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Amazing Rescues



Meet Murdock -- FFF's First Supercat!

Hello everyone. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Murdock, and I'm a blind supercat! I'm named after Daredevil, the superhero who goes by Matt Murdock in his day job as an attorney.

I arrived at FFF on June 6; I was only three or four weeks old. My momma abandoned me in a yard and the woman who lived there found me. My eyes were crusted shut. FFF's vet examined me and started treatment.

I went home with a volunteer and I began to thrive -- eating and growing! My eyes opened but they'd already ruptured. Once I gain more weight, I'll have to have my eyes removed (by the way, many thanks to everyone who have sent FFF money to help defray the cost of my medical care!). Even so, there's no stopping me. I love to play and I love attention -- the more the better!

I'm spunky and affectionate, and once my medical issues are cleared up, I'll be an awesome forever friend!

At Forgotten Felines, we consider any rescue an amazing one, but there are some that stand out as extraordinary. During a TNR project (Trap, Neuter, Release), which we strongly encourage, our volunteer caught a big tom who we named **Timmy**.

Sadly, he needed more than neutering and vaccines. This poor guy had been living with double entropions, which meant his eyelids were curled inward causing his eyelashes to constantly rub his eyes. Looking at him in the trap, you could see his eyes were both opaque in color, runny, and full of pus. He let us reach in and pull him out, and we were relieved he was not feral (wild) so that he could be tended to fairly easily. If wild, he could have never been released back outside in that condition.

Thanks to our shelter vet, Dr. Maucher, Timmy received the proper surgery to correct the skin around both eyes. It has been a long process where he has been caged and given daily eye drops, but he loves his food and catnip, and we are getting to understand his personality. He has impaired vision, but he is now living without pain.

Thanks to our volunteer Linda B., who is relentless at catching and neutering any stray in her backyard, Timmy is now on the path to better health. Without her intervention, he would have been living in agony and eventually would have gone totally blind. He will be looking for a forever home soon!



Ringo was another very lucky kitten. We found him in the middle of the road on the median strip near Kutztown. While he could have run away from the woman who rescued him, he didn't and eventually ended up with a FFF volunteer.

He was in bad shape and covered with ringworm (a fungus). He had scaly, itchy patches and was malnourished. However, Ringo is responding well to treatment, which takes weeks. This poor guy has had to live confined in quarantine, since ringworm is highly contagious. He has missed out on a lot of cuddling and playtime with the others. We will need a great home soon that will help make up for that!



Waiting for Our Forever Home

All of our adoptable cats are spayed and neutered, up to date on vaccinations, FeLV tested and microchipped. Would you help us find homes for these kitties by posting this page at work, your vet office and community boards?



Hi there. We are Blackie and Puffy, and along with our mom, Gabby, we are looking for a new forever home. Our human mom, who rescued us from her yard many years ago, had to give us up recently when she moved to a senior home.

We are seven years old and we are buddies! I (Blackie) am the most outgoing. We are all lap cats who love to be brushed and we also like belly rubs! Mama (Gabby) is friendly, but a little shy until she gets to know you. We've been in an adult home all of our lives and have not been around dogs, children or other cats.

In general, we are very well-mannered and healthy, (oh yeah, we like treats too!) and would make an awesome cat family for a single person or adult couple!



Greetings everyone. My name is **Gus** and I'm speaking for me and my pal, **Winston**. We have very similar stories and are looking all over for our perfect forever homes (we don't have to stay together). We were quite young when our owners passed away. Neighbors took us in and we lived at different construction offices. However, we both ended up here at FFF. We're both very friendly and social, but also laid back. We love being petted and any attention you give us. We're about seven years old, neutered, current on shots and FeLV and FIV negative. Please come visit us and be prepared with lots of pets!



We're **Carter** and **Bridget**, and we were rescued by an older couple when our momma had us (and a few more) in their yard. They rescued the kittens and got most of our sibs adopted, but we were left. We're totally socialized, active, loving and

awesome kittens. We're about 14 weeks old (as of July 1). We'd love to stay together!



