



Forgotten Cats News

Nov/Dec 2021

October/November 2021 Status:
In October, we sterilized 1428 cats and placed 123 cats and in November, we sterilized 1446 cats and placed 152 cats into loving forever homes.



December's Annual Appeal is Coming Soon

This year, Forgotten Cats sterilized our 150,000th cat. Suffering, pain, hardship and neglect for millions of kittens has been prevented. **YOU** made this milestone possible. Every dollar donated and hour volunteered made this possible. And for that, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

But as we reflect on this grand achievement for homeless cats, we'd be lying if we said we could truly pause and celebrate. Because the truth is, we are busier than ever.

Our clinics are fully booked, and every cage in our shelter is full. This year alone, we spent **over \$300,000** on medical supplies. As the calls for help continue to come in, we need your help more than ever. **TOGETHER** we can continue to make a difference.



On behalf of all the dedicated volunteers at Forgotten Cats, Inc. and the precious cats and kittens we care for, **THANK YOU** so much for participating in and donating to the Perfectly Pawsome Holiday Auction!!

Thanks to you, we not only met our goal of \$5000, but exceeded it by raising \$6,126! These funds will go directly towards our mission of TNVR & rescue.

We have been reaching out to all the auction winners to schedule delivery - if you have not heard from us, please email Sandy at sandralttoth135@gmail.com.

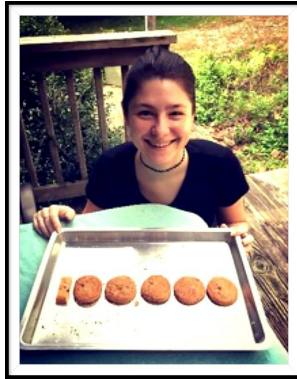
We are always amazed (but never surprised) by the generosity of our supporters! Again, you have our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity.

And thank you again to all of the businesses and individuals that donated items to the auction!

Pizza By Elizabeth's
BBC Tavern & Grill
Krazy Kat's
Sight & Sound Theater
Longwood Gardens
The Philadelphia Flyers
The Philadelphia Eagles
Total Wine & More

Autumn Leaf's Fundraisers SURPASSES \$100,000 Goal!

Fundraiser Today from 9-3 at the 29th Annual Country Christmas Craft Fair,
Avon Grove Intermediate School West Grove, PA



For those of you that do not know **Sierra Ryan-Wallick**, she is the founder of **Autumn Leaf Fundraisers (ALF)**. ALF recently surpassed their fundraising goal of \$100,000 for Forgotten Cats!

When Sierra was just 10 years old, she founded ALF. At the time, she did not intend to start a non-profit organization, but wanted to help animals. She went to her mom and asked how she could help. Her mom asked her what she could make, which was knit washcloths and beaded bracelets. So, she started making the washcloths and bracelets to sell at a local grower's market. The owner of the market generously allowed Sierra to have a booth there for free three times that first summer!

After Sierra raised \$100 that first summer, she originally wanted to help endangered animals, so she donated the money to a global wildlife organization. Sierra sent them a handwritten letter saying that she had spent her summer fundraising for them and asked if they could send her flyers or more information to give out at events. They sent her a pre-printed flyer saying thanks for your interest and to see their website for more information. After that, Sierra decided to support a local organization that would appreciate the money she raised and where she could see the impact of her donations. She had recently adopted a cat from **Forgotten Cats** at the time named **Rascal**, and so the organization seemed like the perfect fit. **Sierra loved Forgotten Cats' mission since it uniquely helped to solve the root problem of feral cats by providing them a safer life.**



Young Sierra raising money for Forgotten Cats!

When Sierra was trying to come up with a name for her project, she happened to be at a craft fair when she saw a piece of artwork portraying a leaf with beautiful autumn colors. Sierra's middle name is Autumn, so she made the connection to put everything together into **Autumn Leaf Fundraisers** with their motto of **"We Fundraise for CHANGE"** like the changing leaves of autumn.

When Sierra was asked about how ALF grew, her response was *"I love this story because young 10-year-old Sierra had only \$5 washcloths and \$1 beaded bracelets that she was selling on a little card table with a poster that said we were raising money to help animals! After that first summer and raising \$100 just selling these items, I knew I could make a difference and I started asking friends to join me, and we grew from there! People at events would come up to us and ask how they could help, so we had more people join us as volunteers. Later, people would even donate supplies to us like yarn and fabric so that our volunteers wouldn't need to purchase all the supplies themselves. Now, we have around \$14,000 in inventory and have had 230 people volunteer over 30,000 hours over the years! We estimate that the money we have raised has impacted more than 50,000 lives...kitties and humans!"*



Sierra, friends/volunteers at craft shows.

