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The Luckiest Lucky

I'm writing this letter in emotional turmoil because I just said goodbye to one of my best friends, "Lucky", over the phone at a hospital in Philadelphia.

I want to tell you about Lucky because he made such a difference in my life and to the shelter. After 25 years of being at the shelter, I have learned that our fate can be determined by the people and animals that enter our world.

Lucky, a Lab/Border Collie mix, came to the Hillside as a young pup barely 3 months old. It is unusual for a pup of his age to focus on just one person, puppies usually love everyone — but not Lucky! For some reason, he immediately attached himself to me. He never left my side, watched me constantly, and was extremely bright.

Lucky spent the next 2 months living at the shelter, because he didn't stand out in the crowd. He was "just a black dog", nothing beautiful or remarkable.

One day an elderly gentleman came and picked Lucky out for adoption. I was so thrilled. Lucky lived with that gentleman for four years until the man suffered a stroke and had to enter a nursing home.

The day Lucky was returned to the Hillside I was away on a cruelty case. When I got back and went into the kennel area, I noticed this black, wooly dog who started screaming when I walked by.

I asked one of my workers to come back and see if she received



the same reaction from the dog — but there was none. I asked her to get the release to see who turned in the dog that was screaming, crying, and jumping up and down when he saw me.

When I heard who it was, I almost passed out. I had not seen Lucky for four years and did not recognize him because he was just a baby when I saw him last. I was so amazed that he not only remembered me, but that he still loved me.

I went in and hugged him. I told him that people think you are "dumb animals", but they are so wrong. The very first day Lucky was back at the shelter he was off leash and never left my side.

Months again went by, but Lucky just didn't appeal to anyone, even though I would tell people how wonderful he was. Then one day,

a lovely couple named Dennis and Carol Trump from Schwenksville, about an hour away from Pottsville, arrived at our shelter bringing lots of gifts for our buddies.

The Trumps had seen our website (thank you always Lori Fogg, our Web Manager) and were thrilled to find a shelter that was so kind to its animals. That day Dennis asked to see Lucky, the black border collie mix that he had seen on the internet. He was surprised that Lucky was still with us because he thought Lucky was so beautiful.

When the Trumps left that day, they promised to come back. Well, six months later they returned with their van loaded to the roof

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SUMMER PET SAFETY TIP

Never leave your pet in a parked car on a warm day, even if you park in the shade and/or roll the windows down! In a matter of minutes, the temperature inside a car can reach 160° F. Animals breathing overheated air can collapse, suffer brain damage and possibly die of heat stroke. Leave your pets home on warm days. If you notice signs of heat stress including heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, dizziness, vomiting, deep red or purple tongue, get your pet to a veterinarian immediately. Meanwhile, to help cool your pet, get him into the shade and apply COOL (not cold) water all over his body. Give him small amounts of COOL water or let him lick ice cubes.

The Luckiest Lucky, continued

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with more gifts.

Dennis was shocked to see Lucky standing there beside me. He could not believe that no one had adopted him. Lucky, who was one of the smartest dogs I have ever met, immediately warmed up to the Trumps. He looked at me, his "Shelter Mommy" and barked "I think this is it - the home I've been waiting for."

I truly believe that Lucky knew that his leaving me would not only benefit him but also all his shelter buddies still patiently waiting to go home. He was always a leader here.

One of the most difficult aspects of working at the shelter is loving an animal so much yourself then turning it over to someone who you hope and pray will love them as much as you do. My tremendous, wonderful, loving staff, whose homes are already filled to the brim with beloved animals cannot possibly take home every animal at the shelter they fall in love with. Giving them up is the greatest sacrifice any shelter worked can make, and they do it every day.

When I hugged Lucky the day he went home with the Trumps, he gave me a "look" that I will always remember. I believe he was trying to tell me "You helped me — and I will help you." And he did.

Carol and Dennis Trump have truly been "Lucky sent" with their constant support and zealous fundraising. They have brought so many supporters to the Hillside and have given up much of their time, energy, and money to help all of our buddies.

Even better, every time they arrived with all their donations Lucky would be with them. He would jump in my arms and we would walk across our bridge at

the shelter to the forest and he would be mine again.

The Trumps gave him what I wish for every animal that is adopted from us to have. I have pictures of him enjoying life — from romping at the seashore to visiting Niagara Falls. He saw more of America than I have!

