



# Helping Hands

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## A legacy of love

**F**ebruary 21st, 2007 — my son Joe would have been 34.

It was the happiest day of my life when he was born — it was the saddest day of my life when I lost him on August 27th, 2006.

In the Winter 2006 Newsletter, I told you about starting the Spay/Neuter Fund in memory of Joe. It was noted in his obituary and the response was tremendous.

Your gifts have spayed and neutered hundreds of animals already. I cry with sadness and joy every time I use his account to help end the tragedy of being unwanted.

The grief in my heart is so overwhelming that, when I started this fund, I wasn't as focused as I should have been.

I do believe that Joe is always with me, and in the months since he died, I've had time to realize what this fund should be about. Not *only* spaying and neutering, but a fund that would help animals needing emergency care.

The Hillside faces such cases all the time, but in the last six months it's been truly overwhelming — just one after another non-stop. I'll give you just two examples of the costly emergency cases we've dealt with recently.

*First case:* Zoey, a six month old chocolate lab, came to our shelter because she fractured her knee. Her owners had "a new house and a new car"; they "couldn't afford to fix her". She looked at me with

her warm brown eyes full of trust and her tail wagging, and when they placed her in my arms she nuzzled her head in my neck and whimpered.

I knew what we were facing in vet bills, orthopedic surgery, and X-rays. To make matters worse, her break was particularly bad because it was in a growth plate.

In different circumstances, Zoey would be put to sleep because of the injury, but at the Hillside, we saw Zoey's potential and our pledge is to help — so we did. At present, Zoey's X-rays are being reviewed by a specialist and arrangements are being made to get her up and running.

*Second case:* Shortly after Zoey came in, we received a call from a frantic woman who, while walking her dog, witnessed several boys throwing rocks and stones.

Much to her horror, when she got closer she realized that they were aiming at a poor pathetic cat who was frozen in a puddle. Her screams scared the boys away.

Not only was the cat half starved and frozen, but he had to endure being almost stoned to death while completely defenseless since he was unable to move.

We rushed to the scene where he lay and at first thought he was dead. He was covered in blood, and his eye was pulverized by one of the rocks that hit him. We had



Joe as a teenager with his dog 'Dio' who he found abandoned in the woods. Joe was constantly finding strays and used to tell me "He just followed me home." That was not always true - he carried 'Dio' about two miles.

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## Editor's corner

Those of you who have been faithful supporters of the Hillside SPCA know that the shelter often finds itself low on funds. Supported almost 100% by private donations, the Hillside SPCA counts on the generosity of people like you to help keep their doors open.

It's been a rocky road for the shelter over the past 20+ years, but you have always come through with your support — especially when times were tough. You have allowed the Hillside SPCA to become a truly unique animal shelter — one that gives every chance it can to each animal that comes through the door, even if that chance comes at a high monetary cost.

Over and over, Hillside supporters have made it known that they want the shelter to continue to "give their all" to animals in need, no matter how sick or troubled when they arrive here. It's what makes the Hillside such a special place — a place where no animal is automatically deemed "un-adoptable" because of their age, temperament or health. Unfortunately, this level of care and commitment isn't free. It often comes with a very high price — literally.

The Hillside now finds itself in a very difficult situation. Due to policy changes at other shelters, excessive surrenders, large rescues, and lower adoption rates, the Hillside SPCA is overflowing with hundreds of animals. This influx brings with it a high number of those needing expensive veterinary care.

Sadly, with low funds and many animals to treat, the shelter finds itself worrying whether expensive treatment can be given to an animal — something that the staff — and you our supporters — have never wanted the shelter to be in the position of questioning.

That is why your participation in raising funds for the Joseph Parnell Spay/Neuter & Emergency Fund is vital. With your help, this fund can grow and sustain the shelter's ability to help animals in need, not only by spaying and neutering to save lives, but by paying for the vital emergency care you have told us you want the Hillside SPCA to continue to provide.

I ask everyone who has ever had a special animal touch their heart to consider how you would feel if you had to forgo treatment for them because you couldn't afford it. Perhaps you have even been in that situation... Now, consider how easy it would be to help an innocent, deserving animal get the treatment they need. All it takes is a donation to "Joe's Fund".

