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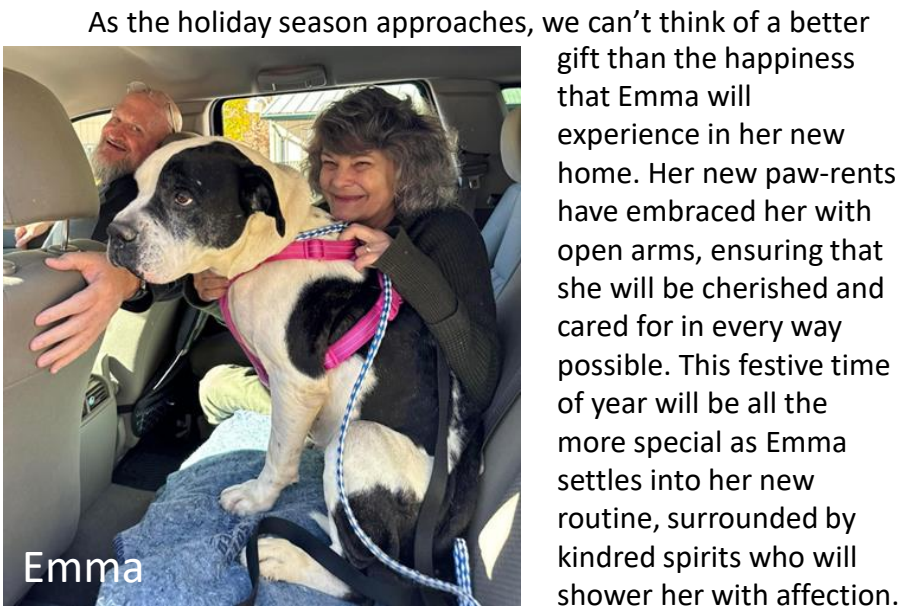
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Do You Believe? ...Happily Ever After Can Come True

In our last newsletter, we reached out to our wonderful community with a heartfelt plea to find a loving foster or hospice home for our sweet Emma. We are overjoyed to share the fantastic news that Emma has found her forever home just in time for the holidays! This gentle soul, who has captured the hearts of so many, will now have the chance to bask in the comfort and warmth of a family that truly adores her. This transition promises Emma a peaceful environment where she can enjoy her golden years, filled with love and companionship.



Emma

As the holiday season approaches, we can't think of a better gift than the happiness that Emma will experience in her new home. Her new paw-rents have embraced her with open arms, ensuring that she will be cherished and cared for in every way possible. This festive time of year will be all the more special as Emma settles into her new routine, surrounded by kindred spirits who will shower her with affection.

We wish Emma and her new family a holiday season rich with joy, laughter, and love as they embark on this beautiful journey together. Happy holidays, Emma! You deserve every moment of bliss that way!



Minx



Everly



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Dreaming of His Forever Home

Meet Mickey, a charming 9–10 year-old male tuxedo cat who has endured a challenging journey in life. Recently rescued from a situation where his previous owner could no longer provide the care he desperately needed; Mickey arrived at our facility in very poor condition. His health struggles have been significant; he previously had



undergone a dental procedure to remove all of his teeth and has faced numerous ear infections, leading to the development of a hematoma.

Despite his past hardships, Mickey's gentle

spirit and affectionate nature shine through, making him a true testament to resilience.

When Mickey came to us, he was in desperate need of both medical attention and a good bath. He was filthy, covered in scabs, and flea infested. However, after receiving the necessary treatments, including being updated on vaccinations, Mickey has made impressive strides towards recovery. He has been tested and is negative for feline leukemia and FIV, making him a healthy companion ready for a new beginning.

Mickey is now searching for a loving forever home where he can feel safe and cherished. His mature age brings a calmness and wisdom that younger cats often lack. If you have space in your heart and home for this sweet tuxedo gentleman, Mickey would love to curl up by your side and bring comfort and companionship to your life. Together, you can create a beautiful bond that honors his resilient spirit and gives him the loving environment he deserves. Can you open your home to this mature man looking for his forever family?

