



**Forgotten Cats, Inc.**



## From Forgotten to Forever Because of YOU

This year over 1000 cats and kittens were rescued from the streets of Forgotten and adopted into the homes of Forever because of your generous support. **You are the reason Forgotten Cats can accomplish its' mission.**

**I know it's hard** for any of us to imagine a sweet affectionate cat abandoned by its owners to survive on the streets, alone, hungry and afraid but this is the reality. For most of these cats, it's the first time to be outside of their home and, consequently, they hide in the bushes, under the deck or on the door stoop for weeks patiently waiting for their family to return. Heartbroken, confused, and on the brink of starvation, they then wander into the community to begin their life as a homeless cat. Those that survive do so because they are lucky enough to find a kind, compassionate person who offers them a meal – either individually or unknowingly as part of a feral colony.

Together with these compassionate people, Forgotten Cats catches and neuters the entire colony for which they care, to prevent the creation of the hundreds of kittens that would otherwise be born. It's through this effort called trap, neuter, vaccinate and return (TNVR) that these friendly cats are discovered.

Unlike feral cats who are afraid of people, these former pet cats seek human affection only to be rejected time after time, with a shove or a kick. The feral colonies terrorize these newcomers to defend their food source. It's no wonder that these friendly cats come to us scarred both inside and out. There are no words to describe the look in their eyes when we find them, but we all know what they have been through. What amazes us it that despite the trauma of abandonment, rejection and physical pain, these cats are willing to trust and give their love again.

The letters about Millie and Rupi are two of the many letters we've received from people who thank Forgotten Cats for allowing them to experience the love of a rescued Forgotten Cat. Really, they should be thanking you for your generous support which allows us to continue our valuable work. May your holidays be filled with the warmth of family and friends and the joy of the season.



Sincerely,

*Felicia Cross*

Felicia Cross, President  
Forgotten Cats, Inc.

### This Year Give the Gift of Compassion

Please make your **tax-deductible** donation today and help us to continue to provide second chances to the thousands of homeless cats and kittens who cannot speak to their own suffering. They have no one but Forgotten Cats on their side.

Donate online:  
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# And homeless, outside your door I stood... with no name...hungry and afraid.

I just wanted to share with you the love that my Forgotten Cat, Millie, has brought to my family's life these past seven and a half years.

I remember the day I noticed her beautiful green eyes looking at me, following my every move while I browsed Petsmart, waiting on a friend to purchase something for her pet. I didn't go into the store that day with the intention of finding a pet, I was just there to pass time during my lunch break. I would have never, in all of my life, guessed that this quick trip to pass time, would result in my finding my forever furbaby. Millie is the most gentle and affectionate cat I've ever known.

Sadly, tomorrow, September 10th, 2016, my beloved companion is being put to sleep. My Millie suffers from CKD, and has taken a horrible turn for the worse, despite attempts to make her condition more bearable for her. I can't imagine what it will be like falling asleep without her next to me, or waking up to her looking directly into my face, licking me. We have adopted a second cat, Max, from Forgotten Cats since we first got Millie, and I am sure he will miss her just as much as we will.

I just had to share my experience, and simply say thank you for all your organization does to help these loving animals. If there was ever a success story, it was certainly Millie. Coming from a feral community and having the loving, warm temperament she had, proves she was born to be loved, not to be discarded. The thought of her living on the streets before she came to me, literally brings me to tears. I have never experienced putting an animal to sleep, this will be my first time. I am sick to my stomach just thinking about it, tonight is going to be the hardest night for me. I know that I am doing the right thing in my head, but my heart is not ready to let go. I will be reaching out to you I am sure in the future, to bring my Max a new playmate. I will NEVER say replace my Millie, there is no replacing Millie. I believe with everything in my being, that she choose ME that day in Petsmart to be her mommy, and I have been blessed. Thank you again for rescuing Millie and her many friends who roam the streets in search of food and love.

Thank you again for all you do.

Sincerely,

**Mary S.**

This holiday season, with your help anything is possible. Please send in your donation today!



"I found my son Rocky while volunteering at a Forgotten Cats adoption center and instantly we fell in love; we have a mother and son bond that is indescribable. He is such a gift and blessing to my family as he is so full of life, energy, and spirit. I will never forget the moment we met, and I am forever grateful to Forgotten Cats for saving him and giving him a chance at life as my life wouldn't be the same without him." – Tracy M.

