

FORGOTTEN Cats



Forgotten Cats, Inc.



2019

MAY 2019 STATUS UPDATE:

We sterilized **773** cats and placed **112** cats into loving forever homes!

We Want to Hear from You!

If you have an idea for an article or have a story you would like to share about a rescue, special volunteer, your adoption center or recent adoptions from Forgotten Cats, please send photos if possible and/or story to: calleycat1@comcast.net and/or info@forgottencats.org

Spring & Summertime Common Skin Problems in Cats

Spring and summertime can be especially hard for cats and can bring about noticeable itching. Most cats will scratch on occasion but if you notice that your cat is scratching excessively, losing hair and is mildly frantic, these are signs that skin problems may be present and your feline friend may need medical attention. While cat skin problems are rarely an emergency, an uncomfortable cat will have trouble enjoying daily life until those symptoms are under control.



Recognizing Skin Conditions

So how do you recognize cat skin conditions?

Here are some key signs to look for:

- Hair loss is a common sign of cat skin problems. Have you noticed any bald patches? Is your cat shedding more than normal?
- Excessive grooming can also indicate cat skin conditions are present. If the grooming appears more frenetic and less relaxed than normal, it may be because your cat is itchy and uncomfortable.
- While brushing your cat, if you notice any red, scaly, patchy, or scabby

- areas, schedule an appointment with your veterinarian.
- Fleas and ticks are common parasites which may be found on the skin especially this time of year.
- If your cat shakes his head excessively, this could indicate he may have a skin problem or an issue with his ears.

Types of Cat Skin Conditions

The following are some types of common cat skin problems you should be aware of:

- External parasites such as fleas can cause itchy skin and cat skin allergies. The cat will then scratch and bite and potentially cause secondary infections.
- Ticks can attach to your cat's skin causing a raised bump or cause localized swelling. The bump is the cat's response to fight off the tick.
- Mites, or ear mites, can produce itchy ears. This is more commonly seen in kittens. The cat will hold his head sideways indicating discomfort. Cats can also have ear infections which need to be treated promptly by your veterinarian.
- Cats can also develop polyps in their ears. A thorough exam includes an otoscopic exam of the cat's ear canals.
- Cats can also be prone to food allergies. Your cat can develop an "itchy face," or itchiness all over. Your veterinarian will determine if you need to change your cat's diet. This will generally include a food trial and may require several attempts to rule out food allergy.
- Contact allergies can also be present in cats. This is very similar to how people develop allergies to common substances in their environment.
- Cat skin cancer. As in humans, cat cancer is a potentially life threatening condition. If you notice new or changing skin spots, make a veterinary appointment ASAP.
- Cat acne. Some cats are prone to cat acne. While this may appear similar to a rash, the treatment of cat acne may involve prescription medication.
- Cat dermatitis. Typically cat dermatitis is due to an allergic reaction to grooming products, food or environmental irritants.

Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian as soon as you see any of these symptoms. Sometimes it takes a while to diagnose the problem, the sooner, the better.

Kodi is Ready for His Forever Home

Many of you will remember **Kodi**, who came to us several weeks ago in very rough shape. His eyes were so badly infected that he had to have double enucleation surgery – removal of both



eyes (he had already become blind from the eye infection so there was no chance that his eyes could be saved.) Kodi fully recovered from surgery and has spent the past several weeks getting love in his foster home from volunteer Lauren (who we featured last month in the newsletter and in a post.) Now Kodi is ready for his forever home!

Though Kodi is blind, he has already learned to get around remarkably well. Kodi adores human attention, gets along with other cats and dogs, and would make a wonderful pet.

Have you fallen in love with Kodi?

Submit a no-obligation adoption application and we will schedule a meet and greet to see if he's the one for

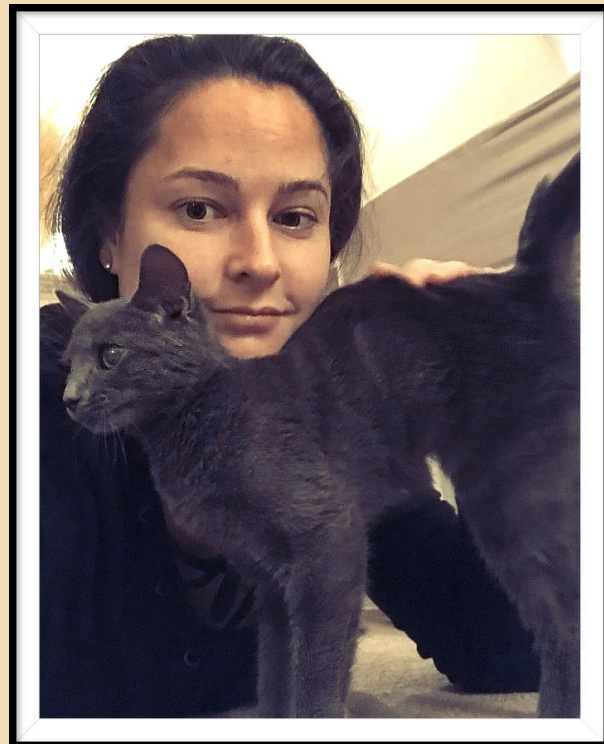
you! www.forgottencats.org/application.php

Volunteer Spotlight on Holly Goldfeder

By Megan Dively Lehman

When and how did you start volunteering for Forgotten Cats?