Memorials, Remembrances & Honors

- Barbara Umlauf by: Kathleen Drobnick, Shirley Willinsky, Sallee Umlauf, Bill & Ann Igo
- Barbara Umlauf, Joe & Caroline by: Daniel Mahoney
- Lucy Boutselis by: The Weltmer Family, Jan Stoltz
- Mary Zambiasi by: Phillip Zambiasi, Amy & Ed Purcell
- Leo Finlan by: Jessica Matzen, Ronald Coroniti, Rosalie Finlan
- Walter "Butch" Furer by: The Carribean Babes, Jody Brossman, Bill & Elaine Miller, Kathleen & Wayne Haas, John Bolton, Amy Driscoll, Susan Simonson, Tom & Kay Anne Barber, Ira & Jennifer Walton, Bill & Katy Heckman, Skip & Anita Bradley, Sandy & Tony Baran, William, Jonathan & Mary Moss, Kathleen Tokenitz, Ronald Essler, Carol Field
- Sam Bellavia by: Dorothy Harris
- Our Friend Amy by: Amy DeLong
- Linda Schock by: Betty Chescatti, Elaine Oblas, Beverly Macek, Carol & Jill Wheler
- Leona Deibert by: Nancy Chamberlain
- Paul Umlauf by: Sallee Umlauf
- Ralph Falls, Sr. by: Dave & Andrea Sekellick, Laurie & Dennis Ward, Sr., Barbara & John Powers, Timothy & Megan Demko, Mary Peca
- Dolores Bonenberger by: Darrell & Janet Turner
- James A. Juranis by: David Moore Family, Gary & Dorothy Martinaitis
- Frances Glowacki Lesko by: James Dopkin
- Kelly A. Kline by: Kim Dreisbach
- Sarah A. Beltz by: Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sleboda, Richard Beltz, Gloria & John Wetzel
- Tom Cromack by: Suzanne McCabe
- Kim Challenger by: Renee & Matt Popalis, Donna Challenger
- Daniel Pachkoski by: Gail Pachkoski
- Emma Jane Smith by: Robert & Lorie Klinger, Harold Smith
- Brian Umlauf by: Chaundra Umlauf, Sallee Umlauf
- Leonard (Larry) Blyer by: Jason Scott, David Miller
- Bill & Laverda Wertz by: Dawn & Kenneth Marx, Jr.
- Gary McCloskey by: Mark & Carol Alonge
- Paul F. Stahler by: Kim Stahler & John Zukowski
- Sherri McCready by: William & Sally Coons
- Leonard J. Yenilaitus by: Joseph & Barbara Katkowski, David & Mary Gauntlett
- John "Jack" Hummel by: Joe & Diane O'Neill
- Theresa Andruscavage by: Mary Price
- John "Stu" Richards by: Thomas Kulp

First Annual Halloween Benefit was a HUGE Success!



Capital Campaign Update

As the leaves turn and the chill of autumn settles in, the Hillside SPCA is excited to share significant updates on our ongoing capital campaign! Over the past several months, our dedicated team, supporters, and volunteers have come together with a shared vision: to expand our facilities, enhance our services, and ultimately provide a better life for the animals in our care. Thanks to the commitment of our community, we are thrilled to announce that we have reached several key milestones.

The new Barb Umlauf Welcome Center was built in July of 2022 and provides a calm, quiet setting for adopters to become acquainted with the pet they have come to possibly adopt. We opened the new Spay/Neuter Clinic in September of 2023 and just hit 1000 spay/neuters about two weeks ago. It is our goal to grow the clinic and expand our services to the community as we are able to. The Big Dog building now has all new, modern kennels, fans, and

new ductless mini split systems for a/c and heating and we recently were able to complete an irrigation project that will prevent our kennels from flooding, as they have done in the past.

We still need a generator installed to ensure the animals have heat when the power goes down and we can still fully function. We also have the renovation of the Small Dog Building, the Cat Building and the Julian Room ahead of us so we have made much progress, but we still have much to do. As we move forward, we remain committed to our vision of a modern, welcoming space for our shelter animals and the surrounding community. With your help, we are one step closer to achieving that goal. We encourage everyone to stay engaged and informed about our progress. Together, we can ensure that every animal receives the love, care, and forever home they all deserve. Thank you for your continued support of the Hillside SPCA Capital Campaign. We couldn't do it without your support! For more information on how to donate or get involved with our capital campaign, please visit our website at www.hillsidepca.com or contact us at kdhadopt34@gmail.com. Follow us on social media for updates and event details. Let's make a difference together!



