

# Helping Hands

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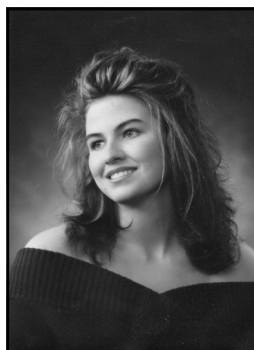
As I write this, it is 1:30 a.m. the morning of February 27<sup>th</sup> – the date last year when my daughter, Caroline, entered the hospital for treatment of a broken ankle and the last time I ever spoke with her.

At 10:30 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> I left her for the evening. Surgery was scheduled for the morning and she had given me a laundry list of items to bring for her when I came back before her operation.

At 2:00 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup>, I received a phone call that made my blood run cold; the hospital was calling to tell me Caroline was “crashing” and to come to the hospital as quickly as possible.

In my haze and horror, I told them they had the wrong mother; I

thought they made a mistake. Then they told me she had been moved to the Intensive Care Unit, and we left for the hospital immediately.



Caroline

When we arrived and walked into the room, I was completely unprepared for the shock. Caroline was on full life support and in a coma. Little did I ever know when I left her only hours before it would be our last time together. After eight agonizing days of watching her slipping away and leaving us, Caroline passed away on March 7<sup>th</sup>. I still can't think of it without screaming.

My son Joe's birthday is February 21<sup>st</sup>, and now having lost both my children I am in a state of emotional turmoil. People suggested I consider participating in grief therapy, but you are my therapists and your support of Joe and Caroline's Spay/



Joe

Neuter & Emergency Fund provides miracles by keeping our buddies alive and it also keeps me alive. There are truly no words I can find to fully express my heartfelt thank

you for being there for us.

I feel so close to you, their fund's supporters who have saved so many lives. Just one of the miracles you have created through your friendship and love is the second chance at life for Diddy, a 10-year-old shepherd mix recently deliberately, and callously, shot directly in the face near his right eye with a .38 caliber handgun. The shooter fled the apartment of Diddy's owner — and so did Diddy.

Running the streets, severely wounded and bleeding profusely, Diddy was located with the help of police from the City of Pottsville

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Pee Wee



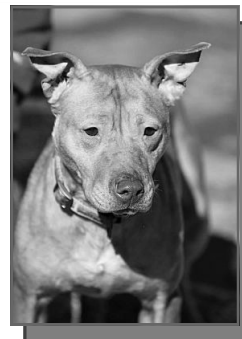
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Visit us seven days a week and find a new forever friend from among the many, many animals awaiting a loving, permanent home. We welcome out-of-area adopters with proper references. See our website or phone us at 570-622-7769 for more information. Driving directions and hours for adoption are available on our website at [www.hillsidepca.com](http://www.hillsidepca.com).

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(Pa.). Hillside was notified and a representative rushed to the scene to assist with Diddy.

The shooter and weapon were located, he was questioned by police, subsequently admitted to shooting Diddy, was arrested and charged with numerous counts, including aggravated cruelty to an animal, and remanded to Schuylkill County Prison.



Diddy, facial wound nearly healed

The cruelty of this act was beyond comprehension. What pain and terror Diddy must have experienced!

News of this heinous and unprovoked shooting spread rapidly far and wide across social media and TV news stations. The public was outraged over the incident and its circumstances and very adamant in their pleas to help Diddy!

Upon learning about Diddy, I talked to my Joe and Caroline (I do that all the time...) and pledged that we would save him. Taken immediately to a veterinarian, Diddy's condition was grave. He had experienced profuse bleeding and was suffering from pneumonia as a result of aspiration of his blood. In addition, the surgeons experienced difficulty removing fragments of the bullet from his face.

Monitored around the clock, on IVs and antibiotics, Diddy fought to survive. His treatment was going to

run into the thousands of dollars that Hillside's Joe & Caroline's Fund would bear the burden of covering, but it was clear that our mission was to give him every chance he deserved and our supporters stepped up to help immediately.

