There couldn’t be a more precious pair of kittens than Thumper and Jumper. These 6 month old brothers crave attention, cuddling and affection. Thumper, a short-haired tabby, and Jumper, a black and white long-haired tuxedo with the fluffiest tail, are constantly purring and love to explore. When not napping, they enjoy wrestling with each other and playing with their toys. You can’t help but be smitten with these sweet babies once you meet them. They are absolutely inseparable and need to be adopted as a pair, preferably to a quiet home with no dogs. If you would like to visit these adorable snuggle buddies, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

Each year Essex Savings 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 2021 ballot competing for a share of the money available through customer voting. Voting will run from February 1 through February 27, 2021 so please stop by an Essex Savings Bank location and cast your vote for Forgotten Felines. Winners will be announced during the first week in April, 2021.

Attention All Essex Savings Bank Customers.
Forgotten Felines Needs Your Vote!

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.

Adoption applications will be accepted at that time. Please be prepared to wear a mask and follow guidelines for social distancing. For more information, please call the adoption line at 860-669-1347, visit our website at www.forgottenfelinesct.org or email adoptions@forgottenfelinesct.org.
One Mom, Two Litters

By Virginia Van Norden, Forgotten Felines Director

In early September, Forgotten Felines received a call about two kittens, approximately five months old, who needed to be rescued. Their mother had given birth to a litter of five in the spring, but she and three of the kittens had not been seen in weeks. That very day, we were asked on Facebook if we could rescue two cats in the same area, which was strange. When I did some research, I discovered that the two parties involved were next door neighbors and were referring to the same two kittens.

I went to the home where they were being fed that night and set kitten traps. Both hungry babies went right in, but when the first kitten was trapped, the noise scared the other one away. It took a while for him to return, and when he did, he was just large enough to be able to back out of the trap as the door was shutting. I hate when that happens!

For the next week, he would not go all the way in the adult trap that was faithfully set every single day. Finally, eight days after I had trapped his brother, the kitten took that extra step to the back of the trap and was rescued, and the two of them were happily reunited at the shelter.

Two days later, I got a call that the mom had suddenly shown up! I went right over, and she was so hungry that she went in the trap instantly that night. When I got her to the shelter, I could see that she was loaded with milk, and since she did not look pregnant, I knew that she had already given birth to another litter. I called the people

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HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

Forgotten Felines will be holding a Holiday Wreath Sale at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook on Saturday, November 28; Saturday, December 5; and Saturday, December 12 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. For more information, call 860-669-1347.

Featured items for sale:
- balsam and mixed green wreaths with bows
- swags
- kissing balls
- logs
- hanging baskets filled with greens
- centerpieces
- novelty items
- cemetery pieces
- bows
- greens for window boxes and container pots

For more information, call 860-669-1347.
who had been feeding the first litter and asked them to look all over for more kittens. They searched everywhere, but saw and heard nothing.

Four days later, four tiny one month old babies emerged from under their porch. They were very skittish, and ran back underneath every time they heard a noise. They were just starting to eat on their own, so I set kitten traps and then laid on my stomach on the porch right above where they usually came out. When two ventured out, I was able scruff one and put her in the carrier beside me on the porch. Two more came out, one went in the trap, and the other got scared and retreated. He and his remaining sibling came out later and I was able to scruff her. Needless to say, after seeing the other three kittens get caught, he was not about to come out again, and as heartbroken as I was, I finally had to accept that I was not going to get him that night. I was happy to reunite mom and three of her babies though.

It just so happened that I had taken the next day off from work, so I went back early in the morning and set the trap, thinking the baby would be so hungry he would come right out for food. Wrong! It was not until hours later that he emerged, was trapped, and was happily reunited with his mom and littermates at the shelter.

I am always amazed at how these mothers are able to take care of their kittens outside. One litter is hard enough, but back to back litters is an amazing feat. This young mom will never ever have to go through that again. It is her time to relax, play, and be the kitten she never had the chance to be, safe, loved and well cared for inside. Seven cats from this one family, four of them females, will not be outside endlessly reproducing.

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.

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TWO TOYS FOR ILSA...
This holiday season, who wouldn’t love a unique new family member? In the cat world, Ilsa’s coloring is rather rare. This girl with the lovely amber eyes has an orange and white coat usually worn only by males. She enjoys playing and being in the company of people, but will let them know when she is ready to spend a bit of “cat” time on her own, usually burrowed under a blanket or bedding. To adopt Ilsa, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

...ONE PIPER PIPING
Like most cats, Piper really prefers to pick her own people. This adorable gray furball will let humans know if they are the chosen ones by perching delicately on their laps. Piper is very sweet and loves to be petted, but will definitely send a message when she has had enough attention. Sometimes her little tongue sticks out of her mouth, which makes her even more adorable! Piper has had a difficult life, and is looking forward to enjoying a restful, loving home to call her own. To adopt Piper, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

...AND REGGIE IN A CAT TREE!
Reggie was made for love, as anyone can see by his heart-shaped black nose! He is a black and white boy who even has little black patches on his white toes. Reggie is confident that he should be the ruler of any home he lives in because he is enough cat for everyone to love. This big fellow adores people, and will follow them around like a puppy until he gets the attention he craves. To adopt Reggie, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.
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 call the volunteer line at 860-669-1347, send an email to volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org or stop by the shelter during a Saturday adoption event from 11:00am-3:00pm. You will be rewarded with head butts, purrs and unconditional love!

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. Alfie, Brooke, Cecil, Dinah, Dusty, Ellie, Ethel, Fenwick, Jilly, Jordie, Kevin, Lilia, Noodle, Poncho, Toby and Zippity, we love you, we miss you, and you will forever have a special place in our hearts.

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, Tracey 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!

WISH LIST

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- Hills Science Diet Adult Optimal Care dry food
- Beech Nut Stage 1 baby food jars: beef, turkey or chicken
- Friskies Party Mix treats
- Frontline
- Advantage Multi
- Scoopable & clumping litter
- Stop & Shop gift cards
- Postage stamps
- Bleach
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