Sierra estimates that ALF has participated in **more than 275 events** over the years since its founding. When she was in high school at the peak of their fundraising, *"we would participate in farmer's markets and growers markets all spring and summer, and then sell at art and craft shows in the fall and winter, so we were very busy!"*



You may be wondering, **what's next for ALF?** Sierra has her eyes set on their **next goal of \$250,000!** Her **lifetime goal is to raise \$1,000,000 for non-profits**. According to Sierra, *"that goal seems wild to me, but between all my ventures, I think I can do it!"* While Sierra has been at college, her mom has been holding down the fort and organizing their inventory, volunteers, etc. for events. *"I'm so grateful to her for that! She developed a real passion for what we do over the years, so she has plans to continue into the foreseeable future selling at events and raising money! I've been helping on weekends with marketing, and supporting however I can, so I'm excited for the future of ALF!"*

Sierra is **currently studying Entrepreneurship at the University of Delaware**, and for the past two years, has been working on a new venture called **UP Cycle Design!** They upcycle materials like fabric and plastic bags into new products that support community causes. For example, their first product line released earlier this year were upcycled cloth stickers that are cause-themed, and they donate 15% from each sticker sold. These stickers use fabric scraps that are so small they are usually just thrown away. They are currently working on expanding their product line to include cloth bags with these same cause-themed designs. According to Sierra, *"I have 8 incredible team members, and it's my dream company since we focus on the three pillars that I am passionate about in my life: sustainability, fundraising, and mentoring!"*



Pictured above: Sierra and her mom Jennifer at one of the many craft shows they have worked together!

In addition, Sierra **founded a unique mentoring program** this year called **Impact Mentoring** with a local nonprofit **Spur Impact** where she interns. A little more than a year ago, Sierra started a vlog channel where she vlogs about her journey as a college entrepreneur with health issues (she has had chronic Lyme Disease since 2012), and that is her biggest passion project since she loves editing and filming! She has also mentored youth from all over the world to pursue their dreams and goals like she did at a young age and works as a mentor for a program called **Schoolyard Ventures** as well. Sierra is also involved with the **University of Delaware Blue Hen Leadership Program**, **Delaware Innovation Fellows program**, **Siegfried Entrepreneurial Leadership Program**, among other programs!

If you would like to check out all the wonderful items ALF has to offer and support ALF's fundraising efforts, they will be at the **29th Annual Country Christmas Craft Fair, TODAY, Saturday, December 4th from 9-3, Avon Grove Intermediate School, 395 S. Jennersville Road, West Grove, PA. 19390.** Sierra is very excited about this event because it is ALF's biggest event of the year! *"... it's an amazing event for us because everyone is so supportive, while doing their holiday shopping! Please come check us out and say hi!"*

Sierra would like to say a **HUGE thank you** to everyone who has ever been involved with Forgotten Cats or AutumnLeaf Fundraisers because you all are the reason ALF has made such incredible impact! *"You all inspire me every day to keep going and make as much of an impact as I possibly can! Like my personal motto says, keep catalyzing positive change, everyone! Together, we're changing the world for the better."*

And Forgotten Cats would like to say a HUGE thank you to Sierra and everyone involved with ALF for their efforts over the years raising funds for Forgotten Cats and spreading the word about our mission!

If you'd like to stay connected and join Sierra's community, you can find her at any of the following places:

Email: autumnleaffundraisers@gmail.com

Facebook: @AutumnLeafFundraisers



Personal Instagram: @pawsitive_3

YouTube

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZBLrq7HPhwqZlQmIEFv44Q>

My Personal Newsletter (goes out on the 1st of everyone month): <https://mailchi.mp/8fbbae285dc6/join-sierra-ryanwallicks-personal-newsletter>

UP Cycle Design Newsletter: <https://gmail.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b7dc308f913a21f7faa56a826&id=5d67f15b4e>

Thank You!

For your Donations this

GIVING TUESDAY



Together we CAN make a difference in the lives of homeless cats.



FOSTERS NEEDED!!!

PLEASE EMAIL INFO@FORGOTTENCATS.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SUBMIT A FORM TO FOSTER AT FORGOTTENCATS.ORG

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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, 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.

