

FORGOTTEN Cats



Forgotten Cats, Inc.



2020

Upcoming Events-



**FACEBOOK
LIVE** 



**ADOPTION
EVENT** 



Wednesday
May 27 @
7:30pm

Join us THIS Wednesday at 7:30 pm on Facebook! We will introduce you to some of the very adorable and very adoptable cats currently residing in our shelter. **These cats are ready to go home with you!**

Should any of the featured cats catch your interest then simply submit an adoption application at forgottencats.org. Approved applicants will be able to schedule a one-on-one meet and greet (*practicing social distancing*) or a no contact virtual meet and greet.

Looking for a sneak peak? Check out our available cats @ <https://forgottencats.org/services/available-cats/>

April 2020 Status Update:
In April, we sterilized **893** cats and placed **120** cats into loving forever homes.

Warmer weather is approaching and "kitten season" is upon us!

Surely it may SOUND like something cute but without intervention life is bleak for kittens born outside to homeless mothers. The reality is many of these kittens do not survive due to illness, malnutrition, and injury. Shelters become overwhelmed and supplies dwindle with the increased demands.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Please consider donating an item from our **Amazon Wish List** to help us get through this year's kitten season. Your donated item(s) will be shipped directly to the shelter. How easy is that?! **Thank you in advance! Together we can make a difference.**

Trainer Clinic Wish List:

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WFLEDZL66BQW/ref=cm_go_nav_hz

Willow Grove Clinic Wish List:

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WD91QHOSORM/ref=cm_go_nav_hz

JOIN FORGOTTEN CATS FOR A

Kitten Shower Donation Drive

Help us prepare for kitten season by donating a gift for our litters on the way!

- Royal Canin Mother & Babycat Wet Food
- Royal Canin Mother & Babycat Dry Food
- Purina Kitten Chow (Nuture)
- Purina Fancy Feast Kitten Wet Food
- Plastic Cat Carrier
- Non-clumping, Paper Litter
- Clumping Litter
- KMR Formula (powder/liquid)
- Kitten Nursing Bottles
- Snuggle Safe Warmers
- 36" Metal Dog Crate





Thanks to the
Maryland Department of Agriculture,
Spay & Neuter Grants Program



We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the **Maryland Department of Agriculture, Spay & Neuter Grants Program**. In September 2019, we received funding to continue our much needed TNVR services in Salisbury, MD. We are excited to share that last month we completed the project and the totals are in! Since September, we TNVR'd an additional **547** cats. **120** friendly cats and kittens were held and placed for adoption. Many are in their forever homes as we write this and others are still patiently waiting. As for the feral cats that were released, they will no longer be contributing to the homeless cat population and will

live a healthier life thanks to their neutering services.

Our photos showcase some of the many beautiful & happy cats that this program helped. Since our partnership was formed with the Maryland Department of Agriculture in 2018, we have TNVR'd 1,280 cats and prevented the birth and suffering of thousands of kittens. This program is evidence that TNVR WORKS. The [Humane Society of Wicomico County](#) has reported a 68% decrease in shelter intake in our target area!!!

One last shout out to our awesome volunteers who make this work possible!



Quarantine Isn't Slowing Us Down!

The homeless cats and kittens of our area need us now more than ever. We're keeping it safe and smart with no-contact meet & greets and adoptions. For the month of April we had **120** adoptions-only a few less than April of last year! Please take a look at just some of our happy endings during the past 6 weeks.

Have you adopted from Forgotten Cats during quarantine?
We'd love to see a photo and update.

We are **STILL** processing adoption applications! If you see a Forgotten Cats kitty that interests you on our website, Petfinder, or social media please don't hesitate to apply! Approved applicants can have virtual meet & greets with our cats/kittens due to the wonders of technology. If it's a "go" we arrange a safe, no-contact

transfer of the kitty to you.

Fill out an application for either a specific cat or to get “pre-approved” at ForgottenCats.org



Volunteer Spotlight

Spotlight on Karen Fong

Benjamin Franklin once said that "if you want something done, ask a busy person." There's truth to that statement. After all, the busier we are, the better we manage our time. The epitome of that adage might be found in Forgotten Cats' volunteer, **Karen Fong**, featured in our Volunteer Spotlight this month.

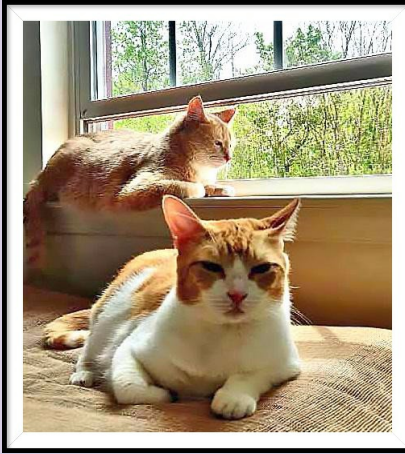
Karen has been a Forgotten Cats volunteer since 2016 when she came into the Brandywine PetSmart and adopted **Cedric**, or "**Ceddy**" as her family affectionately calls him. Ceddy is a muted orange tabby. Karen learned about Forgotten Cats as a result of that experience, and when she saw a call for volunteers shortly thereafter, she responded to the call.



