

Helping Hands



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Forever in our hearts

On March 20, 2016, the Hillside SPCA, the residents, and the animal world in general lost a best friend. Gary DiGiuseppe passed on to what I can only hope is a place that is more peaceful to both animals and humans. Our hearts are broken and I cannot even begin to express the loss we all feel.

Affectionately known as "Gary D", he was one of the funniest, most mysterious, quirky, highly intelligent, and compassionate men I have ever met. He was a king of "one-liners" and was easily the best story-teller ever to have graced us at Hillside.

He always had time to chat and entertain us with stories of his childhood or some school science experiment that went awry. He also embraced his "inner kid" as evidenced by water squirt gun fights in the summer and snow ball fights in the winter.

One of my most vivid memories of fun-loving Gary will be the day we were snowed in at the shelter and the staff went sledding down our back hill with a few dogs in our used up baby pools and trash can lids — a day I don't think any of us will forget with Gary.

Gary was Hillside's "fix it guy", "medicine man" "traffic director", "time sheet keeper", and "scheduler". Gary was such an all-around fixture at Hillside and in my life I often referred to him as my "work husband" — I cannot count the number of times I screamed Gary's name and he would come running (though he knew he was going to be grumbled at or the recipient of pent up frustration).

Gary was so many things to SO many people. Even if you never met him, chances are, if you have adopted a dog from Hillside, YOU have been affected by Gary's caring and kindness.



In Memorium
Gary DiGiuseppe

When asked the question, "What will you miss about him the most?" I will quote Gary, "Good gosh, I don't know?..." I will miss seeing his spoon in his work suit pocket (used for administering medication to squirming pets). I will miss seeing him standing at the bottom of the hill waiting for shelter manager Barbara and I to come back down the mountain from walks with the residents. I will miss his laughter, his loyalty, his jokes, and even though it

was so annoying (sorry Gary), I will miss him hanging up on me before I was done talking on the phone.

Gary was a true friend to the Hillside SPCA for nine years. I cannot believe he is really gone. The loss is absolutely immeasurable. He had a favorite dog at the shelter, Diesel. To realize that "Big D" won't ever be tossed a hamburger by Gary again, or not see Gary ever going down the road walking Big D is overwhelmingly sad.

Barbara told me something years ago and I quote, "If you leave this world loved, then you are lucky." I know that Gary was loved by many and especially by those of us at the Hillside; we are a family here. We love the dogs and cats in our care like our own, and we love our co-workers the same way.

We lost a family member the day we lost Gary and that loss will be with us every moment. The day Gary came through the doors of Hillside was a very lucky day for all of us. Gary, you will live in our hearts forever.

~ Tricia Moyer-Mentzer,
Assistant Canine Mgr.



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I hear with my heart

My name is Brittany. I am five years old, a terrier mix, and I am looking for my forever home.

I love people and I am house-trained. But I do have something that makes me a “special needs” kind of gal — I was born deaf.

I get so sad wondering if that is why no one wants me. I have been at Hillside for one whole year waiting every day for the joyous moment that I get a home so I can love and be loved by my own special person.

My shelter mommies and dads all love me and are wonderful to me but they are sad, too, because I can't play with all the



dogs in the yard due to my deafness — I get SO scared.

I see other dogs running, jumping, and playing, but my fear means I have to stay near my kennel.

Don't get me wrong, my “people” here take good care of me and I go on many walks, but I really am lonely in some ways.

I would do so well in a home as an only pet — I would not be so scared! I promise to be a good dog and be yours forever — please, I'm waiting. I may

not be able to hear your voice, but I know someone special out there hears my plea.

If you have place in your heart and home for Brittany, we encourage you to visit us and get to know this sweet girl.

YES! I want to be a part of helping “Joe’s Fund” save lives!

Enclosed is my gift of:

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Your Name:

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A thousand thanks

As I write this, my staff and I are overwhelmed by so many animals coming to the shelter; neglected, pregnant, abandoned, experiencing severe medical problems...on and on it goes. **YOU** provide us with inspiration because your support of Joe's Fund allows us to change their lives. I truly cannot imagine life without your help and I don't ever want to.

We have broken all records since starting Joe's Fund nearly 10 years ago concerning our ability to spay and neuter. 98% of the animals we take in are not spayed or neutered when they come to us — a tragedy, because so many of them have already had many litters which have been given or sold to all the wrong people. These animals eventually come to us after being abused and neglected and are now left as our problem.

