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Address Service Requested

Find Your Match At Forgotten Felines



Forgotten Felines holds open adoption events every Saturday from 11:00 am-3:00 pm at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook.

Please be prepared to wear a mask and follow guidelines for social distancing. For more information, call the adoption line at 860-669-1347.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Mother's Day Plant Sale



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SWEET PEA LIVES UP TO HER NAME!

There is no greater lovebug than 1 ½ year old Sweet Pea, an adorable black and white beauty. She wants affection all the time, and is more than happy to reciprocate. Sweet Pea

enjoys playing with toys and being brushed, and gets along beautifully with other cats. She was born with a condition requiring eye drops twice a day that are very easy to administer, and it does not slow her down in the slightest. For an appointment to meet Sweet Pea, please call Forgotten Felines at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers willing to offer ideas, organize, lead and follow through with new fundraising projects and virtual fundraisers, and eventually plan, organize and

facilitate in-person events. If you have the time, experience, and organizational skills, please call the volunteer line at 860-669-1347.

Check out our Facebook page and www.forgottenfelinesct.org for details.





Behind Closed Doors

By Virginia Van Norden, Forgotten Felines Director

You never know what is going on behind closed doors, even in the most beautiful homes in the best neighborhoods, and for Nicky, life was very sad. His elderly owner had not been well for years and was unable to give him the care and attention he so desperately needed. When Nicky was orphaned this year, the town Animal Control Officer asked me if Forgotten Felines would be willing to take him in. Nicky had spent a lot of time alone and was terrified of the strangers going in and out of his home. He had regressed to the point where no one could get near him. The ACO set a trap in the house, but when he still had not gone in after several days, she asked if I would help her get him in a carrier.

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Photo by Virginia Van Norden



JUMP FOR JOY

There is not a more precious kitten waiting for his forever home than Jumper. This 11 month old boy absolutely craves attention, cuddling and affection. A stunning black and white long-haired tuxedo with the fluffiest tail, he is constantly purring and loves to explore. He is an active little boy who enjoys playing with his toys and fellow felines. Once you meet him, you will be completely smitten. Jumper would love to be adopted into a home with another young cat to play and snuggle with. If you are interested in knowing more about Jumper, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

Story and Photo by Carol Andrecs

2021 Forgotten Felines Plant Sale!



Forgotten Felines will hold its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. To place an order, please fill out the enclosed form and return with a check to Forgotten Felines, P.O. Box 734, Clinton, CT 06413 by Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Plants will be available for pick up at the shelter at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook. For more information, please call 860-669-1347, option 4. Thank you very much for your support.



Behind Closed Doors

I will just say that the house was not in good shape and leave it at that. In order to enter, we needed to put on hazmat suits and wait for a police officer to accompany us. Once inside, we located Nicky hiding behind some furniture, but he bolted up the stairs before we could get near him. Somehow, this 27.3 pound cat managed to wedge himself into an open space along the side of a hot tub and move all the way to the back corner. We tried everything to coax him out, but he would not budge.

Thankfully, the ACO had a long catch pole in her truck, and with some prodding, Nicky moved to a place where we could actually see him. Needless to say, it was not easy getting the rope around him in such small quarters. Although every pound of him resisted and pulling him out was quite a workout, there was no way we were leaving him in the house all alone for another moment.

Once safely inside a carrier, the extent of his neglect became obvious. He had one of the worst cases of matted fur that I have ever seen, which must have caused him constant pain. I took him to the shelter and once he was settled in a cage, he seemed to know that his ordeal was finally over. After all he had been through and the amount of time he had spent by himself, he let me rub his head and kiss him, and soon welcomed love and attention from everyone he met.

As fate would have it, we already had approved adopters who were looking specifically for an orange cat, and after going to the vet for a much needed checkup and shave, Nicky went to his new home not too long after leaving his old one. No longer neglected and alone, life is wonderful for this special boy whose story touched so many hearts.

Our Kitties Need Your Help

Can you commit to just 2 hours a week? We are seeking shift volunteers 18 years of age and older to clean the shelter and look after the cats. We have 2 shifts a day, seven days a week, with core hours from 9:00-11:00 am and 5:00-7:00 pm. We are also looking for volunteers interested in learning how to administer medications. If interested, please send an email to volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org, call the volunteer line at 860-669-1347, or stop by the shelter during a Saturday adoption event from 11:00 am-3:00 pm.

You will be rewarded with head butts, purrs and unconditional love!



WOODY WILL WAIT!



This sweet guy is a little bit shy and a gentle fellow to everyone who is patient and willing to give him some extra time. Woody is wearing his black and white tuxedo, but he is not in much of a hurry to go out anywhere. He would just like to snuggle in a comfy bed with a friendly feline friend or two, hang out with a patient human or two, and enjoy the quiet life. Woody will wait for just the right home! To adopt Woody or any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

Story by Laura Stroehlein





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Volunteer Bookkeeper Needed

Forgotten Felines is searching for a volunteer bookkeeper. It is not necessary to work at the shelter. The position requires the availability to process weekly cash and check deposits, enter information into QuickBooks, maintain the accuracy of the customer database and mailing file, and process and file paperwork.

A reliable, trustworthy, committed person is needed to take over this responsibility. Knowledge of QuickBooks is preferred, but training can be provided.

Tasks include:

- Maintaining accounts payables and receivables books
- Monthly financial reporting
- General ledger entries
- Recording payments and adjustments
- Paying bills online
- Reconciling bank statements

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please send an email to volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org or call the volunteer line at 860-669-1347.



Donate Your Used Car!

If you have a vehicle you no longer need, please donate it to our shelter. 100% of the proceeds go directly toward the care of our cats and kittens, and you can save on your taxes too!

Just call the fundraising line at 860-669-1347, and we'll come take your old car away.



BOOK ON IN FOR BOOKER!



This sweet boy is a tiger with lots of white markings and two slightly different colored eyes. He is a shy guy who loves to be brushed and likes to be around other cats. Booker enjoys his treats and a comfy bed and looks forward to patient feline and human company in a new home this spring. To adopt Booker or any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

Story by Laura Stroehlein



Our Mission

FORGOTTEN FELINES, 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.

Thanks to all our generous supporters and volunteers, including newsletter editor Carol Andrecs; graphic designer Lucia Borzillo; the contributing writers; and photographer, Tracye Mueller.

Thanks also to Dr. Robert Fair and staff at Killingworth Animal Hospital for taking such good care of our residents and new rescues, and to Shore Publishing for featuring our cat adoption stories, articles and notices.

Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!