



Forgotten Cats News

September 2021

August 2021 Status:

We sterilized 1416 cats and placed 149 cats into loving forever home.

Upcoming Events-

"Meowsquerade" Event

The "Meowsquerade" event we were planning for **October** is now **Cancelled**, due to current circumstances regarding COVID and the safety of everyone involved.

Saturday, October 9

10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Adoption Event-

Willow Grove PetSmart

3995 Welsh Rd, Willow Grove, PA

Saturday, October 9

11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Forgotten 2 Forever Boutique

Yachtstock Rocktoberfest

<https://www.yachtstock.org>

West End Boat Club, Essington, PA

This is a ticketed event benefiting *Shriners Children's Hospital*, so there is a **\$25.00** admission fee. There will be food & craft vendors as well as performances by 18 bands throughout the day.

Fall MATCH Campaign Starts 9/30 Delaware County Homeless Cats Need Our Help!



Can you believe that there are estimated to be roughly **40,000 homeless cats** in Delaware County, Pennsylvania?

There are **40,000** cats breeding uncontrollably... **40,000** cats struggling to survive. Without intervention, this number will continue to rise.

Three generous donors have offered to match up to a maximum of **\$20,000** in donations for this effort that are made to Forgotten Cats **between now and October 12th**. *All gifts must be received by October 12th.*

Please help us get the full benefit of this gracious offer by sending your donation **TODAY**. With your help, we are going to begin to tackle this crisis. **YOU** have the opportunity to help us save lives now!

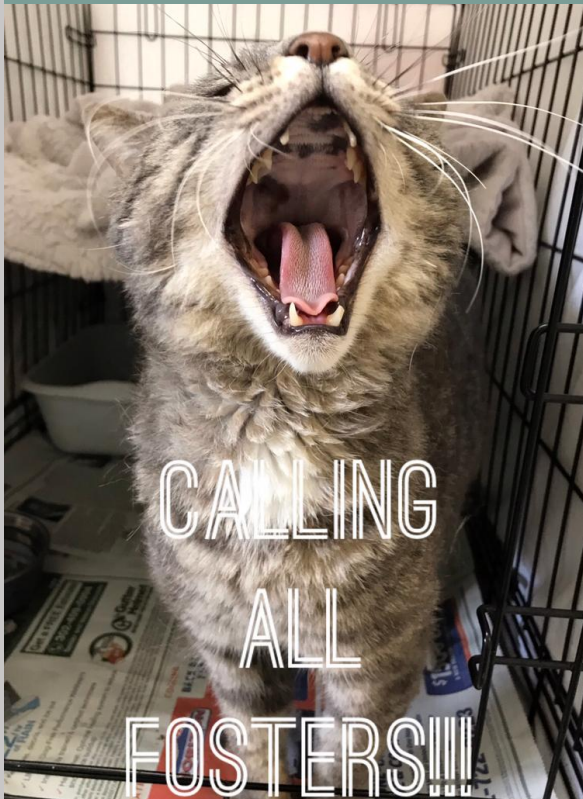
Donate
TODAY!

New Corporate Sponsor-WSFS

We are very excited to announce WSFS Bank as a Silver+ sponsor 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 WSFS Bank to help us do this very important work. Our thanks go out to WSFS Bank (500 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19801) for partnering 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.wsfsbank.com/>



FOSTERS NEEDED FOR CATS & KITTENS NOW!



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 or kitten, you are literally saving a life. We cannot do what we do without **YOU**.

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. We also still have many kittens that need fostering.

Anything you can provide is better than a cage.
<https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/>

Volunteering at Forgotten Cats Provided that “Missing Piece” in an Otherwise Very Full Life

by Mary Ann Emely

It was in 2002 when life for our September Volunteer of the Month, Jane Chickadel

took an interesting turn. Prior to that fateful day, Jane had long considered herself a “dog person.” On this day her youngest son, Tom came running into the house yelling something about “the kittens, the kittens outside.” Jane investigated and discovered a feral momma cat carrying four newborn kittens, dropping them one-by-one into a storm drain. They needed to be rescued! Jane, her husband, her sons and a neighbor immediately tackled the challenge and began a successful effort to save the babies and nurse them to an “adoptable” age at Jane’s house. Thus began the “cat person” life of Jane!



