

# Helping Hands

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## CAT QUARTERS IN NEED



Back in 1996, thanks to you our generous supporters, we were so proud of our wonderful new feline building. Over the years thousands of cats have passed through that building and called Hillside their home.

We want to continue providing our residents with a comfortable, attractive, cat-friendly environment. Unfortunately, 15 years later, our cat quarters are now in dire need of repair.

Time has taken its toll on our building and so have the cats themselves. Many of them free-roam the main floor which consists of cages for newcomers, a nine-foot kitchen counter and a large open space area.

Thousands of daily floor and wall scrubbing have caused the paint to peel, and thousands of little clawed feet that like to use the lower cabinets as scratching posts have reduced them to their cores.

The isolation area, the condos, and the restroom used by employees and visitors in this same building also need repairs.

You have made Hillside the best animal shelter in the state and have faithfully stepped up to help us when we need assistance. If you would like to donate to our Repair Fund, the 1,700 cats that come through our doors each year — and our dedicated staff — will be so, so, grateful!

No special form is needed; simply write "CAT ROOM REPAIR FUND" on your check. From the bottom of our hearts, we send our sincerest thanks.

~ Feline Manager,  
Becky

## THE "HAPPY ENDING" BUILDING

I would like to express my extreme gratitude to our supporters for helping us build the "Meet And Greet" building!

It has surpassed my expectations for what I hoped it would do - increase our adoptions. In fact, our adoptions have *tripled*!

This has literally made the difference between going back through the doors of Hillside or going home to a loving family for so many deserving pets.

This building not only gives people a chance to meet our dogs in a quiet space where they can get to know each other, it allows people who already have a pet to introduce them to our buddies in a calm, neutral place.

Marie Bonham of Plymouth furnished the room with beautiful furniture and a fireplace to make it warm and cozy which really came in handy this horrific winter!

The building and room are especially important to us now because the only other shelter in our area, the Ruth Steinert Memorial SPCA, has *closed* for at least the duration of the year 2011.

We are so very overburdened with the return of animals adopted from them, plus their closure means the Hillside SPCA is now the sole shelter covering and serving all of Schuylkill County (an area of 780+ square miles...)

We would be lost without this room and building! It has made the difference of a lifetime for so many, and it only happened because of your extreme generosity and kindness.

From all the animals who are now in a home and from all the animals who *will* be in a home - we send an all paws salute and our love to you!

~Barbara Umlauf and Buddies

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#### **High Postage Costs**

To help defray the high cost of postage, it will be greatly appreciated if either a first-class rate postage stamp or a self-addressed stamped envelope be included with your mailed donations if you require a receipt or acknowledgement. Every little bit helps as we continue to struggle to keep our doors open.  
Thank you!

## MYSTERY BOXES



When UPS delivered several big boxes to our office a few days before Christmas, we were mystified as to what they might contain. After everyone placed their guesses, the boxes were opened. Not a single guess was correct. What a wonderful surprise we found within!

Nestled inside four different boxes were four beautiful cat trees, just waiting to be assembled. In no time they were finished and cats immediately began exploring each and every shelf and hole, as well as sharpening their claws on the scratching posts.

What a great time they had; what a great time they are still having!

Our well-used trees were a millisecond away from being tossed in the trash bin, so the timing was perfect. Unfortunately, there was no enclosed card and no sender's name on the boxes. We have no clue to the identity of the very kind person who sent this much needed gift.

Whoever you are out there, we and all our cats thank you so very, very much from the bottom of our hearts! You are a true Christmas Angel!



Remember our story last fall about **Swatch**, the cat that came to us covered in thick dried paint, hardly able to move about?

After he was vet checked and shaved down, we showcased him in our feline office and in no time, he was adopted into a wonderful, loving home.

Danielle has been updating us on Swatch, now known as Buddy, ever since. He is now another light in her life — her buddy. Sweet Pea, Danielle's other cat, is also very happy that Buddy joined their family!

As you can see, Swatch is now one handsome — and lucky — cat!



# UNCONDITIONAL LOVE



This picture of Joe was taken at my sister's wedding where he was the ring bearer.