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

<https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/>

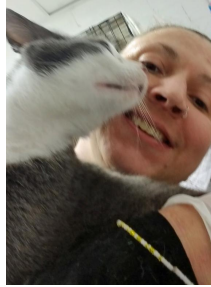
For November's Spotlighted Volunteer It's All About Caring for Others

by Mary Ann Emely

Gina Bachman began her role as a Forgotten Cats volunteer just over one year ago. She saw our ad on Facebook asking for volunteers at the Trainer clinic and because helping kitties has been a passion of hers, bringing joy to her life, Gina answered the call and quickly became an **indispensable asset to the Trainer team**.

Gina and Binx, her favorite kitty at the Trainer clinic, and another Trainer kitty giving loving head bumps.

Gina takes care of our kitties in Trainer 3 days a week feeding them, cleaning their cages and litter boxes, giving them fresh water and lots of pets, trying to show them love and kindness and hope for a



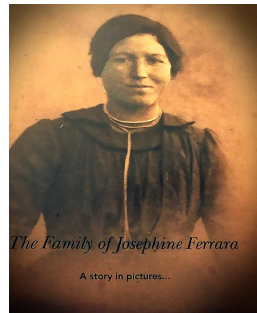
better future. Just two months ago she also became part of the **meds team** there. The meds team includes volunteers that administer medicine to sick and injured cats - both feral and friendly - pills, injections, oral liquid. Not an easy task but one that Gina performs very well. In fact, Gina is highly praised for being such a hard worker by everyone she works with at Trainer. She comes in, gets the job done, never complains and is always positive even

when it seems like there are endless litter boxes to clean. One colleague said "she works her butt off and is dripping sweat by the time she is done. She's dedicated - always there when she says she will be and never calls out."

Prior to donating so much of her precious time to FC, Gina was a certified nursing assistant for 17 years - until she hurt her back and couldn't continue that career. Taking care of our kittens and cats in need is much more do-able now.

But for Gina, caregiving isn't limited to **Forgotten Cats**. At home she has four cats of her own and she also cares for her elderly mother and her boyfriend.

A big part of caring for those you love is feeding them, and that touches upon another big love of Gina's - **cooking!** She cooks mostly Italian foods - something on which she grew up, having had a Mema that came to this country from Italy when she was just 7 years old. Gina says her Mema never spoke English, had a beautiful rose and flower garden, and also grew her own vegetables and spices. She was a huge inspiration on Gina's life which helped Gina become the strong woman she is today. Gina tells us she makes wonderful Chicken Parmesan, but also regularly prepares foods that her boyfriend loves, such as cheeseburgers and cheese steaks.



Above left is Gina's Italian Mema who was a big influence on her life. And above right, an example of one of Gina's diamond art creations.

Another of Gina's favorite pastimes is diamond art, a blend of cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers that has grown in popularity in the crafting world. Gina creates mosaic diamond artworks that sparkle, shimmer, and shine, and she finds it very relaxing.

And then there are Gina's four-legged furry family members - Neko, Rascal, Jasper and Gizmo. Her tiger cat, Rascal, is the only female in the bunch and Jasper is the only kitty for whom she has a harness because she takes him outside for little walks at night. She says he loves to catch crickets and moths! Gina loves her cats and says she has had at least a cat or two her whole life.

The most rewarding thing for her at Forgotten Cats is taking care of kitties that were scared or depressed. When they finally let you pet them, and they start purring, letting you know they are really enjoying the human touch - that is the moment you know you have made a difference in their lives. This is when you know they are finally adoptable and can now find their new forever home. Gina says nothing touches her heart quite like that feeling.




Above, left to right, are Gina's own fur babies -- Neko, the orange tabby, Rascal, the only girl in the bunch, Jasper, who enjoys night walks on a harness, and Gizmo, who enjoys a nap in a shoe box.


For the people at Forgotten Cats, nothing touches our hearts like knowing we have caring, compassionate and dedicated volunteers like Gina to comfort and nurture our many kitties. We depend on you and thank you for all you do for us.




These Kitties Are Looking for Fosters or Forever Homes



MEET TILLY



Tilly is a playful and sweet girl who wants to hang out while you do your thing!



Tilly is down for cuddle time, play time, any time!

10/15/2021

Our Spotlight is on Pretty girl, Tilly (FCID# 03/15/2021 - 58) is as sweet as pie! She's super loving and affectionate. Tilly is a sweet and calm girl who cannot wait to be held & cuddled. She has beautiful green eyes and an absolutely rubbable belly.

