

FORGOTTEN Cats


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News

Forgotten Cats, Inc.



2021

December 2020 Status Update:

In December, we sterilized **1,244** cats and placed **222** cats into loving forever homes.

In 2020, despite the difficult year, we reached a record breaking high for Forgotten Cats, we sterilized 14,785 cats and placed 2,218 cats into loving forever homes!



Match Campaign Update - How We Spent Your Donation

Dear Supporters,

This fall, when we were in dire need of new medical equipment to help homeless cats; we asked for your help. Thanks to you, and our generous match donor, The Marcom Group, Ltd., we surpassed our fundraising goal!

We have been busy purchasing new equipment in order to provide the best possible care to our furry friends.

Here are just a few of the happy & healthy cats that benefitted from your generosity.



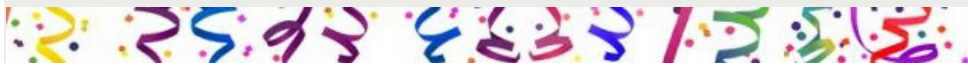
Take a Look at What We Were Able to Buy!



*Now we have 2 anesthesia machines!
It is so helpful when we have 2 vets
working simultaneously.*

- Two ultrasonic instrument cleaners
- A brand new commercial washer & dryer (*you wouldn't believe the amount of laundry we go through*)
- New gas service and piping
- Two new autoclaves: 1 used autoclave, and we refurbished 3 of our old ones (*with almost 15,000 surgeries this year, we go through A LOT of instruments each day*)
- New surgical light
- New surgical table
- Anesthesia machine
- Two cauterizers
- New side door (*to make loading and unloading traps easier*)

From everyone here at Forgotten Cats
and the sweet cats we care for: THANK YOU!



Clinic Volunteers DESPERATELY Needed



We are in **DESPERATE** (*not an exaggeration*) need for **CLINIC Volunteers** in our Delaware County, PA, near Claymont, DE Clinic.

This is an opportunity to help cats whose **Only** medical treatment during their lifetime may be when they go to our clinic. Volunteering at the clinics is an important and serious undertaking and we are

looking for the few ready to make the commitment. **CLINIC** volunteers **need to commit to one specific day a week at the clinic**. The reason for this is that we are dealing with the lives of the cats and we need to make sure that our volunteers know the clinic procedures and this can only be done by volunteering on at least a once a week basis. **We will train. No medical background required.**

We are looking for help on Mondays and Thursdays.
Volunteers must commit to either One Full Day a week or Half a day.

Serious Inquiries only please.

If interested please send email to info@forgottencats.org and **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER!**

Happy Endings For Missy!

Missy had been with **Forgotten Cats** for well over a year. She is a wonderful cat but sadly kept getting passed over. Missy is overweight and on a prescription diet food. Also she needs to be an only cat. These obstacles delayed her being adopted but **FINALLY** her day came last month.

A young woman came into our **Brandywine Adoption Center** and said she wanted to adopt the cat that had been with us the longest. Well that was Missy and the rest is history! She was going home and honestly it was a match made in Heaven.



Here's what mom has to say about **Missy** (now known as **Inez**):

"She has such personality and sass. I've had cats all my life. We have had a lot of kittens, so I knew it was time for me to rescue one that no one else wanted because everyone wants kittens. I don't have any other pets now that I've moved out of my parents, so she is perfect.

She is so sweet and I am so happy she is mine. She is very good company because she follows me everywhere. If I go into a different room of the house she follows. She loves to be pet. She loves laying on the chest and laps mostly of my dad and boyfriend. She will lay with me, if

they are not around haha.

I just can't believe no one wanted her. She is my best friend now lol. I work from home (I'm a teacher) and kids are not in school. She sits under my desk in her cat bed while I teach. She comes running to the door when I return home from running errands. She watches me outside when I do yard work, she's just so funny.

Missy does lots of walking around and gets run 2x a day (we play fetch with dry food kernels). This is hopefully making her stronger. She's doing great with her diet and I am dedicated to helping her with her weight loss goals."