You'll note that he is tense: hands clenched, and uncomfortable. He refused to wear the patent leather shoes that went with the tux and wanted to wear his old shoes that were scuffed and worn out.

Joe did not like the limelight. He always wanted to be in the background. The only time he was comfortable was in the company of our family and animals. Then he could be himself because he felt "safe".

He could not ask for ketchup at McDonalds because he was scared (my daughter Caroline helped him with that), but he would talk endlessly to our animals just like they were people.

He knew they loved him unconditionally, and they would not laugh at him or question why he was scared; they would just love him for what he was — or wasn't.

That is why animals are so wonderful; they love you no matter what your faults are. They make no demands except to be loved and are grateful just to see your face

Joe's birthday is February 21st, and he would have been 38. I grieve for him everyday, but his birthday is so difficult because it was one of the happiest days of my life when he came into it. Now I will never again hug him, hear his laughter, or look in his beautiful eyes.

But in every animal that enters our doors, I see Joe. Because of you who have become our faithful supporters of his

fund, he still lives in my heart and in the hearts of all the lives his fund has saved.

I know I can help all the scared, sad, pitiful cases that have been neglected or abused because you have made it possible to help them to not be scared anymore. They are comfortable because your kindness, support, and generosity have changed their lives.

Because of Joe's love of animals, he has created a whole new world for them. They can all be spayed or neutered, fixed and ready to go home - the world will not hurt them ever again.

Truly there are no words to ever express my love and appreciation for keeping Joe alive for me and for all you have done for so many.

Thank you for "keeping the bell ringing" and making the world a better place for our animals who could not be here without you!

With love and gratitude,  
~Barbara, Joe, and buddies

**YES! I support "Joe's Fund" and will "keep the bell ringing".**

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# WAITING FOR A HOME...



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Jiggs



Garfield



Kisses



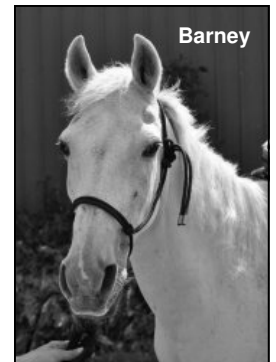
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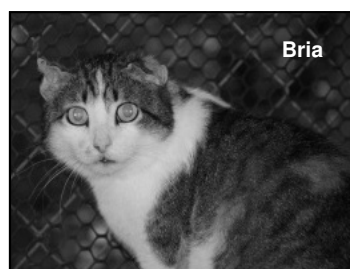
Lily



Nora



Porsche



Bria

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Misty

# FATE OR FACEBOOK?



It is funny how sometimes things just work out; “sometimes” being the key word. For a few special dogs, things definitely worked out. Whether it was “fate”, or the power of Facebook, we will really never know.

Facebook has proven itself to be a powerful tool in helping us find homes for dogs at Hillside. Perhaps our Facebook “friends” take pity on us shelter workers’ constant attempts to find homes for our furry friends by the almost daily Facebook postings. Maybe it is simply fate that some dogs truly end up lucky — I don’t know for sure. What I do know is that three special dogs have found their “forever” homes because of one of those things.

Long-time friends of the shelter and “Joe’s Fund” supporters Jane and Bill Dornsife were not necessarily “in the market” for new dogs. Soon after “friending” me on Facebook, things quickly changed!

They had been grappling with the idea of taking home Celia, the very frightened, often stuffed-animal-like former puppy mill dog that had taken up residence under a desk in our Small Dog Building.

Jane convinced her husband that the time was right to adopt Celia and bring her home to their brood of pets. Little

did her husband know, Jane and I had been scheming (in the nicest of ways!) that she would also adopt Ruby, a large black shepherd mix who was definitely not the most attractive dog we’d seen. Ruby’s personality was stellar though. Once Jane and “Mr. Bill” arrived, it was just moments before my co-worker Ann and I “just happened” to bring Miss Ruby in to meet them as they were filling out Celia’s adoption paperwork.

With a whole lot of “oh pleases,” and even more eyelash batting, Ruby was going home too! Our “scheming” had worked! These dogs did not know it, but they had just won the doggy lottery!

