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Helping Hands

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Warm Hearts Celebrate Toasty Paws

On Saturday, October 14th we welcome you to join us in celebrating the finale of our "Toasty Paws" Campaign — the presentation of our memorial wall for all the wonderful people who made our dream come true.

I want you all to share the joy you have brought to so many! Every day I bless you for the difference you have made for all our buddies. The new heating system has far exceeded my expectations.

The dogs are warm and toasty and the floors dry within minutes. It is a whole new world for all of us. No more frozen water bowls, no more shivering, no more sweeping water all day.

Not only were we able to complete our floor, but there was enough money to install a generator system that provides us with power to light and heat all our buildings in case of a power failure. Unbelievable!

The best part is that it is automatic — meaning the power goes out and our generator goes on! This was truly a St. Francis sent blessing this summer when storms, flooding, and accidents caused our power to be out for seven days.

God gave us the ability to take care of his creatures but in ex-

change He left most of us behind when handing out the ability to be mechanically inclined. That's why "automatic" is the key word — no

human intervention is needed for the generator to start working!

Best of all, when we leave at night we can rest assured that the animals are all sleeping com-

pletely safe and warm. That is when I know that miracles do happen — because of you.

When I first wrote my plea for help to get the heated floor project done, I was very depressed. Unfortunately, in this job we too often see the bad side of people — the people who abuse, neglect, and abandon our beloved creatures.

We can become overwhelmed with the sadness, but you have restored my faith in humanity. It was so good to know that you feel like we do, and you were there for us.

I cried with happiness so many times when I received your donations. I felt like George Bailey in the movie "It's A Wonderful Life" when his friends come to help him in his desperate time.

You came through for us. It is a daily struggle for us and we are only here because of you. Without you, our wonderful supporters, our doors would quickly close.

Please visit us and see the sweet faces waiting to thank you. Looking at them will tell you more than any words I could ever write.

With great love and gratitude,

*Barbara A. Umlauf, Manager
and the Board of Directors & Staff
of the Hillside SPCA*

P.S. While you're here, it would be the perfect opportunity to adopt a new addition to your family! We have literally hundreds of animals to choose from!

~ Barb



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Kitten Woes Continue



Thanks to the organization *Cats With No Name* and Dr. Alysia Deaven, VMD, a mobile clinic has recently begun to visit the Hillside providing low-cost feline spaying and neutering.

Cats must be contained and all are conveniently ready to be picked up the same day. Neutering a cat is just \$25 and spaying is a nominal \$35. Shots can also be administered for a small additional fee.

With this accessible low cost service, there is no excuse for anyone to neglect to spay or neuter their cat.

Call the shelter at 570-622-7769 for more information on dates, times and availability of space.

Now, still wondering how you can help even more? Be sure your pet is neutered. Tell your neighbors, friends and co-workers about this affordable service. Remind them there are just not enough good, responsible homes for all the animals that are born. Sponsor a spay or neuter for a homeless feline.

It may take some time, but when the statistics of unwanted animals are ultimately reduced, you will know that you have been a part of the solution.

For more information about the clinics and Cats With No Name visit www.catswithnoname.net



Each year the Hillside SPCA and shelters everywhere are inevitably burdened with litter after litter of abandoned and unwanted kittens.

They arrive at our door by the dozens — a result of owners who fail to spay and neuter, from people who rescued them from highways and backyards, and from those who abandoned them on our doorstep in make-shift boxes.

Newspapers list ad after ad for "free" kitten giveaways. Unsterilized feral and pet cats that are allowed to roam produce staggering numbers of kittens who have little chance for a future.

Adding to the dilemma, many of these are sick, injured or too small to be away from their mother. Babies can soon become mothers themselves allowing the vicious cycle of disposable animals to continue.

Two ways to help to alleviate this shameful problem is education and low cost spay/neuter clinics.

Distressing Dog Days of Summer

The weatherman kept saying, "The high for today is 100 degrees!" We at Hillside just dread this kind of weather. It is not just us people that suffer in the heat of the summer, but also our pets, the pets of others, and the animals at the shelter.

The indescribable heat waves this summer took a toll — not only on us, but on the animals that we've seized on cruelty cases. The tremendous heat complicates an already difficult situation.

