



BACK STREET CAT RESCUE, INC ~ SERVING UPPER OHIO VALLEY FELINES SINCE 2013

# THE BACK STREET CAT RESCUE REVIEW



WINTER 2015/2016

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Two years ago, after fostering cats for many years in the Ohio Valley, we saw a need for a rescue that catered specifically to cats and kittens. There are other wonderful organizations in the area that have struggled to keep up with the booming feline population and often times, area shelters are full. Starting with a few dedicated cat ladies, the Back Street Cat Rescue was born.

We are a non-profit, no-kill organization that rescues and cares for cats and kittens that will have difficulty surviving outdoors or may otherwise be put down in a shelter. Our cats are given veterinary care, immunizations, testing, necessary medicine and surgeries. We make sure the cats are spayed/neutered as soon as they meet surgery requirements. Above all, we give our cats LOVE.

All of our efforts are done out of our dedicated volunteers' homes as we do not have a facility. This allows us to give our feline guests the love and attention they need until we can find them forever homes. Many of our cats and kittens have not had an easy start at life. At Back Street Cat Rescue we strive to show them the utmost compassion they deserve. Sometimes rescuing animals can be heartbreaking but, it is worth every minute when we are able to provide safety, comfort and love for those cats and kittens who have been lost or abandoned.

We are so grateful to belong to such a caring, encouraging community. Your generosity and support have allowed us to rescue and find homes for over 600 cats and kittens since December 2013! There is still much work to be done and we look forward to continuing our rescue efforts one furball at a time!



Sincere thanks from all of us at Back Street Cat Rescue,

*Ashley*

Ashley Vicker Blinco  
Executive Director, Back Street Cat Rescue



## OUR MISSION

Our mission at Back Street Cat Rescue Inc. is to help homeless cats and kittens find homes. We do all we can to ensure a happily-ever-ending for every cat we rescue. Through rescue, aid, and abundant doses of love and affection, we strive to find loving forever families for homeless cats in the Upper Ohio Valley.



## OUR CATS ARE THE STARS OF BSCR. HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR HOMELESS HOPEFULS.

**Hey! My name is Davey.** I'm a happy, chubby, laid back gray guy



who is looking for a forever family. I'm a total lap cat and would love nothing more than spending time with someone who is willing to snuggle! I do have an allergy that gives me the occasional sneezing fit and my nose gets a bit dry, but I don't let that get me down! If you're looking for a buddy to binge watch Netflix with or help you relax after a long day - that's me!



**Well hello, human! I'm Cassandra.** I haven't always had it easy.

As a young lady myself, two litters of kittens and I were abandoned inside a rental property. Despite everything, I was a wonderful mother to all of those babies even though I was hungry, too. Thankfully, when the landlords found me they called BSCR. These humans took care of me and my kittens. Now they are helping me find a family. I'm an independent lady but, I must say I am loving this new attention from humans! Oh, I would love to be spoiled in my own forever home! **Do you have room in your heart for a beautiful calico like me that overcame all odds?**



DID YOU KNOW  
A FEMALE CAT  
COULD HAVE MORE  
THAN 100 KITTENS  
IN HER LIFETIME?

IF HALF OF THOSE  
KITTENS ARE FEMALE  
AND NEVER SPAYED,  
TOGETHER THEY  
COULD PRODUCE  
5,000 OFFSPRING!

**Hi, there. I'm Mini Bob.** You might recognize me from an article in the Wheeling Intelligencer about the wonderful folks at East Wheeling Kitty Coalition!



BSCR was able to make a home for me while I was pregnant and now that my babies have homes, I am hoping to find a home for me. I'm small and quiet. I would prefer a home that isn't too noisy, but I like other cats. I would love a family that can spend some more time showing me what it means to be loved.

## ADOPTING A CAT FROM BSCR

**Come see us at Pet Supplies Plus in St. Clairesville on Saturdays from 12 pm to 4 pm or at PetCo at the Highlands on Sundays from 2 pm to 5 pm**

The adoption fee is \$50 and includes shots and their spay/neuter surgery.

*All adoptions are subject to application and home visit approval. We do this to ensure our kitties are going to safe, committed families.*

At BSCR, we regularly have about 50 cats in foster care. We bring quite a few to our adoption days at Pet Supplies Plus and PetCo however, we can not bring them all. If you are interested in any of our cats or are looking for something specific in a new forever friend,

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OUR SPONSORS: APRIL, MEGHANN, MARCIA & THOSE WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS - Thank you from the bottom of their furry little hearts!



**Good day! I go by Star but, my close humans call me Oreo.**

I'm about 5 months old and love being showered in kisses (just ask Beth, my foster mom)!

I love to play and cuddle with people as well as other cats.

I would love to become a forever part of your family so my light can truly shine!



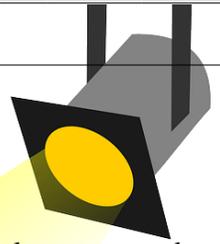
**DID YOU KNOW you can help local cats just by shopping for groceries?**

By selecting Back Street Cat Rescue as your Kroger Plus card community reward organization, our cats will receive money each time you go Kroger-ing at NO additional cost to you!

**[https://www.kroger.com/  
communityrewards](https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)**



# FOSTER SPOTLIGHT: DEBBIE CALTRIDER



What interested you in animal rescue?

I've loved animals and have had a pet since I was 9 years old. I've always wanted to do more, but never really knew where to start.