We're **Gamora** and **Nebula**. We were rescued from a TNR colony when we were about five weeks old (we were born the first week of April). Since we've been at FFF, we get lots of volunteers who give us attention, play with us and laugh at our antics! We love the chase a "bird" on a stick and climb on everything. We are quite entertaining! We love to purr when

we get petted and we will all be fabulous pets! And, of course, we're current on vaccinations and FeLV and FIV negative.



Flower and **Frisco** were also part of the TNR colony project. They were about 5-6 weeks old when they were found. They are very playful and love to get attention; they are quite entertaining to watch. They were born around the first week in April and are up to date on vaccinations and FeLV/FIV negative.



For Adoption Information and scheduling an adoption appointment, please contact: Therese: (610) 248-7399 or email: fffadoption@verizon.net



Adoption Update

Good Morning Forgotten Felines,

I hope that this message finds you well. I am writing you to give you all an update on Crowley and Daisy who my brother and I recently adopted.

Daisy (Formerly Baby-D) adjusted quickly to her new home, within minutes she was exploring and looking for pets. She is by far one of the most social cats I have ever known. Crowley was a little shy for the first day but really has come into his own. He has boundless energy and is very affectionate. Just this week he learned how to play fetch!

Thank you again for letting these wonderful kittens be a part of our lives. We could not have asked for a better pair of cats. Attached you will find some pictures of them both. Have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,
Dylan G.



*Marvelous Mittens Loves Her Mice
(and her new home)*

Mitsy (formerly Bitsy, and renamed for her Mittens) has settled in perfectly at my home. Her first night in our house, the neighbors lit fireworks right outside our window, so you better believe she found every one of the best hiding spots in a hurry. I'm sure she was thinking 'where in the world did this human bring her?'.



We wondered why she had a pile of 50 mice and toys sent with her and quickly learned why...she made it her mission to play with every last one of them! Her favorite thing is playing on the top of my headboard so I get to enjoy an occasional mouse dropped on my head to remind me its time to play. You would never know she is a kitten trapped in an eight-year-old cat's body!

I chose to have an older cat who needed to be the only pet in the house because I am in a good position to provide a home that others can't. I was very sad to have three paw-print keepsakes from my cats who lived long, happy lives, so I went to Forgotten Felines...not knowing Mitsy was waiting for me. Now, she is my comfort every night...I lie on my side and she literally sleeps right on top of me! Mitsy meowed a big thank you to this place for finding her a new crib!

Volunteering as a Family Affair



Tiffany D. and son AJ

My family and I started volunteering with FFF about six years ago. It began when we found a tiny black kitten in our basement. I knew we needed to get him a medical exam, so my son and I took him to FFF. The plan was to get him neutered and find him a 'forever' home (more on that later!).

The volunteers at FFF were extremely friendly and helpful, especially since we didn't have much experience with cats. As we were getting ready to leave, they mentioned that they are always looking for volunteers and that we should reach out if we were ever interested. Several months later I successfully held my first bake sale to benefit FFF. My son and I both felt great when we were able to drop off the profits.

Since then we have found many creative ways to raise money for FFF, and we've made it a family affair. I've had my parents sell tickets to events, my grandmother makes cakes and pies for the bake sales, and my best friend drives in from Harrisburg to help me set up for functions. I've also made great friends with other volunteers who are always willing to give a helping hand.

In addition to the strong friendships I've made, volunteering has also positively impacted my son. He's learned that life doesn't revolve around him, and he's realized how good it feels to help others and give back to the community. He's also developed special bonds with our dozens of foster cats, several of whom have become a part of our permanent family – including that first little black kitten!