We've had two major cruelty cases this summer. The first was 10 dogs, and one cat, all in a house in Pottsville, full of waste. Each dog was chained to either a wall or a piece of furniture. They couldn't

even get out of the two feet of waste that they were living in.

They were barely fed or watered, and the home had no air conditioning what so ever. These poor babies were trapped in this hot house lying in their own waste. Even the poor cat was tormented, living in a dog crate with filth all over the bottom.

Through the diligent work of some very dedicated people, these poor animals were seized and most adopted, now able to enjoy comfortable surrounding — and air conditioning — that they should have been enjoying their entire lives.

Our second large rescue case this summer was not about dogs or

cats, but Guinea Pigs. We received a complaint about a shed with quite a number of Guinea Pigs — and quite a foul smell.

Upon investigating, we discovered that the complaint was true and that these poor babies were living in horrid conditions. We actually had to buy brand new boots just to rescue them.

They were all running loose in a shed full of rusted metal, animal waste, and swamp-like mud. Just to get into the shed we had to walk through more than two feet of waste.

After over two hours sweating in temperatures of 120 degrees F. and above, our rescue team managed to rescue over 140 Guinea Pigs of all ages, sizes, and colors. Sadly, most were in very bad shape, but some were in semi-good health.

With the help of some great rescuers, these "piggies" have gotten a new lease on life and now are enjoying the good life of veggies everyday along with fresh water.

This weather takes a toll on everyone here, including our staff as well as our animals, all which are certainly not enjoying the hot weather. But with the help of kiddie pools, hoses, and some new hair cuts for the longer haired pups, it helps to make the heat of summer a bit more bearable for all involved.

We'd like to thank Have-A-Heart Guinea Pig Rescue, out of Florence, NJ, and Critter Connection, Connecticut, for all of the help they have given with the Guinea Pig rescue.

We'd like to also thank you, our supporters, for allowing us to be there to help these innocent animals when they needed us. We literally could not do it without you!

YES!
I want to help
the Hillside SPCA
care for animals in need.



Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

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Luck O' the Irish for Angus McGhee

If you have visited our shelter in the past two years, chances are you've seen Angus McGhee, a very large black and white dog that had a somewhat unsightly tumor across his leg and chest.

Despite that, Angus always would come marching across the parking lot with what we would call a "smile" across his face. Angus would greet guests at their cars, hoping to find a snack, or if he was really lucky, "people food"!

We know Angus made an impression on two people for sure, Diane and Jake Herring, a local couple who are faithful supporters of our shelter. Jake especially took a liking to Angus and decided he'd like to look into adopting our Angus McGhee!

Who would have thought!? After much discussion, we felt it best for Angus to spend his retirement

years in a "real" home. So, on Father's Day, Angus went home with the Herrings.



Not only does Angus enjoy central-air and soft comforters, he gets homemade dog treats from his new "Mom", Diane. What a lucky boy!

Angus has also had his tumor removed and he is actually able to "jog" up his specially-ordered

ramp into the family's back door. Some dogs have all the luck!

We are so grateful that another one of our "special needs" dogs has made it out of Hillside. Through our wonderful supporters we were able to provide Angus a safe haven for the past two years until the Herring's found him.

In another shelter, at age thirteen, Angus would have been put to sleep immediately, but of course, not at Hillside.

Thanks ten-fold to people who not only adopt a pet, but take home an older, special needs dog — one like our Angus that none of us ever thought would see the world past the end of our driveway.

Angus McGhee, we love you!

These fabulous canines would make a wonderful "forever friend". Each has either been here for quite awhile, needs to be in a one-pet household, or is very stressed by life at the shelter. It is urgent we find a loving home for them SOON. Won't you adopt one of these very special dogs today?



Bucky



Clarence



Leroy



Ranger



Tommi

Up A Tree

There is never a dull moment at the Hillside SPCA. Cases in point: two cats in one tree on a cold, snowy December morning last winter, and one cat in a tree in the dog yard!

What panic ensued that morning when Josie the pit-bull, on a walk with Trish, suddenly charged toward a tree, barking up a storm.

Much to our surprise we saw two scared cats, later named Rudy and Kwanza, perched on a limb high out of reach.

After analyzing the situation and placing a call for help to a fire department, a precariously placed ladder and a long stick wielded by Denise landed Rudy right into Trish's arms. One cat down and one more to go!



