



Forgotten Cats News

October 2022

October Status:

In October, we sterilized 1623 cats and placed 152 cats into loving forever homes.

Holiday Raffle - Extended through November 27th!

FORGOTTEN CATS HOLIDAY RAFFLE! MORE EAGLES TICKETS!

DEC. 4, 1 p.m. — Eagles vs. Titans
DON'T MISS THIS ONE!



YARDS
MADE BY PHILA



Drawing on November 27 at 1:00 p.m.
Winner announced electronically!

Check out our Holiday Raffle featuring Eagles tickets/swag, gift cards, wine baskets, themed gift baskets, & more!

The raffle will run through November 27 @ 1:00 pm.

Winners are automatically selected by the Rally Up platform and will be announced at 1:00 pm on 11/27 via email and will also be posted on Facebook.

The Eagles tickets will be transferred via email. All items can be delivered within a 75-mile radius of the Trainer or Willow Grove clinics, or pick-up can be arranged. Shipping is available on some items, as indicated.

100% of the proceeds will go towards a special project to help Forgotten Cats continue to help an increased number of cats and kittens!

Forgotten Cats Holiday
Raffle

From “feral” to beloved family member, meet Puff Daddy . . .



Gina has been volunteering at our Trainer facility for about a year and a half. She has met thousands of cats that have come through our doors. But one cat stuck out to her. Gina just couldn't stop thinking about Puff Daddy!

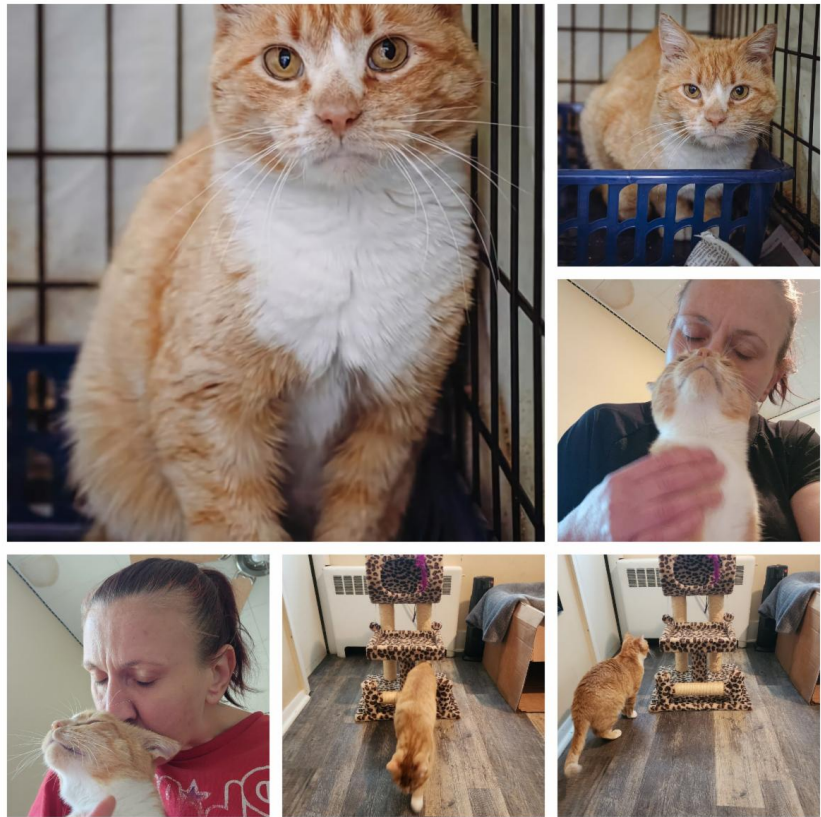
Puff Daddy was found on the streets of Maryland – he looked pretty rough, and you could tell that he had not had an easy life. Puff Daddy was identified as a feral cat with pododermatitis. Pododermatitis is inflammation of the skin on the paw, and this requires a month-long medical treatment. That is how Gina met Puff Daddy (aka Puffy).

The first day that Gina gave Puffy his meds, she cautiously slid his food with the medication into his cage. Puffy batted at her gloved hand, sending shreds of his food all over his cage. However, when Gina looked into his eyes, she didn't see a “mean” feral cat. Instead, she saw a cat filled with fear and terror in his eyes. She apologized to him for invading his space and told him she would never invade his space like that again without asking.

