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**It's almost Raffle time!  
What would YOU  
like to win?**



**Snicker needs to hear from YOU!**

Please tell Snicker what **YOU** would most like to win our annual raffle to support the cats!

Have ideas? [Please email and let us know!](#)

*Thanks for your input!*



Thank you for helping the cats win \$3,000 cash and \$1,000 of supplies in the Shelter Challenge! The cats thank you for voting every day!



Full-Mouth Tooth Extractions – When and Why

Cats can develop problems with their mouths and teeth over the course of their lives. Typically mouth problems are related to gingivitis – just like people – and veterinarians will treat them with regular teeth cleanings and a tooth extraction if it’s warranted. Some cats may experience more severe mouth problems in the form of stomatitis, which is caused when a cat’s autoimmune system overreacts to plaque on its teeth, causing swelling, ulcers and extreme pain.

Imagine having canker sores in your mouth all the time. That’s what a cat experiences with severe gingivitis or stomatitis – constant pain, which will impact almost every aspect of a his life.



Journey and Poppy both had full-mouth extractions

Cats are good at hiding pain but when they have stomatitis, an owner might see a range of symptoms, like losing interest in eating, weight loss, bad breath, drooling and pawing at his mouth. If stomatitis has advanced to the point where your cat has ulcers in his mouth already, you may see blood in his drool.

These symptoms may impact lots of different areas of your cat's health so if any are happening, an immediate vet visit is in order.

Because they aren't exactly sure what causes stomatitis, vets usually rely on treatments to reduce swelling and pain management. For severe cases, the most effective way to treat this condition is to remove the trigger, which is plaque on a cat's teeth. The best way to do that is to remove all a cat's teeth, called a full-mouth extraction. That sounds like a scary and painful prospect but when it's done the cat is no longer in pain, there will be no more plaque present in his mouth to bring on stomatitis.

It's important to note that full-mouth extraction is not always a 100% cure for stomatitis. It is possible that occasionally a cat will still continue having problems after having it done.

The big question for most pet owners is "How will my cat eat with no teeth?" The good news is that they'll do fine. Many people report that their cats are happily able to eat kibbles as well as canned food when they have healed. They just don't chew the way they used to.



Seven and Voldo had full-mouth extractions

Several BCR cats have had full-mouth extractions for stomatitis and dental problems and they are doing GREAT! Visit our 24-hour cameras and watch Journey, Poppy and Seven in action. They eat, sleep and play very happily and, most importantly, they are pain free. Voldo had this procedure last week to help his his very painful stomatitis.

So, while it sounds really dire and scary, if your cat needs a full-mouth extraction, it's because he's already in a lot of pain and the process will take that away and give him back his happy life. Most vets these days are able to do dental procedures and extractions in their offices. If they aren't, they'll recommend a dental specialist. Take care of your cat post-operatively with their instructions and soon your happy and content cat will be back with you and pain free!

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about this procedure.

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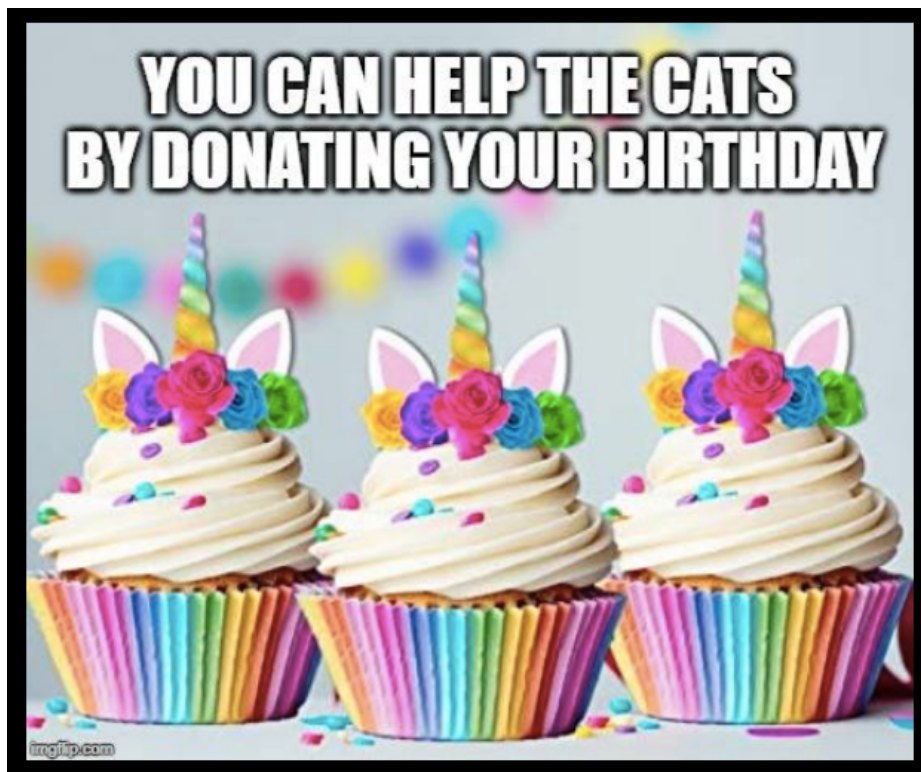
**It's Stock Up Time!**





