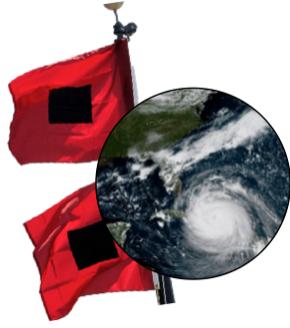


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When Disasters Strike - Will You and Your Cat Be Ready?



Hurricane season officially starts today although there have already been two tropical depressions that have formed off South Carolina and brought lots of rain, wind and rough tides to those parts of the US! That could point to a pretty active hurricane season for 2020.

For BCR, hurricanes passing through are the most frequent the natural disasters that bring with them strong winds and flooding. Thankfully, the two tropical depressions so far in 2020 didn't go right over BCR but they did bring some rain. Hurricane season goes through the end of November though, and whatever it brings, BCR is a prepped and ready.

Hurricanes aren't the only disasters that can happen. Whether it's a hurricane, a tornado, fires, ice storms, flooding, drought, blizzards, or whatever nature brings, preparing your pets for those events is critical. Just like BCR does, all pet owners should be ready in case of an emergency and have a plan for keeping pets safe.

First, always be aware of the weather in your area. Weather folks on the news can go a little crazy when reporting on a big storm or event, but at the heart of what they're saying is that something is coming. Stay on top of the reports so you know. If you live in a hurricane-prone area or one that experiences snow and ice in winter, you'll have time to put your plan into motion. Tornadoes and severe pop-up storms don't give much warning.

When you get the word that weather is happening, put your plan into motion.

Every pet owner should have these things ready to go:

- *Enough food and water for five days for each pet you have. Don't forget bowls and a can opener if you feed your pets canned food. Experts also suggest that you have extra water to wash your pet with if its been in polluted flood waters.

- *Your cat's litter box, extra litter, a scoop and garbage bags.

- *Cat carriers and harnesses or leashes. Also make sure your cat is wearing a collar with your correct contact information on it. Carriers and cages need to have enough room for your cat to stand up and move around in case it has to be in one for a long time. Putting your pet's favorite blanket or towel in the carrier - and maybe even a favorite toy - will help your cat feel safer.

- *Recent photos of you with your cat and detailed descriptions of them in case you get separated. This will help prove that your cat is yours when you're reunited.

- *Make sure your pet is microchipped and the company has your current address and phone number on file. Even in non-emergency situations, all pets should wear collars with ID tags as well as being microchipped. Pets' microchips can be registered free at [Found.org](https://www.found.org/)!

- *A written record of your cat's medical conditions, behavior issues and a feeding schedule with the name and number of your veterinarian. This will help if you're forced to leave your cat with a temporary foster.

Other things that are helpful to have on hand include newspapers, paper towels, trash bags, household bleach and your cat's brush and maybe nail clippers.

Pet owners can also take a few tips from how shelters and rescues prepare for big weather events. The shelter emergency list includes some things pet owners would find helpful, like:

- *Flashlight

- *Heavy gloves that can help keep you safe if you have to pick up a panicked animal.

- *Tarp

- *A radio



Whatever you do, don't abandon your cat to fend for itself even if you think your house is secure. BCR's Gabriel (left) (who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in March 2019) managed to survive all alone through Hurricane Irma in 2017 underneath a car in Miami. He was the rare exception and it's a miracle he did survive. He arrived at BCR very emaciated and covered with wounds, either from flying debris or from other animals. As covered extensively on the news, there were many other heartbreaking cases of pet abandonment in Florida and Texas during and after recent hurricane disasters. The truth is that it's very likely your pet won't survive on its own.

So, be ready! Have your emergency kit prepared and keep your cat safe! [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about disaster preparedness for your pets! [CLICK HERE](#) to read about how shelters get ready.



The Pawsome Critter Photo Contest is Back!!

**The Grand Prize is YOUR PET featured in living color
on the inside cover of BCR's 2021 calendar!**

Think your cat is the prettiest/handsomest of all? Then enter them in our Pawsome Critter Photo Contest starting today!

HOW TO ENTER:

You may enter as many pets as you like by [CLICKING HERE](#).
Each entrance fee is \$25 and includes your very own BCR 2021 calendar just for entering!

Once your pet is entered, share the page with your friends and family so they can vote for your pet!

HOW TO VOTE:

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the BCR contest entries and vote!
Each vote is \$1 and ALL proceeds benefit the BCR cats.

