# FORGOTTEN Cats









2021

#### **Upcoming Events-**



# Delaware's Do More 24 is right around the corner!

As an organization that supports many communities in the state of Delaware we are thrilled to share that we'll be participating in "Do More 24", a monumental statewide campaign this March 4th-5th.

With fewer foundations, smaller grants and formerly localized investments now leaving the state, the impact of individuals like you is more important than ever in ensuring the end of the needless suffering of countless homeless cats and kittens.

Can you imagine what life would be like for these homeless cats and kittens if the work we do stopped tomorrow? The community you care about relies on your support.

For 24 hours from 6 p.m. March 4th through 6 p.m. March 5th we're asking you to do more with us. Please give to Do More 24 Delaware and help us raise our goal of \$1,500. Attached is a link to our "Do More 24" donation page.

https://www.domore24delawar e.org/fundraisers/forgottencats-inc-do-more-24-delaware

Thank you in advance for your

"Picture Pawfect" is back!



From 10:00 am. TODAY, February 12 through 10:00 pm. Monday, February 22 you can get a unique portrait of your furred Valentine done by one of our talented artists!

Dedicated volunteers and staff want to help our cats and kittens and one way we can all raise funds (and spirits) is by drawing YOUR pet! Though we cannot promise the drawing will be what you expect, we can certainly guarantee that it will be done with a whole lot of heart!

Part of the fun of this event is that you do not know what you will receive. We have a diverse group of artists of various ages and mediums (watercolor, sketch, cartoon, crayon, etc.). We are looking forward to seeing their artistic rendering of your pet(s)!

For a donation of **\$20** on Facebook, you can have one done for your pet! (Note: It is a \$20 donation per drawing and a maximum of two pets per drawing).

Detailed instructions for participation will be posted on Facebook when the fundraiser begins TODAY, February 12, so stay tuned!

This fundraiser will help support our TNVR and adoption programs. We are eager to capture the spirit of your pet (and hopefully bring you joy) with our drawing skills!

#### continued support!

January 2021 Status Update: In January, we sterilized 1,345 cats and placed 179 cats into loving forever homes. Forgotten Cats serves over 10,000 cats each year and is one of the largest TNVR organizations in the region. We rely on donations to make our mission possible and hope to have a bit of fun while raising the funds!

#### Thank You Petco Foundation!



With a generous investment from Petco Foundation, Forgotten Cats was able to prevent cats from entering overcrowded shelters in Worcester and Wicomico Counties, Maryland. In just two months, Forgotten Cats TNVR'd 142 stray & feral cats in these two counties. This investment prevented unnecessary shelter death and paved the way for a happier and healthier life for community cats due to their TNVR services.

Thank you <u>Petco Foundation</u> for supporting our community cats!

Within the next few weeks, we'll be announcing some very exciting TNVR news for Maryland. Stay tuned!

# Happy Endings For Everett!

Everett arrived at Forgotten Cats in early December. Shortly after the new year, he was adopted into a loving home. Everett was fairly nervous in his new surroundings but with a lot of love and patience his new parents made him feel at home.

Here's how he's doing now:

"We are so happy to have Everett. We just love this kitty so much. He is doing very well. He purrs for us when his head is scratched. We put the TV on and he sits on my piano and loves to watch it. Here he is (see photos) purring away and giving us his love-bug personality. We bring him his soft food which he gobbles up and then relaxes for more pets. He is all about love. He does not have a mean hair on his body. He plays with the laser light and the feather wand. Everett loves to watch cat channels on YouTube."



# Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Tracey Parker, a Lady with a Passion for Animals, Forgotten Cats' February Spotlighted Volunteer

By Mary Ann Emely

Our February Volunteer Spotlight shines brightly on **Tracey Parker** who has had cats all her life and was rescuing cats off the streets even before she became a Forgotten Cats volunteer. All three of her current fur babies are rescued kitties.

Both Tracey and her 17 year-old son, Ryan, have had a lifelong passion for animals. She and Ryan used to have pet rats and mice, but the cats are now her passion! Ryan has helped his mom care for baby kittens,



cleaning them and playing with them. He loves to spend time with them and since he has a volunteer work requirement at school, he meets both needs with the animals he loves.

Tracey's own fur babies are **Emma**, **Red** and **Zoey**. Red's name was chosen not because of his color but because it was Ryan's favorite color when he was young. Red and Emma were the babies of Jenny, a rescued cat Tracey fostered, and she kept two of the babies. Zoey was found on the streets at the age of 8 weeks - she was found outside of a development where the landlord was going to throw her elsewhere. Tracey fostered her - a foster fail. Red and Emma are now 5, and Zoey is 3.









Left to right, Emma, Tracey's sister's cat Ben, Red, and Zoey.

