



Helping Hands

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51 SPCA Road, Pottsville, PA 17901

Barbara Umlauf's Dream Is Coming True!!!

In 1986, Barbara Umlauf (then Parnell) was asked to manage the Hillside SPCA she had been volunteering at since 1982. In order to do that, Barb quit her job as a kindergarten teacher. At that time the Hillside SPCA consisted of one building, now known as the Big Dog Building, which housed 30 dogs and 15 cats, all together in that original building.

Barb was able to build a team of family and friends and slowly grow the shelter into a facility that houses 300-350 homeless animals on average. The Hillside has adopted out thousands of animals and responded to cruelty calls all over the county. Barb also became a local celebrity saving countless animals, rescuing anything that needed rescuing. She was even written about in the National Enquirer in September of 1990 after she crawled through an 18 inch pipe to rescue a puppy.

Hillside SPCA was Barbara's heart and there wasn't anything she wouldn't do to make sure the animals were all safe, warm, and fed. The shelter became a vital resource for homeless and abused animals and continued to grow. After Barb's son Joe died tragically in 2006, Barb spearheaded Joe's Spay/Neuter and Emergency Fund, a fund to pay veterinary bills for homeless animals and honor the memory of her son. This fund has paid the veterinary bills for thousands of animals that may not have otherwise received treatment. Eleven years later in 2017, Barbara's beloved daughter Caroline also passed away and through her grief Barbara changed the name of the fund to Joe and Caroline's Fund.

A year and a half later, on December 20th 2018, Barbara went to be with her children. She battled cancer but we will always believe she died of a broken heart. This life wasn't very kind to Barb after all of the good she did, but she is at peace now and we all promised her that we would protect and preserve the Hillside SPCA and that's what our current Capital Campaign is all about.

Currently, we have four buildings at our Hillside SPCA facility. The Cat Building with the Julian Building houses 220 to 280 cats. The Small Dog Building houses 25-30 small dogs and also has an adjacent Bunny Room that houses 10-15



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Bunnies. Our Big Dog Building houses 45-50 large dogs.

With the help of our Capital Campaign, we hope to replace our badly rusted kennels, replace flooring, fix and replace windows and doors, build a new Welcome Center and convert the old one into an in-house veterinary clinic, which was always Barbara's dream. The clinic will greatly reduce the cost of the shelter's veterinary bills, which exceeds over \$200,000 a year, and it will give the community a local resource for low cost spaying and neutering.

We would like the shelter to always be a bright, positive space where homeless animals find safety and get the chance to meet the humans with whom they will make memories of a lifetime. We exist solely on donations so we are relying on your kindness once again to make our dream a reality. Barbara Umlauf gave her life to this shelter and we owe it to her to make her dream of a clinic become a reality. Whether you give a dollar or twenty dollars, every penny marked for the Capital Campaign will go towards desperately needed renovations and a Spay/Neuter Clinic we can all use for many years to come. Won't you please consider helping us make Barbara's dream a reality? Happy Holidays to all of you! We love you from the bottom of our hearts and paws! Thank you for always generously supporting "Barb's Shelter!"

Special **Thank You** to the **ANIMAL LOVERS** who report cases of suspected animal cruelty, to the **Hillside Cruelty Officers** who respond to and provide support for those animals, to the **Law Enforcement** officials who investigate and to the **District Attorney's Office** for prosecuting the guilty.



Pictured above: Progress on the NEW Meet & Greet Room.



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Meet Taylor

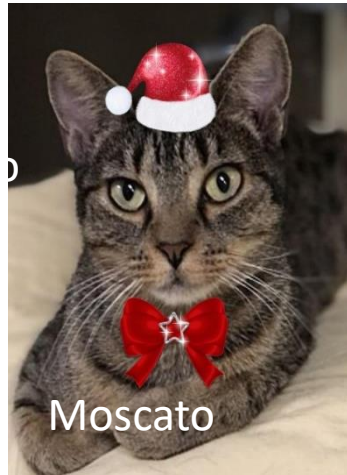
Many people assume that puppies are always quickly adopted from shelters. Unfortunately for Taylor, that was not the case. In the beginning of December of 2021, Taylor and his friend Charlie were found running on the street and a good Samaritan called us to help.



Charlie was adopted about three months later, but Taylor kept getting overlooked. As Taylor grew and grew, we knew that his adoption was becoming less likely. Soon he turned into just another pit bull at the shelter begging for a family to give him a chance. Instead of growing up in a loving home, he was growing up in a shelter where the dogs spend more time alone than with the staff. He watched as many of his friends got adopted and he continued to wait. Taylor eventually outgrew the "small dog building" and came to the "big dog building" to make new friends and be with dogs more his speed and size.

No matter what his frown tells you, he's a happy-go-lucky guy who is always ready for a good time. He loves everyone he meets and is dog and cat friendly! Taylor is ready to learn all about what life has to offer outside of the shelter!

We are hoping his second Christmas is in a home instead of at Hillside.



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Community Support Makes all the Difference!

Now, more than ever we want to give a big THANK YOU to all the local businesses, schools and personal donors that have and currently are showing their support for Hillside by bringing donations and running donation drives. This time of year can be challenging. The cost of living has been on the rise and families have holidays to worry about. Watching your kids open presents on Christmas morning will always take top priority and we understand that. Sadly, this time of year is one of the busiest for shelters. "Out with the old and in with the new" is common around Christmas time. Families decide to give away family pets to make room for a new puppy or kitten. A few weeks after the holidays our intakes increase again because families realize how difficult a new animal can be.

Hillside houses between 300-350 animals at any given time. You can only imagine how much food and cleaning supplies we go through in a week. In one day, we use 100 cans of wet cat food, about 300 pounds of litter and 100 pounds of dry dog food. That's 36,500 cans of wet cat food, 109,500 pounds of cat litter and 36,500 pounds of dry dog food a year. Without these donation drives we wouldn't have the supplies necessary to care for all of our animals.

Thank you to everyone who helps us keep our doors open. It's because of our community's love and support that we can keep going. Happy holidays from all of us at Hillside (two-legged and four).

Sincerely,
The Shelter Staff &
Board of Directors



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The Cat That Trapped Our Hearts!

Hillside received a disturbing call on September 22, 2022 regarding a cat found in Frackville. His front leg was stuck in a foot trap that he was dragging while crying in pain. When Holly got to the scene, some good Samaritans had safely freed and crated him. They had named him Trapper.

The Hillside Staff immediately transported the animal to the vet for examination. The vet explained his leg was completely shattered and our only option was to amputate his leg. Since they did not have a surgeon on duty he would need to be transferred. After numerous calls for help we finally found a vet that was equipped and willing to do his surgery.

Surgery was performed on Trapper the next day and he was recovering at the Hillside. Even after all he had endured, he was always very loving and affectionate. On October 4, 2022 Hillside received a call from someone saying they saw Trapper's story on Hillside's Facebook page and stated he belonged to them. He had slipped out of their house and they were looking for him for days. His owner came that day to pick him up. His real name is Thor and seeing Thor reunited with his dad was such an amazing feeling to us all. His family is beyond grateful to Hillside SPCA for saving their boy and continues to share updates with us.

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They need you.

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