



October 2021

September 2021 Status: We sterilized 1471 cats and placed 159 cats into loving forever homes.

Adoption Event TODAY-



The Mobile Adoption Trailer is making one more appearance before the cold weather sets in!

In partnership with Heart + Paw, we will be in the Glen Eagle Square Shopping Center TODAY, October 30 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm with some of our adorable cats and kittens that are hoping to find their forever homes.

If you are looking for a new furry family member, please stop by and visit with our cats and kittens. For <u>pre-approval</u>, please complete our no-obligation adoption application with "**TBD**" instead of the name of a specific cat in case you meet the cat or kitten of your dreams at the event!

Adoption Application



Levittown PetSmart Adoption Center has Re-Opened!

We have some "pawsome" news - our Levittown PetSmart Adoption Center has Re-Opened! Keep an eye out for the adorable cats and kittens that will be available for adoption at the Levittown Adoption Center.

The Center will be needing <u>Volunteers</u>, so if you or anyone you know is interested in joining our cat-loving team at Levittown please **email us** and **INCLUDE** your phone number at *info@forgottencats.org*

Adult & Kitten Fosters

DESPERATELY NEEDED In Delaware County AND Willow Grove!

By <u>fostering</u>, you can make a difference in their lives...

Want a furry friend without the commitment? Why not consider <u>fostering</u>? Fostering is essential to allow us to continue bringing in homeless kitties from the streets. *Every*



time you chose to foster a cat, you are literally saving a life. We cannot do what we do without YOU!

As 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.

AND we still have kittens that need fosters as well - Weaned kittens and kittens & moms - the shelter environment is not a healthy environment for kittens as they are fragile and at risk of infection. And not to mention that kittens are just plain fun to have around!

Please help if you can! Anything you can provide is better than a cage.

Foster Application

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We'd like to extend a sincere **Thank You** to our match donors and to all our supporters who donated to our **Delaware County Match Campaign**.

Because of you, we will be able to TNVR over 1200 homeless cats in Delaware County! This will prevent the birth of over 3000 kittens. Thank you for caring about homeless cats today and every day.







"Kitty Krafters" Raise \$250 for Forgotten Cats

This is Madison Kasehagen (right) & Lena Abdel-Salam (glasses). These "Kitty Krafters" did a fund-raising event in the summer and raised \$250 for Forgotten Cats! They sold handmade crafts, treats and small bags of flower seeds.

They "presented" the check to us on October 10th, just in time for our donation Match Drive meaning that Forgotten Cats got \$500. These girls worked so hard and it is inspiring to see such initiative.

Thank You to Madison & Lena for donating this money to help Forgotten Cats!

"Loving Strays" May Have Been the "Weakness" that Led Spotlighted October Volunteer to Forgotten Cats

by Mary Ann Emely

The **October Volunteer Spotlight** shines brightly on animal lover **Annette Uhde** who has been a Forgotten Cats volunteer for the last three years. Annette volunteers for us at the Brandywine PetSmart adoption center.



To the left, Annette at the Brandywine adoption center with Muffin, who was successfully adopted last month.

When she retired from a career in accounting/administration three years ago, she said she felt she wanted to use the extra time in her life to help as many cats as she could. Forgotten Cats gives her that opportunity to love our cats, help keep them safe and find them a good forever home.

Annette's love of cats has been with her since she was a child when there were

always cats (and dogs!) in the family. There still are! She currently has six cats and three dogs, and they all get along very well, she tells us. All of her pets have been rescued from the streets, and many of her friends have taken in strays.

She is partial to black cats, and after she had lost her black cat of 9 years to cancer, her son invited Annette and her husband to his home in Rehoboth where he placed a 2-week old kitten on her lap; he had found the kitten at the side of the road and brought it home to nurse it. The kitten immediately took to Annette, and she to the kitten and that feline of the Uhde family, **Smokey**, is now 8 years old. Another time her husband brought home two five-month old brother and sister kittens. That first day in the house they both scampered down to the basement, some how got into the fishing tackle box and ran back upstairs with fishhooks in their faces. Annette and her husband rushed those kittens to the emergency vet at 10 pm that night, where they were successfully treated and have not had similar catastrophic experiences since! That experience led to them being named **Bonnie and Clyde!** Bonnie and Clyde are now 11 years old. (*Her other three cats are* **Rusty, Frankie, and Willie, and her dogs are Lady, Foxy and Bruiser**.)



Above is Annette with her black cat, Smokey; and at right she is with Georgia, another Brandywine FC kitty who was a successful adoptee.

