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We are very much in need of dry kitten food — the adult food is just too hard for tiny mouths to handle.

Once again, kitten season has caused our number of residents to swell, so your donations will be greatly appreciated.

If you can donate food or funds to help, please bring your items to the Hillside SPCA during regular business hours. Thank you!

Pink's happy new beginning



Many of our supporters recognized the dog, Pinky, as the friendly Pit bull/ Shar Pei mix who would greet visitors to Hillside. Pinky got so much attention while she was a resident at the shelter she became quite the celebrity, a title earned in part having made visits to local parks, schools, and other SPCA events.

Pinky called the Hillside home for nearly three years, but a real home is what she always dreamed of and what we always had hoped for her.

A few months ago, Pink's life after Hillside began. She was adopted by a family made up, in part, of children and a Hillside alumni, Tyson the bloodhound. Many tears were shed as we said good-bye to our best friend, but they were tears of joy.

We had succeeded in finding Pink a home and she was more than ready to get in her Mini Cooper and head off to her new life!

We are very blessed that Pink still visits the shelter always arriving with her happy "I'm only here for a visit" smile, wagging her tail incessantly as she showers us with sloppy kisses the entire time. Pink is a true testament of a great dog. She loves you when you are happy, she loves you when you are sad. She is just a love bug of a dog, and her new family loves and adores her as much as we do.

Pink's "dad" tells us her favorite things are belly rubs, car rides, and in general, just being a couch potato. We are also glad that she found a friend in Tyson, and Pink's "mom" thinks that the pair are truly soul-mates. There is just so much to love about Pink that we could go

on forever.

Pink's story would not have had a happy, new beginning if it weren't for the Hillside. When she came to our shelter, her skin was raw and infected, and her body was in severely bad shape. She overcame all of her health issues — issues that most certainly would have quickly sealed her demise had she ended up in any other shelter.

Assistant Canine Manager Tricia Moyer-Mentzer who became especially close to Pinky during the canine's stay with us says, "This is the reason Hillside is a truly unique shelter and why all of us here, and our many supporters, love the Hillside SPCA. Thanks to 'Joe's Fund' and your wonderful gifts, the Hillside is able to help dogs like Pinky and give her love, shelter, hope, and TLC until the day comes for a happy new beginning."

"Happy beginning" adoption stories like this can happen for more animals when you continue to support our shelter and help make dreams come true — just like the one that became reality for so many of us the day Pinky started her new life!

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"Dog Balls" golf event

The Friends of Hillside S.P.C.A is sponsoring the 3rd Annual "DOG BALLS" Golf Tournament, a sporting event to promote spaying & neutering with ALL proceeds benefiting Hillside's "Joe's Fund", Sunday, September 16, 2012, White Birch Golf Course, 660 Tuscarora Park Road, Barnesville, PA.

The format will be a 10 a.m. Shotgun start, 4 man scramble with a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest along with other prizes including a 2012 Chevy Sonic.

Hillside SPCA is currently the ONLY shelter in a 60 mile radius accepting dogs making the Hillside a very important entity (the other shelter in our county cannot take dogs and only takes a very limited number of cats, and another area shelter is not accepting anything). The Hillside SPCA has been hit particularly hard with the current economic downturn and recent large rescue efforts with



many animals needing emergency or costly care in addition to a very large population of animals in residence. This golf tournament will be your opportunity to help support this very important NO KILL sanctuary and all its vital efforts.

Please detach the slip below and return it to the address shown by September 10th with your donation. You will be supporting this major fundraiser and helping the Hillside SPCA continue to provide the highest quality service. For additional information phone The Greystone at 570-628-4220, Jerry at 570-617-6341 or Ed at 570-617-3502

~ Thank You, Ed Clark & Jerry Labooty, Co-Chairmen, and all of us at the Hillside

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Name Of Business, Organization, Or Individual (Please attach a business card or letterhead with your sponsor information)
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<i>I plan to attend the follow-up Picnic ONLY</i> — Enclosed is my check for people @ \$20 per ticket. Picnic will be held at White Birch Golf Club at 3:00 pm.
Make checks <i>payable to: Hillside SPCA</i> Mail to FRIENDS OF HILLSIDE SPCA, DOG BALLS GOLF EVENT, 315 N. CENTRE ST., POTTSVILLE, PA 17901

Before that, we re-

ceived Bear, a 10

week old Shar-Pei mix,

who was stomped on

by a 17-year-old, 180

laughed while he was

doing it. Bear suffered

injuries that required

pins, plates, and a two

month hospitalization

pound

boy

The answer



As I write this I am mad, and overwhelmed. I just received a call from the orthopedic vet where we took two dogs today. One is Buster

Brown, a 5-month-old male Boxer/Lab mix suffering from a broken elbow and leg as the result of being thrown down a set of basement stairs.

