



# Forgotten Cats News

February 2022

## January 2022 Status:

In January, we sterilized 1,405 cats and placed 214 cats into loving forever homes.



February is National Spay/Neuter Awareness Month! **This month is dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of spay/neuter.** There are many reasons to spay/neuter companion animals, but the most important reason is to reduce the over-population of companion animals.

According to the North Shore Animal League, **"Cats are 45 times as prolific, and dogs 15 times as prolific, as humans. They do not need our help to expand their numbers; they need our help to reduce their numbers until there are good homes for them all."** This is especially true for the unfortunate animals left to roam the streets, where each day is a struggle to survive, and the cycle of breeding continues.

At Forgotten Cats, we realize the importance of spay/neuter each and every day as we see the impact on the lives of homeless cats and kittens - malnutrition, infection, the effects of abuse and/or neglect, etc. **This is why we work so hard at our mission of humanely reducing the homeless cat population and to stop the suffering of the thousands of kittens born to abandoned, homeless cats.** Oftentimes, these cats and kittens end up in over-crowded shelters where they are euthanized.

**We are thankful to have many wonderful and dedicated volunteers & supporters that are dedicated to this mission as well!** So please, spread the word that spay/neuter works so that we can all work together to end the suffering of homeless

And don't forget, February 22, 2022 is World Spay Day!

## Maryland Spay & Neuter Grants



**We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Spay & Neuter Grants Program.** In August of 2018 we received our very first grant from them to provide TNVR services in Maryland. Since then, we have TNVR'd over 3700 cats in Worcester & Wicomico Counties, Maryland! **This program has significantly decreased intake and euthanasia at their local shelters and animal control.** Many of these kitties are in forever homes as we write this, and others are still patiently waiting.

**As for the feral cats that were released, they will no longer be contributing to the homeless cat population and will live a healthier life thanks to their neutering services.** Our photos showcase some of the many beautiful & happy cats that this program helped. This program is evidence that TNVR WORKS.

**We are beyond excited to share that we received funding to continue this program in 2022. Please see our attached flyer and call today if you are caring for feral or stray cats in our target areas.**

*Pictured top left to right: Quigg - FIV+/FeLV, had bilateral entropion, and is need of a foster ASAP; Cupid - FIV+, 3-5 years old, still looking for forever home; Eddie - Panleuk survivor, pictured contentedly in forever home!*

*Pictured bottom left to right: Pomegranate - DLH, is on a special diet for IBD, 7-8 years old. Currently in foster waiting for forever her forever home; Chloe is in a foster home but would love to be your one and only in a forever home; Chrome had bilateral entropion, needed dental work, requires a special diet, and has found his forever home!*



# FREE Spay & Neuter



for outdoor feral/stray cats in the Worcester & Wicomico County cities of: Salisbury, Willards, Fruitland, Pittsville, Delmar, Ocean Pines, Berlin, West Ocean City, Pocomoke City, Whaleyville, and Bishopville

## TNVR program includes:

- Humane Trapping & Transportation
- Spay/Neuter
- Rabies & FVRCP Vaccines
- Parasite Treatment
- Ear Tip for Feral Cats

Fully funded by the Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay and Neuter Grants Program, this program is designed to provide a humane solution to control the free-roaming cat population and reduce shelter intake & euthanasia in Worcester & Wicomico Counties, MD.



## How can YOU help with this program?

- **JUST CALL-** Contact Forgotten Cats if you know of a stray or feral cat that needs to be spayed/neutered
- Spread the word to friends and families about this program
- Volunteer your time to help with this program

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Please contact Forgotten Cats at 215.219.8148 or [www.forgottencats.org](http://www.forgottencats.org)

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This year's, Do More 24, Delaware's largest giving event, will be held between 6 PM on Thursday, March 3 and 6 PM on Friday, March 4.

Team Do More 24 Delaware is proud to present an exclusive 1 NIGHT ONLY benefit concert featuring Delaware native, Mike Hinkle, and Backtrack Vocals, a cappella sensation from New York City.

□ During the giving day between 6 PM on Thursday, March 3 and 6 PM on Friday, March 4, anyone making a \$50 donation to one or more of the participating nonprofits will receive the link for the concert, which will air on Friday, March 4 at 8 PM EST. □

Stay tuned for more details!

**BARN HOMES NEEDED!**  
**DE, MD, PA, and NJ**



Some of our cats don't prefer the indoor, house pet kind of life and that's okay. Instead of toy mice they'd really like to get their paws on the real thing!

Our **Rodent Control Technicians** will work hard in exchange for food, water and shelter. *Forgotten Cats will deliver your barn cat(s) to you sterilized, vaccinated, and at no charge.*

Interested in learning more about our barn cat program? Please email [info@forgottencats.org](mailto:info@forgottencats.org) for more details (be sure to include your phone number!). Our barn cats will be waiting to hear from you!



