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Hillside's babies

he heart $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{\bot}}$ breaking story of kitten overpopulation repeats itself year after year; spring and summer being no different than last spring and summer... and the spring and summer before that... and on and on.

However, our efforts to promote and assist with spaying and neutering have resulted in a slightly lower number than last year — at least as of this printing. Time will tell since we



tally our count at year's end, but we are being cautiously optimistic.

Our babies in residence are a beautiful spectrum of colors, sizes, and characteristics — more than you could imagine! We guarantee hearts will melt when you see these gorgeous "fur-babies".

We encourage you to visit us and for you to tell your friends, family, and neighbors about the many beautiful animals desperately in need of

good homes.

We are open seven days a week for adoptions and visitation — please stop by!



We are having a difficult time with storage of dry dog and cat food due to mice and mold.

If possible, donations of canned food for both dogs and cats would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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Detach this slip and return it to the address shown at the bottom by the Entry Deadline of September 5th, 4 PM for the Tournament					
Due to the popularity of this Tournament, ONLY PREPAID GOLFERS will be accepted. Any golfer not paid by Sept. 5th at 4pm will be replaced from the waiting list.					
Name Of Business, Organization, or Individual					
I would like to sponsor number of GOLFERS @ \$75 per player					
I would like to sponsor a FOURSOME — enclosed is my check for \$300					
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I plan to attend the FOLLOW-UP PICNIC ONLY — Enclosed is my check for people @ \$25 per person. Picnic will be held at White Birch Golf Club starting at 3:00 pm.					
I would like to make a DONATION . Enclosed is my gift of \$					
Make checks payable to: Hillside SPCA and Mail to: FRIENDS OF HILLSIDE SPCA, DOG BALLS GOLF EVENT, c/o The Greystone, 315 N. CENTRE ST., POTTSVILLE, PA 17901					
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Golfer #3: Golfer #4:					

Home run for Joe's friends

You — my best friends who give support so loyally to Joe's Fund — are off to the World Series as a result of your winning season filled with heartfelt generosity!

This year set a record for both the amount of animals in need of spaying/neutering and the overwhelmingly horrific cruelty cases we encountered that would not have had a chance at survival if not for you and Joe's Fund.

As I write this, my emotions are in turmoil — it will be 10 years in August since I lost my Joe. I now realize that time does not heal all wounds and that I will never get over not seeing his beautiful blue eyes, his smile, his curly black hair, and hearing his laughter. I so want to hold him just one more time — but I cannot.

But thanks to you, Joe is with me in many ways. He is with me when I look at all the faces I see every day and know that we can save them — that we can give them the second chance at life they so richly deserve.

Before Joe's Fund, we were financially unable to spay and neuter all our ani-

mals or provide the veterinary care they desperately needed to save them if they were injured or ill. But you have changed that through your support of Joe's Fund for me, Joe and our buddies. So many miracles have happened that it is truly a dream come true.

As I mentioned in a past newsletter, Joe always wanted

to make a difference in life and often worried that he would not do so. But because of you and your devotion to Joe's Fund, he *has* made a difference beyond what words can ever express.

I originally started his fund as a tribute to him and his tremendous love of animals. Joe spent a huge amount of time at the Hillside starting when he was only 10 years old. It was a basic part of his life. He was so much better and comfortable with animals than people



because he trusted and felt safe with them. He understood them on so many levels.

I apologize if I seem to ramble; I sometimes cannot find the words to express my thanks enough to you for making Joe's Fund a success beyond my wildest imagination.

I'm obsessive and compulsive about it because having this vital fund is often what makes the difference between life and death for innocent abused. ne-

glected, and unwanted animals in desperate need of help, and it keeps me alive and filled with the presence of my precious son, Joe.

I truly hope you all realize the joy and love you have brought to me, Joe and our buddies.

~Thank you forever and ever, Barbara, Joe and Buddies

YES! I'll step up to bat for Joe's Fund!

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Your Name:							
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Please make checks payable to: Hillside SPCA, Inc.,

PLEASE CLEARLY MARK YOUR ENVELOPE "Joe's Fund" and mail to: Hillside SPCA, Inc., PO Box 233, Pottsville, PA 17901

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Farewell to very special friends

Once again, I find myself struggling to find the words to memorialize two more friends that the Hillside SPCA has recently lost.

These were not just co-workers, or employees of the Hillside

SPCA, but family to me and so many others.

