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Things We Know That We Wish Others Did, Too!

Oral Cancer in Cats

We focused on dental health in the last newsletter and how important it is to be sure your cat's mouth is healthy. Besides cavities, gingivitis and cracked teeth, there are other things that your vet can and should be looking for during those checkups - oral cancer.

Called [gingival squamous cell carcinoma](#), this specific form of cancer is the most common oral cancer, grows fast and is frequently fatal. In the past month, we've lost both Camille and Isabelle to this disease. It is most often seen in more senior cats but, as in Isabelle's case, it can develop in younger cats, too. Isabelle's leukemia positive status may have also played a part in her cancer.



Both Camille and Isabelle developed blisters on their tongues (you can see Isabelle's in this photo), which were painful. Despite trying to treat them using everything we could think of, from traditional veterinary medicines, to Eastern and holistic medicines and techniques, nothing worked. We lost them both.

What symptoms of oral cancer should you be on the lookout for in your cat?

Among the most visible symptoms to look for: if your cat stops eating, drools a lot, has difficulty chewing, has bad breath, loses weight, develops a growth in his/her mouth, and swelling of the face or under the jaw. If you're the least bit worried that something is wrong, go immediately to your vet and have your cat's mouth checked out.

[Read one pet owner's experience with oral cancer here.](#)



... And He Did!

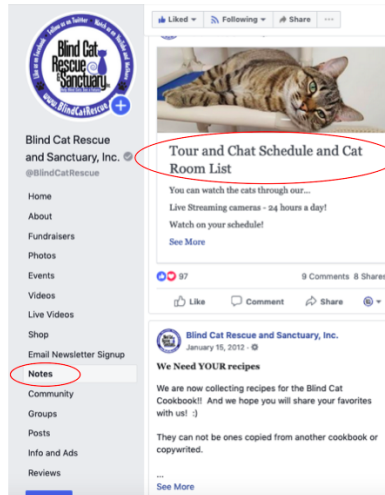
Nearly 800 of you responded to Snicker's request for information about how you like to watch him and his fellow BCR cats. Through your responses, Snicker...and we...learned lots of interesting things.

One of the most important things you told us is that many of you are already watching the cats on the 24-hour Zmodo cameras. That means, wherever you are in the world, you're seeing the cats live on your own schedule!

You also told us that just about as many of you knew about the cameras but weren't sure how to find and use them. We're so glad you let us know! To help with this, we've already done a couple of things:

- Updated our [Watch Live](#) web page with links to the cameras and instructions on how to log in.
- Posted [viewing instructions on the BCR Facebook](#) page under Notes and on our [Friends of BCR Page under Files](#).

Blind Cat Rescue: Snicker Has Survey Mews for You!



****BONUS**** - We've added a list of which cats are in what house/room to the BCR Facebook page Note, the Friends of BCR page File and our Watch Us website page, something many of you said you needed to know!

You also let us know that what you love the most is interacting with the staff, the cats and with each other during our daily tours and live chats! The BCR community is such a great and strong one, no wonder we like being together online!

Thank you again for being part of this important survey, which helps us do the best job we can of keeping you in touch with the cats!

More Kitties to Love - Meet our Newest Arrivals



Jackie came to BCR through the vigilance of a rescuer who called to let us know there was a blind cat living in a box on an elderly woman's porch. She emailed a photo and, when we saw her eyes, we had to get here here. Her exam revealed that she isn't blind, she just has a really bad eye infection as well as worms. The kind-hearted elderly woman had loved Jackie and did her best to care for her, but, with 30 cats to care for, we guess she was just overwhelmed. Jackie is a very sweet and loving cat who has clearly been loved. Like her special box, she loves to be inside the kitty cave and houses we have at BCR. We're working on getting her eyes cleared up. She's now in House 1, Room 3, and starting to enjoy her new life! [CLICK HERE](#) to sponsor Jackie.



Precious was about to be euthanized because he is a senior, blind, hard of hearing and his owner didn't want to bring him inside the house! When his owner called their vet to set this up, one of our Facebook followers who works there called to see if we could take him. She saved Precious' life! When got here we could see he has hypertension, which is what probably took his sight and hearing. His blood pressure was over 300 when it should be around 100. Happily, he's now being treated for hypertension. Precious is a very sweet fellow who immediately does a "butt pop" when you touch his back to pet him. He's eating very well and figuring out how great his life is now! He'll go into a room when we're sure his health is good. [CLICK HERE](#) to sponsor Precious.

Kitties in Action!



It's true - Kitties Just Wanna Have Fun! [Watch here!](#)



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Some of our cats are truly couch potatoes and love the latest hot trend in kitty furniture!

[See what we mean here!](#)



Check out [this awesome story about our amazing BCR](#) and how it was founded that was posted by I Heart Cats online about a year ago!

Buddy is counting the days until spring!

He'd really like to count some more cases of food in a full pantry of kitty supplies!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the things we need most!



There are lots of easy ways you can help the cats!



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Matching gifts are a great way to [double your BCR donation!](#)



Have a birthday coming up? Tell your friends to skip the sweater and instead donate to [your BCR birthday fundraiser!](#) It's easy and is a huge help to the cats.



When you shop online, please [use Amazon Smile](#) and pick Blind Cat Rescue as your charity. With every purchase, their foundation donates to BCR. There is no charge to you!

Direct link: <https://goo.gl/4DJHX2>



Have an old car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or even an airplane? Donate it BCR! [Find out how to do it here.](#)

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Open house is this weekend!

**Join us tomorrow
Saturday, March 16,
noon - 4 p.m.**

The cats hope you can come!

Important Reminder!

Please remember to add blindcat@blindcatrescue.com to your email "safe" list so we don't wind up in your Junk Mail box!



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