Bless you all,  
*Lori Fogg, Editor-in-Chief*

## Funds needed to sustain shelter

The cost of everything is rising these days. It's getting harder each year for us to raise the *half million dollars* necessary to operate.

Existing almost entirely on donations alone puts us at the mercy of our donors. What we can do for homeless animals in our care lies directly in the hands of our faithful supporters.

Last year, we spent nearly \$80,000 on veterinary bills alone — and that figure will undoubtedly continue to rise each year.

Like all businesses we have regular bills and expenses, but unlike many businesses we don't make money on what people get from

us — adopted animals!

Adoption fees are no money-maker. In fact, the shelter loses money winding up "in the red" taking into account the cost of shots, worming, testing, spaying/neutering and medical care.

We have an ever-growing staff due to the amount of animals in our care, meaning an increase in payroll and expenses. There are vehicles that need maintenance and gas to buy.

We need to pay for oil to heat our four buildings and gas to run the dryers. We have expenses every month for electricity to light the lights and pump the water.

We always have to buy cat litter (for 300 cats!) because we never seem to have enough.

Phone calls cost money, food costs money, emergency care for the animals costs money — and we are running out!

We don't want to "cut corners" in the care our animals receive. What the Hillside SPCA can do for animals in need depends on what *YOU* can do for the shelter.

Every penny helps and no donation is "too small". Won't you spare your spare change for animals in need at this critical time?

Thank you.

# Legacy, continued

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to use warm water to remove him from the ice.

As Becky, our cat room manager, wrapped him in a blanket and held him, he began to purr. We all cried - he understood we were going to help him.

After emergency care (his body temperature was 10 degrees below normal) he spent a week at the vet, had his eye removed, and is now at the Hillside waiting to be adopted by the special person he so deserves.

It is terrifying for us emotionally and financially when these cases come our way. There is a moment of panic... Should we? Yes! CAN we?... Sadly, that's not always such a simple answer.

No matter what we feel in our hearts, the bottom line is helping these precious animals takes money. Do we have it? Can we raise it?

That is why this fund is so very special. With your help, we can grow and maintain this fund so that we are able to handle these emergency cases. Every penny you give helps an animal in need — an animal that Joe would help in any way he could.

We operate completely on funds provided by your generosity. You, our wonderful supporters, tell us you want us to continue to help these animals in need, and your donation will allow us to do just that.

Please open your hearts and give as generously as your budget will allow — for Joe, for Zoey, for a poor frozen cat almost stoned to death — and for all the frightened, injured and abandoned animals yet to save, for there will be many.

I cannot begin to tell you how Joe's death has affected me. There are not enough adjectives in the dictionary to describe the loss I feel.

Because I am obsessive and compulsive about anything I love, I must keep him alive in my life.

I will work endlessly in using this fund to do so. It is all I have left of my Joe. With your help, his legacy will live on.

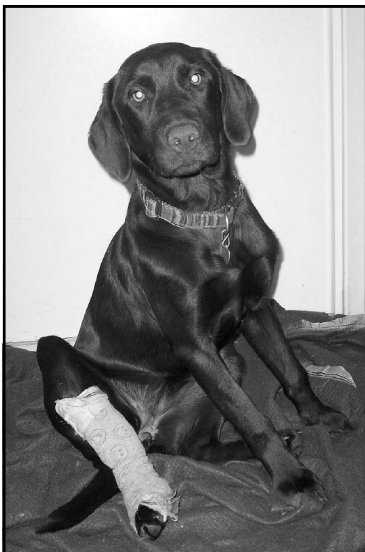
*With great gratitude and love,  
~Barbara A. Umlauf,  
mother of Joseph J. Parnell*



*Not to hurt our humble brethren (the animals) is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission--to be of service to them whenever they require it... "*

*~ St. Francis of Assisi*

Zoey



**YES! I want to be part of a legacy of love and help animals in need like Zoey...**

**Enclosed is my gift of:** \$200\_\_ \$100\_\_ \$50\_\_ \$25\_\_ \$10\_\_ Other \$\_\_

Your Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Make checks payable to: Hillside SPCA

Mail to: **"Joseph Parnell Spay/Neuter & Emergency Fund",**  
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## For Moses

Moses was only nine months old and one of the happiest dogs that ever came our way.

