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Forgotten Cats News

March 2023

February Status:

In February, we sterilized 1,209 cats and placed 121 cats into loving forever homes.

THANK YOU!



On behalf of our dedicated volunteers and the cats & kittens that we serve, **THANK YOU!**

Because of **YOUR** generosity during the Do More 24 Campaign, we surpassed our goal of \$15,000 and will receive the matching funds! We also won the Greater Giving, Power Hour and Zoom to the Finish Line prizes.

At Forgotten Cats' no-kill clinics/shelters, we welcome the FIV+ & FeLV+ cats, the blind, the 3-legged, the lost, those that have been abused, and those that have been abandoned. Forgotten Cats offers love and hope to the "forgotten cats" from all walks of life.

We would also like to extend our sincerest thanks to the **MATCHING DONORS** for the Do More 24 Campaign. ***We are so thankful for the generosity of our supporters on behalf of the cats and kittens that we serve.***

Without you, we could not accomplish our mission, so again, from the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU.**



Public Service Announcement - Easter Lilies

Spring is upon us, meaning the beauty of budding trees and blooming flowers.

One of the more popular flowers this time of year is the Easter Lily. While beautiful, the **Easter Lily is toxic to cats** - even just grooming pollen off their fur or eating less than one leaf or flower can cause poisoning and eventual kidney failure.

We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the National Independent Truckers Insurance Company (**NITIC**) for renewing their Gold Corporate Sponsorship with Forgotten Cats.



Forgotten Cats relies on the generosity of our supporters and community partners. **Thank you NITIC - Your sponsorship helps us to continue with and expand our life saving efforts!**

A Happy Ending for Andy!



Andy, an amazing little tabby boy, was adopted from our Brookhaven PetSmart Adoption Center in February. Andy had spent 2 months going through an exhausting and extensive ringworm treatment at our main shelter. Anyone that has dealt with ringworm knows what is involved

and will totally understand it when we say that he was **SO** deserving of the tender loving care that he is receiving in his wonderful forever home!

His new mom says, "Andy's very friendly with the kids. They play with him a lot and he likes when they snuggle up with him. He's a great cat! He's doing really well. He seems to like it here. He mostly hangs around wherever we are and seems to

be eating and sleeping well!"

We recently reached out to his forever family and Andy's mom says, "We're very happy he's here. He's definitely part of the family." As you can see from the pics, Andy is definitely happy with his new family.

We will love you forever Andy and we couldn't be happier that you found such a wonderful forever family!

Upcoming Adoption Events

CAT ADOPTION
EVENT

SAT AND SUN
APRIL
1ST AND 2ND
HOURS:
SAT 9-9
SUN 10-5

**BRANDYWINE
PETSMART**
3010 BRANDYWINE PKY
WILMINGTON, DE 19803

FORGOTTEN CATS, INC.

The poster features a close-up photo of a ginger cat's face on the right side. A red arrow points from the 'FORGOTTEN CATS, INC.' logo at the bottom left towards the PetSmart location information.

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Billy • *Fleur de Lis*

Great with kids, dogs & cats

FORGOTTEN CATS
Adoption Event

PETSMART WILLOW GROVE
SATURDAY APRIL 1ST
10-4PM

Tuscany
Extremely affectionate
Cat friendly

The poster includes three photos of cats: a black and white cat named Billy, a ginger cat named Fleur de Lis, and a tabby cat named Tuscany. A small pink flower is in the bottom right corner.

Willow Grove PetSmart
3995 Welsh Rd.
Willow Grove, PA 19090

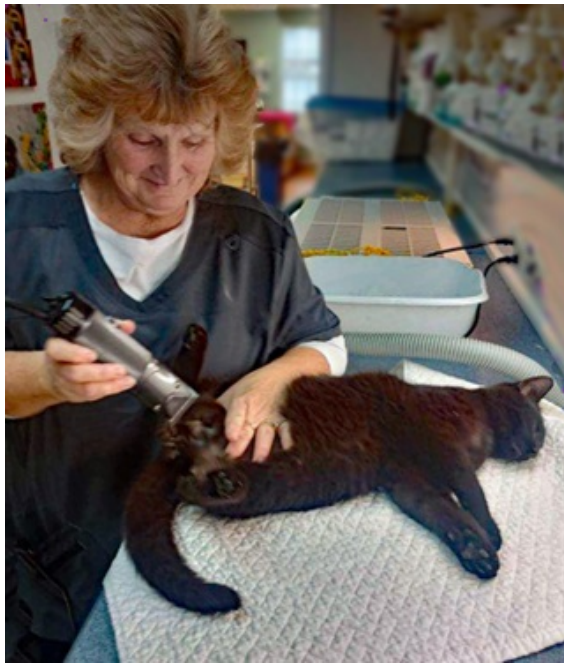
This Story Began on a Cold Thanksgiving Night, and We Haven't Stopped Being Grateful!

