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**It's almost Raffle time!
I need to hear from you!**

Know of something fun and unusual we ought to include in this year's raffle? Let Snicker know! What would YOU most like to win in our annual raffle to support the cats?

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

Thanks for your ideas!

Feline Infectious Peritonitis

by Helen Cammisa-Parks

Note: We thank our friend Helen for writing this really comprehensive article on FIP and sharing it with us! You'll find in the story photos of several BCR cats we've lost to FIP.



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In keeping with the theme of “Pets and Coronavirus” that appeared in a previous newsletter, this article will focus on feline coronaviruses concentrating on the virus that causes feline infectious peritonitis (FIP). To recap briefly, coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause disease in both humans and animals. There are 2 types of naturally occurring feline coronaviruses; feline enteric coronavirus (FECV) and feline infectious peritonitis virus (FIPV); the latter causing FIP, which currently is an incurable, lethal disease. Of note, no known transmission of FECV from domestic cats to humans has been observed.

Forward

It is highly recommended that you check out the following website: www.sockfip.org. This





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comprehensive website is chalk full of detailed and valuable information on FIP that is maintained and updated by Dr. Niels Pederson, who is the premier expert on all things FIP. Dr. Pederson has a very interesting background and illustrious career filled with many accolades and awards that you can actually read about on the website (see Autobiography under the Dr. Pederson tab). The striking point regarding Dr. Pederson is that he coauthored his first research paper on FIP that was

published in 1964. At that time, not only was there a lack of knowledge about FIP, but there was very little published about cats in general. He has researched many infectious diseases of cats, including feline leukemia virus (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV); however, FIP continues to be his “first love.” Although officially retired as a distinguished professor emeritus in October 2013 from the University of California at Davis, Dr. Pederson remains an active emeritus faculty and continues his FIP research which “still consumes” him today. He considers FIP to be a “worthy adversary” as it remains one of the most complex and challenging infectious diseases of any species that he is compelled to see prevented and cured.

[CLICK HERE](#) to continue reading this amazing blog!



Natasha Says "Birthday Fundraisers Help the Cats!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY is a time for celebration. Did you know it can also help the BCR cats? Just create a [Facebook birthday donation fundraiser](#)! Natasha knows how easy it is and that every fundraiser 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 the cats 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!

*Have you donated your birthday this year?
The cats send you a big thank-you PURR and HEAD BONK!!!*



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 first learned about BCR after reading the book, “Homer’s Odyssey,” in 2010. I saw that Gwen Cooper mentioned BCR in the acknowledgements. I have always had a heart to adopt the “underdogs” and the hard to adopt cats. After reading the book, I KNEW I eventually wanted to adopt a blind cat, especially since they are more at risk to be put down in a shelter from overcrowding than a sighted cat. I went on the BCR website, and was looking for a cat to possibly adopt. When I found out that all the cats have a forever home when they arrive at BCR, I was touched. Even though I planned to continue my search, I wanted to follow BCR’s journey, and figure out how I could help.

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

I finally got the opportunity to visit BCR in 2018. My wife loves “special needs” cats as well, and we made it a point to visit when we went on our first time. We also visited in 2019, and were going to visit this year, if it wasn’t for the COVID-19 pandemic. What I enjoyed the most was visiting ALL of the cats – blind, FIV and FELV. It is hard to choose what really surprised me. I guess what surprised me the most was how clean ALL of the buildings and rooms were. I knew that the cats would be well cared for, but I have never been to a shelter or sanctuary THAT clean!

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

I sponsor Mickey, Uncle Fester and Skipper. I was sponsoring Mickey and Boone, but when Boone passed away this year, I adopted Fester and Skipper in his honor since they were Boone’s “best friends.” My wife and I chose Boone, because of his gentle nature, and he reminded us so much of one of our cats that passed away (who was disabled). I originally was going to sponsor Snicker, but when I met Mickey, I chose him instead. He reminds me of a blind “Ed White,” who is the White cat in the Henri Le Chat Noir videos. I LOVE his personality, and he is too adorable for words. For the past few years, I try to sponsor two cats when I am able to.

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

If you are looking for an organization to support where the animals are truly cared for and loved, this is the place to support. The entire staff is amazing, and you can tell the money is invested in the animals best interest and care. PLEASE give what you can... every little bit makes a difference!

The SCOOP

Did you know?



September 19 - Get ready to ME-OW-ARRRG on **National Meow Like a Pirate Day!** Chester and Morris have their ME-OW-ARRRG's ready to go! Yo Ho Ho! Want to know how this got started? [CLICK HERE!](#)



It's National Cat Month all September long so be sure to [check out the BCR Blog](#) for great tips and ideas for making sure your cat is healthy and happy!