Caring for and loving these stray kitties has been a "weakness" for her and for her three sons, Marc, Gregg and Eric, so she thinks it makes sense that this passion has been the motivating factor behind her devotion to her volunteer work at Forgotten Cats.

You will find Annette at the Brandywine PetSmart three days a week, approximately 10 hours a week, making sure the cats and kittens are well taken care of, socializing them, loving them, and keeping their cages clean. She works with potential adopters making sure to match each adopter with the right cat.

Annette also serves as a Forgotten Cats adoption counselor. As such, when one of the adoption processors calls her to say that one or two kitties are ready to be adopted, she works with them and with the prospective adopters to facilitate the transition. She is also called upon to train new volunteers that will hopefully become part of the FC volunteer family. But generally, adds Annette, she thinks of what she does as helping to work on ways to make our center more efficient so we can get more cats adopted.

Annette tells us that one of the best parts of being an FC volunteer is that she has met some very wonderful people - other volunteers, administrators, processors and, of course, the adopters who sometimes send photos of their new babies to let us know how happy they are with the adoption. Some have become good friends, and some have even become FC volunteers.

When she isn't busily caring for her own pets or for FC cats, Annette enjoys traveling. She is a native of New York and has enjoyed visiting Manhattan several times a year - until the pandemic affected us all. She says there is much to do in that city, and she has especially enjoyed the shows. Another favorite spot of hers has been Newport, Rhode Island. Hopefully we will all soon be able to get back to doing the things that have been adversely affected by the pandemic - like traveling.

Volunteering at Forgotten Cats has given Annette hope that the work we do increases the chance of finding good homes for more and more cats and kittens. There are some cats she really gets attached to, and when they are adopted, she can't help but shed some tears - a combination of sad tears that they are leaving us, and tears of joy that they have found their furever homes!





FIV - End the Stigma

Due to certain myths about Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), FIV+ cats are often euthanized or are considered unadoptable. After years of research, we now know that FIV is ONLY transmitted through deep bite wounds and that FIV+ cats do NOT have a higher incidence of illness. FIV+ cats can safely live among other FIV- cats and can live the same lifespan as non-FIV+ cats. And for some reason, we have found that FIV+ cats tend to be super sweet and cuddly!

Please check out our FIV+ Cat Facts and some of our FIV+ cats that are currently available for adoption (not pictured are Polo & Tina). These FIV+ kitties would love to find a loving forever home. If you are interested in adopting one of these sweet, beautiful cats, please fill out our no obligation application at: https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/





Hamish

If you are looking for a sweet kitty, then this adorable orange and white kitty is for you! Hamish is a total cuddle bug. He loves to snuggle and sit on your lap. He likes playing with his wand toys too. He loves being pet and carried around. Hamish also loves to hang out in his cat tower! Hamish's new foster says, "He is a happy, playful little guy who deserves a loving home." FCID# 07/08/2021 - 5

Kimba

Meet Kimba, the white lion! Kimba was called a lion by his previous foster mom because of the size of his paws they are huge! Before coming to Forgotten Cats, Kimba had a rough life. But he is now ready for a forever home where once he gets to know you, he will accept head pets & chin scratches and will reward you with lots of purrs and biscuits. He loves lying next to his person and accepting all the love you have to give him and he doesn't mind other cats. He is very chatty and talks to people and other cats frequently. He also loves playing with toy mice, chasing toys on a stick and the laser light. Kimba is a very loving boy estimated to be around 5 - 8 years old. Kimba is currently staying at our adoption center at Pet Supplies Plus in West Chester, PA. FCID# 05/07/2021 - 108





Bear

How cute is Bear? We think he's the CUTEST kitty around and know you will absolutely adore him. Bear is super loving and affectionate. He's two-three years old, very outgoing and very friendly. Bear is great with other cats. This guy is sure to make you smile. He's the most wonderful, well-rounded cat and would be an amazing addition to any home. Please take Bear home ASAP and you can thank us later! FCID# 07/15/2021 - 68

Shyla

This **sweet girl** is aptly named - she is a very shy girl, but you can tell that **she just needs a quiet place with lots of love to come out of her shell**! Shyla is about 2 years old and **does not have a tail**. Shyla also bears a striking resemblance to everyone's favorite chemist, **Yzma** from Emperor's New Groove! **FCID# 07/20/2021 - 113**



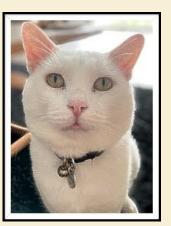
Reina is such a

Reina is such a sweet and gentle girl. She



loves to get pets and attention from her favorite person. She likes to lounge around all day in her cat tree but when she sees a volunteer approach she jumps up for some affection. She's great with other cats and currently shares a larger space with another cat named **Cooper** - they're great friends! **This adorable girl is hoping she can get out of the shelter and into a loving home** (*permanent or foster*!). **She'll be waiting for you.** Reina is approximately 3-4 years old. **FCID# 05/24/2021 - 19**

Happy Endings & Kitties Looking for Forever Homes





Happy Endings for Oatley!

