NATIONAL GREAT PYRENEES RESCUE

2027 Top Dog Calendar



2027 Top Dog Alaska, New York

20 YEARS
Saving Great Pyrs

National PYR RESCUE

The 2027 Happy Endings Calendar

It's truly a milestone to be celebrating our twentieth anniversary! Back in 2006, "Saving More Pyrs" seemed impossible, but the urgent need to help dying dogs in the south motivated our small breakaway group to form National Great Pyrenees Rescue. 2026 has been a year of many unknowns, yet the calendar contest came through, raising $62,430. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped us surpass our goal. The need today is more critical than ever. We are proud to present the eighteenth edition of our Happy Endings calendar, which has helped fund our mission since 2010.

Honor Roll of Top Dogs

Alaska • NY
10550 Votes

Tate • NC
8440 Votes

Guinevere & Sunny • MD
8025 Votes

Hercules aka Mr Wonderful • MI
4200 Votes

Jenny • NM
4040 Votes

Josie & Olive • MI
3620 Votes

Champie • IN
3175 Votes

Watson • TN
3010 Votes

i'ke • OR
2995 Votes

CJ & London • PA
2755 Votes

Arlo • NC
2700 Votes

Christine • OH
2545 Votes

Dahlia • UT
2150 Votes

MAX • MA
1950 Votes

Everest • NY
1483 Votes

Clara, Melvin, Wilber, Cupcake, Mabel, Lila & Leonard • WA
1310 Votes

Arthur • FL
1290 Votes

Dolly • OR
1215 Votes

Grace • NH
1200 Votes

ALASKA'S STORY

Alaska Was Meant to Be

Sometimes, the dog you are meant to have finds a way into your life—even if it takes a little mix-up along the way. For Louise, that dog was Alaska, a beautiful Great Pyrenees whose journey to her forever home began in 2014 and became a story her family would treasure for the rest of her life.

Louise first discovered the Great Pyrenees breed in 2012, when she adopted a Great Pyrenees mix from National Great Pyrenees Rescue. She knew then that someday she wanted a Great Pyrenees of her own—but adoption, not a breeder, was the only way she would go.

A Choice Between Alaska and Alaska

While browsing the internet, Louise spotted three beautiful Great Pyrenees puppies rescued by For the Love of Labs. Two remained available: a boy and a girl. Louise decided to apply for the girl.

When she learned the puppy was hers, her husband jokingly gave her a choice: their planned second trip to Alaska—or the dog. Louise didn't hesitate. "I pick the dog," she told him. "And I'll call her Alaska."

The Puppy Mix-Up

On March 1, 2014, Louise and her husband picked up their new puppy in the Bronx. But there was something unusual about the puppy they brought home. Louise thought the dog might actually be a boy. The transport organization assured her that couldn't possibly be the case—they had been doing this for more than 20 years without making such a mistake.

They agreed to double-check. An hour later, the call came: there had, indeed, been a mix-up. The puppy Louise had taken home was actually a boy who belonged with another family upstate. Louise's Alaska was on her way.

When the two puppies were reunited with their proper families, Louise couldn't help but feel that Alaska was exactly where she was supposed to be. Her other dogs must have wondered why puppies kept arriving and leaving that day!

A Special Bond with Bear

Alaska quickly became part of the family. Although Bear and Memphis initially tried to boss the new puppy, Alaska soon had Bear running from her. Within three weeks, however, Alaska and Bear had formed an extraordinary bond. They slept head-to-head, and wherever Bear went, Alaska followed. That devotion lasted for the rest of their lives.

Regal, Gentle and Unforgettable

Alaska faced significant health challenges later in life, including seizures and serious hip and mobility problems. Through surgeries, therapy, a harness and even a wheelchair—which she firmly rejected—her family continued to do everything possible to keep her happy and comfortable.

But those challenges never changed who Alaska was. She was gentle, composed, independent and loving. She adored food, Bear and, especially, snow. During the 2015 nor'easter Juno, Louise knew the mountains of snow were made for Alaska to run and play in.

"Alaska was regal, beautiful, and the perfect Pyr," Louise remembers.

The Perfect Cover Dog

Alaska's journey—from an unexpected puppy mix-up to becoming a beloved member of her family—is a beautiful reminder of the bonds created through rescue. Her story represents the love shared by rescued dogs and the people who open their homes to them.

As Louise so beautifully put it, Alaska was meant to be hers. And now, as the calendar's cover dog, her story can help celebrate that love while raising funds for National Great Pyrenees Rescue and the many dogs still waiting for their own forever homes.

May all of the wonderful volunteers continue to be blessed. And to everyone who entered their dog because of the love they had for them—and the love their dogs had for them—may they, too, be blessed - Louise










Twenty years ago, rescue looked very different. NGPR was founded to facilitate the transfer of Great Pyrenees and Great Pyrenees mixes in overburdened regions across state lines to areas with greater adoption opportunities. This created a network of communication that expanded the concept of what rescue could accomplish.

As we mark this incredible **20-year milestone** in dog rescue, we look back not just at the years on the calendar, but at the profound impact made by a community united by a common goal, to help save these dogs.