I would like to tell you about just a few of the many animals you have rescued. First is Bella, a sweet, loving beagle given away by her owner to a man who had her for two weeks when, in a fit of rage, poured a pot of boiling water on her. The pain she endured was excruciating,



and we were not even sure she could be saved. But you did it! She survived treatment and a stay at the hospital. Amazingly, through it all, Bella remained a sweet dog who looked at you with pure love even during her treatments. She will never regain her fur on 70% of her body. A wonderful family who adores beagles saw her on the internet and didn't care that she will never be a magazine cover model. She is now a permanent member of their loving family. Thank you!

Haven is a seven-year-old pit bull who was turned in because she couldn't be



bred anymore and was of "no use" to her owner. Severely underweight, no fur on her back due to untreated allergies, and never petted or loved, Haven thought the shelter was heaven. Along came a remarkable person whose heart broke when she saw Haven's picture. Haven's adopter recently visited Hillside to show us how Haven looks now, and we all cried with joy — she is beautiful and her tail never stopped wagging. Thank you!

Novia, a beautiful cat who came in two years ago, had to have her eye removed because a person viciously jabbed it with a stick. She is still waiting for her forever



home. The situation for cats is heartbreaking because of the sheer number of homeless cats. Un-spayed female cats can give birth to up to SIX litters a year — and "kitten season" is now upon us. They come to us in an endless stream. Spaying and neutering can end this — it should be a law for cat owners!

There are so many stories, I could go on and on — it would turn into a book the size of a dictionary. I may be tiring you with my repeated "thank you's" but please bear with me — I am truly obsessive and compulsive about keeping Joe's Fund working to save lives, and because of that, I can never thank you enough. I often cannot find a way to express to you how much I cherish you for making it possible to save our buddies, so I will simply say it again... "THANK YOU!"

With the greatest of love and appreciation, *Barbara, Joe and Buddies*

Special Note

In our last newsletter we asked our supporters for help for Benji, a four month old Shih-tzu in need of life-saving extensive surgery.

Your response was amazing! Benji has found his forever home and is doing extremely well -- thanks to 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. Our calendar of events is ever growing. Visit our website or Facebook page for current information, updates and additions. Hope to see you there!

May 1 – Bow Wow Express, Kempton, PA. Trains depart at 1PM, 2PM, 3PM, and 4PM.

May 1 – Craft Show at Hometown Farmer's Market, Hometown, PA. 9AM to 4PM.

May 21 – Kielbasi Festival, Shenandoah, PA. 9AM to 5PM.

May 21 – Hillside SPCA Spring Craft and Vendor Show at the Fairlane Village Mall, Pottsville, PA. 10AM to 7PM. For vendor info contact Josi at 570-590-7085.

May 27-30 – Memorial Day Weekend Merchandise Sale at Big Lots, Frackville, PA. 10AM to 5PM daily.

June 5 – Paw Prints on the Canal, Northampton, PA. 11AM to 4PM.

June 19 – Tamaqua Summer Festival, Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA. 9AM to 5PM.

June 27 – Celebration @ The Station, Pottsville, PA. 9AM to 7PM.

July 1-4 – 4th of July Sale at Big Lots, Frackville, PA. 10AM to 5PM daily.

July 16 – Ringtown Yard Sale, Ringtown, PA. 7AM to 2 PM.

Aug 1-6 – Schuylkill County Fair, Summit Station, PA. Fair Hours.

Aug 20 – Pioneer Day, Ashland, PA. 9AM to 5PM.

Aug 27 – Heritage Day, Shenandoah, PA. 9AM to 5PM.

Sept 2-5 – Labor Day Sale at Big Lots, Frackville, PA. 10AM to 5PM daily.

Sept 11 – Golf Tournament, White Birch Golf Course, Barnesville, PA.

Sept 11 – Fall Craft Show at Hometown Farmer's Market, Hometown, PA. 9AM to 4PM.

Sept 24 – Schuylkill Haven Borough Day, Schuylkill Haven, PA. 9AM to 4PM.

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. Tickets can be purchased at all fundraising events or by contacting Josi at 570-590-7085. Drawings are May 14, Aug 6, and Dec 18, 2016

These, and many, MANY more animals in all shapes, sizes, and ages are waiting patiently for a loving, forever home. The Hillside SPCA is open 7 days a week. Photos and details of many more pets available, our business hours, and door-to-door driving directions can be found on our website at www.hillsidespca.com. Our companion page to our main website is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hillsidespca. Join us there for even more news and information about the shelter, pet care, animals in need, events, and much more.