The neglect and cruelty in his past left absolutely no telltale signs in his personality. The fact that he used only three legs because of a serious problem with one rear leg didn't diminish his capacity for running.

For this young lab/pit bull mix, playtime was still the most important part of his day. Children visiting our shelter were especially fond of him and he of them. But the leg injury needed to be addressed quickly. Moses had never been to a vet!

Moses proved to be a real trooper on the first visit to his doctor. He took turns gently sitting on our laps waiting for the exam to begin. Judging by his wagging tail and loving kisses, he seemed to know that we were looking out for his well being.

The examination and x-rays were soon completed. Apparently the painful and badly broken bone in Moses' leg had occurred months earlier. The Doctor's prognosis was disheartening. "Amputation," she stated, "would be the best for this handsome fellow."

We decided we would do our very best – for Moses. Looking at his gentle face, we could do no less for him. He trusted us. His whole life was ahead — and his future needed to be better than his past.

Moses had his leg amputated the next day. He did extremely well and had no problems adjusting.

Luckily for Moses, he had a very special visitor while recuperating. Artie adopted him only days after the surgery, saying Moses was a perfect match for his three-legged kitty and the recently rescued beautiful brindle pup in his household.



Artie has since informed us that Moses is also quite the "bed-hog", loves everyone and doesn't know he has only three legs. Moses, and we, thank you Artie!

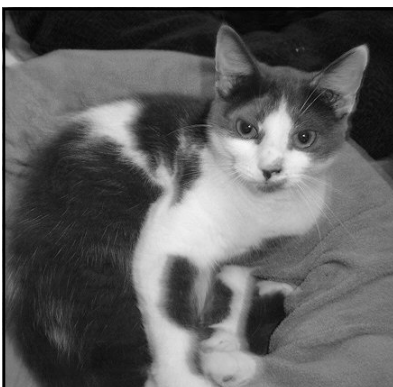
In cases just like this, the Hillside SPCA goes above and beyond what is expected from an ordinary animal shelter.

Every day we are faced with serious challenges, just like Moses. What should we do? What about the expense? Monumental decisions have to be made that have lasting effects on the many unwanted, homeless animals we care for.

We thank all the "Moses fans" – and the children who emptied their piggy banks to help defray the cost of his surgery. You've been an important part of his life. You helped save it. He loves all of you, too.

Somehow we knew we could do it...for Moses.

## A tribute to Verna



**Name:** Verna  
**Date of Birth:** April 2, 2006  
**Hillside Residency:** October 19, 2006  
**Date of Adoption:** January 25, 2007  
**Date of Death:** March 10, 2007

Verna was one of the sweetest, loving cats that ever lived.

For three long months she greeted and snuggled up to every single person who came into the little girls' condo—her condo — in the Cat Quarters.

If she could speak she would likely have said, "Please take me!"

After we had her spayed, she was happily adopted into a home that both she — and we — thought would be forever.

Unfortunately, a house window that was frequently left open and a fast moving car cut her short life even shorter.

We tried to save her, but to no avail. Verna, everyone in our cat room is very sorry for what happened and we miss you very much!

*Cats that are left outside live shorter lives than they deserve.*

*Moving vehicles, dogs and other animals, infectious diseases and cruel people are outdoor cats' worst enemies.*

# A fun day "Fore!" a very good cause

Dear Friends,

The *Joe Parnell Memorial Golf Tournament* for the benefit of the Spay/Neuter & Emergency Fund of the Hillside will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at the beautiful Indian Hills Golf Club, Paxinos, Pa. (just outside Shamokin).

*100% of the profit from the tournament will be deposited in the Spay/Neuter & Emergency Fund of the Hillside.*

Spaying and neutering is a very important part of caring for animals, since more unwanted dogs, cats, and other pets put a tremendous drain on our resources.

The tournament will be a four-man scramble, shotgun start at 10:00 AM. Why not gather a foursome and join in the fun of the tournament!

The \$65.00 fee includes cart, greens fee, lunch, an Italian dinner



at the end of the tournament plus liquid refreshments. There will be prizes according to flights and an optional skins game and Bucket of Gold hole.