How You Can Help

Volunteers and qualified fosters are needed for the rescue effort. Fosters help house rescue dogs all over the country. Dogs are assessed and quarantined before going to foster homes. They are spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated and medicated with flea medication and heartworm preventative. Please consider fostering a rescue dog to start him or her on their new path in life. It's a regarding experience—so much so that many fosters have adopted the dogs they were caring for. If you would like to volunteer for any job, please go to nationalpyr.org/become-a-volunteer to learn more about volunteering. If you can't help, please donate to support the rescue effort by going to nationalpyr.org/donate-dogs. We thank you and the dogs thank you, too!

To learn more about us and what we do visit NationalPyr.org

A Journey of Hope and Transformation

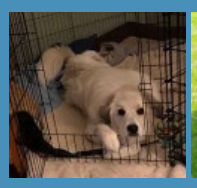
Two decades in rescue means witnessing the full spectrum of the human-animal bond. It means remembering the timid, fearful, and injured dogs who walked through our doors and seeing them transform into confident, beloved family members.

Every successful adoption represents a triumph. We celebrate:

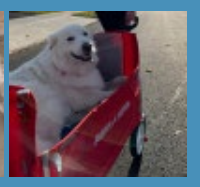
THE SECOND CHANCES: Giving senior dogs, medical cases, and overlooked dogs the love and care they always deserved.




Job from Kentucky: X-rays show he was shot with a pellet gun at one point, and hit by a vehicle. This accident compromised his hip and damaged his pelvis. Job had horrible mange. It was a long recovery, but Job was given meds and physical therapy to feel better, clear his mange, and went on to be adopted by his foster.




Findley from Tennessee: Findley was surrendered to rescue needing surgery to repair torn ligaments in both her back legs. She was in such bad shape, two veterinarians recommended euthanasia, but after surgery with an orthopedic specialist, she has been living the good life for many years now and is actually a regular calendar girl (see June).

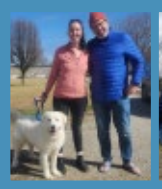



Maggie from Louisiana : Dumped at a convenience store in LA, a family in NJ spotted her and fell in love. After surgery to spay her and remove a mammary tumor, along with treatment for several parasites, Maggie headed north. Unfortunately, this poor girl did not have much time left when her cancer returned. What she lacked in quantity was certainly made up for in the amazing quality of life as a beloved family member.

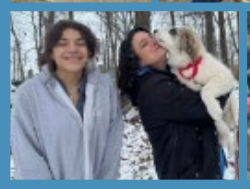
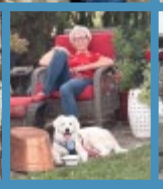


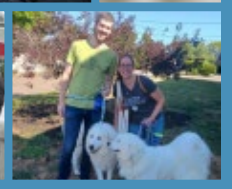

Ozzy in Kentucky: An 8-year-old female Pyr who came from a hoarding situation in VA. The animal control officer had to get her out of the home full of feces and urine. She was so unsocialized and didn't walk on a leash; she just stood there shaking. Now, she's a beauty and living her best life in KY.

THE PERFECT MATCHES: Seeing the exact moment a dog chooses their human, the memory that will last a lifetime.







THE COMMUNITY: Building a network of fosters, volunteers, and donors who serve as the backbone of this mission.

The tremendous love shown for the Pyr Bliss Farm dogs, who came from places all over the country, made everyone want to live on a picture-perfect farm in Washington state and have their own "power of the pack."





NGPR fosters who welcome a new dog, along with their pack, and teach that dog the ropes.

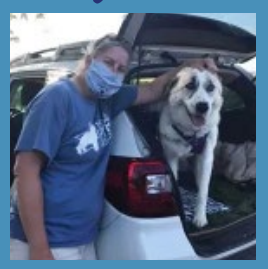


Volunteer transporters who give up their time to get the dogs where they need to go.

By the Numbers (But Driven by Heart)

While it is impossible to measure love, the milestones achieved over the last 20 years speak volumes. Because of your unwavering support and compassion, NGPR successfully rescued, rehabilitated, and rehomed over 6000 dogs. Every single numeric milestone represents a unique soul who found safety, a full belly, and a warm bed.

Changes



One of the biggest changes in how NGPR adopts out dogs happened during COVID. In the earliest days of COVID, NGPR wondered if we would be able to continue moving dogs across state lines while keeping volunteers and adopters protected. As we implemented measures to keep everyone safe in moving the dogs, NGPR changed the in-person home visits to virtual visits and soon were meeting potential adopters and fosters on screen. The switch came just in time because adoption applications exploded with everyone wanting a dog to stay home and cuddle with. Adoptions that year were an all-time high, with 474 dogs finding their forever homes.

Honoring the Village

Rescue is never a solo endeavor. NGPR's 20-year anniversary belongs to everyone who has ever played a part in our story.

- **To our fosters:** You opened your homes and hearts, teaching broken dogs how to trust again.
- **To our volunteers:** You worked on countless adoption and foster applications, helped to track and record the vetting for the dogs, drove many miles to transport these dogs, and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to save these dogs.
- **To our donors and supporters:** You provided the critical resources, medical care, and food that made every single rescue possible.
- **To our adopters:** You opened your lives to a rescue dog, proving every day that adoption changes lives.

Looking Ahead to the Next Chapter

While we celebrate how far we have come, the work is far from over; your passion and support are what energize us every day. The need for rescue remains as vital today as it was 20 years ago. As we look to the future, our mission remains unchanged: making sure these dogs get the medical and behavioral help they need, to advocate for this breed, and to ensure that every dog gets the chance to be a cherished companion.

