



# HELPING HANDS

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## Fifth Annual



## Contest & Hillside SPCA Walk

**Saturday, Sept. 12th**

Rotary Little League Park playground  
W. Norwegian St., Pottsville, Pa.

Walk with us and help homeless pets  
in your community!  
**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
HILLSIDE SPCA!**

## Is your pet the next BowWow Beauty?

Join us with your pretty pooch!

The King & Queen will be  
treated like royalty to  
a spa package.

All BowWow entrants will  
receive a Royal Photo

**Registration for Walk & Pageant  
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

**BowWow Beauty Pageant  
11:00 a.m.**

**Hillside SPCA Walk  
Noon**

[www.bowwowbeauty.com](http://www.bowwowbeauty.com)

## Leash 'em — keep 'em safe!

Everyone is jubilant with the recent rescue of Teddy, the border-collie mix.

Soon after being adopted from the Hillside SPCA in June 2008, he ran from his unfamiliar new surroundings and became lost on the Sharp Mountain near Pottsville.

For weeks, then months, we distributed and posted hundreds of flyers. Unfortunately, sightings became nearly non-existent. The heart-wrenching thoughts of our gentle, beautiful boy, frightened and struggling to survive, caused many sleepless nights.

Is he hurt?...cold?...still alive? We printed more posters and continued our quest. We would never give up. Neighbors and friends continued their lookout, spurred by very infrequent but hopeful sightings.

Dana Smith-Mansell, a longtime Hillside supporter, came to our aid. She had spotted Teddy near her backyard at the mountain base. Even through our brutally cold winter, Teddy had endured; somehow the mountain sustained him.

Dana became Teddy's guardian angel. She provided irresistible food and clean



water on a set schedule. He began to return almost regularly for his meals.

Through trial and error, Dana realized humane traps could not outsmart this boy. He wouldn't set foot inside them no matter how hungry he was. Patiently she planned and set up an elaborate kennel-capture system.

It worked. On July 6, 2009 at 6:20 a.m., Teddy was in our arms once again! Teddy's "story" is captured in Dana's blog: <http://savingteddy.blogspot.com/>

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October is  
Adopt  
a Shelter Dog  
Month



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## Helping Hands

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DENISE TURKAVAGE  
JANINE CHOPLICK

### Shelter Visitation and Adoption Hours

#### **Dog Quarters**

MON-SAT: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm  
SUN: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

#### **Cat Quarters**

MON-SAT: Noon to 4:00 pm  
SUN: Noon to 3:00 pm

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### **VACATION RAFFLE WINNER** **(Spring/Summer 2009)**

**Henry Snyder, Jr.**  
**Pine Grove, PA**

Thanks to all of you for your support! The  
vacation raffles are a major source of income for  
us, and we look forward to your continuing and  
faithful support.  
~ Hillside Board of Directors

### **High Postage Costs**

To help defray the high cost of  
postage, it will be greatly  
appreciated if either a first-class  
rate postage stamp or a self-  
addressed stamped envelope be  
included with your mailed  
donations if you require a receipt or  
acknowledgement.

Every little bit helps as we continue  
to struggle to keep our doors open.

*Thank you!*

## *Leash 'em—keep 'em safe (continued)*

*(Continued from page 1)*

Dana, Janine of Hillside, and the many  
members of "Friends of Teddy Club"  
from across the country, are reminding  
everyone about the importance of keep-  
ing pets safe with an educational pro-  
gram called "Leash 'em — Keep 'em  
Safe."

Here are some important facts to keep  
in mind when protecting your dog. If not  
leashed, they may:

- Jump a fence or push through an  
open door or gate in an instant
- Run into the street and get hit by a  
vehicle
- Get lost (many dogs can't find their  
way home)
- Be captured by someone with bad  
intentions
- Fall victim to traps, poisoning, etc.
- Scare people
- Be shot by someone protecting  
their property
- Chase bikes or other animals
- Get attacked by animals



Keep a firm grip on the leash when get-  
ting dogs into and from vehicles. Be  
certain the collar cannot slide off and  
always keep ID on the collar.

Neutering pets discourages the urge to  
roam. Remember that dogs will be  
dogs. He does not "know better". You  
can trust *your dog will behave like a  
dog*, and *your dog will not behave like a  
person*.

They do not come "fully-trained" be-  
cause we all have different expecta-  
tions. He will not be a "good dog" with-  
out any guidance. It takes some serious  
obedience training to have a "reliable"  
off-leash dog and even they can some-  
times slip up.

