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[HAVE YOU ENTERED OUR RAFFLE YET?](#)



[The Raffle is Winding Up! Snicker Asks: Have You Entered?](#)

Snicker wonders which of our paw-some prizes your cat might like? There's such a variety this year, but you have to enter to win! It's not too late, but November 12 isn't that far away. Imagine your cat enjoying a brand new water fountain, a climber, one of our fun cushy cat beds, or even a couch scratcher! Would you like to win the Celtic-knot cat necklace and bracelet set?

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)

Entries are \$10 each and if you buy 4 for \$40 we'll throw in a *bonus entry free!*

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

EVERY entry supports the cats!

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

Winners will be selected and announced live on November 14!



COMING SOON ... BCR's 2021 Calendars!



You've been asking and we're happy to report that our 2021 calendars are coming!

Look for an announcement soon and your chance to order yours!

NEW CONTEST!



Help BCR win PetPartners Animaltarian of the Year!

[CLICK HERE to vote for BCR.](#)

The Grand Prize is \$5,000!

Vote **ONCE A DAY** for **BCR** through **November 20**.

IMPORTANT: Once you click on the **Vote** button you'll need to enter your email address to verify it. They will send a message to your email address and you must open it and then click on the **Verify** box for your **vote to count**.

We've got some catching up to do so please vote every day and encourage your friends to vote, too!

If we make it to Round 2, we'll need your votes again so watch your email and Facebook!

You can read [contest rules here](#).

Why Do Some Cats Have Tipped Ears?



Have you noticed cats in shelters with the top part of the



left ear missing? Or maybe a stray or community cat with the same thing? Or even one of BCR's cats – like Shadow (pictured left)? Don't be sad and think that cat has been wounded. It's actually something good!

Cats who are missing a little bit of their left ears have been ear-tipped during a spay or neuter procedure. Tipped ears are universal symbol recognized by everyone working in TNR programs (Trap/Neuter/Release) as well as animal control officers and veterinarians. Ear-tipping might seem like something painful for cats but it really doesn't and it

can actually be a life saver!

Here's why it works so well. Stray or feral cats may prefer to stay far away from humans. With a tipped ear, even at a distance, caregivers, vets and animal control officers know that this cat has been fixed and lives outdoors in a feral colony that has a caretaker. Any animal control officer who sees a tipped ear would know that the cat should be left alone and so would not take it to the county's facility or shelter where it would likely be euthanized because it was feral or unsocialized. That's the life-saving part! If an animal control officer knows about colonies that have lots of ear-tipped cats, they will know that they are well-maintained. Ear tips are safeguards for these cats!

Does it hurt a cat or dog to get an ear tip? Not really. It's usually done when a cat is under anesthesia for a spay or neuter procedure and only the top 3/8 of an inch is tipped. Because it's done in a sterile surgical setting, the ears heal very quickly and rarely need more attention. BCR's Shadow has an ear tip and we think it adds to his charm!

There are some other ways of identifying cats who have been in a TNR program, but they are not as effective for various reasons. According to [AlleyCatAllies](#), they include:

- Tattooing - you can't see that until a cat has already been trapped. Tattoos are difficult to locate without anesthetizing the cat.
- Eartags - they can cause infections, fall off, or tear a cat's ear. Ouch!
- Ear-notch - looks like a tear but is harder to identify because it could be mistaken for an injury from fighting.
- Collars - they could get too tight as cats grow, get caught on something and injure the cat, or just fall off.
- Microchipping - you'd need to have a microchip scanner to know if a cat was already microchipped. Many TNR programs include microchipping (when resources allow for them.) Alley Cat Allies endorses these "Tip & Chip" programs.

So, if you see a cat with a tipped ear in a shelter or in a community colony, know that this cat has been fixed and is probably from a stable colony with a caregiver. If this cat is in a shelter, it likely means that he or she is not feral and would be a good pet for someone. Don't let the tipped ear throw you off – consider adopting that cat, too!

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about ear tipping from PetMeds.

It's Stock-Up Time!



Emily hopes you'll help the cats fill up their pantry with the supplies they need - like syringes, gas drops, food and litter! Want to help? You'll find everything on [our Wish List!](#) The cats will be forever grateful to you!

Thank you!

As we move into the holidays be sure to keep your pets safe and healthy!



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?

Several years ago, when I asked my sister if there was anything in particular she'd like for Christmas, she said she really didn't need anything and to make a donation in her name to a place of my choosing. We both love cats and have had them all our lives, so I started to research cat rescue organizations. When I came across BCR, I knew I'd found what I was looking for. I was so impressed with everything I read about it and how transparent it was, but mostly it touched my heart that BCR went to great lengths to take in cats that would be euthanized at any other place and give them the best life it could. When my sister learned about BCR, she was moved to tears. Every Christmas, I still make a donation in her name to BCR.