Thank you for being part of NGPR's pack for the last 20 years. Together, we have made a difference, with your help, and will continue to do so.


Olive • IA


Josie & Cappy • OH

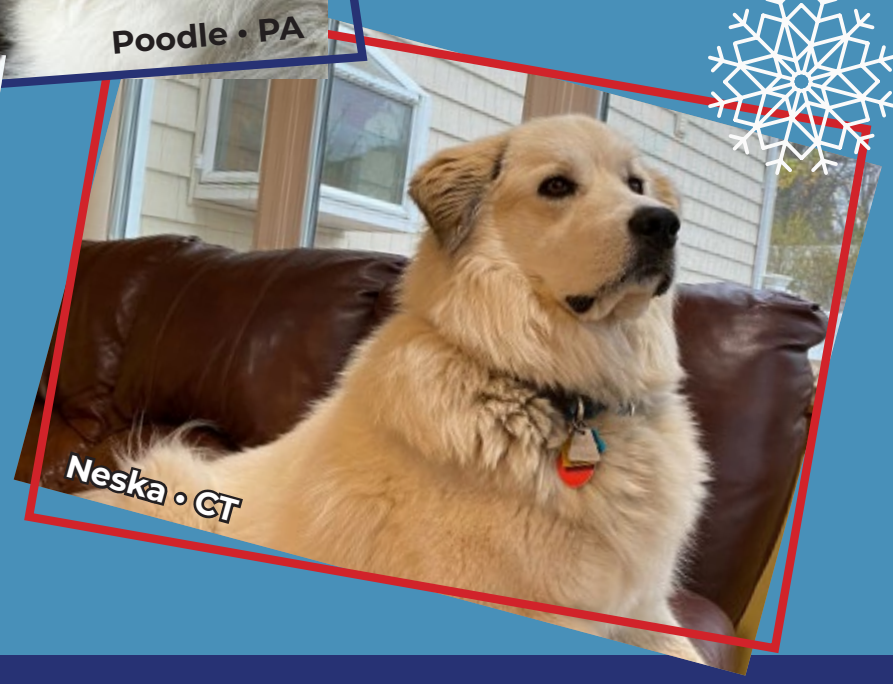

Opal & Freedom • PA


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Neska • CT



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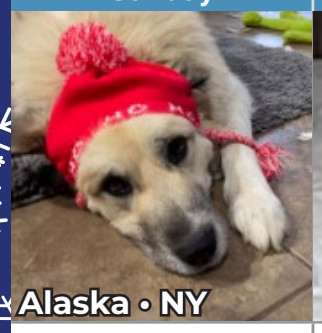
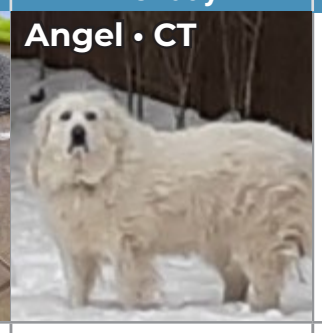
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6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11	12 Hanukkah Ends
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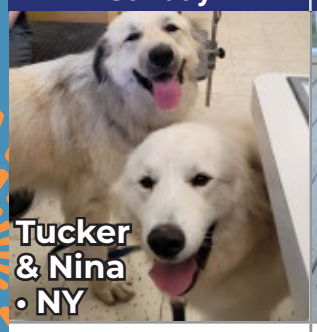
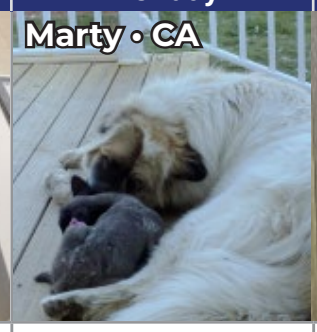
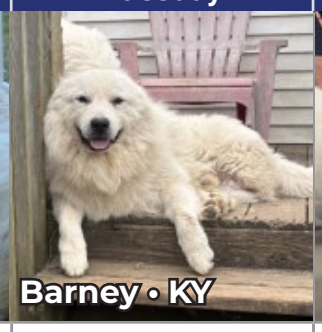
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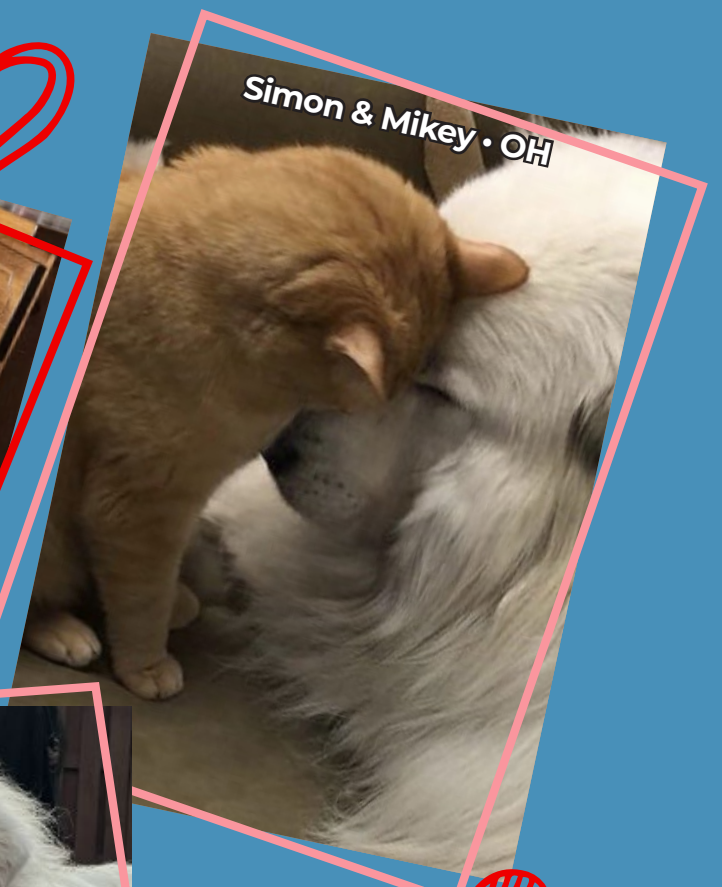