By Mary Ann Emely

Readers of this monthly "Volunteer Spotlight" column know that there are many varied paths to becoming a Forgotten Cats volunteer. The path to Forgotten Cats for the March 2023 spotlighted volunteer began more than 11 years ago on a cold Thanksgiving night. Patty Penland was cleaning up after Thanksgiving dinner, taking out the trash when she heard a whimpering sound in the backyard. She searched and found a mother cat and 4 kittens shivering in the cold, so of course Patty brought them into her home and made a bed for them in her spare room. A friend told her about Forgotten Cats, and how she could get these kitties spayed/neutered at a reasonable cost. Patty called FC and made an appointment, taking the momma and her babies in for their 'spa day'.

At the Trainer clinic she met several people who explained they were all volunteers; and she met FC founder, Felicia Cross, who gave her a tour of the facility and told her about the work FC volunteers do. Patty was fascinated with

all she heard, including the number of cats FC routinely handles in a day's surgery. Thus, when Felicia asked Patty if she would like to be a Forgotten Cats volunteer, the decision was an easy one – how soon could she start!?



Patty's volunteer story began at the Trainer Clinic as a feed and clean volunteer. She enjoyed that job because she could work at her own pace and hang out with all the cats, getting to know each one's personality. Little did she know that this would be just the first of many different volunteer jobs Patty would do for Forgotten Cats! Soon she was also cleaning traps in the trap room and feeding and caring for cats awaiting surgery. Next was handling cats in recovery -- after cats have surgery, they come to the recovery table where they are comforted, cared for and are watched until they start to wake up. Then they go back to their carriers or traps.

"It was very easy to transition into the role of a Forgotten Cats volunteer because the people who trained me and introduced me to other volunteers were so nice. They showed me how to do everything, and many of the people with whom I have volunteered have become my friends. It's been a wonderful experience." Patty tells us.

Patty then learned how to trap feral cats and bring them into the clinic for treatment. She said, "I've done a lot of trapping over the years!" Her first big 'trapping adventure' was with Felicia down in Middletown, Delaware. "On our first day we trapped 44 cats! Felicia taught me how to bait and work the traps and the next day I went back alone and trapped 20 more cats! The following day, 10 more for a grand total of 74 cats! That was a good weekend, all cats were spayed/neutered, and many were put up for adoption, with the rest being returned to their original location with tipped ears." Patty currently feeds four colonies in the New Castle area, about 40 cats daily.



Above, Patty is hard at work setting traps and feeding ferals, after their release.

Patty recalls that some colonies are eventually moved to a barn because their old location is deemed unsafe. "I was taught how to take our not-so-adoptable cats – the ones who prefer to live outside rather than in a comfy home with a new family – for set up in barns. Some of the barn homes are gorgeous and amazing! These barn cats enjoy barn homes as places to roam without being in

danger. This knowledge came in handy when one of my own colonies were in a location that had become dangerous. The building at that location was being demolished to make way for new construction and 6 cats had to be relocated. If not for what I learned about barn homes from Forgotten Cats, I would have been lost, but thanks to Forgotten Cats I was able to find a great barn home where my colony cats are still living today and I receive regular updates on them. All I can say is they are living like royalty!"

Over the years, Patty has also been involved in the transport of cats – both to other rescue centers that were in need of adoptable cats, and to area medical facilities when specialized care was needed. She did two transports of cats from FC to an animal shelter in Maine, each time transporting 20 cats to this great rescue operation. Most recently, she transported 20 cats to another shelter which finds purrfect homes for our kitties, this time in upstate New York.



At left above, Patty is behind the wheel of her van, accompanied by her friend, Susan Zorn, who helped with the loading of the kitties for their trip to upstate New York. At right, Patty gets ready to do a transport headed north with her sister-in-law, Marie Klosowski. Patty's local transports have included runs between the Trainer and Willow Grove clinics in addition to area vets for dental or other special appointments.

Patty tells us that over the years, some of her FC adventures have been quite unusual.

