

FORGOTTEN Cats



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Forgotten Cats, Inc.



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OCTOBER STATUS UPDATE:

We sterilized 1273 cats and placed 140 cats into loving forever homes!



Handling Cat-to-Cat Aggression

Aggression between cats in the household is the second most common feline behavior problem seen by animal behaviorists. Understanding what cats are communicating through their body language is essential for cat parents. Body language is made up of cats' body postures, facial expressions, and the position and carriage of certain body parts, like ears, tail and even whiskers.

Overt aggression, whether defensive or offensive, includes:

- Swatting, striking with paws
- Biting
- Fighting
- Growling, shrieking
- Scratching
- Staring at each other. A direct stare from one cat to another is an act of aggression

There can be multiple reasons for aggression between cats, and competition for territory, including litter boxes, is a common reason.

There should be one litter box per cat, plus one. Other triggers for aggression include:

- A kitten in the household reaches sexual maturity (not sterilizing all cats in the household is a major contributor to inter-cat aggression)
- A new cat is introduced into the family and household
- The lowest ranking cat (often an older or ill kitty) can become a target picked on by the other felines. Acting like a victim (slinking around, using submissive body language, hiding, etc.) is the equivalent of wearing a "kick me" sign.
- Major changes are made in the cat's family or environment (for example, moving or someone moving in)
- Stray or roaming cats in the neighborhood enter a cat's territory



There are many ways to increase the territory within your home. Jackson Galaxy, host of the Animal Planet TV show "My Cat From Hell", has many tips on how to add territory to help reduce competition and aggression between cats. Vertical territory is extremely important, such as providing a tall cat tree. A goal should be to enable the cat to move from the cat tree to the tops of various other pieces of furniture (and/or wall shelves that you install) to be able to navigate a large part of the room without ever needing to get down to the floor. Cats don't need a lot of territory, but they all want a safe place to rest and keep an eye on what is going on around them. Some feel safer doing that from the floor, others from a location higher up.

**If you encounter aggression between your cats,
here are some steps that may help:**

- Never let the cats "fight it out." Cats don't resolve their issues through fighting, and the fighting usually just gets worse. Fighting can severely damage the potential for a future positive relationship between the cats. Interrupt aggression with a loud clap of your hands, spray from a water gun, or throw a towel on top of the combatants.
- Reduce competition between the cats by providing multiple food bowls, beds and litter boxes in different areas of your house.
- Try pheromones (such as Feliway). These products mimic a natural cat odor (which humans can't smell), that may reduce tensions. Use a diffuser while the aggression issue is being resolved. Amazon carries a good selection of these products.
- Consider re-introducing the cats to one another. Jackson Galaxy's site has a great tutorial on how to properly introduce two cats a <https://www.jacksongalaxy.com/blog/how-to-introduce-two-cats>





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Don't Miss the 7th Annual Holiday Shopping and Adoption Event at Ten Thousand Villages, Wilmington!

Sunday, December 9
12-5 pm



**It's the perfect time and place to do your Holiday Shopping.
A gift for your family & friends AND the cats-you can't beat
that. This year is the 7th year for the Annual Holiday Shopping and
Adoption Event at Ten Thousand Villages in Wilmington, DE. 15%
of all sales will be donated to Forgotten Cats.**

Since we began our partnership in 2012, Ten Thousand Villages has donated \$6806.77 to Forgotten Cats! That's \$4974.89 during the 6 holiday events and \$1831.88 during the 6 spring events we began doing

in 2013. This will be the 13th event Ten Thousand Villages has partnered with Forgotten Cats - and they are also a nonprofit organization!

**Consider giving a needy cat a forever home
or come visit them for the day!**

There will be adoptable cats available in the store. Though we have not had a direct adoption through the event, we have always had adoptable cats there that day and maybe this event will be the one where a kitty finds his or her home!

Kate Jamal, the current manager of the Wilmington store, has hosted the holiday shopping events for the past few years. These events were her first contact with FC, and after a few years of hosting them, she knew she had to become a volunteer. Next month will be her 3 year anniversary of volunteering with Forgotten Cats!

Marge McNinch has been primarily responsible for bringing foster kitties, and has never missed volunteering at the event. Pat Carpenter and Carolyn Thomas have also been dedicated volunteers at most or all of the 12 events we did since December 2012. And of course many volunteers, fosters, and supporters have been faithful attendees and shoppers at our events.



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Volunteer Spotlight on Alice Hall

by Anne Meddings



This month we shine the spotlight on Alice Hall, a key volunteer at our West Chester Pet Supplies Plus (PSP) adoption center.

Like most of our volunteers, Alice started out doing a regular feed & clean shift. However, due to needs at the adoption center and her availability and willingness to help out, her duties now include much more. She still has a regular weekly shift, but also serves as adoption processor and counselor, works with Trainer personnel to fill the PSP cages, and trains many of the new volunteers. She visits the store nearly every day to check on the well-being of the kitties and to administer any medications and keep track of special diets. She transports cats for medical care, scrubs out cages, and does laundry. She also serves as a great foster mom.

Her introduction to Forgotten Cats came years ago when she called for help with trapping stray cats in her back yard and getting them fixed. Over a span of several years she trapped and assisted 14 cats. One of them, a big mushy lovebug named Pip, is still living with her.

Born in Argentina, Alice spent her early years in Buenos Aires and Montevideo, Uruguay. Her family then relocated to Ontario, Canada for several years, and later to the USA where they lived in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. After high school, Alice spent a gap year back in Montevideo before attending college. She graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in International Affairs/International Economics.

Early in her career, Alice worked a variety of jobs for trade organizations including the American Trucking Association and the National Conference of State Legislators. When she moved back to Pennsylvania, she worked for Weston Environmental, spent two years as Director of Education for the Chester County SPCA, taught at the Phelps School in Malvern, and even taught at the now-closed Sleighton Farm School in Lima, PA. Her final teaching jobs were at West Chester and Goshen Friends Schools, where she taught for 16 years before retiring. Alice says she's taught almost every subject during her career -- from Spanish to Shop to Home Economics to Computers -- everything except boys' Phys. Ed.!

Many people don't know that Alice also has her own business called The

Wacky Weeder which provides professional garden design, installation and maintenance. She's run this business for 20 years but is starting to wind it down, and not taking on new clients anymore. After all, she's spending a lot more time with Forgotten Cats and is supposed to be retired!

Alice lives in West Chester with her husband of 28 years, Steve. They have an adult daughter named Dilys, and five cats. Their beloved big dog, Dobbie, passed away recently. He was a wonderful introduction to dogs for all the foster kittens that pass through the household, and is greatly missed by the family.

Alice loves international travel and dreams of moving to Scotland one day. Until then, we are very fortunate to have her volunteering with Forgotten Cats in West Chester, PA.



Thank you Alice for all your help throughout the years!

Tulaa Yoga - *Yoga with Cats*

This month we would like to highlight our partnership with Tulaa Yoga in Wilmington, DE and their *Yoga with Cats* events.

Tulaa Yoga (Wilmington) started *Yoga with Cats* in 2017. They provide the studio & instructors and we provide the cats and it all comes together for a fun time. ALL proceeds are donated to Forgotten Cats and so far, these events have raised over \$2800!



We are grateful to Tulaa Yoga and look forward to future events with them.

If you know of any studios interested in teaming up with us for an event in your area let us know by emailing us at info@forgottencats.org



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