What Would YOUR Kitten Name Be?

Find your KITTEN name!



Last digit of your phone number:

1 - Captain	6 - Dr.
2 - Professor	7 - Empress/ Emporer
3 - Sir / Madam	8 - Prince/ Princess
4 - Mr. / Ms.	9 - The Honorable
5 - Special Agent	0 - The One and Only

Favorite Color:

RED - Cheddar	YELLOW - Sushi
BLUE - Whiskers	PURPLE - Picatso
GREEN - Grumpster	BLACK - Catzilla
ORANGE - Floofster	PINK - Fishsticks

Birth Month:

JAN - Von Winklepants	JUL - McSnuggles
FEB - Le Pounce	AUG - O'Squish
MAR - the Purrsnickity	SEP - Le Pouf
APR - O'Stickypaws	OCT - McKittles
MAY - Von Cattiwhomples	NOV - Purrington the 3rd
JUN - the Magnificent	DEC - Von Stickypaws





Mickey and his chorus of BCR cats are so right when they sing "Ya gotta have friends!" They hope you'll be their friend and join them in the Friends of BCR Facebook group! You'll find lots of friends there who love cats the way you do! 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!

Emily and Lisa

These two residents of the Crazy Kitten Room love to share a soft, warm kitty bed!



Hey, Night Owls!



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!*

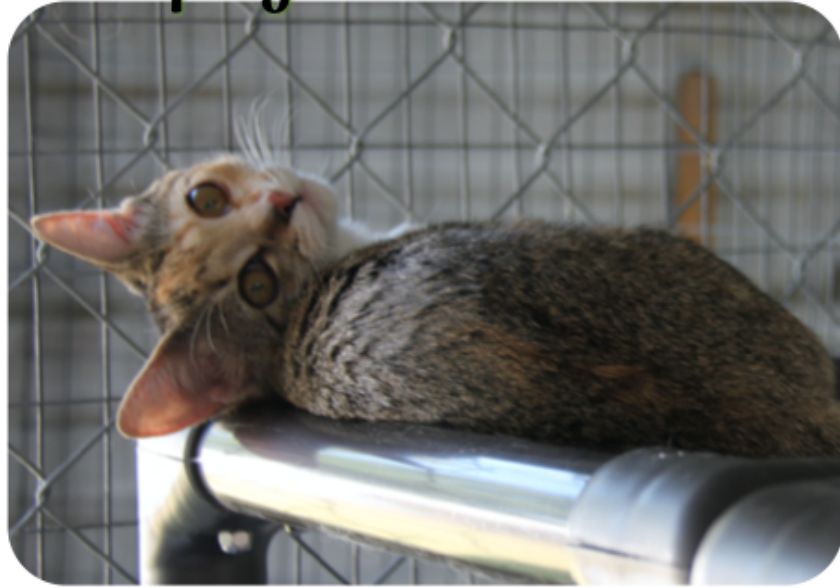


Another of BCR's great singers is pretty [Willow](#)! Although it seems she sings for her supper - or to remind everyone that it's time for supper - Willow has quite a repertoire! [CLICK HERE](#) to hear Willow sing!



Think sweet [Candy](#) is a quiet lap kitty? Well, she is... but she's so much more! Candy has her wheel and zoom moments, too! [CLICK HERE](#) to watch Candy go!

Helping the cats is EZ!



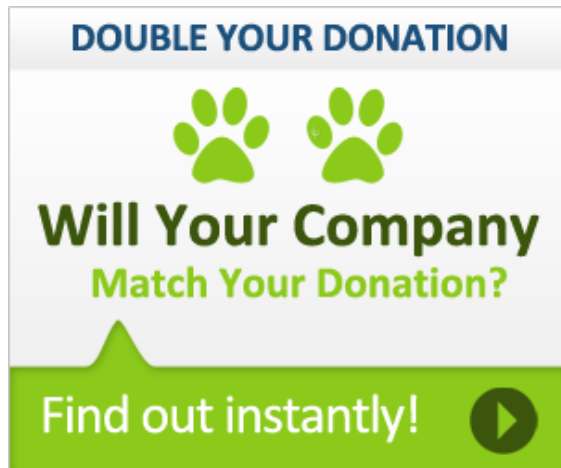
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Are You an ebay Seller who supports BCR?

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!



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.



Poppy hopes 2020 is the year you get rid of your old vehicle and save the day by donating it to 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 to your email "safe" list so we don't wind up in your Junk Mail box!



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