

December 23, 2011 - Middle Keys - Jessica Mintz: Season's Greetings from Forgotten Felines. Another year went by and we welcome a new year. 2011 was a busy year for Forgotten Felines.

- We became Petfinder.com and Save-A-Pet.com members.
- Our first ever adoption event took place in August with 14 cats and kittens adoptions followed by an “Adopt an older Cat” (October) and “Christmas Cats” (December) adoption event.
- Our first bake sale (December) was lots of fun with lots of yummy home made goodies by our awesome volunteers.
- We started to bag groceries at the Marathon Winn Dixie.
- We welcomed new members on the Board: Jessica Mintz (President), Kari Maino (Director) and Lisa Watson (Public Relations Coordinator)
- We have seen and took in more stray, owner-surrendered, feral and homeless cats and kittens we have not seen and took in a very long time
- We gained several new volunteers and supporters.

We have several great things planned for 2012 and hope you can take part of it. We will continue having adoption events at the Purr-fect Thrift store quarterly since it is a wonderful opportunity for possible adopters to meet our wonderful felines. Winn Dixie has also offered us to bag groceries on a monthly basis and we plan to have a new website built.

One of the biggest happenings in 2012 will be the annual Fur Ball, a benefit for Caring for Cats and we are excited to announce that Caring for Cats extended the invitation to us to join Fur Ball as beneficiaries as well.

Without our great volunteers Forgotten Felines would not be able to follow through with the mission to spay, feed and care for as many Florida Keys felines in need and we are always in need of volunteers and donations in form of cat food and kitten supplements (kitten milk, kitten food etc.). We have several volunteer opportunities available and if you would like to receive a volunteer opportunity list, please let me know. Currently, we are in desperate need of foster homes (food and everything needed will be supplied), trappers/feeders and 2 volunteers able to manage our cat house in Marathon. We also have a couple of positions available on the board: Director (Kari Maino had to resign and we would like to thank her for the time and dedication she brought to Forgotten Felines) and for an Events/Volunteer Coordinator.

We are also looking for a newsletter editor to take over for Allison who did a great job creating awesome newsletters over the last 2 years and looking for someone able to help me maintain our website and www.Petfinder.com and www.Save-A-Pet.com page.

Our first Forgotten Felines meeting of 2012 will be on January 30, starting at 6:00 at our usual location at the Martin Luther King Chapel behind NAPA Auto Parts in Marathon and hope that you will be able to join us.

Last but not least, thank you so much for all your support and dedication to Forgotten Felines and I wish you and your family, 2-legged and 4-legged, a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2012.

Jessica