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Do You Hear What They Hear? "Christmas is Coming!"

And so is your final chance to be part of two BCR fundraisers to help the cats start out 2020 strong!

The cats are "singing for their supper" and really hope you'll help them out this holiday with one or bo super BCR-only fundraisers!



BCR collectible 2020 calendars are here - do you have you purchasing your very own BCR calendar you'll greet each an with a smiling fuzzy BCR face! It's also our 15th anniversar celebrate with us!

Get yours today before they're gone! CLICK HERE to of calendar now. The clock is ticking down the last days of 201

Calendars are great Christmas gifts!



The cat's virtual Christmas tree is looking le have you helped decorate yet?

Every string of lights or gift box you purchase helps makes the BCR family virtual tree more beautiful!

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to add your own special touch and a go with it.



While the holidays are normally a fun time for most people, they can be stressful. The same is true for all know that cats love their routines and the holidays bring the one thing that can really throw them of

During December, there can be lots of changes to a cat's environment (decorated trees, moved furnitur decorations with new smells), more people in and out of the house, and changes to normal routines lik and even bed time. All of these can add up and lead to stress on cats. On top of that, if you tend to str the holidays, your cat will pick up on that and share it with you! Even normally calm and even-temps react to the bustle of the holidays.



There are lots of great ideas out there to help keep you and happy this time of year. If your house tends to be people, be sure your cat has a safe, quiet space away f guests or family. Or, if they are social and like to be v are, make sure they have a hiding place where they ca The spot might be in a corner or somewhere higher up your cat feels ready, he'll come out and join the fun.

The holidays often involve travel and being away fron than usual. If you plan to be away for a length of time a responsible friend, relative or licensed pet sitter is or keep your cat's routine going. Normal time feeding, rebox scooping and having some "people time" every dego a long way towards keeping your cat happy and str

CLICK HERE to read up on other ways to give your a cat happy and stress-free this holiday season!

If you celebrate by opening presents, make sure there's at least one or two for your furry family memb are countless awesome gifts for your cat available, from catnip to toys to motion-sensitive water fount elaborate climbers! You'll find lots of ideas on our Pinterest page!



One thing that stresses all cats out is being hungry! Help with the BCR Food Pantry Drive so the cats won't have that stress!

Cici wants to let you know that our food pantry goal is 500 cases of wet food. That will last the cats a 83 days, though there are also other miscellaneous supplies needed, too!

To help fill their pantry full of 500 cases, **CLICK HERE** to place an order!

The blind, FIV+, and leukemia-positive cats thank very much for your help.





The cats ask you to please keep voting and sharing Season of Sharing contest ends at midnight on Dec.

Enjoy some music for a while you vote each day! The cats could win a portion of the \$30,000 AccuRgiving to deserving charities! The more votes, the bigger the cats' share!

Just follow these easy steps to vote daily:

CLICK HERE to go to the website. You'll see a page of "Most Popular Channels."

(Link: https://www.accuradio.com/)

Click on ANY of the channels you see there and a list of charities will come up.

Look for the BCR logo and click on it!

Then click again when you see "I listen for Blind Cat Rescue!

That's a vote for BCR!

We Remember...

One of the hardest things about being a loving home 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 We've recently said goodbye to several cats who have joined their fellow BCR kitties across the Rainl While we miss them and remember them with great love, we're thankful that they found their way to





Yes you can! Dobby and Ginger know that ever birthday fundraiser helps buy their food, medicinand even gets them vet visits! Your fundraisers possible for them to have the healthy and happy deserve.

Set up is easy - <u>use this link to go to Facebook</u> a the instructions! You can personalize your mess:



friends and family to donate to your special caus target, and even monitor how it's going!

Thank you to everyone who has dona 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 can't recall exactly how I first heard of BCR, but it was on Facebook, maybe through Homer the Blir or my brother Tom, several years ago.