When Lucky became ill very suddenly, the Trumps called me immediately. When we received the word of a fatal diagnosis for Lucky, we all agreed that we loved him enough — and that he trusted us enough — to do the best for him. He had always done his best for us.

You, our wonderful supporters, offered Lucky a chance at life by providing a safe haven for him to be nurtured until he had a chance to meet the Trumps. The circle is complete. We were there for Lucky, he brought us Carol and Dennis Trump and the Hillside is a better place because he came into our lives.

For all the people who are reading this who have lost beloved pets, rest assured that they will be with us forever in our hearts and minds, and no one can ever take them away from us. As hard as it is to lose them, imagine what your life would have been without them.

When I walk across the bridge at the shelter every day with all my buddies, I know that Lucky is walking beside me barking "Thank you Hillside, thank you Momma and Daddy Trump. I'll always be here to help!"

~ Barbara Umlauf, Manager



**Looking for a
dog or a cat?
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mouse!**

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Third Annual Pet and Breed Rescue Expo, May 14

Hillside SPCA will be hosting the 2006 Northeast Pet and Breed Rescue Expo on Sunday, May 14th at the Union Fire Company Field House in Hamburg, PA. from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. The hall will be filled with an array of rescue groups, pet-related activities and demonstrations.

Rescue volunteers and coordinators help ease the strain on our shelter. Their goal, caring for the homeless pets until a "forever" home is found, is exactly the same as ours.

Dedicated representatives from Basset Hound, Boxer, Golden Retriever, Sheltie, Greyhound and many more canine rescue organizations will be on hand. Feline groups, including the Ragdoll

breed, will be represented.

This is a perfect time to learn about characteristics particular to each breed and see what type of pet could be the one you have always wanted. Or adopt a "brother" or "sister" for the fur-kid you may have already.

This year, Guinea pig and ferret rescue groups will also be attending. These little creatures are routinely in need of homes, too!

T-shirts, books, informational pamphlets, pins and pet treats will be available. For a nominal charge, a walk-in clinic will be available for rabies and distemper shots and micro chipping.

Of course, pets are welcome to

attend the Expo. Last year quite a few Hillside alumni paid us a visit which made us very happy!

Various fun-filled activities will be scheduled throughout the day for pets and their people, including agility tryouts, dog dancing, a dog show and a professional pet photographer.

Admission is \$3, children under 10 are free. Last year's Expo was a huge success with everyone having a great time. This year, due to popular demand, we added extra tables and more activities, so we know it will be a fantastic time for all attending!

A sampling of participants and events scheduled includes:

Agility Tryouts - all day event - \$2.00 per dog per tryout - walk ins welcome

Rally Obedience Tryouts - \$2.00 per dog - walk ins welcome

Pet wellness and a holistic approach to Veterinary Medicine seminars

Demos on Agility, obedience, dog dancing

"Magnificent Mutts Dog Show" - \$2.00 entry fee per class - walk ins welcome

Cats With No Name Mobile Spay & Neuter Unit and vaccine clinics:
Rabies - \$10.00, Distemper - \$10.00, Microchip - \$20.00

Pooch Smooch Photography—professional pet photos (fee charged) - Walk ins welcome

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Visit www.hillsidespca.com for a current schedule of events.

We look forward to you joining us for this very special day dedicated to our four-legged friends.

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Frozen Alive

That was nearly the fate of a sweet, innocent, helpless kitten this winter.

While walking in the woods, a caring man and his teenage son spotted something furry on a patch of melting ice. It was a twelve-week-old gray and white kitten - almost frozen and barely alive.

They quickly brought him to the Hillside. Realizing he was suffering hypothermia, we immediately contacted a vet then jumped into action in an attempt to save this fragile creature.

His temperature was far below normal so we began a gradual warm-up of his cold and unresponsive body. After lying on a heating pad and being gently stroked and spoken to for over three hours, we could not believe our eyes — this

precious kitten started moving around!

His eyes became more alert and he attempted to stand. We had been so worried that we would lose him but now we were looking at a miracle.

Frontier, as we named him, was so famished that he ate an entire can of cat food — then fell asleep in the dish! We knew he likely would still have some problems but our faithful weekend worker Annette came to his rescue. She never thought twice about taking him home for further nurturing and to get him checked by a veterinarian.

Frontier had a scratch on his cornea, the tip of his tail was lost to frost bite, and he needed a good



healthy diet to speed his recovery. The road back to health was a gradual one, but he has progressively improved.

