

INDY GREAT PYRENEES RESCUE ADOPTION SURVEY

To begin your adoption process of a rescued Great Pyrenees, we ask that you answer the questions below.

We place all of our dogs as inside pets with outside privileges and require a securely fenced yard. We do make exceptions for certain dogs based on their history if no fence is available and you have an adult only household.

You must be 25 years or older to apply for a dog to adopt and own your own home. We do not adopt to condominiums as due to the close proximity of the units, a breed bred to bark can be a problem in close quarters.

We do not adopt to families with children under 5 years of age. This rule is for the safety of the child and the well being of the pet. Toddlers are curious and dogs never exceed the mentality of a 2 year old, so they do not consider consequences for their actions, they only react to situations. Young children can get scratched, bitten, snapped at or nipped. It is usually not a vicious act, only a reaction to the situation. Usually either the dog or the toddler are innocently harmed and the dog usually pays the price of losing their home again. If you currently do not have children, but are planning on them in the future, you need to take into consideration the adoption of a dog seriously and commit to keeping the dog after your children arrive and monitor them closely with the dog. Never leave young children alone with a dog.

We post all our available pyrs needing homes on petfinder.com, so check our website frequently at www.igpr.org

All adopted dogs are neutered or spayed, if not already, micro chipped, given Dhlpp, Rabies and Bordatella vaccinations, heartworm tested, treated for intestinal parasites, and given heartworm and flea preventative before being adopted. Our set adoption fee is \$300. Puppies carry a premium and have a fee of \$350. Dogs over six years old have a reduced \$200 adoption fee.

We recommend you attend training with your newly adopted dog to create a mutual bond between you. Great Pyrenees are guard dogs and it is important they attend a training class with other dogs to keep them well socialized. Training at home does not offer this the socialization factor the dog needs. If you are interested in adopting a puppy, training is required. If

the pup is less than 4 months, then a puppy and adult training class before the dog is one year old must be completed with proof of completion provided as part of the adoption requirement. Failure to provide this information can result in your dog being returned to rescue.

Other potential adopters may be looking at the same dog you are, so please let us know if you want to pursue the adoption as soon as possible. Our foster parents do have first right of refusal on their fostered dogs. They are the ones providing love, care and food for the dogs on a daily basis. When you indicate you are interested in one of the available dogs, we contact the foster parents to let them know after your application is approved. We have many dogs needing homes, so if a dog is no longer available you have applied for, you may want to consider others in our rescue program.

A home visit and fence check will be conducted by a volunteer prior to your application being approved. We do require all your resident pets be spayed and neutered to adopt from our organization, unless they are active show animals. Please don't be offended if the volunteer meeting with you asks you to make modifications for your new dog with your home or fencing, it is in both your best interests.

Your references provided will be verified prior to application approval. In checking your vet references, if your pets have not been kept up to date on vaccines, have not had annual heart worm tests or been given preventative or if you are not willing to spay or neuter your existing pets for other than a medical reason, this can be cause for you being denied adoption.

After your application is approved, you will then be able to meet the dog. If your application is not approved, we don't want to disappoint you by meeting a dog you will not be able to take home. The good news is, once you are approved, you can take your dog home with you the day you meet them, if everyone agrees the dog is a good fit for you. You have 7 days to return the dog after finalizing the adoption and get a full refund.

You may think this is a lot of effort to go through to adopt a dog. Yes, it is! As advocates for the dogs who have already been abandoned, it is our organization's responsibility to find them their forever home where they can be loved, well cared for, and a part of a family for the rest of their life.

Thanks for your interest in a rescued Great Pyrenees.

DATE:

NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION:

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:

IF YOUR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT, PLEASE PROVIDE IT HERE:

DAYTIME PHONE:

EVENING PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Names, Ages and Occupations of all adults in the household:

Name	Age	Occupation
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Type of Residence: House _____ Apartment____ Condo____
Townhouse ____ Mobile Home_____

List names and ages of all people, including yourself, who will be living with the dog:

Name	Age
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Pyr's are very tolerant and calm with young children. Their biggest problem being, that due to their large size, they can unintentionally knock over small children. Are you willing to teach children who come into contact with your dog how to behave, such as not pulling their hair, tail or ears, taking things out of their mouth, putting their face in the dog's face, taking food away from the dog when it is eating?

If you have children who live or visit your home, what will you do to ensure that children will not open a door or gate, allowing the dog to escape?

It is the policy of Indy Great Pyrenees Rescue to only place dogs as inside pets with outside privileges and secure above ground fenced yards. Pyrs do not do well with wireless/underground fencing. They tend to ignore the shocks, and due to their protective nature, can harm other animals coming onto your property. Pyrs NEED SUPERVISION. This breed does not "stick" close to home. They cannot walk to the mailbox with you unleashed. When a great pyrenees in on the loose, it will pace you by staying just far enough from you so you are unable to catch it, and they cannot be caught on foot the majority of the time. You will need to keep your vehicle's keys within easy access at all times. They were bred to cover large areas and are happy to do so given the opportunity.

