# FORGOTTEN Cats









#### May 2021 Status:

Stay tuned - will have May & June status next month!

### DOUBLE FEATURE - Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Event and Mobile Adoption Event!



Starting Thursday, June 17 thru Sunday, June 20, both the Ten Thousand Villages in *Glen Mills* and *Chestnut Hill* will donate 15% of the proceeds from every sale when Forgotten Cats is mentioned at the register! *If you volunteer with Forgotten Cats, don't forget to mention you are a volunteer to be entered into their special volunteer recognition raffle.* This is a great opportunity to pick up a gift for a friend, loved one, or just to spoil yourself while also helping Forgotten Cats. We hope to see you there!

Also, we are excited to announce that our **Mobile Adoption Trailer** will be making it's summer debut on **Saturday June 19** from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm as part of

the event - stop by and check out our adoptable cats - we will be parked at the end near the Harvest Grill (you can't miss us!). To pre-qualify, please complete an adoption application at <a href="https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/">https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</a>

#### **Fosters Urgently Needed!**

Kitten season is upon us and we are in desperate need of fosters.

Fostering is a rewarding experience that allows you to help our homeless cats get a second chance as they regain health, learn to trust and love again, and acquire socialization necessary for a forever home. The average foster commitment is around one month but we do have shorter and longer opportunities available. We have a variety of foster options which includes: weaned kittens, mama and babies, bottle babies, sick or injured cats, under-socialized cats or kittens, and cats simply needing a cage break.

Forgotten Cats will provide a training manual



and medical care for all foster cats. You provide the basic necessities: litter box & litter, food (Purina cat or kitten chow), bedding, and love

When you foster a cat you actually save two lives: the life of your foster cat and the life of the homeless cat that takes his/her place in the shelter.

To apply to foster, please complete our foster application: <a href="https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/">https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/</a>

Congratulations to Albert, Noelle and Denise - the winners of the "Fun in the Sun" raffle! Thank you to everyone that participated in the raffle - because of you, we were able to raise \$5,040.00 to use towards our continued mission of TNVR and the rescue of homeless cats and kittens.

Five thousand dollars can TNVR 100 cats; provide an exam, first vaccine and worming for 200 kittens; provide medical care to a special needs cat, and so much more. Without your support, our mission would not be possible, so please accept our most sincere thanks!



#### Meow-vie Night Fundraiser a Success!



On May 23rd, a group of 40 Forgotten Cats volunteers and friends came together at the Hiway Theater in Jenkintown for a viewing of "Kedi". "Kedi" is a Turkish cat documentary that stars 7 street cats who live in Istanbul and the humans who are grateful for the uplifting love, attention and entertainment that they receive from "their" special cats. *A must see for cat lovers!* 

As Forgotten Cats friends arrived at the movie house, they were greeted by a soundtrack of favorite cat songs ("What's New

Pussycat", "Honky Cats", "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", etc. and were treated to popcorn and a fountain drink.

Many thanks to Chris Hoyler for arranging this event for Forgotten Cats' volunteers and friends - thanks to their participation and generosity, \$1,300.00 was raised to help the cats and kittens that we care for!

#### Check out these junior cat rescuers!

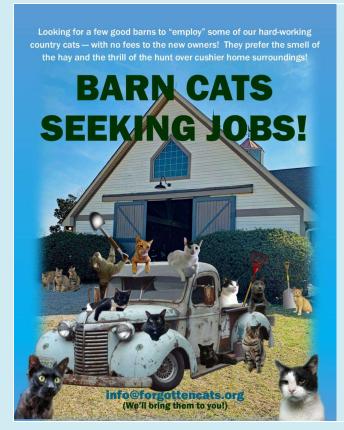
This trio of young ladies raised \$120 dollars from their lemonade stand and donated the proceeds to Forgotten Cats!

They asked us what was most needed and delivered the items to the center yesterday.

Wow! Girls - We are beyond grateful for your hard work and generosity. We know the cats greatly appreciate it as well!







## 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!

#### **Volunteer Spotlight**

#### "One of the Best Decisions I Ever Made" says Forgotten Cats' June Volunteer of the Month

by Mary Ann Emely

On May 12 of this year, Chrissy Lubicky celebrated her 4th anniversary as a Forgotten Cats' Volunteer. She chose her words carefully – because she did CELEBRATE the occasion. She tells us that she considers her decision to become a Forgotten Cats volunteer as one of the best choices she has made. "I love cats and I love helping them and just being around them. They bring me so much happiness! I started out as a volunteer feeding and cleaning. Now I am a regular Saturday feed & clean volunteer and I work with a wonderful group of people!"







