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We are very much in need of CANNED cat food which is much loved by our many felines in residence. With so many cats to feed here at the Hillside, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

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You are our miracle workers



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It did not take a lot of time this year to figure out what to say. We have never been so grateful to you as we have been during this very difficult year.

We know of the many shelters that are closing and other shelters that won't take animals like us in, but that's not how it is at the Hillside — and that is because of you.

Without you, we would be gone. We wouldn't be in a safe and warm place with lots of good food, knowing that no one will ever hurt us again.

This year more than ever, a great number of our buddies came in terribly abused or neglected, in need of special and expensive care. Our shelter mommies and daddies have gone above and beyond to help us through such a stressful time.

We feel so sad seeing such special people leave the shelter each day looking tired and sad. They are so kind and love us so much, and it is so hard for them physically and mentally with all the nightmares they see every day.

We have always appreciated and loved you, but never so much as we do now. Things are so scary in the world these days, but it is a Christmas dream come true knowing that we are

safe and loved in the arms and hearts of our loyal supporters who have made it possible for 27 years to save so many of us. You gave us the best present we could ever have — the gift of a second chance at life.

We hope your lives are filled this Christmas with the multitude of love and joy you have given us. If that happens, you'll be SO happy — as happy as we are — and our Christmas wish to you will come true.

On Christmas Eve, as we go to sleep, we won't dream of sugar plums; we'll dream of YOU — our protectors, our angels. When you go to sleep, we hope you have sweet dreams of all the lives you have saved through your wonderful gifts of love. And that is what the true meaning of Christmas is about.

~With great barks, meows and love,

Mulligan and Buddies



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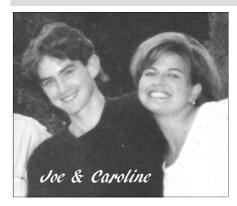
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Thank you!

A merry, merry Christmas



s I have often told you, Christmas was our family's favorite time of year — a time full of joy and love, as it should be. Christmas was never the same again without Joe. Life was forever changed.

After losing my Joe, I was so lost. One way I survived was by starting Joe's Fund to help all our buddies waiting for a second chance at life.

The other reason I survived was my beautiful daughter Caroline.

Joe and Caroline were as different as night and day. Joe was introverted, quiet, and scared. Caroline was cheerleading captain, class president at Immaculata College for four years, and fearless. She helped Joe so much because she understood him.

I felt so bad when someone thought I had only one child... My "Sweet Caroline" has helped me through so much and is as obsessed as I am about Joe's Fund which keeps him alive for us.

Caroline understands my nightmares and has also suffered greatly in our loss of Joe. She has never wanted to be mentioned in Joe's newsletter articles because it is *his* fund. I know she'll be upset that I'm writing this, but I also know that she will understand why I did.

I never dreamed that Joe's Fund would make miracles happen in so many lives. YOU — Joe's supporters — have gone above and beyond my expectations by a million miles. I treasure all of you more than you'll ever know.

I love your beautiful letters and your constant support. Your gifts save lives by allowing us to have every animal leaving Hillside spayed and neutered before adoption and abused animals are rescued and saved.

I want your Christmas to be as happy as you have made mine and as happy as those of all our buddies that you saved. You have made Christmas for us by giving life and love. Please be as happy as all our animals that you saved and your Christmas will be glorious!

With the greatest gratitude and love,

~ Barbara, Joe, "Sweet Caroline" and all our buddies

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Flying home



magine a world of silence — feet moving quickly around you, being startled because you can't hear voices or noises or footsteps...this was little Jake's world.

Jake, a young adorable Chihuahua terrier mix, was brought to Hillside by a young family who reportedly "couldn't afford him." Uncertain and scared when he arrived, Jake was fearful of being approached but with the patience and kindness of shelter staff and a volunteer he began to blossom with people he knew. Little man Jake began to see and understand another world — one where there was gentleness, patience, and tons of love!

Due to Jake's young age, his deafness since birth, and his uncertain history, it was of great concern and hope that he would find the "right" family — one that would continue to nurture and teach him.

Everyone here was quite protective of him as he thrived with his "friends" at the shelter. In the hopes of finding the right home for Jake, he was "networked" via Petfinder.com and Facebook, but his information and story was also shared on "special needs" networks as well. And that is where Jake's journey home began.

