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CAT TALES

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We're Alive Today Because We Were Rescued By Hilltop Humane Society!

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This season of warm feelings and renewal is the perfect time to spotlight some of the many, many cats and kittens who live a happy life today because of Hilltop Humane Society.

I'm Hannah and I was found on the street 14 years ago with hind legs



that don't work right. Since then I have lived safely at the shelter being loved by everyone. I have a lot of medical problems as I get older but life is still great!

I'm Sammy and I was taken away from a bad home last year as a



kitten. My right eye had to be removed but that doesn't stop me from purring, playing, and enjoying attention from shelter volunteers.

I'm Leo and I was abandoned in a parking lot, starving because my



mouth hurt so much. All my teeth had to be taken out but, as you can see, I still manage to eat well at the shelter, making up for those scary, hungry days.

We are Rainy, Alaska, and Cloud, also known as "the bottle babies". After being found in a window-well in Randolph as tiny,



motherless kittens, we were bottle fed and cared for by adoption coordinator and wonderful foster mom, Doris. Thanks to her, we are happy and thriving with new families today. **Go To Pg. 2**



THEY SAY NO TWO SNOWFLAKES ARE ALIKE—WELL, NO TWO CATS ARE ALIKE EITHER AND ISN'T THAT GREAT!

SO MANY CATS, SO LITTLE TIME TO ENJOY THEM.

Donations Needed To Pay Huge Vet Bills

Hilltop Humane Society is in crisis! Due to the serious medical problems of newly rescued cats and kittens and the ongoing needs of those already in our care, Hilltop has incurred very large veterinary bills, much more than we can currently pay. The vets are understanding, but they are asking for larger payments. Sadly, we have already had to postpone some non-emergency treatment. Your contributions are needed to enable us to continue to take care of our animals and to help more in 2011.

No one at Hilltop is paid for their work, so all the money donated by our supporters goes directly to the care of the cats.

To make a tax-deductible donation, please send a check in the enclosed envelope or visit www.hilltophumane.org and donate through the secure PayPal website. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

We're Alive Today Because We Were Rescued By Hilltop Humane Society! (from Pg. 1)

I'm Sweetums and a few months ago I was a small feral kitten with a badly broken leg. Everyone is amazed that I survived outdoors as long as I did. This is me with the cast that the doctor put on to try to fix me up. It didn't heal so I had to have my leg removed. I used to play a lot even with the big cast; now my new



Mom says I run faster with 3 legs than most cats do with 4! See how happy I look in my forever home! I



love to eat, play, and tease my big brother and three older sisters.

We are Cindy (the striped kitten), Rose (the mom), and Garfield (the orange kitten) and



our story is a hard one to tell. Heartless people put our little family in a cardboard box, wrapped so we couldn't get out, and threw us out of a car window on Rte. 128. Luckily a driver found us and took us to a nearby animal hospital and they called the wonderful people at Hilltop.

With tender care and medical attention, we seemed to be doing great. Tragically, Garfield's condition suddenly deteriorated and he died on the way to the vet.

Cindy and Rose are really sad but hope to be adopted soon, giving their story, at least in part, a happy ending for the holidays.



Many innocent cats and kittens need our help. They ALL deserve the gift of a bright future!

Thank You To Foster Parents For The Wonderful Work They Do!

Over the years the Hilltop Humane shelter has been a safe refuge for many homeless and abused cats. While the goal for all rescues is placement in a "forever" home, often this is not possible. Like Hannah in the previous story, some cats live happily at the shelter for a long time. But we could not operate without foster homes. In addition to allowing us to take in many more rescues than the small shelter can hold, the role of foster homes is so important in the care and socialization of the cats, often making a cat or kitten adoptable that

might otherwise be difficult to place. Shy or nervous cats, feral kittens, mothers with their litters, and cats with behavioral issues are some of those that benefit from living in a home setting where they learn how to trust and form one-on-one relationships and, sometimes, how to interact successfully with children and/or other pets. Foster homes are also ideal for cats with medical needs requiring frequent care and attention. Many foster parents handle the adoption process as well, screening applicants and matching cats with good homes.

It's so easy to fall in love with those adorable faces but not easy to let go, even when you know the cat or kitten is going to a great place. Of course, sometimes



a foster home becomes a "forever" home as it did with sweet Kelsey here.

It's clear that foster parents are very special people. Thank you so much for the irreplaceable contribution that you make!

To learn more about becoming a foster parent for Hilltop Humane Society, please call Doris at 781-963-7289 or e-mail her at dorisqf@comcast.net.



It's The Most Dangerous Time Of The Year!

No one wants to spend the holidays at the vet, certainly not your beloved pets. Check this list and keep them safe!

- ☑ **OPEN DOORS**—In all the excitement and confusion, pets may run out and get lost or hit by a car.
- ☑ **FOODS**—Chocolate, nuts, raisins, grapes, chicken bones, fatty meats, sugar-free foods (Xylitol), and alcoholic beverages can all cause sickness or worse—it's best to stick to your pet's regular diet.
- ☑ **DECOR & WRAPPINGS**—Injuries come from seasonal plants, greens, and berries; tinsel, ornaments and tree water; electrical cords, rubber bands, wrappings, strings, and ribbons; lighted candles.
- ☑ **OUTSIDE**—**ANTIFREEZE IS DEADLY IF INGESTED!** Cats seeking warmth can get caught in the fan belt when the car engine is started. Snow melt chemicals can cause burns and sickness.