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

I lived in Seattle when I started donating, and now live in Phoenix so haven't visited yet.

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

If I ever get to the east coast, I'm excited to meet all the kitties in person and see the incredible environment they live in. I love the online tours, but it would be fun to be there in person. I'm also looking forward to meeting Alana. Every time we've interacted through email, she's been so gracious and it's easy to tell how much she loves all the cats.



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

After making Christmas donations for my sister, at one point I realized I needed to sponsor a cat myself. After reading all the bios, I chose Timmy. He was such a sweetheart. After he crossed the Rainbow Bridge, I kept meaning to choose another cat but knew my monthly donation was still being processed so I figured I was still helping the cats. Alana was kind enough to reach out to me and ask if I'd like to choose another cat to sponsor or would I rather be a sustainer. She mentioned some of the "old timers" could use a new sponsor and specifically mentioned Pearl. I looked up her bio and felt drawn to her immediately. I've been sponsoring her ever since. For quite a while now I've also had BCR as my

preferred charity on AmazonSmile.

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

Even though I haven't been there in person, I'm so impressed with the care the cats receive. I've been to various shelters over the years and they all seemed to be just that, shelters. Better than nothing but less than ideal. At BCR, though, it feels more like the cats have a home where they get not only food and shelter but lots and lots of love. And they all deserve that!

We Remember...

One of the hardest things about being a loving home for and family to so many cats is saying goodbye.

Sometimes, despite all our efforts to keep them healthy, they cross the Rainbow Bridge.

This is especially true of our leukemia-positive cats.

It never gets easier to let them go and we do everything possible for them until they tell us that it's time.

We've recently said goodbye to several cats who have joined their fellow BCR kitties across the Rainbow Bridge. We miss them and remember them with great love. We'll always be thankful that they found their way to BCR. ❤️



THE CATS ASK YOU TO PLEASE DONATE YOUR BIRTHDAY!



Be a smart cookie and create a [Facebook birthday donation fundraiser](#) for the BCR cats!

It's super easy and each one helps the cats so much - here's how:

If your birthday raises even \$100, that pays for:

A vet office visit ** A big bag of food ** A box of Fresh Step litter

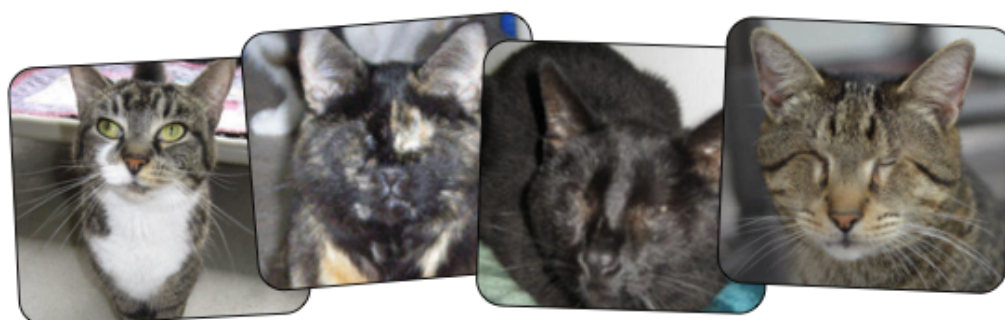
YOUR fundraisers help make it possible for the cats to have the healthy and happy lives they deserve.

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?



November is all about health awareness for our cats and appreciating our senior pets! This month, read up on feline cancer and diabetes and talk with your vet to assess the health of your cat! If you're thinking of welcoming another kitty into your home, please consider the seniors! They are too often overlooked in shelters and are very loving pets!

[National Pet Cancer Awareness Month](#)

[National Pet Diabetes Month](#)

[National Senior Pet Month](#)

[Adopt a Senior Pet Month](#)

More Kitties to ❤️!

Beautiful [April Kepner](#) (*Grey's Anatomy* fans will recognize this name!)





came from a wonderful animal control center in Georgia. They get five stars from us for keeping April - who is leukemia positive - alive for a more than a month while they searched for a home for her as well as transportation to get her there. Most shelters would have euthanized this sweet girl right away. We're so glad we could jump in to help April and thank the folks who got her all the way from Georgia to BCR. April is very sweet, loves pets and rubs and playing. You can see her in House 2, Room 4 on [our 24-hour live cameras](#)!

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

Join the Friends of BCR!



The cats are calling you to join Friends of BCR !

The BCR cats want you to be their friend by joining the [Friends of BCR Facebook group](#)! They'll be there and they hope you'll share photos, stories and videos about your own kitties, too! [Join our Friends of Blind Cat Rescue Facebook page today!](#)



Meet Ben Arnold - One of Our Amazing Ebay Sellers!