When asked for an example of an 'unusual adventure', Patty told us about the time she handled a kitten rescue from a storm drain! Someone called her when they heard kitten cries from a storm drain. "Although that was pretty scary" Patty tells us, "I checked it out and could see the frightened kitten. Luckily with some help we were able to lift the heavy metal piece that covers the storm drain. I normally keep a trap in my van so I was able to climb down and set the trap. Saying there wasn't much room down there is an understatement! This drain ran across and under two corners of the road before being closed off, so the kitten ran back and forth before actually going in the trap. I couldn't fit thru most of the tunnel so I

just sat patiently and hoped he went in the trap. Luckily, there wasn't much water down there. After about 30 minutes his hunger got the best of him and into the trap he went! He was tiny – only about four weeks old. My niece had helped me with this rescue and we were so excited to finally get him." The photos at right are ones taken by Patty's niece, showing us some visual images of this truly 'unusual adventure'!

We still haven't come to the end of the list of the many things Patty does for Forgotten Cats!

Patty was a foster mom twice – but she tells us she failed both times! She said she has eight cats so she couldn't afford to fail again and she gave up on that role! "My 8 cats are Toby, Sammy, Bella, Joey, Heidi, Miss Wiggles, Jay Jay and Tabitha" says Patty. "I have to say I love these cats and they have so much personality and bring so much joy to my life. I never owned a cat until 11 years ago, and I guess technically, I still don't. I think they own me."



Patty has also worked at the Brandywine PetSmart adoption events a few times.

Patty tells us that her biggest FC passion is what she is doing now – prep for surgery on Wednesdays at the Trainer clinic. "I've been doing prep for 16 months now. On a typical surgery day, the cats for spay/neuter go through a well-orchestrated procedure where one volunteer gives the cats a shot to sedate them, not always an easy job when trying to sedate a feral cat. Then the cat comes to another volunteer – my station – where s/he is weighed, eyes lubed, checked over for any possible wounds, then given pain meds, cleaned thoroughly and shaved. Next I take the cat to the vet for the surgery. After surgery, the cat goes to the vet tech for testing and shots and then sent to

recovery. We normally do around 50+ cats on a Wednesday."

What a fascinating journey Patty has been on over the past 11 years doing so many varied volunteer jobs for Forgotten Cats, doing them all so well! Amazing! And she does have a life outside of FC! Mother, grandmother and retail shop owner! For 15 years she operated a vintage toy shop in southern Delaware, buying and selling toys. She traveled to Washington, DC weekly checking out toys at auctions and resale shops. Her biggest passion was dolls – buying, cleaning and restoring them for resale. She says she did quite well for years until the competition became stronger and the internet took over.

Well, vintage toys' loss became Forgotten Cats' gain! Thank goodness for your Thanksgiving night discovery 11 years ago that ultimately brought you to us! Yours is a marvelous story to tell! And thank you for being such a special part of what we do for the kitties!

Foster and Save a Life Today

A special note from our "forgotten cats" . . .

We know what it's like to be sad, lost, and forgotten. We're so grateful for the foster families who've helped us feel safe and content but there's so many of us still waiting for a foster home.

We know there's humans out there just like us. Ones that are sad, lonely, and lost. We can help each other heal.

Please consider becoming a cat or kitten foster. Our gentle purrs and cuddles can help heal any lonely heart.

Invite us in and we will provide you with unconditional love and affection.

We will nuzzle your necks to calm your nerves and will make you laugh with our silly antics. You don't deserve a moment of sadness. We're here to make each of your days a happy one!

We will eventually part ways. You'll see us off to our new homes and a new, qualified kitty will fill our role in caring for you. They will look into your eyes and warm your heart just like I did.

Please submit a *Foster Application* and save a life today. *Fosters are needed in both the Trainer and Willow Grove areas.*



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!



We are in need of volunteers to help with feed and clean in the morning every day of the week for trapped cats waiting for or recovering from surgery.

Responsibilities include feeding cats in their traps and providing clean paper in the trap. Training will be provided.

If you would like to volunteer for one or several mornings, please email us at info@forgottencats.org. Please include your phone number so that we can reach out to you.

PS: We also need people to wash cages, carriers, etc. Unfortunately, not having volunteers to wash cages is becoming an on-going issue. Cages, carriers, etc. can come any time - night or day. This is an important job to keep the cats and kittens we serve healthy and would require some upper body strength.



We have an immediate need for CLINIC Volunteers in our Delaware County, PA facility, near Claymont, DE.

