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# HELPING HANDS

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## Merry Christmas & Congratulations!

**2010 will be  
Hillside's  
25th anniversary!**



Twenty five years ago, the Kissingers ran a small shelter. Both passed away within a short time of each other and there was no one to take care of the animals remaining at the shelter.

I was teaching school at that time and received a call to help with getting homes for the 30 or so animals there and close the shelter which was in disastrous shape, both physically and financially. Ironically, there was only \$25.00 in the bank account.

Living in the "normal" world, I had no idea of the nightmare of so many unwanted animals. I stupidly thought, "Okay, it'll take a couple of weeks and we'll get them adopted, close the place and go home." Well, 25 years later, here we still are!

As soon as we would get one animal a home, five more would come in. The situation seemed impossible. But then we put a plea out for help (thousands of pleas for help!) and you, our tremendous supporters, made miracles happen...and I mean miracles!

Because of you, we now have four new buildings, heated floors, yards for the animals to run in, and a shelter that has saved thousands and thousands of lives.

When we opened, we wanted a different kind of shelter - not the kind where animals were kept in cages 24 hours a day. We wanted to make it as close to a "home" as possible for all those who didn't have any other one.

We wanted to be a shelter that went the distance for every animal that entered our doors. And with your marvelous support we have become just that. You have achieved above and beyond anything I could have imagined 25 years ago. Without you, all those faces behind our doors would be gone.

This Christmas I want you to celebrate all you have done for so many. I want you to have all the joy and love that you have given us. I want to thank you for making the Hillside S.P.C.A.

May your lives be as happy, healthy, and content as you have made possible for all the animals to whom you have given the gift of love. All paws of Hillside past, present, and future salute you!

*With the greatest love and gratitude,  
~ Barbara, Joe, and buddies*

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*A happy moment at  
Hillside with Chris and  
his buddies!*

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MON-SAT: Noon to 4:00 pm  
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Mmm...mmm...yum!



We would appreciate a nice  
supply of **canned cat food**  
**and dry kitten food**  
for Christmas (and beyond!).  
If you are looking to give us the  
perfect gift, that would be it!

*Thank you from all us  
cats & kittens at the Hillside!*

## The Magic of Joe's Fund

This picture was taken at my 50th birthday "Surprise Party" which I was totally shocked at. My children, my family, my friends, all made a tremendous effort to make it a great moment which I will never forget.

I love this picture because I think it captured the magic of the love that Joe and I had; it is almost dreamy, surreal. Joe was magical to me. He gave me lots of surprises - some good, some not so good. His intelligence and wit were magical.

Joe's Fund is producing magic all over. I cannot tell you all the happy endings, all the second chances this magic has produced because of all the tremendous people who are making it happen.

I am so overwhelmed with how wonderful people have been to "keep the bell ringing" for Joe's Fund. It is truly a dream come true for me. It will be Hillside's 25th anniversary in 2010, and 25 years ago we could never have helped the animals that you have made it possible to now help.

Just recently, we received 23 dogs from a puppy mill that closed down. Looking at their terrified faces, it was clear they never knew what it was like for someone to be kind to them. Now, I know that, because of you, I can help all of them — and will!

Since I lost Joe, his fund has paid every vet bill the Hillside has incurred



for dogs, cats, horses, goats — you name it — that have come through our doors. That indeed is magic. I have kept my promise to Joe and to the animals, and with your support we will keep making magic.

Marie Bonham of Plymouth made me a wonderful necklace with Joe's pictures on it as a child and as a man. I have never taken it off. When I'm really down with all the nightmares of the shelter, I hold it and ask Joe for help! And guess what? The magic happens!

I really love the people who contribute to my Joe's Fund. I cannot put into words what it means to me and to our buddies. I will never be the same since I lost Joe. I am totally insane about Joe's Fund. It has opened a whole new world for the Hillside. May your lives be filled with all the magic that you have given us.

*Merry Christmas from  
Barbara, Joe and Buddies*



### Yes! I want to be part of the magic of "Joe's Fund"!

#### Enclosed is my gift of:

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

Name:

Address:

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City, State, Zip:

Please make checks payable to: Hillside SPCA, Inc.

