

# Helping Hands



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## Bow Wow Beauty Contest Winners!



The King



The Queen

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We, the residents of Hillside, had a meeting about what our Christmas message should be to you this year.

We hear our shelter moms and dads talking about the terrible economic situation our country is in. Many of us know first hand about this. We are not "dumb" animals!

So many of us are here because our families lost their homes or jobs and could not afford to keep us. Some of our owners just moved out and left us behind - that was really scary.

We watch all the new faces coming in and we feel sad. We watch our shelter family cry and try to find places to put all of us. It is so much harder on them when there are so many of us. They never stop all day long and work long, long hours to take such good care of us. We love them so very much.

Because we love you our supporters so very much too, our wish for you this Christmas and New Year is that your lives are filled with all the joy and love you have given us. What would we do without you? We would be gone. There would be no Hillside — no shelter, no food, no warm place to live. No medicine or vet care when we're sick, no second chance at life.

You have made Hillside the best shelter an animal could be at. We also know that you are scared, too. It is a hard time for *everyone*. But no matter what happens, no matter what hard times you are having, you still have our unconditional love now and forever.

Our dream come true would be to go "home" for Christmas, but for those of us who will be still waiting, you *have* given us a home — a home filled with love, trust, and kindness.

For all of you who are sitting reading this with our alumni, give them a hug for us. In this difficult time we should all join hands and paws and hold on tight! We still have each other!

When we go to sleep on Christmas eve and are nestled and snug in our beds we don't dream of "sugar plums dancing in our heads" — we dream of you! Bless you all.

~ From all the faces, hearts, and paws at Hillside SPCA

P.S. Heintze, one of our leaders, told us to remind you about all the heat animals provide free of charge — so save on heating bills and snuggle up with one of us!



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#### **Dog Quarters**

MON-SAT: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm  
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MON-SAT: Noon to 4:00 pm  
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Please don't forget us!



We would appreciate a nice  
supply of **kitten food**  
for Christmas.  
That adult food is just too big  
and hard for us to chew!

*Thank you from all us  
"wee ones"!*

# Thumbs Up For Joe's Fund

I cannot imagine what Joe is thinking when he sees all the tremendous response to, and the miracles created by, his fund.

Every time an animal is spayed or neutered, every time an animal that is injured, sick, or abused can receive vet care I praise the people that have so, *SO* generously responded.

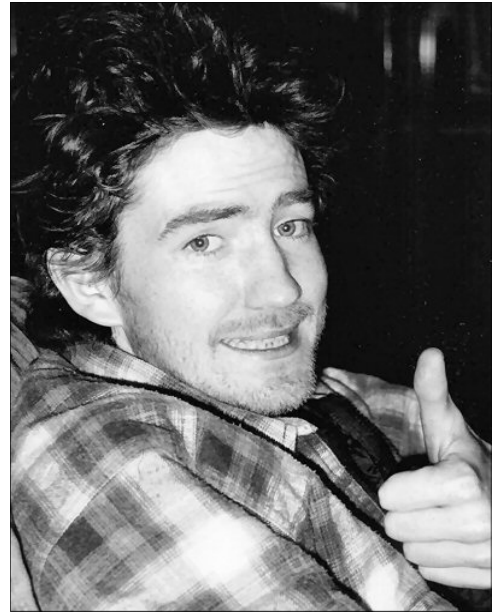
Christmas was always a special and favorite time of year for our family. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, it was a tradition for us all to watch "It's A Wonderful Life" every year.

In a wonderful letter I received from Molly Dubbs, she reminded us how every life touches every other life. She wrote, "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings. For every donation that Joe's Fund gets, for every animal the fund helps, ring a bell."

Because of you, the bell rings beyond my wildest expectations. I cry with sadness — and joy — every time I see "Joe's Fund" on an envelope or check.

I apologize for being obsessive and compulsive in writing about Joe and his fund. People suggested therapy for me after Joe died. Joe's Fund and the Hillside *are* my therapy.

You are not only keeping our buddies alive, but me as well. I live for that bell to keep ringing and for the ani-



Joe Parnell

mals that have been saved by Joe's Fund.

May your Christmas and Holidays be filled with all the joy and love you have shown to our buddies, to Joe's Fund, and to my heart.