You can also help by sponsoring a "hole" for the tournament at a cost of \$100.00 or co-sponsoring one for \$50.00.

Not a golfer or unable to sponsor? Volunteers are needed to help at the event, why not join us for what promises to be a great day for a great cause.

Everyone is welcome — and encouraged — to donate to this very important Fund and all donations are gratefully accepted!

Please give what your budget will allow — your name will be advertised at the tournament as a generous donor.

We are counting on your support to help finance this enormously important project.

We hope we have inspired you to make a donation - your gift is crucial to our ongoing work. Thank you!

~ Sincerely,  
Barbara Umlauf

## Joe Parnell Memorial Golf Tournament 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Make payable to: Hillside SPCA, Inc.*

**Mail completed form and payment to:**  
Ms. Barbara Umlauf, Shelter Manager,  
2434 Walnut St. Ashland, PA 17921  
or  
Ms. Lynn Dudash  
2324 Spruce St. Ashland, PA 17921.

### Golfer Registration | Sponsorship | Donation Form

Please check as many as apply:

- ☐ Golfer Registration
- ☐ Hole Sponsorship—\$100
- ☐ Hole Co-Sponsorship—\$50
- ☐ Donation—please specify amount >>>>>
- ☐ Contact me about volunteering at the event

\$65.00

\$100.00

\$50.00

Donation Amt.

Total  
Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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# Special animals

This year was a truly rough one concerning special needs animals—those that come in needing special care only a vet can provide. There were so very many...

These animals deserve a chance at life and adoption just like the ones that arrive at the shelter in "okay" condition.

Our budget is always stretched, but there are times when the needs of these precious animals call for us to stretch it even more, as was the case for three special needs dogs that came to us this year.

Sadly, all of their stories don't have a happy ending, but because of your generous and faithful support, the Hillside was able to give them a chance — one they likely would not have received otherwise.

**Hewey**, a sweet, older, Yellow Lab mix, came in as a stray. He was never claimed, but clearly had an owner at one time since he was neutered when he arrived.

We noticed a lump behind Hewey's right front leg and knew it needed attention.

Thanks to a wonderful "guardian angel" sent to us from Brookline Labrador Rescue, he was able to get much needed medical treatment.

This amazing lady paid for his surgery in full, lessening the burden on our budget. Hewey is now healed and has been adopted.

Poor **Louie's** story is a sad one. This white German Shepherd came to us as a puppy and was adopted. He was later returned because of his medical problems.

Louie was extremely thin and had a spinal problem making it difficult to walk. No matter how much good food we gave him, he didn't gain a pound.

Louie was seen by several vets, but none could get a clear picture of what was going on with him. He was eating and acting normally for such a sick dog, but his blood work was off the wall.

Sadly, as we were trying to get him the help he needed, Louie faded before our eyes and passed on.

Louie's plight broke our hearts. It hurts so very much when we cannot save a life.

**Princess** was a cream colored Cocker Spaniel, saved from a puppy mill by two members of our staff, Maureen Graf and Liz Pysher.

There were five older dogs that the "millers" wanted to get rid of so they could get new "breeding stock".

When Liz and Maureen learned about this, they investigated and found that Princess was being given away free and the other four dogs were being offered "for sale".

To save the lives of these pitiful creatures, the two girls paid \$125 of their own money to get the dogs and remove them from horrendous conditions.

Bred continually and horribly neglected, the dogs were filthy, matted, and in dire need of grooming.

Poor Princess, the oldest of the bunch, had an old injury on her leg and several mammary tumors requiring special attention.

Looking forward to Princess finding a loving "forever home", she was scheduled to be spayed and have her tumors removed. Sadly, during the surgery, sweet lovable Princess passed away.

It is heart-wrenching that this poor girl only knew kindness once in her entire life and that was during her month long stay at the shelter.

These touching stories aren't out of the ordinary in our line of work. Every day for us is both uplifting and heartbreaking at the same time.

We do our best to save the lives of all that come through our doors but have a special place in our hearts for those who have never had a decent life or known a minute of real love.

