

FORGOTTEN Cats



Forgotten Cats, Inc.



2020

Upcoming Events-

Love, Comfort, Safety.

A homeless cat's wish list.

A FOSTER HOME CAN MAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON ONE OF LOVE, COMFORT AND SAFETY FOR ONE OF OUR DESERVING CATS. IT'S ALL THAT'S ON THEIR WISH LIST THIS YEAR.

PLEASE SUBMIT A FORM TO FOSTER AT [FORGOTTENCATS.ORG](https://forgottencats.org)

Are you looking for a socially distanced way to give back this holiday season?

We encourage you to open your home and heart to a foster cat in need! Our shelters are completely full. We need YOUR help to rescue more cats this winter from the streets.

For more information or to submit a foster application, visit our website at <https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/> or email us at info@forgottencats.org.

Announcing Forgotten Cats' Online HOLIDAY AUCTION!

November 13, 2020, 9 a.m. until November 16, 2020 9 p.m.

Looks like purrfect holiday shopping!

With having to cancel our in person fundraising events, we had some really nice gift baskets and other items that were going to be used for raffles at the events. So we decided to put together another small online auction where people would have the opportunity for a little friendly competition while bidding on these fun baskets and items.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers and supporters, the auction was a success- we raised **\$1,875.00** which will go towards our continued mission of TNVR and rescue.

Many thanks to the participants of the "Online Holiday Auction" for making it a success!

October 2020 Status Update:

In **October**, we sterilized **1731** cats and placed **196** cats into loving forever homes.



Forgotten Cats has created a beautiful tribute pathway that leads to the front door of our Trainer Clinic. These bricks serve as stepping stones that guides thousands of cats and kittens to safety, warmth, and love. **All the proceeds from the Tribute Pathway will be used directly towards the TNVR of the homeless cats of our area.**

Bricks are **STILL** available for our next installment. What a wonderful holiday gift for the cat lover in your life. Donors can remember a beloved pet that passed away, honor a current pet, or pay tribute to a family member or friend.

We are proud of the first installment of **Forgotten Cats' Tribute Pathway** (see pics).

help us continue with our mission. A memorial brick would make a thoughtful holiday gift AND help us continue our lifesaving work. Order your brick today at:

4everbricks.com/donors/FC

Please purchase a brick to

Order Your Brick TODAY



As the region's largest trap, neuter, vaccinate, and release (TNVR) organization, Forgotten Cats is committed to humanely reducing the homeless cat population and preventing the birth and suffering of unwanted kittens.

Happy Endings!

Scrags, a vision impaired kitten went to his forever home recently. Scrags had surgery at our clinic to remove a thick layer of scar tissue that covered both his eyes. Our Forgotten Cats vet tell us his vision is like looking through a foggy window. It won't get better or worse and we don't believe he knows he's different. We recently checked in on **Scrags** (*now named Crow*) to see how he's doing in his new home.

Mom says:

"He's been an absolute joy! Thank you for everything! He's doing great! He's such a hoot. He has been such a wonderful kitten! So sweet and lovable. So special. I keep telling him I'm so lucky to have him. His vet appointment went well! Happy and



healthy and microchipped! His eyes are looking so much better, he is doing so well here! He is glued to me whenever I'm home. We've been working on getting familiar and comfortable with traveling in the car and walking around outside on his harness. He's always surprising me with how well he does. Never a dull moment!"

Thank you to foster mom, Emily G. for getting Scrag and his siblings "adoption ready".



Volunteer Spotlight

The November Volunteer Spotlight Shines on Linda A. - Giving Thanks to this Dedicated Volunteer!

By Mary Ann Emely

Linda's history with **Forgotten Cats** dates back to early 2004 - after she and her husband visited with some prospective adoptees at a Forgotten Cats adoption center. The FC volunteer there at the time sensed something special about this couple and talked with them about possibly fostering some of the sweet fur babies. They said "yes" and the rest, as the adage goes, is history!