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

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# Friends Need a Home



Often we receive calls concerning people who can no longer care for their beloved



pets due to illness, loss of their home or for whatever reason cannot keep them.

Every animal that comes through our doors has a story, some sadder than others. Chief and Kiowa's story begins when Gary, a Hillside staffer, was called out by a local police department to pick up two animals whose owner had died unexpectedly. The pets would not leave their "Mom"; they were too faithful and too loyal. Sadly, there was no family left to care for these two pets.

Upon Gary entering the home, Chief, the lab/shepherd mix, happily greeted him. Kiowa also ran to the visitor. Little did this dog and cat realize, that very moment would be the last they would spend in the only home they had ever known.

As the pair entered Hillside, they surely wondered, "Is this where we go to meet up with Mom...Is our Mom here?!" Confusion quickly set in.

The joy of a car ride with a "new friend" quickly ended when they were met with the sounds of nearly a hundred barking dogs and may curious felines who quickly rushed to Kiowa's carrier to greet her.

We cannot express the anguish this burdens our hearts with; to know that two animals were loved and cared for, and through no fault of their owner they have been thrust in to an environment that can stress out even the most even-tempered pet.



Chief has adjusted better than Kiowa. He has quickly become a favorite of the staff as he lets out a "WOOF" whenever he sees a squeak toy and when he knows "hot dog time" is coming. Kiowa, on the other hand, is having a more difficult time settling in. She was the only cat in a calm and quiet home and can't understand what has happened.

We can only hope Chief and Kiowa's stay at Hillside will be brief and that they will find their "fur-ever" homes soon. Imagine your own pets in this situation...

We hope you will find it in your hearts to visit and adopt Chief or Kiowa. Their previous life was uprooted quickly - they deserve to go HOME!



## AN IMPORTANT HOLIDAY PET SAFETY TIP

Chocolate is hazardous to pets! It contains theobromine which stimulates the heart and nervous system. It can cause heart failure and death in dogs. Cats are also believed to be at risk. Dark chocolate contains the highest levels of theobromine.

Even a small amount of chocolate can be fatal to a small pet. Theobromine stays in the system a long time meaning that problems can occur even if small amounts are fed repeatedly. Keep all chocolate and chocolate-related candy, cookies, and baking supplies out of the reach of pets! Don't let a time of celebration turn into tragedy.

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.hillspca.com](http://www.hillspca.com)

## 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!



## CAT TALK

I am a cat.  
What can I do for fun today?  
I will sit in this window and watch traffic fly by.  
Strange shapes, all sizes and colors.  
Lots of noise.  
Best of all - watching dogs pulling people - really makes me laugh.  
I have it so easy at my house.

~Pat Schilbe



# Waiting for a home...



Creeper



Gilliam



Knoebel



Lulu



Maynard



Madison



Nicole



Pegasus



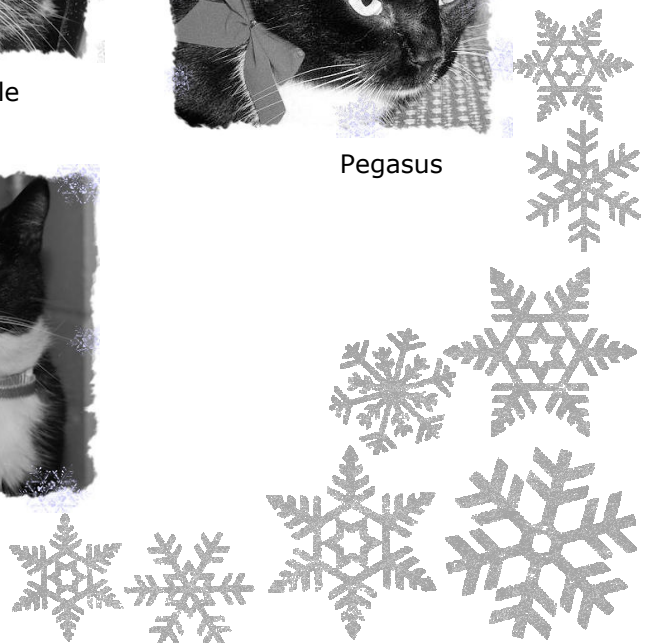
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## Hooray for Milo



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When mild mannered Milo came to us in September, his eyes were swollen beyond belief. After they cleared, we discovered that his eyes were very clouded, and to our amazement, noticeably sunken.