Adorable And Available! Am I Your Purrfect Match?



RUSTY is a frisky orange and white male kitten who loves to play with kids and other cats.



EMMA ROSE is a sweet, friendly 4 mo. old gray and white tiger with white paws.

To meet us call Doris at 781-963-7289 or e-mail dorisqf@comcast.net.

KELSEY, who has a white belly and legs, is Emma Rose's loving sister and litter mate. They would be great as a pair or separate.



DUNKIN is a 5 mo. old female with a shiny black and white coat who loves people and gets along well with cats.



LEA is a 4 yr. old, very petite, gray and white tabby female who adores being petted.

See other wonderful cats and kittens at www.hilltophumane.org or www.petfinder.com or call 781-961-3638.
SO FAR IN 2010—79 PUURFECT MATCHES HAVE BEEN MADE!

Hilltop cats and kittens are tested for FIV/FELV, vet checked, vaccinated, spayed or neutered before going home with you.



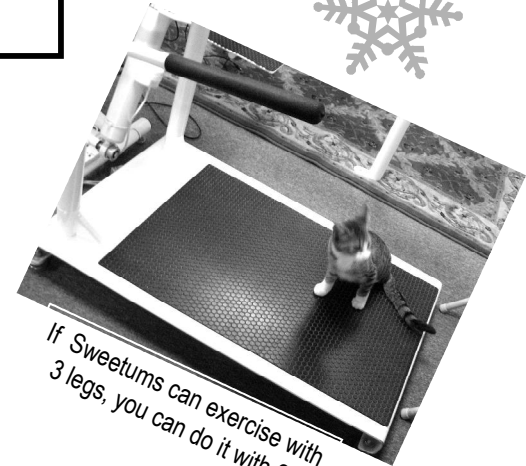
Happy Days Are Here!



Hercules with new friend Horatio (formerly known as Love Bug)!



Luigi after a long day on the computer!



If Sweetums can exercise with 3 legs, you can do it with 2!



Big Boy's new dad wrote us: "Last evening I was having a bite and he came and sat down with his paws on my slippers. When I had the TV on he was scared but nonetheless sat on my lap, and I assured him by patting him. Are you aware he needs constant petting? Well I do not mind one bit...he jumped on the bed and stretched out resting his head on my ankles, How's that? During the night he positioned himself next to me with his head on my shoulder and his paws on my chest. I am very glad that I took him, he is a real nice cat and smart too...I am sure it will only get better in time." It sounds like lonely days are over for both of them!

Interested in Seniors For Seniors adoptions? Call us or visit the website.

See www.hilltophumane.org for lots of Happy Endings!

Immediate Help Wanted-Compensation In Purrs and Cuddles!

We'd love to have your help, even if you only have a few hours to spare!

New volunteers are ALWAYS needed and there's something for everyone! In addition to cleaning, feeding, and playing with cats at the shelter, there is a need for more foster parents, for trappers in the TNR program, for grant writing, fundraising and event help, and for people who will collect and donate food and other materials (see the YOU CAN HELP list).

The shelter building is in constant need of repair and improvement. Electricians, carpenters, roofers, masons, landscapers, and other craftsmen can all make a contribution by donating materials and services. All in-kind donations are tax deductible.

Please leave a message at 781-961-3638 or e-mail dorisqf@comcast.net (subject Volunteering) if you would like to contribute to our success.

Thank You To Everyone Who Helped in 2010

There are so many people—both old friends and new—to thank for your role in continuing the mission of Hilltop Humane Society in 2010. The help comes in many forms—cleaning the shelter and giving cats food and medicine daily, trapping and caring for feral colonies, donating money, cat food and supplies, helping with mailings, adoption days, and fundraisers—the list goes on and on. And there are those of you that dedicate your lives to the wellbeing of the cats and your contribution is truly amazing.

Making a difference in the lives of homeless and abused cats seems endless and discouraging at times but thinking of small successes can give hope—realizing how many wonderful cats would not have lived without your help, seeing the love that a warm and furry new friend brings to a home, caring for the feral cats that nobody else cares about so they have food and a place to hide from the weather, knowing that there were many shelter cats who lived a long and comfortable life and died peacefully with a friend close. Those that give of themselves to Hilltop's cause realize that the greatest of all mistakes is to do nothing because you think you can only do a little.



Ongoing and Future Events



- Please keep voting at www.refresheverything.com/shelterrenovation **EVERY DAY** for Hilltop to win a \$250,000 grant to rebuild our shelter. Or text your vote to 73774 and type in 100881. Ask your friends, too!