They can be obedience trained, but they are not Golden Retrievers. They are not a breed that is bred to please, but were bred to be an independent thinker and can even be aloof at times. They will comply to obedience commands in a secured environment, but will forget they have ever seen or know you as they bound down the street with you calling commands and their name. They were bred as guard dogs, and may not like some of your visitors/friends in your home, it is their territory too, and they are prepared to guard it, and you, until you welcome an individual in.

Do you have a fenced yard?

If your yard is fenced, please describe the approximate size of the fenced area:

Height of Fence on all sides:

Type of fencing material:

Is the fenced area accessible from a door in your home?

If your yard is not completely fenced, how do you plan to contain your dog to your property?

Do you fully understand and accept the fact that a Great Pyrenees must never be intentionally allowed off leash unless within a fully fenced, secure area, and then never left unattended?

Do you also understand Great Pyrenees are bred to roam that no amount of training can ever ensure that a Great Pyrenees can safely be off leash or unconfined, and that not strictly adhering to this restriction will place your dog at serious risk of injury, or even death?

Why do you want to adopt a Great Pyrenees?

What do you know about the breed?

What other breeds of dogs have you owned?

Where did you get them?

What happened to them?

Great Pyrenees have very sensitive skin and often are allergic to dog foods with corn in them. We recommend you use high quality dog food, with as few fillers as possible in order to provide the best food for your dog's overall health and one specifically made for large breed dogs as they contain joint supplements to help keep your dog agile. Higher quality food also reduces the size of the waste too. If you currently have a dog, what type of dog food do you feed them and how often?

Are you willing to provide a high quality dog food for your adopted dog that is recommended by the rescue?

How many dogs have you owned in the past ten years?

Please list the dogs currently in your household:

Name Breed Gender Spayed /Neutered? Age

Please list any other pets, including breed, gender, spayed/neutered and ages living in your household:

Name Breed Gender Spayed /Neutered? Age

Do any of your current pets have characteristics that Pyr Rescue should be aware of?

Have you ever had to give up a dog before?

If yes, please elaborate:

Have you ever had a pet die at an early age or die due to an accident/mistake?

If yes, please elaborate:

Do you understand that dogs must always be monitored when interacting with children, adults, and other pets, no matter how nice the dog?

Who will be responsible for the care and training of the dog?

Approximately how long would you expect your dog to be alone each day?

If needed, are you willing to obtain a crate and crate-train your dog?

Where will your pet be kept during time alone?

Where will the pyr sleep at night?

Are you willing to modify your daily schedule to accommodate a dog's needs, such as going outdoors into a fenced area or walking on a leash to perform bodily functions at least four times daily?

In addition to regular life at home, would your dog:

- Walk routinely with you or a family member?
- Go to obedience classes?
- Go to your place of business with you?
- Travel with you?
- Be a companion for your children or other pets?

Do you currently have a veterinarian? If so, please provide the contact information:

Veterinarian:

Clinic Name:

Clinic Address:

Clinic Phone Number:

What name are the records under?

Do we have your permission to contact your vet?

If no veterinarian reference, please provide two other references with contact information:

Do you own your own home?

Do you plan to move within the next six months?

Are you willing to keep a collar with a tag bearing your name address, phone number on your dog at all times?

Pyrs are bred to BARK to keep potential animal and human intruders away. It is their way of letting everyone know they are on duty. They especially can be barkers at night. Bark collars do not work on this breed, and asking a pyr not to bark is like asking a fish not to swim. Our adoption agreement does not allow for the dog to be debarked- have it's vocal cords cut so it cannot bark. Are you willing to comply with the not debarking the dog?

Are you wiling to tolerate and manage the pyr's barking by keeping the dog indoors the majority of the time and closely supervise them when they are outside, if this is a problem for you or your neighbors?

Will this be a problem in your neighborhood?

Will this be a problem in your household ?

Many neighbors do not like barking dogs. Can you accept this and manage the dog to reduce it's barking by bringing the dog inside?

Some dogs can be poop eaters, and the only way to keep them from partaking is to keep their elimination area picked up daily. Would you be willing to do this?

Great Pyrenees are large and intelligent dogs, and can easily reach counter tops and table tops. The top of the refrigerator is usually a safe place, but is not guaranteed. Do you understand your food must be put away, and that you cannot leave food on the countertops and not expect the dog to take it, even if pushed to the back of the counter?

Great Pyrenees are guard dogs and will attempt to look out windows to protect their territory, even those with expensive window coverings and custom blinds. Do you understand that for windows the dog can easily access, the window blinds should be raised all the way to the top of the window frame or at least half way, or the drapes left open or pulled aside to give the dog accessibility to the window, and that they can destroy curtains and blinds unintentionally while trying to do their job?