Above, Jane and her husband of 45 years, Jim; and below with new grand-daughter, Delfina.



Jane Chickadel, is a happily busy wife (she had met her husband as a student at the University of Delaware), mother (of three sons) and professional woman (a CPA) working part-time during the hours that her boys were in school. Following the storm drain kittens adventure, she adopted two of the babies - **Frisky** and **Cinnamon (AKA Cinny!)** and life went on in the new “cat dimension”. The kittens became such an integral part of her family that, upon receiving an unexpected Christmas bonus at work in 2006, it was easy for Jane to decide she wanted to give that bonus to a cat rescue organization. She did her research and identified Forgotten Cats as the likely recipient.

When she made that first contribution, Jane’s point of contact at FC was our volunteer, Beth Allen. Upon learning that Jane was a CPA and loved accounting, Beth recruited **Jane** to be **FC’s volunteer treasurer**. Because Jane’s professional job was only part-time, Jane decided she would have time to handle FC’s finances and she would be able to contribute her skills to an organization that took care of the kitties that she now cared a lot about. She accepted and loved her new FC treasurer duties! It wasn’t long after this that Jane said she experienced an **“aha” moment in life** - her financial volunteer work in support of our cats was fulfilling a missing piece in her life and made her feel like her life was now truly complete.

Jane explained that many people dislike accounting, but she **LOVES** it - always has. Being the Forgotten Cats treasurer has been a joy for her. She loves paying the bills, balancing the books, depositing receipts, working with the auditors, etc. - and to have the opportunity to do this for an organization like FC, which does so much for kitties in need has been such a pleasure for her.

She also notes that she is grateful to have a very supportive husband who has been helpful with the home and the boys, thereby allowing her to volunteer at Forgotten Cats all these years. He's her biggest cheerleader, she adds.

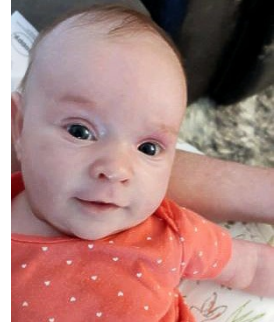
Jane is very passionate about what she does, and about the work of Forgotten Cats in particular. She speaks with great admiration about the many dedicated FC volunteers she has met and worked with over the past **15+ years**, especially Felicia Cross and the other volunteers who were present from Day One working hard to build this organization to what it is today. Felicia, in particular, Jane notes, has been the catalyst for FC's phenomenal growth, starting multiple new initiatives while maintaining the high-level efforts already in place. Our former "dog person" is now unequivocally a "cat person" and she loves being a part of an organization that does so much to improve cats' lives.



Above, Jane's feline family members - left to right - Frisky and Cinny, the original storm drain rescue kittens that she adopted; Bobby, another neighborhood rescue; and her currently living fur babies, Butler who is 17, and has been her "desktop assistant" during virtual Covid work days; and Tux, who is 9, and who sleeps with her every night. All were rescues!

When Jane's youngest son turned 18, Jane decided to begin working (at her paying job!) full-time. There were times, she admits, when the demands of the FC volunteer work coupled with her full-time professional work seemed overwhelming. Being a consummate professional, it was important that everything she did receive her full and best efforts, and despite some challenging days, she was able to make it all work thanks to the invaluable help she received over the years from volunteers Helen Trgala, Kathe O'Connor, Pat Carpenter and others in making deposits, recording them and assisting with analytical and other financial tasks. Jane says she couldn't have done it without them, but believes that when you truly love what you are doing, you can always find a way to make it all come together as it should.

Jane currently works as the Controller for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington. Over the years she has worked for both for-profit and nonprofit organizations, something that has provided a valuable background for her role as FC's treasurer. When Jane isn't busy providing support to either Catholic Charities or Forgotten Cats, she dotes on the other loves of her life - her family members. Besides the fur babies, Jane adores her three sons, Andrew, 34, Dan, 31 and Tom, the son who started Jane's involvement with cats - he's now 27. Family "down time" is often spent at the Jersey shore, a place they all love. Andrew and his wife Jen recently added a grand-baby to Jane's life - Delfina Marie, who Jane calls her "sweet pea". And youngest son Tom will get married in June 2022 - something else to keep Jane busy in the coming months!