The contest ends at midnight on June 30. At that time, the pet with the most votes will be the Grand Prize Winner!

[Be sure to read all contest rules and instructions!](#)



Sponsor Spotlight:

Brian Patrick Delaney



The BCR family is full of wonderful people who truly love the cats and we want you to meet them!
Each BCR cat sponsor gets a set of questions to answer and asked to send along a photo of themselves or with their cat(s).
Are you interested in being in the Sponsor Spotlight? [Email us and let us know!](#)

How did you find out about BCR?

It was back in 2017. I found out about BCR from my friend, Mel Lozano, who runs a TNR non-profit for feral cats in Riverside, CA. He mentioned BCR to me and I was intrigued and tuned in for a night tour in late September. Well, you can say that I was “hooked!” The tour was so fun and funny and really brought out all the individual cats’ personalities. It was amazing to see blind cats running, jumping, and playing just like any other cat. It was then that I learned Alana’s philosophy “Blind cats don’t know theyre blind, they just know they are cats.” Also, it was touching to me that BCR provides a forever home to cats with FIV and FELV. From them on, I was devoted to the cats and the mission of BCR.

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

I have visited BCR twice, both times in 2019. The first time, I stayed at the motel in St. Paul’s and came when BCR opens to the public in the mornings. It was just a THRILL to finally meet the cats that I had followed online for so long! People have sometimes said that it is like meeting a celebrity and that is so true. I think what I enjoyed most was coming in to any room in the two houses and just being “mobbed” by the cats! One time, I just had to just lay flat and pet each one. It is overwhelming but in the best sense of that term. The next time I stayed in the guest house and got up each morning and helped to clean the rooms. Now that is an amazing experience as you get more time with the cats and they really do kind of guide you in your work. It is hard work but it goes by quickly as you just love being in the presence of the cats. What surprised me most was seeing the schedule of feedings and medication and spot cleaning in the rooms during the day. The staff have everything down and all runs like clockwork but also with a sense of fun.

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

The first BCR cat I sponsored was Miss [Emily](#) in House 1, Room 4 - The Crazy Kitty Room. At first, I sponsored Emily because she was one cat who didn’t seem to have as many sponsors as some of the others but I was soon drawn to her extremely playful personality and sense of silliness and especially interacting with her when I came to visit. The next cat I sponsored was Jack. He was an FELV+ kitty and I fell in love with him immediately when I saw him on tour. Jack came from an abuse situation and he was so timid at first, but the staff worked with him for a long time until he found his feet and felt comfortable. My enduring image of Sweet Jack is of Melinda coming into his room for tour and Jack immediately jumping down from the kurandas and running to her for love. Sadly, Jack succumbed to FIP in June 2018 and it took me awhile to get over that and choose another.

One of the cats that had most endeared himself to me by his personality was [Scotty](#) and I knew that he had to be my new sponsor cat. He is larger than life (and not just his waist)! He is known to be a Romeo and presently has six “wives” in room 3 that he snuggles with.



He is also known to get “hangry” when his kibble bowl is nearing empty and he ends up in timeout (which was caught on Facebook once !!) I’m very proud to be a sponsor to cats who otherwise would have been euthanized if not for the haven BCR gives them

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

I would tell them to visit and, if possible, to volunteer!!! By doing that, you get to see the cats up close and to see the wonderful work that the staff does and to also meet with other people to have been drawn to BCR and the cats just as much as you have. The BCR Family. What’s not to love?

HAVE YOU MOVED?



Pixie wants to be sure BCR has your best and most up-to-date mailing address! If you've moved in the last 12 months and have a new physical address or email, [please send it to us](#) before the next holiday season rolls around.

We do not share any personal information with other organizations or individuals.



Pearl Asks: Will you Donate Your Birthday to the Cats!

She knows that helping the BCR cats will make you feel WONDERFUL on your birthday this year. Instead of presents you don't need, how about creating a [Facebook birthday donation fundraiser](#). It's free and so easy! Every birthday donation your friends make helps the cats get the food they need, the medicines they take and even the regular checkups and dental vet visits that keep them healthy. Your birthday fundraiser helps make it possible for them to continue to have the healthy and happy lives they deserve.

Set up is fun - [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 and say thanks when your friends contribute!

Make 2020 the year you donate your birthday to help the cats!

The cats give a big HEAD BONK to those who have donated birthdays so far this year!

The SCOOP

Did you know?

The Combined Federal Campaign is Back!