To the wonderful organization Forgotten Cats,

I have attached some photos of **Oatley**, who I adopted from the Christiana Petsmart in June 2021. When I first adopted him, he put on quite a "grumpy old man" persona. However, I could see right through this front he was putting up, and knew he would make a great companion. The day I brought him home, he immediately became an extremely affectionate cat and greets every person who walks through our home with no hesitation.

When I brought him home, I learned he had a severe form of **stomatitis**, which was a result of him being FIV+. I was overwhelmed with this diagnosis because I was told he needed a full mouth tooth extraction, which can be an expensive procedure. I called Forgotten Cats, and they were able to help me to ensure that Oatley could live comfortably and relatively pain-free by helping me figure out a plan for his treatment.

Oatley has become my best friend and I am so happy to have adopted an adult FIV+ cat. He spends his days sitting on my desk as I study in law school, putting up with harness training, and sleeping on his cardboard scratching boards. He loves head scratches and begs for them every morning as soon as I wake up and insists to have head scratches before bed.

Thank you for everything you do and bringing me my best friend! :)

Biscuit is Looking for His Forever Home!



He makes Biscuits!!! Biscuit (FCID# 04/22/2021 - 11) is a one-year old gray and white kitty with tons of playful energy. He is super friendly, goofy and happy. If there was a kitty biscuit making competition Biscuit would literally be the champion because he loves making biscuits in his beds, in his foster's bed and even on his foster's arms and legs while laying down in bed together or watching TV. Biscuit is such an easy-going cat. His behavior is like a dog in the sense that he comes running to the doorway when he hears you entering and he'll follow you around the house. Biscuit gets along very well with his foster's adult male cat; they play well together and they sleep beside each other in their beds. Biscuit also is very well-behaved with his foster's new foster kittens. He is curious, playful yet gentle with each of them. He loves playing along with them using the spiral cat toys and any interactive cat toys laying around.

Sadly, Biscuit has shifted between foster care and our adoption centers for quite a

while now. We don't understand why he has been continuously overlooked because he is a **true hidden gem of a kitty**! We question whether he is being overlooked because he is on a special prescription diet for his IBS. *The good news is that IBS symptoms can be managed as long as Biscuit remains on the script food and he'll go on to live a normal healthy productive life as any other cat.* The other thought is that Biscuit has overactive tear ducts at times throughout the day. Some days it's not even noticeable and others he looks like he is crying a bit. This is not painful or irritating and it doesn't hamper his vision in any way.

Please submit our no-obligation adoption application to meet Biscuit: <u>https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</u>

Won't you please consider giving Biscuit a forever home? You will not be disappointed!

Kittens of the Week!

Be a Superhero for Halloween this year! Please meet Jackie (09/13/2021-26, Calico) and Trixie (09/13/2021-37, Tuxedo). Give these beautiful girls a chance, and they'll give you treats forever.

They've been in foster care for a month and have learned a lot about all the great things humans have to offer - like petting and laps and canned food and toys (even slippers will do).



But they're still wary around strangers and will need some extra time and patience to get comfortable with a new family. Use your powers to transform their lives - and yours!

While Jackie and Trixie can be adopted separately, it **would be ideal if they could be adopted together**. They came from the same colony and have been together for their socialization journey so far. We think staying together would likely help them adjust to a new home and people.

Please submit our no-obligation adoption application to meet Jackie and/or Trixie: https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/

BARN HOMES NEEDED BEFORE WINTER!

Looking for a few good homes to "employ" some of our hard-working country cats with no fees to the new owners! They prefer the smell of the hay and the thrill of the hunt to cushier home surroundings!

We have some "purrfect" candidates available for the job that we'd like to get settled in before winter!

> We'll bring them to you! info@forgottencats.org



Employment Opportunity with Forgotten Cats



Vet Tech/Operations Manager

We are looking for a full-time, hands-on <u>Vet Tech/Operations</u> <u>Manager</u> 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 Fedele, Vice President of Forgotten Cats, at info@forgottencats.org

Please share this job opportunity far and wide!



Chewy Wish List

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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