Life was good for Celia and Ruby. Ruby, described as the “easiest and best dog that ever lived,” quickly made her self at home. Celia will take more time to adjust, but she clearly loves her new home.

As the months passed, Jane would send us updates via Facebook. We were elated! We had found homes for two dogs that at just about any other shelter in the country would have been euthanized on arrival — either for “personality” or lack of it. I was so happy for Jane & Bill and the whole Dornsife clan!

I decided to push my luck, once again (torture IS my middle name)! There was one more dog that really needed the Dornsife’s. I just knew it! Facing great opposition from almost every one, I did the unthinkable...I sent Jane a picture via Facebook of yet another pathetic, sad soul. All Jane could say to me was, “yes” or “no,” right?

Georgie was his name. He was turned in as a stray and was one of the saddest, homeliest Rottweilers I’d ever seen. After some additional convincing from shelter manager Barbara Umlauf’s daughter, Caroline a great friend of Jane, and more pleas on my part, “Mr. Bill” was convinced to come and adopt Georgie. (We knew we wouldn’t have to work to convince Jane the second she saw Georgie’s sad face!)

We had really outdone ourselves with this one! Jane and Bill were taking on a

lot and they knew it! Georgie had double eye infections, a skin condition, a thyroid whose functioning was almost non-existent, was very arthritic with aching hind-legs, frost-bitten ears, and — to top it off — had pneumonia!

Luckily for Georgie (and for me), Jane was not upset with us in the least facing all the care Georgie would require. She was elated that we had trusted her with Georgie’s care as we had with Ruby and Celia. All she wanted was for Georgie to “be well.”

For a bit it was touch and go, and we weren’t sure Big Georgie was going to make it. As I write this nearly a month later, I can boast and tell you Georgie pulled through! He has gained twenty-plus pounds, no longer has infected, sore eyes, and has what seems to be the beginning of a great shiny coat! Georgie is especially bonded with Mr. Bill (a.k.a, “Mr. Reluctant”) as you can see in the photo.

These are the types of ‘happy beginnings’ that I live for. Without them, there would no reason for any of us to work so hard at Hillside. We must march on as we keep trying to find homes for the dogs deemed ‘unadoptable’ by most.

We must embrace our furry friends and care for them as best we can while they are with us at Hillside. Most of all, we have an obligation to each and every one of them to try and get them the very best homes possible.

We did our jobs with these three, that is one thing I know for sure. To the Dornsife’s and to all of you who have adopted, we thank you from the bottom of all our hearts and paws. All you need is love, faith...and Facebook!

~ Tricia Moyer, Assistant Canine Mgr.



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  - > Use Shop Partners to find a specific partner like Target or Walmart
  - > Use "Shop All Departments" to shop via category
  - > Use Hot Deals to find special deals and coupons to save even more money
  - > Look for the  icon to find out exactly how much cash back you'll earn from purchases made from that store or on a particular product



## DREAMS SOMETIMES COME TRUE



In my last newsletter, I pleaded for a home for Bridget and Clyde, a mother and son who loved each other. They were inseparable, where one was, the other was right behind. If someone would take one of them for a walk, the other would scream at the fence until they returned.

They were from a cruelty case and were rescued a year and a half ago. They are completely housebroken, we spayed/neutered them, but no one wanted to adopt both.

We are blessed to the hills to have people who come to volunteer to walk our buddies like Ron Boscavage (aka "RonBo") and Bob Munn, regulars who both took a shine to Bridget and Clyde

who howled with delight when they saw them coming.

Bob, who lost his beloved "Buddy" loved Clyde but didn't want to break up the pair. He never had two dogs at one time, already has four cats, and feared that might be too difficult with his work schedule.

I explained to him that once you get a second dog, you'll always have more than one. Dogs enjoy the company of each other, and you don't have to feel guilty when you leave home because they have a companion.

Bob was still grieving for Buddy and felt guilty at the thought that he might be replacing him. We talk to people all the

time who feel this way, and I explain to them that another pet will not "replace" the one you lost, but rather helps one waiting behind our fence who is hoping and praying to have a home where they are loved.

