

The Rewards of Adopting a Senior Cat

by Carol Andrecs, Forgotten Felines Adoption Coordinator

As I can testify from personal experience, there are so many reasons to appreciate the personalities of older cats and why they deserve your consideration when ready to adopt.

Statistics show that 82% of kittens get adopted, but after they pass 18 months old, only 60% of adult cats get adopted. That means they might spend a long, long time in a shelter.

It's not their fault. Older cats aren't usually surrendered because of behavior problems. Often it's because their owners are elderly or passed away, someone has developed an allergy, or they move to an apartment that doesn't accept pets.



Ducky in her permanent home

Many potential adopters tend to look for younger felines so that they can enjoy as much time as possible together. While this is understandable, senior cats make fantastic pets too. Kittens are hyper balls of energy and while they are cuddly, they tend to zoom around the house at top speed. Older cats are significantly calmer, generally loving to be petted or finding a patch of sun to nap in. They are also often the first cats to be euthanized at kill shelters when they become overcrowded. Therefore, by adopting a senior cat you are

not only giving it a chance at a new life, you are potentially saving its life.

A senior cat may have some health conditions or simply advanced age, which may make your time together slightly shorter. However, many owners will agree that knowing that you have saved an older cat from living out the remainder of its days in a shelter outweighs the loss of time with your pet. Instead, focus on spending lots of quality time together and making both of your lives as wonderful as possible.

When you adopt a kitten, its attitude and temperament have not yet been established and you don't really know what it will be like as it matures into an adult. When you adopt an older feline, you know exactly what you are getting, and the shelter or current owner will be able to tell you important information such as whether he or she gets along with other animals and children, and how the cat copes with things such as being left alone or changes to the environment. This will enable you to tell how well the adult cat will fit into your family and routine.

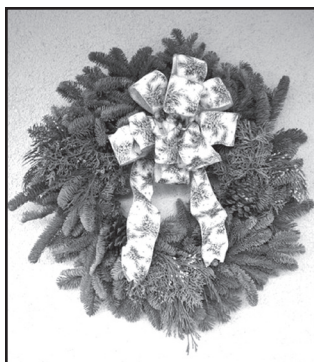
Older pets tend to understand people and environments better, are more tolerant of young children and other animals, and are often independent enough not to need constant interaction. Because they are calmer and gentler than kittens, they're good lap cats, and petting them has been shown to have a positive therapeutic effect. Also, while

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Holiday Wreath Sale

Forgotten Felines will be holding its annual Holiday Wreath Sale at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook on Saturday, November 29 (one date only) from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holiday Wreath Sale

Saturday, November 29

 **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!



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 2026 ballot competing for a share of the money available through customer voting. Voting will run from February 1 through February 28, 2026 so please stop by an Essex Bank location and cast your vote for Forgotten Felines. Winners will be announced during the month of April, 2026.

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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using a litter box is instinctual in cats, kittens are still figuring it out and are more prone to accidents. Mature cats already have the litter box down pat. It surprises many owners to learn that it is usually significantly less expensive to adopt an adult cat than it is a kitten because most have already been



Noddy in his forever home

spayed or neutered and had the necessary initial vaccinations.

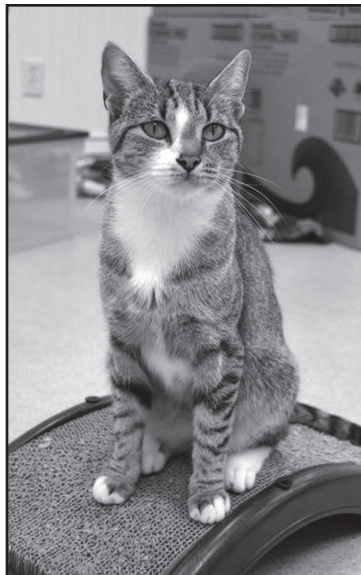
You can play a vital role in helping senior pets by adopting one yourself, as well as by encouraging friends, family and colleagues to keep an open mind and

do the same. When older animals get adopted, lives are not only rescued, but restarted. I've adopted many cats in my lifetime, but nothing has been more rewarding than when I brought home a 16 year old girl who suddenly lost the only person who had ever cared for her. This little cat has provided nothing but unconditional, endless love and affection. I am so happy to be her mom for the balance of her life, and cannot imagine what either of our lives would be like without the gift of finding each other.