In March, we lost long-time friend and co-worker, Gary DiGiuseppe (Spring 2016 issue). Not a day goes by that we don't mention his name or say how much we miss him. In April, we lost our beloved Kay Lubold, and now, in July, we lost Dakota Williams. Our grief is overwhelming and, at times, almost too much to bear.

Outspoken, friendly, and kind, Kay Lubold was with Hillside for several years. Dedicated to helping all animals, she was a cherished part of our shelter "family". Kay bonded with so many of the animals here, but a few really made their way into her heart: Sasha, the pittie with the horribly cropped ears that was used as a breeder dog, Honey the timid pittie that only a few of us "understood", Miss Weezy and Calise.

Kay gravitated toward the "underdog". Something in Kay connected with these souls and she had a way with them. Calise was fortunate enough to go home with Kay and Barbara Bright. We were elated when our "challenging" Calise finally got adopted by Kay because we knew she would live the wonderful life all dogs deserve to live — pampered on the couch, fed special treats, and given plenty of love.

When Kay became too ill to work, she still found the strength to visit the Hillside whenever possible. Kay desired to







remain a part of our team, and we cherished her visits just as much as she loved coming to see "the kids."

We took solace in knowing Calise would bring her comfort at home, and Kay would always light up when she would talk about her "special girl." Kay did so much for the shelter both before and throughout her illness, heroically pushing on to bring to light the plight of unwanted animals, increase adoptions, advocate for "Joe's Fund," and spread the message about spaying and neutering. Kay's thoughts, first and foremost, were for the animals. Her spirit will continue to shine on those she touched with her loving heart.

Dakota Williams was a young man with tons of heart, a smile that would light up any room, and a laugh that was contagious. I will always remember returning to work following a vacation a few years ago, seeing "another new worker" and thinking, "I wonder how long this one will last?" But unlike so many others that come and go quickly, Dakota was different.

He loved being with the dogs, he loved being a part of the staff — and we loved him. Physically strong, Dakota helped our shelter friend Murph and Gary with maintenance around the grounds. Always willing to go above and beyond to do whatever was asked of him, he helped to dig out and repair our well which saved the shelter thousands of precious dollars. He helped in

so many ways I cannot even count them all, but most notably, it was his way with dogs that stands out in my mind.

Shelter dogs can sometimes be overwhelmed and not always show their true colors initially. Dakota had a talent for bringing many of the dogs that were uncomfortable among the gen-

eral population out of their shells thus making them approachable to potential adopters and becoming "adoptable" dogs.

One particular case was a Rottweiler named Rocko who growled when approached making people uncomfortable. But Dakota worked his magic — when others saw Dakota interact with Rocko, they began to get the confidence to interact with Rocko, too. Within a few weeks, our entire staff was able to comfortably walk this dog. Rocko is now adopted and living the dream with two other Rottweilers. That is what I deem a true success story. A story that would likely not have had a happy ending if not for Dakota and his special touch.

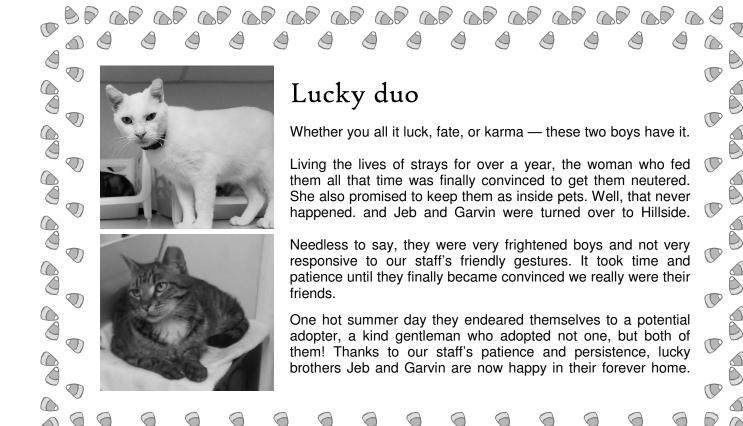
The precious memories I have of these three wonderful friends and co-workers could fill a book. I believe these three beautiful souls are together in a better place, but that does not lessen the pain I, and my friends and co-workers, feel every day; a black cloud hovers over us that just will not part.

Gary, Kay, and Dakota, we miss you so very much. I know the animals in Heaven have the best caretakers in the world though, and that gives me some comfort. I hope you all have found your peace, and one day, we'll all see you on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

~ Tricia Moyer-Mentzer

Awaiting adoption





Now is the time to volunteer!