Gina's future visits with Puffy would involve talking to him and playing classical music for him. She fed him his favorite foods and gave him special treats. Every day she ended her visit by telling him that “he was special and to have a great day.” After about a month of this special treatment, Gina opened his cage, and

he jumped up. She thought he was going to attack, but instead he started rubbing on the side of the cage, "all affectionate and sweet." He even let Gina pet him through the bars. After another week, Gina was able to pet Puffy, and he was giving her lots of love and head bumps. According to Gina, "he was the sweetest and most lovable cat".

The kindness shown to Puffy by Gina helped to heal the trauma and nightmares from living on the streets, but Puffy was also helping to heal Gina. Gina's mom had passed away the previous Christmas and she had been suffering from depression – some days it was difficult just getting out of bed. Gina had been her mother's caretaker for 15 years and was lost without her. But having "Puffy Paws" helped to heal her heart. Puffy would hold his head next to Gina's for a minute, "almost like an embrace or deep hug and it helped me in healing grieving for my mother."



While on vacation with her family, Gina found out that Puffy was going to a forever foster and she cried for 4 days because she did not have the chance to say goodbye. While she was happy that he was going to a forever family, she was broken hearted that she would not see him again.

When she returned from vacation, she found out that Puffy was not going to a forever foster but had actually been moved to "hospice" status due to newly discovered chronic kidney disease. Poor Puffy couldn't catch a break! When Gina went to visit Puffy upon her return, she could tell he was scared. She slowly picked him up and he wrapped his paws around her neck so tight and wouldn't let go. Gina said "I just held him and cried and I decided right then that I wanted to bring him home with me."

Puffy is now living his best life with Gina! According to Gina, "As soon as he is done eating, he runs over to his kitty condo, or his new cat tree and he plays like a kitten!" Gina spends hours each day with Puffy and each day she is greeted with love and head bumps. They let each other know how very much one means to the other.



According to Gina, "He is my best friend and I tell him every day that he is an angel sent from heaven, and I just know that God sent us to meet and heal each other and make both of our days better and I thank Puffy, and I promise him every day that I will always love him and be there with him. I will always protect him and keep him safe. He will never go hungry, and he will never hurt again and every day I will spoil him and cherish him and make great memories for both of us! He inspires me every day with his amazing strength and courage to be able to trust and open up and try new things and he just is so inspirational! He is the best friend that I have ever had!"

From homeless to a beloved furred family member – these are the stories that inspire Forgotten Cats to continue their work of TNVR and rescue. Gina and Puffy's story is truly inspirational.

Litters of kittens are still coming in faster than we can keep up with. We cannot return these sweet babies outside, but we have no more room



to house them.

We are truly desperate for your help.

YOU can be the one to make a difference in their lives at this critical time when we are in **URGENT** need. Any space you have to offer is better than returning these precious kittens outside.

Please fill out a foster form on our website at

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

Pick up would take place at our shelters in either Willow Grove, PA or

Trainer, PA (whichever is closer to you).

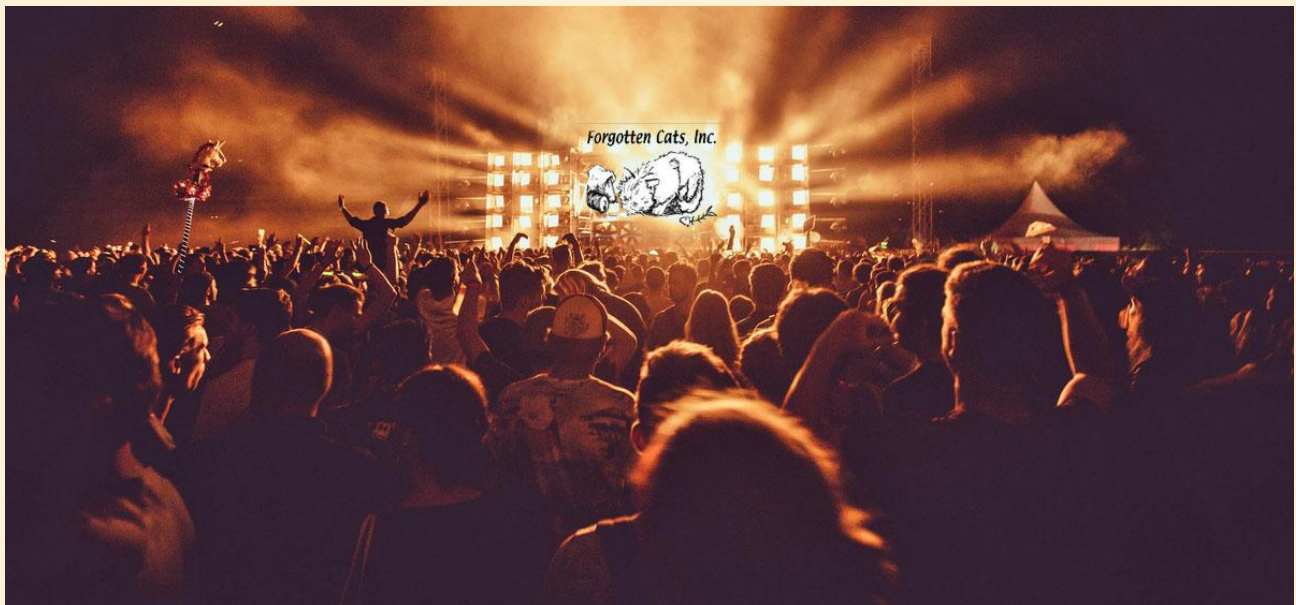
We also have plenty of adult cats who need a break from the shelter if you'd prefer an older cat.

