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New Year...New Beginnings...

Hillside has had many adoptions over the past few weeks, but one of the most exciting was when Hooch finally found a home. Hooch is an older hound mix that came to us over two years ago and quickly became a staff and volunteer favorite. He arrived at Hillside with almost no fur, a skin condition and infected ears. Despite all of his physical conditions, Hooch had a mostly pleasant demeanor (unless you touched his ears) with humans, and the staff did everything to try and find him a home. We sponsored his adoption fee, advertised him in the newspaper, on TV and via social media. Hope that he would find a home was fading when along came a young man named Jesse who started spending a lot of time with Hooch. He and his fiancé, Sarah, were trying to work out an arrangement to make Hooch their special one and only dog. Patience paid off for Hooch when his big day finally



came. We cannot thank Jesse, Sarah, and their families enough for opening up their hearts and home to this sweet man.

Bucky is another special animal that found his way out of the shelter. Bucky is a cat that has been with us for 6 years! Why so long? Partly because he had an old injury to his hind end and partly because he is feline aids positive. Despite these things, Bucky has always been a staff favorite. His new owner fell in love instantly and could not wait to take Bucky home. We receive regular updates and are elated that Bucky no longer spends his days sleeping on a wooden shelf.



He now spends his time on a his owner's couch. These are the types of happy endings (or shall I say, new beginnings) that keep us going here at the Hillside SPCA! Every day brings a new challenge, especially in these crazy times. It is so rewarding to our dedicated staff and volunteers to see, first-hand that all of our hard work pays off when our animals finally get a forever home. None of these new beginnings would be possible if it we did not have the best supporters to back us up over the years. We appreciate all of you so very much. It takes a village to save the Hooch's, the Bucky's, and all of the animals who are lucky enough to get a home. You are all part of are team, and we thank you from the bottoms of our hearts.

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

- Mahatma Ghandi

By Tricia Moyer-Mentzer

Special Honors

- > Ann & Brown by: Richard Brown
- Brownie by: Ethel Sherman
- Porter by: James & Holly Wallauer
- Barbara Davis By: Daryl Davis
- Bill Miller by: Steve Miller
- Lady Sasha by: Thomas Welsh
- > Barbara Davis by: Joseph Studlick
- Jasper by: Mr. & Mrs. James Creveling
- Kelsey Schwenk & Zach Hubler's Wedding by: Louise M. Huegel
- > Pastor Lee Diefenderfer by: St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Precious by: Angela Daniele
- > Jack & Theresa Price by: Fragasso Financial Advisors
- Chester & Billy by: Dale & Kaye Schwenk
- Sherry Melewsky by: Mildred & Albert Melewsky
- Phoebe Hall by: Molly & Jim Reed
- CSC Pennsylvania-Crew 2 by: Russell Williams
- Stacey & Jason Balthaser by: Robert L. Balthaser
- The DeFeo Family by: Marie & Olivia Vovakes
- Mel Berezny by: Marvin Charles
- Marie Bonham by: Thomas & Georgia Jenkins
- > Paula & Jeff Sterbenz by: Barbara Bindie
- Thomas Knappenberger by: Lindsay Knappenberger
- Kathy Cammarano by: Amy Barto
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- > Angel & Baron by: The Hench's
- Roxy & the Stank Girls by: Amy Strouse
- > Chester & Billy by: Kaye & Dale Schwenk & Family

Birthday Honors

Debra Micks by: Ellen Micka Sharon Demko by: Rose Huss

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Carey

Bim Angst by: Nellie Manis

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What an Indoor Cat Misses...

> Being hit by a car

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- ➤ Being stolen
- Being used as bait in dog fighting
- Fights with cats, dogs, skunks, foxes, coyotes, bears, & raccoons
- Rain, snow, extreme temperatures
- Gunshot wounds & animal traps
- Being captured for laboratory testing
- Getting lost or injured
- Getting sick or infected
- Rat poisoning or antifreeze poisoning
- Fleas, ticks, worms, or ringworm
- Pregnancy
- > Hungry hawks.