It is a tribute to the pet you lost to save another. I told Bob to imagine what he would have missed out on — all the love and joy Buddy gave — if he hadn't had him. After several months of my staff and RonBo putting our best efforts into gently pushing Bob to "take the plunge", he thrilled us when he said he would try taking both of them. If we had champagne, we would have celebrated!

Every time an animal leaves our shelter, we cross our fingers and say a prayer that everything will work out for the best. It is an emotional time for everyone. We kissed and hugged Bridget and Clyde and told them that they were going to a "forever home".

Bob called us several days later, elated that they were doing so great. Alleluia! What he said made me cry. He told me that he had been so lucky to have had Buddy he thought that would never happen again. Then he said, "I am really lucky; I got two dogs that I love like I loved Buddy!"

It is moments like this that make all the heartache worthwhile. Our hearts were filled with joy! It was a long wait for Bridget and Clyde, but it was worth every minute to become Bridget and Clyde Munn!

~ Barbara Umlauf, Shelter Mgr.

## 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 home to a cat with special needs or multiple cats.

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!

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*Dianne Hewitt* by Eleanor Selvock

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*Murphy* by Debbie Schoppe

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*Mr. O'Hara* by Ross & Besh

*Catherine* by Grandma

*Laurie Springer* by Daughter & Granddaughter

*Constance Harbonic* by Larry Harbonic

*The Honorable William Hutchinson* by Louise Hutchinson

*Irene Pretko* by Colleen, Alex & Michael

*Marie Burns* by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Chernes

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*Christopher Farrara* by Nancy & Tugs Whitcraft

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*Thomas Dudash* by Barbara Dudash

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*Charlie Hoffman* by Marie & Tony Bellizi

*Catherine* by Dick & Dana Morgan

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*Barbara Whalen* by Robert Whalen

*Deb Bergen-Pleva* by Joe, Jacko, Carol Billus, Shannon Hede, Cheryl Walawender, Caroline McColl

*Teresa M. Swilp* by Helen & Paul Susarchick, Josephine & Beth Devlin

### BIRTHDAY HONORS

*Eva* by Eleanor Lynn, Norman White

*Jessica Dalton* by Kathy & Jack Dalton

*Wilfrieda Axsmith* by Ann Myers, Louise & Bill Pammer, Jacqueline & Henry Barducca, Linda McCormick, Patricia & Thomas Getz, Margaret Troup

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## MEMORIALS AND REMEMBRANCES

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*Terry Laubenstein* by Janet & Joe Pielacha

### SPECIAL HONORS

*Marjorie Gerber* by Jim Howat, Ed Leuchtner

*Leslie Adams Family* by Ed Leuchtner

*Mandy Coughlin* by Grandma Cheryl

*Sandy Rossi* by Bev, Sharon, Linda, Sara, Rachel

*Gloria Christman, Barbara Christman* by Mary Lou & Harold Kauffman

*Terry Laubenstein* by Joe & Janet Pielacha

*Sean Hanlon* by Tom & Anna Hanlon, Theresa Nelson, Tom Hanlon

*Lorraine Smith* by Bobbie Steever

*Ada Bindie, Barbara Bindie* by Paula & Jeff Sterbenz

*Lynda Bedford* by Dearborn Family

*Frank Birster & Shadow* by Kathryn Birster

*Robert Ebinger* by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Lado

*Jamie Smith* by John Smith

*Janet Pielacha* by Joseph Pielacha

*Linda Bedford* by Mr. & Mrs. James Rodman, Jr.