The other, 6-month-old Dutch Shepherd, Gene, was found in a creek battered and

in extreme pain; how he received his injuries we do not know. Hurt even worse than Buster Brown, Gene has one hip displaced, a fractured leg, and bladder injuries. For these two dogs alone, the estimate was \$8,000,00



mate was \$8,000.00 to treat and repair their injuries.



Within the last six months, we also took in Capone, a brindle Boxer mix, thrown over an embankment, who suffered two broken elbows. Capone is still residing in a foster home being loved and cared for by one of our most

wonderful workers, Holly Kowalishen.



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at the vet. Fortunately, Bear is now adopted and living in a truly wonderful home where he can run and play to his heart's content.

who

I could go on and on; it truly is the worst time at the shelter we have seen with so many abused animals. We are being financially crucified because about 92% of all the animals coming in through our doors are not spayed or neutered, BUT because of you, they are all done *before they leave* our shelter. We are the only shelter in a 60 mile radius that is accepting dogs. Ruth Steinert, the other shelter in our county, cannot take dogs and can only accept a limited number of cats, and the Danville (Pa.) SPCA is not accepting *anything* - not even animals being returned that were adopted from there.

I've looked into all of these animals' eyes and saw the happiness they felt when we received them and how they look to us for hope. They did not deserve what life dealt them. Without your support there would be no "Joe's Fund" and every one of these dogs would have had to have been put to sleep due to lack of funds to help them. We diligently try to save every injured cat that comes to us, too, and have successfully treated cats like Iris, the molested kitten. Sadly, a cat that is abused or struck by a car often doesn't survive due to their small and fragile size.

Receiving the vet's estimate today, I thought "This is impossible - spaying, neutering, *and* fixing SO many neglected animals..." Later, walking on the mountain, my special time to think about things. I rubbed my "Joe's medal" (thank you, Marie Bonham!) and I talked to Joe and myself...

It will be six years on August 26th that I lost Joe. I could not save his life, but you have saved my life and the lives of so many of our buddies and when I write to you like this, I do so from my heart.

Joe's Fund has been hit hard recently and, for the first time, a shortage of funds means we may not be able to help all the animals who need it. And that would be a true tragedy. It always amazes me when we rescue these animals that they instinctively seem to know we are there to help — their eyes light up, tails wag, and they give a sigh of relief. If you witnessed this like I have, you could not look at them now and say, "I'm sorry, I can't save you because we just don't have the money."

I am begging for your help now so I don't have to say, "No". I cannot let them down. I want them to have a chance at life. I don't want them to die because people are so cruel. I know you feel the same, you have told me so with your gifts and support.

Joe loved animals like we do, and I started Joe's Fund to make a difference — to end the tragedy of so many unwanted animals and help the many abused and neglected animals in need. You have made these miracles happen beyond my wildest imagination. I would be lost without you and so would they. Please help me continue to say, "Yes, I CAN help". I truly love and appreciate you and your kindness, care, concern, and support—you'll never know just how much.

~ Barb, Joe and buddies

Beautifully perfect felines

Most people want to adopt a perfect cat. Perfection, however, is in the eye of the beholder. We at Hillside think every single one of our residents is perfect — to a "T". Here are four wonderful felines that, in spite of their physical infirmities, can really make someone very happy — making them truly perfect!



GOLD DUST is one of those sad cases we see too often—victim of a leg hold trap. It is hard to believe that use of those horrid traps is still legal in our state. Part of her mangled leg had to be amputated, but it has not slowed down her twenty pound body one bit! Gold Dust has a perfect full-

bodied figure and will make a perfect pet for someone!

