

# Forgotten Cats News

January 2024

#### November 2023 Status:

In November, we sterilized 1,753 cats and placed 148 cats into loving forever homes.

#### December 2023 Status:

In December, we sterilized 1,806 cats and placed 261 cats into loving forever homes.



Wow, what a way to end the year! Can you believe that Forgotten Cats sterilized over 20,000 cats last year? That's over 20,000 cats that are no longer reproducing, preventing the birth of countless kittens that would have been born to a short and miserable life on the streets or end up being euthanized in a high

kill shelter.

It's because of you, our dedicated volunteers & rescue partners that our mission continues - we can't wait to see what we can achieve together in 2024!

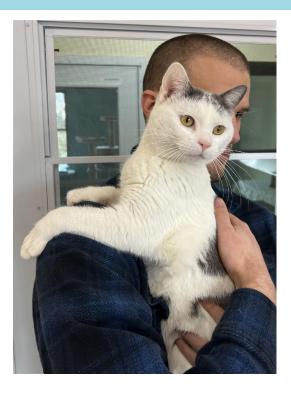
# Allow us to introduce special needs kitty, Bailey!

#### Lap Cat Alert!

This sweetie is Bailey. Bailey is the absolute sweetest cat at our shelter currently. There's no doubt about that. He's a total lap cat. Bailey is incredibly gentle, loving and friendly. He's great with other cats and super easy going.

Bailey is around 1.5-2 years old. He has a very mild heart condition for which he needs a daily Lasix pill. Bailey is a champ at taking his medication.

Bailey is hoping and praying for a home of his own. He REALLY doesn't want to be stuck in a cage simply because he needs a little pill.





Bailey is fun-loving, playful and just has the most amazing energy. Bailey is just as deserving as any of our other cats, but he's going to wait in a cage far longer because of his heart meds.

Can anyone out there be a hero for our buddy, Bailey? He'll be waiting to hear from you.

Bailey would love to be in a home environment. Please submit our no-

obligation Adoption Application at: <a href="https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/">https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/</a>. Not ready to adopt? Please consider fostering: <a href="https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/">https://forgottencats.org/foster-a-cat/</a>. FCID# 11/27/23-9 Trainer

# Great news! We're opening a full-time adoption center in the Willow Grove PetSmart!!!!!

**EXCITING Update!** 

We are hoping for a grand opening at our **NEW** Willow Grove PetSmart





# Willow Grove



## Help Needed!!

1. MANAGER

- 2. ASSOCIATE MANAGER (TWO MANAGERS CAN SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES)
- 3. TRANSPORT OF CATS TO AND FROM CLINIC AND PETSMART
- 4. ADOPTION PROCESSORS AND ADOPTION COUNSELORS
- 5. WEEKDAY SHIFT VOLUNTEERS (STARTING WITH MORNING AND EVENING SHIFTS)
- **6. WEEKEND SHIFT VOLUNTEERS**

Adoption Center THIS COMING WEEKEND, February 3-4, 2024. BUT we still need shift volunteers to care for our kitties! Shifts are only 2 hours!

If you can help, please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@forgottencats.org">info@forgottencats.org</a>. Willow Grove PetSmart is located at 3995 Welsh Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090.

Opening and closing shifts are the most important because they include feeding, cleaning, and wellness checks. Other duties include monitoring the health of the cats, talking with prospective adopters, socializing, playing, and exercising the cats, communicating with staff as needed, and general maintenance of the center.

These are the volunteer shifts that need

coverage:

Fridays: Opening (9-11 am)

Sundays: All day (9-11; 11-1; 1-3; 3-5; 7-9)

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 1-3, and 3-5

Mondays, Tuesdays, Saturdays, Sundays: Closing (7-9 pm)

## 2023 End of the Year Appeal - Thank You!

Dear FC supporters,

We'd like to extend a sincere *Thank You* to all our supporters that donated to the 2023 End of Year Appeal Campaign. Because of you, homeless cats, like Faith, Hairy & Wilbur, will receive the medical care they so deserve. Our cat-loving community's generosity never ceases to amaze me.



Thank you for caring about homeless cats today and every day.

Warm Regards,

Felicia Cross President, Forgotten Cats, Inc.







# Johanna & George's Happy Ending This beautiful letter speaks for itself . . .

Hi Linda,

I just wanted to give you an update on my dear Prince. I renamed him George because my late husband loved George Harrison. I like to say that he's the cat formerly known as Prince.

This wonderful cat brought me back to life.

In February 2023 my husband died ... I remember saying to my son that I would never know joy again.

For nine months that was true, and then I met George.

I had all this love inside me and nowhere for it to go after I lost Paul... and then George came into my life.

He is my absolute joy, and he is so, so loved.



He's playful and loving and he's my little partner in everything I do!

He pulled me out of my sadness, he helped bring me mentally back to that place where Paul and I were when I lost him...we were looking to move out of our townhouse and into a house with a garden.

A few weeks ago, I found my dream house, the house my husband and I were looking for. It's an old farmhouse in Oley, PA, near my son and daughter-in-law (who both adore George) who live in Reading, PA ...

My town house only has windows on the east and west side, and I don't have any windowsills. The new house has lots of big windows with light from all directions and plenty of deep windowsills for George to enjoy.

I was standing still before George came into my life...and now I'm moving forward again.

This is what pets can do.