Most cats like Millie and Rupi that despite the trauma of abandonment, rejection and physical pain, continue to give their love and impact their humans' lives in profound ways. These stories are just two examples of how Forgotten Cats touches the lives of so many. With your donation, you can help us stop the suffering of thousands more cats and kittens by providing them with medical care and a second chance on life.

### My wife Karen and I adopted Butterball on July 31, 2011.

It was love at first sight between Karen and Butterball. They both purred like crazy! Karen renamed him Rupi. I would like to tell you the following story so that you know how important it was saving even just one cat—let alone the hard work you do in saving many.

When Karen's cancer returned in the Fall of 2013—Rupi knew. He stuck even more closely to her, always within a few inches of her lap. Karen tried her best. 60 weeks of strong chemo and radiation. Rupi always there. He did not care when Karen's hair fell out. He did not leave her side when she became so sick from the side effects of the chemo. Karen never cried or complained. Just tried her very best after the doctor's bag of tricks was empty. There was nothing left for Karen (Rupi and me) but Hospice. All Karen asked for was to be at home with Rupi and me at the end. And so it passed with Rupi still by Karen's side, we said good bye to Karen for the last time on April 1, 2015.

I tell you this story so that you know the wonderful thing that you do is not only for the cats, but for their people as well.

Please accept this small donation in Karen's memory as a thank you for allowing Karen and Rupi to meet.

**Mitch Trembicki**



Karen and Rupi at Christmas.



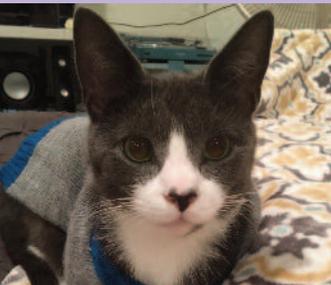
Rupi

**In a world where many cats have never received anything from humans but thoughtlessness and cruelty, you can make a difference.**

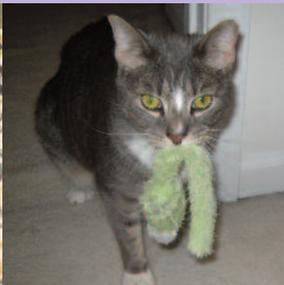
Your donation to Forgotten Cats allows them to continue to trap, neuter, vaccinate and return free roaming cats which prevents hundreds of thousands of kittens from being born to these homeless cats and the suffering that they would otherwise endure.



Below are just a few of the thousands of feral cats that were on the streets and who have found forever homes because of Forgotten Cats. With every \$50 donation, we can give a cat a second chance on life and prevent the birth of 2100 kittens within 4 years.



Houdini was adopted last year to a wonderful forever home.



Max was adopted in 2010. He is a great 'hunter'.



"Say cheese? Really? In what language would you like?"



This cute guy is named after Curious George because he is curious about everyone and everything.



"Doorbell...Hum...Run to the door or give up this cozy chair...decisions, decisions."

As 2016 comes to an end, Forgotten Cats will have sterilized its 100,000th cat, thus preventing the birth of millions of kittens AND the cruelty that they would have otherwise had to endure. This overwhelming work load has taken its toll on all aspects of our organization. Our facility is in dire need of repair. Every one of our vehicles have over 250,000 miles and are now unreliable. Our surgical suite is in need of new equipment and replenishment of medical supplies. Because of the many hardworking FC volunteers, our administrative costs are 1/5 of most organizations, and therefore, we have dedicated every penny of your donations directly towards making the difference between a life of misery and a life with a peaceful and healthy existence for 100,000 homeless cats.



This year we have no choice but to remedy our facility, vehicles and equipment issues before we can continue this work. We have set a goal of \$300,000 to allow us to meet our three goals. Please help us to continue our work by donating towards our goal. *You have my promise to make every penny count.*



Just a few of our babies found living within a feral colony. Now they patiently wait their turn to a forever home. Please consider opening your home to a Forgotten Cat or kitten. They will fill your heart with joy.

Please send your tax-deductable donation today and indicate how you would like your contribution to assist FC. Check the "MONEY THERMOMETER" on our web page [www.forgottencats.org](http://www.forgottencats.org) to follow our progress as we approach our goal of \$300,000 toward the following needs.

