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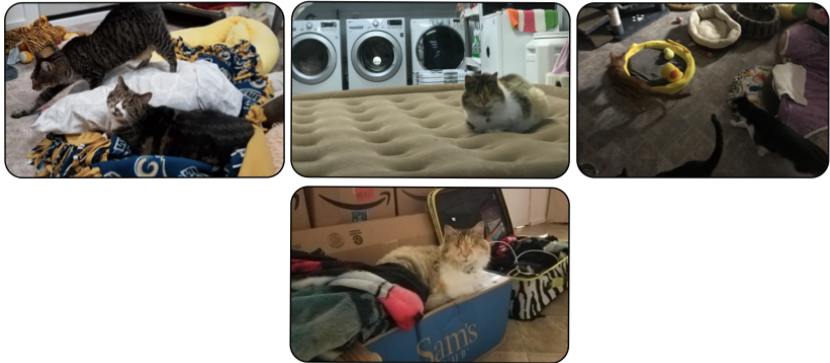


Hurricane Dorian Blew by BCR - WHEW!



Although not without sharing a bit of rain and wind! But never fear! The BCR kitties were always safe and dry. Part of the reason for that is great planning (see our last newsletter for tips on disaster planning for your pets)! The catio's all have garage doors that come down and shut out rain and wind AND all the BCR buildings have generators that keep the cats cool or warm, as needed. On top of that, BCR has great staff who goes the extra mile to make sure the cats' routine stays the same and that they get their food and medicine on the same schedule every day. Speaking of food, to everyone who sent food and supplies ahead of Dorian, *thank you!* With your help we were well stocked for whatever came our way!

Finally, we are grateful to everyone for their concern, emails and messages before during and after Dorian! We're very thankful it didn't stick around like Florence did last year!

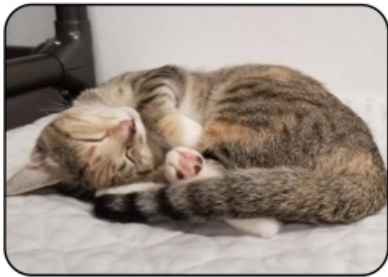


Notes From the "Hurricane Dorian House 2 Slumber Party" with Brooke, Louann and Sam!

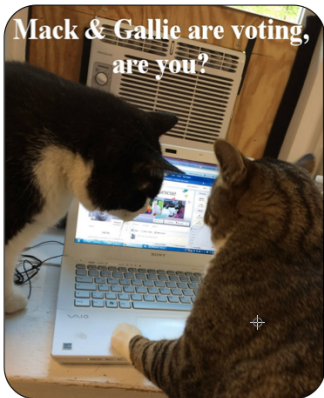
While Dorian roared up the North Carolina coast, Louann, Brooke and Sam spent a night hunkered down in House 2 to be ready for anything "just in case." While that sounds like amazing fun, they were on the job keep an ear and eye out for any problems! As a result, it looks like the cats weathered the storm just fine.

Here are a few observations they made about their night with the House 2 cats:

- 1. The cats definitely enjoyed our company and were drawn to us throughout the storm.
- 2. Room 1 is very active at night!
- 3. Lurch was comforting Elvis.
- 4. Maggie was wide awake enjoying playing while everyone was fast asleep.
- 5. A majority of the cats sleep in groups.
- 6. Cici immediately made herself comfortable on the air mattress when Lou put it together. (see the photo!)
- 7. Eight and Cici kept Lou warm all night!
- 8. Valencia and her Uncles (Peanut, Skittle and Chester) kept Sam warm. Sam says, "Chester slept on top of me all night and when I turned on my side, he would gum my knuckles so he could lay back on my stomach - so I moved!"
- 9. Chester loves running the wheel at 4 a.m. - at full speed!
- 10. Valencia is a night-owl who only snuggles in for quick cat naps! When she was up, she kept nibbling Sam and Brooke's toes and walking across their faces.



**We're in 3rd Place - We Need YOUR VOTE!**



Have you voted in the All Star Slots [Jackpot Charity Campaign contest](#)? Right now, we're in 3rd place - we need **ALL** members of the BCR voting army to cast a vote! With one vote per person, sharing is key! This contest runs for a month. To keep the BCR votes coming in, please share the Facebook contest posts and ask your friends to do a quick-click vote for BCR! Help get us to 1st place and the \$5,000 prize! [CLICK HERE](#) to cast your vote today!