After being checked by our feline veterinarian, we learned that without eyelid reduction surgery to accommodate his now smaller than normal eyes Milo would lose his sight. We could not allow that to happen to sweet, handsome, mellow Milo!

In the true spirit of giving, many "Guardian Angels" came to Milo's rescue both by praying for him and sending donations to cover his surgery costs. Well wishes were also in abundant supply. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts!

As you can see, Milo was not a pretty sight after surgery, but as time passed and his many stitches dissolved, he became more handsome every day. Alas, Milo has not yet been adopted.

He is such a sweet boy! He really needs to be in a home where he can receive special attention as well as a cozy spot to get away from it all, something that is hard to do in our crowded cat quarters.

Will someone special please give our special Milo a home? He will look mighty grand at Christmas time with his snowy white coat and a big red or green bow!



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## Forever In Our Hearts

By Tricia Moyer

We had high hopes for a thin shepherd mix that was brought in to our shelter September 12th. A gentle dog, his beautiful brown eyes pleaded with us for help. There was no question we would do whatever was necessary to help this poor dog.



Apparently dumped at a local cemetery, he was luckily picked up by a kind soul who could not fathom someone could just leave a dog like that. Later named Albert Schweitzer, he was lucky to come to Hillside, but apparently hadn't been so lucky before that.

Covered in fleas, that was not his biggest problem; he had a hind leg so swollen he could barely get around. We took him to a local veterinarian who determined he had a broken tibia, likely from being hit by a car, and that he was anemic from the thousands of fleas and their bites.

The vet recommended an emergency center where Albert S. could receive round-the-clock care. Of course we were there to help, so we prepared to transport him.

Before his send-off and throughout the trip to Allentown, we told Albert how special he was, kissed him, and explained to him he would get whatever help we could give him and that this was made possible through our very special and faithful Hillside supporters and their gifts to Joe's Fund. We told this special little guy that we'd see him soon and wished him the best.

Once at the vet's though, it was determined that not only did Albert have serious problems with his leg, he was desperately in need of a blood transfusion as a result of anemia from the flea bites. The estimate for all of his treat-

ment, including the expected amputation of his hind leg, was in the thousands of dollars. Without hesitation we determined we would do whatever possible to help him.

Unfortunately, an x-ray determined his leg was indeed

broken -- not from being hit by a car but from osteosarcoma -- bone cancer. We initially thought we would have the leg amputated to give him a chance at life and finding a loving home, but sadly, even that was not possible... upon further diagnostics, x-rays, and blood-work, the vet discovered that Albert also had five tumors in and around his lungs. There was no chance at saving Albert.

It is heart-breaking that this dog likely only knew love from the time he was found and picked up, helpless, at the cemetery to the time he was mercifully euthanized at the emergency vet hospital. It is a dog like that that makes us feel so sad. We just know he never knew a good day, was alone and hungry for who knows how long, and that he appears to have been no one's pride and joy.

When we named him, it was in honor of Albert Schweitzer, a man who felt like we do; animals should be loved and respected as "friends", not just as animals.

Although we couldn't save Albert S, we believe he knew that we tried our very best. He died with a full belly and received lots of hugs; he finally knew some people do care and that we will not forget him or any of the animals that die alone with no one to love them.

Rest in peace sweet Albert S.

### A PRAYER FOR ANIMALS

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful. --- *Albert Schweitzer*



"Rusty" Sadusky, ambassador of Shenandoah Manor Hillside Helpers who attended all of Shenandoah Manor's events, went over the Rainbow Bridge on October 9th. His spirit was watching over us at the Fall Festival this year.



