

FORGOTTEN Cats



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News

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2020

Upcoming Events-

**AUTUMN LEAF FUNDRAISERS
& FRIENDS
ONLINE FALL CRAFT FAIR**
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We are really excited to announce that **Autumn Leaf Fundraisers (ALF) & Friends** will be holding an **Online Fall Craft Fair** to benefit **Forgotten Cats**. Save the date - **10/2/20 - 10/12/20** - to be held right here on our **Facebook** page!

There will be many beautiful handmade items to peruse (*a variety of knit and crocheted items, pet items, jewelry, soap, ornaments and so much more!*). **Don't Miss this Fun Event!**

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**Luka can't stop smiling!
Want to know why?**

Because we didn't just reach our matching fundraiser goal; **we surpassed it!!!! Woo hoo!** We'd like to extend a sincere **Thank You** to our match donor, **The Marcom Group, Ltd.** and to all our supporters that donated to this campaign.

Because of you, homeless cats will receive the medical care they so deserve. Our cat-loving community's generosity never ceases to amaze us.

Thank you for caring about homeless cats today and everyday.

August 2020 Status Update:

In **August**, we sterilized **1,550** cats and placed **240** cats into loving forever homes.

The Story Behind Harley the Cat, Who Was Reunited With Owner in Texas After Escaping 3 Years Ago During A Move From Delaware County, PA



A few weeks ago, CBS news showed a story about a cat named **Harley** who was **lost 3 years ago** in Delaware County and how he was reunited with his family who now live in Texas. The lucky cat was in the care of **Forgotten Cats** in preparation for the reunion. Below is a link to the news clip which you can watch and then read the backstory below:

<https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2020/09/11/cat-to-be-reunited-with-owner-after-escaping-during-move-from-delaware-county-to-texas-3-years-ago/>

As we all know, there are often unsung heroes whose efforts may not be known, but without whom, such happy stories would not happen. That's the case with this story. There was a lot of legwork, emotion and dedication put into finding Harley's owners. While **Forgotten Cats** was doing its part to facilitate the reunion, there was another person who set all the wheels in motion. Her name is **Krystal Subers**. She is an animal activist and she spends her days helping countless animals. Read her story of how this all came to be. It spans months of time and effort.



On behalf of Forgotten Cats, I want Krystal to know how much we appreciate her tireless efforts to help make this come to fruition.

Here is the whole backstory in **Krystal's** words:

I started feeding this cat months ago outback of my apartment in Aston, PA. He wouldn't come near me for a bit but in time he learned to trust me. He would come to the back of my apartment every night and wait for me to feed him. I made a feeding station out back for him, and he knew the routine and time every night that food was coming. I would come out and I'd hear him out there meowing. It broke my heart. We grew a bond over these months. He got so comfortable with me and my family and would let us pet him and love him. He would rub against us and claim us (cat terms lol). I would hear him in the odd hours of the night, 2am , 6am etc crying this distinct cry outback and it would almost bring me to tears. I knew I had to do something to get this boy off the streets and I wasn't going to stop until I did.

*A few weeks back, I finally scanned him for a microchip, and what do you know, a microchip number comes up. I contacted the company he was microchipped to and they told me they would reach out to the owner that's registered on file and they would contact me back or have the owner contact me. They called me back that night and said they tried to reach the person and couldn't at that time and if they heard anything further they would let me know. I thought this was a lost cause and I was going to proceed with getting him into a foster home or rescue. I received multiple calls the next day from an out of state number. I didn't answer. I got a voicemail saying that she was contacted saying that I knew where her cat was, so I gave this woman a call back to see if she wants her cat back. She proceeds to tell me that her cat, **Harley**, went missing **3 YEARS ago** from Garnet Mine Road. My jaw*

dropped. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. She looked for him for a while with no luck. The Owner ended up moving to Texas (where she is still residing). At this point since she is now in a whole other far away state, I NEVER thought she would want her cat back, but I was WRONG!!!! She went on and told me how she has his brother and she rescued them both at 6 weeks old and she is willing to do whatever to get him back, and she is so happy I found him and been caring for him. I had no idea how I was gonna get this cat to her but I knew I had to figure something out. Weeks after figuring this all out together with his owner, she scheduled an appt in advance for Harley to get his shots and vet clearance on 9/10 so he could be transported to Texas.



