



VOLUNTEERS are Needed at the adoption center at the PetSmart in King of Prussia!

FC is seeking **volunteers** at our **King of Prussia 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!

Volunteer Spotlight

Spotlight on **Richard Wolf** By Mary Ann Emely

Volunteer **Richard Wolf** is as passionate about the role he plays in supporting the mission of **Forgotten Cats**, as he has been about most things in his life. For one, he loves to



travel, having been to all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and over 33 countries on four continents!



Retired now from his 33-year career at AIG as a Certified Industrial Hygienist/ Safety Consultant and as a competitive cyclist and runner, Dick still brings to his daily life the commitment he brought to the sports world when he successfully competed as a duathlete. He competed on the USA team at the World Duathlon three times in the 1990s and raced locally on the Wooden Wheels and First State Velo Sport teams. His enthusiasm for running has continued unabated since his days as an All-American in cross country at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Above and to the left, Richard competing in the 1992 World Duathlon in Germany, and at the Penn-Ohio meet in 1977.

Dick became involved with Forgotten Cats in 2018 when he retired from his day job. Because he loves his two cats, **Jolene**, whom he refers to as **JoJo**, and **Bagheera** (named for the black panther in Kipling's *Jungle Book*), and loves

animals in general, and because he saw the need that Forgotten Cats was addressing, he decided to become a part of its army of volunteers that help make FC's accomplishments possible.

At Forgotten Cats, Dick has been a steadfast Feed and Clean volunteer, now managing other volunteers in back-of-house for Feed and Clean. Because he also enjoys doing home projects, and FC has become a "second home", he has used his abilities to tackle some minor maintenance projects for FC, such as repairing tables in the trap area. Last year he repaired or replaced wheels on many tables in the trap room to make the work of the trap room ladies easier; he says the tables do not move well with bad wheels!

Dick tells us that working with the other volunteers is the best part of his job, because he can feel that everyone around him has the same motivation and desire. He also enjoys helping the cats because many of them crave attention and the volunteers are able to meet those needs for them. He is committed to the work of Forgotten Cats because he sees first hand how "we are helping to control the street cat population and provide homes to cats who would be on the street starving, freezing, getting hit by cars or getting abused by mean people."

Dick fervently believes that volunteers are the most important part of the FC organization and being a Forgotten Cats volunteer is a life commitment. "Cats don't observe holidays, they can't feed themselves or clean their own cages, so if a volunteer doesn't show up, the cats may not get fed or get the appropriate attention. When somebody does not show, I end up going in to cover the shift and help out." Because he cares. There have been times when Dick has been "on the job" for six days in one week.

Dick adds that "it's rewarding taking care of kitties and helping them get adopted. I have gotten to like many cats and when they get adopted, I hate seeing them leave, but I know they are going to what I hope is a better place. We need more volunteers at Trainer."

He amusingly recalls some "challenging" aspects of the job - like when he is trying to clean the floor of a bull pen (a large caged area) with multiple cats crawling around him on the floor wanting attention while he tries to clean spilled litter as the cats lie down right where he is cleaning!

When he leaves the Forgotten Cats felines for the day, he comes home to JoJo and Bagheera. They wake him every morning, hopping on to his bed and look for his face to get his attention. They both like to look out the windows for bird activity and go into the garage waiting to catch mice. He says they are both "real cats".



Mac's Fund Feline Fix Program

Mac's Fund Feline Fix Program funded the spay/neuter of **170** cats - and counting! Trappers and rescues of Philadelphia and surrounding areas came together to help stray and feral cats



... and so did kittens like Freddy and Reggie.

Many of these cats have found forever homes while others are still waiting. Ask about adopting them through Forgotten Cats, *info@forgottencats.org*.





Thank You Mac's Fund for helping the homeless cats in our community!

Barn Cat Volunteers and Barn Homes are Needed ASAP!



We need strong Volunteers to be part of the Barn Set-Up Team!