Do the cats LOVE those Cat Scratcher Loungers? Sure looks like it! Actually they ALL love them so much that they're wearing out the ones they have. If you'd like to replace a worn out scratcher/lounger with a new one for the cats, please [visit our Wish List](#) and help us stock up. The cats will be forever grateful to you!

*Thank you!*



**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](#)! Those who have done it will tell you how easy it is! And each one helps the cats!

**An average birthday fundraiser raises \$100 - for the cats, that pays for**  
**A vet office visit \*\* A big bag of food \*\* A box of Fresh Step litter**

YOUR fundraisers help make it possible for the cats 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 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 always look on the book tables at BJ's and one day saw "Homer's Odyssey" and bought it. I loved the blind Homer's antics! I noticed the reference to Blind Cat Rescue in the back and was so excited because it was in NC, only 100 miles from Raleigh where I live! I visited and loved it...in fact, I was so emotionally moved that these cats were safe and loved in a lifetime sanctuary, I cried all the way home after my first visit! That was eight years ago. I usually visited every Open House (before COVID) and brought my brownies! Sometimes, I will visit between Open House events and still bring brownies.

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

Yes, I visit often and enjoy loving on the kitties! They are so well socialized and climb over each other to get into your lap! There never seems to be enough time to visit! So much Cat Love -- I've had three cats in my lap and one (Chester or Mickey) on my shoulders! Surprises...there are so many! I'm always surprised there is never any "cat shelter odor"...you know what I mean! The smell of litter and pee (and poop)! I'm amazed how well cared for all the cats are! They get great high-quality food, have lots of enrichment in climbers, toys and outdoor catios with birds to watch and lizards and bugs to hunt. I'm also always surprised at the medications needed daily, multiple times a day! And the food...wow, three times a day all the bowls of wet food! 180 cases a month!

I send a monthly Chewy box with Weruva pouches and variety canned and Tiki Cat sea bass! I started sending the sea bass for Thurston when he was struggling with very high blood glucose levels! He loved the sea bass in broth (no gravy!) and helped bring his BGs down...his roommates also love the sea bass!

The cats are never denied or delayed any vet care or specialty vet care...ever! I felt that was one of the most important qualities of any cat sanctuary! I love that Alana will take cats that are "hospice" care so they will have wonderful comforts and care for the rest of their lives. When BCR promises the cats forever, they mean it! When a cat passes away, their ashes are put into a Memorial Garden on BCR

grounds, their forever home. Supporters send memorial stones for the gardens honoring the beloved cats.

For many months, when I would visit WiFi he was so shy. I'd sit and just talk to him. Then after many months, I was sitting in a chair talking to WiFi and suddenly he jumped up onto my lap and laid down! Everyone was shocked because I was the first person to have WiFi lay in their lap! What a wonderful surprise!



No visit is ever the same as anyone can imagine if you know cats! The blind cats are so amusing when they play and there are bugs to chase on the patio! People find it hard to believe blind cats can hunt and catch birds or lizards! It's super hilarious to watch them run on the wheel...especially when two cats are facing opposite directions.



I love that some of the lobby cats can enjoy the backyard on their own. And watching Roo (the rooster) and the Guinea hens in the front yard is so cute! I remember Butterball (also known as ET – Evil Turkey) that used to chase Alana and Roo is so tiny but he knows he rules the roost!