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TIMOTHY AND YOU

Timothy was found in a crate along the side of a road by a kind passerby who stopped to check it. Imagine how terrified this kitty felt; all alone, squeezed into a crate with traffic whizzing by! He was brought to us (thank you, dear caring people) and was evaluated by our staff. A quick glance told us Timothy had a problem with his eyes and a veterinarian verified our concern. Timothy was diagnosed with bilateral entropion (his eyelashes turn inward and rub the surface of the eye causing painful irritation and possible corneal damage) and yes, his left cornea was very seriously damaged. He needed special surgery. This was not the diagnosis we expected. Along with the surgery to correct his eyelids, the dead corneal tissue needed to be removed and a tissue graft put in place. This procedure was done by a specialist and can typically cost over \$3000!

Hillside SPCA exists as a refuge for homeless, unwanted, abused and injured animals. Thanks to you, our generous donors, we lovingly care for all that come

to us. You are all amazing! You keep our doors open by donating to our general fund. You make it possible for broken animals, such as Timothy, to become whole again by donating to Joe and Caroline's Fund, Our residents, including Timothy, love you for it.

Thank you!



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OPT TO ADOPT

Last year's kitten season put a strain on our feline quarters and although many were adopted, those that remain are now growing to adulthood. Couple that with the many cats and kittens still arriving daily, and we have high numbers of very adoptable kitties that are still waiting for their forever homes.

Unfortunately, many of the cats that come to us are very stressed by a shelter environment and many have serious health issues that require extra care adding to their stress levels.

Emmett is a three year old stray who showed up on someone's doorstep before arriving at the Shelter. He is very docile and had a hard time adjusting to crowded shelter life! Thankfully, he slowly progressed to the point that he likes other cats and people. He is a sweet, handsome boy, patiently



waiting for a home where he can peacefully relax and just be himself.

Please call us today at (570) 622-7769 or stop and meet Emmett in person.

By Holly Kowalishen

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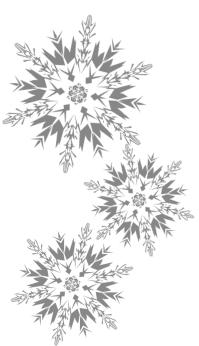
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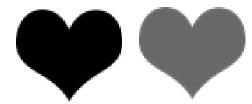
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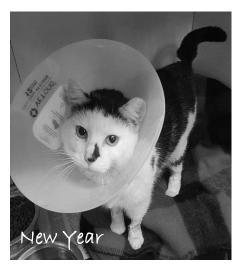


Helping Miracles Happen

Hillside received a call from a concerned citizen about a cat she had seen roaming her neighborhood with a serious injury. Our Humane Officer, Dana Smith- Mansell, investigated and it was very apparent the cat needed immediate veterinary intervention. The cat, who was named "New Year," needed to have emergency surgery for a prolapsed rectum.

New Year had survived surgery and then came back to the shelter, to heal. New Year's sweet nature caught the attention of the veterinary technician that was caring for her the night she was admitted to the hospital and a few weeks after being with us at Hillside, she came to adopt her.

Joe and Caroline's Fund pays for veterinary bills at the shelter. There was no hesitation when I got the call about New Year. I knew this stray deserved a chance and a shot at life. She was in the right place at the right time to be seen by a caring animal lover. Thankfully, she was able to be saved through surgical intervention, at a cost of approximately \$800, made possible by Joe & Caroline's Fund. Since the inception of



Joe and Caroline's Fund, every adult animal is spayed/neutered prior to adoption. Making a donation to Joe and Caroline's Fund helps continue Barbara Umlauf's mission and literally saves the lives of furry friends like New Year!

By Tricia Moyer-Mentzer

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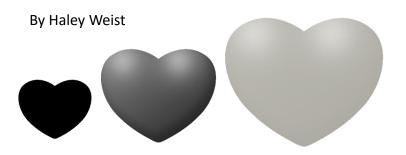
Lovie's name says it all! She is full of smiles and has so much love to give in her senior years. April 2020 is when she arrived at the shelter as a stray and since then she has been patiently waiting for her chance at a forever home. She is a 7 year old, American Staffordshire terrier mix. She would do well in a calmer environment without young children, cats or other dogs. Lovie sadly has many strikes against her. She is very overlooked due to her age, breed and health issues, but nothing stops Lovie from being an out-going happy pup!

