

Forgotten Cats News

June 2022

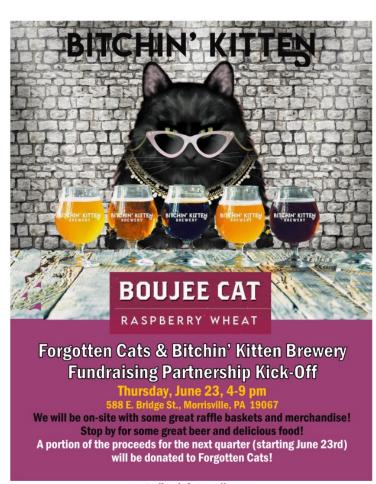
April Status:

In April, we sterilized 1249 cats and placed 107 cats into loving forever homes.

May Status:

In May, we sterilized 1533 cats and placed 89 cats into loving forever homes.

Upcoming Events



catgalleryinfo@gmail.com

Please join us to kick-off our rescue partnership with Bit-hin' Kitten Brewery in Morrisville, PA - we are so excited to be partnering with them as their next quarterly non-profit rescue partner!

On June 23, we will be on-site for a kick-off fundraising event from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm with some great raffle baskets (Sangria Basket, Margarita Baskets, Cat Basket & B-Kitten Basket!) and merchandise (Forgotten Cats t-shirts & other cat themed items)!

Please stop by B-Kitten Brewery for some great beer and delicious food. If you don't drink beer, no worries, they also offer cocktails and wine!

Note: There is ample parking in the lot behind the brewery.

As with each of their rescue partners, B-Kitten Brewery will donate part of their proceeds for the next quarter (starting 6/23!) to Forgotten Cats as well as <u>feature</u> our cats on their screens and a link to our adoptable cats on their Boujee Cat Rasberry Wheat cans to promote adoption. B-Kitten Brewery is dedicated to

promoting rescue, rehabilitation & adoption.

Please join us to help raise funds to continue our mission of humanely reducing the free-roaming cat population AND to have some fun!

Forgotten to Forever Pop-up Boutique

September 21 - Tinicum Farm Market - 4:00 - 7:00 pm September 24 - Art on the Green - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

KITTEN EXTRAVAGANZA!

Come fall in love with a kitten (or two!) at the Willow Grove PetSmart this Saturday, June 25 from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm - we're having a "Kitten Extravaganza"!!

Willow Grove PetSmart 3995 Welsh Road Willow Grove, PA 19090

If you would like to start the approval process on an application, please complete our no obligation adoption application and enter TBD for the cat(s)/kitten(s) name.
https://forgottencats.org/adoptionapplication/



KITTEN FOSTERS NEEDED NOW!

Can you help? Kittens are coming in faster than we can make accommodations for. We are currently OUT of kitten fosters. Please consider opening your home to a few kittens in need. A shelter environment is incredibly dangerous for fragile kittens - they NEED to be in a home. We are begging for your help.

Please fill out a foster form on our website at <u>Foster Application</u>.

Pick up would take place at our shelters in either Willow Grove, PA or Trainer, PA (whichever is closer to you).



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) Our FREE Barn Cats Earn Their Keep!

Adopt a working cat for superior chemical-free rodent and pest control!

Great for stables, farms, or barns! Forgotten Cats' barn cats may prefer the smell of the hay and the 'thrill of the hunt' over cushier home surroundings!

CONTACT US AND BE SURE TO PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER!

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(215) 219-8148

to you sterilized, vaccinated, and at no charge.

Interested in learning more about our barn cat program? Please email info@forgottencats.org for more details. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER in all correspondence - our barn coordinator will contact you by phone.

Our barn cats will be waiting to hear from you!

And now for that loving forever home . . .

Last month, we featured our incredible clinic volunteers! After the cats and kittens have been sterilized, vaccinated, tested, and treated for any medical conditions they may have come in with, they are ready to be returned to their colonies or to enter the adoption network to find a loving forever home.

