

support of Forgotten Cats!

In June, we sterilized 1,402 cats and placed 186 cats into loving forever homes.



Forgotten Cats is proud to announce the opening of our adoption center at the PetSmart in Glen Mills!

FC is seeking volunteers at our NEW Glen Mills location that will help care for the cats and interact with potential adopters. With just a FEW hours a week, you can make a lasting difference in the life of a cat or kitten.

Duties include cuddling and playing with cats, interacting with potential adopters, and maintaining a clean and healthy living environment with their litter boxes, food, and water bowls.

Volunteers are needed during all hours of operation but most critical shifts are 9am-12pm and 6pm-8:30pm

Please email us at *info@forgottencats.org* if you can help!

Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday: 9am-8pm Sunday: 10am-6pm

> Glen Mills PetSmart 800 Hatton Drive Glen Mills, PA 19342



Barn Cats Seeking Jobs!

Will provide rodent control and cuteness in exchange for food and shelter

- Fully vetted, no fee, hard-working kitties
- Help with the "settling" phase from experienced cat experts
- We come to you Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland









Feral Cats Find Safe Homes in Barns

At the end of May, we found ourselves with 20+ feral cats whose lives were in immediate danger. With no where to return to and not being candidates for adoption, we sprang into action to find suitable barn placements. In just one month, we placed twenty-three barn cats in homes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Our barn cats arrive fully-vetted and ready to work! They made great rodent control technicians and simply ask for food, water, and shelter in return.

Interested in learning more about our barn cat program? Contact us at <u>info@forgottencats.org</u>

Be a hero to these cats that so richly deserve a second chance for a safe and happy life! Be their "FREEDOM RIDE!"

Volunteer Spotlight

Spotlight on Sarah Keller By Mary Ann Emely



Forgotten Cats volunteer in the "spotlight" this month is Sarah Willis Keller. Her volunteer supervisor says of her that "she is one of FC's most dependable volunteers, closing at least once per week, sometimes two, always coming through to volunteer when we send out desperate emails to cover open shifts. Right before the Covid-19 shutdown she volunteered to start doing on-the-job training with new

volunteers, a big asset to the Christiana Adoption Center. She is outgoing and a pleasure to work with."

Sarah has only been a Forgotten Cats volunteer since January 2019. Her family dog had passed away on Christmas morning 2018 and in the weeks that followed, she saw ASPCA commercials on TV and felt guilty for not doing more to help animals in need.

Because she had previously adopted from Forgotten Cats and knew the organization, she browsed the FC website for volunteer opportunities - and became engaged with our mission. Sarah says that the best part of her FC work is knowing she is making a difference in the lives of all the cats and kittens with which she is involved - whether it's taking care of them at the clinic or finding them a "purrfect" family at the adoption center.

She adds that it "literally takes a village to care for all the cats that come through FC's doors. There are so many caring volunteers that fill so many roles, and an endless number of cats and kittens who need help." In addition, adds Sarah, "after a long hard day at work, getting a chance to cuddle and play with some cute, loving kitties is the best therapy."

Sarah says one of the most difficult parts of her FC job is when an adopter returns a cat for whatever reason - her heart breaks for the poor, returned kitty, and she feels that it becomes even more important to make sure that a new forever home is found for that cat.

Sarah volunteers regularly for Feed & Clean at the Trainer Clinic, and for the closing shifts at the Christiana Adoption Center (PetSmart), putting cats in their cages at night. She also volunteers at weekend adoption events and has fostered cats and kittens.

When she isn't volunteering, Sarah has worked as an elementary special education teacher for seven years. This year she taught third and fifth grades and the year became challenging as she shifted from classroom teacher to online teacher, providing online direct instruction services to students on her caseload each week. Teaching through a screen is often stressful and frustrating, she notes. She much prefers being in the classroom close to her young pupils.

Sarah has been married to her husband, Patrick for almost three years, and she is a mom to four fur babies who were all adopted.



Above, Sarah with Little Silver. Left top is Zebra, Left bottom is Jag and Buttons.

Little Silver, a brown tabby female was adopted in July 2016 (*her only non-FC kitty*), Buttons, a "cow cat" female was adopted in July 2018. Recently, she and Patrick adopted the two boys that had been fostering - Jag, a tuxedo and Zebra, a gray tabby. She said her home finally feels full and complete!



She also loves reading, listening to music, spending time with her family, and going to the beach. "The beach" for Sarah means Delaware beaches. Her aunt has a

beach house outside of Bethany Beach and she spent much of her childhood making memories there, so now when she goes down to the beach with family or friends she stays at the beach house - any time of year except the three major summer holiday weekends when the crowds change the atmosphere significantly.

Enjoy these summer days at the beach, Sarah! And Thank You for making time in your busy, rewarding life for Forgotten Cats. enriching the lives of our little furry friends.



