

A NO-KILL SHELTER



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FOSTER HOMES URGENTLY NEEDED



We are in desperate need of short and long-term foster homes for our rescued kittens, bottle fed babies, pregnant moms and special needs cats. We simply cannot continue to rescue cats and kittens if we don't have a place for them to go. Please consider fostering, even for a short while. The rewards are endless.

SNUGGLE BUDDIES

There couldn't be a more precious pair of kittens than Freckles and Skittles. These 11 month old sisters crave attention, cuddling and affection. Freckles, a tortoiseshell, and Skittles, a calico, 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 Forgiven Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



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. For more information, please call the adoption line at 860-669-1347, visit our website at www.forgottenfelinesct.org or email adoptions@forgottenfelinesct.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9

10:00am - 2:00pm



Find Your Match Adoption Events

Every Saturday

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Check out our Facebook page and www.forgottenfelinesct.org for details.



A First Time For Everything

By Virginia Van Norden, Forgotten Felines Director

Early on a January morning, a local Animal Control Officer was startled by the sound of screeching tires and a car speeding away from her house. She went outside to investigate and found a cat in her yard. She was worried because his eyes were runny and his face looked swollen. He seemed very scared, would not let her get too close, and ran into a barn on the property, where she left food for him.

When she got home from work that evening, he was still in the barn. She couldn't get near him, but he was meowing away, usually a sign that a cat is friendly. Feral cats don't want you to know they exist, and most often will not do anything to draw attention to themselves. She called me for help, and I went there after work.

The cat was hiding in the bushes outside the barn when I got there, and was still talking. I could tell that he wanted us to know where he was, but he was

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NUTMEG WILL SPICE UP SPRINGTIME!

All it takes is one look to fall madly in love with this delicate puffball of a kitty. Nutmeg is an orange and white, long-haired sweetheart with a huge purr. She is a loving, gentle lap cat who is looking for her special cardaMOM or cinnaMAN to take her home! To adopt Nutmeg or any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

2020 Forgotten Felines Plant Sale!



Forgotten Felines will hold its annual **Mother's Day Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 9, 2020 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 Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

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



A First Time for Everything

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too afraid to let us approach. I set a trap, put it as close to where he seemed to be as I could, and waited in my car in the bitter cold for him to go in. He did not go near the trap, and when I followed his crying, I discovered that he was back inside the barn, sitting on some steps watching me when I entered.

As soon as I saw him, I knew that his face wasn't swollen. He was an unneutered male, with the characteristic jowls that develop as a result of increased testosterone in cats who are not neutered before reaching puberty. I put the trap on the ground as close to him in the barn as I could get, which prompted him to go out a hole in a side wall, where he sat and cried. I took the trap back out to him and he went inside. I took the trap inside and he went out. I took the trap outside and he went in. This went on far too long, and obviously wasn't working! It was so cold and all I wanted was to get him to the warmth and safety of the shelter. I knew he wanted me to rescue him, but he couldn't quite trust me, and after being abandoned, I didn't blame him.

In over 20 years of rescuing cats, I have never done this before. I walked over to the steps in the barn as slowly and quietly as I could and held the trap right in front of him. He really, really wanted the tuna fish inside, and actually started eating out of the front. He took a few steps in and ate the food in the middle. While I supported the trap from underneath, in addition to holding it by the handle on top, he actually walked all the way in! I couldn't believe it. This has never happened to me!

Based on the location of the rescue, I named him Parker, and he is every bit as sweet as I knew he would be. Although still very shy, he loves all the attention the volunteers give him - which is a lot, because who could resist that face?!

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 complete an application on our website at www.forgottenfelinesct.org and email to volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org, call 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!



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Follow us at our Instagram handle: [@forgottenfelinesct](https://www.instagram.com/forgottenfelinesct)



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ERICA'S WISH!

Erica is a beautiful tiger cat who has a secret wish. She dreams of a warm sunny window to sleep in, a human to cuddle up with, and the knowledge that she will be loved for the rest of her life. Erica also behaves just like a cat! She is loving and sweet, likes to be petted, and enjoys attention, and then lets her human companions know when she would like to have some alone time.

