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The Mystery of Evie & Willie

By Virginia Van Norden, Forgotten Felines Director

On the morning a nor'easter was scheduled to hit the shoreline in the evening, I learned that a kitten had been hanging around a downtown Madison restaurant for 3 weeks. Although the staff began to feed her, she was observed running back and forth across Boston Post Road. No one could get close to her, so I knew she would have to be trapped in order to be rescued. I went to the restaurant on my lunch break and found out exactly where she would come for food each night.

I had an appointment in Old Saybrook after work and stopped at the shelter on my way back to Madison. As I pulled in, I was shocked to see a small black and white cat walking up the driveway in front of me. I stopped the car and immediately opened a can of food hoping to get him to hear it and come closer, but he didn't. As he walked along the stone wall on our property, I hastily set a trap and followed him, but instead of stopping, he proceeded down a steep hill into the woods and onto the property next door. I followed him, in a dress no less, carrying the trap, but lost sight of him.

I left the trap set in the woods, walked back to my car in the shelter parking lot, and drove to the location where I had last seen him. I actually spotted him underneath a truck, so I walked back into the woods to retrieve the trap and put it near him. He proceeded to go up the steep driveway, again refusing to let me get near him. It was getting dark and time for me to go back to Madison to try to trap the restaurant kitten, so I set another trap where I had last seen him and left.



Photo of Willie by Tracye Mueller

The next rescue was much easier. The kitten was waiting for me, but it had started to rain and people were going in and out of the restaurant, which scared her away from the trap. Finally, as is always the case with trapping, hunger overcame fear, and she was spared even one more night outside all alone. I picked up the traps I had left set next door on the way back to the shelter and before she knew it, the kitten was curled up in a soft bed in the infirmary.

I agonized over the black and white cat all weekend, as the rain was relentless. All I could think of was him outside, wet, cold and hungry, but there was no sign of him and nothing I could do. Thankfully, he appeared at the shelter again on Monday night. I spent hours there watching a trap full of tuna on the camera that was bound to entice him, but it didn't. He walked right past it without even a sniff.

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Holiday Wreath Sale

Forgotten Felines will feature the annual **Holiday Wreath Sale** fundraiser at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook on Saturday, November 28 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. There will be a selection of wreaths, swags, and more. Please stop by and check it out. For more information, call 860-669-1347 or send an email to fundraising@forgottenfelinesct.org. We appreciate your continued support, which allows us to help so many cats in need.



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As soon as everyone left on Tuesday night, I set a trap again, this time with pate. I also left a tiny bit of food in two locations nearby in the hope of stimulating his appetite. He returned at about 9:30 pm and walked right past the trap, but did indeed eat from the small plates not far away. Once he had gotten a taste of food, he literally ran back to the trap and seemed to sprint in! All I had to do was walk the trap into the infirmary and get his soft bed ready for him in the cage next to the kitten.



Photo of Evie by Tracye Mueller

Both Evie and Willie, as they were named, are extremely friendly and their backgrounds remain a mystery. How did a kitten end up fending for herself on an extremely busy downtown street? Was Willie abandoned on the shelter property, or did he just happen to find his way there? It doesn't matter. They are safe and loved, and will never know hardship again.

MIGHTY QUINN

Quinn was living outside in an urban area when someone noticed that his ears were severely damaged and looked terribly painful. Forgotten Felines gladly took Quinn in and made sure he received immediate medical attention. Although his ear flaps needed to be surgically removed, he doesn't mind at all since he feels so much better. Gentle Quinn is so grateful for a soft bed, love and attention from visitors and volunteers, and lots of good food and treats. A home of his own would be a dream come true. Come meet sweet Quinn at our open house or apply to adopt him online at **www.forgottenfelinesct.org.**

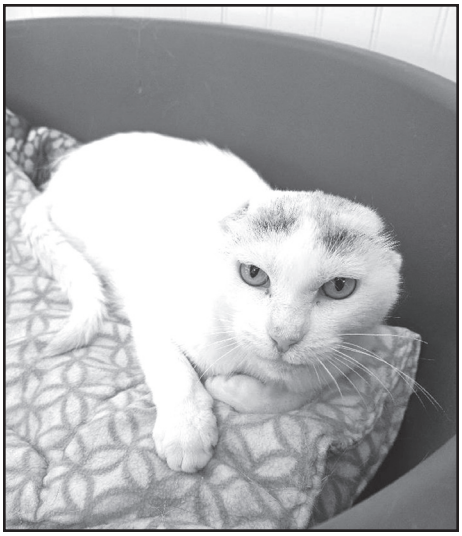


Photo of Quinn by Genevieve Ray

WARM YOUR HANDS WITH MITTENS

Beautiful 2 year old Mittens is a super sweet and loving tortoiseshell appropriately named for her polydactyl paws, which make her even more special. She is super friendly and affectionate, rolling on her back for belly rubs whenever she gets attention. She would be so happy to find a home that reciprocated with lots of love, cuddling and playtime. Could that be your home? For an appointment to meet Mittens, apply online at **www.forgottenfelinesct.org.**

