



Senior kitty Greyson, watched as his family drove away after they discarded him into a colony of many cats. This sweet cat was forced to enter the world of homelessness without the skills to survive. By the time Forgotten Cats found him he was covered in abscessed wounds, he was emaciated, eyes swollen from infection, and huddled in an empty feeding station shaking out of pure fear. Greyson is smiling now because he is living the good life in his forever home.

**Regardless of age,
Forgotten Cats will help.**



Forgotten Cats, Inc.



To a dear friend of Forgotten Cats,

As 2017 comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the past year and the incredible people who have helped Forgotten Cats make a positive impact in countless communities. Your support means the world to us, and I would like to wish you and your family – both human and feline – a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

I'd also like to thank you for stepping up to make a difference. When you saw abandoned and vulnerable cats in your neighborhood, you acted to help them rather than look the other way. You donated your time and resources, which has made it possible for Forgotten Cats to care for more than 100,000 cats in need.

Without you, these cats and kittens would still be struggling to survive alone on the streets.



**“And Homeless, outside your door I stood...
with no name.. hungry and afraid”**



A typical clinic day. Over 100 trapped cats scheduled for surgery.



Forgotten Cats' clinic provided the medical care that gave these cats a second chance on life. Look at them now. Charlie's lunch moocher's live on the grounds of a utility plant and are cared for by the employees. Their colony was TNVR'ed three years ago and has been stable ever since.



Sassy shows the results of blunt trauma to the face.

It's grueling work. Many of the cats who come to our clinics through our trap-neuter-vaccinate-return program are broken physically and emotionally and require extensive rehabilitation before they are ready to be released or adopted. For many of them, Forgotten Cats' clinic will be the only time they receive medical care in their life – drastically improving their quality of life and giving them a fighting chance.

One of the most heartbreaking realities of our work is that many of these cats were pets at one time, and their trust in humans makes them more vulnerable to cruelty. Over this past year, our vets – in addition to routine services like neutering/spaying and vaccinating each cat – have set broken bones, removed un-repairable broken legs and tails, and extracted darts, BB pellets and glass intentionally embedded in their tiny bodies. They have also removed tumors, gouged eyes, and treated burns and abscesses that no doubt would become infected and could lead to a slow and painful death if left on the streets.

Forgotten Cats must continue to help the cats who truly have been forgotten. Without us, they have no one.

Unlike with other pets, there are no laws or funding to address the needs of homeless cats. Our operation takes an enormous amount of manpower and money. Our 700+ volunteers perform much of the work that most shelters employ people to do so that every penny we receive can go directly to rescue.



Enclosed in this letter are a few photos of cats we've rescued thanks to your donations and support!



Forgotten Cats trapped this colony in 2008 and these cats have lived healthy and kitten free lives since then. If not TNVR'd these cats would have created thousands of homeless kittens.



One of the hundreds of litters of kittens rescued from the cruelty of homelessness each year.



Homeless kittens recovering from surgery were rescued by FC and will be adopted into loving homes.

That's why I'm asking you this holiday season to make a tax-deductible donation so that we can continue providing a second chance on life for the thousands of homeless cats and kittens who cannot speak to their own suffering.

Although we cannot prevent abandonment, Forgotten Cats is one of only a few organizations in the U.S. whose work stops cruelty before it starts. Your donation would directly combat animal cruelty and suffering – a priceless gift to the most vulnerable cats and kittens.

Thank you for your continued support.

All the best,

Felicia Cross

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Visit our website www.forgottencats.org



With Every \$50 donation, we can give a cat a second chance on life and prevent the birth of 2100 kittens within 4 years.



Kittens found in dumpster discarded with the trash.



Indie, like Maggie's kittens was orphaned and left to die.

Maggie's Story

Maggie hides in the shadows of the alley light. Her black and white fur is drenched and her paws near-frozen as she tries to shield her five kittens from the freezing December winds. Her eyes are heavy, her stomach burning from hunger as her kittens suckle for hours because she is too emaciated to satisfy them. She can barely lift her head, exhausted from the never-ending burden of scavenging for food and searching for a warm shelter for her kittens – even if just for one night. How will she get through the winter? How will she get the strength to survive even one more day?

It is hard to imagine that sweet Maggie, now only 9 months old, was someone's pet a short time ago. When her family moved away, they simply left her outside – abandoning her and leaving her to live a life of misery.

The sad truth is that Maggie is only one of hundreds of thousands of cats forgotten by their families and ignored by society as just another stray cat. When people see her, many mistakenly assume she belongs outside or prefers to be there – that she's just doing what cats do. But for many like Maggie, they never wanted to be here. They don't know how to survive out here.

That cold December night, Maggie closed her eyes for the last time. Her kittens remained with her, waiting and crying for her to awaken. It was only when their hunger became so unbearable that their cries were heard by one of the many compassionate Forgotten Cats volunteers. They were given food, a warm shelter and a new chance at a loving home, but for Maggie, the help came too late.