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Enoch: The Cat Who Rescued Me

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When my husband, Kevin, and I adopted Enoch from Forgotten Felines and Fidos, I believed we were giving a former outdoor cat a safe and loving home. It did not take long to discover that Enoch had apparently reached a rather different conclusion. He has adopted us. And, more specifically, he has adopted me.

Enoch had spent approximately the first two years of his life living outdoors before coming into the care of Forgotten Felines and Fidos. Yet if you met him today, you would find that almost impossible to believe. Within weeks, this supposedly independent former outdoor cat has become my shadow. He follows me from room to room. He sleeps touching my feet every night, pushes his entire head and face into my hands while purring, curls up beside me whenever I sit down, and has appointed himself supervisor of virtually everything I do. Even a trip to the bathroom requires his personal attendance. Privacy, I have learned, was not included in the adoption agreement!

His transformation has been extraordinary. A few short weeks ago, this beautiful orange cat was accustomed to life outdoors. Today, our house looks more like Enoch owns it and my husband and I merely pay the bills. Our bay window has now been converted into several different beds so that he can choose precisely where he would like to watch the birds, wildlife, and activity in the garden. He has perches and toys throughout the house. The fireplace area has effectively become his dining room, complete with a wide variety of his favorite delicacies, which I take great care in preparing for his approval, and delicious spring water that is contained in his special bowl. There is even an Enoch bed on our bed. Kevin and I have accepted our new status as live-in staff! We laugh that Enoch is thoroughly spoiled. The truth is that we simply cherish him. After the life he had before coming to us, there is something deeply rewarding about knowing that he is now safe, comfortable, and surrounded by love.

He is also utterly fascinated by his robotic litter box. Apparently, after spending two years taking care of such matters outdoors, discovering that his bathroom now cleans itself is one of the great technological wonders of his new life! His mechanical toys are another source of endless entertainment. They may not quite be the real mice and birds he once knew how to catch, but he stalks, pounces, and plays with enormous enthusiasm. The hunter is clearly still in there—he has simply upgraded his equipment.

Yet behind all the laughter is something much more profound. Enoch came into my life during a period when I particularly needed him. I have been dealing with some significant health challenges, which have meant spending considerably more time resting and at home than someone as active and independent as I am would ordinarily choose. My husband's schedule and mine are also very different, and there were times when the house could feel terribly quiet. Then came Enoch. Suddenly, I was not alone when watching the television. There was a warm little body sleeping against my feet at night. Precious paws were appearing beside me. There was a beautiful orange face pushing insistently into my hands, asking to be loved. Wherever I went, there seemed to be an orange cat following a few steps behind. And something changed—not merely in me, but in our home. The atmosphere became even more peaceful. Kevin had owned a cat previously, and Enoch's quiet presence has been soothing for him as well. We laugh about Enoch constantly. We discuss what he is doing. We arrange things around him. We watch him observing us. Somehow, without making any effort whatsoever, one precious orange cat has become part of the rhythm of our marriage and our home.

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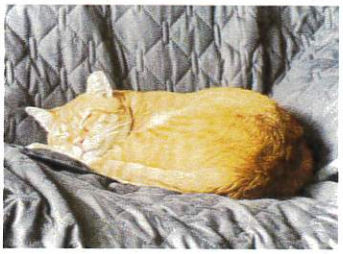
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For me personally, however, his companionship has been an extraordinary gift. I have loved and cherished many animals throughout my life and have shared my home with many cats, but I have never)

experienced a cat quite like Enoch. His desire for physical closeness, his constant companionship, and the depth of affection he displays toward me are unlike anything I have previously known. He is absolutely precious to me.

People often speak of humans rescuing animals. Enoch has taught me something beautiful: Sometimes rescue travels in both directions. And that brings me back to the remarkable people at Forgotten Felines and Fidos. An adoption story like ours does not begin on the day someone walks through the shelter door and takes a cat home. It begins much earlier. It begins with people willing to notice an animal that others might overlook. It continues with volunteers who clean, feed, comfort, and care for the cats day after day; with veterinary professionals who attend to their medical needs; and with people who give their time, compassion, and love to animals who cannot possibly understand everything being done on their behalf. These are the people who cared for Enoch before I ever had the privilege of calling him mine.



Forgotten Felines and Fidos is an all-volunteer, no-kill organization devoted to caring for homeless cats, providing medical care, supporting humane approaches to community cats, and helping animals find loving homes. Having now experienced this wonderful organization personally, those words have faces behind them. They belong to people who give their time when nobody is applauding. They belong to volunteers doing the ordinary, repetitive and sometimes difficult jobs without which animal rescue simply could not happen. They belong to the veterinary team caring for precious animals who cannot tell them where they hurt. They belong to people who offer frightened, abandoned and vulnerable animals tenderness, patience and love. And they belong to those who understand something especially important: successful adoption is not simply about finding a home; it is about finding the right home. I believe they found exactly the right one for Enoch. Although, knowing Enoch, he would probably argue that he found exactly the right humans!



What Enoch has given us is worth infinitely more than anything we could ever give him. He has brought laughter into our home. He has brought tenderness. He has brought peace. He has brought companionship. Most of all, he has brought love. During a difficult period in my own life, he has given me the simple yet enormous comfort of knowing that when night comes, my beloved little orange cat will settle against my feet, which truly helps me sleep more soundly. That is a precious gift beyond measure.

