



The log home the Keoughans built was purchased as a kit from Carolina Log Buildings, Howard Gap Rd., Box 368, Fletcher, N.C. 28732. All logs and parts come numbered for do-it-yourself assembly.

CUSTOM PRE-CUT AND EASY TO ERECT

Build Yourself A Log House

Maybe your next new home should be a log house that blends old fashioned rustic charm with modern convenience. You could do like John and Joni Keoughan did — buy a custom pre-cut kit and build it yourself!

No house building or carpentry experience, you say?

The Keoughan didn't have any either, yet managed to build one of the most talked-about new country homes in their community.

Their country place is located just west of Fairfield in Wayne County, Ill. Since moving into their "do-it-yourself" log house a year ago, they've had upwards of 1,500 visitors. Most of them came at two different open houses, but scarcely a day goes by that someone who's heard about Keoughan's log house doesn't stop in to look it over.

The Keoughan's bought the custom pre-cut kit a year ago last fall for \$10,500 (it has gone up about \$4,200 since then, says John) and spent another \$25,000 for electric heat, plumbing and fixtures, for shingles, wiring, kitchen cabinets, appliances

and other fixtures. The original log house was designed for a 4 bedroom home. The Keoughan's altered the plan, turning the lower bath into a utility room and making a bathroom out of a lower bedroom. The master bedroom located above the kitchen and over a portion of the living area overlooks the fireplace.

The Keoughans hired 3 high school boys to help assemble the 80,000 lb. kit of logs, windows and doors. "All the logs and parts were numbered and it went together slick as a whistle," John told FARM SHOW. "We hired the foundation poured, then collected rocks and stones for the fireplace while we waited for the pre-cut pine logs to arrive by truck."

Now that they've built and lived in a log house, would they do it again if they had to do it over?

"We sure would. The only change we'd make would be to make it bigger," answers John. "We really like it and so does just everybody who has seen it."

John and Joni Keoughan and their two children have shown their attractive log home to approximately 1500 visitors the past year.



Male Great Pyrenees dogs average about 120 lbs. in weight. They are natural watchdogs and consider coyotes or stray dogs natural enemies.

"GREAT PYRENEES" PROTECT CATTLE, SHEEP FROM COYOTES, STRAY DOGS

This Farm Watchdog Fights Off Predators

If you've been fighting a losing battle with coyotes, stray dogs or other predators, you'll be interested in the Great Pyrenees, a little-known breed of dogs with an uncanny ability to control predators, particularly coyotes.

Called Pyrs for short, they're fast becoming a popular choice with farmers and ranchers as watchdogs.

They will protect any and all farm animals, including sheep, cattle, chickens, ducks, and even the family cat, reports Maureen Donohue, operator of the Thunderosa Kennel, 329 Florence, Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555. "A coyote or wild dog might invade a Great Pyrenees' territory once but isn't likely to make the same mistake a second time."

Here are comments from farmers and ranchers who solved "impossible" predator problems with a Great Pyrenees watchdog:

"... I bought one and haven't lost a sheep to a predator since. I've never seen our dogs tangle with a coyote, but then I've never seen a coyote around since I got the Pyrenees."

"... We tried everything to fight off coyotes and were ready to give up. Nothing worked until somebody suggested we get a Great Pyrenees watchdog. Since we turned him loose at about 6 months of age, I've never seen or heard a coyote on our place and we haven't lost a single animal, including ducks, to predators."

President of the National Association of Great Pyrenees dog breeders is Dr. Robert Brown, of Jackson, Wis., who is a veterinarian and also a registered breeder of Pyrs. He notes that the dogs are large-boned and weigh about 125 lbs. when full grown. They have a bear-like head with strong, powerful jaws. They are natural watchdogs and consider predator animals, especially coyotes, wolves or stray dogs, as natural enemies. It is uncommon to find crossbred Pyrs since the dogs generally breed only with their own kind, brown points out.

According to the Official Breed Standard, Great Pyrenees is "a dog of



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immense size, great majesty, keen intelligence, and kindly expression; a dog of surpassed beauty and a certain elegance, and colored all white or principally white with markings of badger, gray or varying shades of tan. The dogs have a double coat (a heavy fine undercoat and a long, flat thick outercoat of coarser hair) enabling them to adjust to extremes in temperature. Males average from 27 to 32 in. tall at the shoulder, and 120 to 125 lbs. in weight. Females average 90 to 115 lbs. The dogs have double dewclaws on their hind legs, and single dewclaws on the front.

"The Great Pyrenees is an easy going dog. He does not get overly excited and requires little exercise," explains Brown. He eats very little for his size. He is gentle and loves children, but his deep bark and his impressive size makes him an excellent watchdog."

Cost of purebred Great Pyrenees pups generally runs from \$300 to \$500. For more details, including the name of the nearest breeder, contact: National Great Pyrenees Association, Dr. Robert Brown, President, 3360 Jackson Drive, Jackson, Wis. 53037 (ph. 414-677-2894).