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- Sat., Dec. 4, 2010 (9am-3pm)—Weymouth High School Craft Fair & Flea Market at Park and Pleasant Sts.—Table selling jewelry and lots of items to benefit Hilltop.
- Sat., Feb. 12, 2011 (9:30-11:30am)—ZOOMBATHON!—254 Quarry St., Quincy, MA \$20 to HHS Sponsored by our good friends at Curves Quincy. Call Lisa or Cheryl at 617-774-1919 for info. Join in or just watch and enjoy music, raffles, and food!
- Look for our weekly column in the Randolph Herald, "Tails From The Hilltop" featuring stories about adoptable cats and pet care tips.
- Planned for 2011: an open meeting at Stetson Hall in Randolph (let's exchange cat stories!), an indoor yard sale and bake sale, psychic fair, run/walk, maybe even a poker night and a motorcycle run. Let us know YOUR ideas!
- Watch for news of future events and happenings at www.hilltophumane.org, Randolph cable, and the Money Saver.

In Loving Memory

Several dear feline friends left us during 2010 but we are comforted by knowing that they were loved and cared for. Their names include: Nicole, Kimba Dyer (17yrs), Sophie (15yrs), Ivy (over 20yrs), Trooper Dyer (almost 20yrs), Midnight (AKA Middy), Timothy (7yrs), Karen (17yrs), and Valentino (AKA Rudy). Please visit www.hilltophumane.org to read their stories.



Hang this page where you can see it so you won't forget us!



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You Can Help!

- **MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION!** Funds are urgently needed for medical care and shelter supplies! Please visit www.hilltophumane.org for a link to PayPal and make a safe online donation or mail your check to Hilltop Humane Society, Inc., PO Box 553, Randolph, MA 02368. It's completely tax deductible. Thanks for your generosity!
- **DONATE BROKEN AND UNUSED GOLD JEWELRY**—call Gail at 781-523-1889 or e-mail gdentch@aol.com. We are happy to pick up your donation.
- **SHOP FROM HOME!** Visit www.iGive.com/hilltophumane to learn how to shop from home and give to Hilltop Humane at the same time!
- **DOWNLOAD THE GOODSEARCH AND GOODSHOP TOOLBARS AND HILLTOP HUMANE WILL EARN A DONATION EVERY TIME YOU SEARCH OR SHOP!** It's free- visit GoodSearch.com, designate Hilltop Humane as your charity, then follow the directions, and Hilltop will start earning every time you search the Internet or buy from one of 600 merchants.
- **DONATE YOUR OLD CAR!** Donate your used vehicle to Hilltop. Humane Society. You get free pickup and towing AND a tax deduction! Call Maria at 781-844-1512 for information.
- **VOLUNTEER!** Use your skills to make repairs or work around the shelter to clean up and/or socialize cats, provide foster homes for kittens, trap ferals, transport cats to medical appointments, write grant applications, plan fundraisers, whatever you enjoy!
- **PUT SOMETHING IN THE BARREL!** Donate food, litter, or toys in the blue barrel at the front of the store at Stop & Shop on Grove Street in Braintree.
- **GIVE SOMETHING FROM THE WISH LIST!** Cat food (wet & dry), non-scooping litter, toys, office supplies and stamps, cleaning supplies, building supplies.
- **VISIT WWW.MASSANIMALCOALITION.ORG** to learn how you can get an "Animal Friendly" license plate and contribute to a statewide fund to provide grants to Massachusetts animal organizations that promote the importance of spay/neuter.
- **COME TO FUNDRAISERS-WATCH the Money Saver or www.hilltophumane.org**
 - **Sat., Feb. 12, 2011—ZOOMBATHON!—9:30-11:30AM—Elks Hall, 254 Quarry St., Quincy, MA**
ZOOMBA--Is it dance? Is it exercise? It's all fun! Try it out, show us your moves, or just watch and listen to the music. Raffles, refreshments, and revelry sponsored by our good friends at Curves in Quincy. Entire \$20 donation goes to benefit the cats and kittens of Hilltop Humane Society. Call Lisa Cheryl at 617-774-1919 for more information. No tickets needed, just come and enjoy!
 - Dates for an open meeting, an Indoor Yard and Bake Sale and a Psychic Fair announced soon.



HELP US THINK OUT OF THE BOX!

**WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR—AND HELP WITH—
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES.**

CALL GAIL DENTCH AT 781-523-1889 OR E-MAIL gdentch@aol.com.



HILLTOP'S CATS NEED YOUR GOLD!

Not to wear—to sell to raise money for Hilltop!

We all have pieces of gold jewelry that we no longer wear or have been meaning for years to have fixed. Please pull out that forgotten gold and put it to a good use!

We are asking you to search your drawers and jewelry boxes for broken and unwanted gold jewelry that you would be willing to donate to Hilltop Humane Society.

You may not have much individually, but all those bit and pieces will add up! We will group the donations together and sell the lot for money to pay medical bills and keep the shelter going. All donations are tax deductible.

We will be happy to pick up your donation!

Please call Gail at 781-523-1889 or e-mail gdentch@aol.com or fill out the enclosed donation form, indicate that you have gold to be picked up, then send the form in the envelope provided. Be sure to give us your phone number and address and an e-mail address if you have one.

Any donation will be very much appreciated and you can be sure the money will be put to good use to pay medical bills and provide for future treatment. Thank you so much for your help!

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