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Calendar
February: Kandy for Kitties fundraiser
Friday, March 18: Winetasting event at Woodwinds in Branford
April: Annual Tag & Bake Sale
May: Annual Plant Sale
Summer: Feline Frenzy Raffle
October: Pedal for Paws

Winter 2010

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WINTER WISH LIST

FORGOTTENFELINES
 is in need of the following:

- Friskies (canned)
- Postage stamps
- Cat treats
- Gas cards for supply runs
- Snowplow help
- Scoopable litter
- Baby food, Stage 1, meat and poultry flavors
- WHISKAS® Purrfectly® Fish in pouches
- Latex gloves
- Someone to help lay out our quarterly newsletter



Attention all Essex Savings Bank customers: Forgotten Felines needs your vote!

Each year Essex Savings Bank donates 10% of its after tax net income to non-profit organizations and community development projects in its seven-town market area. Forgotten Felines will be listed on the 2011 ballot competing for a share of the money available through customer voting. Voting will run February 1 through March 15, so please stop by an Essex Savings Bank location and cast your vote for Forgotten Felines.



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So Many Rescues, So Little Space ...

By Debby Adams

In September, when a tiny, black and white stray cat was hit by a car, the kind stranger who found her rushed her to a local vet.



The vet called Forgotten Felines to ask if we could take her in. Melody, an outgoing sweetheart of a girl, suffered a lacerated back paw that required stitches, medication, and a quiet place to heal.

Another call came through in early October, this time a neighbor with an abandoned cat that was dehydrated, starving, and trying to break into their home for food and love. The neighbors, highly allergic, could not let her inside. Could we rescue her? Amelia,

a friendly orange cat, is now at the shelter recovering from minor surgery to remove an ear polyp, and is already a favorite of volunteers.

Sometimes, though, the cats call out to us directly for help. As Virginia Van Norden, our director, was driving on I-95 in mid-October, she spied a small gray and white cat waiting for her in a grassy area of the next exit ramp! After safely parking her car nearby, Virginia set a trap, hoping to lure the cat with food. At first, he took off towards an embankment, and she left the trap not knowing if she would see him alive again. Later, when she looped back toward the exit, there was Teddy in the trap! A vet visit confirmed that Teddy, like Melody, had been hit by a car. Because neither cat had been spayed or neutered, their tendency to roam had brought physical injury. In Teddy's case, he not only had abrasions on his left front paw and scratches on his chest, but a broken tail requiring partial amputation.



Photos by Mary-Beth Harrigan

These are only three of the 113 cats and kittens that Forgotten Felines has rescued from July through October. Found in abandoned lots, neglected in filthy basements, locked in foreclosed homes, and in a few cases, crossing busy roads like Route 1 looking for their next meal, these cats are now safe, well-fed, and loved, receiving vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and any additional medical attention they need. There is, however, one huge problem: space.

Our shelter can comfortably hold only so many cats. As of late, our infirmary is constantly full-to-capacity, and it is increasingly difficult to find empty cages for cats awaiting vet visits, receiving daily medication, or needing recuperation from surgery. Once cats heal, they are transferred to one of five open rooms at the shelter, where they await their new families. Unfortunately, new families are not coming to the shelter as often as the cats are, and the cats dislike being crowded with too many roommates. With space and resources stretched to the extreme, we may soon have to turn new cats away. There will be no place else for them to go.

We need your help! Have you been waiting for "the right time" to look for a new companion?

Will you consider adopting an additional four-legged family member? If you, or someone you know, has recently lost a beloved pet, will you honor his or her memory by giving another cat or two a chance at a forever home with you? Please call the shelter today at (860) 669-1347 for more information on the many loving cats and kittens who are waiting to introduce themselves to you.

persist and endure. We continue saving lives, spaying and neutering cats that need our help, and searching for homes for each and every cat. Our Forgotten Felines depend on us. However, we cannot do it without you. Your donations and continued support help us sustain our organization and allow us to save another life, feed another starving cat and give medical attention to cats that are sick or injured. Please open your hearts again this holiday season. Donations, volunteers, and adoptions are desperately needed for Forgotten Felines to survive and thrive.

I appreciate your continued support, happy home stories, pictures and kind words which are so meaningful and cherished. A special thank you is extended to our valuable volunteers who so generously donate their time to help our cats at the shelter as well as the invisible volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Best wishes to all for a very happy, and healthy, New Year.

Home at Last!

Another Forgotten Felines 'Happy Tail'



Photo by Wendy Cole

At Forgotten Felines, it is never too late to find your forever home. Just ask Gus, who has lived at the shelter since 2008, and was adopted this fall by Wendy Cole and her family: "He's like a shadow. No matter where we go or what we're doing, he's right there on your heels...His favorite pastime is playing in the bathroom sink. The running water provides him [with] countless hours of entertainment. He's soaked and doesn't seem to care." Gus, now named Big Daddy, is in charge of his new cat (and human) family, and we couldn't be more thrilled for him!

Forever in our hearts

by Virginia Van Norden
Forgotten Felines Director



To the dear friends we have lost this year, please know that you will never be forgotten. Whether you were with us for over a decade or a few short months, your lives touched us more than you can imagine, and we find comfort in knowing that we will meet again at the Rainbow Bridge.

Abigail, Amber, Analyticat, Blizzard, Chubbs, Cupcake, Dillon, Duffy, Fiona, Florence, Gloria, Gracie, Grady, Holly, Leo, Lucinda, Minnie Pearl, Mitzi, Penny, Precious and Sandy, we love you, we miss you, and you will forever have a place in our hearts.