If you've thought about volunteering for an organization but don't know how you can make a difference, don't worry. I've learned that everyone has a niche and there are lots of different ways to get involved. You could foster kittens, donate baked goods, help by cleaning the shelter, sell items for a fundraiser, or even help out at an event. Take the first step by doing what you can, and you'll quickly find there's no better feeling than helping out a good cause.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Wine Tasting

Benefits Forgotten Felines and Fidos
Partnered with Sleepy Cat Winery
When: September 8, 2018, Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Where: Sleepy Cat Winery
1840 W. Allen Street, Allentown, PA 18104
Price: \$10/person
Wine tasting and silent auction, learn about our adoptable cats, light snacks and music

Bingo

When: Sunday, August 5, 2018
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.—Games start at 1:00 p.m.
Where: Emerald Fire Company
7748 Penn Street, Slatington, PA 18080
Price: 20 games for \$20 / 5 specials for \$5
A Bake Sale and a Tricky Tray

Vendor Bingo

The Emmaus Fire Company was packed on Sunday, March 4th with people ready to play bingo for prizes from various vendors like Tastefully Simple, Scentsy, Thirty-One, Tupperware, Damsel in Distress, Mary Kay, and more. Once a month, Mary K. organizes a vendor bingo by donating the \$5 admission fee when the organization's name is mentioned at the door, offering a free wild card in exchange for a donation on the organization's wish list, proceeds from a charity game, and a 50/50 drawing. Each month a different non-profit organization is the beneficiary.

Almost 60 people mentioned "FFF" at the door and they donated lots of cat food, litter, paper towels, bleach, and laundry detergent. The winner of the 50/50 raffle and FFF each received \$183! The three winners of the charity bingo game received prizes from the various vendors, and it raised \$314 for the shelter.

FFF volunteer Tiffany D. manages this fundraiser each year by collecting baked goods and items to be auctioned off. This year's bakers made chocolate cake with peanut butter icing, banana cake and muffins, corn muffins, cherry crumb pie, apple crumb pie, black bottom cupcakes, brownies, chocolate chip cookies, biscotti, and more! The delicious baked goods sold quickly, raising \$180!



Volunteers and supporters sold more than \$500 in raffle tickets for two popular baskets, which were donated by FFF volunteers. FFF's vet, Dr. Jeanette, won a basket, donated by Sharon H., that included a stylish Coach purse with cat-themed items. Dr. Jeanette's two cats, Lucretia and Evangeline, have been enjoying the cat items. Various FFF volunteers donated bottles of wine and a variety of lottery scratch-off tickets including Teri R. who created the second basket.

FFF would like to thank Mary K., all of the volunteers, bakers, bingo players, and vendors for making this bingo so successful by raising almost \$1,500 and collecting so many supplies for the shelter! We are looking forward to this event again next year!

2018 Garage Sale

Despite having to delay the FFF garage sale from its initial May dates due to heavy rains, we held the sale at the beginning of June. It turned out to be a perfect weekend since the rain held off. We offered lots of treasures and several of our shoppers were super supporters of FFF, literally leaving with truckloads of items. We also sold yummy baked goods like cupcakes, as well as hot dogs. A few volunteers set up their own tables with treasures for sale; adding to a festive weekend. Whatever wasn't sold we donated to local thrift shops, and hope for an even more successful sale in 2019!



Brownie Troop 8371

Brownie Troop 8371 Nor-Bath 725 (Northampton) visited the shelter on April 17. The youngsters were excited to see all of the cats in one place. These Brownies came bearing toys they made for the cats and spent time sharing some with the cats in each condo. The cats enjoyed the toys as well as the company. Only Jasper got a little feisty and needed a timeout. And of course, no tour would be complete without treats! Thank you for visiting and for your support of FFF cats and kittens.



Pictured: *Brownies--Brooke, Tori, Claire, Taylor as well as Sydney and Jackson.*

*Volunteer Appreciation
Gift Card Winners*

- April - Brandy S.*
- May - Paula M.*
- June - Linda F.*

Gift Card



A shared mouse leads to a happy forever home

As is typical with many adoptions, Jackie K had lost a long-time pet and her remaining furry feline, Abby, was just moping around. Enter Junior, now JR, who Jackie adopted in December.

"He's a sweetheart," Jackie says. "He's a lovable boy; purrs like crazy. He waits in the window for me to come home and greets me at the door. He lies on the carpet and gives me his full belly when I greet him, and he cries like a baby when he doesn't get his own way. Hysterical! We love him."