Above left to right – Chrissy at the Jenkintown PetSmart for the adoption of Duchess, with Duchess's new human; with Alps, a Forgotten Cats shelter cat; and at a Jenkintown PetSmart event celebrating Simone's adoption, with fellow volunteer Jenn holding up the special celebratory cake.

Chrissy also does nighttime meds for the kitties, she's been a volunteer at PetSmart adoption events in various locations, and she assists with meet-and-greets and adoptions for approved applicants. She's also been a foster and describes herself as a three-time foster fail! She adopted her first Forgotten Cats' kitten – an adorable ginger she named Gale – not long after she started as a foster parent. She says that seeing the kitties go off with their new "furever" families is the best experience – adding that that is when all the hard work pays off.

Chrissy tells us that she is also an amateur cat photographer, always posting our kitties on Facebook and Instagram. Below are a few of her special photographic "captures" – all FC fosters!









Chrissy's family is a big part of her life, and they always had animals – guinea pigs, lizards, hamsters, and more. She always loved the animals, and when she got her first cat, she instantly fell in love, she says. "I had donated to different shelters/organizations for years, and I decided that I really wanted to do more to help. I had been looking into volunteering at a shelter in New Jersey from which we had adopted my favorite dog, but it was pretty far away to go there regularly. I started researching shelters closer to home and between that and my sister, who adopted two cats from a PetSmart Forgotten Cats' adoption center, I learned more about Forgotten Cats. I went to the website and read all about TNR and all the wonderful things FC does to help the kitties and I knew that was where I wanted to help most! I will tell anyone who will listen what a great organization it is and how lucky I am to be a part of it!"

Being a foster cat mom has been a very rewarding experience for Chrissy. She shared several touching stories with us. She said one of the first cats to catch her heart was Kitri. She had never before experienced a cat with "cattitude" but that's definitely what Kitri had. She was always a diva, but she allowed Chrissy to give her as much love as she could. Duchess was her favorite foster that she ended up not adopting. Duchess was very sick when she first came home with Chrissy, and Chrissy remembers staying up all night with her that first night. She ended up staying about a year before she finally found her perfect "furever" human. Fortunately, Chrissy says, she has been able to stay in touch with many of the adopting parents and gets updates on how her kitties are doing.

She says that besides the cats, which she loves, she has enjoyed working with and learning from

many great humans at Forgotten Cats. She has formed some lifelong friendships with other volunteers who care about each other outside of cat life – an extended family!

And then there is her big flesh-and-blood family with whom she spends much of her non-Forgotten Cats time. "I am blessed with amazing parents, two older brothers, an older sister, the best in-laws, nephews, and a niece! I have a lot of awesome cousins and aunts and uncles too. I am very close to my family and they mean the world to me. We do a lot of things together, like go on vacation up the Poconos every summer together! The Poconos is my favorite place to go." She said she has many wonderful friends who she also considers as part of her extended family. Phillies, Disney, game nights and karaoke with family & friends are things she loves to do.







Above left to right – Chrissy on an outing with her best friend, Cathy; with family members at Big Boulder Lake in the Poconos where they vacation every summer; and with her niece Katarina.

Chrissy's furry family includes six cats and a guinea pig with whom she likes to hang out and watch horror movies!

For her "day job" Chrissy has been in property management for about twenty years now, and she has helped several of her co-workers adopt cats through Forgotten Cats. She said she may not be sure what the future holds for her next, but she knows whatever it is, she'll make the most of it. She does know that as long as there are cats needing help and homes, she will continue to help them and advocate for them.

In closing, she wanted to add that everyone should spay or neuter their pets, and she asks everyone to remember that FIV+ kitties are generally super sweet and they can be best friends with other non-FIV+ kitties. She said we shouldn't overlook the old or sick kitties as they have lots of love left to give. She urges everyone to volunteer if you can – adding "it's good for your heart and soul!"

It's clear to see that Chrissy Lubicky is good for Forgotten Cats' heart and soul! Thank you, Chrissy.







## Happy Endings for Nala (now Twyla!)

Happy Ending!!! Nala (now Twyla) was rescued last spring when FC received a call about 4 kittens and 3 adult cats living in a vacant house in Delaware.

Nala waited a very long time to be adopted due to her shy nature and some minor health issues but we are happy to report that Nala (now Twyla) was finally adopted a few months back. She is now doing wonderfully with her new mama and cat brother, Kismet.

Twyla is enjoying her new home in beautiful Canton, Maryland. We hear that she loves playing with all her toys and relaxing in her cat tree. Mom keeps us updated with how she's doing which we are very grateful for.