As the days progressed, Diddy started to show signs of recovery; walking, eating, drinking, going outside were all significant steps. After several days, he was released from the hospital

to continue his path to recovery.

Now in a loving home, Diddy will likely have permanent right side facial paralysis and loss of sight in his right eye as a result of his injuries. In addition, this poor guy was found to have testicular tumors (which could have been completely avoided had he been neutered) that will be treated in the near future.

We almost lost Diddy, but we all did it together — we saved a precious life and Diddy is now spending his days in the most wonderful home he could have ever dreamed of! We now hope that justice shall be done concerning the evil monster who shot Diddy.

I was so overwhelmed with all the support for Diddy that I cried both with joy and sadness — sadness that he suffered so but joy that we were able to give him a second chance at life and love. Children, adults, individuals, families, and businesses gave gifts and had fund-raising

events to help us with the cost of Diddy's care through Joe and Caroline's Spay/Neuter & Emergency Fund.

Diddy's care was expensive and many other shelters would have immediately put him to sleep, but at Hillside, we have vowed that every animal that enters our doors deserves everything we can do for them and the reason we can make that promise is because of **you** and **your** support. **YOU** are the reason we are able to say, "Yes! We CAN help!"

It would fill a book trying to name all of the precious lives saved through your gifts and your contributions to Hillside and to Joe and Caroline's Fund. Each year, I think, "It cannot get any worse." but each year proves me wrong, and this year was one of the worst years ever for dealing with cruelty cases in our history. The amount and scope of cases were far above and beyond anything that I, and my loving but totally exhausted staff, have ever witnessed. So you can see just how very much your loyalty and support means now more than ever.

Please, always be proud of yourselves for all you have done for our buddies, you truly do make a difference! I send a very special thank you from me, Joe, Caroline, and all of us at the Hillside for your love and support. And thank you for listening to me, my therapists.

*I will love and cherish you forever and ever,*

*Barbara, Joe, Caroline & Buddies*

**YES! I want to help continue the miracles of Joe & Caroline's Fund!**

Enclosed is my gift of:

\$200\_\_ \$100\_\_ \$50\_\_ \$25\_\_  
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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to: Hillside SPCA, Inc.,  
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# Family Matters

Our newsletters often tell of emotionally wrenching cases of cruelty and neglect, woes of an over-populated facility, or the triumphant joy that comes when an animal who has waited so long finally finds their forever home. What you rarely read about is our staff – more importantly, *the families* that support our shelter staff.

Hillside SPCA staff do not hold typical “9 to 5 day jobs”. You never know from day to day when they will be home or if a new furry friend will be tagging along when they do arrive. You don't know what joys or sorrows encompassed their day. You never know when, or at what hour, the phone will ring or a text message will come through – then on go the boots and off they go again. Family and social events are missed, get-togethers and holiday celebrations are planned accordingly to the shelter's needs.

Working at the Hillside is not just time spent “playing with” or caring for the animals in residence; it is embracing those who are unwanted, tossed aside, neglected and abused. It is seeing the good in every animal that comes through the door. It's gaining the trust of an animal whose owner can no longer keep them, for whatever reason. It's an understanding that is gained; a mutual respect for the animals as well as respect of the staff for each other.

The mission of the Hillside SPCA, the job, and the drive to make things better is a true part of the staff and at times it's all consuming. The bond that is created among staff is indescribable. It's a feeling and purpose no one can easily ex-

plain. It is who they are and it gets into their soul. They are the rescuers – the ones that rarely, if ever, see a light at the end of the tunnel yet venture back into that tunnel every day.

The families that stand behind Hillside staff are proud of them and the work they do. We know they are giving their all to make sure each and every animal they can save will be saved. As the people in their lives that love them dearly, we share in the triumphs of a good day and console them as best we can on a bad day.

We live in homes filled with dirty paw prints and nose smudges on the glass and fur balls on the floor. We are never quite sure how many four-legged family members we will have and when we try to set a limit we are met with a sweet smile and a non-committal, “Okay...”

