FORGOTTEN Cats









2021

You Can Make a Difference by Fostering!



The difference between the cats and kittens living on the streets, and those living in a home can come down to foster care.

You can make the difference in their lives at this critical time when we are in URGENT need!

This is the time of year when we bring in hundreds of cats and kittens every week. Currently, we are inundated with nursing mothers and babies. If fosters are not available, we are forced in most cases, to return the mom and kittens to where they were living outside. The kittens we would like fostered range in age from a few days old to a few weeks. We also have "bottle babies" and weaned babies without their mother.

During this uncertain time, our shelter cats have very little opportunity to find forever homes. Adoptions have decreased and unfortunately, our intake has increased due to kitten season.

We're asking our community for help.

Can you open your heart and home during these difficult times and foster a shelter cat?

Some of our shelter cats have already been in our shelter for months. These cats would love nothing more than to get out of their cage. See below for some of our wonderful shelter cats that are in need of a foster home.

We need your help now more than ever.

If you can foster a cat(s) or kittens, please complete our foster application using the link provided below. Our foster coordinators will get in touch right away.

Pick up would take place at our shelters in Willow Grove, PA and Trainer, PA - near Claymont, DE).

FOSTER APPLICATION

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!!!!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!!

THIS WEEKEND @ BRANDYWINE PETSMART!

Join us for our next adoption event at our off-site center in Wilmington, DE. Get pre-approved at **forgottencats.org** to take home your new kitty ASAP! We will have tons of adorable cats and kittens for you to choose from. Come on out for this adoption event - maybe you'll meet your new best friend!!!

Brandywine PetSmart 3010 Brandywine Parkway Wilmington, DE 19803





As you know, we recently celebrated the momentous achievement of 150,000 ear tips! We would not have been able to commemorate such a special occasion without being able to celebrate the spay/neuter of over 10,000 cats/kittens so far this year! Thank you to everyone that made that possible!!!!!

Looking for love . . .



Gordo is a very playful and active guy who doesn't love being "scritched" on his behind, but everywhere else is fine! He is very silly and will get the most adorable zoomies. Since Gordo gets a little hissy and swatty around other cats, he would like to be your one and only, which wouldn't be so bad - as you can see, he's quite a handsome boy. FCID# 03/04/2021 - 106



Ted is estimated to be 5-8 years old and can be a bit timid at first. However, he is a very sweet fellow and would love to have a permanent loving home to call his own. Ted is hoping to find someone that can look past his initial timidness and see him for the sweet guy that he is. Can you offer Ted a home? Ted will be waiting for your call! FCID# 04/12/2021 - 99



Pearl - sweet senior alert! This little beauty is estimated to be 7-8 years old. This poor sweet girl had to have all of her teeth removed. She has been at the Willow Grove clinic for quite awhile and would love to find a foster home - or better yet, a loving forever home where she can nestle up on comfy beds and be content to be loved. FCID# 02/23/2021 -109



Opalina is a sweet and loving girl. And as you can see, she is gorgeous. And not only is she beautiful on the outside, she is just as beautiful on the inside. She loves to be pet and brushed. She is about 3 - 5 years old. Unfortunately, Opalina does not like dogs, but she would still love a place to call home - she would just prefer to not have any canine friends! FCID# 04/29/2020 - 514

Those 70'S Kittens!!!!!



Roxanne is a real firecracker! She is always ready to play and explore her environment. She's got as many colors as she has personality, but still loves to snuggle! FCID# 06/24/2021 - 136

Layla is a sweet little girl who loves a nice quiet spot for a nap. Give her a little love & time and she will be your best friend for life! FCID# 06/24/2021 - 138



Mr. Bojangles - This little black & white kitten has a big personality! He loves playing with his brothers and sisters but is ready to go home and play with you! Mr. Bojangles loves to play with your phone so watch out! FCID# 06/24/2021 - 137

Mr. Bojangles, Roxanne and Layla are playing in our Willow Grove clinic/shelter. Like their mom Maggie Mae and their brother Steely Dan, they would love to find their forever home. They are also available to be fostered - they would love to be in a home environment until they find their forever home.

