**Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue**

**INTAKE POLICY**

Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue’s (AGPR) mission is to help unite Great Pyrenees dogs with their prospective new homes. AGPR also helps reunite lost dogs with their owners and provides guidance for those who think that they might need to find a new home for their Great Pyrenees. AGPR is a kennel-based rescue aiding Great Pyrenees dogs in Virginia, Maryland, the eastern part of West Virginia, and D.C. AGPR does not operate as a permanent refuge for unadoptable animals.  All dogs are accepted on a case-by-case basis.

AGPR’s ***Surrender Release Form*** must be completed for all dogs prior to a final intake decision being made by Appalachian Great Pyrenees Rescue. A picture of the dog must also be submitted.

* The final decision regarding the intake of a dog will be made by the President of the AGPR Board of Directors acting as the Intake Coordinator. The Intake Coordinator will request assistance from the Vice President or Adoption Coordinator as needed.
* AGPR only accepts dogs deemed to be adoptable by the Intake Coordinator. All dogs are accepted on a case-by-case basis. Criteria used by the Intake Coordinator include the age, health, and temperament of the dog, available space at the rescue kennels, AGPR’s financial situation, and availability of approved adopters.
* Dogs must be directly referred by an animal shelter, veterinarian, third party rescue organization or current owner and in need of rescue assistance.
* Dogs previously adopted from AGPR may be returned subject to the terms of the Adoption Contract signed at the time of the adoption and at the discretion of the Intake Coordinator.
* Great Pyrenees mixes will be accepted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Intake Coordinator.
* Dogs with serious or permanent health and/or behavior problems are often not adoptable and may not be eligible for AGPR’s adoption program.
* AGPR volunteers are not permitted to initiate intake of a dog on AGPR’s behalf without the express approval of the Intake Coordinator.

Intake procedures and policies are determined by the AGPR Board of Directors and may be reviewed periodically at the Board's discretion.