Omar



Sookie & Kahlua



Peanut

ADOPTING... FOSTERING... DONATING... FEEDING... ADVOCATING... SUPPORTING... *LOVING...* WALKING...

Animals bring joy, companionship, and unconditional love into our lives. Unfortunately, countless pets find themselves in need of shelter, food, and care. This is where organizations like Hillside SPCA come into play, providing refuge and rehabilitation for displaced animals. If you're looking to make a difference but aren't sure where to start, consider joining the mission of Hillside SPCA through various avenues of support: adopting, fostering, donating, feeding, advocating, supporting, loving, and walking. Here's how you can get involved.

Adopting a pet is one of the most impactful ways of supporting Hillside SPCA. When you open your home to a rescue animal, you not only provide them with a loving family but also create space for another animal in need. Adopting means committing to care for your pet for their entire life, ensuring they receive the love, training, and veterinary care they require. Hillside SPCA has a variety of animals looking for forever homes, from dogs and cats to rabbits and more. Each adoption is a chance to change a life.

If you're not ready for a long-term commitment or your living situation doesn't allow for a permanent pet, consider fostering. Fostering animals provides them with a safe and loving environment while they await their forever homes. It helps animals adjust to life outside the shelter and allows the organization to care for more animals. Hillside SPCA offers guidelines and support to help you transition into a foster family, making it a rewarding experience for both the animal and the foster caregiver.

Monetary donations are vital for the ongoing operations of Hillside SPCA. These funds are used to cover food, medical care, shelter maintenance, and other essential services for rescued animals. If you are unable to adopt or foster but want to contribute, consider a one-time or recurring donation. Additionally, Hillside SPCA often organizes fundraising events; participating in these can amplify your impact.

Become a member or volunteer with Hillside SPCA. By dedicating your time, you can help with various tasks, including animal care, shelter maintenance, event planning, and public outreach. Volunteering not only supports the specific needs of the organization but also enriches your life by connecting you with like-minded individuals who share your passion for animal welfare.



BB

Sometimes, the best support comes from simple acts of love. Spend time with the animals at Hillside SPCA by socializing, grooming, and playing with them. Your attention and affection can make a profound difference in their demeanor and overall well-being, helping them to be more adoptable.

Regular exercise is essential for a pet's health and happiness. Hillside SPCA often has many dogs waiting for walks and outdoor time. Taking them for walks not only provides needed exercise but also helps in socializing them, making them more attractive to potential adopters. Whether it's a leisurely stroll in the park or a brief romp around the shelter grounds, each walk gives a dog the chance to enjoy some fresh air and human company.

The dedication to animal welfare shown by Hillside SPCA runs deep, but the ongoing support of the community is what truly drives our mission forward. Whether

you decide to adopt, foster, donate, advocate, support, love, or walk; every action counts. By getting involved, you don't just support Hillside SPCA; you become a beacon of hope for animals in need. They're waiting for you—what will you do to help? Reach out today and discover how you can make a difference in the lives of these lovable and deserving animals.



Max

"In Memory" and "In Honor" **Contributions** may be sent to "Memorial Honors" Hillside, SPCA, P.O. Box 233, Pottsville, PA 17901. Those wishing to remember the Hillside SPCA in your will or estate planning, it is important to use our full corporate title "Hillside Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Incorporated." Thank you.