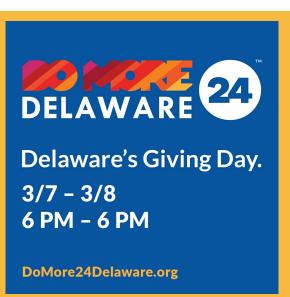
I'm attaching a pic of George at the bathroom window; he's always there looking out while I get dressed in the morning. I can't wait to have windowsills, so he doesn't have to stand on his tiptoes.

Thank you for all you do and for helping to bring George into my life.

Fondly,

Johanna

### **DO MORE 24 DELAWARE**



<u>Do More 24</u> Delaware is a 24-hour day of giving designed to help nonprofits raise more money and engage new donors.

Last year during Do More 24, Forgotten Cats was grateful to raise over \$30,000, surpassing our goal of \$15,000 with the help of our generous donors!

For this year's Do More 24, we are hoping to obtain the support of matching donor(s) to help us reach our new goal of \$20,000 (or more!).

If you would be interested in being a matching donor —and immediately doubling the size of your donation to one of your favorite nonprofits — please contact Olivia Westley at info@forgottencats.org.

Mark your calendars for our next bi-monthly adoption event at Willow Grove PetSmart! You can also take a peek at our brand-new Adoption Center!Our cats and kittens can't wait to meet you!

Fill out our no-obligation application to adopt to get the approval process started: https://forgottencats.org/adoption-application/

# FORGOTTEN CATS ADOPTION EVENT

Willow Grove PetSmart Saturday, February 3rd 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



3995 Welsh Road Willow Grove, Pa 19090





**Apply online to adopt:** 



Volunteer Opportunities

**ADOPTION PROCESSORS NEEDED** 

This **volunteer position** can be done from any location! *By adding more* **adoption processors**, we will be

able to speed up the adoption process which will enable us to <u>find homes for more cats</u> who otherwise may never get a chance to get off the streets and into a home. This volunteer position **REQUIRES** a time commitment of **10 HOURS PER WEEK**.

Once an application is completed for a cat, the application then goes to an adoption processor, who then does certain checks (Landlord check, talk to applicant's veterinarian to verify that applicant takes care of his/her pets, etc).

No experience is required - we will train you!



#### IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, that in

order to do this position you need to be somewhat of a detective. Unfortunately, applicants for cats have been known to "stretch the truth" in order to get approved for a cat. For example, an applicant may claim to own their own home when, in fact, they rent from a Landlord who has a NO Pet policy. We need to be able to find this out. Because we have fairly strict requirements (to protect our cats) for approval of an application, there are applicants whose applications we need to reject. If you are uncomfortable rejecting an application this is probably not the volunteer position for you.

Just a reminder, this volunteer position requires a time commitment of 10 hours per week.

If you are interested in becoming an adoption processor, please contact John Fedele at info@forgottencats.org and PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER

#### TRAINER CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

We are looking for help on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays full or half day.

This is an opportunity to help cats

whose only medical treatment during their lifetime may be when they go to our <u>clinic</u>. 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 one day per week basis. We will train - no medical background required.

Volunteers must commit to either One Full Day a week or Half a day.

#### **Clinic Position Descriptions**

Serious Inquiries only please!

If you are interested in volunteering at the clinic, please contact John Fedele at <a href="mailto:info@forgottencats.org">info@forgottencats.org</a> and PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER

# TRAINER FEED & CLEAN and CAGE CLEANERS NEEDED



#### CAGE CLEANERS

Looking for a non-traditional workout? We're looking for a few strong individuals to help us clean our cat's cages.

We swear it's rewarding, and you'll be making a HUGE contribution to our shelter.

Time commitment is a minimum of once weekly for 2 hours (day/time flexible). We need multiple people for this role as the dirty cages pile up fast.

Email <u>info@forgottencats.org</u> to set up a brief training session. \*Heavy lifting required\*



We are in need of Feed and Clean volunteers for our Trainer, Pennsylvania clinic. Volunteers need to commit to at least one shift (9:00 am - noon) per week. 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 me ASAP and I 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.

Email: info@forgottencats.org



Med team volunteers needed at our Trainer, PA Clinic (near the border of Claymont, DE)

- Shifts are approximately 3 hours in length one day a week.
- Morning and evening shifts available.
- Responsibilities include:
  - Caring for sick cats and kittens during shift
  - Administering medication to sick cats/kittens
  - Observing and logging cat's medical progress
  - Communicating and working effectively with other med team members and volunteers

Training provided. <u>Medical background is a plus but not a requirement</u>. Must be comfortable handing cats. Attention to detail is essential.

Reliability - this is not a position where last minute call outs will be permitted except in the case of an emergency. The cats will be dependent on your reliability.

Serious inquiries only - email: <u>info@forgottencats.org</u>





BARN HOMES NEEDED! DE, MD, PA & 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) to you sterilized, vaccinated, and at no charge!

Interested in learning more about our barn cat program? Please email <a href="mailto:info@forgottencats.org">info@forgottencats.org</a> for more details (make sure to include your name and phone number!).

Our barn cats will be waiting to hear from 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 muchneeded pet food and supplies directly to our organization. Just click on "Chewy Wish List" above.



#### **Amazon Wish List**

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

## **Our Corporate Sponsors**







We value the commitment of community businesses and when they partner with us, they partner in our lifesaving efforts. Click the following link if you are

# interested in learning more about our sponsorship opportunities: https://forgottencats.org/services/capital-campaign/

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