



## Wilbur & Orville - The Wright Decision

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When one of our volunteers checked the footage from the video camera he had set up on his deck, he saw a light colored cat at his sliding glass door in the early morning hours. He started putting food out, and the cat returned every few days. When he was convinced that the cat didn't belong to anyone, I was informed, and my latest trapping adventure began!

Unfortunately for me, the cat stuck to his regular hours, and was only seen after midnight! Late on a Saturday night in June, I went to the



house and waited patiently for 4 hours for the cat to show up. He didn't. I went back on Sunday night and did see the cat a few hours later (when he jumped on my car!), but he had not gone on the deck and into the trap by the time I left at 2:00 am. I went back again on Sunday night and the cat only made me wait until 12:30 am before being trapped. I took him to the shelter, and he turned out to be an unneutered, orange sweetheart who was so happy to be safe inside getting love and attention.

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## Forgotten Felines Needs Towers

At our last spring cleaning day, we had to remove most of the soiled carpeted towers and wooden structures that could not be cleaned. Our cats loved these towers, but they have a very short lifespan in a shelter of our size. Our wish is to replace them with towers made of a PVC material that will last a lifetime (we like the ones at [felinesnoozers.com](http://felinesnoozers.com)) to work with the [kuranda.com](http://kuranda.com) towers we already have at the shelter. These towers can be sprayed down, disinfected, wiped dry and are ready to use again. Not only are they great looking and lightweight, our cats love them! We have 6 cat rooms we would like to install these towers in, but we need help purchasing them. If you can send a donation toward the Tower Fundraiser, we would be very grateful and much further along in reaching our goal. Thank you from all of us (both 4 legged and 2 legged) at Forgotten Felines for your support! Donations can be sent to Forgotten Felines, P.O. Box 734, Clinton, CT 06413. Please mark the donation as "Tower Fundraiser." You can also make an online donation through our Facebook page and website ([www.forgottenfelinesct.org](http://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 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!



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As fate would have it, one of our adoption coordinators is very good friends with the neighbors who live next door to the house where I trapped. Hearing about the rescue, they met the cat at the shelter after he had been to the vet, fell instantly in love, and adopted him. He just looked like a Wilbur to them, and everyone was thrilled with the outcome of this rescue.

However, this was not the end. Our volunteer couldn't believe his eyes when he viewed an almost identical looking cat on the video footage days after I had rescued Wilbur! He also seemed to keep the same hours and was not there every night, so the adventure resumed!

I returned on a Thursday night and stayed until 2:00 am, but no cat. I was informed the next day that he was seen on camera at 2:31 am! On Friday and Saturday nights I watched the trap until 4:00 am. There was a fox close to the deck, but I never saw the cat. I went back on Sunday night, and he appeared on the deck at 1:15 am and went right into the trap. Once at the shelter, I discovered that although he was a little more skittish than Wilbur, he was a friendly, tan, unneutered male.

When Wilbur's new parents found out that another cat existed, they immediately decided to adopt him. Our vet determined that Orville was the same age as Wilbur, and the confirmed brothers were happily reunited! They went from scouring the neighborhood for food, trying to avoid predators and stay alive, to living a life of luxury that they could not have imagined.

According to their new mom, "It is amazing to see how Wilbur sticks by Orville. Orville is very slowly coming around. Their favorite playtime seems to be anytime between 3:00-5:00 am! They really are great buddies. We are so glad we have both of them here, together, as they should be."

Clearly, they made the Wright decision!

## SHELTER VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

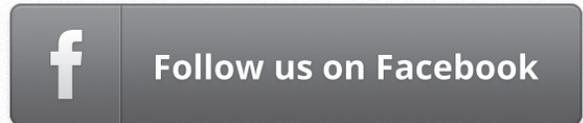
Forgotten Felines needs shelter volunteers to help clean and care for our cats. We also need volunteers who are willing to administer medications and clean cages. Prior experience is not necessary as we will train all new volunteers. Can you spare a few hours a week to make a huge difference in their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

[www.forgottenfelinesct.org](http://www.forgottenfelinesct.org)



## PEPPERCORN ADDS SPICE TO LIFE!

This fellow is nothing to sneeze at! Peppercorn may be a handsome, strapping boy dressed to look cool in mostly black, but he knows how to channel his inner silly playful cattitude. He is loving and sweet and is looking for the perfect salt to his pepper! To adopt Peppercorn 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).



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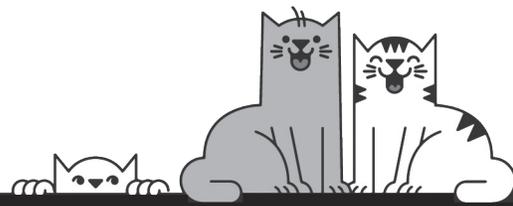
## DUSTY IS A TINY GIRL WITH A HUGE PERSONALITY!

Dusty was rescued from horrific living conditions where she probably never would have received any vet care at all. This adorable gray cloud of a kitten is playful, loving, and adores being held and snuggling against anyone who will sit with her. Sweet Dusty has some special needs and is waiting for just the right person to come along and love her for the rest of her life! Can you be her hero? To adopt Dusty 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).



## GEE, WILBUR IS SOME CAT!

No matter whether the frame of reference is TV's Mr. Ed or the literary Charlotte's Web, Wilbur will never fail to deliver an award-winning performance! Dashing Wilbur is dressed in gray and white and will throw himself on the floor belly up just waiting for the perfect rub when he sees a human. He loves to be held and cuddled and is very people-oriented. Wilbur would like to be the only feline character in his family, but he will deliver his lines to perfection! To adopt Wilbur 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).



# 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.



## 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.



## 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.

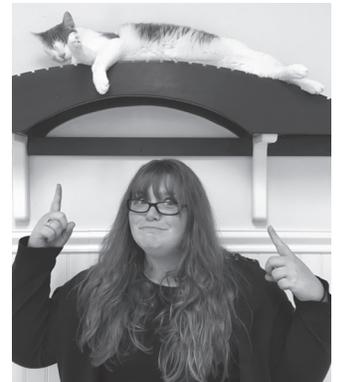
**Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!**



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

Looking for a daily dose of cute, fluffy cats?! Forgotten Felines is happy to introduce our new Instagram account! Run by volunteer Emily Cable, it features the cats in a fresh and fun new light. Follow us to see our kitties lounging in the sun, snuggling up in cuddle puddles, or sneaking a peak from up on our catwalks! Each cat has such a personality, and Instagram is a great way to capture this. You can also catch some of our volunteers giving our residents the love they deserve.

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





For more information:

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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



**Fall Cleaning Day**  
Sunday,  
September 23  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

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

### Fall Cleaning Day

Sunday, September 23  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm.



We could really use some help on our Fall Cleaning Day, Sunday September 23 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. It is an important day for us, because spring and fall cleaning are the only days we can schedule a thorough scrubbing 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](http://www.forgottenfelinesct.org) or email [adoptions@forgottenfelinesct.org](mailto:adoptions@forgottenfelinesct.org).