I set the trap 9/9 and I was nervous as all heck, and worried that if he didn't go in the trap then idk what I would do because everything is set up. I tried to remain positive, etc... but I was losing hope (not gonna lie) He watched me set the trap, and then a bit later I went and checked trap and he was hanging out underneath my neighbors truck and it appeared he just wasn't gonna go in, and then it started to rain and I started to tell myself " I'm not gonna get him so I went to sleep for a couple hours and went back out to check and re-bait the trap, it's pitch black out at 1:45 am, all I see is eyes staring at me and I knew I had him !!!!! The relief I felt, I can't even explain! He was crying and not too

happy (who would be), I brought him into the basement, talked to him, covered trap with a blanket and he calmed down.

I took him to the vet clinic at 8:30 am and from there he was boarded for a few days until the transport organization picked him for his roadtrip to Texas, where he was reunited with his mom, Susan, after 3 longggggggg YEARS!!!!!! I am going to miss him, as I cry writing this, but I am blessed that he found me months ago and allowed me to care for him until I could get him off the streets. I'm so thankful that his



owner actually wants him back after all this time, since she is now in Texas! **It's a miracle if you ask me and one heck of a blessing!** This goes to show you **NEVER GIVE UP** and **MICROCHIP** your pets. It's unknown how he ended up here, in Aston, after going missing from Garnet Valley 3 years ago. If only they could speak and tell us, but all that matters now is **HE IS SAFE AND BACK WHERE HE BELONGS!!!!!!** I will get updates from the owner when he arrives in Texas, I wish I could be there to see them reunite. I would be crying like a baby with happy tears!

Krystal, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DETERMINATION!
How Wonderful it is that Harley is back
with his family all because of YOU.

**Award-Winning Author and
Animal Rescue Enthusiast
Nancy Herkness Donates
Royalties from Book Sales to
Forgotten Cats**



Because of her love of animals and animal rescue organizations, award-winning author of multiple romance series, **Nancy Herkness** makes a practice of donating royalties earned from the first two weeks' sales of each new book she publishes to animal rescue organizations that have been suggested to her by her readers. One of Nancy's newsletter subscribers suggested **Forgotten Cats** as a recipient of royalties from the sale of her latest release, *The Hacker*, and after checking us out, Nancy agreed that we were a worthy group and last month she sent us a donation of **\$1,000!**

Nancy tells us it all began on the farm where she was raised in West Virginia; she was surrounded by five dogs, three cats, a pony, and many other animals. Her mother was the president of the local humane society, so people often brought them animals of all kinds: injured birds, orphaned lambs, baby opossums, and of course, many stray cats and dogs. She often got tasked with feeding the babies during the night and once taught a baby robin to fly. The pony inspired her *Whisper Horse* series of books. So helping animals, she says, is in her DNA.

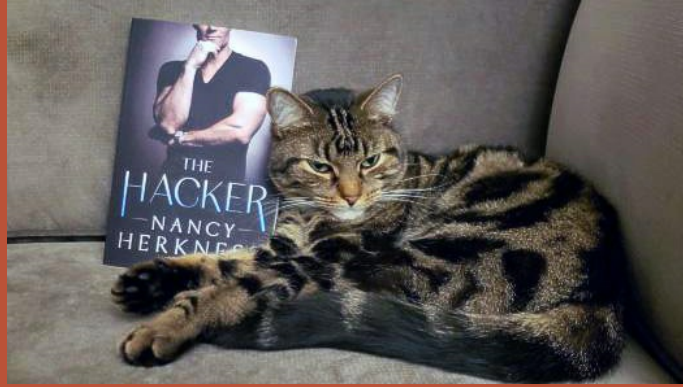


Although she is now a resident of New Jersey, Nancy donates to animal welfare and rescue organizations worldwide. *"The hardest task for me is choosing just three out of the many worthy charities my readers bring to my attention,"* she notes. *"For The Hacker I was drawn to organizations that help cats because I recently adopted two kitties myself, bonded brother cats Skoda and Mobi, gorgeous little tabbies. They were rescued from under the porch of a house that was being renovated."*

"I read your excellent website with great interest," she continues, *"and was impressed by your work with feral kitties. My sister supports a feral colony at her workplace, and my daughter, who is now a veterinarian (that DNA again!) volunteered at a low-cost spay/neuter clinic that served many feral cat colonies. So the ferals are a cat population that means a lot to my loved ones. I chose Forgotten Cats in their honor."*



Nancy Herkness's rescued brothers, Skoda and Mobi.