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

My first sponsor was Miracle, a big orange lovebug. I read his story and fell in love with him. I'm a big sucker for BOBs...Big Orange Boys! I currently sponsor Socks, Creamsicle, Uncle Fester, Dot, Lola and Boots. I chose Socks because I've known her for many years and every time I walked into her room, she'd hear my voice and run to jump in my lap! Of course, Creamsicle is another BOB! Uncle Fester because he's also a BOB and is so sweet and loving! My own cat, Blueberry who is a Maine Coon mix, was abandoned by his family in winter and had also been shot in the neck with BBs. I adopted Blueberry from the Wake County SPCA in Raleigh and felt an attachment with both Fester and Blueberry for having similar histories. I had sponsored Dot and Dash together and continued to sponsor Dot after Dash passed away. I got to meet Lola and Boots driving them from the Raleigh airport to BCR. I also got to spend time with Boots upon arrival and discovered he's a huge lovebug!



In addition to visiting many times, I am most excited to be a new volunteer driver for rescue kitties from Miami. I meet Davica, BCR's Fly Angel in the Sky, who brings the cats to NC, flying in First Class, to begin their best life for the rest of their lives! I drive the cats from Raleigh to BCR and recently transported Lola and Boots!

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

I've shared the story of BCR and the cats with many family and friends. When my life-long friend, Crystal, visited from Illinois for a beach vacation last year, we spent the day at BCR. Crystal loved the shelter and all the cats! She was so impressed with the cleanliness of the shelter and the care the kitties receive! She also told her friends at home about BCR and some of her friends have donated to BCR and share the FB posts! You will never forget the Kitty Love!

# The SCOOP

## *Did you know?*



The month of September is one of our favorites because it's all about cats! That makes it the perfect time to focus on their happiness and well being - and showing some extra love! [CLICK HERE](#) for some great ideas on how to celebrate your cat this special month!

### Ginger Cat Appreciation Day!

**September 1** is the day we send extra love to our favorite orange - or ginger - cats! Do you have a Ginger cat? Take a photo and [put it on our Friends page](#) with the hashtag #LuvmyGingerCat! Tell us how you'll celebrate your special ginger!

Here's a gallery of BCR's much loved ginger snaps!





**Join the Friends of BCR !**

[Tabitha](#), [Wifi](#) and [Uncle Fester](#) hope you'll join them in the Friends of BCR Facebook group! These wonderful cats want you to have lots of friends who love them the way you do. They know 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!

### Izzy and Scotty

Scotty is a ladies cat for sure but he has a soft spot for sweet Izzy!



### #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!*



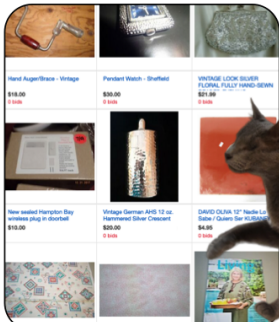


We have great many singers at BCR, but [Shadow](#) is one of the BEST! He even sings on cue! [CLICK HERE](#) to watch Shadow sing a duet!



The Sharing and Cuddling Award must go to sweet [Oreo](#), who is happy to share his favorite banana bed with anyone who needs some extra friendship! [CLICK HERE](#) to see just how generous Oreo is!

# Helping the cats is EZ!



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](#)

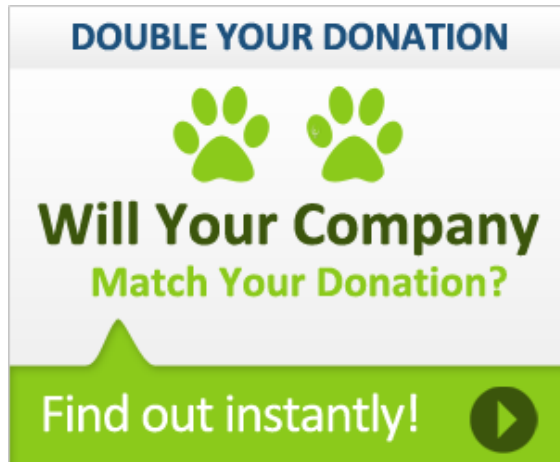


[us](#) and we'll be in touch with you!



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!



Matching gifts are a great way to [double your BCR donation!](#)

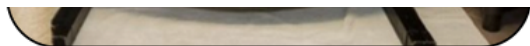


When you shop online, please [use Amazon Smile](#) and pick Blind Cat Rescue as your charity. With every purchase, their foundation donates to BCR. There is no charge to you!

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.



Serena hopes 2020 is the year you 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, there are no open houses scheduled for 2020.*

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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