Rudy

Nothing seemed to phase Kwanza, who just stared at the mayhem



Kwanza

below. With no other help available, the girls decided to try their luck with snowballs — hurled very gently of course.

They took aim at the limbs around Kwanza and eventually startled him enough that he climbed down to a safer place into a waiting carrier.

Just two weeks later another cat was spotted high in a tree smack in the middle of the dog yard — not a good thing.

Luckily, the dogs were not yet out of the main building for their run and play time, or the difficulty of retrieving Mikey the cat would have multiplied a hundredfold.

Again, after assessing the situation and not being able to coax Mikey down with sweet talk, it was decided that some tree shaking might help since the trunk was not very thick.

So, shake the tree the girls did, and down came Mikey, hissing and

all, even though we are sure he was relieved to be in a safer place.

Only an unthinking, heartless person could abandon his cats at all, let alone abandon them on shelter grounds that obviously are home to many dogs. Abandonment is an illegal act punishable by law. Rudy, Kwanza and Mikey are lucky to be alive. Rudy and Kwanza have been adopted, Rudy by Trish who caught him in her arms.

After almost a year since being rescued, Mikey is *still* waiting for his forever home.



Mikey (available for adoption)

If you are ever looking for some excitement, just visit us at the shelter where we guarantee there is never a dull moment!

And of course, if you are looking for a new feline friend, we can guarantee you'll find that here, too!

Our Wish List

- ▶ Dog/cat wet and dry food
- ▶ Dog/cat treats (rawhide, chewies, catnip, etc.)
- ▶ Dog/cat toys
- ▶ Leashes, collars
- ▶ Blankets, towels
- ▶ Dog/cat beds
- ▶ Newspaper
- ▶ Laundry detergent
- ▶ Cleaning supplies (bleach, laundry detergent, brooms, mops, disinfectant sprays)
- ▶ Scanner
- ▶ Usable file cabinets

Memorial and Remembrance Gifts for Special People & Pets

Richard Achenbach by Peggy Zechman, Hazel Reno, Linda & John Pritskutch, Jayne & Donald Moyer

Anne Tamulonis by Susan, Daniel, John, Christopher, Rick & Kelly Vaccaro, Friends, Family, Schuylkill County Assistance Office Employees

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BIRTHDAY HONORS

B.J. Howat by Ed Leuchter, Marjorie L. Gerber

Kelsey Nicole Mills by Debbie Dehner, Friends at Hillside

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Memorial and Remembrance Gifts

William T. Foran, Sr.—80th Birthday — by William Foran, Jr., Denise Foran

Pat Gans by Linda, Donny, & Sadie Bayzick

Glenda Jo O'Brien by Marietta Chik

SPECIAL HONORS

All My Mothers by Eleanor Wojciechowski

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Iris McNoldy — Mother's Day — by Sheeryl Hart

Robert Ebinger — Father's Day — by Mr. & Mrs. Craig Luckenbill

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Deuce by Ron & Mary Anne Hening Family

In Memory Of

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Bonnie Drogalis by Barbara Umlauf

Joy the Beagle by John & Grace Percala

Reeble by Don & Linda Lindenmuth

Kayla Umlauf by the Avenosos

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Snuggles by Anna M. Brennan

Gus & Brodie by Brenda Shuey

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Kayla Umlauf by the Avenoso's

Shadow—"My Shadow's the only one who walks beside me..."

Syrus and Spencer—whom never will be forgotten

For all the animals who were never named, hugged, or loved.

Zachary of Hillside

All Cats in Kitty Heaven by Anonymous

Hillside Residents That Are No Longer With Us by Management & Staff

"In Memory" and "In Honor" contributions may be sent to: Hillside SPCA Memorial Fund, PO Box 233, Pottsville, PA 17901

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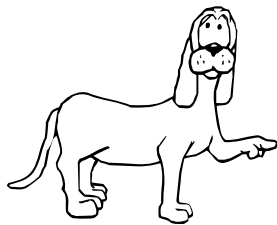
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October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month!

Come One, Come All—Saturday, October 14th!



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"Toasty Paws" Campaign
Memorial Wall Presentation
& Open House
Starting at Noon!

Come see what your support has done! Join with us in sharing our joy and honoring the wonderful supporters who have made our dream come true. If you have adopted one of our "alumni", bring them along, we'd love to see them. Lots to see and do, so mark you calendar and help us celebrate!