Punky Brewster



Bronda



Sage



Olive



Ferris



Gigi



Samson



Peaches



Rilla



Sugar

*Waiting for
a home.*

Every dog has their day

Brody is a very special pet who found two very special people. Tina, Brody's new "mom", tells us their life-changing story.

My husband, Ed, and I, were ready to add a new member to our family last year after Jazz, our cherished dog, endured the loss of his best friend, "big brother," and our beloved "son" Shadow, in 2011.

Three months after losing Shadow, Jazz was diagnosed with oral melanoma — not once, but twice in two years. Chemotherapy and removal of a small part of his jaw left Jazz with permanent kidney problems but they were finally under control. We, and Jazz, were ready for a new family member. I've always relied on my instincts when adding pets to our home; they've never failed me.

I host a television show, *A Close-Up Look at Animal Welfare Issues*, and had two dedicated women as my guests - Barbara Umlauf, Executive Director of Hillside SPCA, and Janine Choplick, Hillside SPCA Humane Officer.

Little did I know then that, years later, the relationship we formed would change not only our lives but the life of a young puppy who endured immeasurable cruelty at a very young age. During my lifetime animals and I have always found a path toward each other, which is why I never actively looked for a new best friend, and this young boy was no exception.

I received a message from Janine regarding an abused puppy who had to have his front leg amputated as a result of abuse he suffered at the hands of his former owner. After reading her words, I knew he was meant for us. Mere minutes after meeting Brody my husband and I fell in love and knew he was destined to be in our family.

Brody adored and respected Jazz and always wanted to be with him. Their relationship was short-lived due to the unexpected and sudden death of Jazz

only three months after Brody became a part of our family.

Jazz's death overwhelmed me with grief. Brody instinctively gave me the space I needed yet at the same time, his very presence has been a great source of healing. Grieving for a pet and taking care of a new pet is a balancing act and that is how I describe Brody. Not only has he learned to balance himself on three legs but his independent and bigger-than-life personality, along with loving Ed and me equally, is a balancing act — one that he is conquering.

I knew Brody was very special and having him in our lives has proven just how extraordinary and unique he really is. Ed and I swear this "tripawd" is part human! When it was time to take Jazz to the vet to end his suffering that fateful morning in June of last year, I bent down to eye level with Brody. In that unforgettable moment, Brody placed his front paw on me and stared intensely into my eyes. Nothing but pure silence after he had been crying so loudly to be with us during Jazz's final moments at home. His gaze into my eyes felt like a human looking back at me, consoling and reassuring me.

Still, it took months before Brody would trust us implicitly. He slept at our front and back doors and it was determined he was tied to those doors and kept on a leash when inside by his former owner. He was also tied up outside in all types of weather and even tethered to a car door. Brody loves car rides but he always stops short of jumping inside when we leave. Instead, he lies down alongside the car where he waits for my husband to pick him up and place him on my lap.

This ball of energy now enjoys countless adventures far from the abuse and neglect he endured in his past. He's



been mesmerized by the sights and sounds on a big boat in the Atlantic Ocean, snow, daily walks and seeing squirrel, birds as they fly overhead and just trying to figure out how things work. He has learned numerous tricks and even understands words and sentences. He especially enjoys watching animals

on nature programs. And this little guy loves to play! He throws his ball to us when he's ready and will hang onto a rope with his mouth and spin himself. Brody doesn't allow his disability to stop him from doing anything.

I couldn't imagine a more perfect dog for us. At times when I look at his missing limb, I get so angry that he had to lose it over something that never should've happened. At the same time, I'm so thankful Hillside SPCA helped this little guy to live. Without the removal of his leg, Brody would not have survived. Because of the caring people at Hillside and those that support the shelter, Brody was able to have a second chance at life.

Amputation is costly and Hillside bears the burden of those costs. Sadly, Brody isn't Hillside's only case where amputation has been necessary. Without help from the public, they wouldn't be able to save lives like Brody. I want Hillside to know Brody will never know what abuse is again and only know what it is to be loved as he should have been from the start! I simply can't thank Janine enough for making our family complete!

Thank you, Hillside for all that you do for animals.

Mission: rescue and save

This last year has been a busy time both in and out of our feline quarters. We've helped so very many cats and each has its own special story.