*With great love and appreciation forever  
and always,*

*~Barbara, Joe, and buddies*

**Won't you be a part of "Joe's Fund" this Holiday Season  
and keep the bell ringing for animals in need?**

**Enclosed is my gift of:**

\$200\_\_ \$100\_\_ \$50\_\_ \$25\_\_ \$10\_\_ Other \$\_\_\_\_

Name:

Address:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Please make checks payable to: Hillside SPCA, Inc.

Mail to: **"Joseph Parnell Spay/Neuter & Emergency Fund"**

c/o Hillside SPCA, Inc., PO Box 233, Pottsville, PA 17901

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# Old Timers

The Hillside SPCA is truly a safe haven for unwanted cats, each having its own unique story.

We have a few "senior citizens" but we also have several that have been with us longer than anyone else. We refer to them as our "old timers," and for reasons we cannot fathom, nobody ever picked them to adopt.

It is our Christmas hope that these special cats will touch the heart of someone this season.

Comet came to us as a baby over three years ago. He was frightened to begin



with and never liked being handled. He is a real survivor though, and surprisingly he's turned into a handsome, friendly, chubby cat. He asks, "When will it be my turn?"

Creeper was given up by her owner over 2 years ago; she could not afford to keep her. How sad for then 7-



month-old Creeper who had a hard time adapting to shelter life. Like Comet, she grew into a real beauty. She has watched many other cute cats

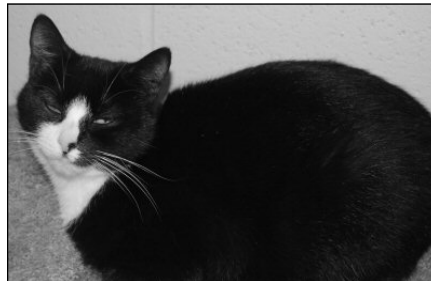
get adopted and keeps wondering, "Why not me?"

Cheeto, one of our many striking black cats, has been here almost three years. A youngster when he was



brought to us as a stray, he had been homeless for all seven months of his young life. How sad! Like Comet, he has yet to experience the joy of belonging to someone. "Maybe soon?" he hopes.

Poor Wynona! She entered our doors pregnant and forlorn almost three years ago. Just a baby herself, she was about to have newborns and was not in the best of health. Sadly, the babies did not survive and it was touch and go



for Wynona following their birth. Also a survivor, she made it through thick and thin and we think she deserves to be with a caring family. "Won't someone please pick me?" she asks.

*"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I CAN do."*

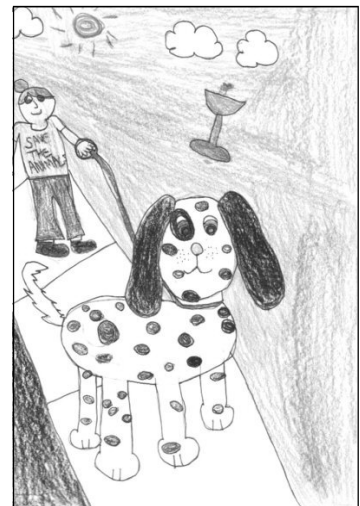
*~ Edward Everett Hale*

Check our website for the latest information and details on fund-raising events! See dozens of photos of animals available for adoption, get directions to the shelter, tips on responsible pet ownership and much more!

[www.hillsidespca.com](http://www.hillsidespca.com)

## First Annual Hillside Poster Contest Winners

Students from area schools were invited to participate in the Hillside's "Be Kind to Animals" poster contest. Judges faced a difficult task choosing from among all the great entries! Thanks to everyone who participated. Watch for details about the next contest in our newsletter and on our website at [www.hillsidespca.com](http://www.hillsidespca.com)



Poster by Fiona Eichman, grade 5

### Category Winners:

**Kindergarten:** 1, Joshus Daubert; 2, Caleigh O'Pake; 3, Sydney Borowski

**First grade:** 1, Danielle Vulle; 2, Trevor Sherakas; 3, Anthony Burns

**Second grade:** 1, Lili Golden; 2, Sadie Comfort; 3, Erika Shuman

**Third grade:** 1, Sarah Griffiths; 2, Brynn Krasinsky; 3, Jonathan Day

**Fourth grade:** 1, Erin Goodman; 2, Tanner Gerchak; 3, Gina Gomfort

**Fifth grade:** 1, Sarah Williams; 2, Fiona Eichman; 3, Breuyn Devonish

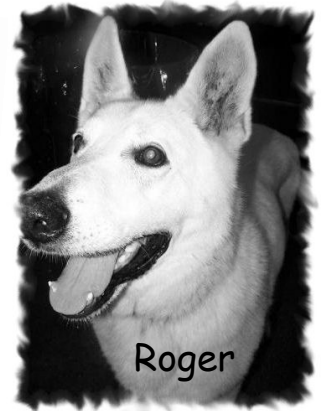
# All hearts come HOME for Christmas...



