

# FORGOTTEN Cats

  
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Forgotten Cats, Inc.



2020

**September 2020 Status Update:**  
We sterilized 1260 cats and placed 208 cats into loving forever homes.

## Autumn Leaf Fundraisers & Friends Online Fall Craft Fair



As you know, 2020 has been a challenging year with the pandemic. We have had to think outside the box to continue to find loving forever homes for our cats and kittens as well as find some fun and different ideas for fundraising to continue our mission of TNVR and rescue. With fall upon us, we thought an online craft fair would be different and fun, so we reached out to **Sierra and Jennifer of Autumn Leaf Fundraisers (ALF)** to see if they would partner with us on the event. And to our good fortune, they did!

Sierra founded ALF when she was 11 years old and has raised over **\$90,000** for **Forgotten Cats**! Along with Jennifer, Kevin, Elizabeth, Joanne, Rose, Debbie, Denise, Brenda, Margie, Sophie, Tina, Laurie, Sammi, Judy, Heather, and a local Girl Scout Troop, they make high quality, handmade items and sell them at local community events, such as farmers markets and craft fairs. With such events cancelled due to the pandemic, ALF was happy to contribute their time and beautiful handmade items to our event. Along with ALF, we received beautiful handcrafted quilts from Deb Amoroso, a variety of handmade items from Peggy Kushman, and a variety of other items from Charlotte N. and Sandy T.

We are happy to say that thanks to you, the **Autumn Leaf Fundraisers & Friends Online Fall Craft Fair** was a success! We raised over **\$2,300**, which will go to our **community cat spay/neuter programs**. To follow Autumn leaf Fundraisers on Facebook and find out more go to <https://www.facebook.com/AutumnLeafFundraisers/> or to follow Sierra's Vlog on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQ1fZl6T3I>

**We wish to offer our sincere thanks to ALF & Friends for holding this fundraiser and to our amazing volunteers and supporters for making this event a success!**

## Forgotten Cats Partners with New England Shelters

**In an effort to save more cats and kittens from the streets, Forgotten Cats has been partnering with New England shelters.**

Believe it or not, there are over **400,000** homeless cats in Philadelphia! Along with **Forgotten Cats**, there are many other Philadelphia shelters and rescues doing TNR to try to reduce the homeless cat population. With too many cats and not enough homes, many rescuers have been forced to put friendly cats back outside. When we have space, we try to help the Philadelphia rescues by not only doing spay/neuter surgeries but also intaking friendly Philadelphia cats into our shelters for adoption. With our shelters at max capacity, and a desire to continue helping the Philadelphia cats and rescues, we found a few shelter partners in the New England area. They aren't as inundated with cats as we are in this area and are eager to accept our friendly kitties!

On **September 18th**, we all came together to save lives! Six Philadelphia area rescues (**PURR, Project Meow, Helping Paws, NEPA, and Lucky Dawgs**) all jumped at the opportunity to send some of their adoptable cats to our new shelter partner in **VERMONT**! We met bright and early (**5am to be exact**) to send **20** lucky Philadelphia cats off to a better life. This transport allows these rescues to intake more homeless cats!



**Inky** before his big trip



This transport was coordinated by our President, Felicia. So, we decided to name kitty #20, **Felicia**!

**It sure does take a village to save homeless cats and we're grateful to everyone that plays a part!**

## Volunteer Spotlight

**Spotlight on Rick Phillips**  
By Mary Ann Emely

This month the **Forgotten Cats Volunteer Spotlight** shines on **Rick Phillips** who, in recent weeks has become known as FC's "**Maine Man**" - more on that later.

Rick is a volunteer extraordinaire, someone without a regular volunteer duty shift but someone who has become the go-to person for getting jobs done that are

otherwise not on anyone's duty roster! He is a jack-of-many-trades, responding to calls when something breaks and needs to be fixed quickly, or when a security alarm sounds in the middle of the night and someone needs to check on the situation immediately.

