

Donate Now!



It's Time to Light BCR's Virtual Christmas Tree!

It's certainly the cats' most wonderful time of the year!
They invite you to join the celebration by helping them decorate the tree with lights and gift boxes.
Will you be the person who adds the final touch with the one special tree topper?

[CLICK HERE](#) to start trimming the tree!

From the list, select lights or gifts and then put them in your shopping cart.
Be sure to add your special message or remembrance in the "Instruction to Seller" box
and then check out with Visa, MasterCard or PayPal.

Every string of lights and gift box helps the cats!

About Those Real Christmas Trees...and Cats



While cats won't have a problem with our virtual Christmas tree, real trees and cats are another matter. Is your cat fascinated by Christmas trees, whether real or manufactured? Is every ornament a temptation? We love our Christmas trees but our cats see them very differently - big toys loaded with things to explore!

We all want to enjoy our Christmas trees, and there are tons of great "hacks" out there from fellow cat owners that could help you handle this problem! Here are a few ideas from getyourholidayon.com to keep the holidays

merry and bright for your tree and your cat!

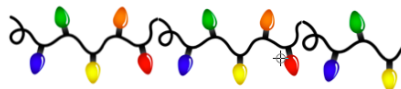
Put orange oil soaked ribbons on the tree – not a pleasant smell for cats!
Put tin foil around the base of the tree – cats are not fond of the feel of foil!
Get a hanging Christmas tree.
Sprinkle pepper around or near your tree – another sensation cats do not love!
Find shatterproof ornaments.
Put cloves in oranges and hang them from your tree.
Anchor your tree to the wall.
Use a toddler gate around the tree.
Spray peppermint oil on the tree – this idea helped LOTS of people

We've put a bunch of great ideas and successful hacks on our Pinterest page - [CLICK HERE](#) to check them out.

****Do you rely on tried-and-true techniques for keeping your kitty and tree apart?
Share them on our [Friends of BCR page!](#)****

With all the helpful ideas out there, everyone agrees on a couple of safety tips. The first is not to put tinsel and angel hair on your Christmas tree. While they may look really pretty, cats get very interested in them and they can cause intestinal blockages or choking if eaten by a cat. Tree lights are another hazard for cats who tend to chew on wires. To be safe, unplug the lights at night and frequently check the exposed parts for teeth marks. If you see your cat start to drool, have difficulty breathing, or seem to have unusual mental or physical problems, that could indicate electric shock. Check the wires to be sure and if you see chew marks, get your cat to the vet asap. It may seem strange but the water in the tree base keeping your tree green can also be poisonous to your cat if it includes additives or if fertilizer seeps into it. Best to have a covered tree base.

Holiday decorating is so much fun and makes our homes seem so festive at the holidays! No need to skip it if you have cats, just be aware and make some adjustments so everyone enjoys the tree!



NEW Contests!

BCR is competing for votes in two contests!
The cats ask you to vote for them!



To vote for BCR in the AccuRadio Season of Sharing contest, follow these easy steps!

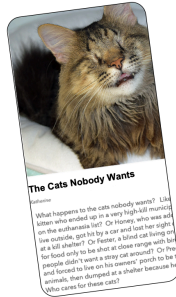
[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the website. You'll see a page of "Most Popular Channels."
(Link: <https://www.accuradio.com/>)

You can vote every day on your desktop or any phone browser through December 22! The BCR cats could win a portion of the \$30,000 AccuRadio is giving to deserving charities! The more votes, the bigger the cats' share!



#MyGivingStory

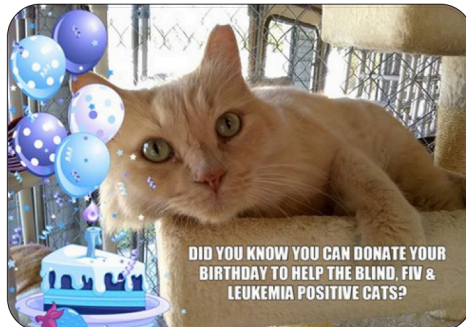
Your vote could help get us to the final phase of judging!



1. [CLICK HERE](#) to get to the #MyGivingStory page.
(Link: <https://binkd.co/1dF68>)
2. If it's your first time voting, scroll way down the page to the white Search Box.
 3. Type in Blind Cat Rescue
 3. Click on the the photo of Snicker - that's our official entry!
 4. Click on the **green** Vote button.
5. On the next screen, add your email address and confirm that you aren't a robot.
Hit Enter and you've voted!