Our Mission

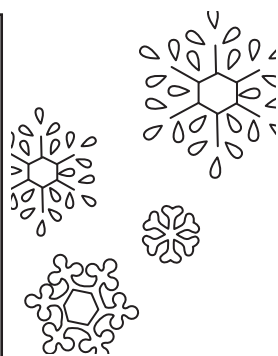
FORGOTTENFELINES Inc. is a charitable, non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers and supported solely by contributions. Our mission is to stop the proliferation of homeless cats in our community. At our humane, no-kill shelter, we provide rescued cats with nutritious food, warm beds, and expert care, with the goal of finding them permanent, loving homes.

All the cats we rescue are spayed or neutered, given thorough examinations, vaccinated, and tested for fatal feline diseases. Feral cats are released into managed colonies or barn homes, where they receive food and shelter.

Thanks to all our generous supporters and volunteers, including newsletter editor Debby Adams; graphic designer Susan Robinson; the contributing writers and photographers; and our volunteers for assembling.

Thanks also to the following local businesses: Shore Publishing for featuring our articles, notices, and cat adoption photos; Dr. Robert Fair & staff at Killingworth Animal Hospital; Doctors & staff at Guilford Veterinary Hospital; Dr. Michelle West & Dr. Julie Berman & staff at Shoreline Animal Hospital.

Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!



Congratulations to the following winners in our 2010 Feline Frenzy raffle:

- 1st Prize (Golf bag/greens fee): Joe Moran, Madison
- 2nd Prize (Jewelry): Dorothy Sprague, Killingworth
- 3rd Prize (River Tavern/Ivoryton Playhouse): Faith Barrington, Branford
- 4th Prize (Café Grounded) Bonnie Williams, Guilford
- 5th Prize (Penny Lane Pub): Gail Batko, Deep River
- 6th Prize (Curves): Betty Went, Killingworth
- 7th Prize (Christopher's Haircut): Lynn Durant, Branford
- 8th Prize (Jiffy Lube/Car Wash): Cindy Lafarier, Branford
- 9th Prize (KC's Pub): Richard Davidson, Milford
- 10th Prize (Lenny & Joes): Jeanie Russell, Madison
- 11th Prize (TEACH hair/salon): Barbara McQueeny, Old Saybrook
- 12th Prize (Floral Arrangement): Jennifer Ocain, Branford
- 13th Prize (Griswold Inn): Virginia Fallon, North Branford
- 14th Prize (Ash Lawn Farms): Michael Song, Guilford
- 15th Prize (Total Hair): Deb Robbins, Guilford

WANTED: YOUR USED CAR!

If you have a vehicle you no longer need, please donate it to our shelter. 100% of the proceeds go directly to our programs. You can save on your taxes too! Just call the fundraising hotline at 860-669-1347, and we'll come and take your old car away!



Photo by Debby Adams



Photo by Steve Yau



Photos below by Eileen Mahoney

Applause for 'Paws'

BIG Congratulations to Debby Adams and her husband Chris for the hugely successful 1st Annual Pedal For Paws fundraiser! Debby and Chris started planning the bike ride over a year ago. With help from their dear friends Ann and Aki Sato, this first-time bike ride was an outstanding event. Everyone is still talking about it. With over 200 participants and a beautiful day to ride, fun was had by all. We received so much positive feedback on the beauty of the courses, the ease of registration and check-in, the delicious assortment of food, the enthusiasm of our volunteers, and how well it was organized. Sylvester greeted all the riders with a wave and applaud as they started and finished the ride. As the participants finished their course and returned, they were also entertained by the band (the Sawtelles) and cheers by the crowd.

A special thank you is extended to the SAG-wagon drivers, all the bakers, the set-up/clean-up crew, the registration crew, the various volunteers who contributed their time, effort and donations, the volunteers at the rest stops, Mary-Beth Harrigan who worked so hard on this project, and Debby and Chris Adams. Without all of you and your dedication in a combined effort, this charity ride would never have been the talk of the town!!!! Our Forgotten Felines cannot thank you enough for your contributions.

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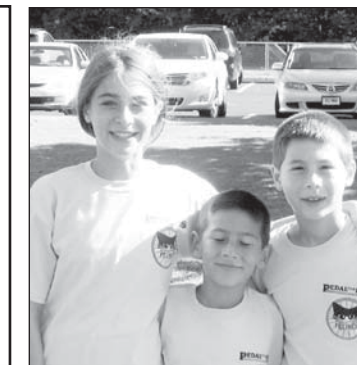


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All proceeds to benefit Forgotten Felines

SAVE THE DATE



Silent Auction

Wine Tasting

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

6 - 10 pm

WOODWINDS - BRANFORD

TASTE UP TO 80 FINE WINES

PRESENTED BY WINE PROFESSIONALS

\$50 PER PERSON

FULL DINNER BUFFET & DESSERT INCLUDED

Please join us

for a wonderful evening to benefit Forgotten Felines at beautiful Woodwinds in Branford (just off of Rte. 95).

Enjoy dinner prepared by Chef Sylvio of Madison's Cafe Allegre and sample some of the many fine wines.

Tickets available at: Shoreline Wine Merchants (1015 Boston Post Rd., Guilford); Killingworth Animal Hospital; Shoreline Animal Hospital (Clinton); online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org; or by calling 860-669-1347.