Our "forgotten cats" who cannot be sent back to dangerous living conditions after being spayed/ neutered at our clinic are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to be a working cat at wonderful barns! They require an acclamation period where our team

sets them up in studio "apartments" (large, spacious cages) with all amenities (litter box, dishes, scratcher, toys, bed) and concierge service daily (barn caretakers scoop, feed, and interact with them daily). After 3 weeks of acclamation the cats are released to the barn to provide clean up and maintenance and the removal of barn pests.

We need teams of **2-3** individuals willing to set up these apartments and break them down at the end of the acclamation period. Duties include picking up cages and tables and set up, driving them to the barns which are located within 2 hours of Trainer, PA, speaking with the barn owner and giving instructions on cat care and feeding, reviewing medical records with barn owner and breaking down and returning the equipment 3-4 weeks later. **Must be able to lift 35 lbs.** We would prefer you have a vehicle to haul cages and tables but may be able to partner an interested applicant with someone who does. Set up takes about 2 hours plus drive time and schedule for barn set up is flexible.

If you're interested in this unique **volunteer opportunity** please email us at *info@forgottencats.org* and please include your **phone number**.

Barn Homes ARE Needed! Barn cats are available for adoption - please spread the word if you know someone who may be interested.

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



Here are Some Special Cats Looking for their Forever Homes!



Coco & Penny (FCID# 03/19/2020 -32 FCID# 03/19/2020 -34) Tortoiseshell / Tabby (medium coat) • F

Bonded pair: Coco (FCID 03/19/2020-32) and Penny (FCID 03/19/2020-34) are sweet girls who love playing and snuggling with each other. They are a

bonded pair and need to be adopted together. They get along well with children, and both are about 11 months old as of July 2020. Both girls love to play both with toys and with their foster family. They are currently eating prescription food to treat a potential allergy for Coco, and she may need future medical treatment for allergies.

Coco is a medium-haired young tortishell cat. She is active and adventurous. She can be talkative, as she meows to let you know she's ready for love and affection. Coco also really enjoys being brushed, and she immediately starts purring when it's grooming time!

Penny is a torbie with a coat of beautiful copper-tone colors. She is shy at first, but she is very eager to snuggle and purr when someone pets her. She's also happy to let you know that she's ready for attention.

These two young girls are incredibly sweet and can't wait to find their forever home. Are these the girls for you? Please submit a no-obligation adoption application: <u>https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</u>.

Kira (FCID# 11/21/2019 - 27) Tabby / Calico / Mixed (short coat)• F

Hi, my name is **Kira** (FCID# 11/21/2019 - 27). I'm a sweet and gentle young adult. I love affection and am looking for someone to give me all the pets and scritches I can take. I'm not a fan of other cats or dogs so I should live in a pet free home. The volunteers here say I'm super soft and beautiful. I'm low key and relaxed. I don't make any noise but will quietly hang by my favorite persons side. I hope to find a comfy home soon so I can get out of this cramped cage. Looking forward to meeting you!!! Love, Kira.

If you would like to meet Kira, please submit a no-obligation adoption application (a) <u>https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</u>.

Not ready to adopt? Please submit our foster application: <u>https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/</u>.





Kole (FCID# 05/29/2020 - 120) Domestic Short Hair (short coat) • M

Please meet **Kole** (FCID# 05/29/2020 - 120)! He's a big guy - **more than 11 pounds** - and very friendly, very sweet and loves to play and loves attention. His coat is black with a brown sheen. Seems to get along with other cats. He is FIV+.

Please submit our no obligation application to foster: <u>https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/</u>, or to adopt: <u>https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</u>.

Volunteer Opportunities



PLEASE HELP!!!

Foster homes are URGENTLY needed at Forgotten Cats! DDWe are overwhelmed and need the community's assistance. Spread the word-tell a friend.

Fostering saves lives!!! Literally! When you choose to foster you are allowing your local rescue to bring in additional kittens and cats from the streets.

It's one of the most rewarding and important things you can do to help Forgotten Cats. YOU get to be directly involved in a happily ever after and be able to say, *"I saved a life."*

Save a life today- If interested, please fill out a form to foster at <u>https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/</u> Thank you in advance!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."- Helen Keller

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

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