

Blind Cat Rescue: The Cats Say: Mews Galore! Take a look!

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**First Open House of 2019!**

**The cats invite you to join them on Saturday, January 19, noon to 4 p.m.**



The cats LOVE their time with you and have scheduled a whole year of open house dates so that you can spend some quality time with your favorite cats!

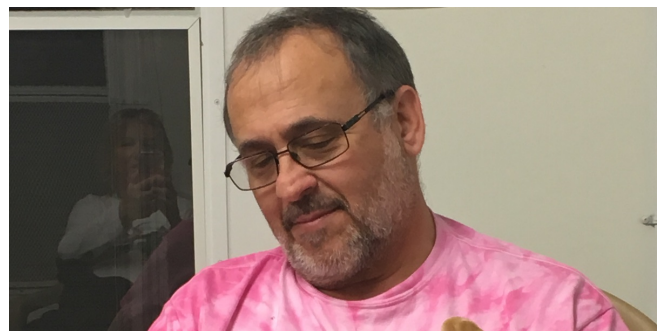
Here's the **2019 Open House Schedule** - mark your calendars! We'd love to see you.

January 19, February 9, March 16, April 13, May 11, June 15,  
July 13, August 17, September 7, October 12, November 16

## **Estate Planning: Is your pet protected?**

# **Things We Know That We Wish Others Did, Too!**

What would happen to your pets if you were suddenly gone? No one wants to think about this eventuality, but it could happen. For example, a gentleman who dearly loved his three cats unexpectedly died. His daughter was left to decide what to do about his pets. Even though she also loved his cats, she felt unable to take them in and was



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going to take them to the local shelter even though that option might result in all of them being euthanized. Is that what the owner would have wanted? Absolutely not, but he hadn't made any arrangements for their care in the event that he died.

BCR's own Elvira came from a similar situation. Her second owner had made arrangements for her care with a reliable friend and had even set aside funds for that purpose. When she died, Elvira went to live with the designated friend. Shortly after that, though, Elvira's new caretaker moved into assisted living, putting Elvira's future in danger. Happily for her, she made it to BCR.

We get calls and emails daily from people who are trying to place pets for parents who have died, moved to assisted living or for some other reason can no longer care for their pets.

So, are your pets safe?

**The best time to start thinking about this is NOW.** Think about who might take care of your pets. **Are they young enough** to be able to keep your pet to the end of its life? Are you able to provide any funding to help make sure your pet gets any health care it might need? These are just a few things to consider.

For the safety of your pets, please make plans for their future without you. There are lots of tools available to help you plan a safe, secure and loving life for your pets. Everyone's situation is different, so here are a few resources to look at to help you find the right fit for you and your pets. Don't wait.

[One person's story](#)

[Providing for your pet in your will.](#)

[Pet Trust](#)

[Estate Planning](#)

**Meet Betsy Hopson - one of BCR's amazing ebay sellers!**



## Maggie M's Cool Estate Stuff

One of our dedicated ebay seller/supporters is Betsy Hopson, the proprietor of [Maggie M.'s Cool Estate Stuff](#) on ebay.

From the sales of her collectible merchandise, Betsy donates 10-15% to BCR and has since the opening of her virtual store in 2007. Thank you, Betsy!

A dedicated animal lover and mom to four cats, Betsy lives in Mobile, Alabama. She always wanted to have her own consignment store but has found ebay works just fine. With all the quality estate sales happening in Mobile, Betsy has access to an amazing array of small collectibles, replacement china, clothing, jewelry and much more. Her eye is always on the quality items that are, as Betsy says, "truly unique."

Betsy found BCR when, as an ebay seller, she was looking for a charity to support through her sales. We're grateful she chose BCR!

When she visited our website for the first time, like so many of us do, she fell in love with the furry faces she saw there. As someone who loves all animals, but has a special place in her heart for cats, Betsy believes in our mission to be a forever home for blind, FIV- and feline leukemia-positive cats and also that we care for senior kitties. She says, "I love all you do for these babies."

Betsy also says that Maggie M.'s Cool Estate Stuff will keep supporting BCR as long as it's in business. Betsy has a cousin who lives in Raleigh and as soon as she makes the trip east, she'll be heading to BCR for an in-person visit. We can't wait to welcome her!

[You can see the beautiful things Betsy sells on ebay by clicking here!](#)

[Take a look](#) at all our ebay sellers - there's so much to choose from!



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## BCR's 16 Shades of *Gray* (with a little white and some orange!)



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One of the hardest things about being a loving home for and family to so many cats is when we have to say goodbye. Sometimes, despite all our efforts to restore their health, illness takes over and they cross the Rainbow Bridge.

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 Cooper, Fergie, Checker, Elizabeth and Caroline, who have joined their fellow BCR kitties over the Rainbow Bridge. While we miss them, we'll always be thankful that we had time with them at BCR and will

remember them with love. ❤️



**Fact: You WILL have a birthday in 2019.**

Why not celebrate yourself by helping the BCR cats with a Facebook fundraiser?  
It's easy to do and all the funds raised support the care and feeding of the cats you love.  
Just log in to Facebook and click on the [Create a Fundraiser](#) image.





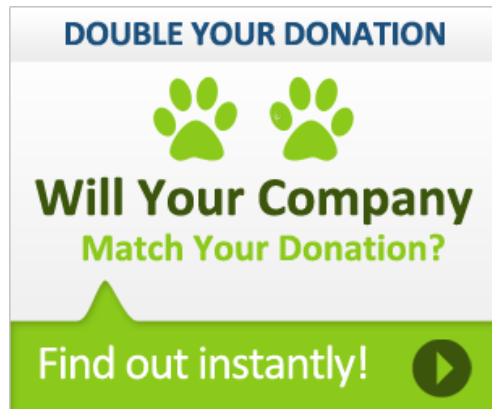
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