Above, left to right - Jane with the men in her life, Dan, Tom, Jim, and Andrew; the family with daughter-in-law Jen vacationing in Marco Island, Florida; and baby sweet pea, Delfina.

Clearly, Jane leads a very full life. It is Forgotten Cats' good fortune that its volunteer treasurer for all these years seems to typify that "busy person" to which comedian/actress Lucille Ball once referred when she said *"If you really want something done, ask a busy person to do it."* Humbly, Jane says she is just one of the many behind-the-scenes FC volunteers who perform the "housekeeping" tasks that keep the organization running - they handle the correspondence, stuff envelopes, pick-up and sort the mail, update the website, update the database, maintain the kitties' photos in the gallery, etc. - though some people might think these jobs are not as much "fun" as hands-on kitty duties, they are equally essential in helping Forgotten Cats meet its mission.

We are grateful that Jane has found her work at Forgotten Cats to be as fulfilling to her as we have found her efforts to be immensely beneficial to us.

Thank you, Jane! We are honored to celebrate you!

Senior Cats Are Great Companions-"Senior Cats Rock"!

Did you know that senior cats are one of the most overlooked and the hardest to find homes for? Most people prefer younger cats or the "oh so cute" kittens. But as anyone that has adopted a senior cat will tell you, it's one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives and the joy that adopting a senior cat brings is beyond compare.

Besides the fact that **"Senior Cats Rock"**, there are many reasons to adopt a senior cat:

- They most likely have previously been in a home and know what it is to love and to be loved.
- If they haven't been in a home, they really enjoy the security that being in a home brings.
- They make wonderful companions - they will bring unconditional love, offer a sense of purpose, and can bring healing comfort to anyone that opens their heart to them.
- Their personality is already developed, so you will know if he or she is a good fit for your family.
- They are calmer, more settled, and usually still playful. They often know that scratching posts (not furniture) are for scratching and toys (not hands or feet) are for biting.
- They appreciate having a loving and secure environment to spend their remaining years.

Senior cats are great companions for anyone of any age. But at Forgotten Cats, we feel that they are especially great companions for other seniors, which is why we also have our “**Senior Cats for Senior Laps**” service. Our goal is to match senior cats, ages 7 and above, with approved applicants who are 65 and older. We can help find loving companionship for seniors looking to share their homes with a friendly, gentle cat - a cat that is often overlooked due to age and needs a loving forever home.

Forgotten Cats currently has several senior cats in need of a loving forever home - **Tilly, Pearl, Anastasia, Percy, Max & Ruby** (bonded pair), **Matthew, Madeline and Xenon**. **Tilly and Pearl** are both still in need of foster homes. If you or someone you know would love the companionship of a senior cat, please consider one of our precious seniors - both your life and that of the cat will be greatly enriched.



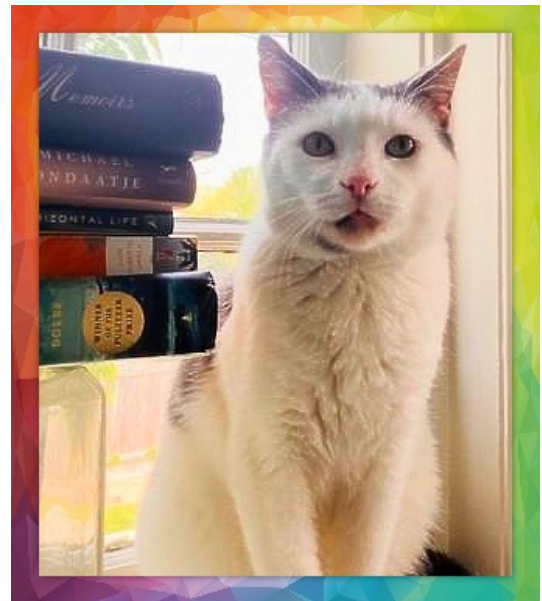
Anastasia

At about 13 years old, **Anastasia** is a sweet and affectionate senior looking for her forever home. She enjoys pets from her foster family as well as lots of yummy soft food. Being a senior, she does enjoy napping, but perks right up when she gets attention! She is learning to enjoy toys, catnip and being combed. She would be most happy in a home without other cats or dogs. **FCID# 03/11/2021 - 36**