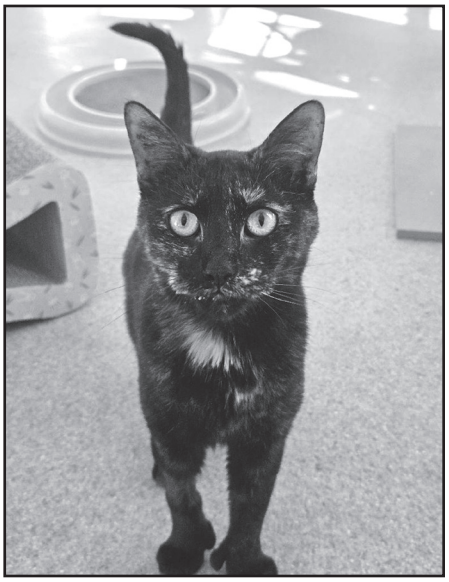


Photo of Mittens by Genevieve Ray

Rainbow Bridge

forever in our hearts...

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 nearly two decades or a few short moments, your lives touched us more than you can imagine, and we find comfort in knowing that we will meet again at the Rainbow Bridge. Blossom, Bubba, Chip, Fernanda, Frisco, Jarvis, Jilly, Joe, Lana, Lissy, Minnow, Ollie, Oreo, Pete, Piper, Reid, Rumple and Yogi, we love you, we miss you, and you will forever have a special place in our hearts.



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WHIMSICAL YODA



Yoda is a 5 year old beautifully marked tabby who was being fed on someone's property. To ensure that he did not have to spend the upcoming colder weather outside, Forgotten Felines was called to rescue him. This big boy has the most unique facial expression when he speaks. His whimsical personality tells a story like no other cat. After all, Yoda has a lot to say. With his sweet demeanor and teddy bear personality, he is the real deal. Stop by and meet super friendly Yoda at our open house or apply to adopt him online at **www.forgottenfelinesct.org.**

Photo of Yoda by Genevieve Ray

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 take your old car away.

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, Dr. John Mead 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!

Volunteers Needed



Forgotten Felines is looking for volunteers that are willing to commit to a weekly shelter shift, either mornings or evenings. Volunteering with shelter cats is such rewarding work, and regular routines make a huge difference in keeping them healthy and happy. There are several immediate openings that need to be filled. It is a weekly commitment of 2 hours to help clean, scoop, feed and provide care for our cats. Lots of playtime is encouraged. Please consider donating your time to these precious cats who will reciprocate with unconditional love. Email **volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org** or call **860-669-1347.**

Wish List

- Friskies classic paté canned food, any flavor
- Hills Science Diet Adult Optimal Care dry food
- Beech Nut Stage 1 baby food jars: beef, turkey or chicken
- Friskies Party Mix treats
- Sheba Perfect Portions pate, any flavor
- Inaba Churu cat treats, lickable, any flavor
- Hartz Delectables Squeeze Up Variety Packs
- Scoopable or clumping litter, any brand
- Postage stamps



View our Wish List on amazon.com and chewy.com to see more items. Search for "Forgotten Felines of Connecticut."

Volunteer Help Needed: Facility/Property Management

Recently retired or looking for a meaningful way to put your skills to use? Forgotten Felines is looking for dedicated volunteers to help oversee facility and property management.



Responsibilities include:

- Overseeing day-to-day facility and property operations
- Coordinating and scheduling repairs with service companies (i.e., carpenter, plumber, electrician, etc.)
- Maintaining rental property and addressing repair needs

Share your experience, make a difference, and help keep our facility running smoothly! Interested in volunteering? We'd love to hear from you! We need you on our team! If interested, please call 860-669-1347 or email volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org.

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Holiday Wreath Sale
Saturday, November 28
11:00 am - 2 :00 pm

Essex Bank Voting
February 1 - February 28

Find Your Match
Every Saturday
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages and www.forgottenfelinesct.org for details.

Attention All Essex Bank Customers: Forgotten Felines Needs Your Vote!

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Vote

Each year Essex Bank donates 10% of its after tax net income to nonprofit organizations and community development projects in its seven town market area.

Forgotten Felines will be listed on the 2027 ballot competing for a share of the money available through customer voting. Voting will run from February 1 through February 28, 2027, so please stop by an Essex Bank location and cast your vote for Forgotten Felines. Winners will be announced during the month of April, 2027.

Find Your Match At Forgotten Felines

Forgotten Felines holds open house events every Saturday from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook.



No appointment necessary. For more information, please call the adoption line at **860-669-1347**, visit our website at **www.forgottenfelinesct.org** or email **adoptions@forgottenfelinesct.org.**

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