There's trouble out there for animals  
running at large and there are leash  
laws. Those same laws keep the guard-  
ian, the dog, and others safe from unex-  
pected accidents and incidents.

Having a pet is a huge responsibility  
and lifelong commitment. He depends  
on you to keep him safe. A dog leash  
could save your dog's life — so use  
them, don't lose them. A single lost dog  
is one too many!



### *Pet Photos with Santa*

**By professional photographer  
Michael Bailey**

Benefits the Hillside SPCA  
Schuylkill Mall Center Court  
Routes I-81 & 61, Frackville, Pa.  
December 3rd & December 17th  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please use entrances closest to mall center  
Pets must be leashed or in a carrier and  
under owner's control at all times

Mike has done numerous fundraising events  
for the Hillside SPCA and is offering a  
generous 20% discount on an *in-home  
photography session* to anyone who has  
adopted an animal from the Hillside!

For more information:  
[www.mikebaileyphotography.com](http://www.mikebaileyphotography.com)  
570-449-7027

### **YOUR support is what keeps our doors open... please help.**

Enclosed is my gift of:  
\_\_\_ \$5 \_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100  
Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail to:** Hillside SPCA,  
PO Box 233, Pottsville, PA 17901

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toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.  
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## On top



*T*his picture is one of my favorite pictures of Joe and me. It is old and didn't reproduce well, but I wanted to share it with you because it was a special moment for both of us.

Joe was so proud that he could carry me. I laughed and said that I was proud because it was the first time in his life that I was "on top" of him.

Because of the tremendous support from the wonderful people who keep the bell ringing for Joe's Fund, his fund is on top of saving thousands of lives.

Before Joe's Fund, the Hillside could afford to spay or neuter only a few animals a month. Now every animal that leaves our doors is done. Alleluia! A dream come true!

Your support and his fund is also a true blessing for animals like Trixie who was thrown out of a moving car while pregnant and was saved after an emergency trip to Allentown for urgent care.

Now, Trixie and all of the emergency cases that require expensive treatment can get a second chance.

It will be three years on August 27th since I lost my Joe. The pain is still as horrendous as the night I lost him.

I apologize for talking about him all the time but I must for the sake of my sanity and all the animals that are alive because of Joe and you!

There really are no words to thank all the faithful supporters of Joe's Fund. I wish I could hug every one of you.

Please always know how much difference you are making in my life and for all of our buddies.

*With great gratitude and love,  
Barbara, Joe, and buddies*

### I am proud to be a part of "JOE'S FUND" helping animals in need!

*Enclosed is my gift of:*

\$200\_\_ \$100\_\_ \$50\_\_ \$25\_\_ \$10\_\_ Other \$\_\_\_\_

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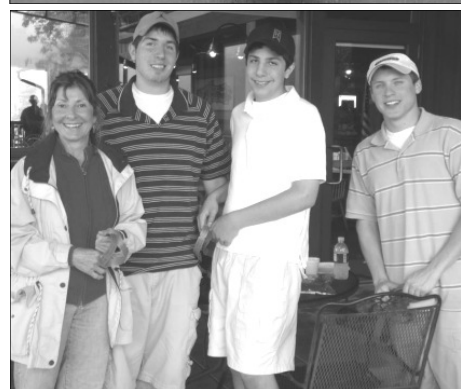
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### Joe J. Parnell Memorial Golf Tournament Mountain Valley Golf Course Barnesville, Pa. ~ June 20, 2009



## Hooray!



*T*hat was the word around the feline quarters when Comet and Pledge finally found their forever home!

Handsome black and white Comet was a very tiny, shy kitten when he came to us back in 2005. We thought nobody would ever pick him and our fears we were correct. Pledge, also shy and fearful of people, arrived in summer of '06, one of over twenty cats rescued on a cruelty case.

When Ray and Eileen Falzini arrived at Hillside wanting to adopt two cats that we thought would be least likely to ever get a home, we were ecstatic and knew exactly who to show them: Comet and Pledge.

Amazingly, neither cat showed backwardness or fear when they were petted and fussed over. It was truly a match made in heaven, and we thank heaven for sending the Falzini's to Hillside. Lucky Comet and Pledge!

## A valiant effort

*A* frantic phone call about a stray cat with an arrow through his neck prompted our feline manager to speed to the rescue. Adept at handling felines in some of the most trying situations, Becky spotted the wounded cat in a ravine outside of Pottsville; reaching him required some sure-footed scaling on her part.