Volunteer Spotlight

"It's Easy as 1-2-3" to Identify Most Notable Contributions of Forgotten Cats' August Volunteer of the Month

by Mary Ann Emely

This month's Forgotten Cats' Volunteer of the Month, Kathie Foss is a "volunteer extraordinaire" in terms of all she does for our organization, but she tells us the breadth of her volunteer work can be easily summarized into the three things she thinks she is most known for:

1. Socializing Feral and Extremely Feral
Kittens. Kathie has been a Forgotten Cats foster since
2017, often taking care of feral kittens. She has also
fostered medical special needs cats and cats that need
a cage break from one of the adoption centers.

2. Organizing, coordinating and raising money to trap, neuter, vaccinate and return 76 cats from/to a long-established colony in North Wilmington which was

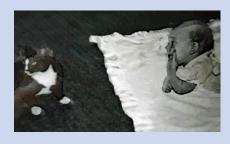


starting to get "unmanageable."

3. Transporting cats, and most recently 25 kittens, to Maine and New Hampshire. So far, Kathie has made five trips!

Kathie holding one of our kittens at the July 23-25 Adoption Event at the Brandywine PetSmart.

Kathie's close involvement with cats began long before her involvement with Forgotten Cats. She is part of the third generation of "cat lovers" in her family and has had a cat since she was 6 months old. Her family loved all animals but cats held a special place in their hearts.



When Kathie began her Forgotten Cats involvement as a foster in 2017, her first set of kittens were referred to as "the I-95 kittens"

because the three kittens and their feral mom were discovered walking along one of the I-95 ramps! Right off the bat Kathie became a "foster fail" adopting two of those kittens, Teejay and Mika. *Pictured above is baby Kathie at age 6 months with her first cat Skimpy.*

But she did not let that deter her from her mission – she went right on fostering many kittens and cats. Being a kitten foster to kittens who require extra socialization can be labor intensive and requires a lot of patience and flexibility. In addition, Kathie tells us, there's much worrying about whether they are going to become happily adjusted kittens. But when they do, she adds, the rewards and sense of pride in them is immense.

In 2019 she adopted another of her fosters, Neal. He joined the other members of the Foss fur family of Teejay, Mika and Buster (who entered the fold from the Delaware Humane Society before the Forgotten Cats connection).







Pictured above, Kathie's current fur family – left to right, Buster, Teejay, Mika and Neal.

Regarding her monumental efforts with the large North Wilmington feral community, Kathie says it was a project accomplished in just ten days. All of the cats were kept at the Trainer Clinic until the last cat was trapped. "Working with the trappers, Renae Leonard, Margie Horisk and Sharon Sponheimer, the clinic crew – including Forgotten Cats founder Felicia Cross and board member John Fedele was a "phenomenal endeavor" says Kathie. "They were all fun to work with and I learned so much from them." As a result, that particular colony has remained stable for almost 18 months.











These photos capture some of the scenes from the North Wilmington rescue project where 76 feral cats were given TNVR services by Kathie and her Forgotten Cats colleagues.

As for the transports of cats and kittens to Maine and New Hampshire, Kathie notes that this is done when we take in more cats and kittens than we can house, so we transport them to other rescue shelters that are not currently over-burdened and can better accommodate them. She says the particular rescues she traveled to were top notch, well run, and that almost all of the animals she transported have already found nice homes. She felt so comfortable with them that she says she wouldn't hesitate sending her fosters there in a heart-beat. When she makes these trips she goes with another volunteer which makes the trip fun and doable as they split the driving.

Over the years, as Kathie became more involved in Forgotten Cats volunteer work, the array of duties she performed has grown to include clean and feed at the Brandywine Adoption Center, as needed, and assisting with adoption events, which she loves doing. She says she has only missed one in two years! She says that one of the reasons she enjoys volunteering at FC so much is the breadth of rescue activities she is exposed to and participates in. "And, of course, I have met some really great cats and wonderful people, too" she adds.

Outside of her "catting" activities, Kathie works as a registered nurse for Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia – a job that she says is "not for the faint of heart." She says it is very interesting work as she handles many different types of cases simultaneously. Her professional nursing experience is probably a contributing factor to her being such a wonderful foster mom to the medically-challenged kitties.



She also has musical talents, playing both flute and hand bells – mostly for her church but also for special musical events and concerts.

And in the "tiny bit of time" left over after handling all of the above, Kathie is a block leader and acting vice president for her neighborhood civic association.

What's next for Kathie? She plans to retire from her nursing position over the next few months, and although she says "I don't want to give up any of my current passions, I would be interested in taking an enhanced route through them." At Forgotten Cats, she would like to become an adoption counselor and try working with neonatal kittens, with or without a mother. She would also like to train to be an animal disaster relief volunteer, and possibly join the

volunteer nurse corps. Kathie, left, on flute and handbells.