This is why your donations are so very important. Our ability to help these animals in need is limited by our ability to pay for all that's involved.

With an over-burdened budget and an over-crowded shelter, we experience some scary moments when faced with extensive medical bills.

But with your support, we can continue to help these poor tortured animals—ones whose lives have only really begun when they step through our doors.



*There are many animals in need of extensive quality medical treatment at the Hillside SPCA. You too can help ease the burden on the shelter's budget by becoming a "Guardian Angel" to one of these animals.*

*Whether sponsoring the entire cost of treatment or any portion of it, your generosity can make a tremendous difference in the life of an innocent animal. You can give them the chance they so richly deserve. Contact us at (570) 622-7769 to find out more about being an "Angel".*

*Pa. is known as the "puppy mill capital of the East Coast". To learn about the horrors of these facilities please visit [www.prisonersofgreed.org](http://www.prisonersofgreed.org) (caution: contains some graphic content but VERY important information about this atrocity.)*

# Goodbye to an old friend

By Tricia Moyer

As I write this tribute, I still cannot believe we have lost our beloved Kenny, a life-long resident of the Hillside SPCA.

Kenny was a handsome red chow mix that not many people had the privilege of meeting. He was scared of new people, new sounds, any change in a routine. This introverted personality limited Kenny's world to the shelter people who cared for him and adored him — just the way Kenny wanted it.

Kenny was "King of the Shelter." No dog ever dared take a hot dog from Kenny or bother him while he was eating. He was revered and respected to the very end.

Also known as "Ken-Star" and "Kenny the Wretch", he was afraid of the camera, so pictures of him are rare.

Over the years we talked about who among us would eventually take Kenny home and decided Kenny was already "home". The Hillside was all Kenny knew and he loved it here.

Looking back, I can still remember the first day I volunteered at Hill-

side, over twelve years ago. I went on the "big mountain walk" with shelter manager Barbara.

I remember Kenny barking at me, with his big brown eyes bulging, intently watching me since I was a stranger and he was suspicious of everything. Within a few days, Kenny and I became old friends.

I think of all the things Kenny witnessed through the years — over a decade of litters of puppies passing through, the many adoptions, the new faces and the old. Kenny loved "his office" where he was toasty warm throughout the cold winters and enjoyed cool air conditioning in the summers.

Though he never lived in a "real" home, Kenny was luckier than many dogs. He was truly loved and had the entire staff doting over him, always giving him extra blankets and food.

Kenny would love to nudge you with his head and would be relent-



less until you would bend down and give him a kiss and a pat. He was a true gentleman.

Sadly, Kenny went into congestive heart failure. As the end came, he was surrounded by his furry friends Cheyenne, Nikita and others. His loving shelter "mommies" were by his side to hold and comfort him as he passed on.

Kenny's spot is now visibly empty in the office, but we know Kenny is still with us — he would not want to be anywhere else.

"Ken-Star", you are a star now, buddy. We miss you every day.



## June is Adopt-a-Shelter Cat Month



Spring and summer means the Hillside SPCA will be inundated with unwanted cats and litters of kittens.

Sadly, the shelter is already overflowing with felines of all ages, sizes, and colors in need of safe and loving homes.

By adopting a new friend, not only are you giving a shelter cat a second chance, you will also have a lifelong companion to share many years of love and devotion.

If you're a first time adopter, a sociable adult cat might be your best choice rather than a kitten.

If you're an experienced "cat person", consider opening your heart and home to a cat with special needs.

The staff here at the Hillside can help you find just the right match for your family based on your home and lifestyle.

Visit the Hillside and adopt today!

## Neither rain, nor sleet, nor blizzard...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my tremendous, fantastic staff for enduring one of our worst storms ever on Valentine's Day 2007.

Through thick and thin, through ice, shoveling, falling, sliding, shoveling again, pushing vehicles out, cindering, chopping, being frozen and wet all day, they persevered. You will never see "Hillside SPCA closed due to weather" on your TV screen. The animals still need to eat and go to the bathroom on "snow days", holidays — every day.

I always love and appreciate my staff, but never more than on days like those during and after that storm. The perseverance, strength, endurance, and most of all the love of the animals that makes them tick means they are like no others! They will do whatever it takes, at all times, to help our buddies.