Cashew



Cheyenne



Roger



Georgie



Jersey



Lacey

...Can WE?



Clipay



Trump



Oscar



Sundance



Iris



## Buffy's Plight



I never thought I would not have a home. I lived with my loving family for six years. They tried to tell me that they didn't want to let me go, but they explained that they are losing their home due to "foreclosure" — whatever that means.

"Times are tough" they said again and again. Finally, they had to make a decision and told me the staff at the Hillside SPCA would take good care of me until I find a new family. So, here I am...

I really don't know what to think, everything is new and different, and scary if you want to know the truth. I am really missing my family. I promised them I would be a good girl, just like I always was.

I really like being with people. I've always found dogs are great company, and cats are fine, too. A little walk is nice, and a warm, soft spot to take a nap is what I appreciate in life.

I tried to smile for this picture, but it's the best I could do right now. I guess things will get better for me — and the folks I had to say goodbye to.

Oh, don't get me wrong. These nice people here are trying hard to make me feel at home, but it's just not the same. They are showering me with affection, but a *real* family of my very own is what I fondly remember — and hope for.

I'll be fine until then...

## Lucky Dogs, Lucky Hillside

Dinkey, a Springer spaniel and Teddy, a lab/shepherd mix, couldn't have imagined how they would be a big part of changing the lives of all the unwanted and needy animals at Hillside.

Dinkey, who was owned by Martina Nestor of Shenandoah Manor and Teddy, adopted from Hillside by Jerry Labooty and Mark Rosenberger, owners of the famous Greystone Restaurant in Pottsville, made a difference in *all* our lives.

Martina suffered greatly when she lost Dinkey. We met when my Joe's grandmother was in her care at Shenandoah Manor. She helped me, and she de-



cided in Dinkey's honor that she would help other animals that needed love. She went on a crusade and started "The Shenandoah Manor Helping Hands", a group which holds events all year long with proceeds that go directly to our buddies.

From lunches at the Manor to major events like the "Fall Festival" and the "Basket Of Cheer" each spring, the group has raised thousands of dollars for Hillside. She and her staff work endlessly in honor of her Dinkey to help our homeless friends.

Jerry Labooty and Mark Rosenberger came to our shelter to adopt a dog and were overwhelmed when they saw all

the faces behind the fence who were pleading to go home.

I don't think people really understand the heartache of the shelter situation until they actually see it for themselves. Jerry and Mark zoomed in on Teddy, a big lab/shepherd who was turned in because his owners just didn't want him anymore.

When they left with Teddy, they prom-



ised us that they would not forget all the buddies that were left behind — and they certainly have kept that promise!

Shortly after Teddy's adoption, they came up with the idea of having a "Bar Crawl for Hillside" in Pottsville which was a smashing success. They later followed with a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for us that was absolutely beautiful and delicious. They are also planning a "Fine Dining" experience in February.

Dinkey, Teddy, Jerry, Mark, Martina, and their tremendous staff and volunteers have worked so hard at their projects that I cannot begin to tell you how grateful we are.

Because of their love of Dinkey and Teddy, they have given back to so many of our friends still awaiting homes like theirs. All paws and hearts of Hillside salute them!

~ Barbara Umlauf, Manager

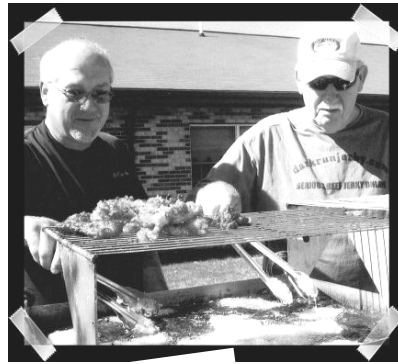
## The Perfect Gift — Volunteer!