After patiently coaxing the frightened cat to trust her, she managed to get him into a large carrier and climb to the top. The cat, later named Custer, was hurting, even though he was just calmly sitting there when he was spotted.

Carefully secured in the carrier and brought to the Hillside, he was then taken to a vet for treatment. The arrow was removed, infected tissue was cut away and he was neutered — what an ordeal for handsome, ten-month-old Custer!

The arrow may have been in his neck for over four days, but luckily, it missed anything vital even though it was an arrow that had pieces of razors on the shaft.



Photo courtesy of *The Republican-Herald*

Police gathered information which hopefully would lead to an arrest for animal cruelty, but unfortunately, they ran into a dead end.

Custer was placed in foster care since his wound needed special attention and would have to heal from the inside out. Tragically, even though Custer was given the best possible care, the infection was not able to be contained and he died from complications.

The only solace we have comes from knowing we tried our very best to save him, and that his last days were safely spent in comfort, in a loving foster home.

## Salute to working dogs and their owners

*A*ll paws salute to **Bob Lukash** who operates a tremendous electric business in the Nanticoke/Wilkes-Barre area, and one of his canine pals *Candie*, who heard about our shelter. Bob came all the way down to us from another county and offered his electric services for anything we needed, at absolutely no cost! He is an animal lover beyond words!

Bob comes to us every time we have an electric problem, and he and his animal friendly staff fix it while his buddies sit in luxury in his truck watching over everything. He and his staff are truly terrific animal lovers and work all around the chaos of the shelter with a smile. We cannot thank him enough!

*A*ll paws salute to **Diane Drogalis**, an angel sent to us by St. Francis, and her beloved dog *Teke*. You'll see Diane at every fund raising event in our area. Teke never leaves her side and works just as hard as she does.

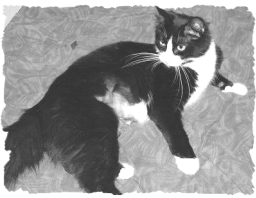
Teke is one of the many animals that Diane has rescued. He was hit by a car and has permanent nerve damage in his paw, which is always kept wrapped up to ease the pain. Well, when he puts



his paw out people give generously when they look at those big, brown, pleading eyes! He is one of our best ambassadors! He is famous and loves fundraising! Teke is helping all his buddies still waiting for a home like he found.

Diane and Teke are a real team - a team that has saved thousands of lives. And a team Hillside could not do without!

*Your new "fur-ever" friend is waiting...*



Prancer



Jake



Sachet



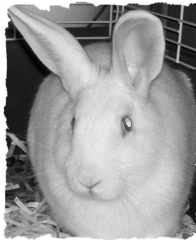
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Snap



Rose



Colie



Swing



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Wizard



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**Ed Leuchtner** by Marjorie Gerber, Leslie Adams, Jim Howat, Jr.

**Freedom** by Jake & Diane Herring

**Sallee Umlauf** by Barbara, Paul, Joe, Starree Nite

**Rich Mentzel** by Jennifer Matz

**Kelsey Nicole Mills** by Debbie Dehner, Hillside Friends



## Memorial and Remembrance Gifts, continued

### MOTHERS DAY HONORS

**Helen Delenick** by Linda Delenick

**Linda Kopitsky** by Mara Derck

**Iris McNoldy** by Sheryl Hart

### SPECIAL HONORS

**Shelly & Doris Gitman** by Janice Kulp

**Ed Leuchtnr** by Marjorie Gerber

**Erin Lehatta Cipko, M.D.** (graduation) by Randall & Susan Follmer

**Ed Leininger** (retirement) by Juvenile Justice Dept.

### PET HONORS & MEMORIALS

**Nikita Moyer** by Tricia & Corey, Barbara & Hillside Alumni

**Snickers** by Stepanchick Family

**Maddi** by Tricia Palubinsky

**Apache** by Ed & Dolly Farth, Barbara

**Sam, Gus, Brodie** by Brenda Shuey

**Gizmo Knapp** by Diane Kline

**Buddy, Lady** by Mrs. Charles O'Donnell

**Stinky** by Debra & Wayne Eliassen

**Sparky Valentino** by Ruth Jones

**Jingle Bells** by Vicki Russell

**Brutus** by Barb Bachert

**Hoss, Sparky, Rusty, Cody, Coco, Teddy, Frisky** by Joann Snyder

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**Coco Avenoso** by Don & Linda Lindenmuth