So, to the veterinary team, the volunteers, and everyone at Forgotten Felines and Fidos who cared for Enoch before he became ours: Thank you. Thank you for every meal you provided, every medical need you attended to, every litter box you cleaned, every frightened animal you comforted, every hour you volunteered, and every act of kindness that nobody outside your organization will ever know about. You may see cats arrive and leave your care and sometimes wonder whether all those hours of work truly make a difference. Please know that they do.



Somewhere, because of you, a precious creature is sleeping safely tonight. Somewhere, a cat who once knew uncertainty now knows the security of a warm bed and gentle hands. And somewhere else, there is a person whose life is a little less lonely, whose home contains considerably more laughter, and whose heart is immeasurably fuller. In our home, his name is Enoch. We love him. We cherish him. And we will always be profoundly grateful to Forgotten Felines and Fidos for bringing this precious little soul into our lives.

Adoptables

All of our adoptable cats are spayed/neutered; vaccinated, FeLV/FIV tested, microchipped, and are current on their shots

These "teenagers" are very personable and social! They love for people to come sit on the cushioned bench in our sunroom where they will jump up and join you. All are about 5-6 months old, spayed/neutered, vaccinated, Combo tested negative, and microchipped. All come with complete medical records from our in-house veterinarian. Apply at: www.forgottenfelines.org



Ways You Can Spread the Holiday Cheer!

It's hard to believe the holidays are right around the corner! If you are looking for a way to donate to our shelter, there are several ways you can help support the 100+ kittens and cats that we at Forgotten Felines and Fidos care for!

Make a Charitable Donation: Charitable donations, including gifts of cash or property made to nonprofit organizations, are tax-exempt. Contributions may be made directly through payroll, pension plans, IRAs, and more. Taxpayers are eligible to deduct charitable donations up to 60% of their adjusted gross income. IRA owners aged 70½ and above can donate up to $100,000 tax-free annually through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). For those 72 or older, QCDs count toward Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). To contribute for 2025, contact your IRA trustee promptly to ensure completion before year-end.

Leave a Lasting Legacy: Monetary gifts can be bequeathed through wills or trusts, regardless of the amount. Additionally, Forgotten Felines and Fidos may be named as beneficiaries of life insurance policies or retirement funds, enabling direct donations from these sources.

Employer Matching and Payroll Deductions: Matching donations provide increased impact. If your employer offers a payroll deduction program for charitable contributions, such donations are considered pre-tax. Contact your Human Resources Department regarding potential matching programs.

Our shelter operates solely on donations. Your generosity enables us to continue our mission and provide daily care for every cat and kitten who depend on us. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us make a lasting difference.

Sponsor A Cat Holiday Fundraiser

This holiday season, you can help take care of the wonderful kitties who call Forgotten Felines and Fidos home by sponsoring a cat here at the shelter! Your sponsorship will go directly to help the cat you select, and you can sponsor an animal in your name or as a gift to the animal lover in your life!

With your donation of $25 (or more), you will get a Christmas card from the kitty you are sponsoring. There will also be a special gift from your sponsored kitty which you can pick up at the shelter any day during the week of December 15th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Orders will be taken until December 8th.

There will be a sign up sheet at the shelter or you can email Liz Trested at lizlovescats31@yahoo.com with the following information 1. Your name and mailing address (or the name and address of the person you are gifting the sponsorship to) and 2. the cat you would like to sponsor. You can also visit our website and fill out the sponsorship form located on the home page.

For payments, you can send a check made out to Forgotten Felines to PO Box 62, Germansville, PA 18053, donate online at http://www.forgottenfelines.org/donate or pay at the shelter.

Thank you to everyone who will help make this holiday season merry and bright for our kitties!







2027 Membership Drive

Shelter Use Only

Member#: _____
Date: _____

Become a Member

Forgotten Felines and Fidos, Inc. is a completely volunteer organization. Membership contributions are a vital part of our existence and help defray the cost of veterinary expenses, food, and litter for the animals in our care. All donations go directly toward the care of the animals and upkeep of the shelter.

Membership Application - (All donations are tax deductible)

☐ $25.00 BRONZE ☐ $50.00 SILVER ☐ $100.00 GOLD ☐ $250.00 DIAMOND ☐ $500.00 PLATINUM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

On the back of the membership card is space for an emergency contact person in the event you are unable to return home to care for your pet(s). Please enter the contact person's name and number to be entered on your membership card.

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Mail Membership Application To: Forgotten Felines and Fidos, Inc.
Membership Services
PO Box 62, Germansville, Pa 18053

Membership Type	Benefits
Bronze - $25.00	Quarterly Newsletter
Silver - $50.00	Quarterly Newsletter $50 toward spay/neuter for a cat
Gold - $100.00	Quarterly Newsletter 1 spay/neuter for a cat **or** $100 toward spay/neuter for a dog *(under 35 lbs)*
Diamond - $250.00	Quarterly Newsletter 2 spay/neuter for a cat or 1 spay/neuter for a cat and 1 spay/neuter for a dog *(under 35 lbs.)*
Platinum - $500.00	Quarterly Newsletter 5 spay/neuter for a cat **or** 1 spay/neuter for a dog *(under 35 lbs.) and 3 spay/neuter for a cat*

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Adoption hours:
Saturdays 12pm—4pm



All other days by appointment only
Please call
Paula: 484-330-1664
to set up an appointment to adopt one of our special cats or kittens

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