



Helping Hands

A publication of the Hillside Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc.

Thank You!

As the year comes to a close, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you, our supporters! Your generosity and kindness have made it possible for us to keep our doors open for the thousands of animals that pour through our facility each year. You have helped feed hungry animals, given a warm place to sleep for animals without shelter, provided a safe haven for mistreated animals who are learning to trust again and helped those unloved animals find love.

The Hillside SPCA is not just a shelter, it is a home for these animals. It is a place where they can run and play each day, where they sleep on blankets in their beds, where they are hugged and kissed and never have to worry about the cruelty of the world again.

We think of you throughout the year, but especially as the weather turns colder and the holiday season begins. Despite the cold, we are warm, snugly and safe in our wonderful home that you have provided. We love and cherish each of you every day of the year. Some days, our task seems overwhelming, then we will receive a card or note from you and we know we are not alone in our passion to make a better world for our four-legged friends. You give us strength to continue doing what we do at the Hillside each and every day to continue the work at Hillside.

From the many animals that were adopted throughout this year and will spend the holiday season in loving homes and the more than 400 dogs, puppies, cats, kittens and rabbits who will be with us throughout the holiday season as well as our Staff and Board of Directors, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and very Healthy New Year!



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Spreading the Love

The Hillside SPCA is undoubtedly a busy, bustling place. It's home to 350 cats, 10 rabbits, 60 dogs, and even a goat! The holiday season is no different. With the Christmas Season upon us and with the cold weather here, we find ourselves as busy as ever.

At Hillside, we try our very best to offer our animals all we can. Sometimes with the amount of animals we have this can be a daunting task. "Spreading the Love" to our shelter animals is something you can help us with by volunteering any amount of time you are able to gift them with this season. A spare hour to you could mean so much to a cat or dog awaiting its home at the shelter.

Throughout the year we have seen many animals find their forever families and we are so grateful to those that have been adopted! We would be remiss if we didn't mention the animals whose lives were changed for the better, and placed into these loving homes because of adoption sponsorships. Thank you to all of you that sponsored these adoptions and facilitated these amazing adoptions.

Hillside's supporters are the backbone of our shelter. You are as important to our shelter as our staff and volunteers! If it were not for you, there would be no Hillside SPCA. Only running on donations and having to rely on public support is something that we count on. Having faith in our animal-loving community that backs us up day after day is what has kept the Hillside open the past thirty-four years, and what has kept the Hillside the unique shelter it is. One that never says "no" to an animal, and one that goes the distance for each animal that comes our way.

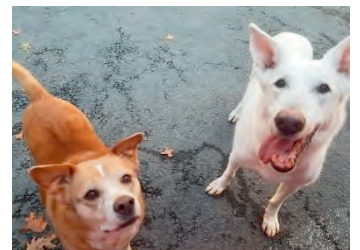
Daily mountain walks, snugly blankets and beds, hot dogs and ham, chicken strip treats, and car rides are just some of the things our dogs enjoy

at the shelter. The cats have cat towers, cat wheels, cat beds, book shelves, and blankets! Just about anything your pet has, our animals have. What they don't have, is a home. But that does not mean they are not loved by each of our staff like they are our very own until they are lucky enough to be adopted, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Hillside SPCA could not exist if it were not for all of our generous supporters; your steadfast giving, your shares on Facebook, and our adopters. I don't think there are any of us here that

can say thank you enough. From the bottom of all our hearts and paws, THANK YOU! This Christmas, don't worry, the animals at Hillside will all have a chicken dinner and lots of extra treats. However, if you really want to make their holiday special, open your heart and home and adopt your next best friend. Hillside has someone special for everyone!

Merry Christmas!
Tricia Moyer-Mentzer
Executive Director



Kim Angst & Mike Piontkowski's Wedding by:
Gayle Masters, Mike & Peggy Greenberg

Kathy Cammarano by: Amy Barto

Marley by: Mid-Atlantic Hound Rescue
Phoebe Hall by: Molly & Jim Reed

Debi Gray & Cha-Cha's 6th Anniversary by Debi Gray

Dear Santa,

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 Amelia and I've been waiting quite a while 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. I've seen many of my buddies come and go and I'm really happy for them. Still, I wonder why nobody picks me, because I am so cute!

I have two other furry friends that are also wondering the same thing, "Why not me.?" Blackberry is quite a looker with his shiny black fur and beautiful green eyes. Then there is Cavanaugh who has been heartbroken because his owner brought him here, said he'd be back for him, and he never came! Can you imagine that? He is so friendly, and his multi-striped fur is so very soft. Everyone loves Cavanaugh's tail.

We know you cannot find homes for all of us here at Hillside, but it will be so fantastic if Blackberry, Cavanaugh and I, could finally get a home and our Christmas dream come true.