We are grateful for any help. Together we can make a difference.

In This Thanksgiving Season, Forgotten Cats' Volunteer of the Month is . . . a Very Special GROUP!

by Mary Ann Emely

Forgotten Cats is giving thanks this month to a special GROUP of volunteers – all the 700+ volunteers it takes to deliver the many services provided each year by Forgotten Cats. With almost no paid employees, we could not do our work without our many dedicated volunteers – they are our life blood!



When we highlight one special volunteer each month, we are able to celebrate the great diversity of our volunteers in terms of FC jobs they handle, their varied backgrounds, ages, interests, etc., but perhaps one of the most impressive thing about them is the number of volunteers who serve each month, playing one or more roles in support of Forgotten Cats' mission, working in harmony with countless other volunteers, all functioning within a non-profit structure where there are very few formal "channels of command" – there are very few supervisors, no HR department, sometimes little knowledge about what happens in another corner of Forgotten Cats – yet it all comes together and works as it should, for the benefit of the cats and kittens of FC.



Locations!

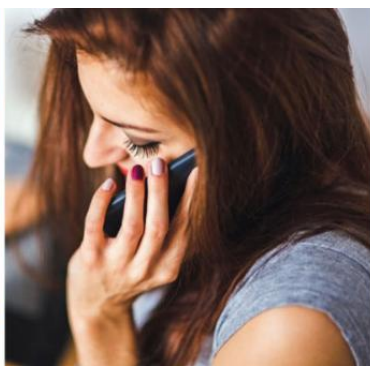
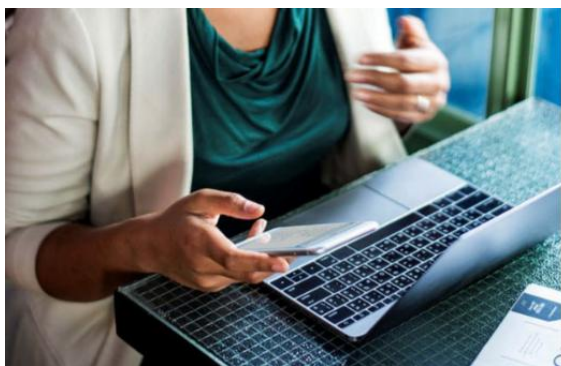
We have volunteers who work at each of the adoption centers covering varied shifts of each day, and volunteers at our shelters and our clinics – also working varied shifts during the week. When one is out for whatever reason, other volunteers pick-up the slack and fill-in on an as-needed basis.



They work out in the field trapping and releasing. They transport our precious cargo to other locations as needed.



They work from their homes performing many administrative or financial tasks, or serving as fosters so our cats awaiting adoption would have a comfortable home rather than a cage.

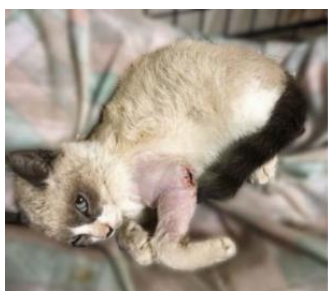


They work at special events such as adoption events or social/fundraising events.



Duties!

Also varied – these amazing volunteers feed and clean at adoption centers and shelters, assist the medical personnel, facilitate adoptions, cuddle and play with the kitties. They meet the prospective adopters and talk with them about the available kitties.