GLINDA'S GOODNESS SHINES!

With her playful personality and silly antics, Glinda loves to be the center of attention and entertain people. She is a striking tabby who was rescued by Forgotten Felines with her kittens, who have all been adopted. Glinda loves interactive playtime with toys and is always ready and willing to participate. After playing, she will happily curl up in your lap for a quick nap. This gorgeous beauty will get scooped up quickly. Stop by our open house to meet Glinda or apply to adopt her online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



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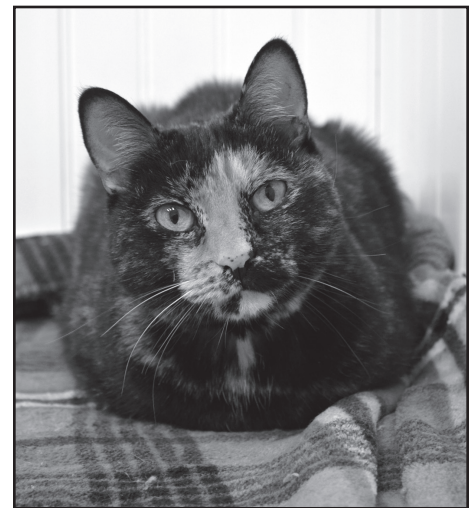
FUDGIE IS A SWEET TREAT!

Our boy Fudgie was trapped on the shelter property, envying all the cats he saw inside who were safe and well fed. Apparently abandoned, the poor boy was covered with engorged ticks when he was trapped, so he must have been outside for quite a while. Fudgie is a sleek and shiny all black cat with a big personality. He is a complete lovebug who is playful and likes to be in the midst of all the action. Although Fudgie likes to be cuddled, he is not thrilled being with so many other cats, and would probably be happiest as your one and only. For an appointment to meet this sweet treat, apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



WHO CAN RESIST SNICKERS?

Beautiful Snickers was passed from house to house, confused as to who would love and care for her the rest of her life. Through no fault of her own, this colorful tortoise shell has endured too many upsetting changes, and longs to be able to feel safe and secure. Would you open your heart and home to Snickers and offer her permanent, unconditional love? Come meet this sweet and affectionate girl at our open house or apply to adopt her online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



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MELLOW FELLOW ZOREO!

Young Zoreo suddenly became homeless when his owner decided to move out of state with the dog and leave him behind. He is unmistakable with his gorgeous white fur and striking black markings and tail. Zoreo was very confused and withdrawn when he arrived at the shelter, but has become much more outgoing thanks to all the attention he receives from volunteers. Although he is very happy here, Zoreo is still hoping to find his forever, permanent home with someone who will never abandon him again. Could that be your home? For an appointment to meet Zoreo, appy online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



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. Aurora, Banjo, Blake, Blinky, Cookie, Cricket, Daisy, Honey, Ingrid, Jake, Joshua, Meadow, Molly, Reilly, Snooky, Sonny, Tipper, Tippi, Woody and Yuri, we love you, we miss you, and you will forever have a special place in our hearts.

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."



Fundraising Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers 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**.

Volunteer Help Needed: Facility/Property Management



Forgotten Felines is searching for volunteers to help with facility and property management including day-to-day operations of the property and repairs, following up on building maintenance requests, and rental property maintenance and repairs. If interested in helping our organization and joining our volunteer team, please call 860.669.1347 or send an email to volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org.

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 Andreacs; 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!

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.