Volunteer Spotlight

Our Spotlighthed Volunteer for January, Sandy Toth, has a Special Place in her Heart for Senior Cats

By Mary Ann Emely

The Forgotten Cats' January Volunteer Spotlight shines on **Sandy Toth**, who has done yeoman's work in driving our many fundraising efforts, serving as Chair of the Events Committee. Sandy tells us she first became aware of **Forgotten Cats** when she and her husband adopted **Hazel** from FC. She and her husband, Kevin were searching for a senior cat on the Adopt-A-Pet website, and Hazel came up - available through Forgotten Cats! Prior to that time, Sandy thought FC only focused on free-roaming cats and kittens. This adoption experience was very positive and she quickly learned that *Forgotten Cats* "does not leave any cat behind - they rescue the sick, injured, the old and the young. Hazel was such a blessing to us that I wanted to give back to the organization in some way."

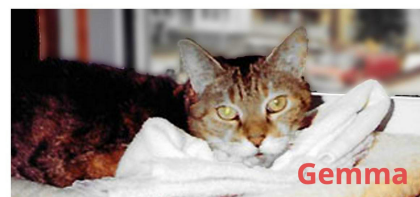
HOW HER FORGOTTEN CATS COMMITMENT BEGAN . . .



Left, Sandy Toth and her husband Kevin, and Hazel, their first Forgotten Cats adoptee.

Sandy says that thanks to her mother, she always had a cat growing up, has loved cats all her life, and considers them to be the most amazing little creatures. Many years ago, when volunteering at another shelter, she met a cat named **Gemma**. Gemma was about 13-14 and had spent all but one year of her life at the shelter. Whenever people would visit the shelter she would rub up against the case and be friendly and loving. People would comment how sweet she was and then say she was too old and walk away. "That broke my heart" says Sandy. "She was so sweet and deserved a home."

"So even though we had **Spunky**, a cat that was used to being an "only cat", we adopted **Gemma**. Because of Gemma, we realized how much senior cats still had to give - she was so loving and sweet. After losing Gemma and Spunky, my husband and I started adopting seniors or special needs cats and it has been the most rewarding experience of my life. Each one has brought so much love and joy into our lives. It is incredible watching them blossom in their new home and seeing them relaxing in a sunny spot or curled up all snug in a nice warm bed. And while it is difficult because you don't know how much time you will have with them or what medical issues will crop up, we love senior cats and



cherish the time we have had with each one."

Since Sandy started volunteering with Forgotten Cats, she has done various types of fundraising, soliciting donations of food or other items for FC kitties, providing some of the donations herself. She then started working with the Events Committee on scheduling for in-person and online events, eventually becoming the Committee's Chair.

Pre-Covid, some of the fundraisers Sandy helped organize were the Wine and Whiskers events, Painting for Cats, Yoga with Cats, Cats Film Festival, and others. Since Covid, the in-person events came to a halt - but the need was still there, so Sandy re-channeled her efforts and has organized several very successful online fundraisers, including the Picture Pawfect fundraiser, and two online auctions with **Autumn Leaf Fundraisers**, the most recent being November's Holiday Auction. More are being planned for early 2021, until we are again able to attend in-person events (*and some in-person events are being preliminarily planned! Paws crossed!*)

Sandy is looking forward to having the opportunity to spend time with our FC friends and supporters and, of course, raise much needed funds for the organization. *"The reason I do it is because I love cats and I love what Forgotten Cats does to help so many cats and kittens in need. Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return (TNVR) is vital to reducing the homeless cat population and alleviating needless suffering. I also believe that another important part of that is educating people on the lifetime commitment required when you adopt or take in a stray animal."*

Sandy says "Even working behind the scenes on the online fundraisers, I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with so many nice people. The dedicated volunteers and the people that support the organization really care about helping the cats and kittens that come through Forgotten Cats." She adds that she has also enjoyed having the opportunity to work with FC's Development Director, Olivia Westley, on some of the smaller grants, noting that Olivia has been a great mentor.

Aside from her FC volunteer work, Sandy's life revolves around her husband, her cats, her family and her friends. She and Kevin like to take occasional trips to places where they can learn about history, such as Williamsburg and Gettysburg, museums and historical places. Her idea of a perfect day is just sitting and watching a movie or reading a book with their cats - **Hazel, Max and Chicklet**. (*Max & Chicklet - both TNVR'd by FC eventually became Sandy's spoiled indoor house cats.*)



Sandy says *"Like everyone else, I am hoping that we can get through these difficult times and back to "normal". I would also like to start focusing a bit more on Forgotten Cats' Corporate Sponsorship Program and hope to be able to grow our corporate giving."*

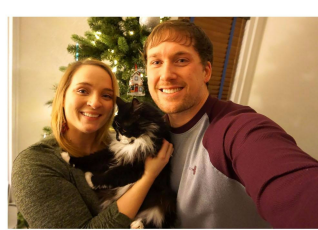
Thank you, Sandy, for helping *Forgotten Cats* get through these challenging times, and maintaining the voluntary funding support that we need to continue doing our work!

