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They were the dogs of the nomads from Asia who circled around the Mediterranean until they reached the Pyrenees Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean.

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They were the flock guardians who watched over sheep and goats in the mountains. They warned of predators and strangers.

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They are recorded in 14th century French history books as guarding the great chateaux.

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General Lafayette brought the first pair to America in 1824.

Queen Victoria owned two Pyrenean Mountain dogs – their name in England.
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Today as working dogs they are still used as livestock guardians.

Their gentle nature also makes them excellent therapy dogs in nursing homes and hospitals.
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Many dogs are now at risk in the South and Midwest where they are used as livestock guardians. 

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Dogs are not spayed or neutered, like the livestock they guard.

Result: More dogs produced who need rescue from kill shelters.

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Many dogs need rescue from kill & gassing shelters

Where big dogs only have a few days

And rescuers only a few hours

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Rescue Solution: Get these dogs out!

Dogs come North to find homes away from danger.

Adopters and foster homes are desperately needed to take them.

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What You Can Do

Adopt from rescue
Don’t buy from breeders or pet stores
Volunteer to foster, transport—anything
Support spay/neuter legislation

Thank You!

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