*Mobi poses with **The Hacker** he is promoting!*

Nancy graduated from Princeton where she majored in English and was accepted into Princeton's creative writing program. She tells us she has been writing most of her life but didn't begin working on novels until her children were in school full time. She was a life-long reader of romance novels so that was the genre to which she gravitated. Her first romance, *A Bridge to Love*, was published in 2003 and she has had 16 books published with a 17th, *The Agent*, coming out in January of 2021. She often puts animals into her books. Sometimes they are real ones from her life, such as a former gray cat named **Pie** whom she misses terribly, or her daughter's cat, **Geode** who was critical to the climax of her *Second Act*. In *Second Act*, the heroine is a veterinarian and Nancy collaborated with her daughter on the veterinary aspects of the story.

Nancy is a two-time nominee for the Romance Writers of America's RITA award, and has received many other honors for her work, including the *Book Buyers Best Top Pick*, the *New England Readers' Choice* award, and the *National Excellence in Romance Fiction* Award.

Forgotten Cats is grateful to Nancy for her generosity and her support of animal rescue.

If you'd like to find out more about the books she has written, you can visit her website, <http://www.nancyherkness.com/> and subscribe to her newsletter. *The Hacker* is available on Amazon.

Volunteer Spotlight

Spotlight on Liza Williams By Mary Ann Emely

Meet **Forgotten Cats** volunteer of the month, **Liza Williams**, for whom her love of her volunteer work has become a family affair!

Liza with Ulla, her youngest foster fail.

Like many of our volunteers, Liza first became aware of Forgotten Cats when she adopted her cat, **Jayden** from a Jenkintown PetSmart adoption event in May 2018. A couple of months after the adoption, she received an email from FC asking for volunteers to foster kittens and mother cats with kittens. Interested, she responded, and before she knew it, she was fostering a new mom with six two-day old kittens. Once she saw those little kittens, she was hooked and has been fostering ever since!



For Liza, working with Forgotten Cats quickly became a family affair. Her younger son, **Mason**, is very involved with caring for and socializing their foster

kittens. Every day he helps feed the kittens and provides them with fresh water. He also ensures that they receive their daily dose of exercise and snuggles.



Mason Williams, helping with kitten duties.

This season, Liza and Mason were fortunate to witness the birth of a litter of kittens in their home for the first time. It was a great learning experience for both, and Mason stayed by the mother cat's side until the last kitten was born to make sure all of the kittens, as well as the mother cat were OK. Liza says she wasn't sure how Mason would react to the birth and was surprised at how involved he was. He was ready to do whatever he could to help. The five babies were all born healthy, grew up into happy kittens, and they and

their mom were all adopted into loving homes. Mason was able to truly see the full fostering cycle with this litter. He had a special bond with these kittens since he had witnessed their birth and was very sad to see them go. Eventually, he realized that with every great adoption comes another opportunity to foster again.

After she saw how much Mason and Liza enjoyed fostering, Liza's mother, **Lucia**, also began to foster with Forgotten Cats. All three of them also volunteer at the Willow Grove Clinic - Liza assists with feeding the Clinic cats and cleaning their cages on Sundays, and she also assists with prepping cats and kittens for surgery on Tuesdays while her mom assists with recovery. Lucia also helps with feeding and cleaning at the Clinic when needed.

Liza notes that the fostering season this year has been a little "different" due to **Covid-19**. The **PetSmart** adoption centers were closed for a period of time and adoption events were put on hold. This resulted in less "face-to-face" exposure for the kittens she fostered. Meet-and-Greets that used to take place at the adoption centers were replaced with virtual Meet-and-Greets via FaceTime and Zoom. However, despite all of the restrictions and closures, Forgotten Cats still managed to place Liza's fosters into great homes. Liza says the volunteers' efforts and dedication are truly appreciated by many.