There are many ways you can make a difference, both inside and outside of the shelter — like assisting at fundraising events where we can always use help! When you give the gift of your time, you'll get back as much as you give—maybe even more. You'll never find a more grateful and accepting comrade than an animal you have comforted. You'll make lots of new friends—and not just the four-legged kind. You'll discover skills you never knew you had and may be surprised at what you're capable of achieving. There are many, many ways you can volunteer to help the Hillside and animals. Call the shelter today at 570-622-7769 to learn about current and up-coming opportunities to get involved and give the perfect gift!



# Scrap



*"Dog-gone" Good Times  
at Shenandoah Manor*



## Hillside SPCA Dog Walk & Bow Wow Beauty Contest



Despite challenging weather we had a great turnout and everyone had a great time! Thank you to all of our royal entrants, walkers and volunteers. The King and Queen received spa packages compliments of PAWPRINTS Pet Salon and Pet Salon by Dallas. Their owners received spa packages from Patty Rascavage Beauty Salon, gift certificates from Hair & Beyond Salon & Day Spa along with a vacation certificate sponsored by Beyond Vacations Online. WBRE-TV's Jeff Chirico led the walk through Tuscarora State Park. The Royal Photos were taken compliments of Andy Molitoris of Photography by Andy. Every entrant received a goodie bag from Pet Supplies Plus and all were treated to entertainment by the Welcome Waggers. Royal thanks to Lisa & Mo Devlin for making this day happen! Hope to see all of you next year at this annual event!

# Book



Annual Open House  
at the Hillside



Pasta 4 PAWS



Hope to see you at one (or all) of  
our up-coming events and  
happenings!



## Ah, the Good Life

May I introduce myself... I am Persimmons Alistair Fahy, a very mature and extremely intelligent orange tabby feline who is a "graduate" of the Hillside SPCA.

For me, most of 2007 and 2008 was a harrowing and bleak period in my life. Back in '07 I was abandoned in a house for three long and lonely months after my former owners moved and just left me behind. I was frightened and confused but Hillside rescued me and I came to live there in the feline quarters for a whole year under the supervision of a caring and devoted staff.

I was not, however, a model citizen and was involved in frequent "dust-ups". I suppose I seemed to be a tough guy but, in reality, I was a unique individual bent on expressing myself — vehemently perhaps.

For a long period my picture depicting my ruggedly handsome features appeared on the Hillside's website with "urgent" attached to my information. The staff of the feline quarters breathed a huge sigh of relief when I was adopted by Barbara Fahy and, on September 23, 2008, moved to Reading, Pa.

I met my new feline housemates and one canine German shepherd named Valentino (who also is a recent alumnus from Hillside). Once in Berks County something came over me (maybe it was the local chicken corn soup) and I have become a model citizen who has not so much as hissed at anyone!

I have visited the vets several times for some doctoring and was a big hit there especially with Dr. Conklin who loves orange cats — as everyone should. She fixed my teeth so I am ready for Broadway or Hollywood.

I feel very good about myself and am quite happy napping on blankets and quilts, devouring as much food as I want whenever I want it. I also have sampled filet, chicken and other delicacies. I am anxiously awaiting the Christmas turkey.

Valentino and I have been promised Christmas stockings with our names stitched across the surface. We were also promised that they would be filled with toys and treats, not coal despite our proud origins in Schuylkill County.



Hillside SPCA was the intersection for me between a dark and cruel past on one hand and a happy and promising future on the other. As cats should, I have landed on my "feet" (paws), so to speak.

I want to wish everyone, humans and animals alike, a happy and loving Christmas season. Particularly I want to extend the very best to the caring staff at Hillside, my alma mater.

I wish that every animal at Hillside will nuzzle his/her way into someone's heart. I know I have it made! Life is good! *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



### Wish List

- Dog/cat/kitten wet and dry food
- Dog/cat treats including chewies, rawhide, catnip, biscuits, etc.
- Dog/cat toys & beds
- Metal dog bowls, leashes, collars
- Newspaper
- Cleaning supplies; bleach, laundry detergent, brooms, mops, buckets, disinfectant sprays, etc.
- Volunteers!!!
- Postage stamps

## Christmas Day

On Christmas morning while most people are opening presents and visiting with family and friends, Hillside's staff will be busy working at the shelter. On the surface, it is like any other day of the year, but underneath, there is an element of sadness, a feeling of melancholy that is felt by everyone here.