Since coming to the USA from Singapore many years ago, Karen says her family has only had cats. Previously, there were several dogs in their lives, but after moving here, Karen's daughter's piano teacher gifted them with a sweet, good natured cat named Cleo, and Karen's family has been "cat people" ever since. Sadly, Cleo died in 2016 and Karen and her daughter were desperate for another cat - which led to finding young Cedric through their Forgotten Cats adoption at the PetSmart.

Karen's work for Forgotten Cats has been varied over the past five years and has included feeding the cats and cleaning the cages. She helps out in the traps area whenever extra help is needed there, and she does dishes and laundry. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic she gave medication to the sick cats.

Early one morning while performing "feed and clean" duties for Forgotten Cats, Karen was "adopted" by her soon-to-be second cat, **Oliver Floyd**. While preparing food for the cats, a loving orange and white tabby brushed against her legs. He was so friendly, she fed him some wet food and tried to figure out where he came



from. Apparently, he had escaped from a trap and found his way to Karen. She looked after him for about two weeks at Forgotten Cats and then decided to adopt him! **Oliver and Cedric get along very well and both are very loved.** (Karen's wondering if she should get a third!).

For a short time Karen also worked at the clinic but was not able to devote the time required due to her full-time day job.

Karen works as a Research Scientist at the Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania, doing research on platelets and how they play a role in heart attacks, strokes and other thrombotic diseases. When she isn't in the lab, she also teaches two classes (Environmental Science and Microbiology) at Camden County College.

On weekends, Karen rides - sometimes with her daughter, Emily - at a farm in West Chester. She does eventing, and when not riding, she enjoys taking care of the horses at the barn. She also volunteers at Covenant Fellowship Church, preparing and serving food to people at church events.

Forgotten Cats is certainly fortunate to have a caring, giving volunteer like **Karen**. Karen says she wants the public to know that they should not abandon their pets and leave them in the streets to " fend for themselves".

It's almost as though Franklin had Karen in mind when he said "if you want something done, ask a busy person." Margaret Thatcher may also have had Karen in mind when she said "if you want something done, ask a woman." In this case, they are both right!



Thank you, Karen, for having room in your heart and schedule to help the kitties in need at Forgotten Cats!

Adoption Update-Teddy



**Who remembers baby Teddy from last summer?
The baby kitten covered in EIGHTY-ONE ticks!?**

Well, he just celebrated his first birthday!

His mama shares, "Today is **Teddy's 1st birthday** so I wanted to give you a little update. He is doing great. Weighs about 11 pounds. He's still a menace, but we wouldn't have it any other way. He is quite the lap cat which we love. As you could see by the pics, he has a favorite position (*on his back*). He brings us lots of joy and laughter. We love him and we're pretty sure he loves us too!"



If you can foster, please fill out a foster application on our website at <https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/>

Here are Some Special Cats Looking for their Forever Homes!

Heath

(FCID# 04/07/2020 - 403)

Senior • M

SUPER SENIOR!!! Will you please consider welcoming **Heath** into your loving home? Dear Heath is a black and white male cat with beautiful markings. He is still



traumatized after being abandoned by his family. They moved and left him behind to fend for himself. He is a sponge for attention and is gentle and quiet. We expect that he will blossom as he realizes he's now safe and loved.

According to his microchip, Heath is 8 years old. He and his friends Nate (FCID# 04/07/2020 - 401, adoption scheduled), Tina (FCID# 04/07/2020 - 402, adopted) and Josie (FCID# 04/07/2020 - 404) were found together and are being cared for by our volunteers at our clinic/shelter in Willow Grove, PA. However, our volunteers feel that **Heath** would most enjoy being an only-cat.

Please submit an application to foster **Heath** or any of his friends: <https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/>, or to adopt: <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>.

Maley
(FCID# 05/06/2019 - 34)
Short Hair • F

New foster or forever home, please!!! Waiting almost a year for her forever home!!!

Maley is 6 - 8 years and the **sweetest and most affectionate little girl ever!** She is slow to adjust to new surroundings and will hide out until she is sure it is a safe space. Her transition period may take six weeks or so. During that time, she is grateful for chin scratches, snuggles, and sweet talk.



Once Maley trusts that her environment is full of love and good people, she will be your number one sidekick. She loves to play. Chasing feather wands and mouse hunting is where she demonstrates age is just a number. She gets along great with other cats. She **LOVES** her head scratched and lying next to people. She even lets some of the volunteers cradle her like a baby for long periods of time. We believe she will become a lap cat over time. She would do best in an environment with older children who can be understanding during her transition. Her eyes are runny from blocked tear ducts. No worries though, it is purely a cosmetic condition. It is not painful and doesn't require medication, just dab with a tissue once a day.

If you would like to meet or adopt **Maley**, please submit a no-obligation adoption application @ <http://www.forgottencats.org/application.php>. **She would LOVE to meet you!**

Job Opportunities

VETERINARIAN-

Due to expanding needs, **Forgotten Cats, Inc.** is hiring 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 info@forgottencats.org.

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