*Mary, Carolyn Marconis* by Rosemary Wetherill

*Marie Griffiths* by Bernadette Griffiths

*Cheryl Darmek, Keith Paul, Barbara Steep & Sophie, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Goetz, Emma & Potter, Dr. Diane Griede & Team, Dr. Jim & team, Marcus, Clover, VCA Sinking Spring Animal Hospital* by Prudence Precourt

*Bill & Deb Cake* by Martin Conlin

*Lyn Wychunas, Pam Thomas* by Schuylkill Medical Center East CCU

*Helen Delenick* by Linda Delenick

*Robert Seltzer*

*Aunt Tricia Moyer* by her Four-legged Nieces and Nephews

*Amy & Steve Eckert* by Cody

*Mary Beth Graf* by Mr. & Mrs. William Medley

*Jane & Bill Dornsife* by Paul Dornsife, Barbara & Joe

*Douglas Smith* by Emma & Harold Smith

*Rose & Joe Chiaretti & Lily, Harold & Theresa Smith & Teddy* by Jess, Nate, Jen, Jamie, Taylor, Jordan

*Barbara Christman* by Mary Lou Kauffman

*Gloria Christman* by Mary Harold Kauffman

*Lynda Bedford* by Mary Ellen Dearborn

*Paul & Linda Blake, Rodney & Jeannie Byrd, Harriet & Dennis Campbell, Tina Costello & Rick French, DA Gleaso, Diane & Bob Hall, Russell Howe-Smith, Marianna Stark & Dan Kimberg, Chris Kirchner, Ann Letizi & Dave Beatty, Jake McCann, Fran & Billy McElwee, Maryanne & Frank McGettigan, Stacey & Bruce McKenney, Gege & Mitch Stein, Bettie & Billy Strupp, Linda & Ralph Venafra, Allison Walker, Eileen & Jim Wallace, Tom & Gladys Wallace, Colleen & Jeff Wilkins, Michelle & Paul Miller, Wendy & Mark Miller, Marijo & Pat Montgomery, Clare & Steve Morrison, Mary Ann & Mike Mulfino, TJ & Lauren Nicolaidas, Toni Pirrone, Patti & Andy Reiver, Stacy & Alan Roth, Sally & Barry Rubinstein, Lisa & Larry Steinberg, Shari & Jon Seitz, Kristi Siebeneicher, Eileen & Michael Smith* by Kelly Wallace, Casey, Lily, Fred, Foster Fiona

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*Henry & Lois Wolfe* by Michele Hokien

*Beth & Chuck Crivella* by Mr. & Mrs. John Liddle

*Trudy Hewitt* by Marcia, Peggy & Sue Ellen

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*Joey* by Lisa Mayshock

*Pearl* by Michael Gower

*Tanker Smith* by Mr. & Mrs. William Rowan

*Mr. Fluffy* by Anita & Marty Dwyer

*Rufus, Gazmin* by Anthony & Elaine Romanek

*Peppy* by William Marks

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*Ziggy Umlauf & Buddies in Heaven* by Tricia Moyer  
Rascal, Tom-Tom by Joanna Stahl

*Emmy Ortiz* by Anonymous

*Sami, Gabby, Bailey, Mark, Dusty*

*Beaten Port Carbon Dog, Gabby Dreisbach* by Anonymous

*Buffy, Macy, Precious* by Wayne & Linda Transue

*Franco Dormer* by Ione Geier, Leslie Richardson, Robert Boyer, Barb & Joe, Hillside Residents

*Ziggy* by Zigmound Umlauf, Nadine Avenoso

*Bonnie & Clyde* by Kenny Molloy, Roberta Willow

*Rustle* by Kay, Dale, Wes, Kelsey Schwenk

*Tully* by Mary Ann Selinsky

*Mac* by Cujoe & Gracie

*Mugsey, Taffy & Emmitt* by Daniel & Patricia Patterson

*Brownie (Monkey Face)* by Kay & Dwight Collie

*Wolfgang* by Mommy

*Jo-Jo, Punky, Cuddles & Master Mark Brensinger* by Mary

*Shelby* by Charlene & Bob Shirley

*Phoebe, Jingles & Rusty* by Thomas & Georgia Jenkins

*Mama Bear* by Tod, Lynn & Tara Full

*Shelby* by Valerie Bieber Mertz

*Kayla* by Mike & Angie

*Sammy & Willie* by David & Tina Breiner

*Spot, Spike* by Molly & Eric Lunn

*Misty* by Rich Stock

*Cody & Snoopy Sepela* by Michelle Sepela

*Doogie, Baby* by Claude & Sheri Raudenbush

*Lucky* by Theresa Pellish

*Heidee* by Linda, Will & Valerie Hanson

*Rumeal, Cindy, Dakota, Maia, Rubin* by Doina Ganea

*Tyler, Lily, Dixie* by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Dirnberger

*Murphy* by John & Beverly Loftus

*Buttons, Lassie* by Carl Ney Jr.