I became involved with FC in the fall of 2016. I stumbled on an Instagram posting on the Forgotten Cats page about a sweet, senior kitty in desperate need of a foster home. The cat was described as depressed from living in a cage, sick and hardly eating. I took one look at that sweet face and made a decision to bring him home. Over the next few months I fostered "Batman" and quite a lot of time was spent by FC managing his many health conditions. There were multiple medications, trial and error with prescription foods,



appointments, and tons of corresponding. I just couldn't believe that out of the hundreds of cats in their care that they spent SO much time and energy on this ONE cat. I was blown away. Batman wasn't a bother to FC, he was a priority. This experience is what ultimately sparked something in me that said "I want to be a part of this." I later adopted Batman and told myself that I needed to "give back" to the organization that saved his life and brought him to me.

What volunteer work have you done for FC?

About a year after first taking Batman home, an email caught my eye that asked for volunteers for the new adoption center at PetSmart in Brookhaven, PA. I live closer to other FC centers, but figured at a new center I would be most utilized and needed. Boy was I right! After a few months as a feed and clean volunteer, I started acquiring additional roles that helped me be more involved in FC than I ever thought possible. Eventually I took on the role as center manager. Being a manager was not something I felt confident doing at the time, but I felt so passionate and motivated about what FC and our center were accomplishing that the choice became clear. My personal motto for the adoption center is *"it takes a village."* Every single person that helps is needed and valuable, and without each of our volunteers' dedication, we'd be unsuccessful. We rely on each other and the cats rely on us. We're all they have.

What is your favorite thing about working with FC?

In addition to the center, I have spent time fostering kittens and more recently trapping. Three months ago, I didn't even know how to work a humane cat-trap, but with the help of YouTube videos and advice from fellow volunteers, I've since trapped a handful of adult cats and a few handfuls of kittens. Trapping has been the most rewarding thing I've ever done. To stop the vicious cycle of homeless cats right in its tracks is truly an amazing feeling. I've learned SO much from the volunteers and staff and found nothing short of patience and understanding as I navigate many things such as trapping for the first time. I hope as I train new volunteers at the adoption center that I can be as good of a teacher as so many at FC have been to me.

What do you wish the public knew about animal rescue?

What I want supporters to know is **we have a crisis on our hands**. An unfathomable number of homeless cats and kittens are dying slow and painful deaths at the hands of mass reproduction every day, and we desperately need your help with our mission. Whatever you're willing to do and however much time you can spare, FC has a role for you. From cleaning cages in the clinics, to feeding and playing with cats in our adoption centers, fostering cats or kittens, processing applications, transporting cats and supplies, handyman work, or laundry assistance, the list goes on (and on). It's truly fulfilling and gratifying work. A couple of years ago, I downloaded an app to help me spend less wasted time on my smartphone. Well, I later learned I didn't need an app; I needed to see the precious and deserving lives that could be drastically changed with just a little bit of that extra time that I used to spend playing mindlessly on my phone.

Forgotten Cats volunteers are able to make a direct impact on these cat's lives, and it's honestly the best feeling in the world. I've found my passion and purpose. I hope to be a part of cat rescue for the rest of my life!

Thanks Holly for all you do for Forgotten Cats!

FORGOTTEN CATS, INC.

TRIBUTE PATHWAY FUNDRAISER



PLEASE HELP
CHESTER'S
FORGOTTEN CATS

Donations are \$100 for a 4"x8" brick and \$300 for an 8"x8" brick. Add \$25 for clip art.

Mini Replica bricks to remember your donation are \$25 additional.

As the region's largest trap, neuter, vaccinate, and release (TNVR) organization, Forgotten Cats is committed to humanely reducing the homeless cat population and preventing the birth and suffering of unwanted kittens.

Since our inception in 2003, Forgotten Cats has sterilized over 120,000 cats and helped thousands of kind-hearted people who care for them. Additionally, we have placed over 13,000 friendly cats and kittens into loving homes.

Forgotten Cats is creating an tribute pathway that will lead to the front door of our recently renovated Trainer Clinic. Donors can remember a beloved pet that passed away, honor a current pet, or pay tribute to a family or friend.

For years, Forgotten Cats has been helping homeless cats in Chester, PA. Sadly we have personally seen and heard of multiple cruelty cases against stray cats and kittens in Chester. These cats desperately need our help but we need funding in order to do so. We believe there to be around 2,500 homeless cats in Chester, PA.

All funds raised through the Forgotten Cats Tribute Pathway Fundraiser, will be used to help homeless cats of Chester through TNVR. With the purchase of a brick, donors will pave the way to safety and security for homeless cats.

THANK YOU
FORGOTTEN CATS
FOR OUR LUCKY!