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

I had a professional conference to attend in Greensboro, NC, in July 2015, and decided to take an extra rent a car and visit BCR, since I live in Wyoming and was unsure if or when I would have a chance ag trip! It was about 3 hours either way, but on the way back my phone died so no GPS, and I was hopele stopped at a gas station and asked directions from a nice man who was putting gas in his truck, and he to get back to Greensboro, but I still got lost- again! It was a stressful return trip, but made much less s my visit, in which I got to meet Wifi (my first sponsored kitty), who had just come back from the doct the others, and spend an afternoon with them.

I enjoyed the entire visit that day, but highlights included Wifi getting back from the doctor in time for him, being mauled with affection especially by Felix and Paul (who looked so much like my own kitty except with just one eye), meeting superstar Snicker for reals, and spending time at the end of the day Alana.

Most surprising for me I think was just how organized everyone and the entire premises are. Blind cate them may be, but clearly they all are at home and find their ways around just fine! Catsy, doesn't toleracats, so it was a little surprising to be in an environment where so many cats lived together so well.



What cat or cats do you sponsor? Why did you choose the My first sponsored cat was Wifi. He was the newest addition needed sponsors, so that's why I chose him. A year or so later switched my payment method with PayPal, the payment date and my sponsorship got confused. By then Wifi had quite a fe so I decided to sponsor another kitty without as many, and the proceeded ever since, with Cole, Callie, Andy, and currently I It's so rewarding to get a photo and little update every month I'm sponsoring. They all have been different and special. Dais

If you could tell people one thing about BCR, what would Sponsoring a cat really helps all the kitties at BCR. And if yo sponsor monthly, and can give a little here and there, with a c contest vote, a drop in and share on a video, an Amazon orde supplies... you know you are part of a caring community and the lives of these kitties who are so well taken care of by Alar crew. Oh, and t-shirts, calendars, cookbooks, all make great g

treat yourself like I do on occasion. You'll be treating the kitties too, and will feel really good about he whether or not you get to meet them in person. (But if you can swing that - what a trip!)

gorgeous, BTW!

The SCOOP Did you know?

It's True - And Science Agrees!



Scientists have finally confirmed something reto cat lovers: Liking cats is a sign of intelligen

Researcher and psychoanalyst Steve McKeow about a recent study (posted on pullaword.con "There were 600 students in the research. Dog have been discovered to be more social and exwhile cat enthusiasts are more vulnerable and



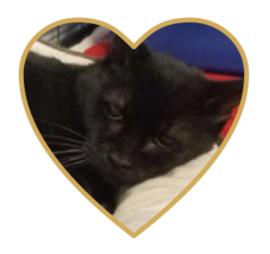
minded." To that, he adds, "In addition, cat in tend to stand for what they believe – regardles environment says, which may show that they autonomous."

The study also showed interesting results for α and those who share their homes with both do **CLICK HERE** to read the whole article.

Score one for cat lovers!

More Kitties to 💛!

Meet our Newest Arrivals!



Helen ended up in a New Jersey Animal Control facility as a someone discovered her hiding under their car. The shelter de that this sweet senior girl is blind (although we think she mig some sight) and reached out to us. Right now, sweet Helen is frightened. It will take time for her to learn to trust us, but w some BCR love and care that she will relax and enjoy her necelic to the some black of the senior of the senio



Pretty <u>Lucy</u> was rescued and taken to a vet's office in Virgini Sadie when she was just four weeks old. While the vet tried good home for this leukemia-positive girl, Lucy lived in a ca six months. Everyone realized this was not a good life for he reached out to us. Now that we know this friendly, playful g agree. Lucy loves people and we'll enjoy watching her grow learning the BCR ropes from Peanut, Chester and Valencia a see her on our <u>live camera in House 3!</u> <u>CLICK HERE</u> if yo sponsor Lucy.



Marshmallow came from a Charlotte, NC, Animal Control (he had been turned in as a stray with fur so matted that he ha shaved. He was close to being euthanized when the facility to us. When Marshmallow arrived at BCR, he was clearly in pain. We discovered that this poor senior boy had a mouth fu

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teeth, pneumonia and was not neutered. Over the last month worked to get him healthy enough to get his dental work don him neutered. That has happened and Marshmallow ended u almost all his teeth, which must have been causing him horri When he heals completely he'll move into a room. CLICK you'd like to sponsor Marshmallow.