Capital Campaign Progress *(continued page 1)*



Beverly Loftus by: Stacey DeDirolamo

Archie & Bailey by: Marcha Chwastiak

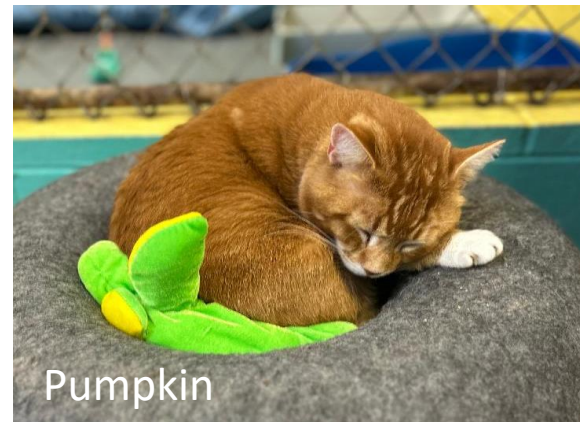
K. Whitney Rogers by: Amy & Hunter Barto



Look Beyond the Stereotypes

Times are undeniably tough in the animal rescue world, with many shelters facing unprecedented challenges as they strive to find loving homes for countless animals in need. Each day, kind-hearted volunteers and shelter staff work tirelessly, yet the sheer volume of abandoned and surrendered pets can be overwhelming. It's crucial now, more than ever, for compassionate individuals to step up and support these efforts by checking in with their local shelters. Many people may associate animal rescue primarily with certain breeds, like pit bulls, but the truth is, shelters are home to a diverse array of animals, each with their own unique personalities and stories waiting to be told.

If you're considering adding a furry friend to your family, don't overlook the wonderful variety of animals you can find in your local shelter. From playful puppies to wise senior cats, and everything in between, there are countless pets longing for a chance at love and companionship. Many of these animals have faced hardships that no creature should endure, and by choosing to adopt, you can not only change their lives but also enrich your own. With so many options available—each one deserving of a second chance—it's essential to look beyond the stereotypes often associated with specific breeds. By visiting your local shelters, you can discover the incredible potential for companionship and loyalty that exists within their walls, waiting for you to unlock it. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these animals and help ease the burden on rescue organizations struggling to meet the needs of their residents.



Pumpkin



Ava Huber by: Steve Neifert
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 Bella Joy Vovakes

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Pet Memorials

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- Kinder by: Debra Eliassen
- Capone by: Dwight H.B. Rieman
- Tess & Cookie by: Maryann Sworen
- Remi by: Robin & Donald Nestor
- Mowgli by: Laura Bennett
- Addie by: Bob & Debbie Delp
- Mimi & Snuggles by: Anna Brennan
- Tana & Muffet by: Janice Fredericks
- Kona by: John Kweder
- Lizzie by: Eleanor Mahalchick
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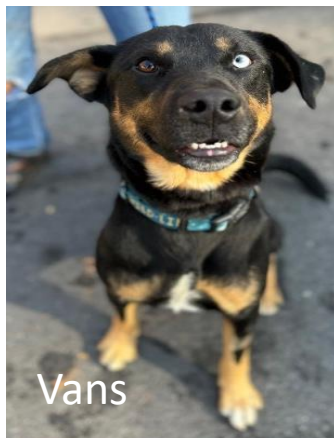
Long Sleeve \$28.00



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- Cindy Semerod by: Lynn Anne Dudash
- Betty Webster by: Carole & Walter Keely
- Joan Coryell Kelly by: Lisa Deluca-Rapone
- Ed & Donna Risko by: Ginny Stanzola
- Lisa Beth Depsky by: Roxanne Purcell
- B.J. & Jim Howat, Margie & Larry Gerber, & Ed Leuchtner by: Jim Howat
- Doretta Jones by: Sharon, Leon, Luke, DayDay, Shiva Trusky & Jay Jones
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- Tuna
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- Canned dog food
- Soft dog treats
- Toys
- Rabbit pellets
- Timothy hay
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Bleach

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Happy Holidays from the staff of Hillside SPCA!



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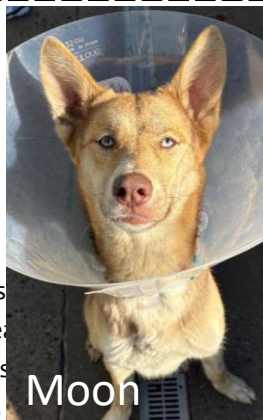
EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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!

All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The official registration and financial information of the Hillside S.P.C.A., Inc. may be obtained by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



Spread Holiday Cheer!!

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

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