We've rescued cats that would otherwise have been abandoned by their owners; injured cats; stray cats with babies; cats that would have met unimaginable fates. The good news though is that there *IS* good news. All cats we took in that have not yet been adopted are safe, possibly for the first time in their lives.



Cute Kiki's owner passed away. She went to live with a relative, who after a short while, decided he no longer wanted her. Kiki had been on a daily dosage of anti-seizure medication and her new owner had no desire to keep giving it to her; hence, Kiki's arrival at Hillside.

Thanks to Joe's Fund, a series of blood work was done which determined how much and how often she needed to be medicated. Kiki is seizure free while on the medicine, and deserves to spend her remaining years in a home where medicating her will be done with plenty of care and love.

A scrawny five-week-old kitten came to us with eyes pasted shut and fear of being handled. No wonder she was frightened — little Feta could see nothing for who knows how long! In time, her foster mom brought her eyesight back. To overcome Feta's fear of people, she was held with loving hands for hours at a time.

Feta, now back at Hillside, is one of our official "office cats" along with Hobbes, a handsome, orange boy who came in with eight other cats, the result of an owner who was way over his town's code limit. Office-goers need to



watch their steps! Feta and Hobbes love to wrestle and spar while waiting for their forever homes.

Flower was only six-weeks-old, motherless and thin as a rail when she arrived. With no sign of other kittens in the vicinity where she was found, we were very sad. We never did learn the



fate of her siblings or her mother. Flower is a true survivor. She overcame a tough respiratory infection and now happily struts in her condo, managing to pounce on any snoozing cats she spots. What a delightful pet little five-month-old Flower will make for someone!

Handsome, long-time resident Carter was a grumpy boy when he came to us. We surmised that he rarely, if ever, had a gentle hand placed on his head. We never thought he'd accept the warmth and love our feline staff offered him every day. It took time, and now Carter actually seeks an ear scratch or belly rub from staff and visitors alike. We hope a visitor will take Carter home soon, where he will be scratched and rubbed all day!



**"My mission
is to rescue.**

**My dream is
that one day,
I won't have to."**

Memorials and Honors

Memorials/Remembrances

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Special Honors

Barbara Umlauf & Dana the dog by Tricia Moyer-Mentzer

William A. Wadsworth by Sandra Wadsworth

Kay Lubold by Debra Mainiero

Judi Leventhal by Kristine Shafer

Joe Parnell by Christine Cipoletti

Rick & Joanne Purcell by Elizabeth & Thomas Schmoyer

The O'Hayer Grandchildren & Extended Family by Jeanne O'Hayer

Samme by Josie Honus

Margie Gerber by Jim Howat

Ed Leuchtner by Jim Howat, Marilyn Boone

Our Wedding Guests by Francine Silvoy

Julianne Schenck (for Benji) by Susan Schenck

Ms. Martie Hetherington by Stephanie Hetherington

Aunt Carole & Jerry by Zeke Ferguson

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Ziva by Kenneth H. Ridenour

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Our Fur Babies by Eileen Tarconish

Joni Seile by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Weiner

Tia Carl by Rebecca Elo

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Molly & Shamus by Peggie Bond

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Joe Parnell by Christine Cipoletti

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Barbara Fahy by Sarah Fuchs

Carolyn Brooks by Sarah Fuchs

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Theodore by Barbara & Joe

Michelle Steranko by Jane Steranko

Memorials and Honors

Pet Memorials & Honors

Smokey by Tricia, Barbara, Joe & Hillside staff & buddies

Esther by Tricia, Barbara, Joe & Hillside staff & buddies

Abbie by Tricia, Corey, Archie & Hillside staff

Smeagle by Barbara, Paul, Joe, Hillside buddies & Staff, Sallee Umlauf

Murffy, Jesse & Casey by Joanne Bucci & Cynthia Patterson

Katie by The Hopkins Family

Mini by Gary Ziegler & The Arnold Family

Maude by Gary Ziegler, Barbara, Joe & buddies

Rocco by Sallee Umlauf

Our Hillside "Children" Past & Present by Gayle Majewski

Maria, Gino, Samantha, Cleo & Chloe by Randi Pisani & Renee Pisani Matrishion

Rocky & Sadie Krebs by Aaron, Barbara, Joe & buddies

Buddy by Amy, Ann & Jake Andruscavage

Misha & Bailey by The Hampford Family

Dog & Katona by Daddy, Kandi, Kita, all the kitties, & Brenda

King & Jack by Mary & Charles Menapace

Marsha by Denny, Carol, Barbara, Joe, Lucky & Hillside Alumni

Ethel by Mary Anne Selinsky & buddies

Paullie by Jan & Steve Kurtek

Boots by Alyssa & Brian Lada

Corky by Sylvia Cunningham

Gabby by Bonnie & Michael Yanuskiewicz

Buka & Hershey by Josie Honus

Zeke by Theresa Luckenbill

All of God's Precious Animals by Louise Harrison

Molly by Darrell & Janet Turner

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Kirby by Richard Bindie, M.D.