Sadie, the sibling of Lucy, is another leukemia positive kitty a cage for about six months while the vet attempted to find the good home. Like Lucy, Sadie is a sweet, fun and friendly litt who loves people and playing. It will be fun to watch her grassadie is now in House 2, Room 4 (the Floofy Tail Room!) are watch her on our live 24-hour camera! CLICK HERE if yo sponsor Sadie.

As holiday decorations go up - a reminder of plants that are poisonous to



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POISONOUS PLANTS FOR CATS



Poinsettia

Cats may chew on plants. Cats love to climb and explore and it difficult to keep plants out of reach. There are over 700 varietie of plants that can be harmful to your cat if ingested. These are of the most common ones kept in homes.



It is always wise to assume all parts of a plant are poisonous, though some parts may have a higher concentration of the toxin than others.



Peace Lily - Spath



Kalanchoe

Anthurium



Dieffenbachia

If you suspect plant poisoning in your cats and you notice any of the following signs, take your cat to your veterinarian

immediately:

Difficulty breathing

Lethargy

Drooling or difficulty swallowing

- ·Loss of appetite
- Vomiting
- ·Diarrhea
- Excessive drinking and urinating
- ·Fast, slow, or irregular heart beat

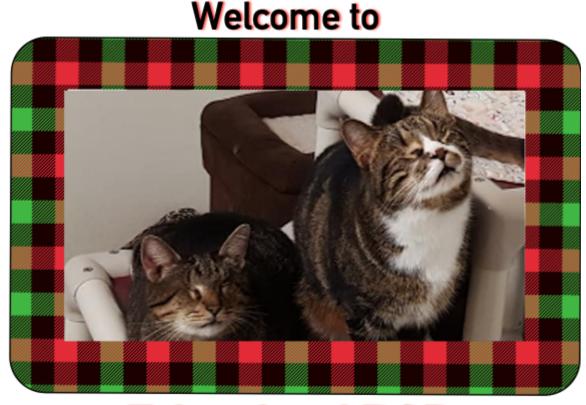


Chrysanthemum



Amaryllis





Friends of BCR

Chester and Peanut invite you to join the Friends of BCR Facebook group! In that group you'll find C Peanut and all the BCR cats. You can also chat with fellow cat fans, share stories and photos and lots info! <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 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 personalities and finding out what they love! We want you to see what they see so we hope you enjoy these vithe BCR cats in action - doing what they do best! To view a video, just click where it says **CLICK HERE** or and sample life with the BCR cats!





Many of the BCR cats love running on the big wheel as accomplished at running as Pixie and Charity. **CL** to see these two taking on the big wheel in their room



Meeting Miss Daisy. **CLICK HERE** to see a video our sweet tri-pod kitty. Not having that fourth leg do this beautiful girl!



Ginger is called the Ninja not just because he can ope also plays hard and has lots of fun! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to take on a pesky feather toy!

Helping the cats is EZ!







<u>Federal</u> and <u>NC state employees</u> can help the BCR ca annual combined giving campaigns! Each is done the designated payroll deductions. Our campaign number to the left.



We LOVE our ebay sellers! When you purchase fror great sellers on eBay, they donate a portion of the sal-Have a wedding or a baby shower coming up? <u>Try 6</u>

Are You an ebay Seller who supports BCR?

Please let us know so we can thank you and shine sor your specialebay auction page! <u>Just email us</u> and we touch with you!



Matching gifts are a great way to double your BCR c





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Wonder what to do with your old car? Donate it an cats! If you have an old car, truck, van, SUV, boat, ATV, RV, trailer or even an airplane, you can donate Find out how here.



Are you a runner, walker or biker? You can get your exercise, track your route and help the BCR cats at th time! Sponsored by <u>BestFriends</u>, ResQwalk is a free 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 shelter tours and boxes sessions and even the history of BCR and its resider



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



Gina can't wait for more pets and at the first Open House of 2020

Be sure to join Gina and all the ca
Saturday, January 11
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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