PLEASE EMAIL [INFO@FORGOTTENCATS.ORG](mailto:info@forgottencats.org) FOR MORE  
INFORMATION OR SUBMIT A FORM TO FOSTER AT  
[FORGOTTENCATS.ORG](http://FORGOTTENCATS.ORG)

## FOSTERS NEEDED

Want a furry friend without the commitment? Why not consider fostering?

Fostering is essential to allow us to continue bringing in homeless kitties from the streets. Every time you chose to foster a cat, you are literally **saving a life**. We cannot do what we do without **YOU**.

As the MANY homeless kittens of the spring/summer took up all of our foster space, our adult cats have sadly been residing in our shelter longer than we like. They are desperate for a place to stretch their legs and rest their heads while they wait to be adopted.

Please help if you can. Anything you can provide is better than a cage.

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

## Volunteering at Forgotten Cats is a Purrfect

# Option for February's Spotlights Volunteer, Catherine Molineux

by Mary Ann Emely

February's Volunteer Spotlight shines brightly on Trainer Clinic volunteer Catherine Molineux who has been a Forgotten Cats volunteer since November of 2019, and a Trainer volunteer since the Martin Luther King holiday in 2020. During most of the year, Catherine works at the Springfield Dairy Queen, and she volunteers on weekends (usually Sundays), but during the ice cream "off season" she is able to work additional shifts for Forgotten Cats during the week, which she says is "purrfect" for her!



Catherine said she originally filled out an online application to be a volunteer at the Brookhaven PetSmart and received a call about that job within a week. She started training almost immediately. After a couple of months, her volunteer trainer at Brookhaven shared information about additional openings at the Trainer Clinic – she thought Catherine's interests would lend themselves well to the duties at that location. Again, Catherine filled out the online volunteer application and again she received a call within a week – this time from Forgotten Cats' founder Felicia Cross. Catherine began her duties at the Trainer Clinic almost immediately!

*February's Volunteer of the Month is Catherine*

*Molineux, pictured above left, with her cat, Ginger.*

On site, a volunteer provided Catherine with a thorough job orientation for clean and feed duties. Catherine loves her duties but adds that her favorite part of the volunteer day is when she comes in at the start of her shift and greets all the cats and kittens waiting for her arrival. "I am an extremely diligent worker and dedicate my quality time to the cats by giving them love and support as well as talking and playing with them" says Catherine. "The most important thing is caring for the cats before doing any household tasks. It's my favorite part of being a Forgotten Cats volunteer. I play music on my iPhone to keep them calm, and I make sure they all get pets and hugs."

Dick Wolf, Trainer's Feed and Clean Volunteer Coordinator confirms that one of the special qualities of Catherine as a co-volunteer is her deep commitment to the animals. He describes her as a "super volunteer". Dick says Catherine always goes "above and beyond" what is expected of her. "She doesn't just do her job she does the job thoroughly and very well and stays at the facility until everything that needs to get done is done. She's a stickler for details, is conscientious and a valued asset." He goes on to say she works her weekend shifts, comes in mid-week when needed, and fills in as a substitute on short notice. Catherine is a volunteer "extraordinaire" – not one he would ever want to lose.

Catherine says she first became closely involved with cats in July of 2012 when her husband, Lee was filming thunderstorms – a hobby of his. He heard a sweet meow coming from under the shed. A few days later a little kitten came out from hiding and rubbed against Catherine and Lee, marking them as hers. Catherine took the kitten to the vet. They determined that she was an abandoned stray



about 3 months old, so Catherine adopted her and named her Ginger. There are also three dogs in the Molineux family – a Sheltie named Patches and two Siberian Huskies named Chief and Misty.



*Above, left to right, Catherine's Siberian Huskies Chief and Misty, and her Sheltie Patches; 9-1/2 year old Ginger who is responsible for Catherine's passion for our cats; and Catherine with Ginger.*

When Catherine's husband, Lee isn't otherwise occupied he is busy working as a full-time manager of the family business, The Head Nut, at its main location in Ardmore. Catherine says Lee has worked there since he was a teenager. The Head Nut sells coffees, teas, spices, herbs, dry fruit, packed candies, different types of nuts, Asher's chocolate and white chocolate-covered pretzels, yogurt covered pretzels and more. The Head Nut has other locations such as the coffee warehouse in Yeadon, the Lancaster Farmer's Market in Wayne and a stand in the Reading Terminal!



