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It's time for a Shelter Challenge Contest!
The Cats Need YOUR Votes!

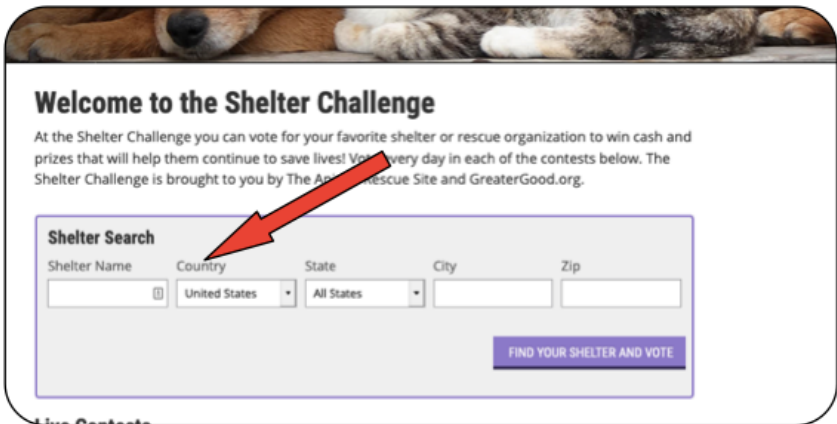


Calling all BCR Voting Army members!
The cats ask ALL BCR online voters to support them in
the latest [Shelter Challenge](#)!

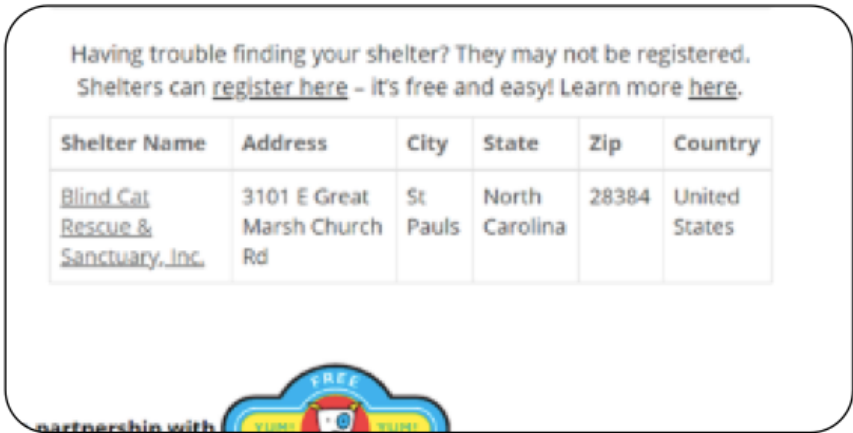
VOTE EVERY DAY between today and midnight on August 21 and the cats could win the
Grand Prize of \$5,000 and \$2,000 worth of pet supplies from the [Animal Rescue Site](#).
On top of that there are weekly top vote-getter prizes of \$500!

Here's how to vote:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) and the **type** the words **blind cat** in the **Shelter Name** box - no need to fill out country, state, city or zip.



2. Click on the purple **Find Your Shelter and Vote** box.
3. Scroll down and you'll see BCR listed. Click on our name and then you'll see the vote button.



4. Click on the VOTE button and that's it! If you have a Shelter Challenge account already, you can log in and vote that way.

Please share this contest with your friends and ask them to vote for the cats, too!

THANK YOU!



Cat Emergencies - Would You Recognize One?



We watch our cats closely to be sure they're ok - what and how much they eat, litter box use, how playful they are, water drinking, are their gums pink, just to name a few. As good and watchful cat parents, we know that catching a problem early could keep our fur kids from becoming very sick.

Cats are notoriously good at masking pain and other symptoms - it's part of their evolution and helped them to survive. While it's always good to monitor your cat for subtle signs of distress or illness, it's also important to know what signs of distress are considered to be emergencies.

[Catster.com](https://www.catster.com/emergency-situations/) published a very helpful list of emergency situations that require immediate veterinary attention for all pet owners. They note that, while this is a great list, other situations might arise that don't exactly match what's included. So, as with every pet health situation, if you are at all

concerned, call your vet right away. If it's after hours or on a weekend, many areas now have emergency veterinary clinics that will be ready to help your pet.