They trap and release, and transport the cats as needed. They repair equipment at the shelters and clinics. They foster our babies, which sometimes includes medical fostering of sick kitties and bottle feeding of motherless kittens. Sometimes this requires 'round the clock dedication.



They work at computers keying adoption applications and other intake documents, they screen the applications checking with references and landlords, and make the hard calls on appropriateness of particular adoptions. They arrange for the adoptions.



They interface with personnel from allied rescue organizations – all for the betterment of the cats. They arrange for barn adoptions when a home environment is not suitable for a particular cat.



They write letters on our behalf, and deposit donations received, and do bookkeeping.



They recruit sponsors to help support our work. They prepare and distribute materials such as newsletters and promotional flyers. They maintain the information on the website. They maintain the database and keep it current.



They solicit in-kind donations for both our adoption centers and shelters, and for use as prizes in fundraising raffles and auctions. They recruit other volunteers. They take care of FC equipment and vehicles.



They make donations of time, money and goods on FC's wish lists at places like AmazonSmile and Chewy.



They make this all possible:



And because we operate largely on volunteer-power, without the formal "channels of command" that a staffed organization would have, sometimes our volunteers operate on overload, trying to cram everything that needs to be done into their schedules. Sometimes they get harried and frazzled – but at the end of the day when they see the difference their volunteer time has made, they say it was all more than worth it. And sometimes the lack of formal chains of command results in not delivering the "thanks for all you do" messages that our volunteers deserve.

To each and every one of our 700+ Forgotten Cats volunteers, thank you for being the most incredible group of compassionate, dedicated people that an organization could ever hope to have! You ARE Forgotten Cats!

Next Willow Grove PetSmart Adoption Event!

Our next adoption event at the Willow Grove PetSmart will be held November 19, from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm.

We have so many cats and kittens looking for their forever

home!

If you are interested in adopting but haven't met the cat/kitten of your dreams, feel free to complete our no-obligation application and enter "TBD" for the name of the cat/kitten. Then when you do fall in love (which is inevitable!), you will already be pre-approved.

[Adoption Application](#)

To check out some of our other cats that are available for adoption, click the following link.

[Cat Gallery](#)

Forgotten Cats' Kitty Extravaganza!

**Saturday 11/19
Willow Grove
PETSMART**



Featured Cats - Twizzle & Cesar!





Just me, please!!! [Twizzle](#) is a gorgeous young petite kitty with beautiful golden eyes. She was left behind when her previous person was evicted from her apartment. She craves the attention and affection of people. She loves to play with string toys and has a lot of energy. When it's time to go to sleep, she will knead her blanket and purr her heart out. She must be an only cat as she can be reactive towards other cats. It's likely that, due to her petite size, she fears them which causes her to lash out.

Because Twizzle does not like other cats, she is in a room by herself. She would love to be in a home environment with a person or people to keep her company and to love her again. FCID# 09/13/2022 - 133

[Adoption Application](#)

[Foster Application](#)

Ladies and Gentlemen: look no further! [César](#) is the cat for you!

Seriously though - he's the package deal. He's three years old (not too young, not too old). He is a tidy and respectful gentleman. And when I say he's affectionate, I mean AFFECTIONATE! He will snuggle on your lap for hours, roll over for belly rubs, and has no problem being carried around like a baby.

He's laid back and he cherishes any time you can devote to snuggling him! Don't waste any more time - apply to adopt him today. It will be the best decision you make all year. We promise!

César is FIV+ but that's no big deal. And he gets along great with other cats! FCID# 10/12/2022 - 1

[Adoption Application](#)

Please allow us to introduce special needs kitty

Boo!



Meet Boo! Notice anything special about this guy? He has heterochromia which means he has two different colored eyes! And what you can't see - is that he's also deaf! Vacuums and thunder don't bother him one bit!

Boo is a sweet 6 – 8-year-old guy looking for a home of his own.

He loves to be pet and will do circles rubbing all over you for love and affection. He's quick to snuggle up on the couch too! He's good with other cats which is always a plus. He does not require any special care due to his deafness, but we can't promise that he won't demand extra love and attention. This easy-going guy is move in ready so fill out an app today!

Adoption
Application

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE TRAINER CLINIC/SHELTER!