Take our Volunteer Quiz

There are MANY volunteer opportunities available, now and throughout the year.

- Are you at least 14 years of age or older? (Or if younger, can you be accompanied by an adult guardian?)
- Do you love cats, kittens, puppies and dogs?
- Do you feel a tug at your heart when you think of all the poor animals that are unwanted, abused or abandoned?
- Do you have some spare time during the afternoon or evening hours weekdays or weekends?
- Do you love animals, but aren't comfortable working directly at the shelter, or have allergies and wish you could help?

 Do you have reliable transportation to get to the shelter or fundraising events?

If you answered **YES**! to two or more of the above, you are an **excellent** candidate for becoming a volunteer for the Hillside SPCA animal shelter!

Stop by the shelter to apply in person as a volunteer, let us know your interests and skills, and we will find just the right matchup for you!

AT THE SHELTER

- Dog and Puppy Needs Walking, brushing, bathing, petting, holding, loving, a good eye for mites, fleas, etc.
- Cat and Kitten Needs Brushing, bathing, petting, holding, loving, a good eye for mites, fleas, etc.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- Help in preparing for, setting up and "manning" the tables at mall fund-raisers, craft shows, Community Days and more!
- We need help in collecting donated items from bins in supermarkets.
- We could really use someone to get involved in a variety of shelter maintenance projects. Some are big, but most are small.
- Plan, manage, and host an event that will benefit the Hillside SPCA.

Remember, if you passed our volunteer quiz (including age requirements), we have a place for you!





Fundraising Events



Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for these upcoming events to raise much needed funds for the Hillside SPCA. Your participation helps to keep our doors open to hundreds of animals in need. Hope to see you there!

September 2,3,4 - Merchandise Sale at Big Lots, Frackville, PA. 9AM to 5PM.

September 3 – Doggie Dive at JFK Pool, Pottsville, PA. 10AM to 4 PM.

September 3 & 4 - Merchandise Sale at Ralpho All Home Days, Elysburg, PA. 10AM to 6PM.

September 11 – Hometown Craft Show, Hometown, PA. 9AM to 4PM.

September 11 - Dog Balls Golf Tournament at White Birch Golf Club, Barnesville, PA. 11AM to 6PM. (see page 2)

September 10 – Pooch Parade, Pioneer Pole Buildings, Schuylkill Haven, PA. 10AM to 1PM. Prizes & contests. Vendors & crafts. Raffles & Chinese auction. Pups must share some pet food or get their person to donate \$5 to compete for Pooch Parade prizes. Details (570) 739-0078

September 17 – Poker Run at Blue Mountain Lakes, Summit Station, PA.

September 17 – Hegins Craft Show, Hegins, PA. 9AM to 2PM.

September 24 – Schuylkill Haven Boro Day, Schuylkill Haven, PA. 9AM to 5PM.

September 25 – Woofstock, Harrisburg, PA. 10AM to 5PM.

October 9 – Tamagua Fall Festival, Tamagua, PA. 9AM to 5PM.

October 9 – Pasta 4 Paws Dinner at The Greystone Restaurant, Pottsville, PA. 11AM to 4PM. Details (570) 628-4220

October 15 – Fall Craft Show at Gratz Fairground, Gratz, PA. 9AM to 4PM.

October 16 – Shenandoah Manor Fall Festival, Shenandoah, PA. 11AM to 4PM.

October 18 – Friends Helping Friends, Fairlane Village Mall, Pottsville, PA. 9AM to 3PM.

October 28, 29, 30 - Spooktacular Pets Weekend, Fairlane Village Mall, Pottsville, PA. Mall Hours.

October 29 – Hillside SPCA Craft Show, Fairlane Village Mall, Pottsville, PA. 10AM to 7PM. For vendor info call Josi, 570-590-7085.

November 6 – Bow Wow Express, Kempton, PA.

November 9,10,11 - Bon Ton Community Days, Schuylkill Mall, Frackville, PA. 9AM to 6PM.

November 12 – Fall Craft Show at the Vo-Tech, Frackville, PA. 9AM to 2PM.

November 19 – Fall Craft Show at Pine Grove High School, Pine Grove, PA. 9AM to 2PM.

December 3 – Holiday Craft Show at Blue Mountain High School, Orwigsburg, PA. 9AM to 3PM.