Matthew

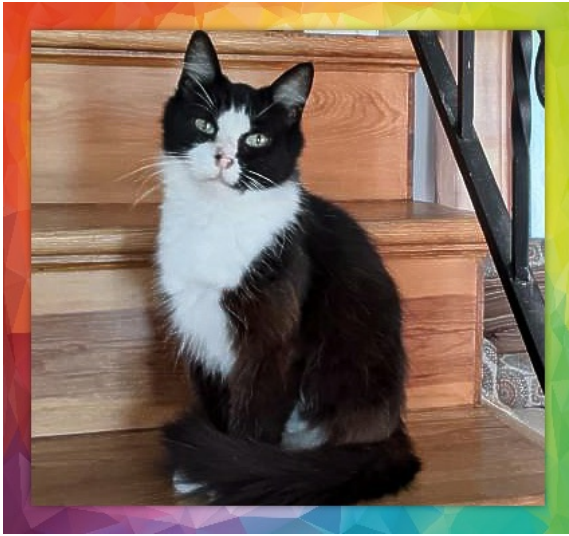
Matthew, approximately 7 years old, was found on the streets of Philadelphia in poor shape. He came to Forgotten Cats and was given the love, care, and medical attention he needed, and now he is ready for his forever home!

Due to lack of food when he was on the streets, Matthew does have some food insecurity issues - he can become stressed if he feels he won't have enough food and may hiss. His foster family has found that feeding him independently, away from other pets, is the best option. Matthew craves attention from people and loves to be pet on his head. He likes to be in the middle of the goings on with other cats and his humans but prefers to play by his rules - when he is nervous or has had enough, he may hiss and swat, but this improves as he feels more comfortable. He enjoys cuddling on the couch with his humans.



Matthew has been interacting with children ages 11 and 12 while in foster care, and he gets along with other felines with no problem. He had to have all his teeth extracted causing his little bubblegum pink tongue to hang out of his mouth.

Matthew loves his wet food and will meow and try to direct his human to the food bowl when it is mealtime. Matthew would love a safe and calm environment to call his forever home. Every staff member and volunteer at Forgotten Cats is rooting for this guy to have someone fall in love with him and give him a soft place to rest his head



Percy

This is **Percy** - a sweet and calm senior cat! She is at least 10 years old, if not older - we believe she spent her entire life outdoors. She is a typical senior cat - she enjoys lounging around and sleeping all day. She doesn't really play with toys, but she enjoys looking out the window. She enjoys attention from people and being pet. She doesn't love being picked up, but she'll tolerate it for a short while. Now that her outdoor life is over, she just wants to be cozy in a forever home.

Percy's hearing is odd - we're not sure if she's partially deaf, or simply doesn't care. She is unperturbed by the vacuum and just sits and watches while you do all the work! Due to her age, she needs to be able to easily access a litter box - none with high sides or hard to climb into. Percy is missing many teeth, so she needs to be on wet food diet.

She's generally apathetic towards other cats, but if there's any aggression from other cats towards her, she won't back down. So, she's neither good with nor bad with other cats. She has had no contact with children, so she would do best in a home without children under 10 years old. **FCID: 07/02/21 - 136**



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

Rain and River are a Special Needs Kittens and a Bonded Pair and They are Looking for Their Forever Home

Please meet **Rain** and **River**
(FCID# 01/21/2021-501, 502)!

**Seriously? Who wouldn't want this double dip of grey
kissy faces?**

Rain and River are the ying and yang of kitten. Rain is a love bug cuddly girl, River is a rambunctious athlete determined to get that. featherbird!!



