



# Forgotten Ones Cat Rescue

## Newsletter

### Time to “Paws” and Reflect

Fall 2009



Forgotten Ones Cat Rescue really began in 2000 when the founder, Debbie Sauve, found some abandoned kittens living behind a plaza. Rather than turning a blind eye to their situation, Debbie caught these kittens and worked with a rescue organization to find them homes. That initial act of kindness was the first step that eventually led to Forgotten Ones Cat Rescue and Adoption. Check out [www.forgottenones.ca](http://www.forgottenones.ca) for the amazing story of how we developed into the organization we are today.

Over the years, hundreds of individuals have become affiliated with FOCR in one way or another, each in

their own way helping with the ultimate goal of placing abandoned and abused cats in loving homes. Our rescue cats come in contact with volunteers, pet-store owners, vets, foster families and adopting families, and this newsletter is a way of keeping in touch with all of you who have such a positive impact on these pets' lives. It's an opportunity to celebrate all the great successes Forgotten Ones Cat Rescue has had, as well as to let you know about upcoming events. We hope you enjoy reading about the FOCR community and we'd love to receive your comments and photos at [info@forgottenones.ca](mailto:info@forgottenones.ca).

~ Laura Wyatt, Director with Forgotten Ones Cat Rescue. Laura is featured in the photo with foster cat Fletcher, who was later happily adopted by Karah.

### Feature Adoption— *Pixie*

“When my cat Pyro and I first met Pixie, we weren't entirely sure what to make of her. A little bundle of energetic black fluff, she was something else indeed. Laura at Forgotten Ones had helped us pick her out based on my need for a cuddlemonster and Pyro's need for a playmate. Her entrance into our lives marked a dark time for all household plants, but a wonderful time for us.

“With a cat as silly as a Pixie, one never need to be bored or lonely again. One night as I was furiously packing for a trip, Pixie disappeared into the kitchen only to return with an entire box of tea she dropped into my bag. I guess she thought I would get thirsty on the long flight.

“We're constantly thinking about how lucky we are to have a silly and entertaining cat like Pixie in our lives. A cat that will actually come running, squawking away when you call her name; a cat that for some reason needs love more than ever when you're in the bathroom and will stand on her hind legs trying to get you



Pixie (right) was rescued by FOCR from a farm that was trying to get rid of some kittens. She and Pyro (left) now make the purrr-fect pair

to pet her *as you* brush your teeth; a cat that will make you laugh no matter how bad a day you've had. And in the same breath, we think about how lucky we are that Forgotten Ones was able to match us and our other cats with such a wonderful Pixie.”

~ Selena and David

## Feature Volunteer Deborah Sands

### One Call, One Person, One Big Difference

*“It is just so fulfilling helping these abandoned animals. I love the people I meet, working with the animals and the progress we see every day. To be a part of finding them loving homes is extremely rewarding.”*

~ Deborah Sands

When Deborah’s family decided to look for a rescue cat to adopt, one phone call to FOCR led to not just one cat but three cats joining the family. As well, Deborah found a rewarding passion.

So impressed with the work that FOCR did, Deborah decided to volunteer for them “just a couple of hours a week.” Deborah brought boundless energy and enthusiasm to the organization, as well as her amazing recruiting skills.

Deborah’s husband Ken Matheson was recruited to build numerous cat shelves, cat cages and cat homes. He is now known as Mr Katmandu.

But Deborah did not limit her recruiting abilities to family members. Using her gentle persuasive skill she had several of her friends agreeing to provide foster homes for “just a few weeks.” As it turned out, those friends either ended up adopting their foster cats or continued to provide foster homes as cats were adopted.



Deborah having a cuddle with Brady, one of her adopted cats

On a daily basis Deborah hops in her Catmobile to take a cat to the vet, to go to Global to do an adoption, or to help care for cats in the FOCR temporary cat shelter.

So, a big “Thank You” to Deborah Sands, one of the extraordinary Forgotten Ones Cat Rescue volunteers, who truly makes a difference to the animals, adopting families and her community.

Note to Deborah: Unfortunately “Volunteer of the Month” only comes with this prestigious title. Unlike the Nobel prize, there is no monetary reward! 🌸

### Did you know?

Did you know that a cat’s whiskers serve many purposes? The whisker’s primary use is to help a cat judge whether or not he’ll fit through an opening. A cat’s whiskers are roughly as wide as his body -- sort of a natural ruler. A cat’s whiskers automatically grow to the width of the cat. A fat cat will have very long whiskers while skinny cats will have shorter whiskers

Whiskers help the cat feel his way around. They are so sensitive that they can detect the slightest directional change in a breeze. That’s why a cat can move around a room at night and not bump into anything. The air currents in the room change depending on where pieces of furniture are located. As the cat walks through the room and approaches the couch, he’ll know which direction to turn based on the change in air current around the couch.

Whiskers can also indicate a cat’s mood. If a cat is angry or feels defensive, the whiskers will be pulled back. When the cat is happy, curious or content, the whiskers will be more relaxed and pushed forward.