Some Great Pyrenees can have wet mouths, so your furniture, windows, walls, accessories, guests, and clothes could get slobber on them. Even so called “dry mouth “pyrs can be a bit slobbery after getting a drink, or if overly excited about something- typically when you are eating or when you have guests over. Are you able to live with a dog that may have these characteristics?

Most Great Pyrenees have double dewclaws on their inner rear legs. These dew claws are part of the breed standard, and require the same trimming maintenance as their regular toe nails. Occasionally a pyr will get one of their dew claws caught on something, but, it is rare for this to happen. Our adoption agreement will require you to not unnecessarily remove the double dew claws on the dog. Are you in agreement to not remove the double dew claws?

Pyrs SHED. Are you prepared to groom (brush the dog's coat, clean the ears, trim the nails, including dewclaws) frequently and accept that there will be white hair in your house and on you?

Great Pyrenees typically do well as inside pets, however, they do like structure, exercise and routine. Have you asked yourself whether your lifestyle is so busy that you might not have the time or energy to properly care for a Pyr?

The yearly maintenance of a dog is approximately \$1000? Are you willing to accept full care, cost and necessary burdens and responsibilities of owning a pyr?

Our adoption contract will require you to provide veterinary attention beyond the yearly check-up, vaccines or titers, including monthly heartworm preventative, and flea preventative as needed. Do you agree to do this?

Are you willing to accept that your Pyr may not like all of your

friends or your children's friends, or that your friends may not like your Pyr?

Do you agree to safely contain the dog, either in a room with a closed door, or a crate, if the pyr does not like certain people when they visit your home or property?

Our rescue requires all adopted Pyrs less than one year old be enrolled in obedience training, puppies four months and younger must attend puppy training too. If you are adopting a pup, you must provide proof of completion of training to the rescue before the dog is one year old. Home training does not satisfy this requirement. It must be a training class with other dogs. We highly recommend you take any newly adopted dogs over one year for group obedience training so you learn to control the dog, and to build the relationship with your and your new friend. Do you agree to complete this requirement for any Great Pyrenees rescue dog you may adopt?

If not, why not?

Some rescue Pyrs are not housebroken. Some may have been housebroken prior to coming to their new home, but accidents will happen. The dog's housetraining may regress for a short time period after transitioning to a new place, are they aware of this, and prepared to work with the dog to teach them the door to go outside, and signals that they need to eliminate?

Do you have the time to house train a dog, if necessary?

Please describe your house-training method:

What is your method of disciplining a dog?

Do you agree to only use positive training techniques to teach your adopted dog?

No matter how much rescued dogs are evaluated by their temporary care families, they usually come with "baggage" we don't know about, and that the transition may take weeks or even months. Are you willing to give a dog **at least two months** to adjust to you, your family and their new environment, before you would even consider not keeping them?

What would you consider unacceptable canine behavior(s) which would cause you to give up your dog?

What would you do if your dog bit somebody?

Have you and your family considered that a Great Pyrenees generally lives to be 10 to 12 years old? (Note that many are living to 13, 14, and even 15 years.) Given that an adopted Pyr is a family member, are you comfortable with having to provide the type of geriatric care that a 'senior citizen' may need? Please describe how you will handle your dog's old age. Are you willing to accept that commitment? Please explain:

If you are applying for a specific dog or dogs, indicate it here:

If not, do you have a preference for a male or female?

Do you have an age preference?

How did you find out about our rescue?

If you adopt a pyr, your pyr rescue coordinator would like to receive occasional updates on how your dog is doing in their new home. Will you be willing to provide this information?

If you encounter problems with a Pyr you've adopted, our adoption contract will insist you seek out advice from a certified animal behaviorist, not a trainer. Are you willing to do this?

If you are unable to keep the dog in the future, you must contact the rescue to make arrangements to return the dog to IGPR, Inc. We will need to find a foster home for your dog, so do not expect us to take your dog back into

rescue the same day you contact us. **You are not allowed to rehome your adopted dog from IGPR on your own.** If you find someone who wants your dog, they will need to complete our application, provide references and have a home visit and fence check. They will not pay the adoption fee if you find a new home for them. Your dog must be current on vaccines, heartworm and intestinal parasite tested before returning it to rescue. Do you agree to not rehome your dog on your own if you are unable to keep it?

If you must return your dog to IGPR, Inc., do you agree the dog will be current on vaccines, heartworm and intestinal parasite tested before surrendering the dog?

I / We certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct, and further authorize Indy Great Pyrenees Rescue (IGPR) to contact any and all references, in order to verify the information provided in this adoption application.

Signature:

Signature:

(For purposes of this application, printing your name in one of the spaces above constitutes a signature.)

Thank you for your cooperation. This comprehensive questionnaire helps us in placing the right dog with the right adopter and/or family. An improper placement, or one in which all the details aren't known, can end tragically — usually for the dog. Thanks again, and if you have met our requirements for adoption, we look forward to meeting you in the near future.