Tracey's involvement as an FC volunteer all began more than a year ago when she came into a PetSmart and saw that they needed assistance with the cats and kittens in the adoption center, so she volunteered to help. She now volunteers in the Brookhaven PetSmart, helping to take care of the cats and talking to prospective adoptive parents about each little fur baby, trying to help enable a good match between cat and human. She helps applicants with their questions as they complete adoption application forms and submits them for processing.

One of the most challenging parts of her job, she tells us, is dealing with people whose prospective adoptions are declined. Sometimes they become angry with her when they do not get the cat they want. A lot goes into the FC decision-making process. The application forms are fully vetted, references are checked, veterinarians listed on the form are called for verification, many other checks are done - all in an effort to make sure the cat or kitten is being placed in the right home and family situation for that particular cat. Tracey knows that approving adoptions is an important task that carries a lot of responsibility but

she enjoys being part of that process.

Tracey tells us that her sister adopted from Forgotten Cats an amazing kitty named **Ben**. Ben had previously been adopted by someone else but they had returned him. This happens occasionally, for various reasons - a previously unknown cat allergy develops, another family pet is unaccepting of the newly-adopted cat, etc. Tracey says it must have been fate because Ben seems like the perfect fit for Jenn's family.

The best parts of her FC "job" are helping people find the right fur baby for them and working with the other Forgotten Cats volunteers. It's a rewarding feeling for her to know she is helping the kitties find their right furever home, and the other volunteers are a pleasure to work with and get to know. She said every FC volunteer she has met has been very nice.





Above left to right, Tracey dining out with her son, Ryan, and dining waterside with Ryan and her sister, Jenn.

Forgotten Cats is extremely grateful to have the volunteer services of our caring and dedicated Tracey!

# More Happy Endings For Whiskey!

Whiskey was found in Philly a few days before Thanksgiving. He happened to be microchipped but when we called the registered number they claimed he didn't belong to them. At 7 years old, Whiskey found himself without a home or family.

Last month a young couple inquired about Whiskey after seeing him on our website. They met him at our Trainer clinic, fell in love, and the rest is history as they say. Here's how this cutie is doing now.

"Whiskey's really settled in well at home and is enjoying napping on these cold winter days. He's taken over the memory foam pillows in the bedroom and has picked a spot on the back of the couch where he can look out the window. The vet said he's in great health and looks fantastic. Thanks for all your help!"















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



Noah (FCID# 07/27/2020 - 400) Senior • M

LAP CAT ALERT!!! Lovable, lap cat Noah (7/27/21-400) is looking for a home of his own-could that be with you? This sweet boy was surrendered to Forgotten Cats when his owner passed away. Noah was understandably frightened and distraught to lose the only life he ever knew. With the help of his foster mom, Noah learned that he doesn't have to be scared- Forgotten Cats will always take care of him.

Today Noah is the MOST affectionate and snuggly kitty we've seen in a long time. He

adores human connection. He wants to be near and ideally touching his owner as much as possible. He'll put a little paw on the arm of his favorite person as they read a book or snuggle up on their chest while they watch TV. Noah will flop down next to you as you drift off to sleep and his purrs will help you fall deep into dream land. He is no longer afraid of meeting new people and will take very little time to warm up in his new home.

This cutie has gorgeous, silky fur that he loves to have brushed and pet. He's just the biggest love bug! Noah is 9 years old and must be an only pet. Please save the day for Noah and offer him the home he's been waiting for.

Noah is at our adoption center in the Brookhaven PetSmart. Please stop by to meet this big boy. Can't visit right now? Please submit an online no-obligation adoption application for him @ http://www.forgottencats.org/application/.

Tessa (FCID# 06/29/2020 - 20) Tabby • F

Meet Tessa (FCID# 06/29/2020 - 20)! She's a petite little lady around 2-3 years old. Tessa loves snuggling up on the couch and on your lap. She is a master biscuit maker! She does the cutest thing and actually sucks on the blankie while she makes biscuits.

Tessa doesn't mind being picked up and will tolerate being harassed with kisses! Tessa is gentle and confident. She's runs to greet her foster dad when he comes to visit her and we're sure she would greet you with the same enthusiasm too.



Tessa enjoys playing with her wand toys and sitting in her window perch. Tessa is FIV+ but that's no big deal! Tessa would prefer to be your one and only so she can have all your undivided attention.

Please submit our no-obligation adoption application for Tessa: <a href="https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/">https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</a>.

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are in DESPERATE need for <u>CLINIC Volunteers</u> in our Willow Grove, PA 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 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday. Volunteers must commit to either One Full Day (preferred, 10-6) a week or Half a day.

If you are interested reply to *jpfedele@comcast.net* and PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER!

We also have another volunteer position (**Computer Inputter**) that can be done from Home from **3-6**. *Computer and internet connection required*.

### 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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