Our adoption network is multi-faceted and all of our amazing volunteers that fill these positions are essential to ensuring that our cats and kittens go to a good home.



Cat Gallery Team

The Cat Gallery Team enters information into the "rescuegroups" database: pictures, names, profile, description, location, etc. From "rescuegroups", the information is distributed to hundreds of websites such as Forgotten Cats, Adopt-a-Pet, PetFinder, PetSmart Charities, Chewy, etc.

Getting the pictures and descriptions is a team effort! This information comes from various sources - fosters, adoption centers, clinic volunteers and foster coordinators.

Since cats cannot be posted for adoption until they have been sterilized & tested and kittens

need to be at least 7-8 weeks old, someone on the Cat Gallery Team needs to check the medicals for each cat/kitten to verify the cats/kittens are sterilized, current on shots, have been tested & what the results are, verify genders are correct, verify notes are correct, etc.

The Cat Gallery Team works hard to make sure all our adoptable cats and kittens are posted so that they can find their forever home!

Fosters

Oftentimes, for a variety of reasons some of our cats/kittens need a foster home. For instance, weaned kittens, mama and babies, bottle babies, sick or injured cats, under-socialized cats or kittens, and cats simply needing a cage break require placement in a foster home.

Our fosters provide a loving home environment for these cats and kittens in need. While we prefer to have all our



cats out of the shelter environment, it is especially important for kittens because their immune system is under-developed, and they are more susceptible to infectious diseases in the shelter environment.

Another contributing factor to illness in both cats and kittens is the stress of a shelter environment. Even though our wonderful clinic and feed & clean volunteers spend time with them, a home environment is always better. Reducing

the Length of Stay (LOS) in the shelter environment results in a healthier and less stressed cat/kitten.

Fosters provide a loving home environment until their foster cat(s)/kitten(s) is adopted or can be placed into one of our adoption centers. Due to the number of friendly cats and kittens that Forgotten Cats intakes, our fosters help us save lives by opening their home (and their hearts!) for a cat(s)/kitten(s) in need.



Adoption Center Volunteers
While waiting for their forever home, some of our cats are available for adoption at our multiple off-site adoption centers.

The adoption center volunteers usually work 2 hour shifts throughout each day to ensure there is someone available to feed the cats/kittens, ensure they have a clean living environment, and keeping them

active and happy by playing and snuggling with them (which is the fun part!).

Another important role that our adoption center volunteers fill is interacting with potential adopters. They are available to answer questions about the cats/kittens, the organization, and the adoption process as well as facilitate the interaction between the cats/kittens and potential adopters. They also work at special adoption events held at the our adoption centers.

Adoption Processors

When an adoption application is received, the application needs to be processed. This is where our Adoption Processors come in.

Our Adoption Processors are responsible for looking over the application. If there is any information missing on the application, the Adoption Processor reaches out to the applicant to complete the application.

To ensure that the cat(s)/kitten(s) is going to a good home, the Adoption Processor contacts veterinarian and personal references, as well as verifies the applicant's living situation by either checking the property ownership or with their landlords, and verifies that the situation is right for the specific cat (i.e. other pets (dog)? young children? etc.).

We want to make sure our cats and kittens find their loving forever home, but we want to do our best to ensure that they go to the right home – our Adoption Processors do their best to ensure that outcome!

Adoption Counselors/Centers

Every adoption center has one or more Adoption Counselor, and we also have Adoption Counselors at the clinics. Sometimes our fosters also work as Adoption Counselors, adopting directly from their homes.

Adoption Counselors are just that – counselors! Aside from preparing the adoption contract, checking the medical information, making a copy of the paperwork for the adopter, they also counsel the adopter. This could include counselling on introducing the new cat/kitten to other pets, cat-proofing, caring

for your new cat/kitten, etc.