You can see River's food allergy **EGC*** at its worst (*We experimented. Yeah, no, hills DD does not work lol*) its funky looking but it really doesn't bother her much

because..that featherbird is all she thinks about .

Rain's allergy will always be a bit drippy on and off. Rain has chronic soft stools. But we can adjust and work with that easily too.



Both are likely due to severe food allergies. They need to be on special diet; they eat Hill's z/d (with no 'accidental' sneaky tasting of other pets or humans food!)

The perfect family will understand that they are the perfect kittens while being not "perfect" and help them along while at the same time having the CUTEST GREY WIGGLY CLOUD OF HAPPINESS in their home.

Spayed and fully vaccinated..
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Age: 10 months.

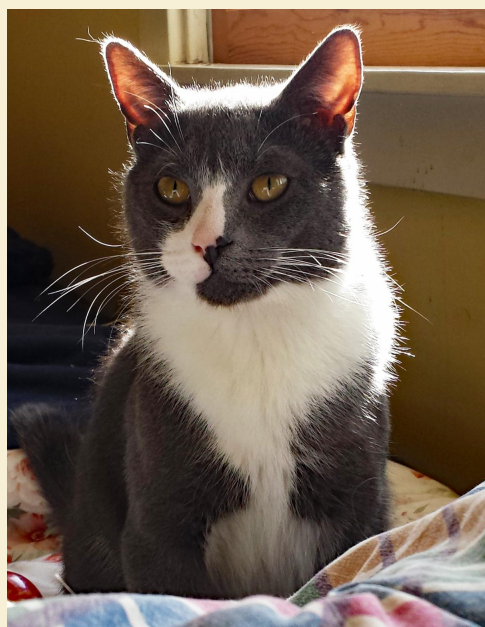
Born approximately August 2020.

Please submit a no-obligation application for a covid-safe meet and greet or to adopt!
<https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>.

We can answer all your questions if you fall
for these little sweethearts like we have.

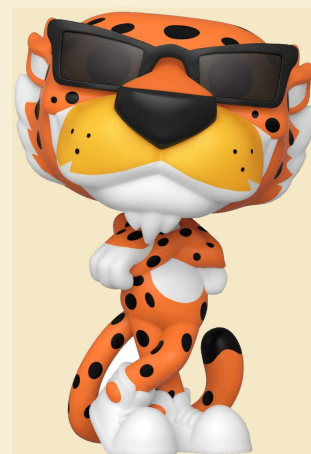
**Eosiniphyllic Granuloma Complex*

Happy Endings



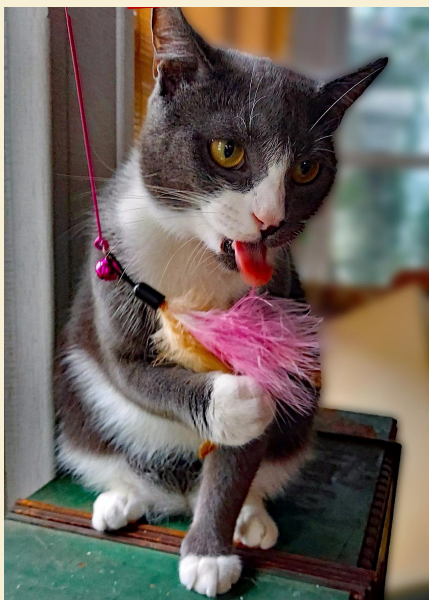
Happy Endings for "Chester Cheetos"

Chester came to the Trainer shelter as a young, 10-11 month old "teenager" in late January 2020 from a colony next to a bakery in Chester called "Kyj's". Somebody at the shelter named his group after the characters in the Happy Days TV show. There was a Ralphie and a Richie (both since adopted) and Chester - who was then known as Mr. C., Richie Cunningham's dad. Chester was "his own man, a guy from the





*Cool dude “ Chester Cheetos” -
lounging on a chaise lounge during
his vacay in Florida!*



streets who could be a bit of a bully” wrote his foster, Kathy McDonough, in Chester’s FC online bio. She said she changed Mr. C. to Chester, as Chester, PA was his birthplace.