Rick's been at it since around 2010, when the Forgotten Cats Clinic moved from Claymont, Delaware to Trainer, Pennsylvania. Rick lives in nearby Chester and because of his wife's long-standing involvement in rescuing stray cats, he naturally became involved in helping her. He would regularly round up groups of stray and feral cats, and if his wife's resources couldn't handle them, he sought out other groups. When FC opened the Trainer Clinic, they became Rick's first choice for delivering the kitties.

Before he knew it, Rick was at the Clinic with his feline delivery more often than not, because he couldn't bear to see the homeless kitties suffering - cold and hungry. In short order, Rick became a **FC Clean & Feed volunteer** with a regular shift. But being a self-employed contractor, when his business picked-up he found he could no longer commit to the regular duty schedule of a Clean and Feed volunteer so he gave that up, but told the folks at FC if they needed something done at odd hours and had no one else to do the job, they should give him a call and he would do what he could. The rest, as they say, is history - and that's how Rick became the **go-to guy** for Forgotten Cats!



But how did he become Forgotten Cats' "Maine Man" you ask! Well, 2020 has been a year like no other in all respects, including the world of cats. There was a bumper crop of kittens this year brought in from locations near and far. FC was bursting at the seams! All of the FC adoption centers were filled with kittens looking for furever homes. Every available foster was caring for kittens - and the day came when we realized we had no more room for kitties waiting for homes.

One day an animal control officer from North Carolina who had gotten Executive Director Felicia Cross's phone number called her to say he had **30** cats that were going to be euthanized if he didn't find a place for them by the next day. We couldn't say no, so we took them, even though we barely had enough space for all of our cats.

The next step was finding something to do with the cats once we had them. Forgotten Cats will only transfer our cats to another shelter if that shelter aligns with our philosophies on screening potential adopters. We found a shelter in Maine that did meet those requirements and had space as the New England area had a much lower number of stray cats and kittens and were eager to help. Expeditiously we medically prepared all the NC cats for adoption - sterilized, vaccinated, tested, flea treated and dewormed!

But how did we get these cats transported to Maine? Of course, the call went out to Rick, and of course, Rick again said 'yes'. As a dedicated FC volunteer, on transport day Rick was at the Trainer Clinic at 4 am because the cats need to be cleaned, fed, and loaded into the FC van so they could start their journey by 5:30 am. Once they arrived at the shelter in Maine, Rick needed to move all the cages from the van and into the shelter where the cats were transferred into the shelter's accommodations. Then all the cages needed to be reloaded into the van for the return journey. The drive was about 8 hours in each direction but Rick chose not to stay overnight and made the round trip in a single day.

About a month after this transport, the same animal control officer from North



Carolina called again with the same request, and again we consented to take his cats. And again, Rick agreed to do another transport to Maine. That is how he became known as Forgotten Cats' "Maine Man"!

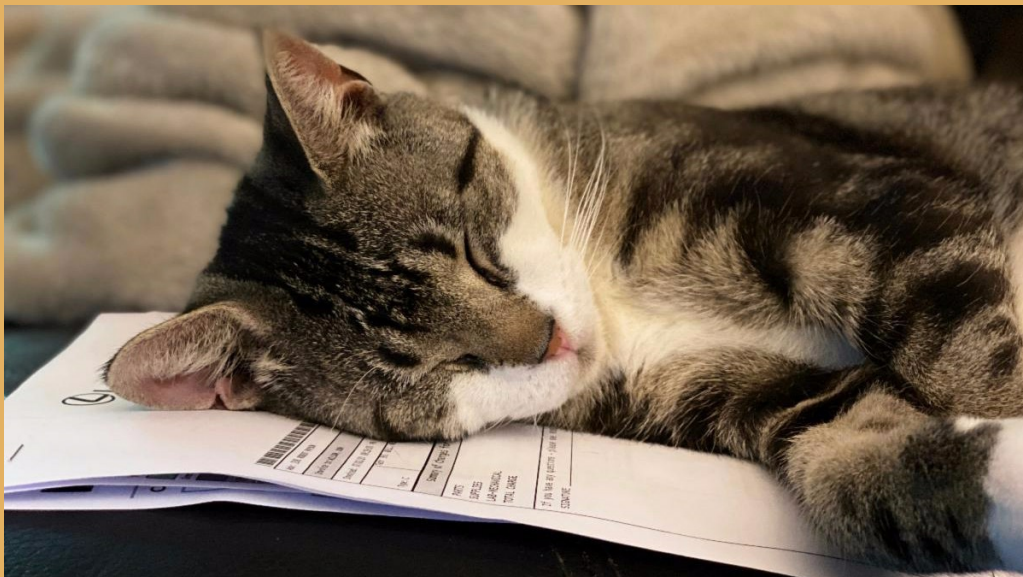
**A Special Thank You goes out to Rick during this kitten season for his extraordinary efforts, and the FC Volunteer Spotlight shines brightly on him! Thank you, Rick - we appreciate all you do!**



