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Rescue Cat Communications 101!



Cat lovers often say, "I didn't choose my cat, he chose me!" While it certainly can seem that way, the reality is that cats and people choose each other! Remember that moment at the shelter or rescue or even with a stray cat, when you just "connected" and you knew that a heart bond was formed? It is a two-way bond! And from that moment on, your rescue cat will go to great lengths to show you just how much you mean to him or her! See how many of these signs you've gotten from your rescue cat:

- 1. Purring
- 2. Head bonks
- 3. Making biscuits
- 4. Leaving toys in your shoes
- 5. Slow blinks
- 6. Grooming you
- 7. Sharing space
- 8. Cheek rubs9. Rolling over

Make a visit to BCR and you'll see all of these nine signs in action!

CLICK HERE to read more about rescue cat communications!



Owners, Companions or Staff?



The old joke is that cats don't have owners, they have staff. It's good for a laugh or two but scientists are actually wondering whether or not cats actually bond with their owners. Turns out, they are! They don't actually consider us to be their staff after all!

Researchers at Oregon State University recently did a study that tested "attachment styles" in 70 three- to eight-month-old kittens, using the same model they have used to test bonding in dogs and primates. Kittens were with their owners for two minutes, then separated from them for two

minutes. When researchers brought them back together, they looked at how attached the kittens were to their owners by

Not unlike the results of some human studies, about 65% of them were happily and securely "attached" to their owners. Looking at the behavior of the "insecure" kittens who didn't have solid bond with their owners - they ran and hid - the scientists were able to determine that cats do rely on their owners as a source of security and happiness. CLICK HERE to read more on this study!



And we need YOUR votes and shares to win!



FreshStart Contest

This contest relies on sharing and the prize is \$10,000!

 $\underline{\text{CLICK HERE}}$ to get to BCR's contest page and click on "VOTE."

You'll then be directed to share the contest on Facebook!

Each new share is a vote; you can only vote once.

Contest ends at midnight on October 6!



All-Star Slots Contest

Keep up the great voting - we're in first place! The prize is \$5,000!

Help us keep the lead!

Keep sharing this contest with your friends and asking them to share!

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a link to the contest or use this link:

https://bit.ly/2lsXGpQ

Contest ends on November 13.



The Shelter Challenge

First prize is \$10,000 worth of supplies for the cats.

Voting is easy! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to go to the Shelter Challenge page or use this link: https://bit.ly/2kOyXMz.

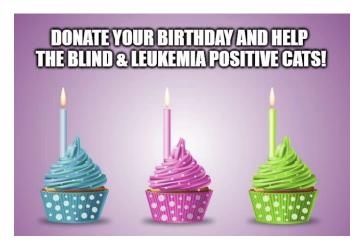
- **#1** Type BLIND in the Shelter Name box.
- #2 Click on "Find Your Shelter and Vote."
- **#3** When you see the list of choices, click on Blind Cat Rescue and then VOTE.

You can vote once every day until the contest ends on October 8!

Voting tip! You can vote once a day from your home computer using your home internet. If someone else in your house also votes every day, they can do so from their phone by turning off the wifi in their phone's Settings.

Thank you to everyone in the BCR Online Voting Army for voting and sharing every day for the cats!





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 - <u>use this link to go to Facebook</u> 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!

January 1, 2020, is Coming! Pre-Order Your BCR 2020 15th Anniversary Calendar Today.



Begin each month of 2020 with a beautiful BCR cat face! Order your calendar today - the price is still just \$20 (shipping included)! CLICK
HERE to pre-order your calendar! (Hint: They make great Christmas gifts!)

The SCOOP Did you know?



Eggroll just arrived from Pennsylvania, where he had lived in a cage for nine months with no chance of adoption. This very frightened leukemia-positive boy was saved because the folks at the rescue where he was didn't believe he deserved a life like that. Eggroll is in House 2, Room 2, and seems to like the other cats so far. He is still very scared of people but we hope that with constant love from the BCR staff and seeing how happy his roommates are, he'll soon realize that he is safe and loved.

CLICK HERE if you'd like to sponsor Eggroll!

You can watch Eggroll 24 hours a day in House 2, room 2 on our Zmodo cameras!



Hi, everyone! Snicker here with my next BCR staff interview! I hope you enjoy getting to know the great folks who take such good care of us cats.

If you'd like me to interview someone in particular, please email me and let me know!

This time, I'm talking with Gerri!



Snicker: Hi, Gerri! Thank you for sitting down with me. I know you're busy!

Gerri: Hey Snicker! It's my pleasure!

Snicker: So, let me start with the basics - what are some of your responsibilities at BCR?

Gerri: As you know, Snicker, I work mainly in Building 1 and Room 4 is my main room to clean as well as make sure the cats in that room are happy and looked after. I also set up and administer the medications for all the cats of House 1, when it's my turn... along with a lot of other duties throughout the day.

Snicker: I know you work hard - I hear you doing it every single day! So our readers will know, what is a typical day like for you?

Gerri: Well, we take turns setting up the meds you cats need. But aside from that, my typical day is very busy and fast paced. Lots to do! I clean the cat's room top to bottom. We work as a team to clean the rest of the house - from the lobby, to the dishes and widows. On days when I'm the building Lead, it's my responsibility to make sure everything is completed thoroughly and on time. And when it's all done, we get to play with you guys!

 $\textbf{Snicker} \colon \ \text{Wow - that's a lot!}$

Gerri: It's true that some days are harder than others. First off, you guys have bad days just like people do and that makes things a little more difficult for us. Some days there's more laundry or more cleaning, or more bathing and grooming. The

hardest days, though, are when we have to say goodbye to one of our beautiful babies.