Contest link: <http://bit.ly/2ZHcBzT>

*Thank you to those who have already voted and gotten us off to a good start!*



**Meet Jolynn Lloyd - one of BCR’s Amazing ebay Sellers!**

One of our dedicated ebay seller/supporters (and cat sponsors!) is Jolynn Lloyd, who sells her items at [tdkblackbelt1968](#). From her sales, Jolynn generally donates 10% to BCR but for some special auctions that feature cat-related items, she gives BCR 100% of the net sales! Thank you, Jolynn!

Jolynn has been an ebay seller for several years and adds things to her site when she gets them. Some of the special items on Jolynn’s ebay site are “Wizard of Oz” memorabilia, which her mother collected. She also has everything from sleeping bags to a Laurel Burch makeup bag and lots of things for kids to love. Her goal with all of her inventory is to put these items in the hands of people who can use and enjoy them.

Jolynn is launching some new auctions in two days on September 15 that will donate 100% to BCR, including the collectible Wizard of Oz wreath shown below. [Visit her auction page on ebay](#) to see these latest additions!

Jolynn and her family live in Winston-Salem, NC, and they’ve visited BCR for some serious cat cuddling! She can’t recall how she discovered BCR, but the first cat she sponsored was sweet Shelly. After Shelly crossed the Rainbow Bridge, Jolynn and her family sponsored Ella, since both she and her husband had tortie cats. She’s also a big fan of Snicker and was thrilled to meet him and the other cats a few years ago as they headed home from a beach trip. She and her family also help by designating BCR as their charity when they shop on Amazon Smile.



Jolynn, her son and husband visiting with Felix, Casper and Willow!

Jolynn also has personal reasons for appreciating BCR. In addition to being a true-blue animal lover, one of her own cats, Venus, went blind later in her life and, just as Alana says, she still acted like a cat - she didn’t know she was blind! Jolynn really believes in the education and public service BCR does by showing people in so many ways that blind cats are not handicapped and are great pets.

“Every time I think about BCR, its history and how it started, it shows that one person can make a big difference,” Jolynn says. Not just for all the cats who are fortunate enough to come and live at BCR, but also for working to get animal oxygen masks in county rescue vehicles (which BCR did in 2014) and for teaching people about feline leukemia and FIV. It’s a grassroots effort to change minds. She admires Alana and her vision a great deal, saying that BCR is a “testament to what one person with a vision can do. It gives me hope.”

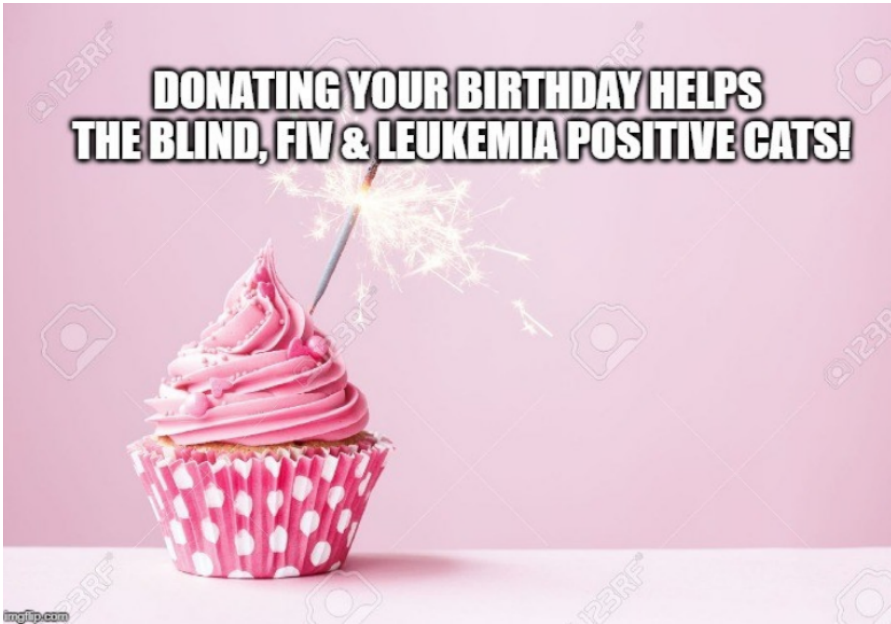
Thank you, Jolynn, for giving BCR hope through your generosity!