SWEETIE came to us malnourished and emaciated, with a dangling leg that our veterinarian said was likely the result of being hit by a vehicle. Amputation was necessary since the tissue was beyond repair. After sweet Sweetie recovered from surgery and gained weight, she was spayed.



She is a phenomenal cat. She loves to play with balls, and provides us with much amusement as she bats them around with her now shortened stub of a leg. She is a perfect cat, and we think she is about to find her perfect home!

TIPPY TOES came to us with an injured eye so far gone it had to be removed. As far as she is concerned, she has perfect vision and looks perfectly beautiful, too. She is full of energy and pounces on everything in sight. If you like being entertained by your cat, Tippy Toes will make a perfect pet for you!





RACHEL arrived with several open wounds, a broken rear leg and an injured pelvis. How sorry she looked! Our vet sure works miracles on the cats we bring her, because Rachel recovered in no time and can now be seen in the open area of our cat room motoring

around, limp leg and all, just like the other cats. She is a perfectly winsome cat and would love to motor around in your house!

A YOUNG GIRL'S PLEA

Dear Hillside SPCA Newsletter,

I am 13-years-old and every so often my grandmother brings me to the Hillside SPCA. I love to pet the cats, brush them and talk to them. I love cats! I have two of them; a boy Cocoa, and a girl, Ally. They are both my favorite color, black.

The last time I was at the shelter, a really busy place, I was very sad because there were so many kittens...dozens of them! They were all sizes and colors and really adorable. They made me cry because nobody wants them and they looked so lonely. I asked why there were so many, and the worker said because people dont get their cats spayed or neutered. I know what that means because my cats are spayed and neutered.

The day I was there not one single cat or kitten got adopted and twelve new ones came in! That really made me sad.

I wrote this letter because I want people to come to the Hillside SPCA and adopt some kittens or cats. I especially hope <u>everyone who reads it will please</u>, please get their cats fixed, and tell everyone you know to do the same.

Thank you, Ellie

Note: If you would like to volunteer and are under 14 years of age, you must be accompanied by an adult. Over 14 may volunteer unaccompanied, but a parent/guardian permission/emergency form is required for our files. Stop by to visit with us 7 days a week to discuss the many volunteer opportunities available!



9/16—Annual Dog Balls Golf Tournament, White Birch Golf Course, Barnesville, PA (See page 2 for details)

9/16—Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club Car Show, Bubeck Park, Schuylkill Haven, PA, starts 9 am

9/29-Whitehall (PA) Doggie Days and Pet Parade, Whitehall Parkway, 11am-4pm

9/29-Borough Day, Schuylkill Haven, PA starts 9 am

OCTOBER

10/6-3rd Annual Dog Walk to benefit Hillside SPCA, sponsored by Service Access Management in honor of Make a Difference Day, Bubeck Park, Schuylkill Haven, PA. 10 am-3 pm. Events, food, Chinese auction, raffle, agility presentation, vaccine/microchip clinic, vendors. Leashed, behaved dogs welcome! For more info contact Amy at 570-573-6603

10/7—Pasta for Paws IV at The Greystone, 315 N. Centre St., Pottsville, PA, 11 am-5 pm, dine in or take out, \$8.50 per dinner; includes spaghetti with choice of meat sauce, marinara sauce, or clam sauce plus salad, bread & dessert. Bar also open. Reservations not required, but call aheads before 10/3 for number of dinners you plan to purchase are encouraged and appreciated. Phone 570-622-4220

10/14—Fall Festival sponsored by Shenandoah Manor, Shenandoah (PA) grounds. Fine food, games and morel

NOVEMBER

11/3 & 11/4 — Chinese Auction, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville, PA

11/10—Craft Show, Schuylkill Technology Center, Frackville, PA, off Route 61, 9am-2pm

11/24-Craft Show, Fairlane Village Mall, Route 61, Pottsville, PA, starts 10 am

Waiting for a home



Bruiser

Russell

Kristoferson

Brenda

Princess

Sebastian





Jenetta

Visit us any day of the week and find a new forever friend from among the many, many animals awaiting a loving, permanent home. Door-todoor driving directions are available on our website at www.hillsidsidespca.com







Winston



Stevie Nicks



Dillon



Skippy



Kittens







Noah



Shantal



the park

Memorial and Remembrance Gifts

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