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## We Need YOUR Votes!

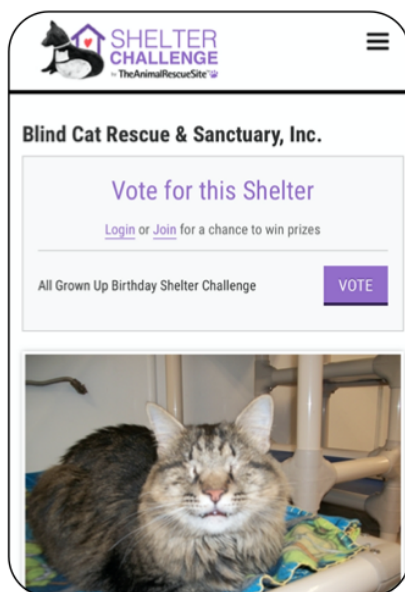


**We're still in 2nd place!**  
Please **VOTE EVERY DAY**  
in the [Shelter Challenge](#)!

We're coming down to the wire! Voting ends **in just 6 days** - at midnight on August 21. We need you and your friends to vote every single day to help the cats win the Grand Prize of \$5,000 and \$2,000 in pet supplies from the [Animal Rescue Site](#).

Be sure to share this link with your friends and ask them to vote every day, too!

**Daily voting is easy!**



1. [CLICK HERE](#) and you'll see this screen with Snicker's picture, saying "Vote for This Shelter."

2. Click on the purple **VOTE** button!

You can vote from your computer or cell phone! You can also log in and vote.

*THANK YOU FOR VOTING FOR THE CATS!*



### What Does Heat Stroke in a Cat Look Like? Will you know it when you see it?

Cats are good at hiding things when they don't feel well, but happily heat stroke isn't one of them. That's good because if you see signs of it in your cat you need to take fast action.

It's still summer and hot so heat stroke is something to be on the lookout for. We've talked before about how to [keep a cat hydrated](#) and [cool in the summer](#), but it's also a good idea to know specific signs of heat stroke.



According to [superpetcare.com](#), signs of heat stroke can include:

- Panting
- Red tongue
- Drooling
- Sweating from their feet
- Agitation and disorientation
- Vomiting
- High temperature

Many of these are very visible signs and if you see them in your cat, get to the vet right away since they can lead to other serious health problems if left alone.

The [superpetcare.com article](#) includes a couple of other suggestions for keeping cats cool in addition to keeping them hydrated and making sure they have shady spots outside. Houses can get pretty warm inside, too, so there are some great ideas for keeping indoor cats cool. One is to close the curtains in the areas of the house where your cat spends most of his time. Doing this will keep the sun out and the air cooler.

As we know from the BCR cats (like [Hermes](#), [Sadie](#), [Precious](#) and [Gallie](#)) stretching out on the cool patio concrete or inside floors feels VERY good on a hot day. In the home, because they are frequently tiled and/or have cool feature surfaces, bathrooms are excellent places for cats to cool off. Another great tip is to line a

cat bed with a damp towel and turn a fan on it to create a cool breeze.

If you regularly play with your cat for exercise, take it easy when it's hot out so they don't overdo it. Some cats will play until they are panting and exhausted on any day! If your cat does get exercise this way, be sure to do it in a cool place in the morning or evening, before the heat of the day sets in.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.



Birthdays are silly fun but they can also do some serious good! YOUR BIRTHDAY can do some serious good for the BCR cats if you create a [Facebook birthday donation fundraiser](#)! Anyone who's done it will tell you how easy it is and how much it helps! Birthday fundraisers help get the cats the things they need, like:

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

**YOU 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!*





# Sponsor Spotlight:

## Bruno Battaglia



*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?**

Simply from a google search back in 2007 or 2008. At the time, we had rescued a young cat from the street, whose front paw had been amputated (previously). He became our beloved cat of nine years, Toby.

So around that time I was doing some searches on tips regarding living with disabled pets (not that he needed anything special, he ruled on three legs!) and came across BCR. I was amazed at the stories I was reading and the work that you being done there and wanted to support.

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

No, I live in Ireland and, though we did think to go to the US on a trip and go by BCR for an overdue visit, it just never happened.

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

Just to look around, chat with Alana, spend time with these special cats, and get to know my sponsored cat Yoshi!



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

I've sponsored Yoshi, for a number of years now. I still remember I originally sponsored a cat called Fredo (my Paypal payment to BCR still says "sponsor Fredo"...) since he had no sponsor and he looked like a cat that had been through the wars...a sweet black and white.

He died a few months after I started the sponsorship. I sponsored someone else after that but he also passed so I picked Yoshi and hoped not to jinx him! He's a great cat and sure fond of his food.

