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Keeping it Going...

Unless you work at an animal shelter, there is no way to know exactly what it takes to keep the doors of the shelter open. The everyday stress of dealing with animal cruelty and abandonment is there on a daily basis but there is also the worry of being able to pay all of the veterinary bills, which are hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, as well as sourcing and paying for thousands of dollars in pet meds, and finding inexpensive food sources and supplies for hundreds of animals.

There is also the business side of running the shelter. Worker's Comp Insurance, regular insurance, payroll, utilities and many repair bills because everything is used very hard when you are housing animals. So make no mistake about it, it is a huge undertaking to keep a nonprofit animal shelter afloat year after year. The cost of paying all of these bills easily exceeds a million dollars a year.

The Hillside SPCA receives very little help from the county, no money from the state, and has no government funding whatsoever. We are 100% at the mercy of our supporters to keep us going year after year.

If not for our amazing community, this shelter would have folded long ago.

Barbara Umlauf was the face and the voice of the Hillside SPCA for almost 35 years, until her passing in 2018. About 9 months before she passed, she asked me to come back onto the board because she was trying to get things into place because she wanted to know Hillside was going to be ok. I made a promise to her that I would work as hard as she did to ensure the future of the Hillside. After being back on the board for a few months, I came to realize the support that this shelter gets from this community is extraordinary.

Our friends show up with cases of water when our power goes down and we have no well water. They ask their friends to send us money in memory of their loved ones instead of sending flowers. Our friends leave us bequests in their wills not realizing that had they not done that, we wouldn't have been able to pay our heating bills, or survive at all. Our friends come through for us during some of our darkest moments when we are desperate and afraid we have asked for their help one too many times. Our supporters have become our family and with the deepest gratitude and the humblest of hearts, I thank you on behalf of Barbara, myself, our tireless shelter workers, but mostly, the homeless animals that get a second chance because of you. Your bequests, your donations, your cards, your hearts, no matter how big or how small, keep us going. You are the reason the Hillside SPCA is still here. You need to know that. From the bottom of our hearts and paws, thank you. We would not be here without you.

With much gratitude,
Donna Boyd, Board President



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Sahara



Never Give Up Hope

Sahara was brought to Hillside in pretty rough shape. She was found crawling out from underneath a car showing signs of trauma. After being examined by our vet, she had obvious head trauma, difficulty standing & was underweight. Each day she improved becoming more alert, with better mobility and showing us just how sweet she was. The gentleman who found her would call frequently to check on her & once she was cleared for adoption he came and adopted her. Sadly they had to return her after just a couple months because her and their other cat did not get along. She was very stressed and was having accidents so they felt it was best to return her to us.

We thought for sure she would end up being a long-term resident

at the shelter but a young girl came to volunteer for a school project and fell in love with her. On 12/9/23 the young volunteer and her mom arrived at Hillside in hopes of adopting Sahara. The shelter staff explained Sahara's entire situation including that she had accidents in her other home. The news did not deter the family and they adopted Sahara. Since her adoption, Sahara has been doing phenomenally well and has only had one accident in her "forever" home. Sahara wants everyone to know "never give up hope," because your special person is out there too!



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MEET MUFASA

In August of 2023, our dog manager got an email from McAdoo Police requesting a welfare check on a dog locked inside a shed. Our dog manager, who is also a humane police officer, investigated the complaint with another one of our humane officers at the shelter. When they arrived, they talked to the home owner and were lead to the shed where the dog was kept. It was an 8x8 wooden shed in the backyard. The dog had no access to the outside world. He was locked inside of the shed 24/7 and given food and water and simply kept alive. The floor of his structure was filled with his own feces and his water was brown, littered with debris and dead insects, and his food bowls were rusted, broken, and covered in feces as well. The officers learned that the dog was named Mufasa, and he sat in the corner of the shed as they peered in through small cut outs in the plywood walls.

The owner of the dog was given the opportunity to make changes to his living environment but they did not follow through with the changes that needed to be made. After revisiting the property our officers obtained a search warrant to remove Mufasa from his confinement. A few short days after the initial call, Mufasa was the care of Hillside SPCA with a soft bed, a clean kennel, fresh water, toys, and of course LOVE.

Charges were filed and the owner eventually plead guilty which resulted in forfeiture of their ownership of Mufasa. And the best news? That meant Mufasa is now able to find a new home and will never have to live locked in a shed in deplorable conditions again!

Mufasa is around 4yrs old. He does well with other dogs and passed his cat test too! Mufasa is very friendly, but takes some time before his personality starts to show. He's looking for a home that will give him ample time to adjust to his new environment and is ready to teach him all about being a house pet!



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Home for the Holidays Event

A heartwarming partnership forged between the Reading & Northern Railroad and Hillside SPCA for a **'Home for the Holidays Event'** which led to 18 dogs and 36 cats finding homes. Along with sponsoring the adoption fees for 54 animals, the Reading & Northern Railroad provided an unbelievable amount of much needed donations for Hillside SPCA, which will go towards providing care for the animals in the shelter.

The 'Home for the Holidays Event' took place from December 8th, 2023 through January 31st, 2024. The goal of the event was to find forever homes for the shelter's animals, particularly those who had been waiting the longest for adoption. The shelter staff were thrilled to watch some of the most deserving and overlooked animals go home!

The Hillside SPCA and the Reading & Northern Railroad share a common goal of making a positive impact in the community and helping those in need. By partnering together, both entities were able to achieve so much more than they would have individually. Hillside is incredibly grateful to the Reading & Northern Railroad for their kindness and generosity, and are excited to see the positive impact this partnership will continue to have in the future.

The shelter also wants to thank the community for their overwhelming support and for opening their hearts and homes to these deserving animals.

As we leave behind another holiday season, let us continue to spread love and kindness, not just during the holidays, but all year round.



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