*Above, left to right, Lee and Catherine, a section of The Head Nut shop in Ardmore, and The Head Nut stand at the Reading Terminal.*

Although Forgotten Cats is a big part of Catherine's life, that wasn't always the case. Catherine reflects back on the people and experiences that have been important to her, that she cherishes, and that have contributed to her being the individual she is today. She starts with her husband – to whom she has been married for more than 12 years – and is grateful for the love and support he provides to her and her furry family. Then she thinks back to her youth and fondly recalls being raised by her maternal grandmother who was her primary caregiver from birth through middle school, while her mother went to college and her dad worked. Her grandmother's influence continued as she taught Catherine to drive and closely followed Catherine's many high school activities, such as band, chorus, lacrosse, and participation in the National Art Honor Society.

After high school, Catherine went on to graduate in 2005 from Penn State University's Delaware County Campus with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Letters, Arts and Sciences with a minor in International Studies, and then went on to travel through Europe including visits to England, Ireland, France, Austria, the Czech Republic and Italy. She says that Italy was her favorite European country.

Catherine counts as friends many people with whom she has maintained relationships through Facebook, including former co-workers, high school friends, Forgotten Cats

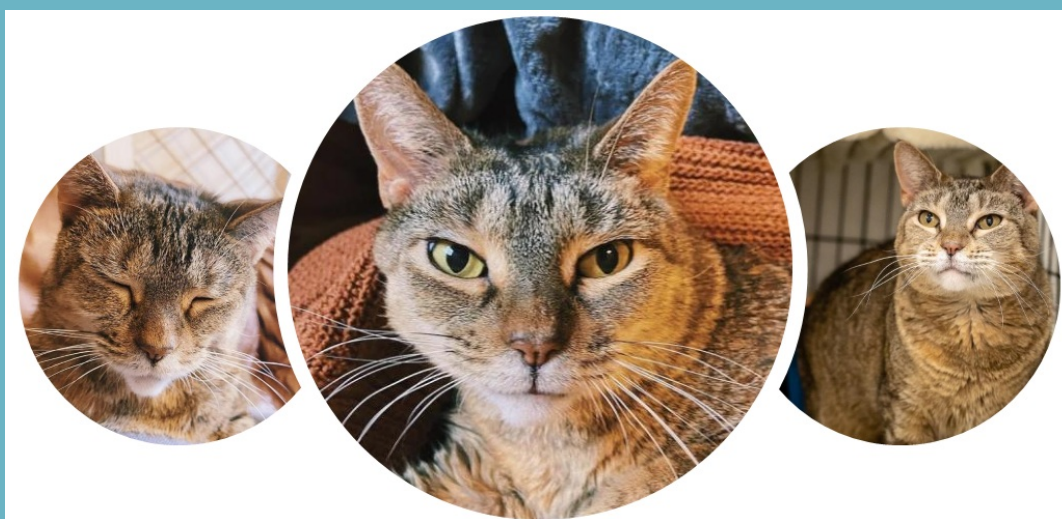
volunteers, former professors, animal activists she has known and friends in general. She is especially appreciative of a long-time friend, Michael, who helps her and Lee with household chores, cooking and helping to take care of the dogs, especially Patches. Catherine enjoys doing crossword and Sudoku puzzles from the Sunday Inquirer, listening to classic rock music, and watching classic game shows and movies on television.

What's next for her? She said she is hoping to adopt another cat from Forgotten Cats. (Catherine, we think you'll be approved for that adoption in a heartbeat!)

Catherine, as much as you love working with and loving the Forgotten Cats kitties, Forgotten Cats loves having you as one of our dedicated volunteers – we are grateful for all you do, and are delighted that your work schedule gives you extra time during the winter months to devote to our kitties. As you said, "it's a purrfect option!"



## Fall in Love with Athena!



Beautiful Athena is a gorgeous brown tabby and weighs just under 7 pounds. She has the cutest little trill for her meow - it's very unique and adorable. She loves affection. She loves to be pet and scratched around the neck and ears. She'll come lay next to you for love. Athena does not really enjoy the company of other cats, so she would prefer to be your one and only. She's a great girl who needs a great home! She's anywhere from 5-8 years old.

Athena is enjoying being in our in her new foster home! Let's check-in to see how she is doing. Athena's foster says, ***"She's eating and drinking well, playing, and enjoying many cuddles and even belly rubs! I set up an Instagram for her, @athenathefostercat, I try to post updates as much as I can."*** Athena's foster will let us know how dog-introduction is progressing.

Athena has not been around children, but she loves adults. (FCID# 04/26/2021 - 34)

Please submit our no-obligation adoption application @ <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/> for a meet & greet or to adopt! Thank you!