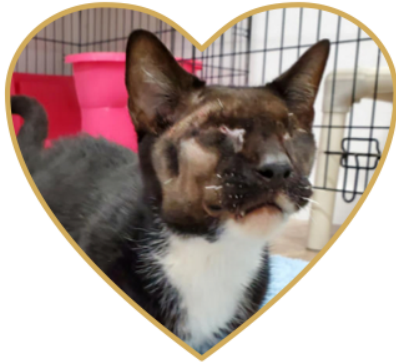
### **If you could tell people one thing about BCR, what would it be?**

That all animals deserve a chance and BCR exactly demonstrates that. Every single one of these cats is valuable as an individual despite their physical shortcomings – BCR is proof that they can live a full happy life if only given a chance instead of being discarded like many shelters (or individuals!) would do.

# The SCOOP

## *Did you know?*

### More Kitties to ♥ !



Welcome, [Boots](#)! This senior boy came to us from animal control in Miami with help from our flying angel, Davica, and Jill, who drove him from Raleigh to BCR! Handsome Boots is blind and leukemia positive. For some reason, the vet in Miami shaved off his whiskers when they operated on his eyes, so, sweet Boots looks a little rough right now. Despite all he's been through - and it's a lot - he's a very sweet cat who we will love and care for as long as he's with us. He has a healthy appetite and, once his whiskers grow back in, he'll start to enjoy his new safe and secure life at BCR.

[CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to sponsor Boots!

## Join the Friends of BCR !



Pals [Mickey](#) and [Rudy](#) invite you to join them in the Friends of BCR Facebook group! These handsome boys want you to have lots of friends who love cats the same as you do and they know that you'll find them in our Friends group! Everyone shares lots of BCR info as well as photos, videos, and - we hope - stories about your own kitties! [Join our Friends of Blind Cat Rescue Facebook page today!](#)

## BCR's Famous Couples and Best Buddies!

### Serena and Natasha

Being a bit shy, Serena gets lots of love and support from her BFF Natasha.



### This Month, Be Sure to Celebrate ...



[National Check the Chip Day](#) - **August 15** is a good reminder to make sure your pet's microchip data is up to date! Have you moved? Have a new phone number? Created by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association, this special day is when you should update!



[National Black Cat Appreciation Day](#) - **August 17** is the day to sing the praises of your favorite black cats! We sure love BCR's black cat contingent! Can you name them all? (Solution below, no cheating!)

*From Top Row L to R: Elvira, Helen, Licorice, Shadow, Meghan Serena,  
Willow, Jewell Jamie, Merlin & Pipsqueak*

### #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!

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# 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!*



[Voldo](#) is one of BCR's sweetest cats who loves laps. But, when he's not enjoying lap time, he loves to play! [CLICK HERE](#) to watch Voldo take on a feather toy!



[Seven](#) may be one of BCR's seniors, but he still knows how to play when he wants to! [CLICK HERE](#) to see Seven in action!

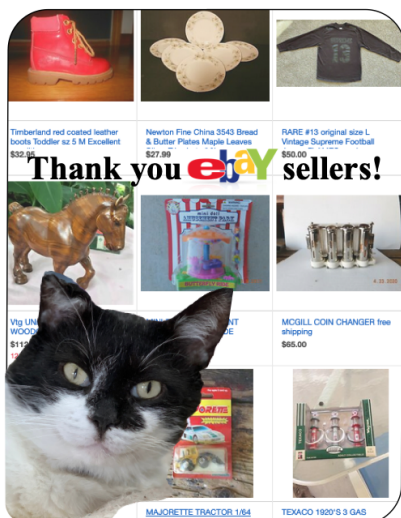
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## Helping the cats is EZ!



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US!**

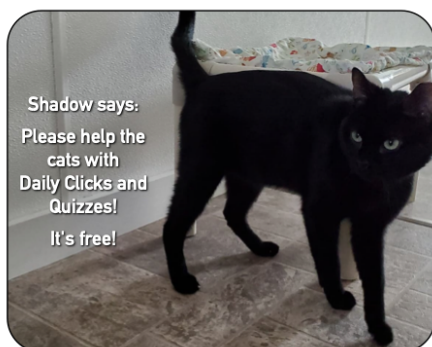


**Thank you eBay sellers!**

**We LOVE our eBay sellers!** With every purchase from one of our eBay sellers, they donate a portion of the sale back to us! Have a special event 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 special eBay auction page! [Just email us](#) and we'll be in touch with you!



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

A few free clicks each day can help the BCR cats!

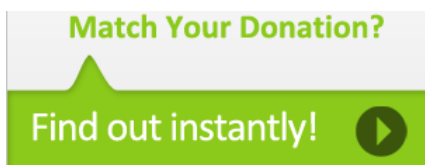
[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the ShopforYourCause website and start with the daily click, that gives 2 cents to BCR! Then take a quiz or two to add to that donation!

**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION**



**Will Your Company**

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.



LT hopes you'll get rid of your old vehicle and 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.



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 is opened on a limited basis.***

**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 August.**

### 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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