Kathie, Forgotten Cats appreciates all that you do for us and we're very happy that we will continue to be a part of your future!









for Harbor (formerly Shadow)!

Here is an update on Harbor (Shadow) since his adoption from Forgotten Cats!

Harbor has settled into our home wonderfully. He is such a sweet, gentle cat. He is very quiet and inquisitive. He loves his two brothers - Sunny (another boy from Forgotten Cats) and Fenway (a Golden Retriever). Harbor and Sunny spend much of their days playing together. They enjoy napping on the couch or in the sun. Harbor greets us

when we come home. He always wants to be where everyone is. It seems like Harbor has been with us for years, rather than a few weeks.

We feel like we hit the jackpot twice with another amazing cat from Forgotten Cats. We could not be happier with Harbor and Sunny. Together they bring much love and happiness to our home

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Full and Part-time Veterinarian



Part and Full-Time Veterinarian Positions Available!

Forgotten Cats, Inc. operates one of the largest trap, neuter, vaccinate & release (TNVR) programs in the country. Due to expanding needs, we are seeking a Full and Part-Time veterinarian to join our compassionate team, working to reduce the

homeless cat population through TNVR.

This employment opportunity offers a flexible work schedule as well as location. Forgotten Cats operates two clinics - one in Trainer, PA (Delaware County) and one in Willow Grove, PA. The candidate will perform routine and emergency surgery, as well as provide wellness services and medical treatment within our facilities.

Since our inception in 2003, Forgotten Cats has sterilized and provided medical treatment for over 150,000 cats and kittens within our facilities. In addition, over 17,000 homeless cats and kittens were removed from the streets and given a second chance at life in loving forever homes through our adoption program.

Due to the high volume of sterilizations performed at our clinics, the candidate must have surgery experience, a willingness to learn, be able to function in a high-energy environment and enjoy working with cats. Salary is commensurate with experience.

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.

Please consider joining our dynamic team where we make the

extraordinary occurrence an ordinary occurrence each day.

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 info@forgottencats.org

PS. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this job opening, please have them respond to info@forgottencats.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Full-time 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 - near Claymont, DE.

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, <u>but the rewards of making a positive difference in the lives of sick</u>, injured, and/or frightened cats are immense.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Clinic Volunteers

Dear Friends.

We are in DESPERATE need for CLINIC Volunteers in our Trainer Clinic (Delaware County, PA - near Claymont, DE).

We are looking for help on Mondays.

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.

Volunteers must commit to either One Full Day a week or Half a day.

Serious Inquiries only please.

In your reply PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER!

Thanks,

John Fedele, Vice-President Forgotten Cats, Inc.

Email: info@forgottencats.org

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Willow Grove Adoption Event

The next Willow Grove adoption event will be held August 28 - please spread the word that we will have lots of adorable cats and kittens available for adoption!

Willow Grove PetSmart 3995 Welsh Rd. Willow Grove, PA 19090



The <u>Forgotten 2 Forever Boutique</u> will be popping up again at the Tinicum Farm Market Wednesday, August 25 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

We have lots of neat items for sale - cat themed tshirts, tie dye t-shirts, beaded bookmarks, cute cat mugs, beautiful beaded bracelets, hand made sachets, handmade cat pads, and so much more. All items are donated and 100% of the sales go directly to Forgotten Cats!

There is entertainment for adults and children, food



and beverage vendors, and so much more!

We will also be at the Art on the Green 50th Anniversary Event Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm in New Castle, DE.

And in October, we will be at the Yachtstock Rocktoberfest Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 11:00 am to 8:30 pm at the West End Boat Club in Tinicum, PA.

If you would like to be a part of our artistic/crafting team, please email:

forgotten2foreverboutiquefc@gmail.com.



Save the date!

We are excited to share the news that we are planning our very first Meow Madness "Meowsquerade" Party October 28, 2021 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at The Reef Seafood & Steak restaurant in Wilmington, DE!

Although things are uncertain right now, we will continue to plan what we believe will be a super fun event and adjust our planning accordingly.

Stay tuned for more details . . .



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Amazon Wish List

Chewy to donate much-needed pet food and supplies directly to our organization. Click the link to donate today! Chewy 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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