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Forgotten Felines and Fidos
Quarterly Newsletter—Fall 2024
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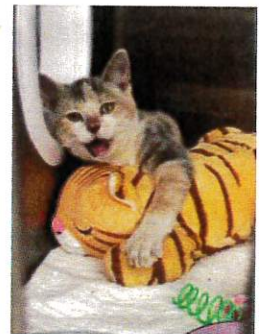


An Amazing Story about an Amazing Kitty!



We at Forgotten Felines pride ourselves on helping every single cat who comes through our doors, and little Kayak's story is no different. Eight-week-old Kayak was found at Tuscarora State Park in July 2024 by a group of kayakers (hence her name!) and she was in rough shape. She had severe ear mites, an upper respiratory infection and extensive ringworm. She was very emaciated as well, weighing only 1 pound and 4 ounces. Fortunately, after a good ear cleaning and several medications, she began her road to recovery. Kayak was placed in our sick quarantine ward so she could be treated for her ringworm. Many volunteers became very invested in little Kayak and were happy to gown and glove up to spend time with her.

However, nearly two weeks after arriving at Forgotten Felines, the medical team noticed that she had become depressed and unwilling to eat. This was very unlike the sweet, happy kitten who always had room for more food. She also had a high fever that would not respond to medication, and her abdomen became filled with fluid, which are symptoms of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP). FIP is a viral disease caused by a mutated feline coronavirus, and, unfortunately this disease is fatal without treatment. Our wonderful veterinarian Dr. Tara found that a treatment drug called GS 441524 had recently begun being produced by a reputable US pharmacy, and it was safe and effective for the treatment of FIP. Although the medication was expensive, the Board Members approved the purchase immediately and Kayak began treatment right away. Within two days of starting the drug, Kayak was back to her playful self and eating like a champ again!



The transformation of this adorable cat has been nothing short of incredible. With her ringworm now gone, Kayak's coat has grown into a beautiful dilute tortoiseshell pattern. Despite all the sulfur baths and medications she endured, she has never once lost her sweet temperament and is always ready for cuddles. On October 31st, she finished her 84-day course of the GS 441524, and she is currently in foster care with Dr. Tara for her three-month observation period. We are happy to report that her bloodwork has been very good, and she is a very active 5-pound cat! Kayak's favorite activity (other than being held like a baby) is zooming around the house, falling over on her back like a turtle, and then getting back up to continue zooming. Hopefully, she will be ready for adoption within the next few months, and whoever gets to adopt this special girl will be very lucky!

Adoptables

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

Sasquatch - Gotta love those cheeks! This cute tabby boy is a major love bug and a great cuddle buddy! His owner passed away suddenly so he and his housemates had to find another home. He would prefer to be an only cat so that he can have all of the attention to himself! Sasquatch is FeLV negative/FIV positive and date of birth is approximately 2019.



Fig is a very sweet and loving girl who needs an owner who can monitor her weight. Although she lost her left eye as a kitten, this does not affect her at all. She has had a dental and most of the teeth were extracted, but she doesn't let that slow her down either! She gets along with other cats and loves to be brushed. Born in 2015.



Billy Boyd came to us in May after being rescued from the outdoors by an older couple. He has a wonderful personality and gets along with other cats. His favorite hobby is chasing little balls and springs, and he loves to lounge in boxes or soak up the sun in a bed on the windowsill. He is about 5 years old, FeLV negative and FIV positive.



Ida is a very loving gal found outside after having kittens. Her kittens are in a foster home and now Ida is hoping for a forever home of her own. She is a young silver tabby who is very social with humans. If you can only have one cat, she would be happy to be your forever feline companion. She just wants to be your one and only! DOB is 2022.



Iris is an extremely affectionate 6-year-old female who enjoys watching TV, playing with her fluffy balls, and cuddling as much as possible. She would love to have a family of her own where she is the only cat. Iris is very special to us, because she recently completed the same life-saving treatment for FIP as Kayak did! She is currently in her three-month observation period with a foster and she is doing incredibly well. Iris got her second chance thanks to the many supporters of FFF, and we would love to see her in a foster-to-adopt or adoptive home ASAP so she can enjoy her new lease on life. If you are looking for an intelligent, sweet and attentive cat who enjoys being with you, Iris is a great choice.



