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Bunny Asks you to Support the the Cats with our Fall Raffle!

This year's raffle that helps BCR's blind, FIV- and leukemia-positive cats features everything a cat could want - a variety of scratchers, beds, groomers, toys, houses, fountains, climbers, carriers....as well as gift cards for pet supplies!



[CLICK HERE](#) to see a full list of prizes! For more information on any prize, just click the link next to it. Prizes will be awarded in the order shown on the page and are "luck of the draw." Winning numbers drawn are selected by a random number generator.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each and you get a bonus free 5th ticket if you purchase 4 for \$40! (Your free bonus ticket will NOT show up in your purchase cart - we'll add it to your numbers and you'll get it when your tickets are mailed to you.

[CLICK HERE to get your raffle tickets!](#)

Every raffle ticket you buy helps the cats and you may purchase more than one ticket. [Please read the RULES for details.](#)

Raffle prize drawings will be  
**LIVE at 2 p.m. during Open House**  
on  
**Saturday, November 16, and you can watch on Facebook or YouTube!**

Feline Diabetes - Signs and Steps



It's a sinking feeling when your vet tells you your cat has diabetes. At BCR, Oreo, was recently diagnosed with it and there have been other cats who had the same condition. While you may panic at first, work with your vet and you'll soon know exactly how to handle it.

Just like humans, cats may develop Type I or Type II diabetes. When a cat is diabetic, its body doesn't produce enough insulin to absorb the glucose in its bloodstream, which is one of its body's main fuel sources. In Type II diabetes, which is more common in cats, its body doesn't respond to the presence of insulin, with the same results.

What puts a cat at risk for getting diabetes? Once again, the risk factors are very close to those for humans. The most common are obesity, aging and inactivity. Some cat breeds are more prone to it as well. By the time your vet diagnoses your cat with diabetes, there may have been some signs along the way that would tell you this was happening. So, what should you look for in your cat's behavior?

The first is dramatic weight loss, when your usually hale and hardy cat suddenly gets thinner. With diabetes, the cat's body cannot absorb the glucose for energy so it tries to break down fat and protein cells to get that energy. Even if your cat appears to eat more than usual, he'll still lose weight if he's diabetic.

The second major sign is drinking water excessively. Too much glucose in the blood causes the cat's body to shed a lot more of it in its urine, which at the same time pulls in extra fluid from the body, increasing the amount of urine. If this is going on with your cat, you'll find a lot more urine in the litterbox, too. The more dehydrated your cat becomes with this going on, the more he'll drink water. A third and rarer sign of unmanaged diabetes is when a cat stands "flat footed" on his hind legs, called "plantegrade" stance, and is due to nerve damage in a cat's hind legs.

If you're concerned that your cat might be diabetic, your vet will run blood and urine tests on your cat to measure the glucose present in each. Believe it or not, some cats experience "white coat syndrome" just like people do, which can cause a stress-related temporary spike in blood glucose. Vets can get around that by running another test that measures the fructosamine molecules in the cat's blood. Fructosamine is present in cats with diabetes but isn't affected by a cat's level of stress.

If your cat tests positive, what do you do?

The goal for all treatments is to get the blood glucose number back where it should be. Your cat will certainly need a low-carbohydrate diet and [there are many brands on the market to choose from](#). How much you feed your cat will depend on whether or not it experienced weight loss as it developed diabetes. If he's under weight you'll need to feed him multiple times a day, where as with an overweight at, you'll need to start a controlled food plan. Your vet will help you figure out how much your cat should eat and at what time.

You will also probably need to give your cat insulin shots. While it may seem like a horrible prospect for you and your cat, it can be done with little discomfort to your cat. Your vet can teach you the best technique. To figure out exactly what time of day your cat needs insulin, your vet may do a 12-24 hour glucose curve. In this process, the vet gives the cat intermittent insulin during the time frame and at the same time measures the blood glucose level. This will help determine what kind if insulin will work best and the frequency of delivering doses. It will also help avoid causing a big dip in blood glucose, which can also be dangerous for cats.

Diabetic cats can live long and healthy lives if their condition is monitored and managed by responsible and loving pet owners working with their veterinarian. Sometimes, diabetes will reverse itself, like it did for Greta and Thurston at BCR. The keys are paying attention to your cat's health and staying in touch with your vet if you think something is wrong.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about feline diabetes.



**We thank Weruva very much for sponsoring this wonderful food contest and all of you for voting for the cats!**

Weruva sent us eight cases of Cats in the Kitchen food - the cats' favorite! We know they have many happy munching hours ahead! We can't thank Weruva enough for caring about shelter cats.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a video of Alana opening these great Weruva gift boxes - with some help from Frankie!