December 16,17,18 – Holiday Extravaganza at the Fairlaine Village Mall, Pottsville, PA. Merchandise Sale and Chinese Auction. Mall Hours.

Ongoing: The Hillside Fundraising Committee is selling tickets for a lottery ticket collage. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Each collage contains \$500 worth of instant tickets. Drawing will be held December 18 at Fairlane Mall Holiday Extravaganza. Tickets can be purchased at all fundraising events or by contacting Josi at 570-590-7085.

Memorials and Honors

Memorials & Remembrances

Louise Kemock by Mandy Lucas, Marla Schmidt, Sharon Gardner, Irene Minnig, Joseph & Rose Marie Skibiel

Mike Stern by Lisa Swanigan

Gary DiGiuseppe by Suzanne Fitch, Wilber Swade, Karen Swade Albey, Keith Swade & Family, Kevin Swade & Family, Susan Zimmerman. Kathy & Stuart Cammarano, Gwen & Tim Holden. Tricia Mover-Mentzer, Randy M. Emerich, Diane L. Bogdah, Leona & Keith Deibert, Theresa Kozura & Cindy Stasulli, Barbara Grant, Charles Underwood, Leo Schramm, Jr., Betsy (Sissy) & Russell Antalosky, Debi & Jim Swantek, Dana & Robert Mansell, Barbara, Joe & Buddies

Kelsey A. Rush by Tom & Lisa Rush, Brian Freas, Second Chance Chains, Lesli Yarrow, Joan Dahlberg, Donna Jasuta, Land Air Water Legal Solutions, LLC, Eileen M. Rush, Lou & Sue Alba, Sara H. Kehs, Arrowhead Elementary School, Mr. & Mrs. John Morgera, Leslie Intrieri, Jean Houghton, Bernard Schneider

Lyle Murphy by Thomas Gillaspy

Marjorie Gerber by Edna Uranko

William Bird by Janice Bird

Catherine L. Eyer by Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Eyer, Joellyn Sandel

Cindee Selvocki by Amy, Anne & Jake

C. Michael Vovakes by Gerry Seroka, Gail & Ed Swier, The Howard Family, The Logan Family, The Szczyghak Family, Elaine & Rich Simpson, Irving Selsley **Rick Bindie** by Paula Sterbenz

Fritzie Kovalesky by Amy, Anne & Jake

Nadine Cook by Mr. & Mrs. Myron Haas

Julia Troxell by Mike & Patty Kohudic, Michelle Hughes, Mike & Janice Boychak, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Flail

Mary Jane Eisenhuth by Dolly & Sam Aungst, Mr. & Mrs. George Hertz, Sandra Mateer, Jacqueline Verzosa, Peggy & Don Butler, Evelyn Reed

Beverly A. Pentanges by Joel D. Rossi, Paul & Lisa DeAngelo, Karen & Barry Chaskin, Patricia Sweda, Greg Grimm

MaryEllen Wychulis by Amy, Anne & Jake, Anne Jones & Family, Robert Kane, Rita Deitrick

Helen Pogera by Shaynen Kramer, Dale Kramer, Allan & Clara Spotts, Albert & Linda Baldinger, Anne M. Lipsky, Betty R. Ginther, Betty Girten, Maryann Palosik, Joanne Schuster, Mary Gilbride

Virginia Shamonsky by Ryan & Diane Haubenstein, Steve & Michelle Houghton, William & Janice Thompson, Carol & Al Rowinski, Anne & Frank Vavro, Mary Ann Sabol

Kay Lubold by Kathy & Stuart Cammarano, Sallee Umlauf, Barbara, Joe & Buddies, Tim & Gwen Holden, Keith & Leona Deibert, Charles R. Underwood, Tricia Moyer - Mentzer, Holly Kowalishen, Jacqui Dormer, Dorothy & Frank Museousky, Grace Beverage, Ellen & Joe Runcanan, Debbie & Bill Sohosky, Karen & Bill McMullen, Mary Kotch, Kathy Szalku, Gregory Page

Ed (Candyman) Brennan by William B. Shugars

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Jean Gretsky by Amanda, Jonas, Lila & the dog

Robert Mariano by The Third Shift 37-3, Donna Kramer

Pauline Edling by Pat & Kathy Bartell

Jeffrey Frie by Kathleen Kanish

Colleen Filanowski by Nancy Moyer

Vali Gannarrini by Amy, Ann & Jake

Amanda Dries by Hamburg Game Association, Inc.

