

FORGOTTEN Cats



Forgotten Cats, Inc.



2019

Upcoming Events-
Painting with a Purpose
Sunday, November 17
12pm-3pm
Wilmington, DE

PETSMART
Charities
National
Adoption Weekend
November 8-10
Adopt if you can,
inspire others if you can't.
#PicMe



Have you ever toilet trained your cats?

This is one of our FC alums, **Chewy**, adopted as a kitten in 2017. His family toilet trained him and he's been living without a litter box for over a year. They started training him around 6 months old. He hasn't learned to flush, but it's still pretty darn impressive!

September 2019 Status Update:

In September, we
sterilized **877** cats and
placed **167** cats into loving forever
homes.



Kate Engleman and **Stefanie Glick**, of Girl Scout Troop 4923, recently made a ringworm isolation room for Forgotten Cats, for their Girl Scout Silver Award Project. This new room is upstairs from the rest of the facilities, allowing cats with ringworm to be treated

completely separately from healthy cats. This separation reduces the chance that ringworm spreads to other cats. The ringworm isolation room is painted in glossy paint and has a stainless steel table so it is easy to disinfect. **Take a look!**



WHAT IS RINGWORM?

Ringworm is a fungal infection that can be found in humans and all domesticated animals, including cats. It is caused by a specific group of fungi called dermatophytes, so it is also known as dermatophytosis. Ringworm is contagious and is transmitted by direct contact with the fungus. It can be spread from cat to cat, cat to person, person to cat, and person to person. It can live on surfaces and objects for up to eighteen months! It is important to get your pet properly treated before this infection spreads to others.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CAT HAS RINGWORM?

Your cat may have ringworm if you see:

- Dandruff-like scaling
- Red rings or marks
- Circular patches of hair loss

IF YOU THINK YOUR CAT HAS RINGWORM... CONTACT A VET OR ANIMAL CLINIC!

Volunteer Spotlight

An Interview with Sharon Breske



Tell me a little bit about yourself.

My name is Sharon Breske. I live in West Chester with my husband Bill and sons Xander, 11, and Zack, 9. We are all huge cat lovers. I work part-time as a medical editor for a radiation oncology journal.

When and how did you start volunteering for Forgotten Cats?

When my boys were young, we would frequent the East Bradford Petco to visit the animals. Occasionally, we would ask to play with the cats there to get an additional cat fix and help socialize the kitties. During these visits, I picked up the literature about volunteering for the organization. I picked forms up several times and finally, many months (years?) later, I signed on as a volunteer. I believe it was the summer of 2017 that we joined FC. The

cause was fantastic, and I also thought it would be a great opportunity for Zack and Xander to embrace the world of volunteering, and experience the work and rewards of helping others,

both furry and human.

What volunteer work have you done for FC?

I am basically a happy grunt worker who cleans and refreshes the “condos,” and helps socialize the cats in the play area, giving them lots of love and exercise. We also love bringing a cat or two home over the Christmas break when the store is closed. We have done that for two years, and it is so rewarding. Of course, my boys always plea: “Mom, adopting these cats would really be the best Christmas present EVER!” Both of my sons have been wonderful helpers and often come with me to FC when school is out to play with the kitties and help in general.

What is your favorite thing about working with FC?

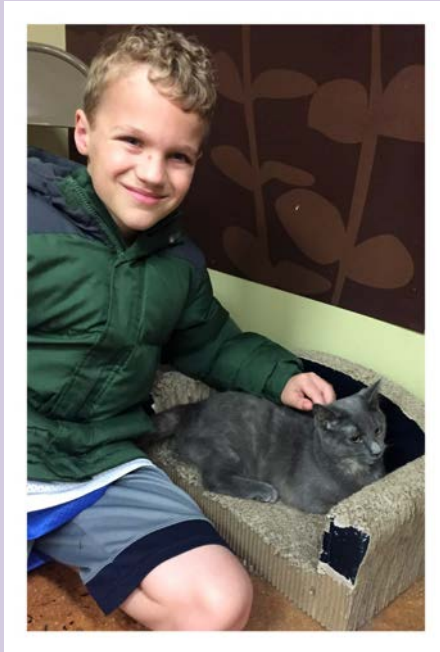
Seeing the cats get adopted is incredibly rewarding, even though Zack and Xander are sad to see them go. It’s also a “Zen time” for me to cuddle and play with the kitties, and bring shy ones out of their shell.

What do you wish the public knew about animal rescue?

I wish they knew how important it was to spay/neuter animals, and that many feral/homeless cats can be successfully placed in loving homes with the right interventions.

We all know that working with animals can be quite unpredictable! Tell me something funny or unusual that has happened while volunteering.

Recently, Julia climbed over my shoulder and jumped off me when I tried to give her some separate lovins while the other cats played together. That was unexpected and pretty funny. There have been other escape artists who required a sprint around the store, but luckily never very far—never beyond the turtle tank. Another time, one of our boy cats painted the ceiling and all the walls of his litter area with his smooshy brown “paint.” By the time I saw it, it had hardened and took 20 minutes to scrape off. Somehow, though, it made me laugh, as it was so outrageous.



What animals do you share your home and heart with?