Mom shares "I'm so happy she is spreading her wings and enjoying herself! She definitely acts more and more like a kitten everyday! She's aging in reverse! She's come so far! Although now she demands constant attention. I'm trying to teach her that I can't constantly pet her while I'm trying to work but then she yells at me lol! I may have to set up a mini desk for her next to mine! I went away last weekend, she was too scared to come out for the sitter and then wouldn't leave my side all week!"

We couldn't be more thrilled for our sweet girl. Thank you to her wonderful adopter and the dedicated caretakers at Forgotten Cats.

Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers who make success stories like these possible.



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



#### Xenon (FCID# 11/05/2020 - 203) Tabby/White • F

Looking for a chill senior cat? Then Xenon could be the one! Xenon is a beautiful senior girl (approximately 10 years old), brown/gray tabby with white, is full-figured, and has beautiful green eyes (as you can see!).

Xenon eats Purina Pro Plan Focus Urinary Tract Health as she previously had bladder stones and is a little hard of hearing. Due to her size, her food bowls should be elevated - she eats canned and dry. Xenon drinks a lot of water - a taller fountain is preferred. Xenon is missing a couple of teeth, but

this does not slow down her eating! She is currently 11.12 pounds, but her ideal weight should be 9.5 pounds. Xenon also requires "Blink" eye drops, one drop in each eye, 2x a day.

Xenon loves head, chin & back scratches, belly rubs, curling-up in her comfy cat bed, the sun warming her fur, heat coming from the register, and looking out the front door window. A lap is a good place - you will have to pick her up and put her here, and she will meow her displeasure if you

need to disturb her in order for you to get up.

Xenon was not sure of going up and down stairs at first, but she has learned to negotiate them, especially when she wants to get away from the vacuum cleaner! She bunny-hops up and down the stairs. Xenon has an unusual gait due to her front legs resembling those of a bulldog. Her back legs have lost some muscle-tone. Xenon is vertically challenged: no jumping onto furniture nor counter tops and she only scratches on her scratch box.

"Zee" is not particularly a toy cat - she has no interested in the elusive red dot! However, she does enjoy the teaser toy that "hides" under fabric while it circles the floor - she finds it quite entertaining! With "Zee", no alarm clock is needed as her raspy meow will tell you when it's time to get up (or earlier!). She will meow for her food and for head scratches, or she will sit and stare at you.

Xenon is a special girl with her own quirks. If you are looking for a very low-key, senior cat, Xenon is the one! Please submit our no-obligation adoption application: <a href="https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/">https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</a>.

#### Rodney (FCID# 04/13/2021 - 111) Tuxedo • M

Who can resist this adorable face? This adorable fellow is a sleepy gray & white shorthair who just wants to gaze out the window and wait for you to come home. He's the most loveable scamp you could imagine, and would do great in any home. Rodney is estimated to be 7 years old.

Rodney would absolutely love to find a forever home where he could bask in the sunshine, curl up in a soft bed, and just be the love of your life! If you would like to foster or adopt Rodney, please submit a foster application:

https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/ or an adoption application: https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/.



Will you please consider applying to foster or adopt Rodney to provide him with a stable and loving environment?

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers Needed for our Pet Supply Plus Adoption Center in West Chester,PA

We are seeking **Volunteers**, for our **Pet Supply Plus** adoption center located at 959 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA. Volunteers help care for the cats and interact with potential adopters. 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 with their litter boxes, food, and water bowls.

### Volunteers are needed during ALL hours of operation. Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday: 9am-8pm Sunday: 10am-6pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to info@forgottencats.org and INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER! Please share this email with friends and family who might also like to volunteer.



# Feed and Clean Volunteers are URGENTLY needed at our Trainer, Pa facility!

This is the beginning of a homeless cat's journey to a second chance with a loving family. We are desperate to find volunteers willing to care for these cats while they are in our shelter.

The start time for our "feed and clean" volunteers is flexible. You would be caring for our cats by feeding them, giving them fresh water, and scooping the litter. Our volunteers also help with laundry, dishes, sweeping and mopping. We ask volunteers to make a commitment of 2-3 hours per week.

This job may seem like a simple one, but it is SO important in keeping our kitties comfortable and making sure they always have the essentials: food, water, and a clean cage. If you can help, please apply on our

website: https://forgottencats.org/services/volunteer/

Come play an integral role in helping the homeless population of kitties in our area!



It's never been easier to give back! Help our animals in need by shopping our Wish List on Chewy to donate much-needed pet food and supplies directly to our organization. Click the link to donate today! Chewy Wish List



#### **Amazon Wish List**

Remember to shop on Amazon Smile and choose Forgotten Cats as your charity so that a donation will be made to Forgotten Cats at no additional cost to you!

#### 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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