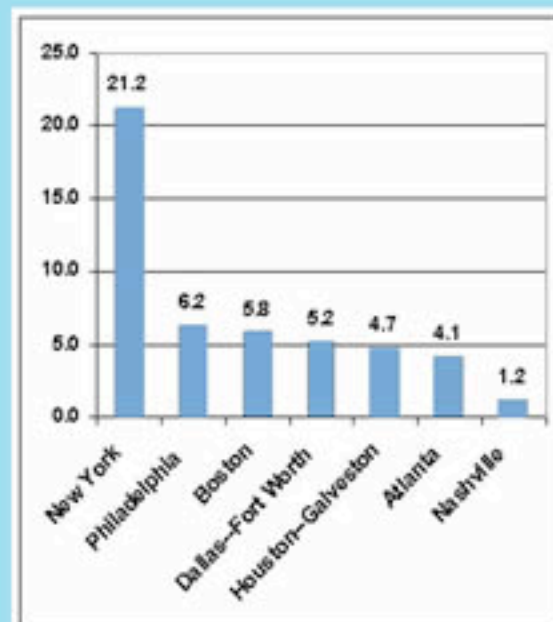
Understanding the Problem, Focusing on a Solution

Healthy Pyr and Pyr mix pups don't die in kill shelters in the Northeast—but they are on death row in other places because of the excess number of dogs. The Pyr education needed most in the Northeast is an understanding of the volume of dogs rescuers struggle with in other parts of the country. Until that situation changes, we need to find these dogs foster and forever homes here.

For example, the New York metropolitan area, with 21 million people, is still by far the largest metropolitan area in the country. The large population in the Northeast can provide homes for Pys and Pys mixes coming from rural areas of the South, Midwest and Texas. The demographics of rescue transfer—which include higher income levels and better care for animals—are endorsed by national rescue organizations. The American Humane Association's national initiative, *Getting To Zero: Ending Euthanasia of Healthy & Treatable Animals*, encourages the transfer of animals from overcrowded facilities to areas with more potential adoption opportunities.

NGPR's focus on rescue—and only rescue—has brought us to the forefront of Pyr rescue. In just two years our weekly average of Pet Views has jumped to almost ten times that of the average rescue group on Petfinder.com. More hands are needed as we grow to fit the need.

Metropolitan Area Populations



Source: U.S. Census

Eleven pups were born in rescue on November 11. This was just a couple of weeks after Marcie Tepper of Great Pyrenees Rescue in Michigan saved the pregnant Mom from a kill shelter in Alabama.



Together, We Can Save More Pys

NGPR's national Pyr rescue effort is well under way. We are sponsoring our first membership drive now and **need your support** to continue. We thank everyone who has contributed this year already. But if you haven't joined rescue yet, please don't let another day go by. Go to www.nationalpyr.org/join now. Members who join at the \$100 level receive a free NGPR T-shirt. NGPR membership starts at an affordable \$15 a year. If everyone chips in a little—we can help the dogs a lot.



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