Darlene Werner by Shoemakersville Senior Citizens Club, The Scott Werner Family, Luther Werner, Richard & Linda Weitzel

Pamela L. Pickel by Wesley G. & Sheila Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis W. Olszowski, Mike & Pat Van Buskirk, Aunt Dot Balthaser & Family, Allan & Marie Muller, Susan Hough, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Heist, Noll Pallet & Lumber Company, Michael Reese, Pam Althouse, John Grube, Mary Baird, Craig, Robin & Edward Scheetz, Mary Mengel

Lillian M. Wennich by Elizabeth Saver

Barbara Wayne by Edna Labie, Joseph Wayne, Eileen Wayne, Mr. & Mrs. John Reilly, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Munley, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Barrett **Beverly Yost** by William Yost, Bernard & Beverly Rockouich

William Morgan by William B. Shugars

My Family & Friends Gone Before Me by Corrine Gearhart

Betty Shade by John M. Sullivan

Margorie Corenty by Mr. & Mrs. William Rowan

Bill Horan by The Dutch Kitchen

Jack Mansell by Mark Thorne

Mr. Tsuk of the Huey Family by Allison Creveling

Edith Yuengling by Edith Y. Khayatt

Ilean Kravitz by Joan Koslosky

Rose Marie Byer by John Bucky Byer

Lillian Wenrich by Ellen Hildreth, Sherry Bartush, Gwen Wehr, Dawn Mason, Virginia Wallace

Joe Warne by Ellen Hildreth

Nancy Bushar by Mr.& Mrs. Neil Harrington

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Shirley Chubb by Ruby P. Kreiser

Martha Pascuzzo by Mr. & Mrs. John Dallen, Mr. & Mrs. John McConway

Lyn Luckey by Jackie & Richard Babb, Beryl & Jack Stitzer, Dawn Luckey & Family, Matt Luckey, Adam Sedar

Eddie Ryszka by The "Basket Girls", Bob & Terri Livingston

Eleanor Murphy by Mary Webb, Marie McDonald

Memorials and Honors

Jerry Schrepple by Richard & Amy Yeager

Matthew Lucas by Rebecca Ward

Doris Lloyd by Joann Falls, Terri & Bob Livingston, Joy A. Wolfe, Buck & Rose Derr, John & Roseann Klees, Joann & Stephen Dobrosky

Frank Mahalsky by Louise Harrison, John Minnichbach

Kevin Domin by Walter & Jane Weston

Kathleen Wozniak by Linda & Bill Poulton

Ira (Ike) Killian by Gloria Yohe & Family, Beth, Zachary, Jacob & little Isaac (Ike) Kump

John P. "Jack" Leffler by Friends & Co-workers of grandson Chris Leffler at HPE SW Services, Delivery East, The Morning Call Staff

Bill Storey by Peter Storey, Mike & Anna Maria Storey, Mary Ann Kobus

Marie C. Dilman Wisner by Agfa Corporation

Dr. William Shugars by Gail Hatter, Dr. & Mrs. William R. Davidson, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Postick, Ritamarie Reddington, The Tucci Families

Maribeth Lantz by Cathy Heim, Karen Owens, E. Susan LaScala

Alberta Lawnick by Amy, Anne & Jake

Wanda Edelman by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pretko, Paula & Thomas Murphy, Marc & Kathy Daniels

Jane Wronski by Patti & Tim Hanrahan

Jack Sohosky by Timothy Sohosky

Dolores Tichy by Rob Sadusky

Joyce Pellish by Gerald Labooty, Mark Rosenberger, MaryAnn Sabol

Donna Rusinko by Tracey & Charles Choplick, Barbara, Joe & Buddies

Angelo Lachina by Reading Commercial Heat Treating Company, Inc., Debbie Lachina, Barbara, Joe & Buddies