Happy Endings for Oliver (4 year Anniversary)

Oliver's adopter says "We can't believe it's already been 4 years since we've adopted this chonk from Forgotten Cats. We were at Petsmart filling out an application for a kitten when he jumped on the table and started licking my shirt. When he let me hold him, I was done. He truly chose us. He makes me smile every single day and to say I'm a little obsessed is an understatement. He is our cat-dog. Always on our laps and always first in line for attention and love."



Here are Some Special Cats Looking for their Forever Homes!

Jean Gray (FCID# 03/24/2020 -57) Tabby/Domestic Short Hair / Mixed • F

Enthusiastic Girl! Jean Grey (FCID# 03/24/2020 -57) adds her name to our growing list of what used to be rarely-seen: female orange tabby. Jean Grey is a red-haired superhero kitty. She has flashy deep orange stripes, especially on her tail, and pretty copper-colored eyes. She has unusual, slight wisps of black fur too.

Jean Gray's foster says "Jean Grey moves with lots of

enthusiasm and interest in what's going on, whether I'm bringing her dinner, sitting on the rug, swinging a wand toy or reading on the bed. She eagerly joins me and soaks up the attention. She always makes chatty cooing sounds to welcome my company."

Jean Grey loves cuddles and attention. She greets me happily and jumps into my lap for pets. Jean Grey loves to play. She likes to chase wand toys and ping pong balls, but small spring shaped toys are her favorite. She also loves to bask in the sun while stretched out in front of a window. Jean Grey has a sweet and gentle disposition. She does become fearful of loud noises and commotion, so a quiet home is best. I was not given an age estimate for Jean



Grey. But I think she's young because her behavior is playful. Maybe 1-3 years.

She is affectionate, but is busy. She snuggles on my lap or next to me on the bed, but will leave to look out the window or explore, then come back. So, I don't see her spending hours on end sleeping in a lap. She is very interested in the people she knows and trusts. When my husband or I spend time with her, she seems so excited and delighted. **Could you give sweet Jean Grey the loving forever home she needs?**

Please submit a no-obligation adoption application: <u>https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</u>.



Jenny (FCID# 04/16/2020 - 39) Extra-Toes Cat (Hemingway Polydactyl)/Tuxedo/Mixed (short coat) • F

Polydacty!!! Jenny (FCID# 04/16/2020 - 39) had a rough and frightening start in life. That's why she is hoping that a special cat lover will choose her. As a young kitten, she was homeless, alone and hungry with a

broken foot. She was afraid of people. But after several weeks in a loving foster home, Jenny has made amazing progress! Her foot has mended. She is completely healthy with a good appetite. You'll notice that Jenny has showy polydactyl paws and lovely symmetrical white markings on her gray fur.

Her truly affectionate and social nature finally came to light as she gradually overcame her fear of people and began to trust her foster mom. Jenny purs loudly as she kneads her paws and prances around for pets. She enjoys taking a comfy rest in her foster mom's lap. Being a kitten, she loves to play. She happily chases toys, showing off her running and jumping moves.

Jenny's forever person (people) will need patience and interest in gradually encouraging her to feel comfortable in her new home. Her special someone should be excited to continue the rewarding job of winning Jenny's trust and affection. It will be well worth it because she is so sweet, cuddly and ready to bond with her humans. Jenny is estimated to be **5-6 months old**. Jenny would do well as an only pet or with another friendly cat. She eagerly made friends with an adult cat at her foster home. Luckily, Jenny was rescued and has the opportunity to live in a safe and loving home. Could it be yours? (Jenny would be best in a home without dogs/kids).

Jenny Update, 6/29/2020: Jenny is having a new adventure. Four 6-week-old foster kittens are her new roommates! At first she didn't fully appreciate their extreme cuteness. But, after a few days Jenny's curiosity got the best of her and she decided to join in the fun. It's rewarding to see Jenny rise to the occasion in new situations because of her social and affectionate nature. Jenny is pictured with her new little friend Sally. Note: She is a purring machine.

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CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in **DESPERATE** need of volunteers in our clinics in Trainer, PA and Willow Grove, PA.

During clinics we spay/neuter the MANY cats who come through our doors. In addition to spay/neuter, vaccinations and routine medical care, we treat the illnesses and injuries that result from a life on the streets. No two days are the same but every day lives are saved.

Won't you consider being a hero to homeless cats?

This is an opportunity to help cats whose **ONLY** medical treatment during their lifetime may be when they come into one of our clinics. While medical experience is great,

it is not necessary. We will train you! NO medical background is required. What IS required is that volunteers commit to one specific day a week at the clinic. Positions vary based on location but include surgery prep, assisting the vet, and cat recovery.

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If you are interested in learning more, please contact us at: *info@forgottencats.org*. We will be glad to provide you with further information regarding the available positions.

*Clinic volunteers must be 18 or older.

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

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