All she wants is someone to give her a comfortable home and unconditional love. We hope we can make Tilly's dream come true. We know her forever family is out there somewhere. Tilly is approximately 8-10 years old. Tilly is eating z/d food as she has food allergies.

Please submit an online no-obligation adoption application for her @ <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/> for a meet and greet. Tilly is currently in our Willow Grove clinic/shelter.

Come see Tilly today! You won't be disappointed.



Meet Rex! Rex is the ultimate love bug, and all he wants is a home and human to love. While Rex (FCID# 06/28/2021 - 49) **needs to be the only cat in a home**, he **LOVES his humans**. As soon as I walk in his room, Rex wants pets and purrs. He loves to snuggle and just lay next to his human purring away. Rex loves having his head scratched and belly rubbed.

Don't let his age (Rex is estimated to be 8-9 years old) fool you, he loves his tower toy. **All Rex needs in this life is his comfy bed and a human to love**. As his foster, I was the first home Rex has been in since becoming part of Forgotten Cats so please expect some shyness in his new home in the beginning until he realizes he's about to live the good life. I have an immense love for Rex and wish I could keep him, but he needs a quiet,

only cat home, and I have three cats and fosters always running around here.

Please submit our no-obligation adoption application for a meet & greet or to adopt: <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>.



BIJOU

Bijou is a total cuddle bug who loves to climb and play! She will be your best friend from the moment you bring her home!




Bijou is bonded with her sister Praline, so she is happy with both humans and cats!

FCID Bijou 8/31/21 - 126


BONDED PAIR: Please meet Bijou (brown tabby) & Praline (gray tabby) (FCID# 08/31/2021- 126, 127)!

These two beautiful fur babies are a well-socialized, bonded pair. They are dog friendly, great with kids and are excited to start their next adventure in your home!



PRALINE

Praline is the 'sweetest' girl! She is very affectionate and loves to play around with her sister Bijou.



Praline gets along with both humans and cats (she is bonded with her sister), and you will absolutely go nuts over her!

FCID Praline 8/31/21 - 127

Bijou is a stunning brown tabby with a unique striped tail. She is friendly and curious, and loves to play. **Praline** is a gorgeous gray tabby. She is shy and cuddly and loves to follow Bijou around! They make a great duo and are easy to love! The girls are about 6 months old as of Oct. 2021.

The girls are playing in our **Glen Mills PetSmart** adoption center. If you would like to adopt Bijou and Praline, please submit our no-obligation adoption application for a meet & greet or to adopt: <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>.

How pretty! This absolutely stunning girl is **Ainsley** (FCID# 07/15/2021 - 76). She's a young adult around 2 years old. She's affectionate and sweet. Ainsley was found on the streets begging for food. She is **hoping to find a wonderful family who will love her forever and NEVER leave her to fend for herself again. Will you please give Ainsley the life she deserves?**

Ainsley is playing with her new foster family! Let check-

in to see how she's doing:
Ainsley is outgoing and confident. She is comfortable with her foster family and not shy with new people. It appears that **Ainsley would do best as an only-cat**. She is not friendly to most other cats.

Ainsley is very responsive to pets and attention. She also has fun playing and rolling around with toys. Resting on a cat bed in front of a window, watching birds and all the action outside are high on her daily to-do list. Ainsley's foster family has enjoyed her company!

Ainsley is now playing in our **Brookhaven PetSmart** adoption center. **Please ask to meet her!** Submit our no-obligation adoption application for a meet & greet or to adopt: <https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/>.



Volunteers Desperately Needed for Trainer Clinic



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

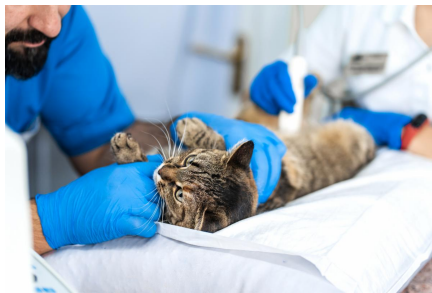
We are looking for help on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

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.*

To apply, please email your phone number to John Fedele, Vice President of Forgotten Cats, at info@forgottencats.org

Employment Opportunity with Forgotten Cats



Vet Tech/Operations Manager 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 Fedele, Vice President of Forgotten Cats, at info@forgottencats.org

Please share this job opportunity far and wide!





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Amazon Wish List

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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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