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What a purr-fectly wonderful season!



Happy Fall! We're so glad to see the back of Florence and the start of fall. THANK YOU to everyone for your concern and prayers during and after the hurricane, and for the boxes of supplies we've gotten for the cats. We're looking ahead and have lots of great information to share including the launch of our annual raffle so read on!

Florence in the Rear-View Mirror:



The good news is that we came through with minimal damage! We had some fencing blow down, knee deep water in the horses' pen, some damage and a leak in the guest house, a branch or two down and we lost power for a while. It was a tough few days getting through the hurricane that wouldn't leave - from slogging back and forth in the rain, monitoring generators (we were turning them off at night to conserve fuel, not knowing how long we'd be without power), to making sure the houses were dry and being with the cats.

BUT...Power is back on now, the fences are mended and we're working on the guest house, which we hope to re-open soon. All in all, with some good preparation by the BCR staff - and with all the prayers and positive thoughts from YOU - the cats were safe and happy all the time!

In case one of these events comes your way...

Alana's Hurricane Lessons:

- Pay attention! If there's a hurricane out in the ocean - even if they aren't sure of its path - start buying water early! The worst that will happen is you'll have extra water and you won't get stuck when the stores run out!
- Be sure to buy enough supplies for two weeks. It could take that long before your local stores restock. (Ours are just now seeing fresh foods arrive.)



- A [portable phone charger](#) is worth its weight in gold. We always use one during tours when the cell phone battery is low. If the power goes out, they're essential.
- It gets really hot without A/C so [a portable fan](#) comes in very handy!
- Finally, make sure to load up your iPad or other device with videos and books so you aren't bored to death!

One last note -

We still need supplies so please [check out our wish lists](#)!

What did the BCR cats think of Hurricane Florence?

We asked a few "furr" comment:



Snicker: I had things under control from the start!
It's good to be Mayor!



Odie: (stretching) "What did I miss?"



Lily: Andwhereismydinnerandwhosatthedoor....
what? Hurricane? WellIdidnthearanything
sinceIwaschattingwitheveyoneIcouldfind!



It's Raffle Time!

Ever wanted one of those Roomba vacuum cleaners? Think your cats would like a 6-foot-tall cat tree/climber with condos? Are you a chocoholic who would enjoy a Godiva gift basket? How about a 40" Smart TV? Did you miss your copy of *In the Kitchen with Blind Cat Rescue*, our one-and-only cookbook, or would you love a set of BCR ornaments?



If you said Yes to any of these questions - [our annual raffle](#) is here! [Click here to get your tickets](#) starting October 1 - they are \$5 each or 5 for \$20! This is a BIG BCR fundraiser, so please share the info with your friends! Tickets will be for sale through November 8. **Prize drawing will be November 10 during our Open House and broadcast live on YouTube and Facebook so you'll know right away what you won.**



New Contest!

Help BCR become Animaltarian of the Year!

Sponsored by Petpartners, this contest awards the winner \$5,000 dollars! You can vote once a day with any email addresses you have. The contest has two phases so we need to get through this round with the most votes to make it to round 2! BCR online voters - do your magic!

Here's how:

First, [click here for the contest site](#).

Click the Green Vote Button.

Then go to your email In Box and confirm the vote. Make sure to check your spam box if you do not see it.

Round 1 voting ends Oct. 24



Thank you and please make sure you share the contest with your friends.



A Word of THANKS!

We want to say thank you to our wonderful eBay sellers who donate a portion of their sales to BCR. This creative, talented and dedicated group of people has been a key part of our fundraising efforts over the years! Want to see all the great things offered by our sellers? [Click here!](#)

Interested in selling something yourself? [Click here!](#)

Hacker Update



The hacker is still up to no good on our Facebook page (our website is secure!). We're working on this every day and you can help.

If you see any videos on our Facebook page that seem odd or questionable, please report them to Facebook immediately.

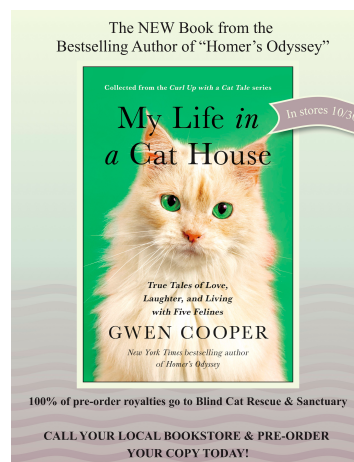
It's time to start thinking Holidays!





The cats will soon be getting ready, too. Get your shopping for those important gifts for family and friends done while you help the cats at the same time!

- [Shop online at Amazon Smile](#) and [make sure BCR is your charity of choice!](#) Every time you make a purchase it means a donation to the cats! Win-win!
- BCR's great friend [Gwen Cooper](#), author of *Homer's Odyssey*, is donating ALL the proceeds from the pre-sale/first week sales of her new book to BCR! That's right 100%! Help her reach her goal of a \$20,000 gift to BCR by pre-ordering *My Life in a Cat House* today. Orders can be placed between now and Oct. 29 with Amazon and (for those in the US and UK) you can call your local independent bookstore or chain (like Barnes & Noble or Books a Million) and ask them to order your copies. (Chances are they'll order more than one!) The book will be on sale October 30. (You can hear Gwen read a selection from the new book on her next Facebook Live chat Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 2 pm. ET!)



**We know what a great non-profit BCR is,
but now others are figuring that out, too!**



[GuideStar](#) is the world's largest source of information on non-profit organizations. It's the place to go for individuals, foundations and businesses to learn about non-profits they're interested in supporting. More than eight million visitors per year and a network of 200+ partners use GuideStar data.

BCR was recently recognized by Guidestar with a 2018 Gold Seal on [our profile!](#)

What does that mean? To get the 2018 Gold Seal, BCR shared important information that tells our community members - you - as well as potential donors and partners about our goals, strategies and progress. We want everyone to know what a difference BCR makes in the lives of our cats!



That's not all!



[Greatnonprofits](#) has again named BCR a Top Rated Non-Profit for 2018! That means that [BCR](#) has been highly rated by YOU, the people who experience what we do first hand. Like Guidestar, Greatnonprofits is also a site that you or any potential donors can use to find out more about organizations of interest to you, including ratings and reviews.

Both of these designations are "seals of approval" that will help BCR be more visible to donors so we can keep doing what we do!



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