When an adopter arrives for their new adoptee, the Adoption Counselor goes over medical information and the Adoption Contract that both the Adoption Counselor and adopter sign and will answer any questions the adopter may have. If needed, the Adoption Counselor can show how to trim claws, give medications, etc.

Forgotten Cats wants to ensure that each adoption is a success, so our Adoption Counselors are essential in helping the adopter transition their adoptee into their new home.

If you are interested in becoming part of our dedicated adoption team, please complete our <u>volunteer application</u> or contact John Fedele at <u>info@forgottencats.org</u>.



We love happy endings!

In April, we posted about needing to find a home for <u>Helsing</u>, a special needs kitty. We recently received an update from Helsing's new family . . .

'Hi. My wife and I adopted Helsing back in April. He is a diabetic older kitty. . . Helsing has been a perfect patient. He takes his shots like a champion and is close to being in remission. He is our 2nd diabetic old man kitty. We adopted him after his predecessor passed away in January. Our home will probably always have an old diabetic cat in it, as we have found that they are so appreciative of the care they receive.

That picture (below) is of him and his little buddy Rufus. He was also a Forgotten Cat that we adopted in January.

We are so happy to have him in our home. They're both well loved.'

Pictured below: Helsing, Helsing and his siblings (including Rufus), Helsing with his kitty kickstick), Rufus and Helsing, and Rufus, Jason and Helsing.





After losing our beloved male tabby Max in October, we knew we did not want to wait too long to give another cat a loving forever home. When we were ready to open our hearts again to another cat, we started looking at FC's available cats. There had been several cats that we were interested in, but each one got adopted before we could make our decision. But each time I stopped at the Brandywine PetSmart, a black FIV+ cat named Squeaky caught my eye. Max was FIV+,

so that was definitely not an issue for us - in fact it was a plus. Sadly, black cats and FIV+ cats are frequently overlooked, so we were happy to consider Squeaky. (See information below on FIV).

Having 2 other cats meant that we had to have an easy-going cat that would get along with our girls. During a visit to the Brandywine PetSmart, I started interacting with Squeaky and he was so laid back and sweet. The kittens in the cage next to him would paw at him and he paid them no mind. After spending time with Squeaky, I really felt he was the one, so my husband and I went to visit Squeaky, and we knew he was meant to be a part of our family.

After the initial slow introductions and the "getting acquainted" phase with the other cats, Squeaky has fit in very well because of his laid-back nature. The girls set their boundaries and now he can just enjoy hanging out with our senior girl Hazel and

play with our younger girl Chicklet. He is an absolute joy - very sweet and loving and also a vigorous player. At first, we wondered why he had been named Squeaky, but when we got him home and he started vocalizing, we knew why - he has the cutest high-pitched meows and trills!

Thank you, Forgotten Cats for rescuing Squeaky from a life on the streets and giving us the opportunity to have such a wonderful little fellow in our lives!



Senior Cat Clarence - Snuggle Bug Alert!



Do you need a neck warmer? Then Clarence is your guy! Clarence is a sweet, elder - at least 10 years old, orange & white kitty that is very easy to fall in love with. You can tell he's had a rough life from his crooked tail and various scars, but he is such a love bug. His favorite spot is snuggled up against you, making cute snorting sounds from his little congested nose. (He does have chronic congestion, but it is easily managed with daily nose drops). He also loves to talk to you to

express his joy with these adorable little growl sounds. Clarence is also great with other cats, so could definitely be in a multi-cat household.

He is amazing with other kitties, so easy and sweet. I think he could be a great fit to any family that wants a companion for their cat or has multiple cats that get along and just want to give him a nice loving home.

Here is a video: https://photos.app.goo.gl/ntpwXSpe58zJtMpr6.

He has food and environmental allergies and will need to strictly eat a limited ingredient diet. Do you have a place in your heart for this special kitty? Please submit our no-obligation adoption application for a meet & greet or to adopt: https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/.

Featured Cats!