That first year they fostered a couple of litters of kittens. Although it was gratifying, they had to stop fostering when Linda became pregnant. Fast forward several years, with her family routine in place, and free time on her hands, Linda said "yes" again - this time responding to an email request looking for a volunteer to help with scheduling. She jumped in with both feet and hasn't looked back!

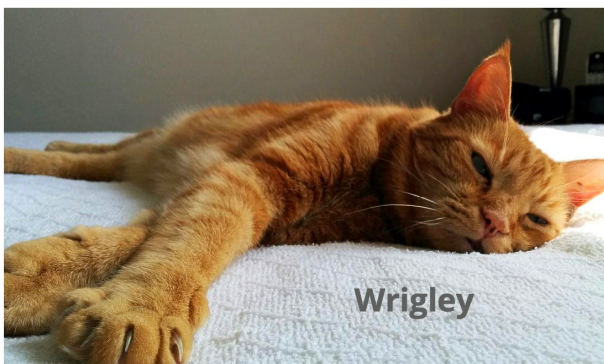
Linda has been booking requests for trap, neuter, return (TNR) assistance since 2018 and shortly thereafter also began booking clinic appointments. People submit requests for TNR/clinic appointments through our Forgotten Cats website. Linda reads and answers all of these requests. Often people aren't sure about their situation, she says, so she ends up emailing back and forth to get more information. She then puts them on our schedule for TNR at one of the clinics. She also receives some of the 'general inquiry' emails - most of those end up being from people wanting to adopt or to surrender a pet. **Linda tells us that since Covid, the number of people reaching out for assistance or adoption over email has doubled.** She also helps with entering adoption applications into our database.

Linda is an ideal volunteer because she loves to stay busy. Volunteering gives her a productive outlet for her energy and results in the benefit of making a difference in the community. When she isn't actively doing Forgotten Cats work, she's taking college classes to finish her Masters or helping her kids with their remote schooling. She loves gardening and doing home improvements. She does a variety of crafts when she has spare time, but she adds, "that isn't often lately". She is grateful for her husband and two children who are her biggest champions and who enthusiastically support her volunteering.

Linda tells us that one of her fondest FC memories is of the time she and her husband were fostering an extremely sweet mother cat and her three kittens. When the kittens were ready for adoption all four went to the adoption center. The kittens were adopted quickly but after three days Linda received a call from the adoption center asking her to come get the mother cat because she wasn't tame enough. "What?!" thought Linda. The **Momma** was the sweetest little cat - loved petting and cuddling. Linda and her husband went and picked up Momma, brought her back home for more socialization. Rinse-repeat two more times! Each time they went to the adoption center to pick her back up Momma would fly into their arms as soon as the cage was opened. In the end they realized Momma had adopted them, and she became a permanent member of their family.



Over the years Linda and her family have had many cats, in addition to the FC fosters. **Wrigley** and **Skittles** are two cats that they adopted in 2003 and they have since passed. Wrigley was a cat from Forgotten Cats. **Gandalf** was a starving stray that showed up on their doorstep about five years ago. They've fed him and he's become Linda's little bud. He occasionally comes indoors but he's more comfortable lounging on the deck furniture or in his straw cat house. At this point all of the indoor cats (*ten of them*) that they've had over the past 20 years have passed away. They currently just have two outdoor strays that they care for (**Gandalf** and **Frankie**).



When asked what's next for her, Linda said she doesn't have any definitive plans right now. Covid has rearranged long term plans which she's sure is the same for most people. She's currently "just living in the moment" and thinking about the short term. Once local employment opportunities improve, her plan is to use her new degree to change careers. But one thing that will remain a constant is her volunteering. "*Volunteering has been a*



great experience” Linda says. “There is always something new to learn and people to meet. I enjoy cats in general - not just the ones I have adopted (or who have adopted me). Volunteering allows me to help more than just the few I keep as pets.”