Frontier is a very lucky kitten — he is lucky to be alive and now, Annette and husband Jeff have added him to their happy feline family (as we knew

they would!).

We thank the kind passers-by for rescuing Frontier and bringing him to us. It is a wonderful feeling to know that people trust and count on the Hillside SPCA to help animals in need and that, thanks to our wonderful supporters, we can be here when we are needed.

Love, Teddy

Hello to all my friends at Hillside! My mom was sending you a donation so I thought I would include a note to let you know how I am doing. Barb Um-lauf will remember me, she nicknamed me and my brothers and sisters "the lumpy puppies". Give her a big lick on the face from me — she's the one who introduced me to my "mom".

I was adopted from Hillside in June of 1993. I live in Bethlehem, PA with my mom, Holly, but I come to Pottsville a lot to visit my nanny, uncle and cousins.

Two months ago, I turned 13! Can you believe it? My mom can't. She cries when she thinks about how old I am, still remembering the day she got me - it was pouring rain.

I'm still healthy and active (knock on wood) and love to take mom on



Living the good life

long walks - I can still run her ragged. Last week she gave me a bath and I hated it, but afterward, she made a big fuss about how gorgeous I looked, so it was definitely worth it.

I have many doggie friends that I see all the time, and six cats have weaseled their way into my house to live. I rule the roost though. They're good company for me

while mommy is working and we play together sometimes.

One of my brother cats has diabetes and has to have shots. The first few times I saw mom get the needles out, I would tiptoe out of the room because I thought they were for me!

My favorite things in life are treats, playing Frisbee in my yard, going for walks, riding in the car, visiting my dog friends and my family in Pottsville, shopping at Super-Petz, and playing with my toys.

When mom goes through Dunkin' Donuts drive thru for coffee, she orders a glazed donut for me, and I get to eat it in the car!

I hope to come by and visit you one day soon. I've included a photo—I'm such a handsome guy!

~ Love, Teddy

Meet Leroy Brown



Leroy Brown is a handsome, older male dog with a very loving personality. Though found along a roadside likely dumped from a car, Leroy is very trusting of humans.

Leroy is content lying on a comforter having some chewy snacks, but what he really wants more than anything is to be in a loving home where he can be an only pet or share his home with a female dog.

Leroy "lights up" when he sees a leash, so he would make an excellent companion for someone who loves walking or hiking.

If hiking is not your game, then snuggling must be — and Leroy sure is good at that, too!

Leroy is completely house-trained. He's very handsome with one blue eye and one brown one.

He's Leroy Brown, the big brown dog — and he's waiting for you to adopt him today!

Keep your calendar open!

Hillside SPCA
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Saturday, Sept. 16th

Watch our website and newsletters
for more information.

"Purr-fect" in Our Eyes

Whether at our jobs or in our homes, we often find ourselves striving for perfection as we go about our daily lives. It's a lofty goal but not always attainable in an imperfect world. At the Hillside we view each and every one of our charges as absolutely perfect. All of our cats and dogs are beautiful creatures that simply want to be loved by, and connected to, someone who will care for them.

However, sometimes nature deals an unfair hand. We have some feline residents, young and old, that may not look just perfect.

Josie, very pregnant and looking very odd with her flapping lips, touched all of us. She has an upper harelip that is totally separated in the middle - it just never grew together! It left her with a rather comical look. She eats normally and is as sweet a cat as you'll ever find - and of course, we think she's perfect!



Thumbelina

Thumbelina, a soulful tortoiseshell-colored cat has a rare condition

that consists of a cleft lip, nose, palate and throat. This split makes it difficult for her to eat and



Josie

breathe properly. Nothing can be done to fix it, and Thumbelina is presently struggling to hold her own here. She desperately needs to be in a home with one-on-one care. To us, she's a perfectly beautiful girl. She is only one year old and deserves a second chance.

Owen, a rambunctious and playful nine-month-old, developed a severe eye infection. We thought he'd eventually need to have the eye removed. A foster mom gave his eye the vigilant attention it needed to heal and the end result is a slightly "cloudy" left eye.

Charger and Winona, two other residents here, will likely end up as Owen did given that they have much the same conditions. We believe they are simply perfect, too!

In our less than perfect world we at the Hillside are very lucky. After all, we do have perfectly "purr-fect" cats waiting for their

perfect someone to take them to their perfect, loving homes.

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Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge...together.

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