Shenandoah Manor  
Fall Festival



Open House-Girl Scouts  
Troop 1065 Llewellyn



"Pasta 4 Paws II"  
Greystone Restaurant

## Our Scrapbook



Maurice's Fashion Show  
Laurel Mall Hazleton



The "Boss"



The Crew of Luksh Electric

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

*Santa, please find us a home for Christmas...*



Bailey



Buffy



Fuji



Dice



Elroy



Poochie



Luna



Shaney



Sierra



## A Really Big Rescue

Hillside has always gone the distance for any animal that has entered our door. That same dedication extends to those who are too large to technically "enter" our door.

This proved true in late September when we received a call regarding several horses in desperate need of our help.

Nothing could have prepared us for what we saw. Fifteen horses were being kept in a barn filled with manure and mud up to their knees, caked in grime and emaciated.

Two chained dogs were also there, one chained in the barn lying in the same filth and another outside cowering under debris. Two goats were chained to trees with no access to shelter and tangled so badly they couldn't even move.

In total 19 animals were rescued with the horses and goats being taken to the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds where they were immediately given fresh water and hay.

The next day the vet was out to examine each animal. She pronounced many of them to be extremely emaciated based on a scoring system for determining body condition. Had we not gotten there when we did these poor animals may not have survived.

In addition to their body condition the horses' hooves were also in need of some work. Many had overgrown and taken on an "elf" shoe-like shape; many more were badly split and cracked.

While at the Fairgrounds, all of the animals received much needed TLC around the clock from the Hillside staff. After a few days we were able to place some in loving foster and adoptive homes.

A few horses still remain in foster care including Sparky (pictured) a two-year-old colt, who is soon to be a gelding! It seems all poor Sparky had known in his short life was a cruel hand; he came to us very hand shy and had scars all over his body.

He is progressing extremely well, putting on weight and coming to his foster



mom as soon as she calls. Sparky would love to find a home where his mom or dad would continue to show him the kindness he so badly craves.

Another girl still in foster care is Dutchess, an older Quarter Horse mare just waiting to find a home where she can retire. She was in bad condition when she came to us but is also packing on the pounds now.

Dutchess is a gentle soul who loves the company of Frosty, an appaloosa also in foster. She is quiet, yet affectionate, and promises to be a loving horse to someone that will see past her age.

Without the generous support we receive from you, this rescue would not have been possible. Large animal cases bring with them supersized bills yet, because of your generosity, we are able to help these poor souls. Our faithful supporters have made it possible for us at the Hillside to welcome and help animals in need of every shape and size!

### *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, blankets
- Cleaning supplies; bleach, laundry detergent, brooms, mops, buckets, disinfectant sprays, etc.
- Volunteers!!!
- Postage stamps

## Dear Santa Cat



Dear Santa Cat, how we wish you will give us what we want most this coming year. We've been going through hard times here in the cat room.

Our newcomers average over 30 a week, sometimes more, and we never turn anyone away. This puts a strain on our dear workers, our space and on us. We are SO overcrowded, and some of us just don't fare very well like this.

We miss our owners who gave us away and want so much to have a family again. Still others here never had a home. They were born and lived on the streets until some kind people rescued them and brought them here.

How awful that must have been; scavenging for food and water, suffering from parasite infestations, fighting off disease and predators, sleeping with one eye open always ready to confront danger. Our Hillside is a real safe haven to them, the best they've ever had.

And then there are the poor kittens. Hundreds of them came to us; many of them too tiny or too ill to survive. What will become of those that do make it? Will they have a chance to be part of a loving home?

Oh, dear Santa Cat, why are so many cat owners not doing the responsible thing of spaying and neutering even when we have low cost clinics available? Why? What we want for 2010, and forever, is that everyone spays and neuters their cats!

Santa Cat, please protect all stray cats out there that will never find their way to Hillside. And please, please, send us more people to adopt us who will give us homes that are full of life and love.

We love you dear Santa Cat, we love everyone who adopted our lucky brothers and sisters in 2009, and we love everyone who makes it possible for us to have such wonderful care here at Hillside.

*Your feline buddies,  
Bogie & Pawnee*



## Thinking Pink

What is that?...a dog?...a pig? Those are just some of the questions posed to us as visitors peer curiously at a dog we lovingly named "Pinky" a very chubby Hillside resident for over a year now.