Well, the “tough guy” bio resonated with Chester’s future humans, Deb and Craig Menta. Deb says she wasn’t even really looking for another cat when a friend sent her the link to the Forgotten Cats’ gallery and one of the photos Kathy had posted captured his personality, and his appearance which was that of a dead ringer for a former cat of the Mentas. She said the Mentas are particularly partial to gray and white tuxedos.

Deb then contacted Forgotten Cats regarding Chester and two other FC cats who were at Willow Grove. Deb and Craig first drove from their home in Bucks County to the Delaware County shelter to meet Chester and his fosters, Kathy and Andrew. Deb said it was like meeting all of their former cats rolled into one - he looked like Murray, behaved like Sylvester, had the front head and leg stripes of Ralphie. They were enamored! And the more time they spent with him, the more they were able to see hints of their other previous cats Bruno and Vinnie.

They did check out the other two cats at Willow Grove, but the more they talked about it the more they knew Chester was the one! Deb and her husband told Kathy and Andrew they wanted to adopt Chester and arranged a convenient time to meet them all at the Delco shelter. Kathy and Andrew arrived with Chester and his bed, toys and a full bag of food. On their way back to Bucks County they passed a Frito Lays truck with a huge Chester Cheetos plastered on its side and ironically, when they got home they saw a commercial for Cheetos on the TV! They decided it was a sign and the Chester from the mean streets of Chester, Pennsylvania became **“Chester Cheetos”** and a part of the Mentas family!

The Mentas recently traveled to Florida with Chester and their dog, Snuffles where Chester enjoyed the adventure very much. Deb sent a photo of Chester on a lounge chair (above) enjoying the good life on his vacation. He deserved a good home, and, says Deb, thanks to Kathy and Andrew he got it!

Another happy ending at Forgotten Cats!



Happy Ending for Ginny!

Hi everyone! I just wanted to thank you all for what you do for all of these precious kitties. Forgotten cats is in my opinion the best place to adopt and I recommend you guys to everyone I know who is looking to adopt.

I wanted to give an update on our baby who we adopted on March 4th 2020 from the Levittown PA Petsmart. Her name in the shelter was Yumi but we call her **Ginny (Aka Gin)** now. She has been with us for a year and a half and adopting her was the best decision and she has changed our lives in the best way.

She is so sweet and inquisitive, she is a cuddle bug, she is very vocal, she looooves belly rubs and she has become best friends with our bunny, **Truffles**. They love playing together and giving each other baths and taking naps together. I just can't thank you all enough for all that you do.

Keep up the great work!



Noah=Adopted!!!

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Senior kitty Noah has finally been adopted! Noah's owner and best friend sadly passed away last year and he found himself at **nearly 10 years old** without a home. Forgotten Cats brought Noah in where he spent the next year in two different foster homes waiting for someone to see him for the unique soul he is.

In a week long stint at the Brookhaven Adoption Center, it was determined Noah would not do well in a center environment but it did allow him to make a lasting impression on many of the volunteers.

Noah will forever be an only cat (*exactly how he wants it!*) with a wonderful young woman named Priya. Noah's new name is **Bilee** which means "cat" in the Indian Language. Funny enough "**Silly Billy**" has been a long-time nick-name of Noah's.

Best wishes to our black bear, Noah/Bilee!

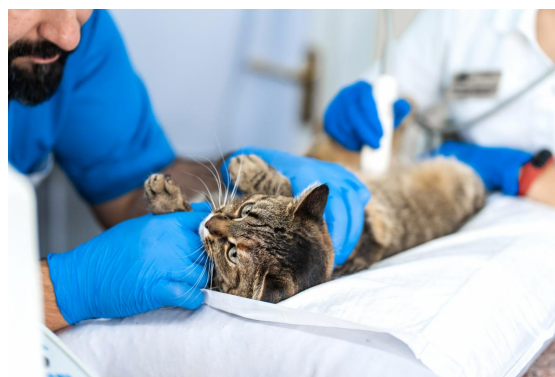


Employment Opportunity with Forgotten Cats

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 Fedeles, Vice President of Forgotten Cats, at info@forgottencats.org

Please share this job opportunity far and wide!



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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.

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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