Pete Jenkins by Kathy & Stuart Cammarano

Genevieve Dwyer by The Dwyer Family

Jean Lozak by Prudence Precourt

Blodwyn Robbins by Evelyn Fisher, Clint & Brenda Fogle

Leona Taronis by Fred & MaryLou Bainbridge

Jess Grimm by Gloria & Mike Morgan

Sue Gorman by Kathleen Sjogren

Eleanore Precourt by Prudence Precourt

Patricia A. Bromwell & Katie Marie by Sallee Umlauf, Staree Nite, Barbara & Paul

Dorothy Purcell by Monica Bonitatibus

Celebrating the Life of Joseph Parnell by Louise Roscher

Special Honors

Paul & Terry Laubenstein by Janet & Joe Pielacha

Jill Rabuck by George & Carol Tallman

Sammee by Josie Honus

Joe & Janet Pielacha by Paul & Terry Laubenstein

All God's Precious Animals by Louise Harrison

Sara by Kaye Hansen

Brunswick Veterinary Hospital by Karen & Donald Bailey

Leah Guzick by Harry & Damie Crosswell

Lily & her Mom, Janet Faix by Bev A. Kerst

An Artist's Kindness by Gina McDonald

Birthday Honors

Michelle Steranko by Jane Steranko

Lawrence Gerber by Jim Howat

Ed Leuchtner by Jim Howat

Dorothy J. Scicchitano by John Marquette

Carmen DeSanti by Richard & Dixon Families

Eugene Trabosh by Mr. & Mrs. James Morrow, Chris & Tara Niemann, Joseph Schmitz, Keli Flannery, James Trabosh, Janice Chaplick

Janet Pielocha by Paul & Terri Laubenstein

Janet Faix by Dale Hassler

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Gloria Morgan by Treasa Jackson. Emily Eisenhower. Christopher Fuller, Maura Yinger, Michael & Cindy Fuller, Denise Bartholomew, Blair Morgan, Gino & Amanda, Carly Morgan, Janiique Fraser, The McCunes, MaryAnn & Joseph Intelicata, Bethany & Shawn P. Bockett. Barbara. Joe & Buddies. John and Bonnie Caretti, Bonnie C. Caliendo, The Avenoso Family, The Murphy Family, and The Umlauf Family.

Pet Memorials & Honors

Woody & Mickey by Shelly Hansbury

Angel, Brandy, Cody, Dakota, Quiche & Samantha by Carolyn & Mark Roberts

Coco, Shadow & Maddi by Patricia Palubinsky

Bandit by Sue & Russ Zimmerman

Heart by Grace

Faro by Sandy & Bill Tunnessen

Frisco, Brandy & Sasha by Janice Kridlo

Corky by Sylvia Cunningham

Taffy by Ed & Theresa Kondertarage

Muffin, Cupcake, Trouble-Marie & Otis by Dolores Konitsky

Sweet Susie, Yini, Goldie & Snotty by Marie & Joe Majetsky

Aggie by Theresa Laubenstein

Hannah by Doreen Wiley

Tess, Tabby & Cindy by Maryann Sworen

Woody, Mickey, Cidar & Gomez by Shelly Hansbury

Roger by Joseph Stutz III

Jorja by John & Rosalie Klosko

Kizzie Klinger, Tink, & all the Pets we have loved by Karen Sugrue

Bessie, Zolfa & Licorice by Ed & Violet Pogera

Misty by Donna & Steve Schroke

Buka & Hershey by Josie & Honus

Gris by Florence Taylor

Catherine by David Herb

The Lion King, Harry by Lillian Engle

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Memorials and Honors

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Buffy & Jake by Lillian Engle

Tony & Pepper by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nieddu

Barley Tedesco by Pippa Fegley

Sam, Gus, Brodie & Hogan by Larry & Brenda Shuey

Ashes by Tina L. Schaeffer

Reuben by David & Mary Ann Kline

Charger by Marty & Anita Dwyer

Honey & Ruby by Florence Taylor

Finnegan by John & Beverly Loftus

Laila & Minnie by Anita & Marty Dwyer

Squeekers by Theresa & Walt Quade

Woof by Kris & Hillside Staff

Mo by Kris & Jeff

Slim Jim by Sallee Umlauf

Kelsey by Barbara, Paul & Sallee Umlauf, Joe & Buddies

Luna by Constance Scanlon

Sam by Bob & Bryn, Barbara, Joe & Buddies

Pip by Dan, Janine & Jonathan Choplick, Barbara, Joe, Hillside Staff & Buddies

Breezy by Dan, Janine & Jonathan Choplick, Barbara, Joe, Hillside Staff & Buddies