[CLICK HERE](#) to visit Jolynn's ebay site and see what might be there for you!

**CALLING ALL EBAY SELLERS!**  
**Are You an ebay Seller who supports BCR?**

Please let us know so we can thank you and shine some light on your special ebay auction page!  
[Just email us](#) and we'll be in touch with you!



It's so easy to have some birthday fun and help the BCR cats! Every dollar you raise during your birthday fundraiser gets them food, medicines, litter and even vet visits! Your fundraisers make it possible for them to have the healthy and happy life they deserve.

It's easy - [use this link to go to Facebook](#) and follow the instructions! You can personalize your message, ask your friends and family to donate to your special cause, set a target, and even monitor how it's going!

*Thank you to everyone who has donated their birthday to BCR this year!*

**Announcing our Pawsome Critter Photo Contest Winners!**

<b>Grand Prize</b> <i>Sebastian</i>	<b>First Runner-Up</b> <i>Sunshine</i>	<b>Second Place</b> <i>Tank &amp; Tug</i>	<b>Third Place</b> <i>Sassy</i>
			
<i>Sponsored by:</i> Elizabeth	<i>Sponsored by:</i> Kevin	<i>Sponsored by:</i> Michael	<i>Sponsored by:</i> Sara

If you missed the big announcement, you helped raise \$8,154 for the BCR cats! Our Grand Prize winner and the pet with the most votes, Sebastian, will be featured on a page in BCR's 2020 calendar and Elizabeth, who nominated him, will receive a prize package that includes a calendar, a collectible 2019 Christmas ornament and a "Number 1 Fan" T-Shirt. Photos of our First Runner Up, Sunshine, and our Second and Third Place finishers, Tank & Tug and Sassy, will be included in the calendar. Sunshine's owner, Kevin, Tank & Tug's owner, Michael, and Sassy's owner, Sara, will each receive a 2019 ornament and calendar; Congratulations to ALL!

*We thank ALL those who entered our first photo contest!*  
All submitted pets photos will be included in a contest collage in the calendar  
and their humans will each get a 2020 BCR calendar.

**Orders are Coming in!**  
**Pre-Order Your BCR 2020 Calendar Now!**



Don't miss this 15th Anniversary year!



Make sure you're ready for 2020 with a BCR calendar! Your favorite cats will greet you every month of the year - and so will the winner of our Pawsome Critter Photo Contest! The price is still just \$20 (shipping included) for a year of sweet kitty faces! [CLICK HERE](#) to pre-order your calendar! (Hint: They make great Christmas gifts!)



# Sponsor Spotlight:

## Sherry Ross



*Welcome to our Sponsor Spotlight! The BCR family is full of wonderful people who truly love the cats and we want you to meet them! Each sponsor is given a set of questions to answer and asked to send along their favorite photos of their sponsor cats. Are you interested in being in the Sponsor Spotlight? Just [email us and let us know!](#)*

**How did you first learn about BCR?**

I am not sure, but I think it was through the book *Homer's Odyssey*. Not long after reading that book, I rescued two eight-week-old feral kittens with terrible eye infections (from the herpes virus). I guess I needed some assurance that I would be able to provide a safe home for them, if they survived (it was December and they were both quite frail). My neighbor took the male kitten and I took the female. Both recovered from their medical issues and are now five-and-a-half years old, blind in both eyes but very happy and healthy. The compassion that BCR shows for these unwanted animals (blind, FIV or FeLV positive) really inspired me and I have since become involved with TNR, fostering, and educating people about special needs cats. I have supported BCR ever since.

**Have you visited and, if so, what did you enjoy most? What surprised you most?**

I visited about four years ago while I was on a business trip that took me to Raleigh. I think the most surprising thing is that BCR looks nothing like the traditional idea of an animal shelter. There are no cement floors and small wire cages. It looks like a home. The cats are in such a relaxing setting. Everything is clean. The cats are all so friendly and look so healthy. Despite such a large number of cats, I feel like everyone gets individual attention. It is such a special sanctuary. I hope I can visit again soon and stay longer and maybe even help out for a day.