Levitt - Levitt is a gorgeous orangey-red tabby about 1 year old; Levitt has spots and stripes. He's incredibly friendly and outgoing. He's great with other cats. Levitt is sweet and gentle. He knows he's perfect, and so do we.

Come up and meet this cutie asap in our <u>Brookhaven PetSmart</u> adoption center. FCID# 03/24/2022 - 24

Adoption Application



<u>Sanderson</u> - Please meet Sanderson ()! Sanderson is about 2 years old and weighs 10.5 pounds.

Sanderson says, "I'm an amazing young adult who is looking for a home of my own. I can't wait to get out of a cage and into a home. I've been waiting quite a while. The volunteers say it may take a long time to be adopted because I'm on prescription food for food allergies. I hope I don't have to wait too much longer. I'm very outgoing and friendly. I don't have a mean bone in my body. Will you come and visit me. I'll be waiting for you. FCID# 04/06/2022 - 30 - Trainer Clinic

Adoption Application

Foster Application

<u>Minnie</u> - Please meet Minnie, a 3-years old, 7.5 lbs, Calico with cute little orange smudges around her nose and a tabby tail!

Minnie is not your typical love bug, but she is a loving sweetheart, nonetheless. The truth is she is independent and likes to take the reins of communication and affection. Of course, as soon as you enter her space, she will come right out to greet you and look up to let you know how happy she is to see you. If you are so inclined to sit down on the floor with her, she will more than likely continuously circle you, closing in with each turn. Eventually, she will rub against

you purring. She prefers to be in charge of affectionate advancements. If you are standing, she will follow you and rub against your legs as you move about.

Minnie gets along well and plays with other cats. She is very good natured and would make a huge contribution to a loving home. FCID# 12/11/2018 - 108 - Willow Grove Clinic

Adoption Application

Foster Application



FIV+ Cat Facts

Cats who test positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) are often euthanized or are considered unadoptable. In fact, cats who test positive for FIV usually live long, healthy lives and do not infect other household pets.

Transmission: "FIV is mainly passed from cat to cat through deep bite wounds, the kind that usually occur outdoors during aggressive fights and territorial disputes—the perfect reason to keep your cat inside." - The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)"

"Casual non-aggressive behavior" does not spread FIV. "Cats in households with stable social structures [...] are at little risk for acquiring infections." -Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine*

MYTH: A cat can pass on FIV by living with other household cats, sharing water bowls and cleaning each other.

FACT: FIV is only transmitted through deep blood-drawing bite wounds. FIV+ cats can happy lives in socialized multicat households.

MYTH: FIV+ cats will become ill and die at an early age.

FACT: FIV+ cats do not have a higher incidence of illness, and live the same lifespan as non FIV+ cats.

Lifespan: Multiple medical studies show that cats who test positive for FIV live just as long as FIVnegative cats.*

"FIV itself does not cause severe clinical signs, and FIV infected cats live many years without any health problems."

 Hartman, Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology, 2011

*Addie, Toth, Reid, Jarrett, Dennis & Callanan, Veterinary Record, 2000

*Gleich, Krieger & Hartmann, Journal of Feline Medicine & Surgery, 2009

*Little, Bienzle, Carioto, Chisholm, O'Brien & Scherk, The Canadian Veterinary Journal, 2011

Please spread the facts about FIV+ cats to your veterinarians, rescues, shelters, and friends!



FIV+ cats need love too!

*Hosie, Addie, Belak, Boucraut-Baralon, Egberink, Frymus & Lloret, Journal of Feline Medicine & Surgery, 2009
*Walker, Canfield & Love, Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology, 1994



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 **Trainer clinic** is an important and serious under-taking 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.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION, PLEASE CONTACT US AT info@forgottencats.org.





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our animals in need by shopping our Wish List on Chewy to donate muchneeded pet food and supplies directly to our organization. and choose **Forgotten Cats** as your charity so that a donation will be made to Forgotten Cats at no additional cost to you!

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