Love,

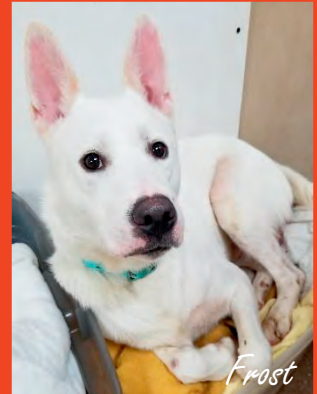
Amelia
&
Friends



Are my presents
in here?



Looking for a
Forever Home!



Hillside's Special Elves

Santa's elves work all year long. Hillside's elves also work year round. Yes, you read that right! Our residents and staff will agree, we do indeed have our own special elves!

We find boxes of toys, bags of food, cases of food, newspapers, blankets, towels and so many other supplies all year long at our doorsteps, on the sidewalks, in front of the storage sheds; and we don't know who put them there. So it must be Hillside's special elves!!

We never see our elves, so we do not know who they are. We never get to thank them. We love you, our special elves, and we thank you from the bottoms of all our hearts!



Thomas Radocha, II
by: Friends & Family

Theresa Price by:
Lynda Thompson, Lori
Ann, Maria A. Paulonis,
Julie Manganiello, Mary
Noon, Ann Rich

Barbara Fahy by: Carolyn & Karen, Cody,
Benjamin, Robbie & Diane



Joe & Caroline's Fund

So it's Christmas... It was a time that Barbara used to LOVE. I think it's the reason she kept her house decorated for Christmas year-round. Perhaps there were other reasons for it, but what's not to love about Christmas, right?

It's a season to bring friends and families together. Barbara used to talk about watching her favorite Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life." with Joe and Caroline. Putting the kids in their Christmas jammies, tucking them into bed, eating way too many cookies and having too many Coca-Colas. Those were the good days. Many of us would love to go back to those days when everything was so much easier. The idea of snuggling into a freshly made bed on a snowy day sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

Now that we are all grown up, we know that Christmas can be a sad time for some people. Barbara had a way of reaching people who were sad and lonely and making them feel special. This Christmas, Barbara will be with Joe and Caroline and those of us that worked closely with her honor her memory by carrying on the work that she cherished. If you find yourself feeling low this holiday season or maybe you just want to give back, we invite you to come to the shelter to walk a dog, pet a cat or hang out with us. Barbara had a way of accepting all types of "misfits" as we teasingly call each other. Everyone is always welcome at the Hillside and there is never a shortage of animals that will help cheer you up.

Many animals at Hillside would not be alive if it were not for the graciousness of the humans that helped them along the way. The Hillside was a safe haven for Barbara when Joe and Caroline died. It gave her purpose to go on. Now, the Fund keeps us going because we see, literally, thousands of animals saved because of it. We are so grateful to all of our friends that help Joe and Caroline's Fund. Our army is a mighty one. Keep on going!



Joe & Caroline's Fund!

Wish List

A perfect gift for us and all our buddies would be a nice supply of **canned cat & dog food and dry kitten food!**



Support Joe & Caroline's Fund

Enclosed is my gift in the amount of: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: "Joe & Caroline's Fund
Hillside SPCA Inc.

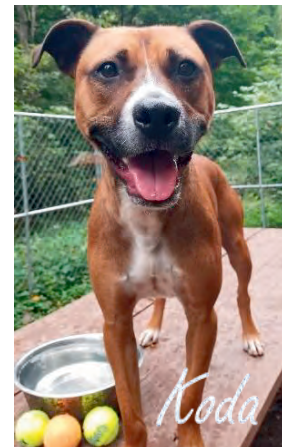
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Memorials, Remembrances & Honors

- **John Roberts** by: James & Catherine Corotto, Denise & Robert Swartz, Kathleen Foran, The Seaman Family
- **Florence Bower** by: Amy & son, David
- **Dana D. Holley Tucker** by: Teresa & Conrad Stoffregen
- **Eddie Williams** by: Mr. & Mrs. Steve Cotler
- **Linda L. Doyle** by: Becky & Mark Herb
- **Rich Fessler** by: Jennifer Bryant
- **Frank Zokaitis** by: Jane Payne
- **Marjorie Muhaw** by: Joseph Sinkus
- **Mary Pascavage** by: Sandy Franzen, Dick & Faith East, Carol Harmon, Stan & Margaret Malinowski, Alicia & William Musgrove, Becky & Rich Zadnik, Anne Rebar, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Merkel
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- **Eleanor Precourt** by: Prudence Precourt
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- **Irene Walters** by: Mahanoy Area Education Association
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- **Claude Kleinsmith** by: Deborah Gaul, Eric Kleinsmith
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- **Gloria Meek** by: Jean & Ritchie Greth, Mr. & Mrs. David Sonksen, Bonita McCoy, Joan Moyer, Richard & Jorene Sluys, Nan & Jim Morrissey, Dennis & Barbara Nemes, Patricia Stoppi, Nancy Houser, Jeannie Manderbach, Mr. & Mrs. Clodualdo Orquiza, Barbara & Evans Goodling, Marilyn & Jack Adams
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- **David McKinney** by: Sheila Quick

