



## Home At Last

By Virginia Van Norden, Forgotten Felines Director

Once upon a time, a darling little tan and white cat was wandering the streets of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria completely devastated the island. Everything changed when Arya was adopted and brought to a Connecticut shoreline town. For three weeks, she enjoyed the love of her new family and all the comforts of her own home.



Then the unthinkable happened. Very late one night in December, when a door was left open for a brief moment, Arya bolted out to chase a cat she saw and simply vanished. The family did everything recommended when trying to find a missing cat. Traps were set, flyers were posted, video cameras were watched, missing pet internet sites were contacted, and litter boxes and clothes with familiar scents were put outside the home. However, there was no sign of her. As if things weren't bad enough, while out searching, Arya's mother slipped on black ice and broke her ankle, requiring surgery and stays in both a hospital and a rehabilitation center. This left her physically unable to do the one thing she wanted more than anything - look for Arya. Month after bitter cold month, through snow storms and frigid temperatures, this sweet Caribbean cat was missing, and the chances of her being found dwindled.

Late one night the following September, I received a call about a cat that had run in front of a car at the drive through window of a restaurant on a very busy main road. I raced there, and was told that the cat had gone to a dumpster next door and then continued running down the road. It was a long shot, but I set a trap by the dumpster and prayed that it would return the same way it went. A half hour later, a small tan and white cat appeared, smelled the food and made its way to the trap. It was so hungry that it went right in and just kept eating.

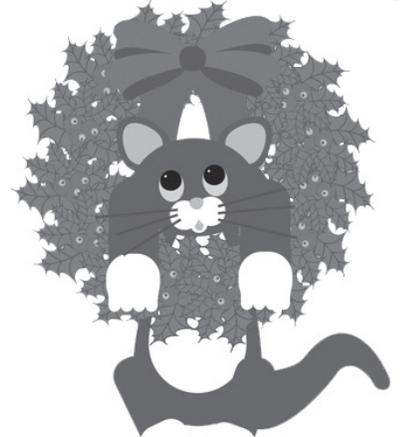
Once at the shelter, I was amazed how friendly this cat, a female, was. Why in the world was she outside looking for anything she could find to eat late at night on a busy road? It didn't make sense, but she was now safe and happy, and that's all that mattered at the time.

After being examined by a veterinarian, she was featured on the Forgotten Felines Facebook page, and you can guess the rest! Arya's mother saw the picture and recognized her immediately. Ten months after running out of the house on that cold winter night, Arya and her family were tearfully reunited. Against all odds, she had survived and been rescued, and is now back home where she belongs, just in time for a very, very happy holiday season.



## HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

Forgotten Felines will be holding a Holiday Wreath Sale at 153 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook on Saturday, December 1 and Saturday, December 8 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. There will be a variety of beautiful balsam and mixed green wreaths with bows for sale in various sizes, in addition to swags, kissing balls, baskets and logs with greens, centerpieces, stocking stuffers, novelty gift items and holiday hanging baskets. For more information, call 860-669-1347.





## Forever in Our Hearts

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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. Alamo, Alice, Bobbi, Bombay, Boomer, Brady, Bubba, Cubby, Dapper, Fawn, Figaro, Flanagan, Forsythia, Hayden, Hennessey, Kacey, Kimmy, Kiwi, Leah, Lilly, Lovey, Mango, Marble, Pax, Phoebe, Reese, Sasha, Shirley, Smoky, Stormy, Twinkie, Twinkle, Willa, Winnie and Zuzu, we love you, we miss you, and you will forever have a special place in our hearts.



A HUGE HEARTFELT thank you to all of our supporters for funding our tower bed campaign! We raised \$9,700, which allowed us to purchase 24 towers to outfit all 5 rooms of our shelter! We also had enough funds to purchase new scratching posts for all the rooms and are working on making coordinated mats to replace the heavy towels that keep breaking our washing machines. Without your generous support, none of this would be possible. Our volunteers are thrilled with how easy the towers are to clean and how lightweight they are to move. Our kitties love the assortment of beds and dish cups to sleep in.