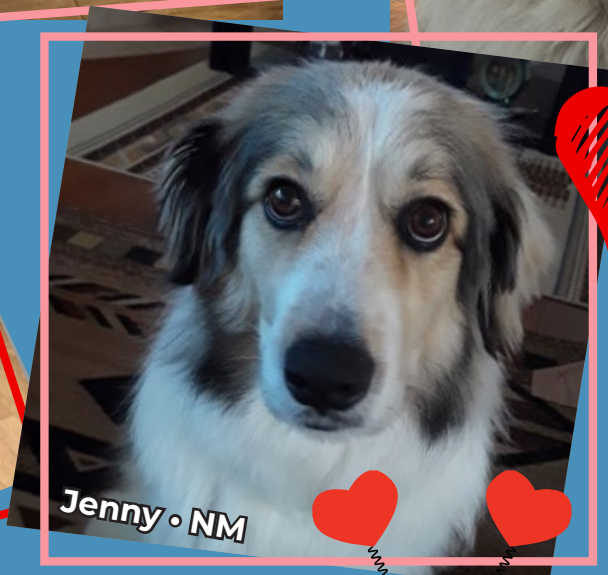
















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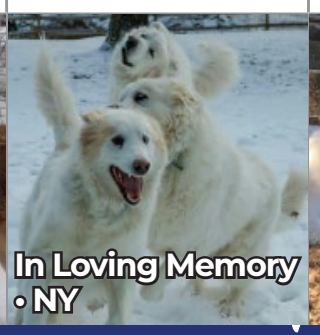
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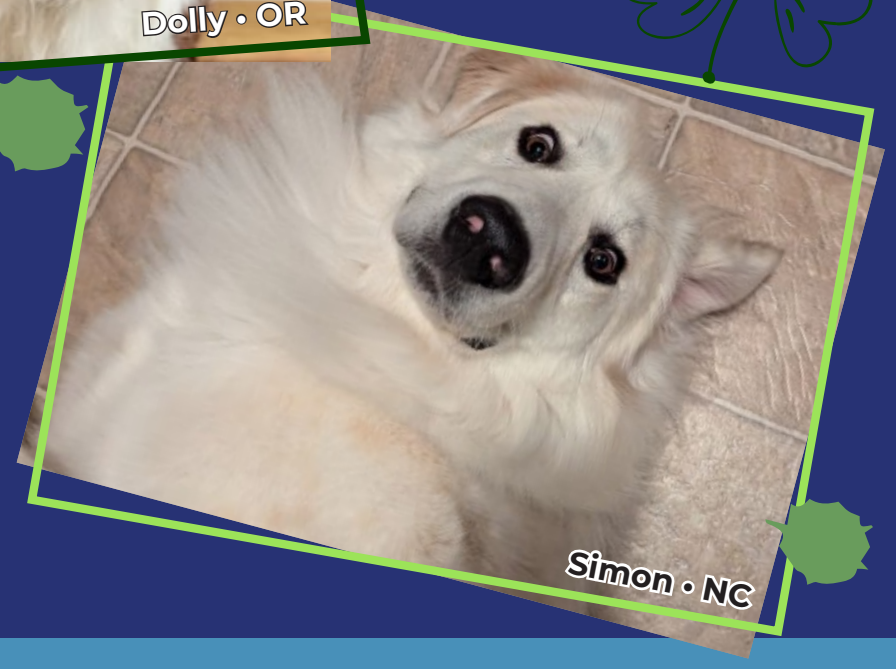