[Catster.com's list](https://www.catster.com/emergency-situations/) of emergency situations includes:

1. Difficulty breathing
2. Abnormal urination in male cat
3. Signs of severe pain or obvious distress (including meowing or howling, panting, hiding and reaction to touch)
4. Sudden paralysis of the hind end
5. Stopping eating and/or drinking
6. Protracted vomiting and/or diarrhea
7. Known ingestion of toxins
8. Profound lethargy or collapse
9. Seizure
10. Major trauma (including gaping wounds or hemorrhaging)
11. Fights with other cats

[CLICK HERE](https://www.catster.com/emergency-situations/) to read more about each of these 11 signs and the entire catster.com article.



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 first learn about BCR?

I read *Homer's Odyssey* by Gwen Cooper and had to learn more. I found BCR online and thought Snicker was the cutest guy I'd seen and was hooked. It amazes me how the cats don't know they are blind!

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

I haven't yet, but I would love to! So many kitties and so many snuggles to give!!

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

Playing with the cats, meeting my sponsor kitty, and meeting Alana and her team. I have heard so many amazing things from visitors and can't wait to see it firsthand. I may never leave!

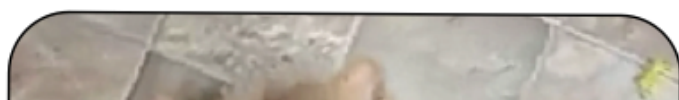


What cat or cats do you sponsor? Why did you choose them?

I sponsored Sheila first. I chose her because she only had one sponsor and her markings reminded me of my kitty who has since crossed the Rainbow Bridge. After Sheila passed, I sponsored Ginger. I picked him for his cool name and pretty markings. After Ginger passed, I chose Lynx. His giant bunny feet won me over. I consider all of my BCR sponsor kitties to be part of my pack and love them like my own!

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

How AMAZING it is! I love what Alana has done for the kitties and the education she gives to others. I've reached out to her before and she is always prompt to respond. I would send anyone to BCR for education, both on blind cats and FIV or FELV. BCR is a wealth of information! Get involved with them, they are simply the best!



**August 1 is coming fast!**

[Bear](#) wants you to know that he needs your new address no later than August 1 to make sure BCR can reach you during the holidays! He asks you to [please send your new address](#) to him by July 31!

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

THE CATS ASK YOU TO PLEASE DONATE YOUR BIRTHDAY!

The cats hope you'll create [Facebook birthday donation fundraiser](#) to help them! They know how easy it is and how much it helps them! Every birthday donation your friends make for your fundraiser helps the cats get the things they need, like:

Food ** Medicines ** Regular vet checkups ** Dental vet visits ** Supplies

YOU can help make it possible for them to have the healthy and happy lives they deserve.

Set up is fun - [use this link to go to Facebook](#) and follow the instructions. 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!

The cats send a big thank you PURR to those who have already donated a birthday in 2020!

The SCOOP

Did you know?

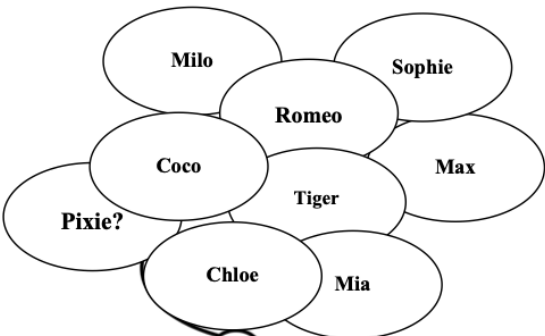


This Month, Be Sure to Celebrate ...

National Pet Hydration Awareness Month! Summer heat means cats (and other pets) need lots of good, cool water to help them beat the heat and keep hydrated! Bowls of water inside and outside your home will be just what your pet needs! Of course, water fountains like [Chester](#) uses are also a good option for hydration! Chester's fountain technique is one of a kind!

The Top 100 Cat Names for 2020 Are....

On this list, [published by kittycatter.com](#), there are 15 BCR cat names! Even more if you also include our kitties who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. One name not on this list: [Pixie](#)! She's unique in every way, including her name! Did your cat's name make the list? [CLICK HERE](#) to find out!



Please Help Restock Our Pantry!



Smudge has been busy helping to clean his room at BCR, but he could use some more supplies! Would you help him and the BCR cats with spring cleaning by [visiting the BCR Wish List](#)?

We need cleaning help - Clorox Clean-Up, bleach tablets,



paper towels - AND things we use every day to help the cats stay healthy - gas drops and syringes!

Please [visit the Wish List](#) today!

We thank everyone for helping the cats!!



The cats are calling you to join Friends of BCR !