We think of the hundreds of animals brought here by their owners because they "took too much time to care for" or "shed too much" or "got bigger than expected", or "scratched the chair"... it goes on and on.

Those people don't see the loneliness in these animals' eyes or how a dog or cat is so depressed they refuse to eat — but we do and it saddens us. We think of all the abandoned and abused animals and the seemingly endless litters of unwanted kittens and puppies that come to us, and it saddens us even more.

But the dedication of the Hillside shelter staff means that we are there for these animals — no matter what or when. No matter how big or small a resident is, how much he sheds, how loudly she barks, how old he is, how messy she keeps her cage or scratches the post or shreds the newspaper—and no matter what day it is. We are there for all of them!

On Christmas day, we try to make our residents extra comfortable, as if they were in a "real" home. We give them extra special foods, treats and toys, extra big blankets and cushioning in their beds. Most of all, we give them the love and attention they need. We know they are grateful when they slather our faces with kisses, rub against our legs and wag their tails extra hard.

So you see, Christmas at Hillside is not about receiving gifts but about giving all we can to our beautiful four-legged friends.

### 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!*



## Mandy and Chester

Twelve years ago a dog named Mandy arrived at the Hillside. She loved the shelter but was scared of other people and wouldn't make up to potential adopters so she found herself living here these many years.



smiling. Christmas has come early for Mandy and Chester and they are loving every moment of it.

Without the support that the Hillside receives from the public, Mandy and Chester's story may not have had a happy ending.

About 8 years ago a dog named Chester came to the Hillside with a group of "wild dogs" that had been painstakingly trapped, fed, and caught by our diligent staff at a local junkyard — a task that took *nearly three years!*

Well, boy meets girl — and the rest is history. Chester and Mandy became best of pals. They would follow each other everywhere like no one else mat-

tered. It was so cute to see — it was a case of true love. And now, because of a very special adopter, something has happened that the staff only dreamed of all those years — Mandy and Chester were getting adopted — together! They would have a "real" home for the first time in their lives!

The shelter is a place of many trials and tribulations, but on this day we are

At no other place would the duo be so lucky to be able to stay together through it all, and then go HOME together.

For that, we are eternally grateful. Our dreams for Mandy and Chester — and their own for finding a real home — have come true. We all wish you the merriest Christmas ever.

## Patches, Home at Last

One cold February morning, a new face arrived at the shelter, a sweet older Dalmatian Mix. He barked at the door, but appeared confused at times. It was then that Liz, one of our dedicated staffers, noticed he was blind.

Even so, "Patches" quickly learned the layout of the building and soon formed a very strong attachment to Liz. Using his keen sense of smell, Patches found her wherever she went and nudged her for a pat on the head.

Months went by with no one interested in adopting Patch and the stress of shelter life started to take a toll on him. Liz knew it was time for Patches to find a home and started spending hours online, sending emails, posting his picture on MySpace and rescue sites and doing everything she could for him.

One day Liz got an email from a wonderful lady who seemed to have the perfect set up for Patch. Liz and Maureen, another member of our wonderful staff, set out on their day off to drive Patch to what seemed like the perfect home three hours away in Maryland.

Initially adapting wonderfully, Liz and Maureen left with tears in their eyes, but Patch discovered the cats in the

household and wasn't fond of them at all. So, Liz received a heartbreaking



call that Patches was returning to the Hillside.

Liz knew that Patches deserved the best she could offer him, and so she started the search for the perfect home all over again! Low and behold, two weeks later, Liz got an email regarding someone interested in Patches, Kathi Jennings. She and Kathi were in contact with each other within minutes.

It was a miracle! Kathi had no other pets and was home most days of the week. It sounded like Heaven, but Liz was cautious — she was still concerned about Patch's blindness, but her concerns were washed away when the woman told Liz that she herself is legally blind and couldn't wait to meet him. The deal was sealed when she asked when he could move in! She had lost her beloved dog two years ago, and we are convinced that he sent her Patch.

So once again, off Liz and Maureen went after a long day at work to drive Patch to his forever home. Within an hour of pulling into the drive, he was snoozing on the kitchen floor like he was finally HOME! Leaving once again with tears in her eyes, Liz said a silent prayer that it would work out for him — and her prayers have been answered. Emails and news from his new "Mom" tell us he's doing great. He's learned the layout of the house, mastered the stairs, enjoys walks and the best food out there.