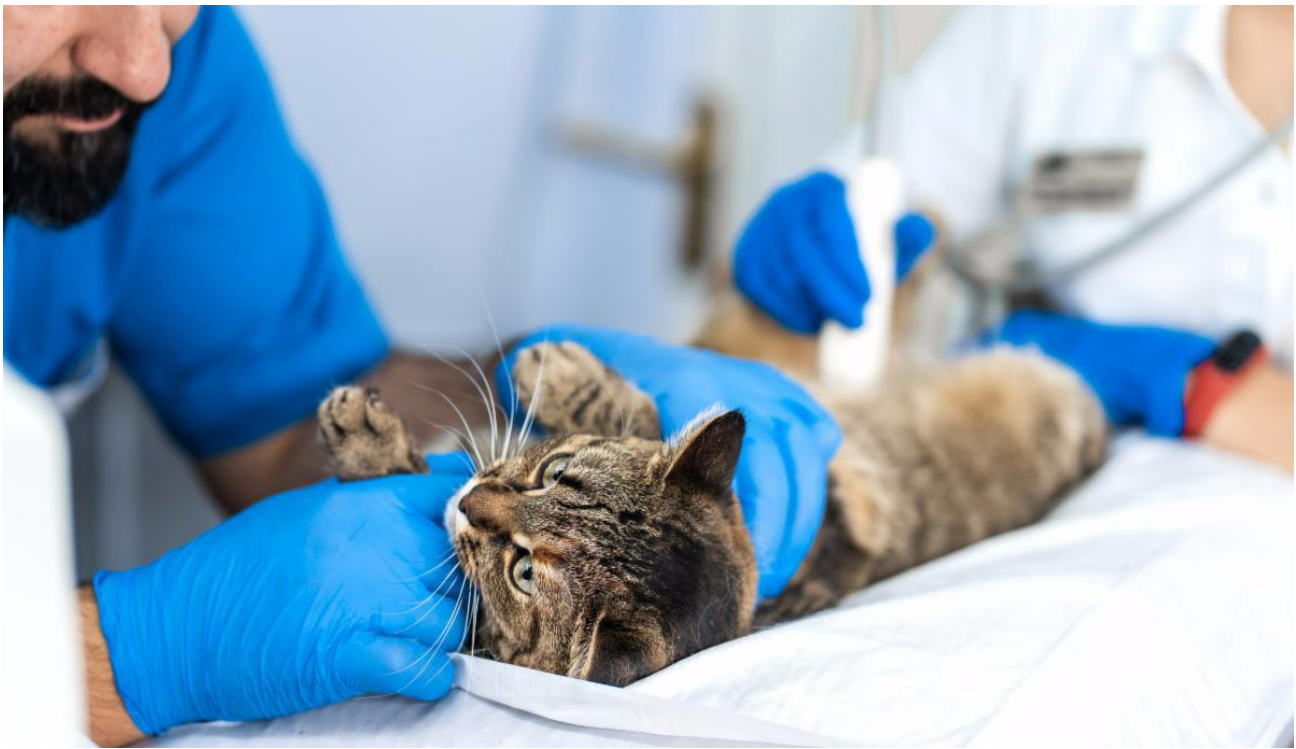
Feed & Clean Volunteers Needed at Trainer

We are in need of Feed and Clean volunteers for our Trainer, Pennsylvania clinic. Volunteers are needed Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to noon. This is an opportunity to help cats whose **ONLY** medical treatment during their lifetime may be when they go to our clinic.

If you are interested, please contact John Fedele (jpfedele@comcast.net) ASAP and he will be glad to answer your questions and you can decide if this is something you want to do.

In your reply, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER.

FULL & PART-TIME VETERINARY POSITIONS AT THE TRAINER CLINIC



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 at our clinic in Trainer, PA (just 10 minutes from Claymount, DE). The candidate will perform routine and emergency surgery, as well as provide wellness services and medical treatment within our facilities.

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: 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.

Autumn Leaf Fundraisers at Country Christmas Craft Fair!

Looking for something fun to do December 3rd? Autumn Leaf Fundraisers will be set up at

Please Join Our "Basket Brigade"!



Each year, Forgotten Cats holds a variety of different types of fundraising events to raise money in support of our mission. We often are in need of themed gift baskets for our in person and online fundraising events.

If you would like to support our mission by making and donating gift baskets for our events, please contact Sandy at sandralth135@gmail.com to be added to our "Basket Brigade" list. When we have a need for raffle items/baskets, one of our fundraising team members will reach out to you to see if you would be able to make and donate a basket.

With the holidays right around the corner, many of us have started our holiday shopping. Please remember that if you shop on Amazon.com, you can help Forgotten Cats by selecting them as your charity and shopping on Amazon Smile. Thank you!



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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