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**Sassy** by Glenda Blyler

**Whisky** by Marion Andrews

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**Topaz** by Vicky & Warren Schlack

**Macy** by Vicky Razick

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**Lager** by Edward Steel

**Lorna** by Geraldine Gellaugh

**Mao, Pussycat** by Dell Joy

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**Princess, Tasha, Sandy, Chelsea** by Cindy Rhen

**Cindy, Dinkey** by Martina, Fran, MaryJo

**Yaeger Norwich** by Madeline Kerrigan

**Maddi** by Tricia Palubinsky

**Marvin** by Bill & Nancy Tihansky

**Max Melnik** by Dorothy & Greg Hosler

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**Huey, Zeke Melincavage** by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Buber

**Piper** by Louis Cross

**Pierre, Sarge** by Patricia Geirsson

**Forgotten Felines That Nobody Wanted** by Anonymous

**Nikita** by Tricia Moyer

**Matty** by Teri Ritzman, and the Just Labs BBC

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## Here to lend a helping hand

Canal, a handsome orange tabby, would not come out from under a parked car for over a day. When he finally did, the woman who coaxed him out looked at him in shock. It appeared that someone attempted to cut off his ears, right at the base!



There were bloody cut lines that looked painfully raw and infected. She immediately brought him to Hillside where feline staff agreed this must have been the case. However, upon closer examination of his ears, both inside and out, we discovered solid masses of debris in both ear canals.

We then concluded, and a veterinarian later agreed, that Canal had a severe infestation of ear mites which are tiny critters that live inside a cat's ear canals, feeding off the blood in the soft tissue. They first leave their dark brown debris inside the ear but it can accumu-

late outside the ear where it is noticed and then treated.

The ears become very itchy and are scratched for relief. Canal must have suffered and been in great discomfort for a very long time. The mite debris was so impacted it is unlikely Canal

could even hear!

He was not a happy camper during the removal procedure, but what relief he must have felt when it was finally gone!

We at Hillside have come to expect the unexpected and the worst...which explains why we suspected that a horrible act of cruelty was inflicted on poor Canal. It turned out, of course, that in desperation to relieve the itch and pain from the mites, he severely lacerated his own ears. Had he not been discovered, he likely could have seriously severed his ears at their bases.

Everyone here at the Hillside SPCA is grateful we can help distressed, homeless animals like Canal and know we

truly could not do it without your continued and generous support.

So from the thousands of cats and dogs you've helped over the years, and from everyone of us here, comes a gigantic "THANKS!" to all of you!

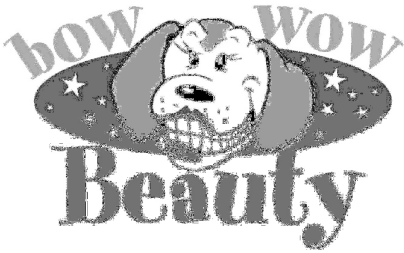


This spring and summer were no different than past ones. In spite of our efforts to promote and assist with spaying and neutering, we've been inundated with adorable kittens in any color or combination of colors you could imagine. They are just beautiful! Please visit us today, we guarantee your heart will melt when you see our babies. We hope you will even take one home. They desperately need you!



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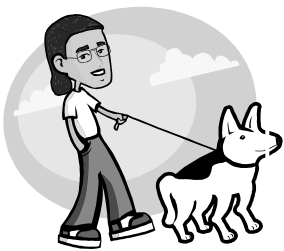
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October 17, 2009

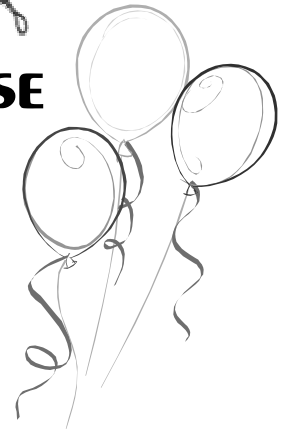
Noon to 3 pm



Come join us for a fun-filled event.

Be with people who love animals!  
Share the happiness of what your  
wonderful contributions have accomplished!

Bring your pets (our alumni) or a picture of our buddies!



It's hard working here every day, the only benefit we receive at the Hillside is seeing our buddies happy and healthy. Sharing moments and pictures of the happy endings is what keeps us going. It is the reason we are here. And, hopefully, you may make eye contact with a face that will melt your heart and take them home with you. There are literally HUNDREDS of furry friends to choose from! *Hope to see you!*