Recently she was seen at a veterinarian due to a few suspicious lumps on her hind end and sadly we didn't get the news we wanted to hear. Lovie has a few mast-cell tumors throughout her body and spondylosis in her spine and will remain on medication for the rest of her life. Despite her medical issues you would never know there is anything wrong with her. Each and every day, Lovie amazes us.

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Many volunteers here at the Hillside SPCA have picked Lovie as their favorite and they've always had a good word to say about her! She has the sweetest soul and adores being the center of attention. Lovie is the best of both worlds; she has a spunky side to her but also likes to relax and nap! A few times a week a volunteer comes to take Lovie and a few other dogs on car rides. Lovie is very well-behaved while being in a vehicle and absolutely loves going on her rides! Some of Lovie's favorite things to do at the shelter are going on long mountain walks, playing ball and just relaxing with her favorite people! She has so much energy and is always up for an adventure.

Our goal for Lovie is to find her a home/ hospice house as soon as possible so she can spend the rest of her senior days in a home of her own. A shelter is no place for a senior dog especially one with medical issues. Lovie is a great dog and we can only hope she gets the home she so badly deserves!





Christmas Honors

Hedda Schupak by: Diane M. Kerly

Jack & Theresa Price by: Shelley & Scott Price

Barbara "Aunt Bee" Umlauf by: Jessica & John Murphy

Diane & Beth Jones by: Mary A. Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Poole & Sarah by: Mary A. Smith

Marie Bonham by: Arnold Fiergang Helen Delenick by: Thomas Schwartz

Karen Chimahusky by: John & Patricia Chimahusky

Annie Mastago by: Carol Field

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Dr. Amy Szajna by: Marie Moran Frank Scheuren by: Betsy Morris Lise Antinozzi by: Diane Martin Alicia Kimmel by: Helen Kimmel

Winter Weather Warnings

As we get out our winter coats, hats and gloves to brave the elements, it is important to remember that our furry friends also need some extra TLC during the colder months.

Thinner dogs get cold quicker than more solid animals with thicker and darker colored coats. A dog with a thick coat like a Husky will be able to stay out in the cold for much longer than a dog with a very thin coat, such as a Greyhound. Also, if dogs have a darker coat they will remain warm on sunny days since their coat will absorb heat from the sunlight. Dogs can go outside for 15 to 20 minutes at below-freezing temperatures to use the bathroom and play, but if the temperature drops below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, dogs could potentially develop cold-associated health issues like hypothermia and frostbite.

Another health hazard you need to watch out for in the winter is the salt that is used to de-ice roads and walkways. It can cause your dog's paw pads to peel off, leaving a layer of fresh, sensitive skin exposed which can be painful to walk on. Make sure to wash your dog's feet with warm water when they return indoors.

You should also steer your dog clear of icy areas because they can fall and hurt themselves just like humans, especially older dogs that may not be able to react as fast.

Keep your pets indoors where you can snuggle up to keep each other warm.



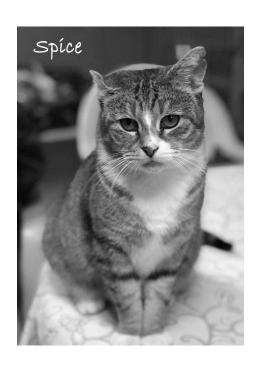
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- ☐ Dry Puppy Food
- Purina One Kitten Food
- ☐ Blue Buffalo Grain Free Kitten Food
- Jerky Dog Treats
- Temptations Cat Treats
- Meat Sticks
- ☐ Hillside Farms Chicken Jerky and rawhide wraps
- ☐ Green Valley Rawhide Chews
- Wally Wags Cow Ears
- ☐ Ultra Chewy Dog Bones
- ☐ Fancy Feast Cat Food
- ☐ Friskies Cat Food
- Cat Litter (non-clumping)





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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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