### KEEP YOUR KITTIES SAFE

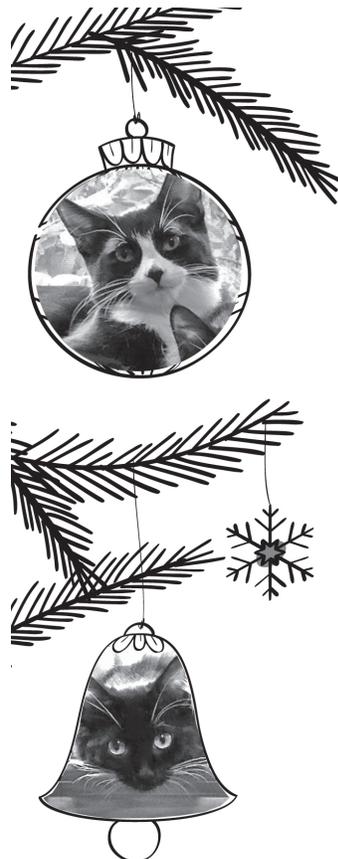
**Mistletoe** - Possesses intense toxic potential. Clinical veterinarian cases, though, record only depression and vomiting after eating, but no more serious symptoms.

**Poinsettia** - May produce a stomach ache, vomiting or diarrhea in dogs and excessive drooling in cats. Tastes bad, making it unlikely that pets will nibble it.



### HAVE A CHAT WITH GABBY

This lovely gray and white girl will talk, meow and burble all about her day! She loves to discuss the sunshine, her bed, her food, and any birds she might have seen outside the window! The best part about Gabby is that she will purr contentedly and be an excellent listener as well! She is very sweet, playful, and ready for a wonderful home! To adopt gorgeous Gabby or any other cat or kitten, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at [www.forgottenfelinesct.org](http://www.forgottenfelinesct.org).



### Smitten With Kittens

It is hard to believe that these two adorable siblings are still waiting for their furever home. Jett is a classic black and white short-haired tuxedo boy with the cutest black dot on the tip of his nose. His sister, Jade, is a stunning black and white long-haired beauty. Both kittens are very energetic, playful and engaging, and the most affectionate, loving pair of babies you could ever hope to find. To meet Jett and Jade or any other kittens, please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 or apply online at [www.forgottenfelinesct.org](http://www.forgottenfelinesct.org).

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# 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](http://www.forgottenfelinesct.org) and email to [volunteerinfo@forgottenfelines.com](mailto:volunteerinfo@forgottenfelines.com), 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!



## TUXEDO TREASURES!

Jake and Quinn are two beautiful black and white long-haired kittens that are waiting to be scooped up and adopted. These darling boys are very friendly, playful and cuddly babies. They are little purring machines, always so happy and content, whether they are playing with their toys or each other, being held and petted, or curled up asleep together. Not ready for little ones in your life? We have many adult cats at our shelter for you to choose from! Please call the Forgotten Felines adoption line at 860-669-1347 today for an appointment.

## Feline Frenzy Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the 2018 *Feline Frenzy* raffle prize winners. Our annual raffle was again a huge success due to our loyal supporters and friends. We are so grateful for all of your donations and contributions, which enable us to continue helping homeless cats.

- 🐾 Grand Prize: Jane Bibbiani of Ivoryton
- 🐾 1st Prize: Chris Parsons of Wolcott
- 🐾 2nd Prize: Lucille Killiany of Thomaston
- 🐾 3rd Prize: Frances Picchioni of Westbrook

## 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!

## 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.



## 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
- 🐾 Stop & Shop gift cards
- 🐾 Postage stamps
- 🐾 Yesterday's News litter

[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

To find our new wish list on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), search for "Forgotten Felines, Inc. of Connecticut" & see what our cats and volunteers are wishing for.



A NO-KILL SHELTER



**FORGOTTEN FELINES INC.**

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**HELP  
WANTED:  
CARPENTRY  
WORK**

We need help with carpentry work to repair our shed on the property, which is in very bad shape. It is urgent that we replace the rotted wood, as the shed will probably not survive another winter without some repairs. Can you give us a hand with this type of work? If you can help, please call the volunteer line at 860-669-1347 and leave a message.

**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](http://www.forgottenfelinesct.org) or email [adoptions@forgottenfelinesct.org](mailto:adoptions@forgottenfelinesct.org).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**Holiday Wreath Sale**  
Saturday, December 1  
and December 8  
11:00am - 3:00pm

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Check out our Facebook page and [www.forgottenfelinesct.org](http://www.forgottenfelinesct.org) for details.



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

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. Forgiven Felines will be listed on the 2019 ballot competing for a share of the money available through customer voting. Voting will run from February 1 through February 28, 2019 so please stop by an Essex Savings Bank location and cast your vote for Forgiven Felines. Winners will be announced during the first week in April, 2019.



**SNUGGLE BUDDIES!**

There couldn't be a more precious pair of sibling kittens than Tootsie and Poppy. This brother and sister love lots of attention, cuddling and affection. Tootsie, the tortoiseshell beauty, and Poppy, the handsome black boy, are constantly purring and love to be held.



When not napping or watching TV with their humans, 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. 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](http://www.forgottenfelinesct.org).