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Thank you so much to everyone who votes and shares every day!  
We have two contests going on now and we need YOU to help the cats win!



All-Star Slots Contest

We're in First Place but just by a whisker so please keep sharing! The prize is \$5,000!

Help us keep the lead!  
[CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the contest or use this link:  
<https://www.allstarslots.com/competitions/win-the-jackpot-2019>  
Contest ends on November 13.



AccuRadio Season of Sharing

[CLICK HERE](#) to nominate BCR as your favorite charity!  
Voting will begin in November and we'll let you know when it starts!

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



Your birthday fundraisers this year have helped the cats so much - buying them food, medicines, supplies and even vet visits! Your fundraisers make it possible for them to have the healthy and happy life they deserve.

It's easy to set up - [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!*



*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?*** [\*Email us and let us know!\*](#)

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

The first time I learned about BCR was on Facebook. I “liked” the BCR main-page on August 18, 2015. I don’t remember if it was a page I was following that linked to the BCR page or how it popped up. But I liked the page and I especially remember Snicker, but didn’t dive more into it right away. Back then, there weren’t any “Live” tours or chat on Facebook, but I often saw posts with links to Ustream where I could watch the cats live. Back then I thought “Why would I watch some cats live?” Yeah… I would become much smarter than that!

I don’t remember exactly when I finally clicked that link, but I think that it was seven or eight months later. I remember watching some kitties and I learned about the tours and when would they’d be live and I went back and lurked. I could see that the others knew each other, so I didn’t join in because I didn’t know anything, not even the cats’ names. This was a couple of weeks before the tours moved to FB and after that I started joining the chat.

Later I moved to the Ustream-chat and I do not regret that! They welcomed me with open arms and I have gotten some very good friends there that I treasure so much. I am so happy to have a safe-spot where people understand my cat-craziness and feel the same way.

**If you haven’t yet visited, what are you most excited about when you do?**

Oh, if I ever get to visit there I just want to spend as much time with the kitties as possible! I have no idea which one I would go to first… It will be great to meet the staff, too, and it would be so awesome if some of my BCR-friends could visit at the same time! But seeing the cats is the most important thing for me. There are some cats that I never got to meet and I know that there will be more that I don’t get to see, but I hope that I will have the money soon enough to meet my sponsor cats. I chose one with FeLV, so it kind of narrows down the time I have to save up the money. I would definitely stay at the guesthouse and help with the cleaning and whatever chores that would come my way. I know that it is actual work, but I would love to help out and donate my time and energy during my stay.



**What cat or cats do you sponsor? Why did you choose them?**  
I sponsor Ella and Wednesday, my two Calico-Princesses. I started sponsoring Ella in November 2016. She was easy to choose because she was the first one that snuck into my heart. One day in the beginning when I was watching the live-tours, Ella was sick with a fever and taken to the vet and I was so worried!

That was before I knew about Boxes. In Denmark, where I live, Boxes happens after midnight and I didn’t really watch the recorded tours. So, I didn’t know that I could ask Alana directly how Ella was doing, so I ended up worrying about her for over a week. When I finally saw that she was back in her room, I knew that I loved her. And she acts a lot like my own cat, Lufus. So, she was the easy choice.

When I started thinking about sponsoring another cat, it was much harder! I have so many favorites and I had been through them all and had narrowed it down to Skittle or Peanut. But I just couldn’t make the choice between them and then this new pretty calico showed up at BCR!

I had promised myself not to sponsor a FeLV+ kitty, not because I love them less, but because I love them so much and this stupid virus always wins. But when I saw Wednesday I just had to break this promise and I signed up to sponsor her.

Jackie has made me dream about a third sponsor-cat, but I would have to find a job with a better paycheck first ;)

I love to tell people about my sponsor-cats and some react very strongly against the fact that I send money to cats that I have never met and tell me that “they are just cats.” I make sure to stay away from people like that!

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

Blind Cat Rescue is a place for cats that have been thrown away because people just didn’t want to be bothered by them. These cats have been mistreated, abused, ignored or simply “not wanted.” At BCR they find the Forever that they deserve.

If people took the time to learn about FeLV, FIV, blindness, CH or other “not normal” conditions, they would know that these cats deserve another chance. All cats do.



In Denmark, FIV is known as cat-AIDS and most vets would tell you to euthanize a cat that tests positive. It makes me angry that even so-called educated people don't take the time to learn that FIV+ cats can live long good lives if people just care enough to take care of them.

