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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Cleaning Day

Sunday, April 24

8:00am-2:00pm



Mother's Day Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7

10:00am-2:00pm



Find Your Match

Adoption Events

Every Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm

Check out our Facebook &

Instagram pages and

www.forgottenfelinesct.org

for details.



PICK ZINNIA THIS SPRING!

By Laura Stroehlein

Zinnia has the softest gray fuzzy fur ever! She has lovely eyes and a very gentle manner. She likes to be petted, and although she is a bit shy, she is never mean spirited. This little flower of a kitty likes to play and cuddle with other cats. Spring is a great time to bring home a Zinnia! To adopt Zinnia or any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgiven Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

SEEKING HELP WITH LAWN MOWING & SPRING/FALL CLEAN UP



We are in desperate need of volunteer help mowing and maintaining our lawn. We also need assistance with spring and fall clean ups on the property. Can you lend a hand, or do you know of anyone who might be interested in helping? If so, please call the volunteer line at 860-669-1347.





Caruso

Singing For His Supper

By Virginia Van Norden, Forgotten Felines Director

I happened to be walking past the living room window that looks out on the screened porch just as it was getting dark. One of my cats was intently focused on something outside. I assumed it was a squirrel that I feed, who practically knocks on the door if I don't put peanuts out in a timely manner.

When I opened the back door, I found an obviously unneutered cat standing right on the step. I very carefully went outside, sure that I would scare him and he would run away. He made no attempt to leave though, so I picked him up, took him inside, put him in a carrier and drove to the shelter. He was tired and hungry, and so happy to have a place to rest and food to eat. I was very puzzled by the fact that a section of one of his front legs had been shaved, which made no sense since he certainly hadn't had any vet care. He had a lot to say and sang his little heart out, earning him the name Caruso.

A few days later, I received a picture of a similar looking missing cat. I honestly didn't think it was Caruso, but searched for the original post on the local animal control website just to be safe. Sure enough, there was the shaved leg. I called the person who had reported him missing and found out that she was a veterinary technician at a practice in town. She had rescued him where she lives, outside our service area, and taken him

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2022 Forgotten Felines Plant Sale!

Forgotten Felines will hold its annual **Mother's Day Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 7, 2022 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 Monday, April 18, 2022.

Plants will be available for pick up at the shelter at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook on Saturday, May 7. For more information, please call 860-669-1347, option 4. Thank you very much for your support.



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to work to get him neutered, tested, vaccinated, etc. He had somehow managed to escape from the facility days before, and she could not have felt worse. Her despair turned to joy when I told her that he was safe at Forgotten Felines, and that we would take care of all his veterinary needs and find a wonderful home for him.

How Caruso managed to end up literally on my doorstep is a mystery that will never be solved. Believe me, I asked him many times and he wouldn't divulge a thing. Of all the businesses and houses he must have passed during his travels, how did he find his way to the one place where he would be taken care of? How was he able to keep himself safe all those days? This is not the first time this has happened, which makes me think there must be some type of underground map to my house for cats in need. If so, I couldn't be happier!

Caruso was not thrilled to be in the company of so many other cats, and had a somewhat hard time adjusting to shelter life. As so often happens though, just the right person came along and adopted him a few months later, and he happily shares his new home with one feline friend. As for other lost cats in need, just follow the map. I will be waiting for you!



VANILLA WITH A BIT OF PEPPER!

By Laura Stroehlein

This unique looking fellow is handsome, wiry, and very gentle. Vanilla is almost all white with a fine sprinkling of gray on top of his head. He is a shy guy who likes to be brushed and petted when he is trusting of his humans. Vanilla is looking forward to meeting someone patient who is willing to give him a forever chance at a lifetime of love and trust. Just look at that white fur and those loving eyes! To adopt Vanilla or any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

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LEWIN G. JOEL, JR. SCHOOL

Thanks to Our Friends at Joel Elementary School

Once again, Forgotten Felines was invited to the Joel Elementary School's "100th Day Celebration" ceremony on February 28, where we received very generous donations from the students. Joel Elementary School has faithfully contributed to the shelter in this way since 2009, and we are so grateful for their support. We received much needed cat food and toys, along with supplies to keep the shelter healthy for cats and volunteers, including paper towels, gloves, hand soaps and disinfecting products. Everything we received will be put to very good use.

The students assembled outside to sing songs to the recipients and present their donations, making us feel as welcome as always. They understand that what they are able to do for others is important, and how valuable caring and sharing are to all of us. We never fail to leave Joel Elementary School knowing that we have very special friends standing with us in our work to help homeless cats and kittens year round. We send our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved for their loyalty, generosity and belief in our mission at Forgotten Felines.

Fundraising Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers who are willing to offer ideas, plan, organize, and lead new fundraising events. If you have the time, experience, and organizational skills, please 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 take your old car away.



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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.

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!



LICORICE IS SWEET AS CANDY!

By Laura Stroehlein

This guy is a little shy, but once people get to know him, they realize what a sweetheart he is! Licorice is a handsome fellow with short black fur who loves to be petted and is very gentle with his humans. He enjoys the company of other cats and is waiting to bask in just the right patch of sunshine in someone's heart! To adopt Licorice or any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

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- Beech Nut Stage 1 baby food jars: beef, turkey or chicken
- Friskies Party Mix treats
- Frontline
- Advantage Multi
- Scoopable or clumping litter
- Postage stamps
- Bleach
- White vinegar

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

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!