While Jake continued to learn some basic sign language and trust at the Hillside, several states away a gentleman was checking out Jake on the "Deaf Dogs Rock" Facebook page. Joe in Westerly, RI, a pilot for the "Pilots 'n Paws" group (pilotsnpaws.org), kept checking back on Jake until one day he finally shared his picture and information with his wife Rebecca.

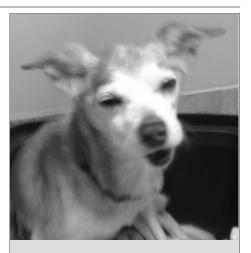
Since they had shared their home with other deaf dogs they felt they might be a good fit for Jake. Rebecca says, "To tell you the truth, I was worried that there were several applications for Jake and we may not be the lucky ones to adopt him. I was thrilled when I got the phone call we had been approved! We also knew it would be easy to get Jake here even though we lived in Rhode Island."

So one Sunday in October, Rebecca and Joe flew to Pennsylvania, picked up Jake and took him home to Rhode Island. He continues to thrive in his new home and not only shares his life with Rebecca and Joe, but also has 5 canine siblings including Jewel, a deaf Australian Shepherd.

His shelter team was ecstatic for him! While a bright spot who is missed very much, everyone knows he is in the best place for him. He is with people who not only understand the needs and support of a deaf dog but a family who truly loves him.

His family says, "We feel so fortunate that Joe found Jake on the Deaf Dogs Rock Facebook page. We would have never known he existed and needed a home who understood him. We just love this "little man" and feel we made the right decision in bringing him into our family."

And so begins a new chapter for a little dog whose young life was once filled with uncertainty. Jake took flight with Joe and Rebecca filling their family with his love, and they in turn are giving him the life he deserves. From Pennsylvania to Rhode Island...home forever.



o one really knew the name of this sweet little senior guy turned in as a "stray" when he came to the Hillside, so we named him "Little Pappy". He cowered in the back of an open crate, shaking, frightened, and in obvious discomfort from a swollen mouth full of rotted teeth.

He was a little tan and white Chihuahua mix, with precious big eyes that could melt your heart. Within his first hour here, we felt something was wrong — he was shaking, his teeth actually chattered loudly, and he seemed to be in pain and distant at times.

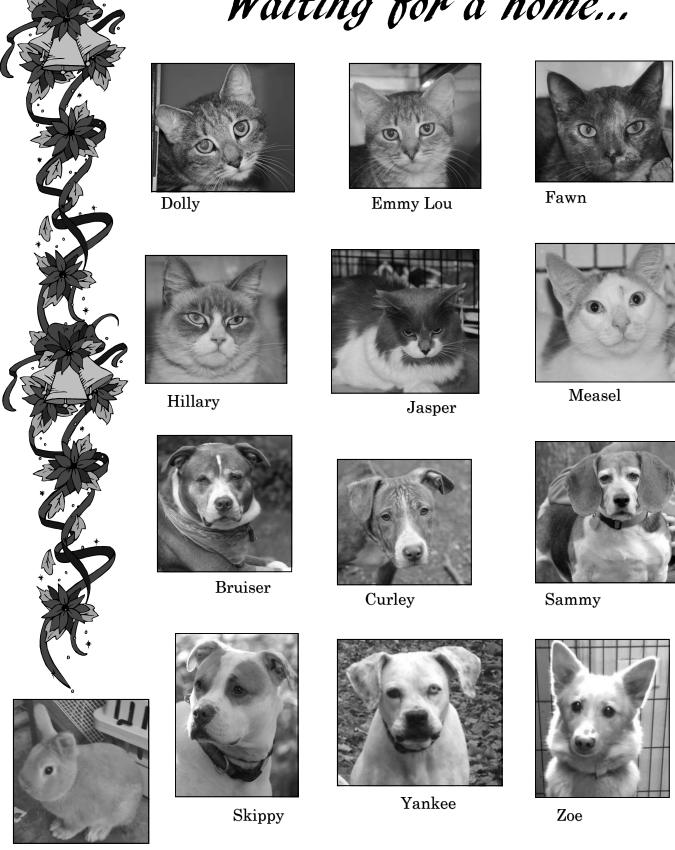
Thanks to Joe's Fund and true to Hillside's nature, "Little Pappy" was whisked off to the vet with the intentions of sparing no expense to help this precious little one who was in obvious need and pain. Once there, devastating news came...Little Pappy's jaw was broken. Imagine the pain he endured! It was felt the break was due to some sort of trauma and whether or not his severely rotted teeth played a part in weakening his jaw bones we'll never know.