Forgotten Cats did keep some of the North Carolina kitties. One of the NC cats is a sweet senior named **Tuna**. We were told that just days before coming to us her owner died and her family asked animal control to come pick up Tuna. She wasn't eating in our care and we thought there was an underlying issue going on. We did bloodwork and an ultrasound and discovered she is perfectly healthy. A few days later, she started eating on her own. We are chalking this up to a broken heart.

*Poor Tuna is a sweet, sweet lady in need of a forever home.*

**A Side Note-** Forgotten Cats may need to do such a transport again in the future. FC provides the vehicle and gas, and would also provide overnight accommodations if needed. **Any volunteer interested** in being on call for such an excursion should let FC know by contacting [info@forgottencats.org](mailto:info@forgottencats.org).



### **A Happy Ending for Rocket!**

**Rocket** arrived at **Forgotten Cats** this March. He was absolutely terrified at our clinic and hid at the back of his cage with his head down. It was as if he wanted to be invisible. Volunteers tried to get Rocket to come out of his shell but it was clear he needed a foster home to learn to trust humans again. A foster family arrived to rescue Rocket and we are thrilled to announce they made the easy decision to adopt him.

Here's what Rocket's mom has to say now:

*"Oh my gosh, we are in love with Rocket! He has continued to warm up to us and we are so happy he is part of our family. When he first came home with us, he was so scared and hid most of the time, but now he sleeps with us and is always hanging out. He is playful and VERY vocal so we always know when he is ready to play or needs some love. He is such a good cat. We feel very lucky to have him."*

*We are thrilled with the entire experience! He has taught us all to be patient, but when he first curled up next to my son we knew he was starting to trust us. He is wonderful!! Thank you so much. Forgotten Cats was wonderful to work with and you all do incredible work. We are so happy, he makes us all so happy". ♥♥♥*

Please consider fostering for Forgotten Cats or your local animal rescue. Sometimes all a shy, scared cat needs is a family to show them they are loved and safe. If you can open up your home please apply at <https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/>



### Our shelter kitties love receiving Amazon packages!



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Please consider donating an item from our **Amazon Wish List**. 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.**

Please make your everyday Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)) where Amazon will make a donation to **Forgotten Cats** when selected as your charity of choice!

Wish List:  
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WFLEDZL66BQW...>



**Here are a Few Special Cats Looking for Their Forever Homes!**

#### **Missy**

(FCID# 09/12/2019 - 60 Brandywine PS)  
Calico • F

**Waiting more than a year for her forever home!!!** Please meet **Missy (FCID# 09/12/2019 - 60)**! This pretty calico came through our door already spayed, no microchip. She's **3-4 years old**.