Sometimes, we wonder *why* – why do these people we love and care for so much keep doing what they do? The hours are difficult, the heart ache never ending, and their efforts are often subjected to harsh criticism from those who unfairly sit in judgment.

Volunteers and donors often visit the shelter and remark to them, “I could never do what you do!” But we know why they do it – they do it because it is who they are. Even when it seems the bad forever outweighs the good, they smile and set their sights on the next adoption, the next life saved, the next “good day”.

Our hope is that others will see that these people we so love are truly dedicated and willing to do what many others would not. We hope everyone can understand some “bad days” are harder to hide than others and ask for your patience during those times. And we ask that you join us in supporting our family members that help make Hillside SPCA a truly unique shelter!

~ Families of Hillside Staff

**The mission is to rescue.  
The dream is that one day,  
we won't have to.**



**Fundraising!**

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**May 6 & November 4, 2018**  
**Bow Wow Express**  
**WK&S Railroad, Kempton, PA**  
 40-minute ride with your furry friends! Photographer on-site. All dogs must be on a leash.  
 Reservations not required, Trains depart 1, 2, 3, & 4 p.m. Adults: \$10, Children (3-11): \$5, Age 2 and under: FREE, Four-Legged Kids: \$2. All proceeds from furry friend tickets will be donated to Hillside SPCA.  
 Details: 610-756-6469  
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## ALL PAWS SALUTE

### Hillside SPCA's volunteers – our unsung heroes!



April is National Volunteer Month and volunteerism is very much alive and well at the Hillside SPCA.

On any given day Hillside SPCA is filled not only with constant activity, but with shifting emotions going from joyful elation, to worry and concern, to sadness in just minutes. As our shelter manager, Barbara, often says, "If this was a reality show, no one would believe it!"

Reading our newsletter or online postings give just a tiny insight into this emotional rollercoaster ride. Many times volunteers who are spending a few hours at the shelter are first-hand witnesses to the good, and not so good, heart-tugging moments that occur throughout any day.

People remark they don't know how we do it, even saying we are "heroes", but it is our steadfast volunteers who are often the first to pitch in and lend a helping hand no matter what may be asked or needed.

Our volunteers are of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Helping homeless animals is their close-to-the-heart chosen cause, and though they may feel their contribution is but a drop in the bucket, those many drops make waves!

Volunteers expect nothing in return and carry out a myriad of tasks with care and dedication. Miracle workers like these are always a welcome physical presence at Hillside, and there are many more invisible angels "behind the scenes".

Volunteers walk dogs in snow and numbing wind, drenching rain, and summer heat. Endless numbers of dishes are washed and litter pans scrubbed clean. Vet appointments, building maintenance and kennel repairs, pet food runs, comforting frightened and lonely animals, fostering those in need, snapping and sharing stunning photos, raking leaves, pulling weeds, plowing snow, taming ice, collecting and delivering donations, and providing vehicle maintenance are but a few ways our volunteers lend an invaluable hand.

Families, individuals, civic organizations, churches, schools and students, workplaces, neighborhoods and friends share their precious time and make a wonderful difference by helping with educational outreach, organizing and running donation drives, helping raise money for unexpected emergency care for an unfortunate animal, manning an outreach table, and planning special events. The simple act of passing along pictures and information of a precious animal in need of a home via the internet is important, too!

This generosity and kindness touches our lives and the lives of our animals every day. Every single one of these amazing people have changed this world for the better forever. Volunteers, with our appreciation, love, and respect, you are



OUR heroes. Please accept this all paws salute sent out with deep appreciation to our loyal volunteers, supporters, and adopters without whom we simply would not be able to do what we do!



#### Interested in volunteering?

If you are at least 14 years of age (or can be accompanied by an adult guardian if younger), love cats, kittens, puppies, and dogs, feel a tug at your heart thinking of unwanted, abused or abandoned animals, have reliable transportation, and have some spare time days, evenings, or weekends — you are an excellent candidate for becoming a volunteer for the Hillside SPCA!

