



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

How could anything so cute wreak so much havoc?



Oh dear, here we go again! Two very sweet, friendly Great Pyrenees wandered on to the farm on Wednesday and have decided that this is a pretty good place to hang out. Perhaps they had checked out our listing on FURBO.

- Cozy place to sleep
- Nice Demo Garden for chillin'
- Pretty good food (after management changed the brand -- low-cal, Senior food didn't cut it)
- Great places to run and play
- (And the best one!) FOUR cats to chase!!



Yikes!

The BFDs (Big Fluffy Dogs) were pretty stoked about the idea of a permanent hiatus here. The feline residents, not so much.

Our trees haven't had this much climbing in a while. First it was Luna. He was w-a-y up in an oak tree for a couple of hours. And course, it was dark. Next day it was Detroit.



It was dark when he finally came down.

So, everything is topsy turvy. Luna and Hoover are in the Cat House and Detroit is in a cat carrier in the van. Dogs are in the Tobacco Barn. And Lord only knows where RingBob is. (He's around, don't worry!) All in all, it feels like everything is upside down. Kinda hard to get anything done.

As sweet as the two BFDs are, we cannot keep them here. Three+ hours of cat coaxing and calming every evening just isn't in our schedule. We want the dogs reunited with their owner(s). Animal Control will hopefully come for them

today.

We don't think that the male is Lil' Abner -- if so, he has lost a lot of weight. This poor guy is so very thin -- you can feel his ribs and vertebrae. Don't know if you remember Lil' Abner or not -- he showed up here in March. He went back to his owner a couple of miles up the road.



Lil' Abner from March 2022

The female looks like she may have had puppies a couple of months ago. She is much smaller (may be a mix) and is also extremely thin.

The two of them have a grand time together -- bounding around and playing. And chasing cats. They are obviously BFF BFDs.

If any of our local readers have any clues about who they may belong to, please reach out! You can call us at 336-994-2517 and leave a message or email [farm@plumgrannyfarm.com](mailto:farm@plumgrannyfarm.com)!

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Despite all of these distractions, we did get some things done!

Lots of broken limbs have been gathering on the roof of Yam's Barn and it was w-a-y past time to get it cleared -- before the roof rusted out. There's a dead tree behind the barn that needs to be removed (along with a few others). Ray was able to cut the most menacing branches and cleared the roof of the debris.



Something new! We are now experimenting with growing mushrooms for our *PlumFresh* members. What's so exciting is that our friends at [Borrowed Land Farm](#) are producing fruiting blocks AND they are now Certified Organic! This means that we are the only market farm producing Organic mushrooms in the area! How cool is that?

Our high tunnel tomatoes are still producing! The ones in the field are goners but we are still getting pretty good harvests in the tunnel. It will be pretty sweet having tomatoes in November.



### **Proud to be on Team Ginger!**

We've had the pleasure of partnering with Dr. Gouchen Yang and his team from NC A & T University on their ginger tissue culture research. A couple of

weeks ago, his researchers came to the farm to gather measurements on the height of our ginger plants, the number of stems per plant and their caliper, as well as data on the greenhouse. They are comparing our site with what they have growing at the A & T Farm.



This week, William came back to get some additional light readings to measure how much sunlight is getting to the plants in our greenhouse.



It's such a wonderful opportunity to be a part of this research. We learn so much from Dr. Yang and his team. It's great to feel like we are able to contribute in a small way to bringing this amazing crop to more small farmers!

### **Got Seed Garlic?**

We've been shipping out a LOT of garlic this week to folks all over the region -- NC, SC and VA! And with good reason. If you have been looking for seed garlic online, especially Organic garlic, you've realized that it is almost impossible to find!



Our [online store](#) is ready to serve you -- we've got Chesnok Red and Music seed garlic available now. You can order and pick up your purchases here at the farm on Wednesday afternoons or at the Information Booth at [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) on Saturdays from 8:30-noon. **If you'd like to pick up garlic tomorrow, you have until 6 p.m. today to [order!](#)**



Order now  



**Fresh.  
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Order now for pick-up on  
Wednesday, October 26  
at Plum Granny Farm  
OR  
October 29 at  
Cobblestone Farmers Market

**Welcome to our Store!**

Don't delay -- NOW is the time for planting and since this is local, it is acclimated to our area and is ready to grow!

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That's the news for this week! Wishing you a safe and healthy Halloween! And watch out for those spider webs!



**Until next week,**  
***Cheryl & Ray***