*Pepper, Skippy, Scampy, Shane, Jad, Mandy, Pussycat, Pete, Jace, Brandy, Murph, Shanna, Brenna, Fallon, Hanna, Kearsey, Darby* by Rob & Dana Mansell

*Rivie* by Carl Gilbert

*Zane* by Claire Stancavage

*Sparkle* by Bob Longenberger

*Nellie* by Her Family

*Abby* by Ross & Besh

*Hillside Graduate Gromit* by His Family

*Bear Schreffler* by Mom & Dad

*Tobey, Darcey, Taffy* by Paul & Rene Hardnock

*Shelby* by Suzy & Brone Lo-bichusky

*All Senior Dogs* by M. Joy Valois

*Whiskers* by Len & Pat Walacavage

*Newbie* by Hsigh Family, Hillside Staff

*April* by John & Mary Pekarik

*Amber Labooty-Rosenberger* by Jerry & Mark, Barbara, Joe, Tricia, Hillside Staff

*Charlotte, Bridget, Lyon, Meridian, Teacup, Hooka, Mr. Black, Bryce, Hatch, Fanelli, Sherri, Alyska, Abree, Hank, Milano, Elsie, Spock, Amtrak, Village, Bake-Off, Cortez, Viola, Squeaks, Starshine, Mr. Maurer, Albert Ebert, Gizmo, Eating Contest, Albert Smokey, Kubota* by Those Who Really Miss You

*Cats, Kittens, Dogs & Puppies That Never Ever Had a Home* by Anonymous

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**BEFORE**

On President's Day, we took in a stray, extremely neglected dog, matted beyond comprehension, blind, and worst of all, tortured with a massive, severely infected growth on his — shall we say, "hiney". Pleas immediately went out to help assist "Mr. President". Within minutes, Missie Mattei of Miss Doolittles Dog Grooming, Pottsville, PA offered to help. She had an tough job on her hands, but hours later, photos posted on Facebook showed a remarkable change from a bedraggled, beat up and defeated creature to a handsome pure-bred Shih-Tzu.

A vet visit the next day confirmed our fears; the infected mass on his hind-end was a tumor which would have never occurred if he had been neutered. Euthanasia was recommended, but we could not euthanize a dog at that moment who had

been so clearly mistreated, neglected, and likely never loved; a dog thrown out to face his death alone, roaming a frigid mountainside, dodging speeding cars and hungry predators. Once again, Facebook came to the rescue; after posting this dog's story and pictures, Crystal Lutza stepped up.

Determined to give Mr. P. some love and security before his days were over, Crystal took Mr. President that evening, swaddled in his blankie, from the Hillside and headed home where he was met by kitties, doggies (including a pit bull adopted from us a few months earlier) and oodles of unconditional love. We salute Crystal and her family, Missie the groomer, and our terrific supporters whose outpouring of well-wishes, donations, and encouragement were nothing short of amazing. At almost any other shelter, this dog would have been put down immediately, but Mr. President deserved the best we could give him, and by golly, with an amazing feat of teamwork, he got it!

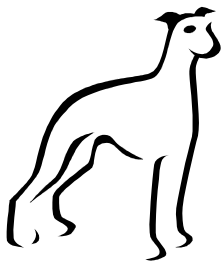
Sadly, Mr. P's condition continued to deteriorate and, unable to bring him comfort any longer, it was clear the inevitable time had come. On Feb. 25th at the vet's office, cradled in Crystal's arms and smothered with kisses, Mr. President crossed the Rainbow Bridge. The days he spent with Crystal and her family were a blessing, he was surrounded by love, love, and more love. Although we grieve at his passing, we take comfort in knowing we were able to help him in some way and that he knew true love before he left this world. May you rest in peace, 'Mr. President'.



**AFTER**



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