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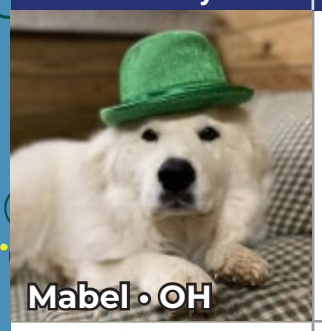
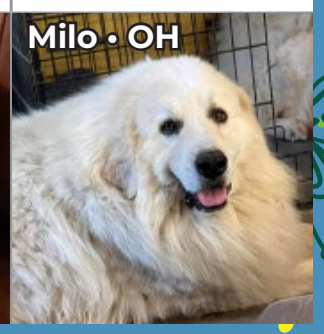
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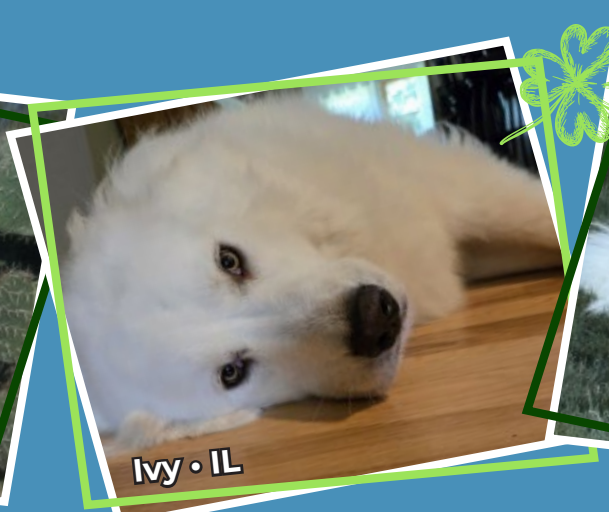
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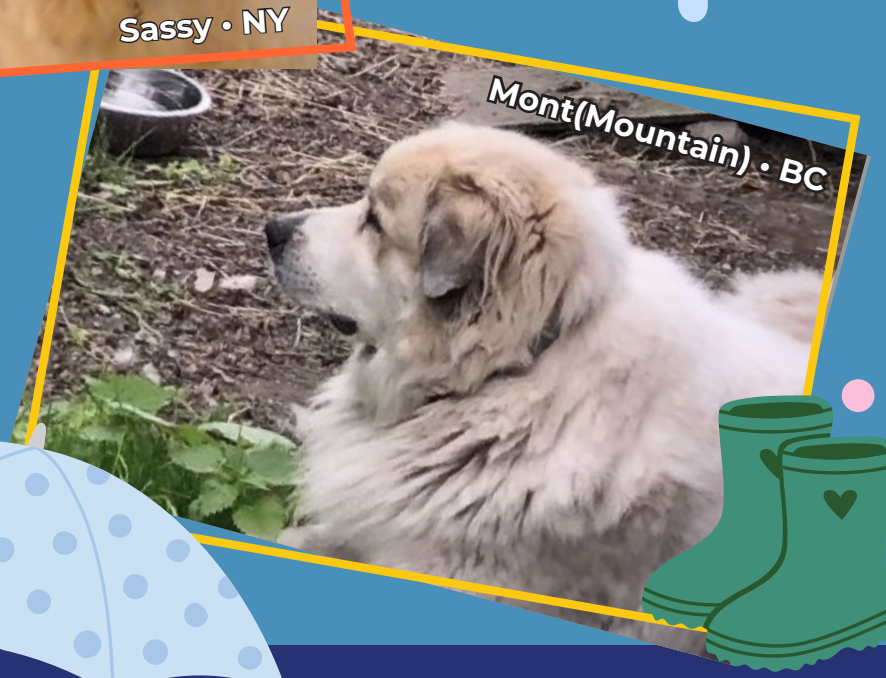












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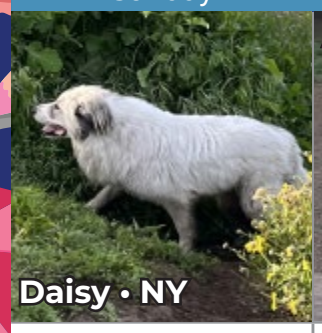
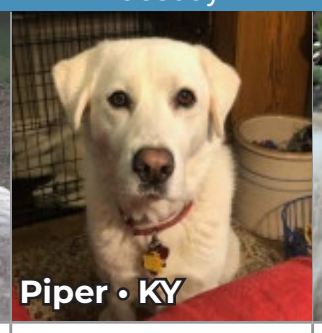
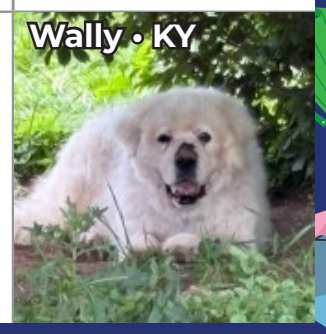
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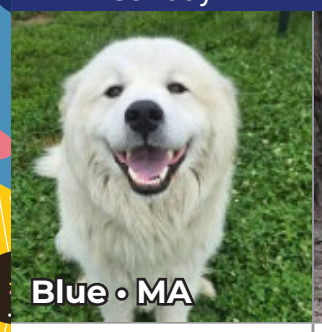
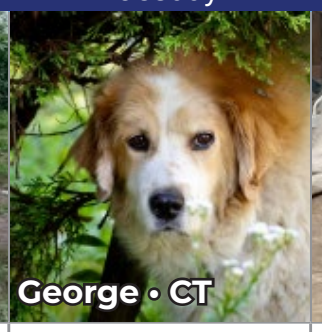
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MAY 2027