**What cat or cats do you sponsor? Why did you choose them?**

I like to say Marge chose me. When I sat on the floor, a number of cats came to investigate. Several of them climbed on me and were very friendly and sweet. Marge basically plopped on my lap, purred happily, and did her best to discourage any other cats from claiming me. I have a special affinity for black cats (I am owned by three, including my blind girl). It was a very easy decision to sponsor her. I cried when I learned of her passing, but also grateful to BCR for saving her and giving her a great life. I know she was happy there because I witnessed that myself. I later decided to sponsor Richey, since he has the same name as my favorite uncle. I

hope to be able to visit Richey soon.

**If you could tell people one thing about BCR, what would it be?**

BCR is a haven for special needs cats who might otherwise be automatically euthanized in most shelters due to their supposed un-adoptability. It is a true blessing!



**Snicker asks you take our**  
**✓ RAFFLE SURVEY!**

**It's almost Fall Raffle time and we'd like some help from you!**

Have you participated in the BCR raffle before?  
What prizes did you like best? What prizes would you like to be included?  
The survey takes just a minute or two - [CLICK HERE](#) to start!  
*Thanks for your input!*



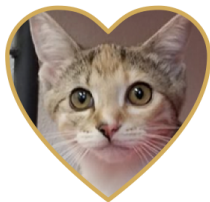
# The SCOOP

*Did you know?*

New BCR kitties to love!  
Meet the Tennessee Trio: Dash, Dot and Elvis!



[Dash](#) is a very lucky girl! This shy, leukemia-positive kitten came from Animal Control in Tennessee. She was part of an effort to trap and fix 100 stray cats in an a trailer park. You read that right, 100 cats! Animal Control found homes for the friendliest cats they trapped. Dash was in that group until she tested positive for leukemia, an immediate death sentence. Thankfully, the vet just could not euthanize a healthy, sweet kitten, saving her life. She - along with Dot and Elvis - are the the first leukemia-positive cats their shelter has ever been able to successfully find a home for. Dash is a little shy still but very sweet. We're so glad she came to BCR! [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to sponsor Dash!



Like Dash, [Dot](#) is also a very lucky girl! She is part of the trio if kittens who arrived from Tennessee. Her story is like Dash's and she's one of the first leukemia-positive cats to be placed from their shelter. She is super playful and loves to cuddle with Dash! [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to sponsor Dot!



Handsome and playful [Elvis](#) rounds out the Tennessee Trio! This sweet leukemia-positive boy is very playful and has found lots of playmates in our Floofy Tail Room. He's very protective of Dot and Dash and even stands guard when they are sleeping. We're so happy he's at BCR! [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to sponsor Elvis!

*You can watch our three new babies 24 hours a day in House 2, room 4 on [our Zmodo cameras](#)!*



## Fun Facts About Orange Kitties!

BCR has lots of wonderful orange cats, Gina, Buddy, Morris, Richey, Candy....just to name a few! We know they all come with their own very special personalities and unique color patterns. Did you know that there are things about orange cats that tend to be true for all of them? [CLICK HERE](#) to see how many you've seen for yourself!

Never Miss a Tour Again!  
BCR has a home on



Catch up on all our videos by clicking



Then, click on the bell so you'll get alerted  
when the latest video gets posted!



Don't miss a thing - just subscribe to [BCR on YouTube!](#) Check out our very own cat-tastic dedicated channel that is home to the latest kitty videos, helpful cat-care hints, shelter tours and boxes sessions and even the history of BCR and its resident cats.

We Remember...

One of the hardest things about being a loving home for and family to so many cats is saying goodbye.  
Sometimes, despite all our efforts to restore their health, they cross the Rainbow Bridge.  
This is especially true of our leukemia-positive cats.