You can vote once a day in this contest so please vote and share!

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



Celebrate your birthday by helping the BCR cats! Each Facebook birthday fundraiser buys the cats' food, medicines, supplies and even gets them vet visits! Your fundraisers make it possible for them to have the healthy and happy life they deserve.

Set up is 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!



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?

I first learned about BCR on Facebook in the fall/winter of 2016. One of BCR's live tours came up on my feed and I fell in love right away! I started watching the tour and then went to the Facebook page and website to learn more. I was hooked!

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

I have had the wonderful opportunity to visit four times now. I am fortunate to live close enough to drive there, from Baltimore, MD (5-6 hours). My first visit was October 2018 (Building 3 was not there yet), and my most recent trip was last month, in October, right before Halloween. I absolutely loved spending time with the cats and getting to know their personalities in person. I also loved getting to know Alana and the staff, some of whom have become some of the greatest friends I have ever had!

I was surprised by a few things. The first is - and I know everyone says this - but it is so extremely clean. I don't just mean the cleanliness of the litter boxes, floors, and beds, but also the dishes, water fountains, all of the toys, kurandas, the lobby and especially how organized everything is. With more than 100 cats living there it is just incredible how everything was kept track of and how easy it is to find everything. Watching the staff set up the daily medicines, wet food 3x a day, the vet files/records for each cat, where to find the food, litter, bedding, toys (in the biggest cat nip container I have ever seen!), laundry/dish soap, and storage for everything. It was funny to see the actual size of the cats as well. Some of the bigger cats like Boone, Sterling, Scotty and Licorice look big on the screen but they are quite a bit bigger when you see them in person! The smaller cats like Greta, Gina and Angel are really small when you see them!



What cats do you sponsor? Why did you choose them?

I currently sponsor CiCi, Licorice, and Chester. The first cat I sponsored was Dominic (leukemia +). I was trying to decide who it would be when I saw his name. Dominic was my grandfather's name so it drew me in to read his story. After hearing his story and watching him on the tours, I was in love! When he crossed over the rainbow bridge I had to transfer my sponsorship to another cat. It was so difficult to decide who it would be and this is how I first met staff member Melinda! After a bunch of emails and messages, we started talking about CiCi. Well, needless to say, after learning how she ended up finding her forever home at BCR and that she needed sponsors, I made the decision to pick the diva herself!! When Charlotte arrived, I cannot explain it but I just had to be a part of her life somehow! She won my heart with her little "blep" she had all the time and her playful and loving spirit. After Charlotte crossed over the bridge (she was a leukemia + kitty with a few other health issues she had prior to arriving at BCR), I again found myself trying to figure out who to transfer the sponsorship to. I sadly never had the chance to meet Dominic or Charlotte, but after my first visit to BCR a few kitties had taken pieces of my heart. Some of the ones I was



deciding between had a lot of sponsors, and then I saw on Licorice's page he only had two at the time. (All of the money goes to all of the cats - so regardless of how many sponsors they have they all get the same amazing care). So, Licorice it was!

After following BCR for almost three years and spending a lot of time with Chester on my visits I had fallen so head over heels in love with him. I thought about it a lot and I had to be one of his sponsors! He is just one of the funniest cats I have ever seen/met. He would always put a smile on my face and was so much fun to play with - if he was carrying my arm around the room or climbing on me and sitting on my shoulders- again, like the others, I just had to be part of his life somehow! (He is from MD, too!)

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

The one thing I would tell people is that BCR is such an amazing sanctuary for these cats and what Alana Miller has done to save all of these lives is simply phenomenal. The amount of time, effort, and work that goes into having this sanctuary is just more than one could imagine. She is truly one of the angels that walks among us. Something I am not sure everyone knows or realizes is this that BCR is on her personal property. She opens her home to these cats and for everyone to see and visit. There is 100% transparency with the live tours, the opening of boxes on Fridays and Saturdays, the visiting hours (Monday-Saturday 12-4, volunteer to help clean 7:30-12) and the 24 hour Zmodo cameras you can watch all day every day - no other sanctuary has anything like this! I am so very thankful I found BCR. It has given me a sense of purpose I had been looking for, for quite some time. I will always be a supporter/sponsor and do anything and everything I possibly can for Alana, and the beautiful cats that call BCR home.