National PYR RESCUE

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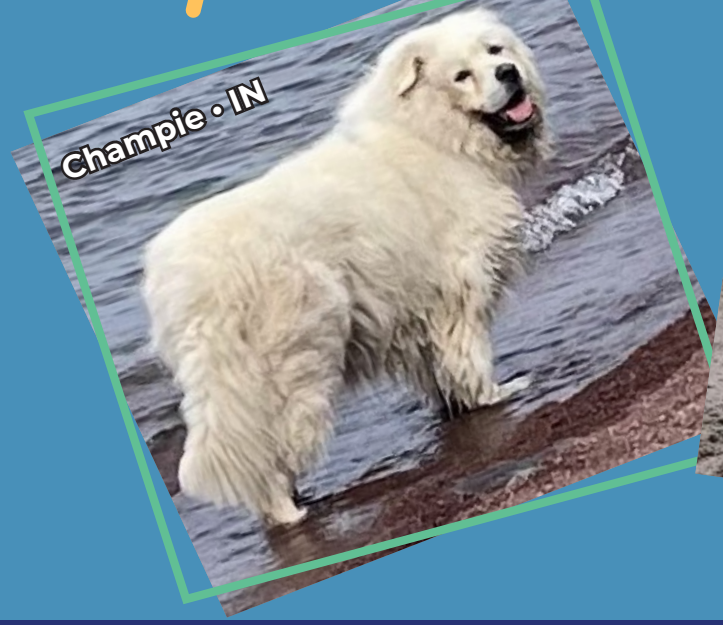
















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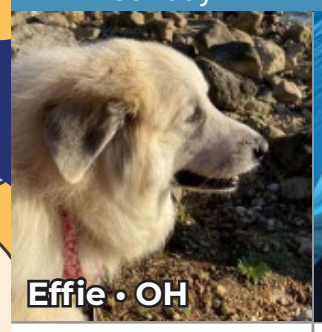
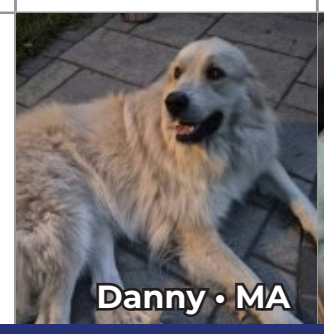
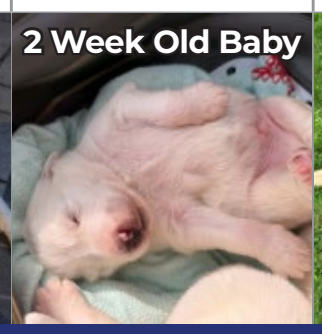
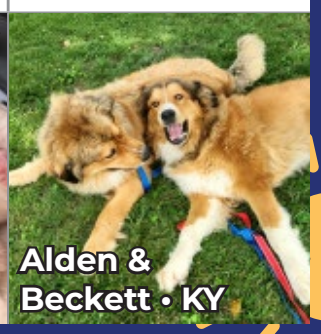
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JUNE 2027

National PYR RESCUE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 National Children's Day	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21 Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25	26
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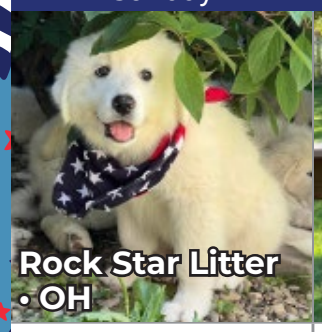
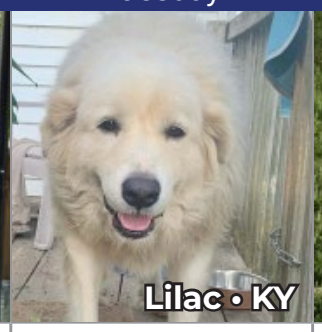
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25 Parents' Day	26	27	28	29	30	31



























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AUGUST 2027

July 2027

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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22	23	24	25	26 National Dog Day	27	28 Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day
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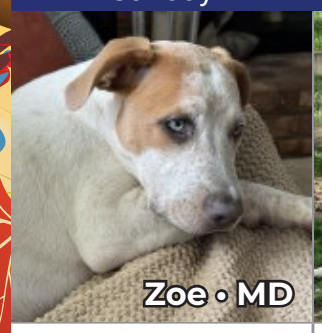
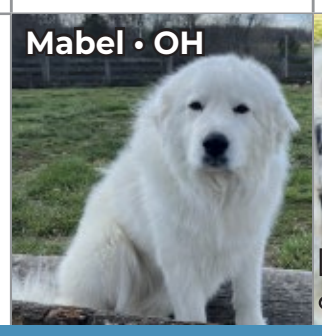
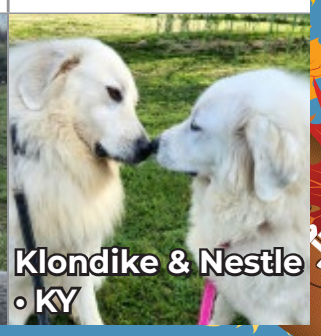
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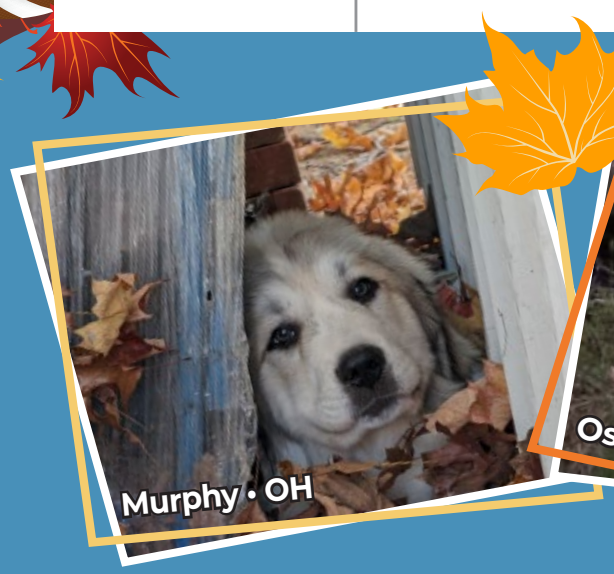
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day
12 National Grandparents Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Yom Kippur (starts at sundown)	21 Yom Kippur (ends at sundown)	22	23 Autumnal Equinox	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



























