# FORGOTTEN Cats











2020

### **Upcoming Events-**



#### Dear Friends,

Due to the directives of the Governor to close restaurants for a period of time due to concerns about the coronavirus, the Wine for Whiskers event is being postponed to June 18th. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope that everyone will still be able to come and enjoy the event when we are able to hold it. There are still a few tickets available for purchase. Stay safe, everyone!

March 2020 Status Update: In February we sterilized 997 cats and placed 122 cats into loving forever homes. Can you open your heart and home during these difficult times and foster a shelter cat?





In an effort to keep our community safe and healthy, we have made the decision to close all of our off-site adoption centers in PetSmarts, Petco, and Pet Supplies Plus. We are still accepting online applications and processing adoptions. We encourage you to check out our available cats on our website at <a href="www.forgottencats.org">www.forgottencats.org</a>. We will update everyone when we re-open our centers.

During this uncertain time, our shelter cats have very little opportunity to find forever homes. We expect our adoptions to decrease drastically. And unfortunately, our intake will increase due to kitten season.

Please consider becoming a **short-term foster** parent to a kitty in need. Learn more about fostering and fill out a foster application at <u>www.forgottencats.org!</u>

And a great big thank you to all of those who are already fostering, we couldn't do this without you!



# **Corporate Partnership Opportunities!**

We would like to share the exciting news that **Forgotten Cats**, **Inc.** has launched a newly designed website. With the launch of our new website, we are now able to offer **Corporate Partnership** opportunities to community businesses and organizations.

Forgotten Cats, Inc. is the largest no-kill Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate & Release (TNVR) organization in our region. Servicing four states (DE, PA, MD, & NJ) and sterilizing 8,000-11,000 homeless cats each year, we are committed to reducing the homeless cat population and preventing the suffering inflicted upon unwanted kittens. Since our inception in 2003, we have sterilized over 135,000 homeless cats & kittens and prevented the birth of millions of kittens, many of whom would have been euthanized in local shelters without our services. We have also placed over 15,000 cats & kittens in loving forever homes.

When you partner with Forgotten Cats, Inc. as a Corporate Partner, you become a part of the rescue community with endless possibilities. Together, we will bring about positive change within our communities to end the suffering of homeless cats & kittens.

If you would like to become a Corporate Partner or learn more about our Corporate Partnership opportunities, please

visit <a href="https://forgottencats.org/corporate-partnership/">https://forgottencats.org/corporate-partnership/</a>. Aligning your business with our mission of humanely reducing the free-roaming cat population will create a positive impact on your corporate brand and support the needs of the communities that we serve.

# **Volunteer Spotlight**

# **Spotlight on Christine Costello**

Meet Christine, the foster coordinator for our Trainer clinic! Christine started volunteering with FC in 2016 when a friend of hers convinced her to start fostering. Her volunteer work with FC started the way it does for many others. She quickly found herself wanting to get more and more involved.

After a few trips to our Willow Grove clinic for sick foster visits and vaccine updates, she learned that there was a need for a volunteer to handle intake for surgery days. She did that for a bit and then began helping the Willow Grove foster coordinator with tasks like scheduling vaccine updates. When the Trainer clinic didn't have a foster coordinator, Christine stepped up to the plate. She's been the foster coordinator at Trainer (and doing a great job, I might add) for a little over a year. As the foster coordinator, Christine places cats and kittens into foster homes and



communicates with fosters regarding their needs (sick cat, getting cats posted online, placing them in an adoption center, etc.).

In an effort to always keep our cats moving, Christine is often in communication with our adoption center managers about open cages and also involved in coordinating adoption events. The most challenging part of being foster coordinator for Christine is matching the right cats to the right fosters. She wants to make the most use of our foster homes but at the same time wants to make our fosters happy by placing them with the right cat(s) for them.

Christine has learned so much since starting her work with FC. She is grateful for the opportunity to learn and grateful to be a part of this awesome team. She shared that she especially likes working not only with the cats but also with our fosters. "It's refreshing to communicate daily with like-minded people. Each foster is unique and I like getting to know them and why they foster." She went on to say that, "Education is key." Christine tries her best to educate the public on TNVR, animal cruelty, and adoption. She encourages people to always rescue, adopt, and foster.

Christine is a very giving person and our cats aren't the only ones that benefit from her kind heart. Christine helps out with "rescue transports" which involves transporting dogs and cats from high kill shelters (generally in Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, and Mississippi) to other organizations near us where they will be given a second chance. As I was speaking with Christine for this interview, she was actually in the middle of one of those transports with a 15 year old beagle sitting by her side.