Hi! I'm **Missy**. I've been with Forgotten Cats for almost an entire year! That's way too long! I need





a home of my own. I dream of a house with a family who loves me. I sit in my cage and wish for someone to take ME home. Instead, I watch all the other cats leave except for me. I was overfed for a long period of time by my previous owner, and so now, I'm on a weight loss plan. I eat one can of wet food every day and that's it-I don't mind! I eat my food and don't beg for more. I'm very loving and sweet with humans, but I'm not crazy about other cats. I don't mind dogs as long as they're calm and they give me my space. I'd probably be okay with a low key cat as long as they gave me space too. I'm **so adorable (everyone says so!)** I love to be pet and have the cutest little meow. Please consider

meeting me. You can apply to adopt me or even just foster me for a few months. **ANYTHING will make me happier than I am now.**

Missy is at the **Brandywine PetSmart** adoption center.  
**Will you please ask to meet her!**

Please submit our no-obligation adoption application. Thank you! <http://www.forgottencats.org/application.php>.

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**Nala**  
(FCID# 03/23/2020 - 6 Brookhaven PS)  
Black & White Tuxedo • F

Please meet **Nala (FCID# 04/23/2020- 6)**! She is a sweet kitten approximately **7 months old**. She has a beautiful tuxedo pattern with the softest fur. Nala's foster mom shares the following, "*Nala is the most affectionate kitten I've ever come across. She wipes her little face on my hand or arm asking for pets which she always receives. She plops her little body close to mine and we snuggle tight. Nala has the most adorable little meow where she sticks her tongue out a little bit-it's so cute!*



*Nala is beyond perfect but she keeps getting overlooked for more outgoing kittens. Nala IS outgoing once she's in a home where she feels safe but she doesn't show well at the adoption centers or when meeting new people for the first time. All she needs is a little patience when introducing her to your home. Nala loves to play with other cats and could potentially do fine with a low key dog (although that has not been confirmed). She's very gentle and sweet. Nala is an adorable kitty and makes me smile every day. I can't wait until she finds her forever home."*

Nala is currently at the **Brookhaven PetSmart**. If you are interested in Nala, you can complete an application at the adoption center or submit a no-obligation adoption application at <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>.

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**Frankie**  
(FCID# 05/04/2020 - 200)  
Black & White Tuxedo • M

**Frankie-Must be only cat!!!** Can you hear me purring? Hi, my name is **Frankie (FCID# 05/04/2020-200)** and I'll start purring and making biscuits as soon as you enter the room. **I LOVE people!** I'm somewhere around **3-5 years old**, super easy going, and **VERY** friendly. I'll need no time to warm up in your home... I mean **OUR home!** I'm gentle, loving and affectionate. All I



ask is for a family that will love and cherish me. I used to have a family but they had to give me up when they had to move suddenly due to a health crisis. **Will you be my new family?** I love life and want someone to share it with. My foster mom loves me but she would like to open her home up to the other homeless kitties that need her. **Please fill out an application and put me, Frankie at the top! I can't wait to meet you!!!**

Foster mom shares, *"He's funny. I play with him like I'm another cat- I chase him, jump out at him and scratch him all over-He loves it. I can pick him up & turn him on his back for scratches. He loves to play. He's very sweet and purrs a lot. You can hear his purr from the next room. He's a love bug and sleeps with me at night. He enjoys*

*watching the birds/squirrels through the slider."*

**Frankie needs to be adopted as an only cat!**

Please submit an application to meet or adopt at <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>.

## Volunteer Opportunities



**ADOPTION PROCESSORS  
NEEDED NOW**

This is a volunteer position which can be done from any location. By adding more **adoption processors** we will be able to speed up the adoption process which will enable us to **find homes for more cats** who otherwise may never get a chance to get off the streets and into a home.

Once an application is completed for a cat, the application then goes to an adoption processor, who then does certain checks (Landlord check, talk to applicants veterinarian to verify that applicant takes care of his/her pets, etc).

**We will train you.  
It is not difficult to do and it makes  
a big impact on the lives of cats and kittens.**

Send an email to [info@forgottencats.org](mailto:info@forgottencats.org) if you are interested and **PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER**. We can provide you with the details and you can decide if this is something you want to do.

## 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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