Can you hear them? What they're telling you is that you should join the Friends of BCR Facebook group because they know there's nothing in the world better than having friends! They also know that in the Friends group you'll find lots of fellow BCR fans along with photos, videos, and, we hope, stories and photos about your own kitties! [Join our Friends of Blind Cat Rescue Facebook page today!](#)

#BCRCatsAfterDark?



Do you see the BCR cats in action after dark? Then please share your photos and videos!

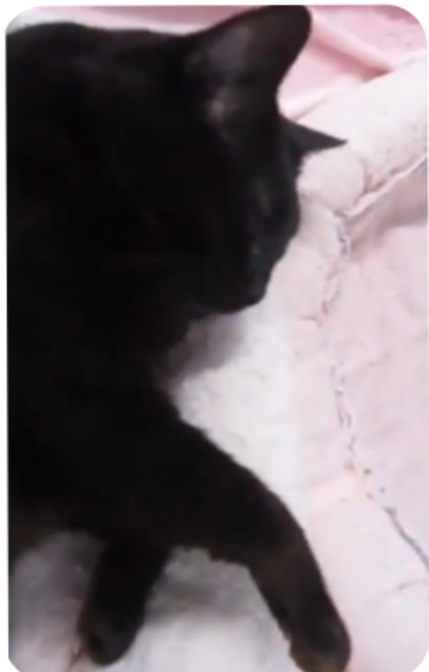
It's clear our furry pals don't always sleep! There seems to be plenty of time for wheel running, bug hunting, crinkle ball soccer and so much more.

What have you seen? Share it on our [Friends of BCR Facebook page](#). Be sure to use the hashtag **#BCRCatsAfterDark**.

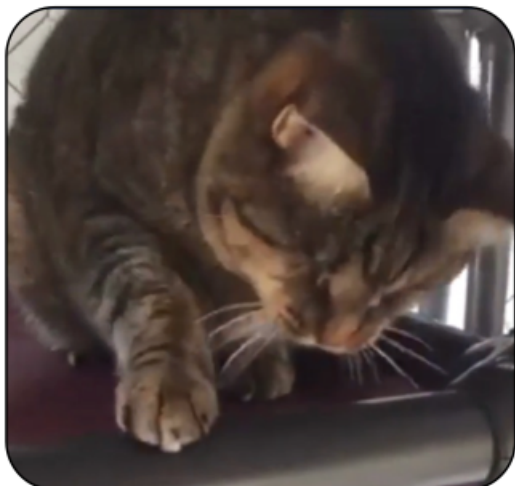
Get started on our 24-hour Zmodo Cameras!
[CLICK HERE](#) to find them!

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!*



We all know [Licorice](#) loves to grab people by the pants legs to get some love. Did you also know he loves tummy rubs? In case you haven't seen him getting one during a tour, [CLICK HERE](#) to watch Licorice melt with happiness!



[Georgia](#) loves her naps for sure but this peach of a girl is also very playful! [CLICK HERE](#) to see Georgia in action!

Helping the cats is EZ!



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Are You an ebay Seller who supports BCR?


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



Please help the cats with
Daily Clicks and Quizzes!
It's free!

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!](#)

You can **Donate**

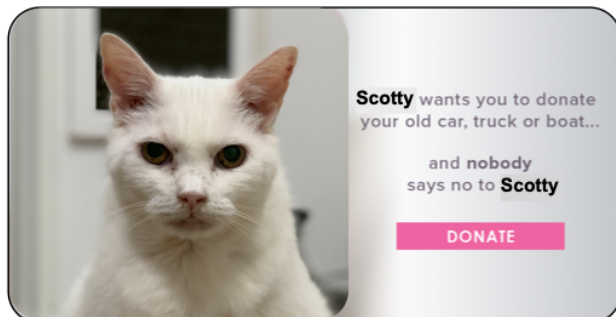


When you shop online, please [use Amazon Smile](#) and pick Blind Cat Rescue as your charity. With every purchase, their foundation donates to BCR. There is no charge to you!

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.



Don't disappoint Scotty! Get rid of that old vehicle! 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.](#)



We're all walking and being outside a lot these days. As you 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.

You



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, BCR began a soft reopening beginning July 1.

To keep the staff and cats safe, BCR will use the following guidelines:

- Only a limited number of people may visit to maintain safe social distancing.
- Masks must be worn by all visitors at all times.
- Guests' temperatures will be taken when they arrive.

Pre-registration is required to visit BCR. [If you want to visit, please email us.](#)

There will be no official Open House in July.

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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