

# FORGOTTEN Cats



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Hi Forgotten Cats friends!

Our focus for this issue of our newsletter is our growing TNVR efforts in Maryland. At the same time we received additional funding for TNVR in Sussex County, we also received funding from PetSmart Charities® for TNVR in Worcester and Wicomico Counties, MD. We have already TNVR'd over 100 cats from these counties and expect to do 700-800 cats in total with the funding. Much like Sussex County, these two counties in MD are in DESPERATE need of TNVR. We are hearing of very large colonies in multiple locations, and are collaborating with a few local TNVR groups to address the overwhelming free-roaming cat population.

To help support the rescue effort for these Maryland cats, some of whom may be socialized, we have also acquired a brand new **PetSmart Adoption Center in Berlin, MD**. This will be another

outlet for adoptable cats, but will also really help us with community outreach, educating the public on TNVR, the importance of sterilizing your pet, and the services Forgotten Cats provides. **Our grand opening will be during the next PetSmart National Adoption Event, May 19th!**



## Did you Know?

The heaviest domestic cat on record was Himmy who weighed 46.8 pounds.

## Volunteer Spotlight on Martin Stepper

By Anne Meddings

Martin Stepper may be retired from his career as an IT professional, but he's not retired from keeping busy. Like many of our volunteers, he works a lot of hours and wears many hats.

He manages the Pet Valu adoption center in Jenkintown, one of our new locations. This involves coordinating volunteer coverage, working with store management, hosting meet & greets, processing applications, serving as an adoption counselor, and of course making sure the kitties are well cared for and as comfortable as possible. As a new adoption center, this location doesn't have as much volunteer coverage as desired just yet, but the store has good foot traffic and a steady pace of adoptions.

Martin also spends one evening a week doing a feed & clean shift at the PetSmart in Jenkintown, and helps out at adoption events there. He is very thankful for having people like Kelly Gubitosa and Sue Silverman (co-managers of that adoption center) provide the guidance and oversight needed to deal with potential adopters as well as the cats.

He began volunteering with Forgotten Cats six years ago, followed by his wife Marka, also a cat lover. On Wednesdays they work together at the Willow Grove clinic helping take care of the downstairs



cats, incoming trapped cats, and sometimes, cats recovering from spay & neuter surgery. Martin credits clinic volunteer Terry Greiner for being a huge help to him, as well as being an amazing person. He said she always knows just which clinic or foster cats to send to Pet Valu.

Martin has two adult children and two young grandchildren which bring joy to his life. He lives in Elkins Park, PA with Marka and their 10 rescue cats. There's Katrina, Purracy, Henry, Skittles, Lana, Spice, Lewis, Clark, Butters and Vyolet. (Vyolet was given the unusual spelling to distinguish her from the many other Violets in the Forgotten Cats database.)

After receiving his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and teaching for a few years, Martin worked in the IT field. He retired from Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick, NJ after working there for the last 20 years of his career.

His fellow volunteers may not know that Martin is a very talented musician! He is a graduate of the highly prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, one of the world's leading music schools, where he studied piano and composition. He enjoys performing with Marka, also a gifted musician. Although recently retired, Marka taught violin and viola at the Settlement Music School and now works as a freelance musician. The two met over their love of music. Their mutual love of cats helped seal the deal, no doubt!

Volunteering with Forgotten Cats gives Martin the opportunity to learn more about cats and to interact with a variety of people. It's a nice way to stay engaged during retirement while also doing good. He appreciates that the various aspects of his volunteer service enable him to witness a large scope of the Forgotten Cats operation, from intake to happy endings. And happy endings are the icing on the cake.

**The most rewarding part of his job is being sent "after" photos of former Forgotten Cats looking happy and loved in their forever homes.**

Martin could be spending his retirement doing any number of things. We are so pleased that he has chosen to give his time and energy to helping out Forgotten Cats.

**Thank you Martin!**

## Adoption Update:

Happy Endings!!! Arnold is an FIV+ kitty who had a painful eye condition called entropion. He had to have surgery to feel better. Many of you might remember another orange and white FIV+ boy, Henry, who was adopted by the mama of [Mr. Magoo Who? "The Blind Kitty Who Stole My Heart"](#).



She definitely has a thing for orange kitties with special needs - she adopted Arnold too!

They're calling him Arnold Ziffel after the pig in Green Acres, "as he's a little piggy when he eats!!!" Arnold is adjusting well and is learning some kitty manners. He's already very affectionate with his humans, and soon he will begin to mingle with his many kitty housemates (except maybe Mr. Magoo, who does not get along with other kitties. That's okay, Goo!)

Forgotten Cats alum Henry is also doing great! His mama says "he's a complete and utter love, and we have never adopted a sweeter, more easygoing cat. He just celebrated his 4th birthday!"

**Congratulations to both boys,  
and best wishes  
to the whole family!**



## STATUS UPDATE:

In March, we sterilized 808 cats and placed 114 cats in loving forever homes.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these upcoming events.

**April 21 & 22, 2018 - Brandywine PetSmart Adoption Event**

**April 22, 2018 - WJBR FurrFest**

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Bellevue State Park Figure 8 Barn**

**April 28, 2018 - 2018 Volunteer Fair**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Chester County Library**

**May 5, 2018 - Spring Shopping Event**

**11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Ten Thousand Villages, Wilmington, DE**

**May 6, 2018 - Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza Fundraiser**

**11:30 AM - 10:00 PM**

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