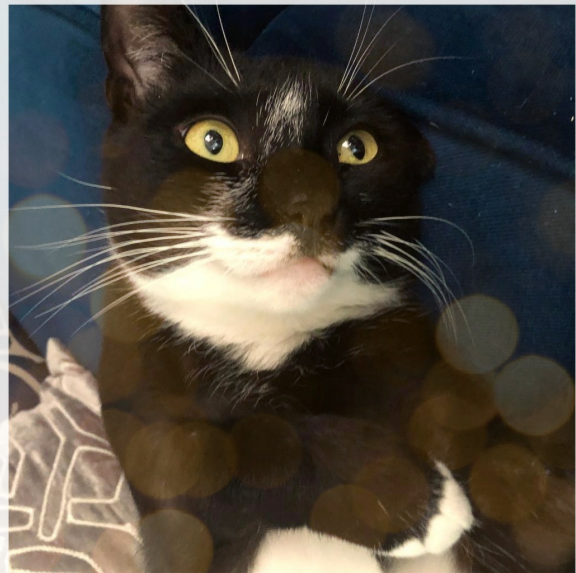
During this season of Thanksgiving, Forgotten Cats is thankful for our volunteers like Linda, and even more thankful that she feels the way she does about helping us and our extended feline family.



More Happy Endings!

Tuxie arrived at Forgotten Cats this July. She was rescued from the streets of Philadelphia. We immediately knew she was meant to live in a happy home and would not survive life outdoors. She was taken in to one of our off-site adoption centers inside the Brookhaven PetSmart where she was adopted a couple of months later.

Here's how Tuxie is doing now: Tuxie is absolutely perfect and I can't believe it has only been just over two months because I can't remember life without her. She loves to play with scrunchies and adores being brushed. I also no longer need an alarm clock because she wakes me promptly at 5:30am to be pet and fed daily and it's the best way to start my day. **Thank you so much for helping us adopt her!**



She also has a stocking already by the fireplace this year which she keeps checking to make sure there aren't any treats or surprises yet.

**Thank you so much again
to the volunteers!**



Here are a few a Special Cats Looking for Forever Homes!

Monroe

**(FCID# 10/14/2019 - 6)
Domestic Short Hair • F**

Don't let the name fool you. Monroe (FCID# 10/14/2019 - 6) is a uniquely marked female. Check out her beauty mark, reminds you of Marilyn's, sort of. Her fur is white and deep charcoal/black.

Monroe says, "I am a very sweet and calm natured kitty. I am around 2-3 years old, enjoy being petted and being a couch potato! I will flip over to show you my belly when you give me love. I get along great with other cats but would also do just fine as an only cat. I would enjoy a peaceful, lower energy home. I will bring A LOT of love and happiness to my future family."

A volunteer shares, "I love Monroe! She's so sweet and gentle. She loves human company and just wants a happy home of her own. She's totally cool with other cats and will play with your kitties at home. Please give this sweet girl a chance. She's been waiting quite a while!"

Monroe is presently in a foster home and would love for you to come meet her and make her your own!

Please submit a no-cost/no-obligation application at <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/> to arrange a meet and greet with Monroe (FCID# 10/14/2019 - 6).





Jezzy
(FCID# 05/14/2020 - 49)
Tabby • F

Jezzy (FCID# 05/14/2020 - 49 Foster) is a sweet ~1.5 year old Brown Tabby who was a Mommy to 3 beautiful little boys who have all been adopted. She has been in foster since she arrived with her babies and is excited for her turn to find her forever family.

Jezzy started out very unsure what to think about her big changes from living on the streets in a neglectful environment with her newborns to

suddenly being safe in a home. She was always gracious allowing her babies to be loved and played with by one and all. Yet, when it was her turn she tended to shy away from the attention and affection going her way.

Over the past couple months Jezzie has become more and more comfortable learning to trust and love. She is very playful and likes to chase and bat around spring toys, mice and lasers. She enjoys jumping for wands and climbing / scratching her cat tree and pads. She loves laying in the sunlight and looking out any door or window.