Poor Abby, she's still deciding if she loves him or not. JR wants to be her friend; he kisses her, but she just hisses and spits at him most of the time. She must not remember that she behaved the same way when she was a kitten coming into the home with an older cat!

His big thing, according to Jackie, is when the copy machine goes on. JR freaks out and thinks it's his job to pull out the paper. He watches when the paper comes out and puts his stamp of approval (paw) on every page. Whenever he hears it, he comes running like he's afraid he's going to miss something. Endless entertainment!



JR also loves Jackie's music studio. She has a piano and organ with a full pedal board. JR recently discovered that he can drop his mice under the pedal board, and now it's a hide and seek game!

Jackie says JR picked her. She visited FFF because a colleague was an FFF volunteer. Jackie walked by Junior's cage and noticed him but didn't stop, until he threw his mouse at her. "It was like he was picking me," she explained. "He played with his mouse with me." She didn't take him right away, but went back and he had a look on his face that spoke to her: "you came back for me!".

He shared his mouse with me, and now I share my house with him!



Establishing love -- or at least peaceful coexistence -- between an existing and new cat in your home

How many of you have brought a new cat into your home -- where you already had one or more cats -- and it was like a war broke out? Did you expect all peaches and cream, perhaps because your new cat came from a shelter where it was living with other cats?

Well, there actually is a "best practice" to integrating a new cat into a home where other pets (cats) reside.

There are two keys to success -- go slowly and be patient. There are lots of resources online, but here's a brief overview. Remember that cats are very scent sensitive, and that's a key part of a successful integration.

- Set up New Cat (NC) in its own room. Fully equip it with food, water, litter box (not near the food), toys, scratching pad, and a bed. (We'll call your current cat CC.) The door should be closed or have some other type of barrier so the cats can smell each other but not interact directly.
*Note: expect a lot of hissing and spitting at this point while they start the "get to know" each other process, and establish the new pecking order.
- Help them start to accept each other's scent. Take a towel or blanket on which one has slept and let the other one(s) smell it (and vice versa). Let them get used to a new scent as part of the normal house. This might take some time -- days or weeks, depending on your cats (remember, we said patience and slow up front!).
- Switch roles. Put your CC into the NC's room and let NC roam the house. This helps both cats further explore each other's scents.
- After a few days, let NC and CC sniff each other more directly -- through a baby gate or a screen door (some people make them as a divider for this process specifically). Obviously, this should be supervised. How are they handling this more direct interaction?
- If they do ok with this interaction after several tries, you're ready to let them mingle for a bit under supervision. Again, you might get hissing and spitting, but that's normal. If they do ok with this, lots of praise...maybe some treats ... are in line. Note that you may need to intervene if it gets physical. Then move back a step for a while.

Try to make their early time together enjoyable. Petting, playing, eating (separate dishes), praise, treats. You want them to associate good things with being together.

Remember our two key words: patience and slow. This process can take anywhere from a few hours to six months. If you want a lifetime of calm and peace between your wonderful feline friends, it's worth the time and energy you'll put into it. So take a deep breath and dive right in. Good luck!



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For Cats Eyes Only by Sir Alexander

I must tell you of a heroic adventure I had the other day. When mom and old dummy dog came home from their walk, a huge fly invaded the house. Well I knew immediately that I had to defend my home from this vicious intruder. With lightening speed, I sprang at it and landed on the counter. Ignoring mom's screams and dummy's barking, I shoved things out of my way and did a beautiful 360 degree spin, then sprang into a perfect mid-air flight pattern. This time I landed on the table where I slid along, wiping out everything in my way.

I saw the invader head for the kitchen window and I made a miraculous dive to cut it off only to be hindered by some drinking glasses that I swiftly shoved to the floor. I dove at it and with only two swipes I crushed it into the window pane. I saved the house from alien invaders. With glowing pride I jumped down and washed my paw in dummy's water dish. Once again, I am the hero! I returned to my window to bask in the sunlight and ignore whatever mom was complaining about. I'm such a fantastic feline.

