

No More Snow For Olaf

By Virginia Van Norden, Forgotten Felines Director

Do you remember what it was like during the bitter cold snap we experienced in February? Olaf certainly does, and if he never sees another snowflake, it will be fine with him.

I got a call from someone I had previously helped about a cat who was living in a detached garage at her uncle's house. No one knew how he had gotten in or how long he had been there, but they became suspicious when things started falling from shelves. They finally spotted him and began leaving food and water. It turns out that the striking white cat with black markings and a black tail was actually very friendly, and could even be picked up.

His picture was posted on local internet sites, but no one responded. The Animal Control Officer went there and scanned him for a microchip, which he did not have. Something about her visit seemed to make the cat very skittish though, and from then on, he hid whenever anyone entered the garage.

I met the caller's sister on a bone chilling Saturday afternoon and we made our way through the snow to the garage. I was hoping to be able to simply pick him up and put him in a carrier, but Olaf had other ideas. He was hiding way up in the unreachable rafters, and it was obvious that the only

way to rescue him was with a trap. Winter trapping is very tricky because the tuna fish in oil that I typically use to attract cats freezes so fast. I set the trap and we waited in her warm car with the heat turned up. We took turns checking the garage, but I am sure that every time Olaf heard one of us approach the door, even if he was on the ground, he scrambled back up into the rafters.



Photo by Tracye Mueller

There was no sense in both of us sitting there freezing, and since I had no intention of leaving without the cat, no matter how late it got, I told her she should go home. I sat in my car with my teeth chattering, turning the heat on whenever it got too cold to feel my hands and feet. I wanted to give

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2026 Forgotten Felines Mother's Day Plant Sale

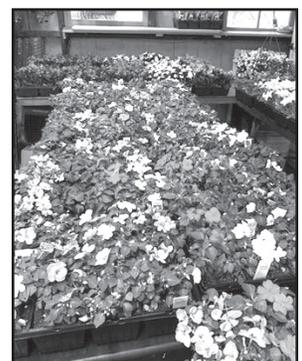


Photo by June Getchius

Forgotten Felines will hold its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 9, 2026 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 20, 2026.**

Plants must be picked up at the shelter at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook on Saturday, May 9. For more information, please call 860-669-1347.

We appreciate your continued support, which allows us to help so many cats in need.



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For more information:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Cleaning Day

Sunday, April 26

8:00am - 2:00pm



Mother's Day Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9

10:00am - 2:00pm

Find Your Match

Every Saturday

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Check out our Facebook and

Instagram pages and

www.forgottenfelinesct.org for details.

Volunteers Needed



Photo by Tracye Mueller

Forgotten Felines is looking for volunteers that are willing to commit to a weekly shelter shift. There are several immediate openings that need to be filled on both AM and PM shifts as well as the Infirmary. 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 the care of these precious cats who will reciprocate with unconditional love. Send an email to volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org or call **860-669-1347, option 3.**

Find Your Match At Forgiven Felines

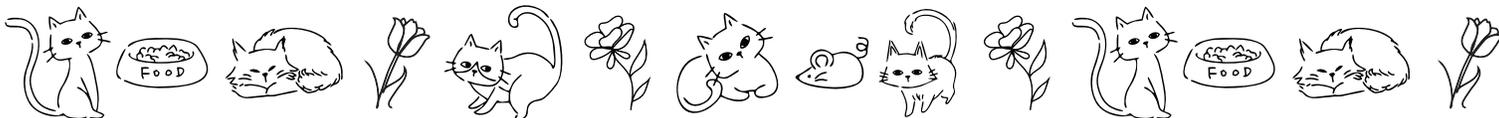


Forgotten Felines holds open house events every Saturday from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook.

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.



Photo by Genevieve Ray





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Olaf enough time to feel safe enough to come down and go in the trap, so I waited for another hour and a half. This time when I walked into the garage, he was in the trap!

Once at the shelter, after getting him a soft bed, food and water, his true personality came to life. He was so happy and thankful to finally be safe and warm, and couldn't get enough love and attention. His ordeal was finally over, and he would never have to spend one more minute outside in the cold. After a visit to the vet, where he would be neutered, tested, vaccinated, etc., he could begin the process of forgetting this painful chapter in his life.

We will never know how Olaf managed to save himself during a snow storm by finding his way to what little shelter there was available. He is obviously a very smart and resourceful cat, and deserves nothing but the best from here on in. I am sure that once he is in a loving home, he will forget all about his cold, lonely time in the garage.



HOPING FOR A HOME

Beautiful Hope has been waiting for her forever home for many years. She was rescued as a very pregnant stray and gave birth shortly thereafter. Her kittens were adopted several years ago, and

she has been patiently waiting for her own loving home. Hope is quiet and a little shy, but warms up nicely when she is petted. She will blossom in a quiet home without dogs or young kids. Adopting one cat may not change the world, but for Hope, her world will change forever. Come meet



Hope at our open house or apply to adopt her online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

Story by Carol Andrecs / Photo by Genevieve Ray

A GIFT FOR GIZMO

Gizmo is a small cat with a big personality. At only 4 years old, he is playful and loving, and craves attention from his



humans. His long white fur with brown and black tiger markings makes him extra stunning and unique. Gizmo is not a fan of all the other cats in his room, and is ready to make a lifetime of memories in a permanent home of his own. Are you the person to give Gizmo this gift? Come meet this sweet and affectionate boy at our open house or apply to adopt him online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

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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.

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PRECIOUS BUBBLES!

Bubbles, a handsome 10-month old gray tabby, was rescued on the property of a shoreline home with his two siblings.

No mom was found, and the kittens were scavenging for food until a caring person started to feed and a friend called Forgotten Felines to rescue the babies. Bubbles' siblings were adopted together, and he is waiting anxiously for his turn. He is so sweet, playful, cuddly and snuggly, and would love a quiet home with another young cat. Can you give this precious kitten a loving home? Come meet Bubbles at our open house or apply to adopt him online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



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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.

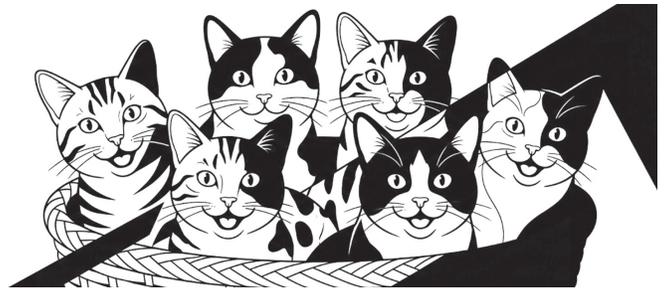
Thanks also to Dr. Robert Fair, Dr. John Mead and staff at Killingworth Animal Hospital for taking such good care of our residents and new rescues, and to Shore Publishing for featuring our cat adoption stories, articles and notices.

Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!

Spring 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."



Foster Homes Urgently Needed



Photo by Lisa Nadeau

Forgotten Felines is in desperate need of foster homes for kittens and pregnant and nursing moms. If you are interested in fostering, please leave a message at **860-669-1347, option 3**.