What Jezzy needs most from her forever family is **unconditional love** and a little more time to understand that being picked up and held is both safe and wonderful! She likes to be pet, is happy being in the same room as her family and is very good with other friendly cats. She will brush up next to you for affection and loves to eat treats out of your hands.

She can be bit on the timid side - a low key personality content to be wherever she is. Jezzy is definitely not a hider, she's just AOK with finding a safe space nearby while she assesses whatever is going on. Typically it's something simple like the vacuum turning on, thunder/similar louder noises or the other cats causing a ruckus with each other. Jezzy has been around and is good with children and adults of all ages. She has not been around dogs during her time in foster care.

Jezzy is UTD on vaccinations and treatments (Flea/worming), has no known health issues and is microchipped.

Jezzy is a sweetheart and honest to goodness she just needs that final piece of the puzzle to fit in place to become everything she was meant to be. When she finds her forever family you will be the one(s) she knows hold the key to her security, safety, heart and happiness. And in return she will in no time shower you with all her affections and antics!

Could you be the family Jezzy is hoping for?

Please consider filling out a no-obligation application for pre-approval to adopt @ <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>



Shadow

(FCID# 08/18/2020 - 517)

Domestic Short Hair • F

LAP CAT ALERT!!!

Hi. my name is **Shadow** (FCID# 08/18/2020 - 517). I'm a **beautiful and loving girl**. I have the plushest fur and I just love to have it brushed. I make little chirps to call you over to me and I brush against your legs to let you know I want some love. I'm approximately 5-7 years old. All I want is a human friend to come say **"Shadow I am taking you home and I will love you forever"**. I love, love, LOVE affection so I will take all the pets you're willing to give. I'm not crazy about other cats so I'd love to be your one and only pet. Please come and visit me soon!
Love always, Shadow!



Please submit a foster application @ <https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/> or adoption application @ <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>.



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[Wish List](#)



Job Opportunities



We are looking for a full-time, hands-on **Vet Tech/Operations Manager** to manage the day-to-day operational needs in our **Trainer, PA facility**. The successful candidate must have exceptional interpersonal skills able to work with a wide range of people and be able to motivate and lead a large group of devoted volunteers who are dedicated to the organization's mission. S/he must also have excellent communication skills to ensure that all protocols and treatment plans are clear and easy to follow.

The **Vet Tech/Operations Manager** should possess sufficient veterinary knowledge to devise medical treatment for routine illnesses and to implement more complicated treatment plans prescribed by our vets. S/he needs to have sufficient knowledge to assess whether the cats are responding to treatment and to respond appropriately. We provide medical treatment as needed for both cats who are deemed adoptable as well as feral cats who need extra medical care. The Vet Tech/ Operations Manager should be knowledgeable, comfortable, and able to work safely with feral cats. The Vet Tech/ Operations Manager will need to ensure that all supplies and medicines used during surgery and treatment are kept in stock.

Other required skills and abilities include: being flexible, able to work and triage in a fast-paced environment; being able to lift 30 pounds; basic computer skills including Excel and databases; able to work with minimal supervision; able to problem solve; and having immense love and compassion for cats. Previous experience working in an animal shelter is a plus.

The ideal candidate must:

- Have a minimum of 1 year of veterinary technician experience with hands on experience with cats
- Shelter experience a plus
- Is comfortable working with little direction/supervision
- Can think out of the box for creative solutions
- Is able to work in a fast paced environment
- Capable of managing a team of coworkers
- Can lift 30 lbs routinely
- Is computer literate and has access to the internet and a computer at home
- Experienced with Excel and Database software
- Be compassionate towards animals

This is a challenging position, but the rewards of making a positive difference

in the lives of sick, injured, and/or frightened cats are immense.

To apply, please **email your resume and a cover letter** explaining why you are interested in the position to: John Fedele, *Vice President of Forgotten Cats* at info@forgottencats.org.

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 story and photos if possible
to: info@forgottencats.org

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