A woman of many talents, Christine is also a rescue scuba diver! Christine thinks her work as a rescue scuba diver is important because when they are able to locate the body, they are finally able to give a family the closure they desperately needed. If you weren't already thinking she does a lot, well, she also runs a small business where she sells dog & cat collars and natural treats. In the little free-time she does have, Christine likes to spend time with her fur babies which includes 2 dogs and 8 cats.

We are really fortunate to have such a compassionate and motivated foster coordinator.







# **Happy Endings for Dalton!**



#### Our lovable PHILLY cat!

Dalton came to us from Philly. He was very shy when we first met him but here is a picture of him less than 2 hours of coming home with us. I could not get over how big he was. As I was looking at the other cats at the pet store this cat kept standing out. No, he was not a kitten which I first wanted, and yes he loves to jump which I was hesitant on wanting this but I thought, why not take chance on this older cat? We are so glad we did! He adjusted very well to the family and truly is living the good life now. I'm so glad we took a chance on this big guy. He is so loveable and the cutest cat he possible can be.

Thanks, Forgotten Cats for rescuing him.

Here are Some Special Cats Ready for their Forever Homes!

Missy (FCID# 09/12/2019 - 60) Adult Calico • F

This pretty calico came through our door already spayed, no microchip. Missy may look like a grump, but we swear she's a **friendly girl!** She's just got that kinda face.



Missy is a big (18 lbs!) calico girl in need of a furever home where she has lots of room to move around and get some exercise. She is on a diet and exercise regimen here at the center and is doing well. Missy loves to play and chase toys - she loves when the wand goes under the door, chat with the volunteers, as well as nap on her favorite spot on the cat tree.

Our volunteers say that she is sassy and loves chin scratches but isn't the biggest fan of other cats and kittens. Do you have room in your heart for

the love she has to give? If you are interested in meeting Missy, please submit a noobligation application to adopt

Missy: <a href="http://www.forgottencats.org/application.php">http://www.forgottencats.org/application.php</a>, or to foster

Missy: <a href="https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/">https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/</a>.

#### Stella (FCID# 07/13/2018 - 116) Small Adult • F

How has this girl been waiting for a forever home for over a year & a half?!? Stella is pretty, petite and oh so sweet! Check out those beautiful golden eyes!

She is approximately 3-4 years old, and she's small but mighty. She likes her exercise and has spurts where she runs around the house, and then she likes to rest on a comfy spot of the bed or on



the cat tree by the window. She has the sweetest purr and an adorable meow that sounds like a bird chirp. She loves to be pet and hang out on the couch with her person, and she also likes her space. She's a good balance of independent and lovable! She likes other kitties, but would be happy as an only kitty too. She would do best in a home with no children and no dogs.

Stella is currently in foster care in the Jenkintown, PA area. Please submit a noobligation adoption application to meet her at <u>www.forgottencats.org/adoption-application</u>.

#### Job Opportunities

#### VETERINARIAN

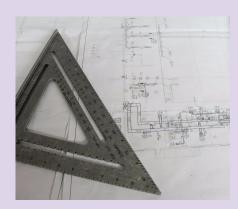
Due to expanding needs, Forgotten Cats, Inc. is seeking a **part-time or full-time Veterinarian** to join our compassionate team, working to reduce the homeless cat population through trap, neuter, and return. This employment opportunity offers a flexible schedule and location, working within one of our 3 clinics in PA (Trainer and Willow Grove) and/or Lincoln, DE.

This candidate will perform routine and emergency surgery, as well as provide wellness services and medical treatment as needed for cats in our shelter or

adoption program. Over the last 16 years, more than 135,000 cats received surgery or medical treatment within our facilities. In addition, over 15,000 homeless cats were removed from the streets to be given a second chance on life with loving adopters.

Please consider joining our dynamic team where we make the extraordinary an ordinary occurrence each day. This job will reward you with more than compensation.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please email your resume and cover letter to John Fedele at <u>info@forgottencats.org</u>.



# We Need a Volunteer Architect and Engineering Firm!

We would like to expand our Trainer, PA Clinic by adding a second floor. This will enable us to help even more cats than we currently help.

We need to find a Volunteer Architect and Engineering firm to evaluate our clinic for expansion.

If you can Help, please email me and include your phone number at info@forgottencats.org or jpfedele@comcast.net

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# 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