Rosalie by The Mandells, Barbara, Joe, Tricia & Buddies

Nikita by The Murphys, The Avenoso & Umlauf Families, Hillside Buddies

Josie by The Resnick Family

Connor by The Moyer Family

Bono by Diana McFadden

Penchant by The Moyer-Mentzer Family, Barbara, Joe & Buddies

Jack by The Moyer-Mentzer Family

Jake by Donna & Sarah Vallone, Hillside Staff & Buddies

Kita, Dog & Katona by Mommy & Kenny

Penny by Shirley Rosen

Brownie by Mary Richards

Maximus & Abby

Pretty Boy

"In Memory" and "In Honor" contributions may be sent to "Memorials/Honors", Hillside SPCA, PO Box 233, Pottsville, PA 17901

For those wishing to remember the Hillside SPCA in your will and estate planning, it is important to use our full corporate title in doing so: "Hillside Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Incorporated"





A helping hand for Bootsy

Very pregnant and with a seriously infected uterus — unable to give birth to her kittens — young Bootsy came to Hillside in the nick of time. In a life-saving effort, Joe's Fund allowed us to get Bootsy the emergency veterinary care she desperately needed. Ultimately, the kittens had to be taken from her and none of them were alive. This left Bootsy in serious condition, needing almost round-the-clock care. Luckily, we had a foster home ready and able to welcome her. Bootsy was the sweetest cat around; enjoying life in spite of her ills.

Unfortunately, she also had a strange kind of diarrhea, later diagnosed as tritrichomonas. A rarity, this is a nasty parasite affliction that results in the constant need to eliminate, which

of course, causes "accidents" everywhere. In spite of it, she and her caretakers took it in stride. This condition is so uncommon in cats that the medicine used to fight off the parasite must be made by special order in a pharmaceutical laboratory.

After two 14-day courses of the drug, poor Bootsy's condition remained unimproved then deteriorated. We were at a loss as to what to do next to help her when Mother Nature stepped in and took her from us. It was a very sad day for us and her devastated foster family that had planned to add her as a permanent member to their home.

Bootsy fought to survive and she had so much to live for, but this was one special needs story that did not result in the happy ending we work hard to achieve. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge before her time, but we are grateful we had her in our lives and we are eternally grateful to you, our supporters, for enabling us to do what we can to help animals like Bootsy through Joe's fund.

See something, say something

A t Hillside SPCA, a day rarely passes without receiving reports of possible neglect or cruelty. Total numbers are on the rise each month. Our Humane Officers' jurisdiction encompasses the entire county of Schuylkill, nearly 800 square miles.

During this summer's heat wave, concerned neighbors, friends and passersby realized the potentially serious or fatal



consequences of animals versus heat and made those important calls to shelter. One most unforgettable rescue was a seven weekold puppy confined inside a crate in the middle of a shade-less.

sizzling backyard, reportedly since early morning.

Temperatures had already reached 92°F in the shade when the call came and our help arrived. The pup had not even an empty water dish, as he had no dish to hold any water at all. Through it all, he somehow still held on.

In other instances dogs were found tethered outside without relief from the unrelenting heat and humidity. Those calls undoubtedly saved lives.

Hoarding situations have been increasing. We responded to several just days apart. These situations are always unpredictable, not knowing what or how many we may find of any type of animal or in what condition. It is, without a doubt, taxing on the shelter and workers when large numbers of animals require our immediate help, housing, and care. But we do it — and do it well.

One case involved multiple snakes and birds as well as other animals. It's a true testament to the shelter staff's teamwork and dogged resourcefulness especially when less common animals are involved. All were handled efficiently and with utmost attention upon arrival at the shelter and were all taken from a neglected state to comfort in short time.

Cases and cases consisting of numerous animals — and at times several generations of their offspring — have been found in homes overwhelmed, or unconcerned, by the consequences of not spaying and neutering. Some of these innocent animals had not been provided with even basic, minimal care.

A litter of three young puppies and their mother were surrendered to our Humane Officers. The puppies were in a critical state — lethargic, dehydrated and emaciated. They required immediate veterinary services, available because of our miraculous "Joe's Fund". We tried our hardest and our best but, sadly, only one survived over the next several days. It's true; times like these do genuinely steal pieces of our hearts and souls.

Social media has created a greater awareness of what potential neglect and



abuse can be. Anyone with concerns about animals, or who questions their care or lack of, can find proper resources for direction and action such as making reports and placing calls to our shelter.

We hope this awareness continues to save lives, and ultimately creates a more caring and knowledgeable society so no animal needlessly suffers — ever.

Until then we will continue to be important in positively impacting the lives of others. Our shelter staff, residents, and alumni thank you. Without you, we simply could not do what we do.

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on others lives"

~ Jackie Robinson

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