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**Good Pet Parents Paws-itively want to keep their cats healthy!**

Here are some things to be aware of and to watch for.



Jamie "the Fang,"  
BCR's Vampurr,  
is a dental superstar!

A healthy cat is a happy cat and, as the best pet parents we can be, we'll do just about anything we can to keep our furry friends that way. As a pet owner, you know your cats better than anyone. While noticing changes in your cat's behavior is one way to monitor health, sometimes it takes a little more.

Your cat's teeth play a big role in maintaining his/her overall health. A feline dental problem can lead to a host of other health issues, some of which can be fatal. Cats can develop a whole range of dental problems from cavities and cracked teeth to stomatitis. Regular dental checkups - like dental-standout Jamie and the other BCR cats get - is the best way to make sure your cat's teeth stay healthy.

Many BCR cats arrive here with dental problems due to bad diets, living on the streets, injury or illness, and we address them right away to keep them from evolving into something worse and to relieve any pain a cat might be experiencing. The BCR cats who require it get daily medications that treat their particular condition and to keep them as comfortable as possible. For instance, sweet Jewel and Seven suffer from stomatitis, which is a painful condition that requires daily medication. ([CLICK HERE](#) to read more about stomatitis.)

**What kind of dental problems do cats get?** [CLICK HERE](#) for information about some common dental diseases.

**How can you help take the best care of your cat's teeth?** [CLICK HERE](#) for some excellent tips!



Just like people, cats can catch what we all call "kitty colds" but are, in fact, a herpes virus called feline viral rhinopneumonitis, which is the number-one cause of upper respiratory infections. As we've seen many times at BCR, if URIs are untreated a cat can lose his/her eyes, like Peanut, Jellybean and Valencia.

It's a sad truth that feline leukemia-positive cats are even more susceptible to this kind of virus. Right now, Ophelia, Samantha and Thurston have had a flareup of a herpes virus and are in quarantine since it's highly contagious. What should you be looking in your own cat that might indicate a herpes virus? If he/she is sneezing, has congestion, watery eyes and nose, or seems to have conjunctivitis, go to your vet immediately.

**For more facts about the feline herpes virus,** [CLICK HERE](#).



## Blind Cat Rescue: Pet Parenting Tips from the BCR Cats!



Just a week ago, we lost sweet William to another condition that is made worse by being feline-leukemia positive, pyothorax, which comes from a bacterial infection in the chest. Signs of possible pyothorax in your cat are rapid, open-mouthed breathing, loss of appetite and lethargy.

For more facts about pyothorax, [CLICK HERE](#).

Some of the conditions mentioned here are more prevalent than others and some more serious than others. The main thing to remember is to keep an eye on your cat - is he/she eating normally, playful as always, losing weight? If anything about your cat's behavior raises a red flag in your mind, go immediately to your vet. You could be saving your cat's life!



It's no surprise that cats - like many people! - do not enjoy visits to the vet for dental or any other procedures! **So, when you get home with your cat after a visit, be sure to show him/her lots of love and attention!** [CLICK HERE](#) for some tried and true ways to show your cat some love!

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### More Kitties to Love - Meet our Newest Arrivals



**Trevor** came to us from Baltimore. This senior boy was starving and freezing on the streets until he was accidentally trapped by animal control - which probably saved his life. The folks in Baltimore found him to be blind (but it turns out he isn't), matted, skin and bones and with a mouth full of painful broken teeth. One of our great volunteers from the Baltimore area got Trevor out of the shelter quickly and to his own vet to help stabilize him. Trevor's angel then drove half-way to BCR to meet us in Virginia to get him here. Trevor went right to our vet where he began treatment for his severe liver issues and an infection. To help him get all the medication and nutrition he needs, he has a feeding tube for now. When he's better, he'll get the dental work he needs so much. Trevor is still very afraid but we feel if we go slowly with him, show him lots of love and take care not to touch his mouth, he will soon realize that he's safe with us. Right now, we think he's happy to have a soft warm bed and we're glad we can give that to him! [CLICK HERE](#) to sponsor Trevor.



**Grayson** was brought to our vet's office as a stray and tested positive both for FIV and feline leukemia. The man who brought him wanted him euthanized. Our vet did her best to convince this person that that neither virus is easily spread and that Grayson could be fixed and released. When the person insisted on euthanizing him, our vet called us, knowing he deserved better than that. Happily, we could take him. Grayson is very anemic (probably from fleas and eating not-so-great food) but is feeling better all the time. He's very sweet and happy to be warm and safe. [CLICK HERE](#) to sponsor Grayson.

## KitVids!



Ever wonder why Smudge is called Smudge?  
You'll see in [this cute video of him as a kitten!](#)

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Want to see Candy's favorite workout? [Watch this video!](#)



Sweet Mack is famous for being a big lovable boy - and also for his chirp!  
[See what we mean in this video!](#)

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## Chester, Oreo and Honey know spring is coming!

They'd really like to celebrate with a full pantry of kitty supplies!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the things we need most!



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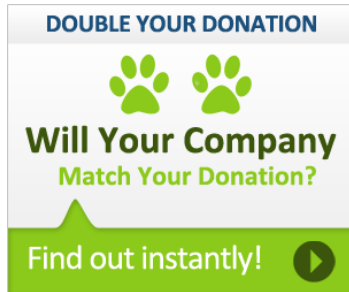
**There are lots of easy ways you can help the cats!**

Please pick the Blind, FIV & FELV+ cats as your CFC Charity

While the [CFC is for federal employees](#) (our federal CFC number is #67324), State of North Carolina employees can participate, too! The NC State Combined State Campaign will be available to state, county, municipal and university employees. Watch for the NC CSC kick off and

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then select BCR as one of your charities - **our number is #3859**. If you don't see us there, please [email us](#).



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



Have a birthday coming up? Tell your friends to skip the sweater and instead donate to [your BCR birthday fundraiser!](#) It's easy and is a huge help to the cats.



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!

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Have an old car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or even an airplane? Donate it BCR! [Find out how to do it here.](#)



**Our next open house is coming up!**

**Join us on  
Saturday, March 16,  
noon - 4 p.m.**

The cats hope you can come!



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