I would also like to thank Steve Eckert, husband of Amy Bailey Eckert. Amy started at the Hillside when she was 11 years old, and after spending many years here, opened her own business "Briarwood Kennels" (the *only* place to leave your animals while you are away).

Amy is now a Board member of the Hillside and works endlessly for us. She sent Steve out with his plow to help us get out of the shelter parking lot.

Five 4-wheel-drive vehicles AND the plow got stuck (first time ever). It took us four hours to reach the main roadway due to the 15 inches of snow and ice.

Steve was truly a hero, along with Crystal's husband Rich who decided to volunteer because he was called off work due to inclement weather.

When I looked at the faces of Janine, Maureen, MaryBeth, Crys-

tal, Erin, and Becky after four hours of struggling to get out of our parking lot, I felt like crying.

To make a long story short, after three more hours on the road trying to get home to Ashland, I was part way there when I learned the rest of the roads were closed.

I returned to the shelter, along with Tricia and her fiancé Corey, who met me outside of Minersville to make sure I could make it back.

I was never so happy to see a place when we got back to the shelter! All our buddies were so happy to see me, but I was even happier to see them!

Before I fell asleep that night, I experienced a moment of terror thinking about what a terrible situation the shelter would be in if people didn't help us out. What would become of the trusting eyes that looked at me?

There are many heroes in this story, but when I settled down on the "Toasty Paws" warm floor and heard the wind howling against the building, I took much comfort in knowing we have a generator "just in case" thanks to our fantastic supporters.

I looked around at all the furry faces who depend so much on us and I thanked all of you — the other heroes who made it all possible for these sweet animals to be safe, warm and secure.

Because of you, our supporters, my heart was filled with warmth even though the temperature outside was bone-chilling. It truly was a Valentine's Day filled with love.

*~ With great love and gratitude,  
Barbara*

P.S. Almost forgot to thank Shania, my collie mix who weathered this storm, and many others, by my side.

## Dog-gone Good Recipe Corner



### Flea Hater's Dog Biscuits

*Brewers yeast is a natural anti-flea remedy.*

#### Ingredients:

1 cup flour  
1/4 cup wheat germ  
1/4 cup brewer's yeast (available at health-food stores)  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 T. plus 1-1/2 tsp. canola oil  
1 clove garlic, chopped medium  
1/2 cup chicken stock (reg. or low sodium) plus 3 T. for basting

1. Heat oven to 400 F degrees. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper. Mix flour, wheat germ, brewer's yeast, and salt together in a medium bowl. In a mixing bowl, combine oil and garlic. Alternately add 1/2 cup chicken stock and flour mixture in 3 parts; mix until well combined. Knead about 2 minutes by hand on floured surface; dough will be sticky.

2. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough out about 3/8 inch thick. Cut out bone (or your choice) shapes; place on prepared baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes, rotate baking sheet, and baste with remaining 3 tablespoons chicken stock. Bake 10 minutes longer. Turn off oven, leaving oven door closed. Leave pan in oven for 1-1/2 hours longer





# We all need a helping hand

The Hillside SPCA exists solely for the animals.

It is our mission to help abused, neglected, abandoned and homeless cats and dogs of Schuylkill County. We are truly the "Helping Hands" of our area.

This is what you, our generous and loyal supporters, expect of us. We in turn ask you to help us, by being our eyes and our ears in your communities. Why? Too often we are called to the rescue only when it is too late to help a suffering cat or dog.

Too often owners wait until their pets have reproduced so many puppies or kittens they can no longer deal with them. If you observe any situation that does not seem quite right, do not hesitate to call us.

Whether it concerns suffering animals or too many cats or dogs to be properly taken care of, we will get involved. We will intervene; we will give a helping hand to people and their animals before things get out of control.

Several months ago shelter workers arrived in the morning only to discover, lined up in a neat row along the road outside our gate,



fourteen cats stuffed into six new carriers.

They were covered with a blanket (it was cold) and their owner left an anonymous message on our answering machine to alert us. That was bad situation, but to make matters worse, several weeks later nine more young cats



showed up - same lineup, same message — same owner!

