



“It’s All About The Animals”



Dear Friends,

I came across this story on-line and it really touched my heart.

A letter from the Post Office... this is absolutely the best!! We don't know who replied, but there is a beautiful soul working in the dead letter office who understands LOVE.....

Our 14-year-old dog Abbey died last month. The day after she passed away my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought that we could, so she dictated these words:

Dear God,

Will you please take care of my dog? Abbey died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick. I hope you will play with her. She likes to swim and play with balls. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. I really miss her. Love, Meredith

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey & Meredith, addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had. Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, 'To Meredith' in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:



Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognized her right away. Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in so I'm sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by. Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I'm easy to find. I am wherever there is love. Love, God

I read this story and it brought tears to my eyes. So many of us have been touched by the lives of ours pets just like Meredith. With so many dogs and cats homeless in our community, now more than ever we need your support. Because you’ve been so generous in the past, we have been able to continue our mission.

Thank you for your ongoing support, every donation is greatly appreciated!

Kind Regards,

Chris Ward ~ President, Hill Country SPCA

**"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love, his leader.
He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart.
You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."
-- Unknown**

Dear Friends,

During the past sixteen years, the Hill Country SPCA has provided humane housing, care and companionship for lost, mistreated and abandoned dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in a comfortable setting until such time as they were placed into a safe, loving permanent home.

We are proud to report that to date 3,324 animals have been adopted into their forever homes and that over 7,350 animals have been spayed and neutered through our efforts.

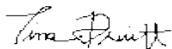
In order to continue our mission and provide educational services in our community, we rely on the generosity of community-minded individuals just like you. Without your assistance we wouldn't be able to properly care for our animals and provide services and education to those in our community each year.

Your gift is extremely important to the Hill Country SPCA because it provides resources that make an immediate impact - that will help us through these interesting - and touching- times.

This year, the annual year end goal of the Hill Country SPCA is to raise \$100,000 to support our spay and neutering program and provide funds for operating our shelter throughout 2013. We hope that you will be able to make a contribution. Your generosity will not only make a difference in the lives of our animals but enhance those in our community by allowing us to continue in our work.

We know that at this time of year your giving includes several charities and many more requests. We are so grateful to you for supporting the mission of the Hill Country SPCA. Your donation will make a world of difference, I promise you.

With my warmest regards,



Tina Pruitt ~ Director

P.S. We have enclosed a donor envelope for your convenience. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Thank you very much!



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