Liza's Cheltenham home has been bustling with activity in recent months. When not busy volunteering for Forgotten Cats, she is a wife and mother of two growing boys. Liza balances her day being productive in her clinical research job and has also overseen the home schooling of the boys. They have one dog, 6 year-old Chase, and four cats, three of which were foster fails (Jayden now 3, and foster fails Musket, Tudda and Ulla).

Liza says she has learned a great deal from volunteering with Forgotten Cats. She now has a better understanding of how the TNR process works and how to better care for the cats that arrive at the Clinic. She adds that *"the Willow Grove FC team is a special group of people who truly care about the cats that pass through the Clinic doors. I am happy to be a part of their team!"*

Liza, Forgotten Cats is very lucky and very happy to have you as a part of our team! Thank you!



Stewie's Forever Home



I have only had one cat, her name was Savannah and I adored her for almost 14 years. After losing Savannah in December 2019, I felt as though I would never want another cat and would be unable to open my heart to the possibility of another cat. After all, she was so loving, so what cat could compare to her?

Chrissy Lubicky, a long time volunteer at **Forgotten Cats** and a dear friend, (*very familiar with Savannah*) spoke with me and told me when my heart was ready to let her know and she would help me select another cat.



In May 2020 my heart was ready and I spoke with Chrissy. I had certain specifications in the cat that I wanted. *The specifications were an older cat, one that was perhaps suffering from some sort of physical handicap (missing a limb/eye), a cat that was not "pretty" and a cat that most people would pass up for adoption.* Most of all, I wanted a cat that wanted or needed a lot of love.

Chrissy recommended **Stewie** and my goodness, what an absolutely perfect fit. Battered, scabs from being attacked by other cats, no fangs and missing other teeth, sensitive digestive system, FIV+, 7 years old and the most wonderful, loving creature I have ever known. *I absolutely adore him and I believe he has come to love me as well.*

I am so very grateful to Chrissy for recommending **Stewie** and **Forgotten Cats** for allowing me to adopt this



wonderful creature and providing him with his *"Forever Home"*.



Here is a Special Cat Looking for Her Forever Home!

Dolly

(FCID# 03/03/2020 - 27)

Tabby • F

Hospice Foster Requested, LAP CAT ALERT!!! Please meet Dolly! She is about 2-4 years old.

FLIRT ALERT!!! Dolly is truly a sweet girl and can't wait to find her forever family. Dolly is small, gorgeous, flirtatious, and sassy. She loves to be told how beautiful and perfect she is, and will reward your compliments by strutting back and forth to show off her goods. She is easily the best head-butter on the East Coast (if not all of America) and if you lean in for it, she LOVES to tell you how much you mean to her by smashing her perfect little face into your nose.

While Dolly is very affectionate, she may need a little time to build up her trust with her new humans. She wants nothing more than to love you unconditionally, but unfortunately she has been disappointed in the past and may naturally be a little guarded in the beginning. For that reason, she may do best in a home without small children. Dolly is a great eater (no more wasting wet food, she will clean her plate!) and has perfect litterbox etiquette. Dolly has had a rough start to life, and would love nothing more than to find a home where she can enjoy living the spoiled life of an only pet. Dolly is positive for feline leukemia virus (FeLV), so she should not share a home with any FeLV- cats. FeLV is contagious to other cats, but not to humans or any other animals.



You can see that Dolly loves to rub against the cage; she loves attention and head scratches.

Will you please consider being Dolly's forever foster?
Forgotten Cats will pay for routine medical expenses.

Here is the link to our no-obligation foster



application: <https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/>.

Volunteer Opportunities

CLINIC
VOLUNTEERS
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TRAINER, PA!

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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. Whole or half day shifts are available.

A current clinic volunteer shares the following, *"I had ZERO medical experience prior to volunteering during surgery days. I lent a hand because I knew one was desperately needed. I've learned SO much from the clinic team. They immediately made me feel valuable and capable. I make a direct impact on the lives of homeless cats and so can you."* -HG

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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