Sometimes it just takes a little extra effort to find the perfect home for that sad dog that's been at the shelter for way too long. But it always pays off when you get pictures in your email of them snoozing on the couch or enjoying a nice bone at "HOME"!

# Memorial and Remembrance Gifts

## MEMORIALS AND REMEMBRANCES

*Elizabeth "Betty" Kowalsky* by Joan Kitsock, Eric Zemantauskie, Barbara Zemantauskie

*Janet Ketner* by James Gorski

*James. P. Sweeney* by Lorraine Sweeney, Staconis Family, Friends at Tuscarora & Locust Lake State Parks, Debra & Ronald Reis, Jamey Finocchio, Mary Forcellon, Amy, Jake & Anne Andruscavage

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*Reese J. "R.J." Jones* by Bill & Clair Miller, Dolores Hollenbach, Mary Jane Ward, M.D., Gloria Bercher, Paw Prints Pet Salon Staff, Mary Jane Jones, Mrs. John Bamford

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*Barbara Riedlinger* by Greg Riedlinger & Co-workers Vocational Rehab & Step-By-Step

*Bryan Bierman* by Ann Marie Bierman

*John B. Walsh* by Lois Walsh

*Toby Melusky* by Albert & Diane Bendie

*Dorothy Grinaway* by Dolores Grinaway

*Grace Frasch* by Rose Schell, Nile Fisher, June Shutt, Pat Novakoski Family

*Marlin Zimmerman* by Virginia Zimmerman, Carol Bubeck

*Jane Gibson* by Anna Brennan, Mary Downey

*Curtis Link, Sr.* by Anna Brennan

*Charles Brown* by Doris Roberts, Kelly Bowers Family

*Cheryl Ann Hendricks* by Christine Dormer

*Rocky Klinger* by Mr. & Mrs. Todd Geist

*Mary Fitz Williams* by Operations at E.S. Breneman

*Nellie Filiac* by Frances Polgar

*Jack Sabol* by Joanne Aponick

*Virginia Taylor* by Dawn Rowan

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*Eva Farley* by Friends at Schuylkill Medical Center

*Joseph Parnell* by Avenoso Family, Murphy Family, Sallee Umlauf, Jane & Bill Dornsife, Paul Dornsife, Sandy & Ray Ford, Pat & Lorraine Smith, Tom Adcock, Marie Bonham, Trudy & Ivan Hewitt

*Susan Wollyung* by Col. Arlean Miller, Beryl Gerhard

*Wendy Harris* by Faculty Senate, PSU Hazleton

*Mildred Bashore* by Residents of Lincoln Towers

*Mary Alexon* by Lois Minnich

*Arlin Sunday, Jr.* by Robert McGirr

*Herman Beury* by Jenifer Orrego

*Rose Marie Zeller* by Dwight Rehman

*Edward R. Wabby, Jr.*, by Shannon Wabby & Friends at Penn State Schuylkill

*Loretta Cleveland* by Linda

*Leonard Yudinsky* by Jean & Vince Dacquist, Carol Printy, Dorothy Jacobs, Ruth Bradbury

*Betty Jane Howat* by Marjorie Gerber

*Rombaldo Greco* by Elizabeth & Adam Bernadine

*Esther Knittle* by Kathleen Owens

*Elizabeth Kieres* by Gwen & Tim Holden

*Veronica Zimmermann* by Sallee Umlauf, Jim Zimmermann, Jon Umlauf and Barbara & Paul Umlauf

## PET MEMORIALS & HONORS

*Bucky* by Erin Walters

*Nellie* by Walter & Jane Watson

*Teddy* by Chris Wagner & Holly Coulson

*Melody* by Mary Louise

*Boo & Deuce* by Wanda Edelson

*Maddy* by Linda Margovnik

*Misty* by John & Patricia Cleary

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*Holly* by Mitchell Raker

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*Trinity* by Jenn Satchell

*Bella* by Christine Behm

*Cody* by Andrea Coyle

*Nick* by Carol Stofko

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*Ziggy* by Kim Dreisbach

*Murphy* by Susan Ender

*Toby Endo* by Lorraine & Pat Smith

*Cody Sepela & Snoopy Sepela* by Alexandra Soletski

## Memorials, con't.

*Pepper Umlauf* by Sallee Umlauf, Our Screamer, Jacqueline Dormer, the Avenosos

*Jake Wychunas* by Barbara Umlauf

*Zoey & Jack Beagle* by Jim Zimmerman

*Harry Dormer* by Jacqueline Dormer, Barbara Umlauf & Hillside Buddies, Barbara & Hillside Staff, Angelique Dormer

*Animals That Never Had a Loving Home* by Anonymous

*Felines That Never Had a Chance* by Feline Lover

### **BIRTHDAY HONORS**

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*Cherise* by Kim Regan, Edward Tomassacci

*Marjorie Gerber* by Jim Howat, Jr.