For the month of June, all federal employees and military personnel have the chance to help BCR through a re-opened Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)!

In response to the pandemic, the CFC has reopened the site AND waived all fees for any donations made during June - which means **100% of your donations will go to the cats!**

Sterling hopes you'll pounce on this chance to support him and the BCR cats by visiting [the CFC website](#), searching for BCR and making a donation! Our CFC number is 67324. Rather have a paper form? You can download one from the site and send it in to your local CFC office.

Even if you chose BCR in the regular 2019 CFC campaign, you can be part of this special drive if you already chose BCR as one of your charities in 2019 or did not. Have other questions? [Get answers here!](#)

The cats thank all federal employees and military folks



who support them through the CFC!

Separated at Birth?
Not really, but it sure looks like they could be!



Do you Love BCR?

PLEASE SHARE YOUR STORY!



Please tell [Great NonProfits](#) why!

The cats hope you'll share your special story using [THIS LINK](#) to get to our Great NonProfits web page. Just scroll down to "Share Your Story" and click. When you finish, press "Submit" and they'll send you a confirmation email.

The cats need your special story to help BCR be named a Top-Rated non-profit for this year!

Peanut and Chester thank you those who have already shared their stories!



Join the Friends of BCR !

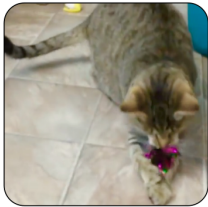
Valencia and Peanut want you to be their friend, too, by joining the Friends of BCR Facebook group! You'll find our two wheel strollers there, along with all the BCR kitties and fellow cat fans! It's not just about BCR - it's about YOU, too! Chat with fellow cat fans, share stories and photos and find 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 on the photos and sample life with the BCR cats!



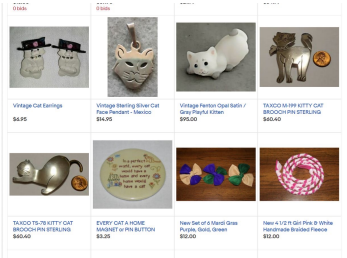
[Pebble](#) gets the zoomies from time to time and loves to play with her crinkle ball. [CLICK HERE](#) to see Pebble enjoying having some fun!



Thanks to those posting #BCRCatsAfterDark!
Lots of you are catching after-dark cat action at BCR! Visit our [Friends of BCR Facebook page](#) to see all the clips you've posted. If you capture some kitty fun, be sure to grab a shot or video and post them on the Friends page using the hashtag #BCRCatsAfterDark.

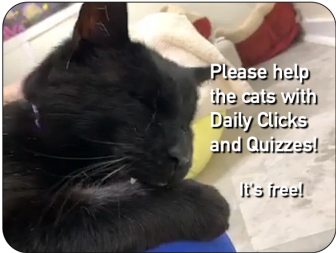
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A few free clicks each day can help the BCR cats! [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the ShopforYourCause website and start with the daily click, that gives 2 cents to BCR! Then take a quiz or two to add to that donation!

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION



Will Your Company
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Find out instantly!



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.



No need to hang on to 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.](#)

We thank those who have already donated a car this year!



Are you an Alexa user? Did you know that you can **make charitable donations using Alexa**? It's true. It's very easy and secure! All you have to say is: Alexa, make a donation to Blind Cat Rescue! She'll take it from there. Need more information on how this works? [CLICK HERE.](#)



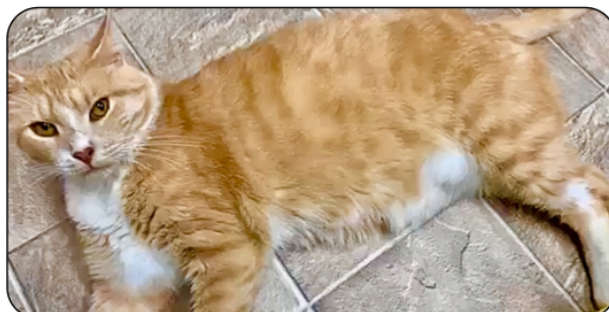
Are you a runner, walker or biker? You can get your daily exercise, track your route and help the BCR cats at the same time! Sponsored by [BestFriends](#), ResQwalk is a free app you can put on any phone.



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!



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure the health of the staff,

BCR is not open to visitors at this time.

The June Open House is canceled.

Creamsicle hopes you'll come see him and his friends at BCR's July Open House on

Saturday, July 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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