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.**

We are looking for help on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**. Volunteers must commit to either one full day a week or half a day.

SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY

Please email info@forgottencats.org if you would like to volunteer at the clinic. In your reply, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER so that we may reach out to you.



Featured Cats - Clarence & Picasso!





Please meet our charming gentleman, Clarence!

This handsome young man minds his manners and is very gentle. He enjoys getting head scratches, all over pets and is curious about toys. I mean, look at his eyes, so big and inquisitive.

He can be a bit reserved at first, taking in new surroundings, but will warm up quickly, especially with some tasty wet food or treats.

In general, though, Clarence is well-behaved and has a calm energy about him. Even though he is relatively new to Willow Grove, volunteers are excited to see this guy blossom.

We aren't sure how he would be with small children, other cats, or dogs, but we believe that with a slow introduction, his temperament might mean peaceful co-existence. FCID #03/13/2023-73

[Adoption Application](#)
[Foster Application](#)



Please meet our snuggly teddy bear of a cat, Picasso!

We love to snuggle this teddy bear of a cat! Meet Picasso! This adorable brown tabby boy is too cute for words. He was found struggling to survive on the streets, but he knows those days are over. We will make sure this friendly guy finds an incredible home.

He's around 5-7 years old and FIV+. FIV+ cats CAN live safely with other cats and any other species. We like to say it's "no big deal". He needs no special medical care, and his life expectancy is that of any other cats. He's very outgoing and won't take any time warming up. He's a cuddly, snuggly guy hoping you'll give him the home of his dreams.

This friendly boy weighs more than 12 pounds and is very ready to go home and snuggle with YOU!

[Adoption Application](#)
[Foster Application](#)

Please allow us to introduce Senior Roman!



EXTREMELY SWEET GUY!! Purr-Machine!!! Roman is one of the most precious cats to come through the doors of Forgotten Cats rescue. He is cat friendly, full of love, affectionate and has the loudest purr.

No cat deserves a life on the street, especially not a sweet, loving, 10-year-old. He appeared at a cat colony in Philadelphia looking for food. He is microchipped as Roman, but his original owner was unresponsive. He needs a safe indoor home where he is loved as part of the family.

He looks like he is perpetually winking at you because of the shape of his eyes. His wink sparkles during your cuddles steadily throughout the day. He bubbles with SWEETNESS: love for breakfast, hugs for lunch, head butts for dinner and plenty of caresses for snacks. Roman loves being with his foster family and foster pal Frankie (FCID# 10/21/2022 - 102) but would love to have a real forever home. FCID# 12/22/22 - 136

To adopt or to arrange a meet and greet with Roman, please submit a no-obligation adoption application: [Adoption Application](#)

Are we there yet?

You said we're going to our furrever home. It's taking a long time to get there!
Check out our stories on the Forgotten Cats online gallery . . . <https://forgottencats.org/services/available-cats/>
They've all been here A WHOLE YEAR!!!!

Sweden
Pretty, young tuxedo. Stealthy and inquisitive. Loves to explore. Purrfect for a low-key family.

Nessie
Sweet, loving, gray and white, adores people.

Briana
Beautiful calico, "large and incharge"! 3-4 years old, FIV+.

Liam
Playful Liam is 5-8 years old.

Bubbles
A greeter & talker! Prefers to be your one-and-only! Here since February 2022.

Cherie
February was a year since I've been here! Lovey dovey FIV+

Mirabelle
An extraordinary lap cat with beautiful green eyes!!

Bartholomew
Bart is calm, relaxed and gentle! He will make an amazing addition to any family!

FOR MORE INFO ON ANY OF THESE SWEETIES, CONTACT CATGALLERYINFO@GMAIL.COM

Save the Date - Cinco de Meow!

2SP Brewery has once again kindly invited us to partner with them for a Cinco de Meow charity event on May 5. Stay tuned for more details . . .

In addition to great beer and delicious food, there will be some awesome raffle baskets, cat themed merchandise for sale, and a special 2SP t-shirt for this year's event!

We are looking forward to this event - it's always fun to get together with our awesome volunteers and supporters!





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. Just click on "Chewy Wish List" above.



Please donate to our Wish List!

Amazon Wish List

Unfortunately, Amazon has decided to discontinue their Amazon Smile donation program. But please keep in mind that we also have a Wish List on Amazon for much needed items - just click on "Amazon Wish List" above. This makes it super easy to help Forgotten Cats by donating much needed food and supplies to our organization.

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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