An Adoption and a Purr-pose by Asher Atwood



Adopting Han from the Leukemia Cottage was the easiest decision my boyfriend, Collin, and I made (and if you know anything about us, we're pretty indecisive!) I knew volunteering at Forgotten Felines was going to get me in trouble, either with my allergies or at home when I adopt ALL the kitties. But I fell in love with the Cottage, from Wyatt and his big boy head to Grumpy and his incessant need to eat everyone's food but his own special diet. Fellow volunteer Courtney Orsini told me I had to meet Han because he was the sweetest boy there. When I visited for the first time, I remember getting love from everyone BUT Han. I was a little offended and didn't believe Courtney at first, but then Collin visited, and Han took right to him. It always works that way, doesn't it? But the biggest hurdle wasn't getting Han to snuggle with me as well; it was asking our landlords to allow pets. And if that was our biggest hurdle with this sweet boy, then so be it because within hours of asking, we got approval and the following week, we adopted Han!

Han fit right in with us. We joke that when he stares out into the void and he's got no brain cells, but that makes a lot of sense considering Collin and I both have moments without any brain cells either! He sleeps all day – but that works purr-fectly because Collin works during the day and I work at night, so there's always someone in bed to snuggle. He's the biggest player in the welcome home committee, always there to welcome us at the door. But don't stay up past 10:30pm because he will yell at you (relentlessly) to come to bed!

I am grateful that Forgotten Felines rescued my Snuggle Han-ster all the way from Ohio and for teaching me about feline leukemia. Every time I talk about Han, I bring this up and pass on the knowledge I have learned. Information such as: he doesn't need medications, it's not limiting his life, and that he's just like any other cat you'd bring home. I do worry about his lifespan, I worry about him getting sick ALL the time, especially if I bring something home from work at the hospital, but I never have to worry about the love he is getting at home. I told myself getting a leukemia cat would prevent me from adopting more because of the risk of transmission...but no one ever told me I'd want to adopt the whole cottage now!

What I'd want to tell everyone (and do so all the time) is that adopting leukemia positive cats doesn't mean not getting a lifelong friend. It doesn't mean it's more expensive. It doesn't mean you can ONLY have this one cat. You are saving a cat, just like any other, and maybe more so because of how stigmatized feline leukemia is. I love spending time with the cats at the cottage, and I always come home and tell Han all about his friends who get adopted! So if you would like to open your heart and your home to a leukemia positive kitty, please contact the Adoption Team at 484-330-1664.

Fundraiser Corner

In September, Forgotten Felines and Fidos celebrated our 30-year anniversary! Many people came to enjoy the festivities, which included over 50 baskets for raffle, a Paint and Sip activity, a bounce house, a petting zoo and ice cream from the Udder Bar. It was a wonderful day to celebrate our amazing shelter! Our upcoming fundraisers for 2025 include our Chili Cook Off in February, our Send a Smooch fundraiser for Valentine's Day and our annual event where we partner with Tenth Gate Tattoo in March. More details to follow on our Facebook page and our website. We appreciate everyone who donated items such as baskets and baked goods which help make our fundraisers such a success. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support!



Did you know....

IRA owners aged 70-1/2 or over have options to transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year! These transfers, known as Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), are an easy way to give to a charity before the end of the year. Moreover, for those who are at least 72, QCDs count towards the IRA owner's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year. For more information, please see IRS publication IR-2024-289 dated November 14, 2024. To make a contribution for 2024, you will need to contact your IRA trustee as soon as possible in order for the trustee to complete the transaction before the end of the year. If you are looking for ways to use your IRA investments – especially if you need to meet your RMD requirement for 2024 – please consider donating to Forgotten Felines this year end!

2025 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

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\$100.00
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\$500.00
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PO Box 62, Germansville, Pa 18053

| Membership Type | Benefits |
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