4"x8" Brick for \$100



IN LOVING
MEMORY OF
MY BELOVED CAT
SAMPSON
2006 - 2019

Buy a Brick Today!



We are in DESPERATE (*not an exaggeration*) need of Clinic Volunteers in Trainer, PA.

This is an opportunity to help cats whose **ONLY** medical treatment during their lifetime may be when they go to our clinic. Volunteering at the clinics is an important and serious undertaking and we are looking for the few ready to make the commitment.

Clinic volunteers need to commit to one specific day a week at the clinic. The reason for this is that we are dealing with the lives of the cats and we need to make sure that our volunteers know the clinic procedures and this can only be done by volunteering on at least a once a week basis.

We will train. No medical background required.

We also have a need for **Feed and Clean volunteers** and we would like our feed and clean volunteers to commit to once a week, but there is more leeway here.

Our needs are as follows:

TRAINER, PA CLINIC

1. **Clinic Volunteers** needed Mondays and/or Thursdays. Start time between 9:30 am and 10:30 am. You will volunteer for about 5 hours. The work will be in the clinic.
2. **Feed and Clean Volunteers** are needed every day of the week. The shift time is about 3 hours. Start time is flexible. Basic feed and clean of shelter cats and cats awaiting or recovering from surgery.
3. **Medical Team Volunteers** are needed every day of the week. One hour commitment in AM and/or PM. Administering medications to shelter cats awaiting adoption.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED,
PLEASE SEND AND EMAIL TO info@forgottencats.org AND ALSO
INCLUDE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER.

Here are Some More Special Cats Ready for their Forever Homes



Robin
(FCID# 01/14/2019 -
513 Brookhaven Foster)
Senior • F

SUPER SENIOR!!! Please extend a warm and welcoming hand to Robin (FCID 01/14/2019-513). She is a sweet female, approximately 8 years old. Robin likes to be petted and be scratched behind her ears.

Age is an attitude, not a number right? She and numerous feline friends were rescued in MD. Robin hopes you will visit with her.

Please submit no-obligation adoption application to meet or adopt:
<http://www.forgottencats.org/application.php>. Thank you! (Foster: Adam and Stephanie)

View this pet on [Petfinder](#) • Fill out an [application](#) for Robin (FCID# 01/14/2019 - 513 Brookhaven Foster).



Buddy
(FCID# 05/25/18-
141) • Adult •
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On May 25th, 2019 Buddy will have spent **ONE** full year in the shelter system. We will tell him he is loved, give him some treats, and make him feel special. But inside, our hearts are breaking. Sure; we are happy he is safe, warm, and has a full belly. But, he should be celebrating

a gotcha day in a **FOREVER** home. Please, help us find Buddy a forever home before he spends one year in the shelter system.

Well, why has Buddy been overlooked?

1.) Buddy is not a kitten. 2.) Buddy is FIV+ 3.) Buddy is a little shy
But, here is his past. Buddy was thrown out of a car (presumably by his family) at a barn with a lot of land. Turns out that this was a popular dump site for unwanted pet cats. Thankfully, the barn owners are kind and caring people who fed and loved these displaced kitties. The caregiver described Buddy as terrier and always sleeping with one eye open. We cannot even imagine his fear. Thankfully, with funding from a PetSmart Charities grant, Forgotten Cats was able to TNVR the colony of dumped pets and we kept all the adoptable kitties. Buddy is the LAST cat from this colony that does not have a forever home.

We are certain Buddy will not forget that traumatic experience. We are always in awe at how quickly animals are willing to trust humans again after they have been failed. And Buddy is not an exception. Buddy is grateful to be safe and loved. Buddy is certainly a shy cat. He recoils if you go to pet him too quickly, almost like he thinks you will hurt him. But once he realizes you are offering a loving touch, he nuzzles his head into your hand. Buddy is living in a foster home and he sure does love his foster mama. When she comes downstairs his head perks up and he quickly walks over to lay with her. Buddy will nestle right up next to her on the couch and flop around for pets. Buddy enjoys his morning kibbles, his comfy blankie on his chair, being brushed, and quality time with his foster mama.

Buddy dabbles in play but would much rather spend his time lounging around. Buddy is a lazy, gentle, sweet boy. He would do well is a quiet, loving, and patient home. He bonds closely with one person and would make a wonderful companion for someone looking for a companion cat. He is a lap cat. Buddy has been fostered with many cats. He keeps to himself and tolerates the other cats. He watches them all go off to their forever homes. Probably wondering when it is his turn?

Can you offer Buddy the home and love he so desperately needs? If you would like to give Buddy a forever home, please submit an online no-obligation adoption application @ <http://www.forgottencats.org/application.php> for a meet and greet! Thank you! (Foster: Olivia W.)

View this pet on [Petfinder](#) • Fill out an [application](#) for Buddy (FCID# 05/25/18-141).

Upcoming Events June



JUNE 22

Yoga with Kittens
YogaFit Studios
Horsham, PA
12:30 pm-1:30 pm

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Lets Keep in Touch!

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