*Jane Dornside* by Sheonagh Rastoka

*Tom* by Rik & Joan Malishak, Barbara Umlauf

*Judge Samuel Chiaravalli* by Jean Conway

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## A Message From Rudy

*Editor's Note: Rudy was featured in a short story in our Autumn newsletter. Sadly, Rudy passed on to the Rainbow Bridge before this second part of his story could be published. It appears here now in honor of this wonderful dog and two very special people, Fred and Joyce Coleman-Delonti, who opened their hearts and home to him knowing their time together would be short.*

Hello everyone! I now have a last name, a home to call my own and a very important message for you. My new full name is Rudy Coleman-Delonti. My new forever home is in Clarks Summit, PA, about 1-1/2 hours away from Pottsville and that wonder shelter, the Hillside SPCA, that rescued me as a stray from Mahanoy City. The folks at the shelter feel I am 7 or 8 years old.

My journey started when I got adopted by another family for two weeks. They returned me to the shelter when they found out I had Heartworm disease, but now I have been very lucky and got adopted again by a wonderful new family!

My new extended animal family consists of: an Afghan from a rescue in Charlotte, NC, a Westie, a Greyhound, and three cats from the SPCA in Clarks Summit, and a Terrier from an SPCA in Asheville, NC. The Westie is kind of neat, he rushes over to me every time I cough to see if I will be ok. My new Mom and Dad do the same so I am very well taken care of.



You see, having Heartworm disease means the right chamber of my heart is literally filled with worms. They can grow to be 14 inches long and keep laying eggs which grows new worms. They also fill the arteries of my lungs as well. This means I have shortness of breath, lack of stamina — and I cough a lot.

I did have one round of vaccine to try and help poison the worms but cannot have the second one needed to clear me up — the doctors say my heart is too badly damaged from having this disease for as long as I have. If only I had been given a once-a-month topical medication or pill that costs about \$8, I would be ok to live my life to the fullest. But since I was not on a preventative, the mosquito that bit me passed on the parasite from another poor infected dog.

My new Vet said this is one of the worst cases he has ever seen and wants everyone to know this parasite lives in all 50 states. No animal is safe from Heartworm without a preventative. He did say I probably would not make it till Christmas and definitely not till spring. Please put your "buddy" on some form of preventative so you can have a long, full life together.

My Mom and Dad have heard people say that they could never take in a dog that is going to die like I am. My new folks call me their "hospice dog" and hope others will also open their hearts and homes to other good dogs like me — we all need that kind of love in our lives.

The family that returned me to the shelter once they found out I had the disease did not teach their child compassion or commitment. The message they taught was that it's ok to abandon and walk away from an uncomfortable situation regardless of the suffering it may cause others which is so very sad.

We animals are not used cars to be returned when we don't run as well as we used to. By sending me away, they truly missed out on one of the best, most loyal, loving dogs you could ever have had.

My numbered days are very busy. I have a great fenced in yard to run and play all day (when I'm up to it) and I have an agenda — all of the chewies and toys in the chewie basket must be hidden all over the yard and house...after I thoroughly chew them of course!

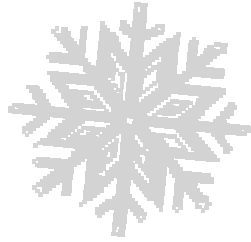
I love my new home and extended family and I am a very happy dog. They all feel sad that I may be going soon, but I told them not to worry. I am making some wonderful memories to take with me.

~ Love, Rudy Coleman-Delonti

*Having Rudy in our lives was only possible due to the wonderful staff at Hillside giving Rudy all their love and care and wanting only the best for him for his final months. We are grateful that Hillside and their staff trusted us enough to let us give this special boy comfort, care and love in the last stage of his journey here. We feel truly blessed to have shared our home, love and extended family with our new wonderful boy Rudy.* ~ Fred and Joyce Coleman-Delonti



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