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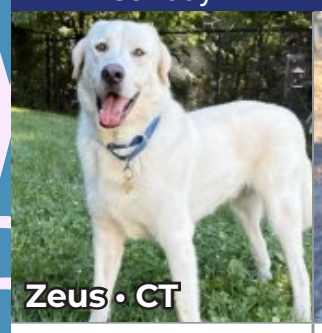
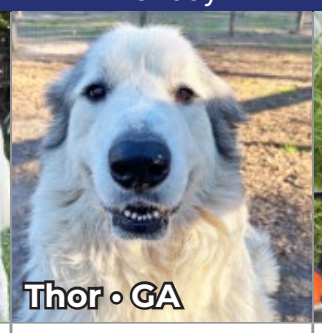
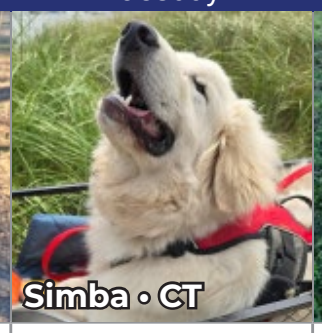
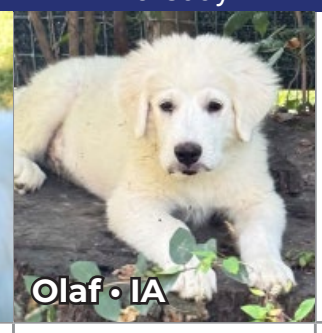
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10	11 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	12	13	14	15	16
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24 31 Halloween	25	26	27	28	29	30













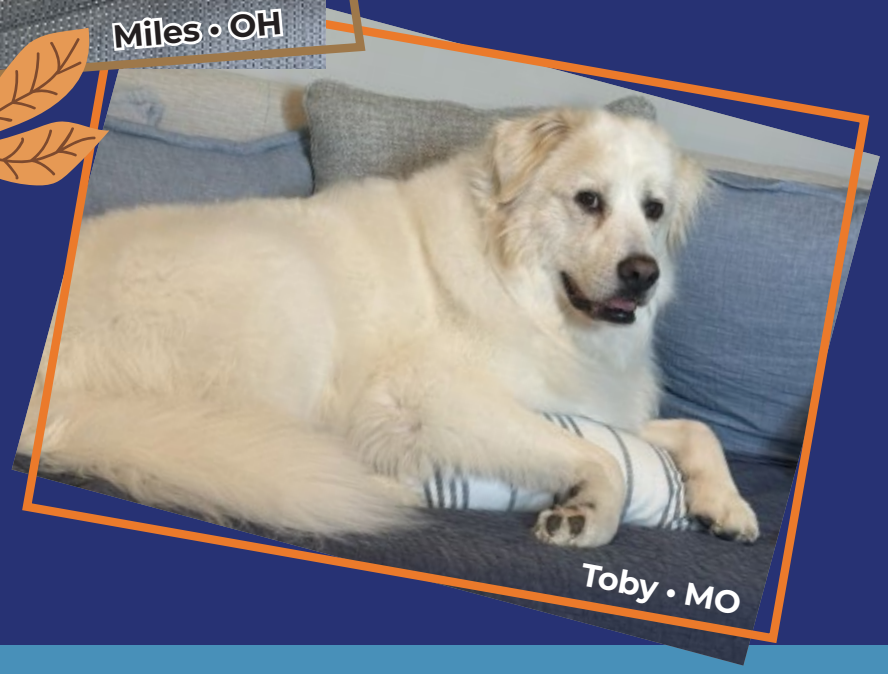














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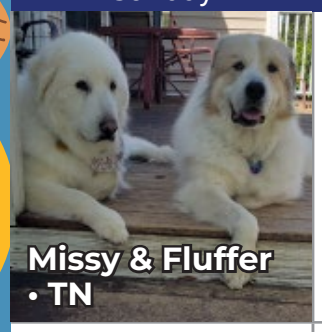
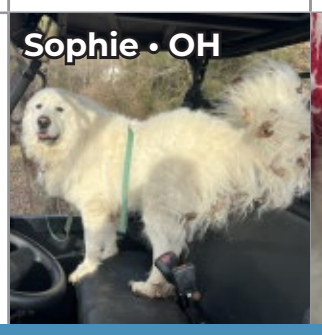
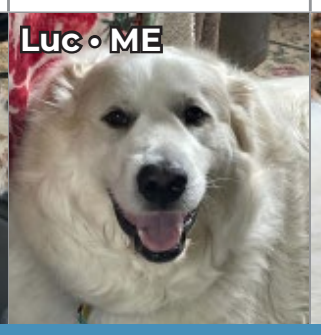
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NOVEMBER 2027

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Missy & Fluffer • TN	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30	 Sophie • OH	 Luc • ME	 Quincy • KS	 Eli & Marshall











