FORGOTTEN Cats









2021

Upcoming Events-



Match Campaign-NOW through APRIL 2nd Your_DONATION will be DOUBLED!

Two generous and anonymous donors have offered to match up to a maximum of \$12,000 in donations made to Forgotten Cats between now and April 2nd.

Help us get the full benefit of this gracious offer by sending your donation today, before it's too late. Every donation helps put us closer to our goal of \$12,000 (\$24,000 total when matched!!).



Announcing the "Forgotten 2 Forever" Pop-up Boutique!



"Picture Pawfect" Fundraiser

Last year, during the quarantine, we held our first "Picture Pawfect" Facebook Fundraiser - it was so much fun seeing all the portraits produced by the artists, that we decided to have another event this past February. We sent out an email to last year's artists and were thrilled to have such a positive response. Some of the artists from last year were happy to participate again this year and we also welcomed several new artists, including some talented younger artists!

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the "Picture Pawfect" art fundraiser - thanks to you, we raised over \$1,800.00! These funds will go towards continuing our mission of TNVR and rescuing cats and kittens and finding them loving forever homes.

Many thanks to the amazing talented artists for donating their time and talent to create so many amazing portraits - we could not have done this without you!

-Amy Cuker (down2earth interior design) | www.down2earthdesign.com),

-Danielle Woodruff and Cal Woodruff | (Danielle Woodruff Photography) |

Facebook: @daniellewoodruffphotography | Instagram: daniellewoodruffphotography | daniell

ewoodruffphotography@gmail.com,

-Ivette, Sara Westhafer, Sue, Sammi, Avery, Cassie Griffith,

-Joy Cheryl Fine (Joy C.

Fine)|www.joyfine.art| pmaguide1986@gmail.co m| We are excited to share the news that we are opening a pop-up **boutique** which will feature a variety of handcrafted items made by our volunteer artisans! The boutique will periodically be setup at various events and occasionally on Facebook. All handcrafted items are donated and 100% of the sales go to Forgotten Cats.

If you would like to join our team of artisans, please contact **Sandy** at *forgotten2foreverfc@gmail.com* - please include "**Boutique**" in the subject line.

Stay tuned for our first pop-up event - we are looking forward to seeing you there!

Pet portraits by commission, -Courtney Christopher | <u>GrinningFeline@gmail.com</u> | Facebook: @GrinningFeline |

Instagram: @grinningfelinepetport | https://grinni

ngfeline.square.site/|
Pet portraits by commission,

-Julie Tipton (Graphic Designer)|Etsy: https://www.etsy.com/people/JulTipDesigns,

-Julie MacRae and her amazing young artists -Sam Wiesler, Sofia Cano, Mia Hryniewicz, & Nathan Wiesler,

-Cassie, Leslie, Kylie, Jillian, Sarah, Sydney, Griffin, & Karin.



February 2021 Status Update: In February, we sterilized 903 cats and placed 121 cats into loving forever homes.



This past March 4th and 5th, we participated in the 2021 DoMore24DE fundraising campaign. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$8,255.00, including the \$500 Greater Giving Opening Prize and \$250.00 as a runner up in the video contest!

We are so grateful for all our supporters who took the idea of "doing more" to heart and gave to Forgotten Cats during the #DoMore24DE giving event. We are truly in awe and appreciation of your generosity! We offer our most HEARTFELT THANKS for contributing to the work we do - it would not be possible without your generosity and support.

We also want to thank #DoMore24DE, @UnitedWayofDelaware and @SpurImpact for making this day of giving possible.

On behalf of all the cats and kittens who benefit from your generosity,

Thank You!

NEW Partnership with HART of Maine!

We are proud to announce an exciting partnership with <u>HART of Maine!</u> HART is a cat shelter and adoption center in Cumberland, Maine. For the past year, HART has taken several dozen cats from Forgotten Cats into their



incredible facility. This allows FC to save even more cats from the streets. We are very grateful for HART as well as the Forgotten Cat's volunteers who help coordinate these trips.

Here's what transporter and FC volunteer, Kathy has to say about her trips to HART:

"The facility is fantastic and the staff are wonderful and very dedicated. They take in cats from several recues in the south as well as various shelters throughout Maine. They are highly respected in the rescue and general community. The facility is very well run, immaculate, with plenty of dedicated and knowledgeable staff. There are about 5 cat rooms where cats who are able, are free to roam.

They take in cats with diabetes, irritable bowel syndrome, and some behavior problemsthey even have a room for "shy angels"! The rooms are well designed with several windows and every creature comfort a cat would need. I would not mind sending any of my fosters there- its a kitty utopia!"

Above are just some of the Forgotten Cats kitties who have been adopted after arriving at HART (Clockwise from top left: Arwen, Patrick, Gimli).

We are in need of drivers for future trips to Maine. Please email *info@forgottencats.org* if you are able to help.

Corporate Sponsorship



Forgotten Cats would like to recognize and thank NITIC for their Gold level sponsorship of our organization. The support of community businesses like NITIC is crucial to our mission of humanely reducing the population of homeless cats and kittens.