## Stellar Statistics

- **2007:** 197 cats were adopted
- **2008:** Over 200 cats and kittens were adopted
- **2009 To Date:** 135 cats and kittens have been adopted

## Forgotten Ones Community

There are many different ways you can be a part of Forgotten Ones Cat Rescue Community, whether as a volunteer or supporting our fundraising programs. No matter in what manner or how much you contribute, you are sure to find it a rewarding experience. Here are some of the ways you can help:

**Volunteers** Our volunteers are our lifeblood and come from all walks of life and age groups. Ashley started helping out at the shelter when she was 11 years old and Laura, 91, loves being a foster parent.

We are looking for more volunteers to help care for our animals featured at PetSmart, Global and PJs pet stores. We also need people to drive the cats to and from vet appointments.

For students, any time they spend working for FOCR goes towards their high school community hours.

**Foster Homes** Providing a temporary home for our cats is not only beneficial to the animal but is also a wonderful experience for the foster families. It is a great opportunity for seniors who love cats but don't want a long-term commitment or someone who has never had a cat before and would like the chance to foster with the option to adopt. FOCR provides the food and veterinarian visits. We ask you to provide a loving, safe environment. We are caring for a large number of rescued cats at the moment, so we urgently need help in this area.

**Donations** Forgotten Ones Cat Rescue is a registered charitable organization and we rely on donations to continue our work. A card will be sent out for donations made in memoriam.

**Fundraising** We have a variety of fundraising events going on and hope you have time this fall to join us for some of them.



## FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

**PetSmart Fall Adoptathon** September 11- 13  
2009, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
1700 Elgin Mills Road East, Unit 1, Richmond Hill,  
Tel 905-787-8740

**FOCR Garage Sale** Saturday, September 19,  
2009; Rain Date: Saturday September 26, 2009  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
139 Golf Club Court, Richmond Hill

If you have any items you would like to donate for  
this sale, please e-mail [info@forgottenones.ca](mailto:info@forgottenones.ca)

**Royal Winter Fair** November 6 - 15, 2009  
The Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place,  
Toronto [www.royalfair.org](http://www.royalfair.org)

Please drop by and see us at the Helping Homeless  
Pets Booth

**Christmas Cards** If you or your company would  
like to make a donation, we have FOCR custom-  
ized Christmas cards for you.

**Eva's Global Pet Store** Year Round - Visit our  
FOCR adoption centre.  
1070 Major Mackenzie Drive East, Richmond Hill  
Tel 905-508-8895

**Rick's Global Pet Store** Year Round - Visit FOCR  
adoption centre  
126 Tower Hill Road, Unit 9 Richmond Hill  
Tel 905-883-4729

**PetSmart Elgin Mills** October and December - Visit  
FOCR adoption centre  
1700 Elgin Mills Road East, Unit 1, Richmond Hill,  
Tel 905-787-8740

## Cativating Photos - They're simply the best!



**Patches** (left) and **Matilda** (right) — Adopted from FOCR

*Patches is always hungry and very mischievous. He can be found chasing flies and launching himself to the top of the screen door to get them. Matilda is quiet and perches herself on top of your shoulder, which is getting harder for the person supplying the shoulder given her growth these past few weeks. Other times she's relaxing in the bathtub, provided there is no water in it. But watch out when you walk past a couch, there is sure to be one, or two, getting ready to pounce.*

~ Robin



**Princess** — Adopted from FOCR

*She's a petite, sweet, gentle cat, always wanting to be around people. Her favourite pastimes are chasing a string or laser pointer, drinking water from the faucet and finding a comfy spot to stretch out in for a nap. She's an absolute delight and is a great companion from the time she hears the alarm go off in the morning, eager to be petted, to coming home after work and greeting you at the door, to that final purr before nodding off for the night.*

~ Katherine



**Marmalade** — A rescued stray

*Marmalade was found abandoned in the countryside—hungry and alone. Because she was running wild, I was concerned about what kind of personality she would have. She turned out to be quirky, cuddly, and mischievous. Many a time I have gone to eat a bagel, cookie or piece of bread only to notice Marmalade has already had a bite and left the Mark of Marmalade on my goodie!!*

*Marmalade loves doing yoga and can be seen on YouTube—search “Yoga Cat Right Side Up”.*

~ Kathrine



**Peter, Muldar and Spike** — Adopted from FOCR

*When my beloved cat Percy died, I swore I would never get another cat. In spite of my overwhelming grief, I was lonely for cat company, and eventually decided to adopt a rescue cat. I ended up with three so they could keep each other company. But they were the ones who rescued me, with their sweetness, love, and comfort, and I can't imagine life without them.*

*They are special, remarkable boys and I love them so.*

~ Andrea



**Donations to FOCR are greatly appreciated. See the “You Can Help” tab on our website and go to the link “Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org”**

**Or mail cheque to: FORGOTTEN ONES CAT RESCUE, P.O. Box 32203, Harding Postal Station, 250 Harding Blvd West, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 9S3 Tax receipts will be issued.**