Pet Memorials

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- **Buddy** by: Lee Ann Freiler
- **Joey** by: Lisa Mayshock
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- **Tommy** by: Adele & Bill Magee & Family, Angela Heller, Jane & Todd Evans & Family
- **Sabre** by: Carol Blue
- **Lola** by: Linda Moscon & Jerry Wolf
- **Murphy** by: Linda Moscon Jerry Wolf
- **Wintergreen Wadsworth** by: Sandra Wadsworth
- **Roxie** by: Kelli Kauterman, David Richwine, Tessa & Gus
- **Peppy** by: Tom & Jane Burns
- **Lily** by: Matthew & Renee Popalis
- **Petey** by: GaGa
- **Angel** by: James & Maryann Sworen
- **Libby** by: Cheryl Mertz
- **Harry** by: Eileen & Mike Hurchick
- **Ralphie** by: Paula & Jeff Sterbenz
- **Baxter** by: Marje & Jim Lowthert
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- **Casey & Bode** by: Belinda Shultz
- **Jessy Belle Holly** by: Lee Ann Freiler
- **Chase** by: Gram & Pop
- **Ralphie** by: Paula & Jeff Sterbenz
- **Bridgette** by: Florence Taylor
- **Penny** by: Paula Sterbenz
- **Our Beloved Pets** by: Paul, Sr. & Margaret Bedway
- **Gretel & Boots** by: Elaine Hackenberg
- **Corky** by: Sylvia Cunningham
- **Sarah Kitty** by: Mary Holmes
- **Lola Gretskey** by: Mary Glore
- **Alexandrea** by: Mr. & Mrs. James Bender
- **Kutow** by: Ken Siemanis
- **Emily (Mama Dolly)** by: Cathy Slusser
- **Kelly** by: Ron & Mary Ann Henning
- **Beagle** by: Tricia Moyer-Mentzer
- **Snickers, Judy, Tyson, & Mia** by: Hillside Staff

"In Memory" and "In Honor" Contributions

may be sent to
"Memorials/Honors", Hillside SPCA, PO Box 233, Pottsville, PA 17901

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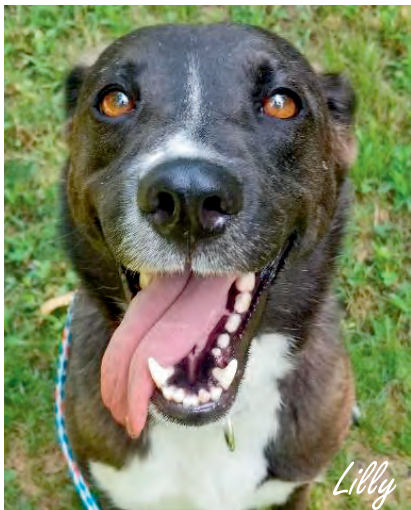
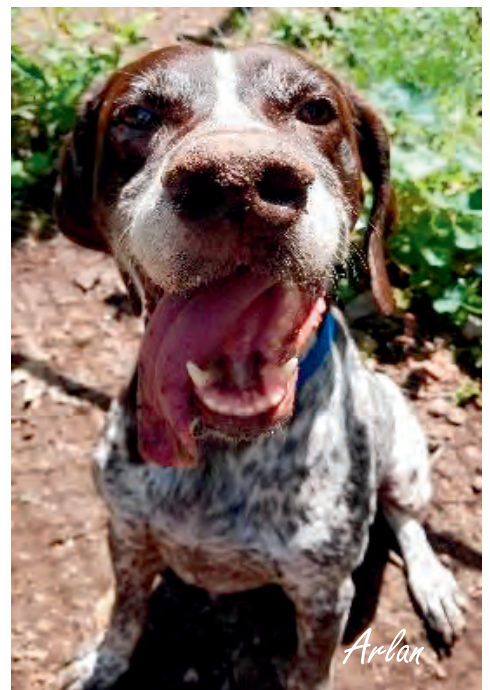
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for visitation and adoption.





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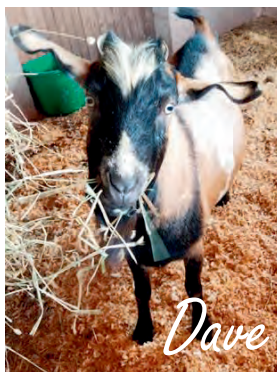
EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

We are funded almost entirely through donations. Every single dollar donated is spent for the benefit of animals in our area. **YOUR** generosity is what keeps our doors open allowing us to treat, shelter, feed, and love the many who come to us in desperate need of a second chance.

They need you.

Please show them you care TODAY!

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You can HELP animals in need NOW!



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