At BCR the main focus is quality of life for the cats. I love that! I wish that all people focused on that. I know that proper vet care costs money, but you would help a sick person, why not your cat? My cat is part of my family. And at BCR the cats are family; BCR is their home and if you go to visit you are their guest.

I would love to be their guest at some point in my life.

The Clock is Ticking and January 1, 2020, is Coming!



2020 is BCR's 15th anniversary and our annual calendar will celebrate this milestone! Order yours today so that all 12 months of 2020 will greet you with a beautiful BCR cat face! 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?



NC State Employees - Help BCR Through the Combined Campaign!

The NC State Employees Combined Campaign is a great way to support the cats! If you're a state, county, municipal or university employees, you can easily participate through a payroll deduction of your choice. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the SECC and how it works. You can [select BCR as one of your charities](#). If you're participating using the printed catalog, our charity number is #3859. If you don't see us there, please [email us](#).

Thank you for helping the cats through this year's SECC!

Coming in November:  
The Combined Federal Campaign!



Federal employees and military personnel can help the cats via this campaign, which launches next month! Right now, you can [visit the CFC website](#), search for BCR and then add us to your charity pledge basket! Look for BCR on the CFC website and in the printed catalog - our charity number is 67324.

More Kitties to Love!  
Meet BCR's newest residents from Tennessee!

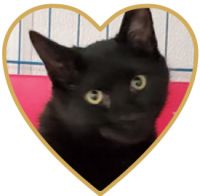


Sweet **Maria** is 13 years old and came from Animal Control. It seems she was adopted and then returned because she stopped using the litter box and her owner was worried that her husband would hurt Maria. We're so

glad we could come to her rescue! As soon as she arrived, we knew she had hypertension and needed immediate medical treatment. At her visit with our vet, she was also diagnosed with kidney disease. Maria is very, very sweet and friendly and we're glad to be her safe an loving home. [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to sponsor Maria!



Cute **Nugget** also came from Animal Control and is only four months old. As a leukemia-positive kitten, he is very lucky to have landed at a good facility that was willing to go the extra miles to save his life - eight hours on the road of extra miles! This sweet little guy just loves to play! [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to sponsor Nugget.



Little **Onyx** (who for some reason was originally named Tomato) is a five-month-old leukemia positive kitty from an Animal Control. Another very lucky boy, Onyx had a team of people who really wanted to save him. With their help, he was able to meet up with the folks driving Nugget and Maria here and catch a ride! He is very sweet. We're worried about some of his initial bloodwork done at our vet's office so we'll do whatever we can to get him healthy and hopefully have years with him. [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to sponsor Onyx!



You Can Create The Perfect Cat-o-Lantern!

Halloween is just a couple of weeks away so you have time to pick the perfect pumpkin for your jack-o-lantern - or, in our case, Cat-o-Lantern! What better way to show you're a cat fan than carving a beautiful cat face!

There are lots of ideas out there and if you [CLICK HERE](#), you'll find many on our Pinterest page! When you get them carved, show us your handiwork by sharing a photo on the [Friends of BCR Facebook page](#).

Friends of BCR Facebook Group



Miss Candy really wants you to make it official by joining the Friends of BCR Facebook group! You'll see photos of Candy and the other beautiful BCR cats, visit with your fellow cat fans, share stories and photos and even DIY kitty projects! [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!

Surfing the web? You'll always be home with BCR!  
We're all over Facebook, but did you know you can also find us on -



Check out our very own cat-tastic dedicated site, [BCR on YouTube](#) - 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 - [follow BCR on Pinterest!](#) From DIY cat projects to articles and stories on cat health to cat tattoos and just fun photos, you'll find it all here!

# 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!*



**Casper** may be an older gentleman now, but he still thinks like a kitten! [CLICK HERE](#) to see Casper going crazy with his catnip toy!



Our big boy **Mack** is famous for many things, but No. 1 is his chirpy purr! It just adds to his already very sweet nature to hear him chirp. [CLICK HERE](#) to hear this sweet boy in action!



**Boone** is known for being a very chill, quiet guy who spends a lot of time making sure the other cats in his room are happy. But Boone also has a wild side! [CLICK HERE](#) to see Boone having a wild moment with one of his favorite toys!



***Please put a big smile on Eight's face by helping to re-stock the pantry!***  
BCR always needs food and supplies and Eight thanks everyone who has generously donated from [the BCR wish list!](#)

Helping the cats is EZ!



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!](#)

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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.](#)





Gina is ready to greet you with hugs at the next BCR Open House tomorrow!  
**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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