We have volunteer openings working both directly at the shelter and behind the scenes for many events and activities. Stop by the shelter during our normal business hours to apply in person as a volunteer.

**Let us know your interests and skills, and we will find just the right matchup for you!**

# Step Into the Dark Side



(left to right) Blackie, Nummy, and MeNow

*(Disclaimer: This article contains generalizations, personal opinions, and feline stereotypes.)*

It's a fact: many people dislike cats. It's true. According to a *TIME Magazine* Public Policy Polling study in 2013, 52% of Americans preferred dogs to 21% who preferred cats. In reality, we didn't need a poll to illustrate that, when it comes to the battle of the species, cats just don't stand a chance. For those of us who work in animal rescue, it's a reality that is just too obvious to ignore.

Here's another fact: black cats are not only born into a life-long sentence of cultural stigma, but they are also the least likely to be adopted. Why? Believe it or not, the answer is that most people still believe in

antiquated superstitions and feline hocus-pocus.

These things being said, allow me to speak for those of us who have given our hearts to black cats and will permanently reside on the "dark side".

Ask any black cat lover and they will tell you that black cats are, by far, the most chill. Yes, it is perpetuating cat-stereotypes, but many of us feel calicos are "feisty", white cats are "prissy", orange cats are "goof-balls", and tabbies are basically the "all-around-town" cool cat.

Aside from being the chilliest cats on the cat-tree, black cats also come with a tinge of badness that is just too irresistible; the kind of mischief that makes you smirk instead of scream.

Think Patrick Swayze's character "Johnny" in *"Dirty Dancing"* — just too good at being bad...and we really don't care. Take it from me; "Johnny-cats" are where it's at.

From a veteran (and current) black cat owner to those of you who are still living in "black cats are bad luck land", I encourage you to set aside your biases and take the plunge into the "dark side".

Whether you are looking to just chill or take a walk on the wild side with a renegade bad boy with good hair, adopting a black cat will completely change your life — and your heart — because it has surely changed mine.

## Two Peas in a Pod



How cute are these two kittens? They are cuter than cute can be, as are the several others available for adoption at Hillside.

We've had a small but steady flow of kittens arriving during the winter, which is unusual to say the least. We are hoping spring and summer will be just as unusual, but in the opposite way than normal — far less numbers than spring and summer normally bring.

Our efforts over the years to promote spaying and neutering have resulted in small reductions of unwanted kitten births, but we still have a long way to

go. We know you have supported us in this effort and we are hoping you continue to do so.

Keep telling your friends, family, neighbors — everyone — spaying and neutering results in healthier pets and, above all, less animals without homes!

# Fab Foursome Finds Forever Home

Every animal that comes through the shelter doors has a story, some filled with tragedy or sadness, but some have a happy new beginning, whether they live their lives here being loved by the staff and volunteers or get adopted.

Scooter and Munchie, two Chihuahuas, won the hearts of workers and volunteers throughout their nearly year long stay. Gentle and



Scooter & Munchie

sweet, they were deeply bonded to one another so we insisted they stay together when adopted.

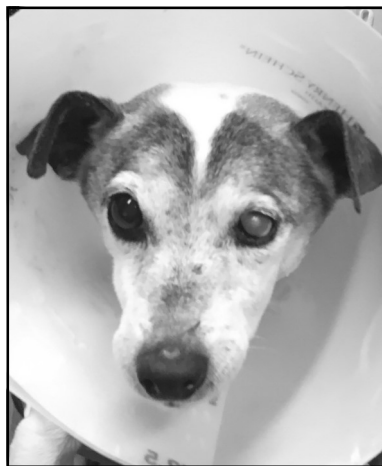
Victims of neglect, they came to us in rough shape. Scooter's coat was sparse from untreated fleas and suspected allergies. He was lethargic, thin, and his teeth were in need of care. A sweet boy who only looked to be held and loved, that demeanor remains to this day.