When she came to our shelter as a stray, "Pink" had absolutely no hair. She was blistered, sore, and very thin with skin that was literally pinkish-red. She was immediately taken to the vet where we learned Pink had one of the worst yeast infections the vet had ever seen.

Sent back to us with antibiotics and steroids, we began showing Pinky the love she'd obviously been missing prior to her arrival at Hillside. Pink has

quickly earned the title of "Queen B," demanding walks and barreling over other dogs to be first out the door.

Not much gets past this robust gal. She is as quick as lightning when it comes time to run up the mountain for her many walks, and let's face it, not much food hits the floor with Pink nearby either!

Pinky has an auto-immune disease in which her body attacks itself causing skin irritations and making her more prone to infections.

Pinky has become so "chubby" in part due to her medications and we are working on adjusting them so she will be a healthier weight. Whatever the issues, we will work through them.

Pink is a favorite of many of our Hill-

side workers and she knows it. She returns that love, too. The way she squeals with delight every morning is sure to put a smile on our faces. She is the type of dog that you simply have to love.

It is our hope that one day Pinky will find the perfect home where she will be adored and loved no matter what her skin color. Pink's beauty IS skin deep — and beyond. This girl is beautiful to those of us who care for her daily.

The next time you need a smile, just think of Pinky — her story is a happy one. Only at the Hillside would a dog like her be given a chance. At many other shelters, Pinky would not have been given even a day...

I send many thanks to our wonderful supporters for allowing us to help Pinky! ~ Tricia Moyer and Pinky

## Rudy's Story

It's 2007 and suddenly I'm out on the street — ALONE! I don't know why! I had a home, I was loved and cared for and then, it was gone! What happened? What did I do?

I roamed around for a while, ate what I could find and made it through some tough times (it gets cold at night even in April). Then, a nice lady picked me up and brought me to Hillside SPCA.

The great folks there fed me but I was still alone. I wandered around my new "home" but felt something was missing, where were the love and security I had known before?

One fateful Saturday, about an hour's drive away, someone else was feeling that "something" was missing! She always wanted a dog but wondered if she had what it takes to care for one. Could she give it the time and devotion a dog would need and deserve?

She looked on the internet to see what was available and found nothing. Almost giving up, she looked at areas within an hour's drive. Was it fate? She saw my picture on the computer and fell in love!

She called and asked, "Is he still available?" "Yes", she was told. "I'll be there in an hour", she said. On the



way she second guessed herself, "Do I have what it takes?", then nearly turned back.

When she got to Hillside, she asked about "Zak", the name you gave me. She was asked if she wanted to take me for a walk. "Yes!"

I acted real cool; I didn't want to get too excited! She called me "Rudy", (where'd she ever get that name?) Wait! She wants me! She's taking me with her! There's some paperwork then a long drive and we get to the pet

store. I got a new bed, toys, food and, oh yeah, a bath!

Fast forward two years — I'm loved, I belong, and I'm happy! "Mom" works during the day and "Dad" is away but when he's home on Saturdays we go to Lowes.

I have lots of cousins like Buddy and Jack (who I protect 'cause he's only a puppy) and Max and Lil and the other Max. I actually have two homes now (Mom and Dad call one an RV). We go on trips, when they aren't going to the races.

I get to explore new places and I know I have a warm and safe home to come back to! I spend my days on Mom's bed so I can feel close to her while she is gone and look forward to our naps and "W's" (walks) and my "C's" (cookies), my brushing and grooming and, of course, all the hugs and love I can handle!

I'm finally "home"! I'm loved and wanted again and am thankful every day for the nice lady who brought me to Hillside! Without those nice people at the shelter, I wouldn't have had the chance at a new life! To you, a heart-felt THANK YOU!