Dot reminds you that the Raffle drawing is **TOMORROW,**
Nov. 16, at 2 p.m.

Watch live on Facebook and YouTube!

*The cats thank everyone who supported them
by entering this year's raffle! Good luck to everyone!*



The SCOOP

Did you know?

More Kitties to Love!
Meet our Newest Arrival!



[Shadow](#) is a leukemia-positive kitty who was trapped as part of a TNR effort. Because he had some unhealed wounds, the rescue didn't want to return him to his colony right away. During that time, they realized what a super sweet and friendly cat he is and decided to try and find a home for him. As part of that process they did a combo test but found to their great sadness that Shadow was a double positive. He couldn't go back to his colony so they called BCR! We are super happy we had a place for this nice cat, who



loves lap sitting. [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to sponsor Shadow.



We say **THANK YOU** to the folks at [Halo Pet Food](#) for donating 17,000 bowls of wet food to the BCR cats! For making that grant possible, we also thank [GreaterGood.org](#).

The BCR kitties are very happy!!



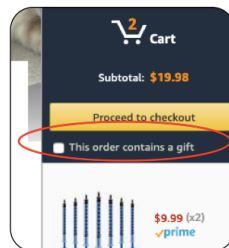
We Love it When you Send Gifts from Our [Amazon Wish List](#)!

But we don't love it when we can't thank you personally for your generosity!

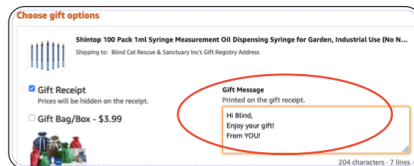


As you've heard us say, Amazon isn't always the greatest about putting a receipt in the boxes to tell us who sent them.

Here are a couple of handy tips to help Amazon make sure we know who to thank!



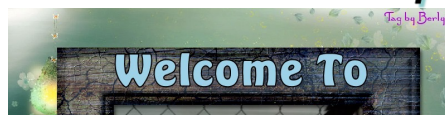
First, when completing your order, look for the "Is this a Gift" box and be sure to click on it!



Then, when you get to the Choose Gift Options as part of checking out - you can click on the message box and type your own personal message to BCR!

These two small steps will help us say THANK YOU to YOU!

Friends of BCR Facebook Group





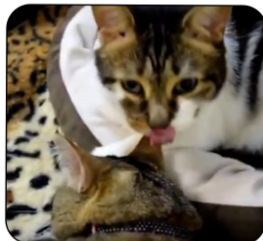
Sweet Gina hopes you've joined the Friends of BCR Facebook group! Gina's there, as are the other beautiful BCR cats! You can connect with your fellow cat fans, share stories and photos and lots of useful cat info! [Join our Friends of Blind Cat Rescue Facebook page today!](#)

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!*



The BCR kitties really do love each other. [CLICK HERE](#) to see how they share the love! Prepare to say Awwwwwww!



[Lisa](#) the cow-kitty diva has a very playful side. [CLICK HERE](#) to see this beauty in action!



While you can usually find [Morticia](#) on someone's shoulders re-doing their hair, she does from time to time take a break to play! [CLICK HERE](#) to see her going crazy for a ball!

Helping the cats is EZ!



[Federal](#) and [NC state employees](#) can help the BCR cats through annual combined giving campaigns! Each is done through donor-designated payroll deductions. Our campaign numbers are listed to the left.



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!](#)

Are You an ebay Seller who supports BCR?

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



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.](#)



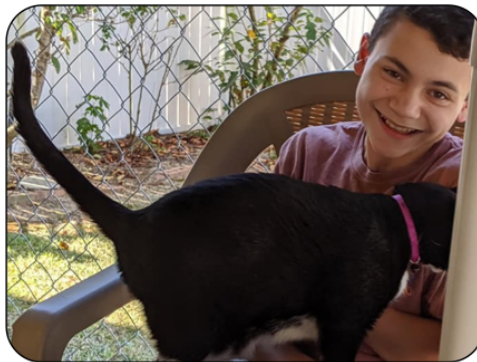
Are you a runner, walker or biker? You can get your daily exercise, track your route and help the BCR cats at the same time! Sponsored by [BestFriends](#), ResQwalk is a free app you can put on any phone.



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!



The BCR cats are waiting for smiles and snuggles from YOU!
Join them all [tomorrow](#) at the next
Open House
Saturday, November 16
noon - 4 p.m.

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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