His little "brother" Munchie was in much the same poor physical condition as Scooter. A bit more tentative about meeting new people, he soon learned how wonderful gentle touches and real love felt. He blossomed with familiar friends and often rolled over for a belly rub.

Both boys began to thrive and heal with TLC by the staff and volunteers and loved it here. "The boys" became ambassadors for Hillside and were often seen at fundraisers, events, and educational visits to

local schools and day cares. They became seasoned "travelers" and enjoyed meeting people and representing Hillside SPCA.

Bailey, a senior Jack Russell gal, previously lived a very uncomfortable and painful life. She arrived here as a stray, picked up from the middle of a rural roadway by a kind passerby. Her condition was grave. She had a huge bloody sore on her back, a large tumor on the base of her tail, was blind in one eye, thin, disoriented and in discomfort. She was whisked off immediately to the vet. The sore began to heal with proper treatment and as weeks



Bailey

passed Bailey's discomfort decreased and she began to truly enjoy life once again. She mingled with our other dogs, sought attention from her human friends and, best of all, she enjoyed her food!

Taco, a senior Chihuahua, was abandoned in a house with three other housemates. All were in need of medical attention, kindness, and care. Taco came to the shelter a bit disoriented and his fur was dull and sparse in spots. To our horror one night after hours, the Hillside canine quarters was broken into and Taco and his housemates were

stolen from the shelter! Thankfully, with the assistance of local police, they were all brought back safely within hours. They were placed in



Taco

foster homes where Taco thrived. On visits back to the shelter his coat was full and shiny, he was alert and happy, and he barked to greet familiar human friends.

These dogs were all considered "senior"; many potential adopters looked at them but no one chose them. People would often wrinkle their noses and say, "too old" or "I don't want two, can't you separate them?" Our hearts always broke as people turned away — and then it finally happened.

Trudy and Ivan Hewitt, a wonderful couple who have adopted many Hillside dogs over the years, stepped up once again to help. These wonderful folks have taken in many pets in dire need of continued care and those in their "golden years." No dog's need was ever too burdensome for them and age never mattered — their hearts and home were open to those in need and once again they opened them to welcome this foursome in to their loving, forever home. We wish you all the best!



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## Memorials, Remembrances & Honors

**Bernard Walasavage** by Barbara Vivic

**Kevin Kinder** by Lori Pickford

**Charles Stancavage** by Bob & Judy Stancavage-Arnold

**Nancy C. Stoico** by Lisa McKeown

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**Albert Boscov** by Pat Keating

**Kay Lubold** by Barbara Bright

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**Joanne Petravage** by Nicole & Heath Bowers, Ann Marie & Walter Kryston, Marianne Lane, Barbara A. Schaeffer, Rochelle Angelo

**Geo Rizzard** by Judith Doyle

**Douglas** by Barbara Fahy & Buddies

**Ed Brennan, Sr.** by Ed Brennan, Jr & Sherill Brennan

**Lavern Hughes, Ernie Mease, Ray Reifsnnyder, Amanda Reifsnnyder & Shelby Polls** by Judith & Edward Reifsnnyder

**Edith & James Zimmerman & Beebers** by Sallee, Paul & Barbara Umlauf

**Casey "KC"** by Friek, Joe, Morley, Rita, Joseph & Logan

**Wendy P.** by Laura J. Adams

**Luke Hammond** by Grandmom & Aunt Anne

**Eleanor & Gordon Precourt** by Prudence Precourt

**Grace** by Chris Parker & Helen O'Neill

### MERRY CHRISTMAS HONORS

**Lise** by Diane Martin

**Sherry Melewsky** by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Melewsky

**Theresa Laubenstein** by Janet & Joe Pielacha

**Janet Pielacha** by Joe

### SPECIAL HONORS

**Garcia** by Primrose & Lisa Rosser

**Michelle Trabosh** by Elizabeth Schmitz

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**Ms. Christina Ost** by Lisa Fritz

**The Rescue Work Done By James Wells & Blaine Finkbinder** by Jamie Davidson

**Barbara Davis** by Joe Studlick

**Bella & Bettlejuice for Any Pet in Need** by Lauren Hutchison

**Judi Levant** by Kristine Shafer

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**Hedda Schupak** by Diane M. Kerly