Snicker: You all do so much for us! We always know you love us.

Gerri: It's what we do, Snicker! It IS hard work, but it's also very rewarding. We get to experience the unconditional love you give us and we can return it to you. My team and I love what we do and enjoy coming in every day.

Snicker: So, after we eat breakfast, I hear lots of water running and machines going. What's that about?

Gerri: What you hear is us cleaning all the rooms - inside and out and top to bottom. We get the walls, floors windows and all the litter boxes you guys use AND the climbing towers you like to climb up on.

Snicker: Well, that explains how good things smell all the time. I can't see, but I sure have a good nose!

Gerri: Thanks, Snicker! After that, we wash all the food and water bowls and do about 12 loads of laundry! We want your beds and blankets to be clean, too. Oh, and that's 12 loads of laundry per building!

Snicker: Seriously? Per building?

Gerri: Yup! And we've expanded this year! We have three buildings now!

Snicker: You all have lots of energy, that's for sure! What do you all do after feeding and cleaning and laundry?

Gerri: HAHA - That's the best part of the day - when we get to spends some time with you for some cuddles and love. It's MY FAVORITE PART OF THE DAY.

Snicker: I think it's our favorite time of day, too, Gerri! We sure love all the attention and hope we let you know that we love you, too! I especially love my favorite treats that you give me. YUM! Can you tell me how you first heard about the job at BCR?

Gerri: I was looking on Craigslist for work. I was new to the area and seeing what was out there. But I was immediately excited about BCR when I saw its listing. I had to see it! So, I came in for the next open house and started following on Facebook. I was blown away by BCR and fell in love with Room 4 in House 1. Then a couple of months later, when I was ready to go back to work, I searched again and thankfully found the ad again! I was beyond happy when I was hired on AND, believe it or not, was assigned Room 4 in House 1! My favorite.

Snicker: While we're on the topic of House 1, what can you tell me about my fellow residents?

Gerri: Oh, let's see. WELL, first of all there's you and Bun-buns. (Bunny) Y'all are so cute! I know that you're totally spoiled and you KNOW it! If anyone in the house gets a treat, YOU get a treat. LOL! Here are a few things about your housemates:

In Room 1: Willow, sings for her food every morning. She goes off like an alarm right on time until we serve her breakfast. Sophie is something else - I like playing with her. She's moody but I love seeing her progress.

In Room 2: I love them all, of course, but my boy Felix has my heart. Greta, too. They both have several health issues and need so much extra care. Both are so loving.

In Room 3: There are so many sweeties. I love seeing Jackie when she's being social in the room or in the window. Penny and Skipper are always up for loves.

In Room 4: My room full of crazy kitties! LOL! Jewell is my sweet old lady, Casper and Smudge own my heart. Candy, my sweet baby. I get a kick out of Lisa and Rudy. Pixie is a lap hog. I love them ALL so much.

Snicker: What a bunch of characters! Do you have a "favorite?"

Gerri: It's hard to choose favorites when there are so many beautiful babies, but yes. During my time here, I've had several favorites. My first "favorite" and my first love, was Stevie. It took me a while after we lost him to claim another favorite. But anyone who knows me, knows that CASPER is my boy!

Snicker: I want to thank you so much, Gerri, for doing this interview! I and all my fellow residents cannot thank you and your team enough for taking such great care of us and loving us. We all love you, too!!

Gerri: We love you more, Snicker! You and all of the babies here at BCR.

Separated at Birth?





Dennis

Gilligan

Dennis' tipped ear is the tip-off for who's who in this pair of similar handsome boys!



As you Travel the WWW....you'll can be home with BCR in lots of places!

We're all over Facebook, but did you know you can also find us on -



Check out our very own cat-tastic dedicated site, <u>BCR on YouTube</u> - the home channel for the latest kitty videos, helpful cat-care hints, shelter tours and boxes sessions and even the history of BCR and its resident cats.



For all things cats - <u>follow BCR on Pinterest!</u> From DIY cat projects to articles and stories on cat health to cat tattoos and just fun photos, you'll find it all here!

Friends of BCR Facebook Group



Natasha is all dressed up to welcome you to the Friends of BCR Facebook group! Visit with your fellow cat fans, share stories and photos, DIY kitty projects and, of course, the BCR cats! <u>Join our Friends of Blind Cat Rescue Facebook page today!</u>

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!



This throwback BCR video features, Riley, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge several years ago. In addition to being one of BCR's cutest faces, Riley was a swimmer! Another thing people can't imagine a blind cat can do! Riley had a bit of a weight problem and her swimming sessions show just how much BCR does to help the kitties stay healthy. Riley was a trouper, but Mack has some serious reservations about the whole thing! CLICK HERE to see Riley swim!



The BCR family is full of generous people who send the cats all kinds of toys that keep them playing! In this video, Snicker might have met his match in a very flexible cube! CLICK HERE to see Snicker battle the cube! Who will win?



We usually see big boy Creamsicle dozing or posing in one of the sleeper bananas. But this boy has a playful side! He loves to go "fishing!" CLICK HERE to see Creamsicle and his favorite fish!



Sweet Jewell hopes you'll help re-stock the pantry!

BCR always needs food and supplies and Jewell thanks everyone who has generously donated from the BCR wish list!





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Ella really hopes you'll come see her at the next BCR **Open House**on
Saturday, October 12
noon - 4 p.m.

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