

March 3, 2010

Everyone,

Sorry if you receive this twice...We are having some email issues...

I wanted to give an update on my Eagle Scout project which will focus on building a new fence and storage at John and Jayne Rose's home. As many of you know John and Jayne run the Indianapolis Great Pyrenees Rescue out of their home here on the Northwest side of Indianapolis. Their home and yard have become Ground Zero, the rallying point, or what ever you want to call it for about 150 dogs each year. Whether they are nursing them back to health, finding foster homes or sheltering themselves when there just isn't room anywhere else, John and Jayne have sacrificed a tremendous amount of time, energy and money to insure that these wonderful dogs find a good home.

Since my initial message back in October of 2009, I have been humbled by the amount of support I have received from families here in the Indianapolis area and across the country. Whether it be a much too kind note of support and encouragement, money, time or supplies; I have received more than I should even ask. But I do because I have to.

If you have not been to John and Jayne's, their yard is pretty large and fencing is not cheap. My initial thoughts of a couple thousand dollars were definitely short if we want to have a quality fence and a timely result. I have talked with various hardware stores, contractors and fence companies. I have looked at volunteer labor and scout labor in combination with skilled labor. And I have looked at timelines for both volunteer and skilled. I have spoken with my Scout Leaders and Eagle Scout Advisor about how my role as the "leader" of this project must be maintained. And finally, I have spoken with John and Jayne about their wants and potential issues that we face like how do we handle the dogs at their house for the time we are working on the fence. We have begun to contact local television and newspapers to run some coverage of the project so that we can get the rescue more exposure.

The update I can provide is this. We are very close to implementing this project. We have many volunteers lined up to help including some Girl Scouts that are working on their Gold Award. We have a fence company which is offering a tremendous discount on time and materials and that with our help can remove the existing chain link fence and install a beautiful, structurally sound, Great Pyr proof, fence in one day. We have a contractor that can help us with designing and building organization and shelving in the garage. And we may just have a few other tricks up our sleeve if we can work them out.

So what do I need...

1. If you made a dollar pledge but have not sent the check in, please do so.
2. If you have not pledged, but can help us out we are still short of our goal based upon funds received and outstanding pledges already made. If we are lucky enough to have any extra funds, those will go directly to the rescue to help pay for supplies and medical care of our rescues.
3. Be patient if you are looking to physically help. We definitely will need help, but maybe not as much as we have volunteered. We will get dates and needs out soon.

Please make your checks out to Reilly Hester with "Pyr Fence Project" noted in the memo section and mail them in soon if you can to:

Pyr Fence Project  
c/o Reilly Hester  
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Carmel, IN 46033

I thank all of you again for all your support.

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