Erica would be very happy as the only cat in a home, since she has a very independent personality, but she would also get along with another nice cat as well. To make Erica's dream come true, or to adopt any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



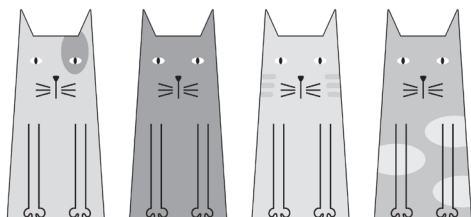
LEWIN G. JOEL, JR. SCHOOL

Thank You, Joel School Community

Once again, our wonderfully loyal friends in the Joel School community have gifted Forgotten Felines with an enormous donation of the shelter supplies we need and use every day. We were invited, as we have been for many years, to take part in the annual "100th Day Collection Event" assembly celebrating the efforts of the children to collect much needed items for multiple organizations in the community that work to help people and animals in need. We attended the assembly, where the students sang, danced and presented each organization with their collections. We received an actual carful of canned and dry cat and kitten food, in addition to toys and cleaning supplies, all of which are needed to ensure full tummies, playtime stimulation and a healthy and clean shelter for our beloved residents. As a non-profit group, we depend entirely on donations from the public to keep our doors open every day of the year for the homeless cats and kittens in the 11 area towns that we serve. A donation such as this goes a long way toward stocking our shelves and making our dollars go further.

It gives us great encouragement to know that others value our mission of providing a safe home with medical care, good food and lots of love for our cats. The Joel School has stood by us for years, always ready to help, and we are proud and grateful to be able to call them very special friends. Thank you to everyone there for caring so much about Forgotten Felines.

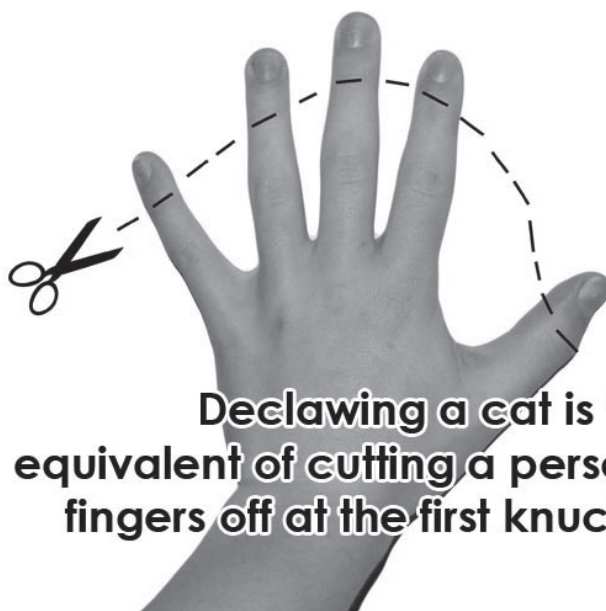
Did You Know?



Many people think the solution to protect their furniture is to declaw their cat, but do not understand that declawing is a serious surgery where a cat's toe bones and claws are amputated. Often cat owners are also unaware of the risks of declawing and the pain that cats suffer. Here is one of many articles that gives alternatives to declawing and how to protect your furniture, family and other pets.



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Declawing a cat is the equivalent of cutting a person's fingers off at the first knuckle.

WISH LIST

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

amazon.com

To find our new wish list on amazon.com, search for "Forgotten Felines, Inc. of Connecticut" & see what our cats and volunteers are wishing for.

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!

SET YOUR HEART A- "BLAZE"!



Blaze is handsome, well-mannered and loving, making him the perfect gentleman! This cuddly orange tiger boy loves to play, and is eager to find a home where he can bask in the sunshine of someone's love. He is an outgoing charmer who loves to be brushed and eat treats. To adopt Blaze or any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.



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.