The cats are beautiful, as you can see in the photos. In spite of our large feline population, several of the twenty-three have been adopted.

If only that man would have called us before his situation got out of control, we most certainly would have lent him a helping hand, because this is what we do.

More recently, we were greeted in the morning by four beautiful kittens left in a cardboard box, this time no note, no phone call — nothing. These kittens did not ask to be born and then abandoned.

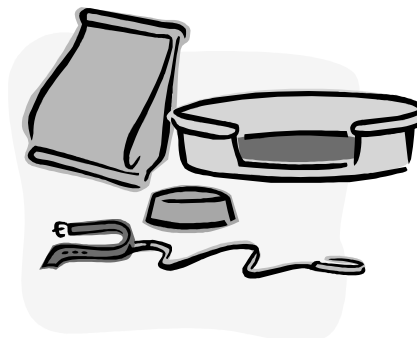
We really need you to spread the word about the importance of spaying and neutering all pets, and that the Hillside will lend a helping hand if necessary.

Special funds exist to help those in need. All it takes is a phone call to us. In 2006 we handled almost 600 kittens! This is tragic.

We are hoping and praying that this year will be a better one. We and our furry charges are counting on you to be *our* "Helping Hands."

## Our Wish List

- Non-clumping cat litter— we just NEVER have enough.
- Cleaning supplies such as bleach, disinfectant spray, mops, brooms, etc.
- Laundry detergent
- Wet and dry dog/cat food
- Newspapers
- Blankets and towels
- Dog and cat toys



- Chewies, catnip, rawhide, etc.
- Dog leashes and collars
- Dog bowls (metal only)
- Dog and cat beds

- Office supplies
- Office equipment (scanner, printer, etc.)
- Postage stamps
- Volunteers to help at local events including the up-coming Pet Expo
- Adopters for the many, MANY animals in residence
- Donations—every penny helps!

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**Helen Delenick** by Linda Delenick

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**Pat Troutman** by Barb Miller

**Leslie Adams** by Ed Leuchtner, Marjorie Gerber

**William Foran** by the Troxells

**Pat & Arlen Day** by Rosemary Cairns, Charles Holley, Heath Bruen, June Sweizig & Children, Jon, Elizabeth & Cassandra Haag, Michael Matoka, the Leibels, Donald & Emma Brennan, Lois Mengel, Mary Jane & Terry Loeper, Nancy Mahall, Ernest & Mary Evelyn Zambo, Robert & Kathleen Reiley, Shirley Morgan, Elizabeth & Harry Boyer, Carol Ann & Herbert Rhoades, Darlene & Joel Deichert, Cheryl Swartz

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**Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Brandt's 60th** by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Walcott

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**Knight** by Margie Rogers

**Rocky** by Marie Kaplan

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**Candy** by Jill McCoy

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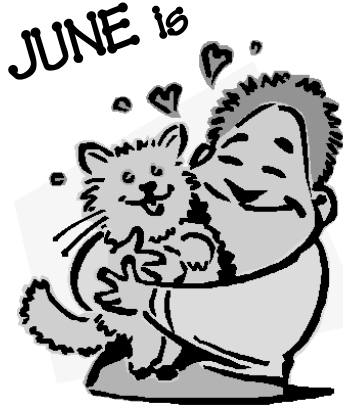
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*Sunday, May 6th*



Join us as we host our 4th Annual Pet and Breed Rescue Expo from 9 AM – 4 PM on Sunday, May 6th at the Hamburg Field House, Pine Street, Hamburg, Pa.

The Expo will feature animal rescue organizations including those for dogs, cats, guinea pigs, birds and many others.

Times too numerous to mention, these groups have come to our assistance in helping to place animals in need into a safe environment until finding a "forever" home. We find the public is not always aware of the service these

groups provide, and we hope this gathering is educational and helpful.

Thinking of adopting? Questions on a type of animal? Researching a breed? Any group representative will be glad to answer questions. Many of these groups focus on one particular breed or animal.

This is a great way to understand that you can rescue/adopt a pet and never have to purchase a pet store, puppy-mill or backyard bred animal. There are so many out there already waiting for a good home.

### Events, Displays and Fun for Everyone

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\$3 per person, children under  
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