Volunteer Spotlight



Forgotten Cats' #1 Kitty Advocate Works Hard to Ensure the "Perfect Match"

by Mary Ann Emely

When you ask **Kristin**, Forgotten Cats' **adoption applications senior processor**, what her volunteer role is all about, she will tell you that her responsibility is to advocate on behalf of the cats and kittens available for adoption, to make sure that the match between applicant and kitty is a good fit, and she is passionate about that responsibility.

Kristin is a native of the greater Philadelphia area - has always lived here, and always lived with cats in her household. How did she go from cat person to Forgotten Cats volunteer? It all started about five years ago.

She was living in Center City Philadelphia at the time, with her cat **Bear**, when one night she heard a cat crying outside her window around 10:30 pm. She went to check out the situation and found a crying stray, so she fed him but he wouldn't come near her.

The next night, the same thing occurred at the same time - 10:30 pm. Again, she fed him, but he still wouldn't approach her. This went on night after night but after four months, he finally let Kristin come near him and she was able to determine he was a male so she called him "Little Boy."

Kristin hesitated to bring **Ollie** into the house because she wasn't sure how Bear would react - Bear was pretty much set in his ways. She wanted to give it a try, but to do it safely. She looked for a cat rescue organization that could help by evaluating Little Boy's suitability for socialization in her household. She opted to go to **Forgotten Cats' Willow Grove Clinic**.

Eventually Kristin learned that Little Boy used to live in her apartment building, but his owner died. Not knowing what to do with the cat, someone clearing the apartment just put Little Boy out to fend for himself.

About a week later, Kristin went back to Willow Grove to check on Ollie. She said the workers there were shocked to see her come back for him. Apparently, they have experience with people dropping off cats and never coming back! They told her he socialized well and they thought she should have success introducing him to Bear if done slowly. And when Little Boy saw Kristin, he seemed to be happy that she came to get him and he was ready to go home with her! Kristin then **renamed Little Boy "Ollie"**. The rest, as they say, is history - Ollie and Bear quickly became fast friends.

Ollie is FIV+ but because FIV+ cats can safely interact with non-FIV cats this was not an issue for Ollie and Bear. (FIV+ cats tend to be extra lovey so this may have worked in their favor!)

After her Forgotten Cats experience, Kristin thought about volunteering for FC. She signed up for the newsletter and looked as the volunteer opportunities posted that would work for someone with a full-time job. She inquired about a phone answering position but realized it would be difficult with the nature of her real job - Kristin works in a law office in an administrative capacity, doing research for cases. She then saw an ad for an FC adoption processor and she inquired about it - thinking schedule-wise it might work better, and she might be able to use her research skills in the processor job. She interviewed with John Fedele, which went well, and she has been a processor ever since.

She is now a senior processor and trains new processors, telling the new processors that advocating on behalf of the cat is the number one priority. Consideration is given to not only whether the cat will be a good fit for the applicant, but also if the applicant will be a good match for the cat. Sometimes an applicant will make a wonderful human for a cat - but not for the particular cat s/he wants to adopt. Many factors go into this decision-making process. If the match isn't mutually good, but she knows another cat that she thinks might be a better match for a particular applicant, Kristin will make that suggestion.

If she sees an app for one of the FIV+ kitties, Kristin usually opts to take that one on for processing herself as she has a special place in her heart for FIV+ cats.

When Kristin isn't busy with work or Forgotten Cats duties, she likes to run and to socialize with family and friends. Unfortunately, the COVID situation has limited some of those activities and she is eagerly looking forward to the day when life will return to normal - or at least semi-normal.

Having grown up in the area, Kristin has many

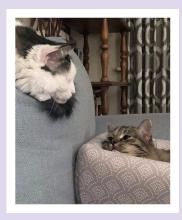
friends and she has four siblings - she was the oldest of five - so spending time with family is also one of the things she enjoys. She lives near her mom's house and has dinner with mom often.

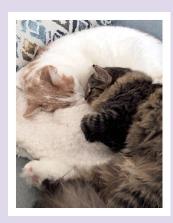
Kristin's household now consists of her and three fur babies. Besides Ollie and Bear, there is **Harley** (although Harley's name may change; Kristin says her name isn't as sassy as Harley actually is.) She adopted Harley last year, at 8 weeks. Her tiny newcomer had no problem fitting in with her new older brothers - she would not be intimidated!



The three fur babies are best buds, although Bear is clearly king of the castle - he was there first!



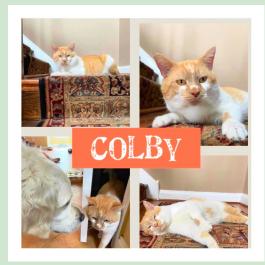




Left to right - Harley, Bear and Harley, Ollie and Harley.

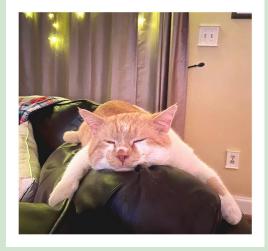
Kristin tells us she is very happy with her processor role at Forgotten Cats because it ties together her love of cats with her administrative/organizational abilities - all working together on behalf of the cats. She said she has learned a lot from other FC volunteers - it is truly a team effort and she is glad to be part of that team.