How did you get involved with BSCR?

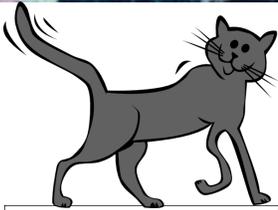
When I adopted a cat from BSCR, I realized the need for fosters. I was finally in a position where I could help so I volunteered to take on the challenge of fostering.

What things do you love about fostering? What are some of the challenges?

It can be one of the most frustrating and heartbreaking things you will ever do BUT, is so rewarding when you find the perfect, loving "forever" home. It can be very challenging to let go of a foster cat that I have had for a while because of the bond that we have formed. I always tell myself that I'm not able to keep them all and I must continue on to help those other cats in need.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about fostering for BSCR?

I would tell anyone who is interested in rescuing animals, "While sometimes it is bittersweet, brace yourself for the most wonderful and fulfilling ride of your life."

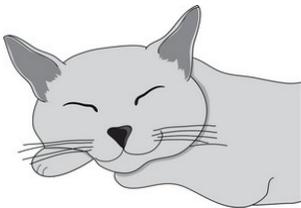


DID YOU KNOW  
CATS SLEEP  
ON AVERAGE  
12 TO 16  
HOURS PER  
DAY?

## INTERESTED IN FOSTERING?

Applications are available  
[www.backstreetcatrescue.com](http://www.backstreetcatrescue.com)  
under "Information".

Email us at  
[backstreetcatrescue@gmail.com](mailto:backstreetcatrescue@gmail.com), message  
us on our Facebook page or call  
740-238-8525 with any questions.



## A VERY SPECIAL SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU

TO SETH HILL, GREG FAHNESTOCK, HOT ROD TATTOOING AND ALL THE TALENTED MUSICIANS & PERFORMERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HALLOWEEN SHOW BENEFIT. TOGETHER, YOU RAISED OVER \$1,200 FOR THE RESCUE.



WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HARD  
WORK, THOUGHTFULNESS AND DEDICATION.



# HOW YOU CAN HELP



All donations are tax deductible. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit no kill organization.  
EIN#:46-4321309



**DONATION COLLECTION:** If you are looking to organize something at your school, church, workplace or special event, a donation collection is an effective and easy way to provide a lot of needed items for homeless cats. Frequently needed items include the following: Kitten milk replacer (KMR), Cat & Kitten Chow, canned cat food, toys, litter & litter boxes, scratching posts, bedding, cloth and paper towels, Clorox wipes, etc.



**SPONSOR A CAT:** Whether with your family, friends, department or company you can choose to sponsor a specific BSCR cat. Whatever amount and how often (monthly or annually) you would like to contribute is up to you! Please visit [www.backstreetcatrescue.com](http://www.backstreetcatrescue.com) under "Information" for an application.



**FOSTER A CAT:** If you could spare some room for a temporary fur-friend or two, please consider contacting BSCR! Our fosters give our kitties a comfortable, safe haven while we look for their forever homes.



**SHOP ON AMAZON.COM:** At no extra cost to you, shopping through [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) can help support our rescue. Simply add Back Street Cat Rescue from Bethesda, OH as your charity. You may also purchase items from Amazon for the rescue via our Wish List. The link is on [www.backstreetcatrescue.com](http://www.backstreetcatrescue.com) under the "Information" tab.



**SHOP AT KROGER:** Please refer to PAGE 3 for details!



**FACEBOOK:** Like, follow and SHARE our Facebook page.

Find us at [www.facebook.com/backstreetcatrescue](http://www.facebook.com/backstreetcatrescue).



**NOT ABLE TO DONATE, FOSTER, ADOPT OR SPONOR? WE NEED YOU!**

We always need help promoting events, keeping our website up to date, establishing a PetFinder page, helping out at fundraisers and finding adopters for our sweet little kitties among many other things! If you would like to help but, are not sure how please contact us!

**BSCR operates entirely on the donations of our loyal supporters, adoption fees, and our own out of pocket contributions.**

If you would like to donate directly, please send any cash or checks to  
**Back Street Cat Rescue, 214 Maple Ave, Bethesda OH 43719.**

A link to our PayPal account can be found at [www.backstreetcatrescue.com](http://www.backstreetcatrescue.com) on the "Donate" page.

DID YOU  
KNOW  
IT COSTS BSCR  
\$125 TO  
IMMUNIZE, TEST  
AND FIX A  
HEALTHY RESCUE  
KITTY?  
THIS DOES NOT  
INCLUDE FOOD,  
LITTER OR ANY  
ADDITIONAL  
MEDICAL NEEDS  
DUE TO ILLNESS  
OR INJURY.



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BSCR is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is not funded through any local, state or federal tax dollars. Currently, we receive no financial support from donations made to any regional or national animal welfare organization.

BACK Street CAT Rescue (BSCR) is a non-profit no-kill all volunteer organization that works to rescue and care for homeless cats and kittens in WV and Ohio. This is a labor of love which includes attending to the cats' medical needs, spaying/neutering, tests, vaccinations, first-aid care and human affection, kindness and love. Back Street Cat Rescue is not a 'bricks & mortar' operation, nor is it a shelter. BSCR places the cats and kittens in the homes of caring foster families until they find forever homes.

**As a registered 501(c) organization, your donations to BSCR are tax deductible and deeply appreciated.**

**Happy  
Holidays!**