More Happy Endings!

Hathaway (now known as **Enzo**) was adopted this summer from our Trainer clinic. He's now a very spoiled house kitty and we couldn't be happier for him.

Here's a cute update from Dad:

"Brittney, Enzo, and I just wanted to wish the Forgotten Cats family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enzo was the redeeming factor of our entire year and we couldn't be



more grateful! PS: he likes to lay under one tree, knock over the other tree, and just wasn't having it for our family picture in front of the tree lol"



Major Tom's family spotted him on petfinder last month and knew they had to have him. They drove 10 hours round trip through a snow storm for this handsome boy. Major Tom now resides in Albany, NY and it looks like he's made himself at home.



Here's what mom had to say:

"Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! All the best from Major Tom who's doing great. Thank you for bringing this beam of sunshine into our lives, we all love him so much! We're so lucky to have him! What a truly wonderful cat... more than well worth our almost 10 year wait to adopt (and the drive to PA)!"



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

Hazel

(FCID# 11/05/2019 - 161)

Tabby/Domestic Short Hair • F

**WAITING MORE THAN A YEAR
FOR HER FOREVER HOME!!!**

Hazel is a gorgeous and sweet adult kitty who can be incredibly relaxed and loving, yet be easily stimulated to want some serious playtime. Hazel has been in foster care off and on since November 2019. While she currently lives in foster care with 5 other cats and a newborn baby, **she would do best in a home as an only cat** and with a family that is experienced with cats who are easily stimulated, have some prey drive, and a pinch of a naughty side.



Hazel is **incredibly sweet** and will even greet visitors in hopes of a head rub or maybe some treats (she loves food). She loves to sleep on all things comfy like her foster Dad's Lovesac chair, the baby's boppy lounger, or her foster Mom's pillow.

We know that Hazel is genuinely a good girl who wants human love and affection, she's just a little misunderstood by other cats and can easily stress herself out. She enjoys head and cheek rubs, but gets uncomfortable when you begin going any further down her back or tummy. We know that she won't fit into just any home, but we believe the right one is out there to give her the love and patience she both needs and deserves. Please consider inquiring about Hazel if this girl piques your interest, if you think you can offer her the kind of home she needs.

Hazel is with a new foster family along with **Max** (FCID# 11/02/2020 - 49) and **Chloe**

(FCID# 09/29/2020- 186). Her foster says, "She has settled in very well. She does try to stay away from the other cats. However, my two youngest don't always make that possible "

Does Hazel sound like she will fit into your family?

Please apply here to meet her: <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>. Hazel thanks you in advance!



Princess Pop (Poppy)

(FCID# 03/26/2020-41)

Tabby/Domestic Short Hair •
Small Adult F

Hi, my name is Princess Pop and I'm 2-4 years old. I'm a former mama cat from the streets. I took wonderful care of my babies but now it's time for me to be someone's baby. I'm **very ready to be spoiled and gushed over**. Princess Pop is fortunate to be living with a foster family.

Here is what 's happening: **Princess Pop, aka Poppy**, is a petite and independent girl. She can be a bit skittish but enjoys being petted when she is relaxed. She also likes a nice lap sit now and then. Other activities she enjoys include keeping up with the newspaper and checking out the view from the window. Of course, she also likes lounging in her bed.

Poppy has a cute little white tip on the end of her tail but hides it in photographs. She's been known to chase it sometimes. Poppy shares her foster home with 2 cats and a small dog. She mostly skirts around them and might be happiest as an only cat. But she has become more relaxed and affectionate over time and should continue to warm up with some patience.

Princess Pop is FIV+. We have found that FIV+ cats tend to be extra friendly and loving.

Are you willing to give her a chance?

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

Please see another video of Princess Pop at time stamp 18:57: <https://youtube/ Kuj4EY1ljs>.

More Volunteer Opportunities



Forgotten Cats is seeking **volunteers** at our cat adoption center in the **Glen Mills, PA PetSmart**.

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.

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

Glen Mills PetSmart
800 Hatton Drive
Glen Mills, PA 19342

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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