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The 2020 BCR Raffle is Here!



Snicker is SOOO happy to announce this year's Raffle! There are so many great things - suggested by you - to win this year: amazing cat beds, climbers, scratchers, couches, fountains, gift cards, and even a special cat-celtic knot bracelet/necklace set!



[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#) - Entries are \$10 each you get a bonus entry if you buy 5 for \$40!

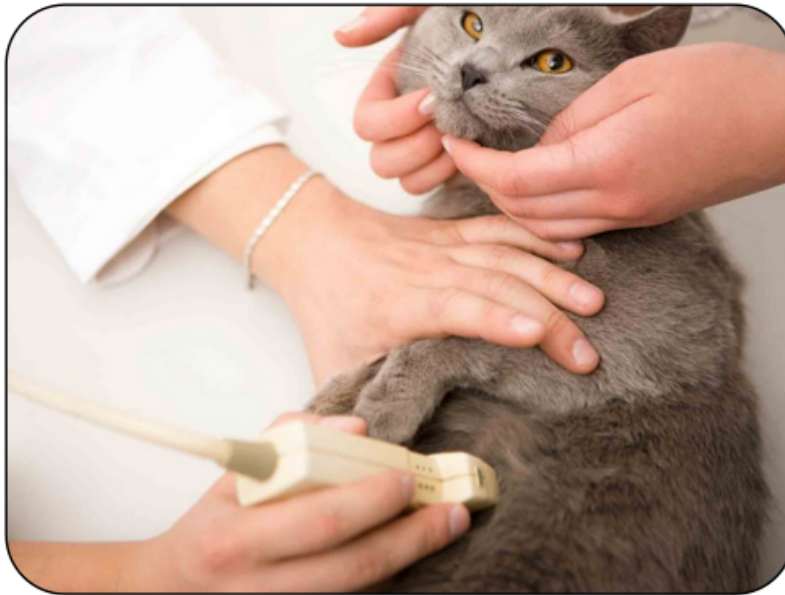
Enter as many times as you like between now and November 12.

The more entries you have, the better your chances of winning! **And EVERY entry supports the cats!**

Please read the [raffle rules here](#).

Winners will be selected and announced live on November 14!

Ultrasounds - for Pets, Too?



Ultrasound tests are very common in helping to treat various human illnesses and conditions and are used regularly to monitor pregnancies. They are essential tools in helping doctors see inside the human body to help determine what's causing a particular disease. Like a lot of other human medical tools, this one, too, can be useful for pets.

The best thing about ultrasounds is that they give doctors and veterinarians “live” information – what’s happening right now with you or your pet. They work by sending ultrasound waves through a pet’s organs using a hand-held probe. The sound waves reflected back create an on-screen image. Ultrasounds are painless for your pet and pet owners concerned about radiation can relax knowing ultrasounds do not use it.

Ultrasounds are the best way to see a cat’s soft tissues, like ligaments, tendons, kidneys, and hearts. While X-rays can only show the size and shape of an organ, an ultrasound can see the organ's structure and tissue and what’s around it. While they can’t see all a pet’s organs – for example, lungs are filled with air and so cannot be seen in an ultrasound, as is also true for the brain and a pet’s skeleton.

For organs that are visible with ultrasounds, veterinarians can look for specific features that go along with certain diseases or conditions. They are most useful for heart ailments in pets. When used to see a heart, they are called echocardiograms and help a vet see the thickness of the heart wall and the size of the chambers in it. Most amazingly, it can also see motion, which helps to determine if the heart is really working like it should.

A secondary benefit of ultrasounds is giving a vet the information they need to proceed with more specific tests or treatment. If a cat’s organ shows something abnormal in shape or size in an ultrasound, a vet will probably follow up with a biopsy of that area. They are also very important in an emergency situation when a pet has a gastrointestinal problem that may be related to them swallowing something they shouldn’t have. In these situations, figuring out the problem and getting treatment quickly are critical.

Pets, just like people, react differently in medical situations so there might be some preparation needed if your cat needs an ultrasound. If he’s getting an abdominal ultrasound, no food or water for 8-12 hours before it might be required. If your cat is usually pretty calm at the vet and likely to stay still during the procedure, the only thing they may need is to have the vet shave the area of the body to be examined. To work, ultrasound wands have to make contact with the skin so

having as little fur as possible in the area to be checked is best. If your pet is super stressed at the vet, then a short-acting anesthesia might be necessary.

Once the procedure is done, you'll know right away what's going on and your vet will be able to take action to help your cat!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on ultrasounds for pets.



It's Stock-Up Time!

Daisy Mae wants you to know that fall is a great time to help the cats fill up their pantry with the supplies they need! Want to help? Please [visit our Wish List](#) and help us stock up. The cats will be forever grateful to you!

Thank you!



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?

It's been so long I can't remember but it was likely through Amazon, who occasionally suggest charities to donate to.

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

No, but I'd love to visit.

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

To finally meet the wonderful people at BCR.



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

I sponsor Lisa and I deeply cherish being able to do this.

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

You are a wonderful organization of kind caring people. You take in cats that so many others would judge as 'defective' and not worthy. But they ARE worthy. They are filled with love and deserve tender care.



Did you know that **YOUR BIRTHDAY** can help the cats? Just create a [Facebook birthday donation fundraiser](#)! They know how easy it is to do - and each one helps them so much - here's how:

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 SCOOP

Did you know?



All month – [National Pet Wellness Month](#) - it's a great time to get your pets checked out with an annual physical, dental exam and blood pressure check. Are they living their best lives? What could you do to improve it? The more you stay on top of your pet's health and happiness, the better your lives together will be!

October 14 - [National Pet Obesity Awareness Day](#) - obesity in pets can cause diabetes and other ailments. Does your cat need to lose some weight? This is a great day to find out!

Join the Friends of BCR!



[Smudge](#) and [Sargent](#) know that having friends is SWEET! They want you to find some friends in the Friends of BCR Facebook group! You'll find lots of photos, stories, helpful information and YOUR stories and photos, too! [Join our Friends of Blind Cat Rescue Facebook page today!](#)

BCR's Famous Couples and Best Buddies!

Peanut and Chester

These two boys are yin and yang - Peanut is a bit shy and Chester is super social. They are also best friends!



What's Your Cat Sign?



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!*



She may look serious but sweet Sadie has a super playful and silly side to her personality. Have you seen it? [CLICK HERE](#) to watch [Sadie](#) enjoying some play time!



When [Helen](#) came to BCR, she was so shy and afraid. Now, after months of love and care, she's learning to enjoy her life. She has discovered catnip toys and it's wonderful to see her play! [CLICK HERE](#) to see what we mean!

Helping the cats is EZ!



Thank you !



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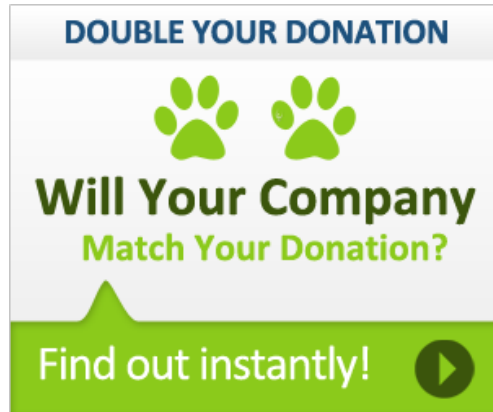
Are You an ebay Seller who supports BCR?

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.



Eggroll 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 to your email "safe" list so we don't wind up in your Junk Mail box!



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