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**Paula & Jeff Sterbenz** by Barbara A. Bindie

**Lou** by Annette Mathews

**Marilyn Herb** by Dana Morgan

**Phoebe Hall** by Molly & Jim Reed

**Scott Hungarter** by Tom & Suzanne McCabe

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**Sasha** by Thomas Welsh

**Ava, Paulie, Brandi & Rocco** by Renee Pisani-Matrishion & Paul Matrishion

**Chester & Willow** by Dale, Kaye, Wes & Kelsey Schwenk

**Monna Tomtishen** by Southern Columbia Third Grade Parent & Teacher Organization

**M.L. Cambria Family** by Ramona Cambria

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**Mr. & Mrs. Albert Evans & Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Bates** by Keith & Bonnie Stanzola

**Diddy** by Alyssa Shade & Tami Breault

**Reppy** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burns

**Dana Smith Mansell** by the Actors of Guilds Cast of Miracle on 34th Street

**Bridgette & Clyde** by Bob Munn, Barbara, Staff & Alumni

### BIRTHDAY HONORS

**Alex Chimahusky** by Pat & John Chimahusky

**Christine Robie** by Deborah Moyer

**Theresa Laubenstein** by Janet & Joe Pielacha

**Barbara Umlauf** by Carolyn Marconis

**Mom & Dad** by Rudy Eckrute

**Parker Gotthazt's 2nd** by Hillside Buddies

**Jacob Tice's 12th** by Hillside Buddies

**Marie Bonham** by Arnie Fiergang, Barbara, Caroline, Joe, Buddies & Staff

### PET MEMORIALS & HONORS

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**Otto** by Diane, Jerry, and Otto's Cousins Addie, Louie, & Coortini

**Penny** by Paula, Jeff & Ralphie Sterbenz

**Eli Underwood** by Carl & Ellen Runciman & Family

**Lacy** by Mommy, Frisky & Brenda

**Buddy** by Michael & Denise Romano

**Angus & Zeus** by Terry Szott

**Abby** by Pam Zola

**Bentley** by Florence Taylor

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**Lee Cowgirl** by Rita Klint, Nancy & Russ Krupp

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**Taz** by Donna Kemfort, Barbara, Caroline, Joe & Buddies

**Gretel & Boots** by Elaine Hackenberg

**Randy & Daisy** by Sandra Fenstermacher

**Wilbur** by Ann Strizak

**Catherine the Saint Bernard** by David Herb

**Coco, Shadow & Maddi** by Tricia Palubinsky

**Cleo Ritzman** by Darla Golden

**Jake** by Jennifer Cordes & Michael Haag

**Corky** by Sylvia Cunningham

**Mikey** by Dian & Terry Ondo

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**Travis** by Seth & Carissa Hench, Angel & Baron

**Bode** by Mr. G.G. Shultz

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**Snuggles** by Anna Brennan

**Wolfgang** by Annette Matthews

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**Hoatie** by Marie Vovakes

**Gromit** by Maryann O'Neill Reilly & Vince Reilly

**Sweetie & Bootsie** by Cindy Tancredi

**Bonnie** by Cheri Freeh

**Spencer & Kirby** by Diane & Charlie Naspinski

**Angus & Cody, the Siamese Sisters** by Joe, Pat & Doug Taglieri

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**Kiki Lord** by Marjorie & Steve Cotler

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**Lacy** by Brenda McAbee

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**Buddy** by Paul & Maney Ferdinand

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*Hot car,  
hot oven;  
it's the  
same thing...*



*Even in the  
shade, even for  
"just a  
minute."*

**Leave your pet at home where it's cool and safe.**



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the beds warm,  
and their hopes alive.**

We are funded almost entirely through donations and every single dollar donated is spent for the benefit of abused, neglected, and unwanted animals in our area. Your support is needed now more than ever.

Please show them you care TODAY.

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