Ben is one of our very generous ebay sellers who lives in Florida with his three rescue cats. We thank Ben for donating a portion of his ebay sales to help the BCR cats! In his career, Ben has been an electrical engineer, a finance professional and is now a Mobile Notary Public, mostly retired, with the paying hobbies of leather work and furniture repair

Ben's been selling on ebay for more than a decade. Are you a collector of Sci-Fi memorabilia? Classics Sci-Fi TV? [Then find Ben on ebay!](#) He's got collectible action figures and comic books from the *Lord of the Rings* movies, TV's *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Babylon 5*. Like vintage games? On Ben's site you'll find Yahtzee!, vintage 1972, and Monopoly game from 1961! How about about an old-time fishing reel or cigar box? Ben's got them, too!

Aside from his ebay sales, Ben is also an accomplished woodworker. In the early 1990s he refinished chairs, repaired wicker seat chairs and was one of the few people who could re-cane Danish cord, rush and cane chairs. On the fun side of woodworking, he also made wooden swords, knives and even small catapults! After a while, Ben branched out into leather working, where he makes everything from belts and bags to tankards and knife sheaths. (You'll find his leather items on his [etsy site](#).)

Ben says he thinks he ran across BCR on Facebook several years ago. He loves the idea that BCR helps blind cats who wouldn't have any love in their lives without it. He has had many cats over the years and is now dad to three rescue cats, Shadow, Harley and Bob. All three have stories that sound like the BCR cats' stories and they are super lucky that they now live with Ben, who takes great care of them.

Generous Ben also helps out a local TNR cat trapper by making traps she can use in her work in South Florida. With Ben's traps, she can get cats spayed or neutered and then either release them or, if possible, find them a home!

We thank Ben and all the ebay sellers who help BCR with every sale!

BCR's Famous Couples and Best Buddies!

Uncle Fester and Cassie

Sweet Uncle Fester has really helped Cassie come out of her shy shell! They often play together and we love seeing it!



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!*



[Elvira](#) always seems so serene perched on her kuranda on her patio. But this sweet girl has a playful side, too! [CLICK HERE](#) to see Elvira having some serious fun!



[Jamie](#) and [Willow](#) are roommates and are both beautiful black cats. But that's not all they have in common! [CLICK HERE](#) to see what else these two kitties share!

Helping the cats is EZ!



Thank you!



Pixie hopes you'll help the cats this fall by donating your old car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or even an airplane to BCR! We'll even arrange pickup! [Find out how here.](#)

We thank those who have already donated a car this year!





Blind Cat Rescue's Numbers are:
CFC - #67324 SECC - #3859

Candy asks all federal and NC state employees to support the cats by choosing BCR as one of their charities in this year's combined campaigns! [Find out how to pick BCR here!](#)

You can **Donate** just by **Shopping!**
It doesn't cost anything extra.



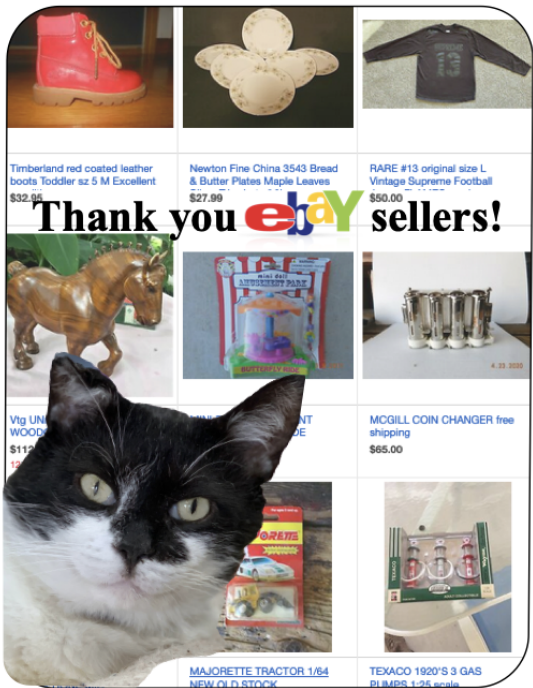
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Thank you ebay sellers!



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We LOVE our ebay sellers! With every purchase from their ebay sites, they donate a portion of the sale back to us! [Try ebay here!](#)

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!



Meredith asks you to help the cats by doing 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! They really do add up!



More and more companies are launching Matching Gift programs! Is your company one of them? Check here to see if you can [double your BCR donation!](#)



Do you use Fresh Step Litter? Need your Paw Points? If not, please donate them to the BCR cats! They use more than 90 boxes of litter every month so your donated points help get them free litter! [CLICK HERE](#) for details.



Hey Alexa fans! Did you know that you can **make charitable donations on 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](#).



Like seeing videos of the BCR cats?
[Check them out on TikTok!](#)



Are you a regular walker, runner or biker? 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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