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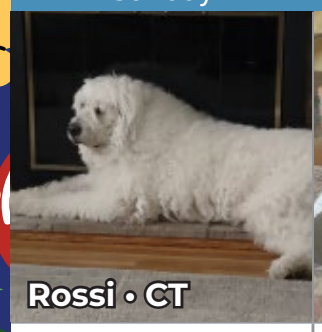
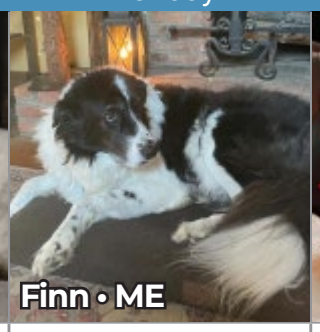
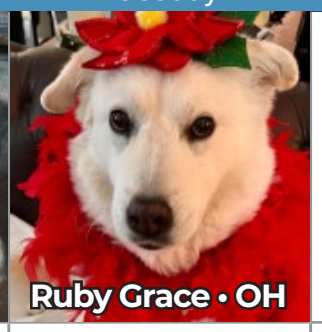
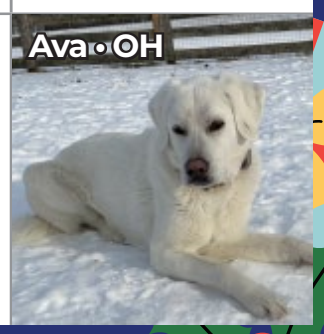
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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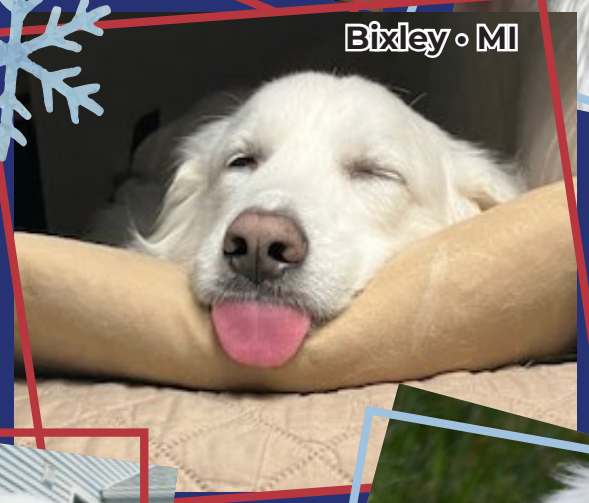




















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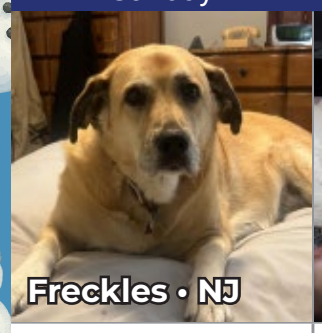
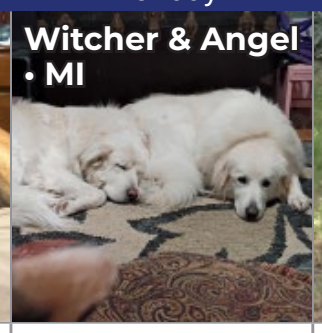
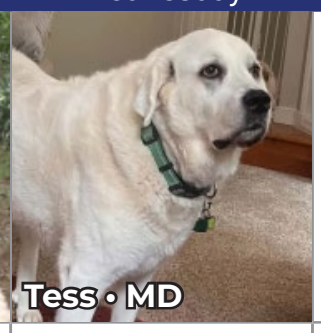
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16	17 Martin Luther King day	18	19	20	21	22
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2027 Top Dog Calendar

CONTEST WINNERS

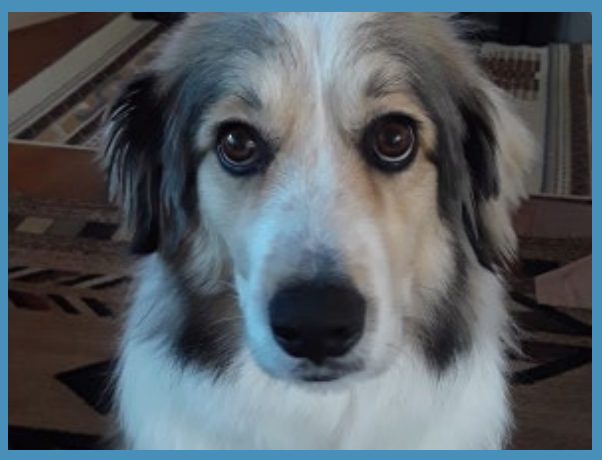
Can we get a round of a-paws....



First Runner Up
Tate • NC
8440 Votes



2nd Place
Guinevere & Sunny • MD
8025 Votes



3rd Place
Jenny • NM
4040 Votes



4th Place
Josie & Olive • MI
4040 Votes

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NationalPyr.org

National Great Pyrenees Rescue (NGPR) was established in 2006 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to facilitate placement of rescued Great Pyrenees dogs across the country.

OUR MISSION is to help dogs of Great Pyrenees origin find good homes—wherever they are.

OUR VISION is to create a national rescue network capable of seriously reducing the number of Pyrs and Pyr mixes who are abandoned and destroyed.

PYRS ARE A BREED AT RISK. Their size makes them especially vulnerable to being euthanized in high-kill shelters after just a few days. NGPR supports PYR rescuers who pull Pyrs and Pyr mixes out of high-kill shelters. The dogs are spayed or neutered, fully vetted, and fostered until they can find loving homes.

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