The veterinarian felt that surgery would be too much for this senior guy to endure. With great sadness and many tears shed for this sweet soul, Little Pappy was laid to rest that very day. He was not alone when he passed and now forever rests with the volunteer who stayed with him. There is some comfort in the fact that he knew love and TLC in those few short hours with us, but it breaks our hearts it could not have been more.

Without Joe's Fund and the caring shelter staff and volunteers at Hillside, Pappy might have suffered longer. We tried our best to help him and Joe's Fund made that possible. Sadly this time, the outcome was not the happy ending we had hoped for.

Please consider donating to Joe's Fund in memory of Little Pappy.

Waiting for a home...



Lyca

See more animals available at www.hillsidespca.com

A boy's best present

Six-year-old Aiden and a fourvear-old kitty named Ellie will soon be having their merriest Christmas ever! Ellie could not be luckier; neither could Aiden and his family.

Ellie came to Hillside as a very cute and energetic kitten and was soon adopted by an elderly woman who loved her dearly. Unfortunately, four years later the lady passed away and Ellie found herself back at Hillside.

She had a very difficult time adjusting to loss of family and to life in a now strange and hectic place surrounded by SO many cats and people! High stress level resulted in Ellie becoming very ill, and to top it off, we discovered she had an ear tumor which caused her to walk with her head tilted to one side.

Thanks to Joe's Fund, the tumor was successfully removed. However Ellie's head tilt remained giving her quite a unique appearance; as if she was in a permanent state of wonder and curi-



osity. More likely than not, she was! Ellie soon became everybody's favor-

We post Hillside's animals available for adoption on petfinder.com, a wonderful resource, and get people from far and wide coming to adopt our cats and dogs as a result. When Aiden and his grandmother searched the site for a cat for Aiden's birthday, he zeroed

right in on Ellie. He unequivocally decided that she was the cat he wanted!

After contacting us and learning of Ellie's history and head tilt problem, grandma said it did not matter; they were coming to Hillside to adopt Ellie, no matter what!

When Aiden laid eyes on her, it was love at first sight. He had eyes for no other cat, and he could not hold or hug her enough! Of course, Ellie could not have been happier.

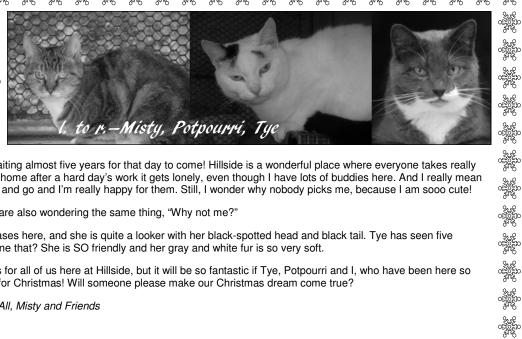
When Santa Claus visits Aiden's house Christmas Eve, he will have to think long and hard about what to put under Aiden's tree. From what we hear, Aiden could not love anything better than his sweet Ellie.

Merry Christmas to Aiden, his family and Ellie!!

Our Petfinder feed for adoptable animals can also be viewed through our own sites at www.hillsidespca.com and www.facebook.com/hillsidespca



Hooray! Christmas is coming and I hope that this year we three adorable felines will finally be adopted by a wonderful family who will love and care for us all our lives. Every day we wait patiently for that special person to look into our faces and see the love in our eyes and say, "I want you!"



My name is Misty and I've been waiting almost five years for that day to come! Hillside is a wonderful place where everyone takes really good care of us, but when they go home after a hard day's work it gets lonely, even though I have lots of buddies here. And I really mean lots! I've seen many of them come and go and I'm really happy for them. Still, I wonder why nobody picks me, because I am sooo cute!

I have two other purry friends that are also wondering the same thing, "Why not me?"

Potpourri has spent three Christmases here, and she is quite a looker with her black-spotted head and black tail. Tye has seen five Christmases go by. Can you imagine that? She is SO friendly and her gray and white fur is so very soft.

We know Santa cannot find homes for all of us here at Hillside, but it will be so fantastic if Tye, Potpourri and I, who have been here so VERY long, could finally go home for Christmas! Will someone please make our Christmas dream come true?

~Love and Merry Christmas to All, Misty and Friends

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