It never gets easier to let them go and we do everything possible for them until they tell us that it's time.  
We've recently said goodbye to several cats who have joined their fellow BCR kitties across the Rainbow Bridge.  
While we miss them and remember them with great love, we'll always be thankful that they found their way to BCR. ❤️



Friends of BCR  
Facebook Group



Calling all #1 Fans of BCR! Have you teamed up with other #1 Fans in the Friends of BCR Facebook group yet? There's no better place to connect with your fellow cat fans, to share tips, photos of your cat, cat-care ideas, DIY kitty projects and, of course, the BCR cats! [Join our Friends of Blind Cat Rescue Facebook page today!](#)

**BONUS FACEBOOK HINT!**  
Ever wonder why you don't see BCR in your Facebook feed? Facebook's algorithm changes have made it harder and harder for you to see our posts! [CLICK HERE](#) for some great instructions to make sure you see the BCR cats!

# BCR Cats in Action!

*The dedicated BCR staffers spend every day with our very wonderful resident cats, seeing them play, learning about their personalities and finding out what they love! We want you to see what they see so we hope you enjoy these video clips of the BCR cats in action - doing what they do best! To view a video, just click where it says *CLICK HERE* or in the photos and sample life with the BCR cats!*



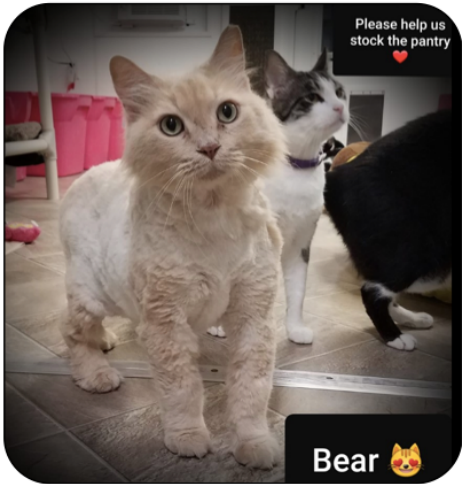
We all know the beautiful and elegant girl Cassie is today. In this throwback video, you can see sweet Cassie when she was a baby! [CLICK HERE](#) to see her and get ready to go Awwwwwwww!



When Popcorn isn't resting on her couch, she's quite playful - and serious about it! [CLICK HERE](#) to see Popcorn rule the ball pit!



Sweet Pebble loves a challenge and nothing is more fun than a ready-made obstacle course! No problems for this blind cat! [CLICK HERE](#) to see Pebble tame the tunnel!

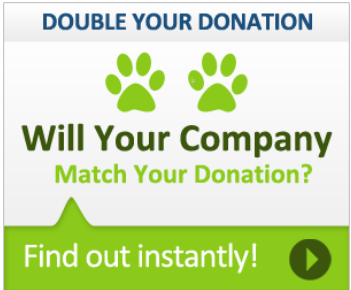


Bear is wondering if there's a box of food for him!  
BCR always needs food and supplies and Bear thanks everyone who has generously donated from [the BCR wish list](#)!





We LOVE our ebay sellers! When you purchase from one of our great sellers on eBay, they donate a portion of the sale back to us! Have a wedding or a baby shower coming up? [Try eBay!](#)



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

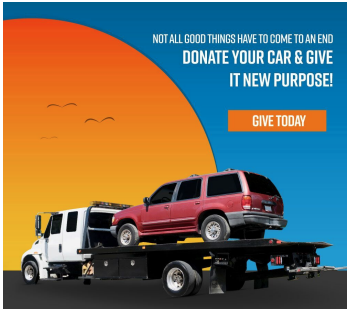


When you shop online, please [use Amazon Smile](#) and pick Blind Cat Rescue as your charity. With every purchase, their foundation donates to BCR. There is no charge to you!

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



Are you a Fresh Step Litter user? If you don't use your [Fresh Step Litter](#) paw points, please donate them to the cats! You'll help provide shelters with free litter in exchange for paw points!! We use more than 90 boxes of litter every month! Your points help us get free litter for the cats!! [CLICK HERE](#) for details.



Wonder what to do with your old car? Donate it and help the cats! If you have an old car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or even an airplane, you can donate it BCR. [Find out how here.](#)



Odie can't reach out of his photo, but if he could, he'd tap you on the arm to make sure that you're planning to visit him and the cats at the next **Open House** on **Saturday, October 12**  
**noon - 4 p.m.**

**Important Reminder!**

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



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