

# Billerica Cat Care Coalition

Veterinary care is expensive...

but the result is priceless!



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Winnie at Vet ER



Winnie



Winnie and siblings

WE KNEW WINNIE WOULD BE A WINNER

Dear BCCC friend, 🐾 🐾

As we start our twentieth year, Billerica Cat Care Coalition (BCCC) is proud to share with you the success we have achieved helping feral and abandoned cats and kittens, as well as cat and kitten owners, thanks to your generosity. We have been busy helping cats and kittens in need in various communities. And, as always, we continue to help injured cats in need.

**Sadly, once we find them, many of these cats have serious need for veterinary care.**

**Winnie** and her 4 siblings came to BCCC from a trapper who got them from a truck yard in Lynn, MA. She and her littermates received their proper exams, vaccinations and tests. All was going well until, one night in her foster care, it was noticed Winnie was not breathing correctly. In fact she was going into respiratory failure.

She was rushed to the emergency room vet hospital, whose staff fought to save her life. Winnie had deep pneumonia, along with unknown infections that caused her lungs to be on the verge of collapsing. She spent the next 4 days and nights in an oxygen incubator with around-the-clock, 24 hour vet care and intravenous meds to help her breathe and recover. Fortunately, Winnie did recover and later was adopted into her forever home (as were her siblings). A happy (and very expensive) ending for Winnie!

**BCCC helps cats and kittens get well and have a great life!**

**Jetson** and his littermates were brought to BCCC from a hoarding house underweight and suffering from multiple parasites and upper respiratory infections. A few days after arriving, Jetson was struggling to breathe and took a trip to the vet. But, as his littermates started to show improvement with antibiotics, antiparasitics and time, Jetson's condition worsened and he continued to lose weight. His breathing and hunger drive did not show improvement, despite multiple trips to different vets and strong antibiotics and antivirals.

BCCC brought Jetson to a specialty feline veterinarian who put him under anesthesia, flushed his sinus cavity and with a closer exam found a large polyp in the back of his mouth, which was removed. Jetson's turnaround was almost immediate. Just a couple weeks after surgery, Jetson joined his forever family. It took 4 months, numerous trips to multiple vets, countless medications and the devotion of foster families, but Jetson was finally home.

**There are many cats who had serious health issues that we helped.**

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Before



After

Jetson was thin and struggling to breathe. After 4 months of numerous trips to multiple vets and countless medications, a polyp was found in the back of his mouth. After surgery, he recovered quickly.

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## We are their voice



**Faith** and her siblings were trapped and brought into BCCC foster care. Faith's left eye started getting "weepy" and worse. Several vet visits and medications did not help. We brought her to the ER vet where the ophthalmologist discovered her cornea was about to burst! She received donated feline cornea tissue and made a full recovery.

### Rest in Peace

**Sky** was a friendly, severely emaciated stray who after just three weeks in our foster care gained 4 lbs. After several vet visits, he was found to have cancer and was getting very sick. He peacefully crossed the Rainbow Bridge with a BCCC volunteer by his side.

Sweet baby **Laurel**, how lucky we were to know you, if only for three days to see how sweet and loving you were. You made it clear how important it is to give kittens like you a chance. You'll always be with us.

BCCC, an all-volunteer organization, continues its original mission to spay and neuter feral cats, to prevent future kittens from being born in the feral cycle. We also have an active foster-to-adopt program for abandoned, friendly felines. BCCC also provides education and outreach to organizations and pet owners.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our supporters, BCCC is able to continue our mission. Unfortunately, our financial resources are limited – **won't you help by making a contribution to help the cats get the care they need?**

As the happy holiday season approaches, abandoned and feral cats face the season trying to survive the cold, snowy New England winter. This is an especially difficult task if a cat is weakened by injury or illness. Your gift to the veterinary fund can mean the difference between life and death for an injured cat or kitten.

**Please help by sending a donation today. We helped Winnie, Jetson, Faith, Sky, Laurel, and countless felines, but there are many other cats out there that need medical care, TLC and a warm place to recover!**

From those who cannot speak for themselves – "Thank You." We look forward to your continued support as we work together to show how we can make a difference – one cat at a time.

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Yes! I want to help cats like Winnie, Jetson, Faith, and other felines get the care that they deserve! Enclosed is my contribution of:

\$25.00    \$35.00    \$50.00    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send checks to: Billerica Cat Care Coalition  
P.O. Box 141, N. Billerica, MA 01862

Donate via PayPal at: <http://www.billericacatcarecoalition.org/donate.php>

BCCC is a non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible as provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

*Thank You*

### Rest in Peace



Sky was an emaciated stray who was found to have cancer. He peacefully crossed the rainbow bridge.



Sweet baby Laurel, how lucky we were to know you, if only for three days. RIP. You'll always be with us.



BCCC regularly participates at community events, including farmers markets, educational events and even a cat behaviorist event for the public!

Thank you, friends, from those you are helping, who cannot speak for themselves."

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