Otis by John Fekery

Patches, Tigger & Garfield by Tina & Kim Beckley

Catherine, the Saint Bernard by David Herb

Tess, Tabitha & Cindy by Maryann Sworen

Squeaky by Walter Quade

Bailey Gronski by Bill & Sandy Tunnessen

Lily Wallace by Kelly Wallace

Sugar by Lisa McKeown

Jethro by Jason Lettich

Zachary by Bonnie & Michael Yanuskiewicz

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Lily by Eileen Wallace

Pavy by Suzy, Joe & Brone Lobichusky

Angel, Brandy, Cody, Dakota, Quiche & Samantha by Patricia Palubinsky

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Fred by Joe & Mary Kostingo

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Angus & Cocoa by Joe, Pat & Doug Taglieri

Daisy by Rich & Jennifer Enders

Timber & Max by Steve & Sharon Thomas

Freida by Donna Pyle

Mindy by Carol & Bob Ruff

Two of the Best Chocolate Labs Ever by Dr. Jeff & Kathy Narmi

Buddy by Deb Donahue

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Maggie & Jasmine by Mary Schaeffer

Jett by Lee Sell

Snuggles by Anna M. Brennan

Shmootzi by Joyce Ann Ebling

Kitty & Sparkle by Joan D. Snyder

Our Fur Buddies by Eileen Tarconish

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Shelly by Maryann & Vince Reilly

Lito by Jarrod Bodnar & Sara Pastor, Mike & Barbara Bodnar

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Teak, the Rosary Dog by Cindy Tancredi

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Daisy by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Chernes

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Scout by Allison & Malcolm Schacter

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Rudy by Virginia Sisak

Chase by Bill & Sandy Tunnessen

Beaudette Shilkoski by The Lynch Family

Tig by Don & Linda Lindenmuth

Wish List

We appreciate donations any time of year. We ask you bring your items to the shelter during regular business hours.

- › Non-adjustable dog collars (any size), leashes, dog and cat beds, brushes, combs, grooming supplies
- › Gently used towels/blankets for bedding
- › Canned dog and cat food, kitten food, stainless steel dog bowls
- › Cat toys, scratching posts, condos, dog toys, kongs, chew treats
- › Gift cards (Petco, PetSmart, Walmart, grocery stores, etc.)
- › Cleaning supplies (bleach, laundry detergent, paper towels, brooms, dust pans)
- › Postage stamps, office supplies
- › Monetary donations to help purchase whatever is most needed at the time.
- › Volunteers (at the shelter, for fundraising events)

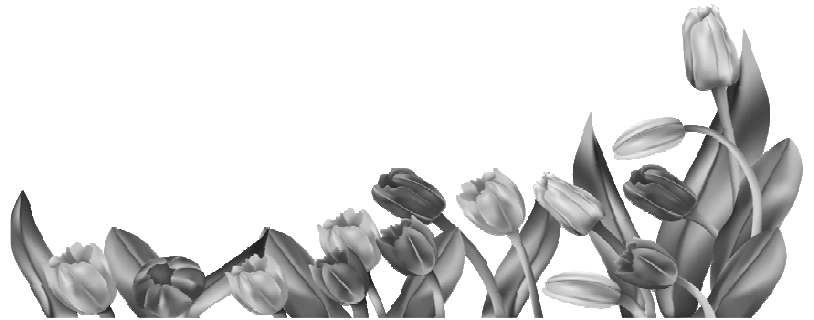
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Thank you.

Cat Nap



Obviously, cat napping is Merv's favorite past time. He takes advantage of almost anything that is immobile, be it hard or soft, high or low, to grab a few winks. Don't be fooled, though, by Merv's laid-back appearance. In his waking hours his energy is boundless, especially when he tussles with his many wary cat mates. No wonder he needs his cat naps!

Handsome Merv would be so, so happy if he could nap in his very own forever home!



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compassionate,
you must act."**

~ Amy Bartell

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