*Rudiger "Rudy" Eckrote*

# Memorial and Remembrance Gifts

## MEMORIALS AND REMEMBRANCES

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### BIRTHDAY & SPECIAL HONORS

**Helen Delenick** by Linda Delenick

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**Emma Jane Zelli** by William Rudusill

**Bear** by Betsy

**My Joe's 36th** by Barbara Umlauf

**Bill & Cindy Denning** by Bob & Debbie Schoppe

**Paige Seitz** by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Whitcraft

### PET HONORS & MEMORIALS

**Teke**, Hillside's ambassador, for becoming "Dog Idol" by Barbara and buddies

**Hope, Lucky, Snoopy** by Rita & Bill Davis

**Autumn Houser** by Anita & Marty Dwyer

**Rudy** by Joyce & Fred Delonti

**Nikita** by Tricia Moyer

**Holly** by John & Mary Sabotchick, Mitch Raker, Marlene Raker, Kris & Ken Raker, Helen Norell

**Coco, Maddi** by Tricia Palubinsky

**Winky, Sable** by Delores & Shannon Grinaway

**Pumpkin** by Brian Ruff

**Shasta** by Robert Whalen, Peggy Twardzik

**Matty** by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Schock

**Piper** by Mary Ellen & Lou Cross

**Cuddles** by MaryAnn & Bill Holley

**Baxter Walacavage** by Barb, Ray, Linda

**Honeybunch** by Lisa & Family, Tricia, Barb

**Buddy** by Aaron Parker Family

**Cloi Pisani** by Renee, Randy, Barb & Staff

**Brandy** by Liz, Tricia, Staff

**Sam** by Ed & Gertrude Blair

**Shelly, Mandy** by Charles & Linda Anthony

**Shadow** by Geiger Family

**Chicki** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hayer

**Sniffer** by Molly

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**Tangi** by Peggy Twardzik

**Phoebe** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jenkins

**Mimie, Shadow** by Irene & Janet Kaufman

**Buster** by Shannon Bruen

**Zeus** by Mary Ann Schwartz

**Duke** by Mr. & Mrs. J. Bondura

**Sophy Purcell** by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Scheuren

**Princess** by Tricia & Corey Metzger, The Moyers, The Snyders, Barb & Staff

**Kirby** by Patty Novack, Hillside Staff

**Althea** by the Rev. Elijah Bremer

**Rocky Torracco** by Matthew

**Jake Brosman** by Barb & Alumni

**Elf** by Gary Benedict

**Boots** by Marian Verbelia

**Liz** by Cricket Yuengling Khayatt

**Gizmo** by Jeff & Sharon Donnelly

**Gus Bobbin** by the Snyder Family

**Shelly and Mandy** by Charles Anthony I

**Rusty** by Martina and Fran, Gerry and Mary Jo Sadusky

**Chloe, Cleo, Samantha, and Gino Pisani**

**Hillside's Cats Past & Present** by Anonymous

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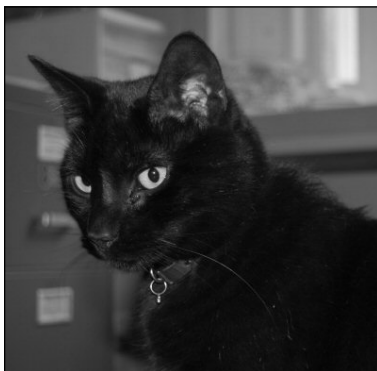
## Jumanji's New Job

Remember Jersey, the beautiful calico "office cat" featured in our spring newsletter?

Happily, Jersey was adopted by a fabulous family, the Roesslers, who just love her to pieces.

We are very, very happy for Jersey. We missed her a lot and wondered, could anyone ever fill her shoes?

Well, we didn't wonder very long, for soon after we said goodbye to Jersey, a handsome ebony cat named Jumanji stepped right into those shoes.



Jumanji now thinks *he* owns the office! He plops down wherever he wishes — the filing cabinets, the chair, the computer, someone's lunch bag, a surprised visitor's lap, or the middle of the desk while paperwork is in progress.

He is as adept as Jersey was, testing dogs to see if they like cats. Almost all of them like Jumanji. Who

wouldn't?

Our Christmas wish is for Jumanji to step out of Jersey's shoes and follow her paw steps into a happy, loving home. Surely we will find someone to fill Jumanji's shoes, won't we?



**Give The Perfect Gift, Be a 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.

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