



BONDED BUDDIES!

How cute and handsome are these adorable 7 month old boys? Declan is orange and white, while Pablo is a classic tabby with extra toes. They are very playful kittens who keep each other entertained, and both purr loudly when cuddled and brushed. They have been waiting patiently for their permanent home, and hope that you will be the one to make sure they are loved forever and never separated. To meet Declan and Pablo, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at www.forgottenfelinesct.org.

Story by Carol Andrecs • Photo by Joanne Giegerich



Dangers of Letting A Cat Outside

Did you know that the lifespan of outdoor cats is shortened by 3-5 years compared to indoor cats? Every time cats go outside, their lives are put at risk.

- **They Can Get Hit by a Car**

You might think that this applies only to busy roads, but you don't need to live near a highway for your cat to run the risk of getting hit by a car whenever it crosses the street. Some people argue that their cats know about street safety and are aware of cars around them, but it only takes one mistake for a cat to get run over. Don't assume that the driver will see your cat or that your cat is smart enough to avoid traffic.



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2018 Forgotten Felines Plant Sale!

Forgotten Felines will hold its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Saturday May 12, 2018 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 Friday, April 27, 2018.

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.

- **Other Animals Can Hurt Your Cats**

Cats are in danger of being hurt or killed by other animals. Depending on where you live, there are a variety of wild animals that could hurt or kill a cat, such as coyotes, wolves, foxes, hawks and owls. Your cat also runs the risk of being attacked by dogs and even other cats.

- **Diseases and Health Issues**

A cat can get sick from going outside and coming in contact with other cats. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is the feline equivalent of HIV in humans, and is spread through bites by infected cats. A cat with FIV has a compromised immune system and is more susceptible to other illnesses. Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) is another serious illness that infected cats can transmit to healthy cats through the transfer of saliva or nasal secretions. By going outside, cats also run the risk of getting rabies, parasites such as fleas, ticks, lungworms and tapeworms, and funguses such as ringworm.

- **Some People Don't Like Cats**

There are many people who just don't like cats, and some will try to hurt them if given the chance. It is heartbreaking to lose a cat, but so much worse if someone intentionally kills it. When you let your cat outside, you put it at the mercy of cruel individuals.

- **Cats Can Get Lost or Trapped**

Sometimes cats don't return home because they have lost their way or gotten trapped in a garage, basement or shed, or up a tree. Not all cats have great directional skills, and there are no guarantees that they will return if they wander too far from home. If not discovered quickly, the results can be deadly.

- **Cats are Decimating Bird Populations**

It is no secret that cats are small predators who enjoy hunting and killing. Even a well fed cat will prey on birds and other animals for sport. It is estimated that approximately 1-4 billion birds are killed by cats every year in the United States, and it is no wonder that environmentalists are concerned about the impact that domestic cats have on ecosystems.

- **Cats Could Unintentionally Be Poisoned**

Cats outside are exposed to a variety of substances, some of them deadly. Antifreeze is a real danger because cats are attracted to the taste and smell. Ingesting it can cause kidney failure and death. Other harmful substances include pesticides, chemicals and poisonous plants.

For the sake of the cats you love so much,
please keep them inside.

Excerpts from PetHelpFul.com



SING A SONG OF ARIA!

Aria is just waiting to take center stage in someone's life. She is a little shy, very gentle, and would love a quiet home where she would be encouraged to love, trust, and bond with her special human! Aria is a long-haired tortoiseshell, which is a cat color found only in females, meaning she has blacks and oranges and tans in her coat, with no white. Are you ready to sing Aria's praises? To adopt Aria 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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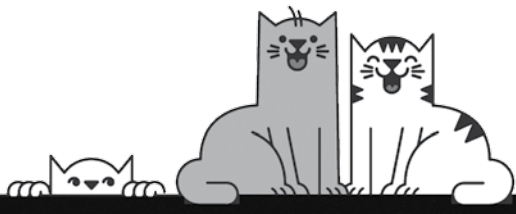
Thank You Faithful Joel School Supporters

Forgotten Felines is once again very grateful to the wonderful community of educators, students and families of the Joel School for all they do so willingly, year after year, to help Forgotten Felines and numerous other groups make a positive difference in the lives of people and animals.

We were privileged to attend the school's 100th Day Celebration assembly on February 22, and met hundreds of the kind and giving children and adults who contributed much needed supplies to these groups. The students of the Joel School are certainly learning valuable lessons about good citizenship and shaping a better world at a young age.

Our shelter received many boxes and bags of the items on our "wish list" that we need and use every day to keep our furry residents happy and healthy. We always have hungry mouths to feed and these bountiful donations really help stretch our dollars. We are encouraged by others believing in our mission to help homeless cats and kittens, and being willing to help us continue the work that is so important to us. Our friendship with the Joel School community is truly a gift to everyone at the shelter, and we are most appreciative of its continued generosity and partnership, assuring that we can continue to offer a safe haven to cats and kittens in need.

Thank you, Joel School, for all you do to help us!



SPRING WISH LIST

- 🐱 Friskies classic paté canned food
- 🐱 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
- 🐱 Fancy Feast Kitten canned food, any flavor

- 🐱 Purina Kitten Chow dry food
- 🐱 Stop & Shop gift cards
- 🐱 Postage stamps
- 🐱 Nitrile gloves
- 🐱 Bleach
- 🐱 Dishwashing detergent

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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.



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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 Tracie 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!



IT MAKES "CENTS" TO TAKE PENNY HOME!

Everyone knows the value of a dollar these days, but are you aware of the value of Penny? Not long ago, this beautiful tiger girl was outside alone and hungry, and arrived at the shelter emaciated. Now that she is safe and cared for, she is loving, friendly and in need of cuddles and sunny spots to sleep in! Penny is a sweet girl who is just waiting for the right person to teach her all about forever love. If it's time to make a "change" at home, Penny is the perfect cat! To adopt Penny 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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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.



SHELTER VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Forgotten Felines needs shelter volunteers to help clean and care for our cats. We also need volunteers who are willing to administer medications and clean cages. Prior experience is not necessary as we will train all new volunteers. Can you spare a few hours a week to make a huge difference in their lives? If so, please call the volunteer line at 860-669-1347, option 3, or send an email to volunteerinfo@forgottenfelinesct.org.



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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

**Spring
Cleaning Day**
Sunday, April 29
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Find Your Match
Adoption Events**
Every Saturday
11:00 am - 3:00 pm



Join Us for Some Spring Cleaning

We could really use some help on our Spring Cleaning day, Sunday, April 29 from 8:00 am - 3 pm. It is an important day for us, because spring and fall cleaning are the only days we can schedule a thorough scrubbing, cleaning and purging of the shelter interior with minimal disruption to the cats and our shelter crews. To accomplish our tasks, we need a lot of extra hands. If you can join us for a couple hours, please come on over. Lunch and beverages provided. Please, no children under the age of 18. For more information, call 860-669-1347.

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.