Kristin, Forgotten Cats is very glad to have you as an important part of the adoption facilitation team! Thank you for all you do!



Happy Endings for Colby!

Colby was adopted last month from our Trainer clinic. He was rescued this winter from a life as a stray kitty living outside a liquor store. There he greeted patrons in the parking lot and was known as "Colt 45". Colby's new family says he has immediately settled into his new home. He loves his big, new family that consists of human siblings as well as a kitty and doggie sibling. Colby is now known as Sunny and the whole family adores their new family member. While Colby is FIV+ he is just as deserving of a wonderful



home as any other cat. FIV+ cats can live safely with other cats/dogs and live long, healthy lives. He'll get a life time of love and happiness.

Thank you to the adopters and the volunteers at Trainer for getting Colby "adoption ready"!

Maryland TNVR Program is Back!

We are so excited to announce that our Maryland TNVR program is back!!!

Call us TODAY to request help with feral or stray cats.

We'd like to extend a HUGE Thank You to the Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay and Neuter Grants Program for funding this program and supporting TNVR.

Please help us by sharing this post far and wide! Maryland kitties, we'll see you soon!

FREE Spay Neuter

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

TNVR program includes:

- Humane Trapping & TransportationSpay/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 Countles, 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
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Please contact Forgotten Cats at 215.219.8148 or www.forgottencats.org



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

Brewster (FCID# 01/25/2021 - 55) C Tuxedo • M

LAP CAT ALERT!!! Brewster (FCID#

01/25/2021-55) is a tough looking cat with a gentle and sweet soul. He appears to have had a tough time on the streets. Scratches and scars cover his body. He's so excited for human connection, so we assume he once had an owner, but they left him behind to fend for himself.

Brewster is a total lap cat. He loves affection and purrs up a storm while you pet him and give him love. Brewster gets



along great with other cats. He's approximately 4-7 years old.

Brewster has FIV+ but that just makes him extra special. He can live safely with other cats! Please give this boy a chance at a wonderful home.

Brewster is playing with his new foster family. If you would like to meet or adopt him, please submit our adoption application @ https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/.



Marshall (FCID# 01/11/2021 - 48) Tabby • M

BIG LAP CAT: Marshall (FCID# 01/11/2021 - 48). **Health status:** Up to date on all shots and worming. **Food:** Eats both dry and wet food; generally given a half can of wet food in the morning and a half can in the evening. Prefers Fancy Feast brand.

Activity: Loves napping and eating.

Other: Is not afraid of the dog but has not interacted

much with her.

Marshall is the sweetest cat ever. He is **14lbs of pure love**. Marshall loves to sit on laps, snuggle up next to

you on the bed and have the top of his head kissed. He also loves being pet for hours and (if you're strong enough) being picked up and carried around. He purrs a lot but doesn't meow much. He is still scared of sudden noises and a little apprehensive of new people. I believe he would do best with someone who is retired and home most of the time; he really thrives on lots of pets and being next to someone.

Marshall is FIV+. Most of the times, we have found FIV+ cats to be extra lovey-dovey. Marshall is no exception!

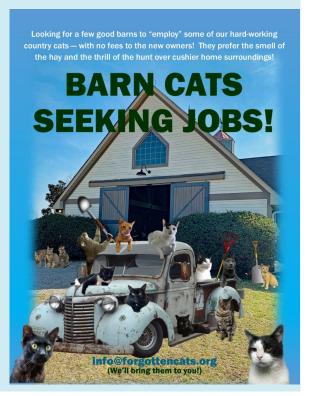
Does Marshall sound as if he will fit right into your home and lap? If you would like to meet Marshall and/or to give him his forever home, please submit an online no-obligation adoption application @ http://www.forgottencats.org/application/.

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 fully vetted and at no charge.

Interested in learning more about our barn program? Please email <u>info@forgottencats.org</u> for more details.

Our barn cats will be waiting to hear from you!



Foster Coordinator Needed



This is a **Core Volunteer position** and requires a time commitment of **20 hours per week**, sometimes more. If you are interested, please read the below description carefully.

The time commitment is Big (20 hours plus a week) but the rewards (cats will find homes and not be returned to the streets) are also Big. Training is provided for this position.

The **foster coordinator** works directly with clinic staff to place cats into foster homes. Foster coordinator is responsible for guiding fosters from beginning to end. This includes: providing basic foster information, setting pick up time of foster cats, answering questions throughout the fostering process or directing them to medical contact when necessary, ensuring their cats and kittens are up to date on medical treatments, finally placing their foster cats in an adoption center.

- Must have availability in morning & afternoon on Mondays and Thursdays to text/call fosters in order to coordinate pick up of foster cats at our Trainer facility on clinic days.
- Can be done from home! A plus if the volunteer can also make themselves available throughout the week to meet fosters at the facility.
- Must be motivated and comfortable with asking people to foster.
- **Texting** is required.
- Must have basic computer skills in order to view/update our database.
- Good communication and organization skills a must.

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

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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