We currently have three cats: Huckleberry (aka Huckle, Huck, Huckleburry, Big Giant Kitten), Robots (aka Robie, Robie-obie-obie), and Monkeys (aka Monkeygeerul, Best-geerul-in-weeruld). Harriet (aka Hairy, Hairy-geerul), our alpha cat, was about 18 and crossed the rainbow bridge earlier this year.

What else do you enjoy besides volunteering? Any interesting hobbies or secret talents?

I like to read, write, collect ‘50s/midcentury modern items and furniture, and travel. I’m always looking for a cat fix on vacation, and once visited a cat adoption center in Colorado to get my fill. As I am a crazy cat lady, I enjoy rubbing my face in our cat Huckleberry’s belly when he lays on his back all splayed out. I’m also crazy enough to admit that!

Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself or FC?

We have the best, most organized leader you could ask for: Julie O’Leary. She runs a tight ship and her efforts go far above and beyond. The cats, FC and all of the volunteers are lucky to have her! I am also thrilled that my son, Zack, came up with the idea to collect donations for FC as part of his 9th birthday party in June. We will be dropping off food, money, and toys for FC soon.



In Memory of Andy (Van Gogh)

We hope by sharing Andy's story, others will be encouraged to adopt or foster a senior cat. Their gratitude and love is unlike any other.

Andy's owner Allie wrote to us about **Andy (Van Gogh)**:

It is with a heavy heart that I must let you know that my Andy (Van Gogh) has passed away. I had welcomed Andy into my home in November 2018. I could not have asked for a better, sweeter, or more gentle cat to share my life and home with. He was such a joy to have around. I only had Andy for a short 10 months, but I feel so fortunate for his company and happy to have given him a comfy place to live out his senior life. He was a great companion not only to myself but also for my other cat, Eliza. While they had complete opposite personalities they did enjoy grooming and cuddling together. I want to thank **Forgotten Cats** for rescuing Andy so that I could have the pleasure of loving him. I miss him dearly; he was like a little shadow, always on my lap for cuddles, and a wonderful part of my family.

Eliza and I are keeping him forever in our thoughts and memory and hope, sometime in the future when we are both ready, to foster to adopt another senior cat. Until then, thank you again.

Thank you, Allie, for providing Andy with love & happiness in his last few months!

Adoption Update

Rescued from the streets of Philadelphia, **Phoenix** came to us with severe jaundice caused by a tick-borne illness. We were uncertain if he'd survive.



But would you just look at him now!?!? Some antibiotics, lots of kibble, and TLC and this boy was ready for his forever home. Big shout out to his foster mama for getting him adoption ready!



Phoenix now lives with his 3 little human siblings and is loving life. He especially loves his tea parties and dress up time with his sister. And trust us, the feeling is mutual.

Congrats on the good life, Phoenix!

Here are Some Special Cats Ready for their Forever Homes!



Hermione
(FCID# 02/21/2019 - 515 Brookhaven PS)
Adult • F

Hermione is on the hunt for a forever home!

Hermione is the sweetest, most low-maintenance cat you will ever find. She is shy, and it will take her time to acclimate to a new environment, but believe us that she will be the best fur-friend you could ever ask for.

Hermione is about 2 years old and is very calm. She would probably be happiest in a quiet household. She loves to be petted and is quite the purr-machine! She also has no issues with other cats - her best friend at the center is a

hyper-active kitten named Landon.

*Hermione has been overlooked far too long. **She needs a home to call her own. Won't you consider making her a part of your family?***

Please visit Hermione at the Brookhaven PetSmart or submit an online no-obligation application @ <http://www.forgottencats.org/application.php>.
(Foster: Holly G.)

View this pet on [Petfinder](#) • Fill out an [application](#) for Hermione
(FCID# 02/21/2019 - 515 Brookhaven PS)

Aiko
(FCID# 09/15/2018-108)
Senior • M

Aiko is super sweet and affectionate considering the life he had before Forgotten Cats came along. He was found living on the streets of Philadelphia for who knows how long. Aiko was found to have a food allergy that caused him some very uncomfortable skin conditions, his eyes were a concern, and his teeth were in very bad shape. He is now on a special diet that has greatly helped his skin, along with the help of probiotics. Surgery has helped his eyes and after a major dental surgery (all of his teeth had to be removed), **he has a new lease on life!**



Aiko is a bit playful, but seems to love just snuggling up to his human foster. His foster says 'he is sweet and affectionate; specifically loves feet; he will rub his head over my feet while I am sitting. He lets it be known when he wants affection by singing the song of his people.' Aiko is approximately 8-10 yrs old, a bit shy at first with people he does not know and is not fond of loud noise. We are not sure how he is with other cats or dogs. He may be best suited for a quiet home. Aiko is FIV+ but that should not be a deterrent. He can live a long, healthy and relatively normal life with no symptoms at all. FIV+ cats can live with non-FIV+ cats, too. We have found that they tend to be extra lovey-dovey, too!

If you would like to meet Aiko and give him a furever home, please submit an online no-obligation adoption application @ <http://www.forgottencats.org/application.php> for a meet and greet! (Foster: Denise J.)

View this pet on [Petfinder](#) • Fill out an [application](#) for Aiko
(FCID# 09/15/2018-108)

We Want to Hear from You!

If you have an idea for an article or 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