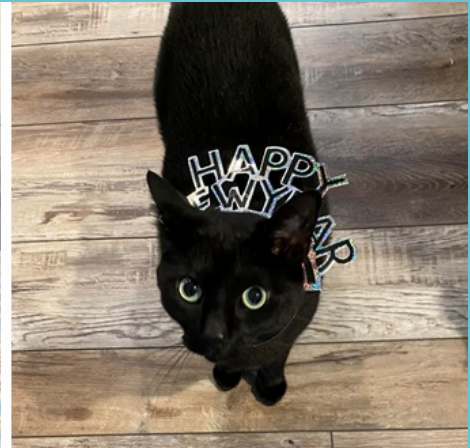


# Gnocci's Happy Ending!

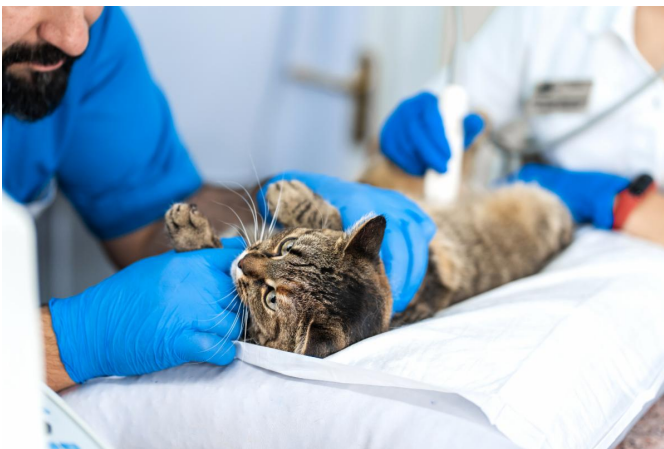
From Gnocci's forever family . . .

A little over 2 years ago we adopted our amazing Gnocchi from Forgotten Cats. He was the only cat out of his litter that was not adopted after an adoption event, and a neighbor of ours that was fostering him posted pictures and the fact that he was looking for a home.

We are so happy he didn't get adopted at that event because we know he was meant to be part of our family and we could not love him more! ♥ I'm attaching 3 pictures. One of Gnocchi & his older brother Butterscotch and two of just Gnocchi enjoying the holidays!



## Employment Opportunity with Forgotten Cats!



### Vet Tech/Operations Manager

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 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.

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 phone number, 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](mailto:info@forgottencats.org)

Please share this job opportunity far and wide!



Looking for that new special furry family member? What better time to fall in love than for Valentine's Day? Below are some of our wonderful senior cats hoping to find their forever home! Visit our cat gallery to learn more about these sweet seniors:

<https://forgottencats.org/services/available-cats/>

**At Forgotten Cats, age is just a number!**

**DUNKIN**  
Snuggiebug!  
8-9

**MATTHEW**  
Very social!  
7+

**CLARENCE**  
Neck warmer!  
10+

**XENON**  
Sun and warm air queen!  
10

**PERCY**  
Sweet and calm long-haired beauty!  
10

**ANASTASIA**  
Just ME, please!  
13

[catgalleryinfo@gmail.com](mailto:catgalleryinfo@gmail.com)

## 2022 Upcoming Events

We are very excited to announce that 2SP Brewery in Aston, PA has invited us back for another Cinco de Meow fundraising event. Stay tuned for more details . . .





We will also be participating in this year's DoMore24 Campaign - March 3-4!

## "It's Hip to Tip" Tees - Still Available!

We still have some "It's Hip to Tip" t-shirts - sizes S - XXL (depending on style/color)! Short sleeved are \$20.00 and long sleeved are \$30.00. If shipping is required, there will be an additional \$10.00 charge. If you are interested in purchasing one of these adorable t-shirts, please email Sandy at [sandraltoth135@gmail.com](mailto:sandraltoth135@gmail.com) with size, color and style you are interested in, and she will check our inventory and get back to you.

Colors available: L/S - Mauve, heather gray & dark blue; S/S - light blue, fuchsia, aqua and gray.

## It's Hip to Tip Short & Long-Sleeved T-Shirts



## 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](mailto:info@forgottencats.org)

## Our Corporate Sponsors

We are very excited to announce that National Independent Truckers Insurance Company (NITIC) has renewed their Gold sponsorship in our Corporate Sponsorship Program. Forgotten Cats serves the most helpless and neglected creatures - feral, abandoned, and homeless cats. We rely on kind and generous supporters in the community like NITIC to help us do this very important work. Our thanks go out to NITIC

for extending their partnership with us by participating in our Corporate Sponsorship Program, which will help us to continue to save many lives and find many forever, loving homes. <https://www.nitic.com/>



Forgotten Cats offers a **variety of sponsorship levels** - if you are interested in learning more about our **Sponsorship Program**, please visit: <https://forgottencats.org/corporate-sponsorship/>

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