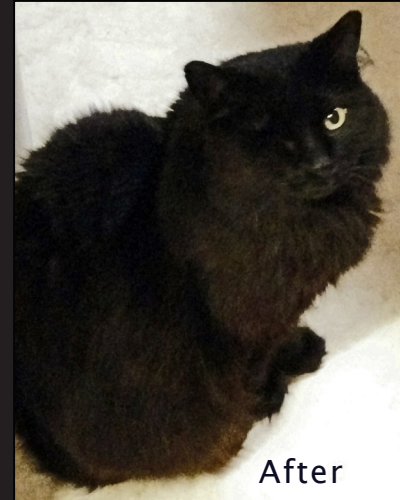


# Billerica Cat Care Coalition

Veterinary care is expensive...  
but the result is priceless!



Bear

HE KEPT HIS EYE ON THE FUTURE, AND TRIUMPHED



Smokey

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Dear BCCC friend, 🐾

As we start our thirteenth year, Billerica Cat Care Coalition is proud to share with you the success we have achieved in helping feral and abandoned cats and kittens in our area. Thanks to your help, we have been able to neuter or spay many homeless cats who would otherwise have continued to produce more homeless kittens. We also provide shelter, food, water and medical care for these forgotten animals. Unfortunately, these cats live under the most difficult conditions.

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

### Bear's Story

Bear thought he had a good home, until he was no longer wanted and was abandoned, left to fend for himself. Luckily, some really nice people started feeding him, and built him a shelter to live in. One day they noticed his eye was really red and swollen. They contacted Animal Control, who brought him to BCCC. Our veterinarian determined his eye was cancerous, and it was removed. Although it sounds painful, the surgery actually helped him feel much better. With some TLC from his BCCC foster, Bear recovered nicely, and was adopted by a wonderful person and his daughter. He is now loved and in his forever home!

**Thanks to your donations, BCCC can help cats like Bear feel much better and have a great life!**

**Smokey** was a 14 year old girl surrendered by her previous owner. Our veterinarian determined she had bladder stones. BCCC helped Smokey get the medical care she required. The veterinarian performed surgery and removed 13 stones! Smokey recovered, and later attended some meet & greets in the Spring. Unfortunately, over the summer she was diagnosed with cancer in her mouth. She hung in there for a few weeks, then started to fail. We mourned the passing of this sweet senior, but were grateful to those who cared for her, especially in her final weeks. She left this world knowing she was loved.

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

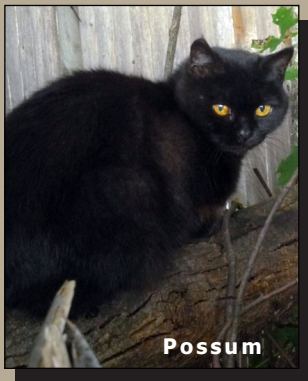
**Inky** was a 9 week old kitten found under a woodpile, who suddenly started convulsing late one night. His foster rushed him to the emergency vet hospital, where he was unresponsive. He needed IV fluids, steroids, and round-the-clock care in the ICU. Inky improved, was eating and standing, and went back to his foster home. Sadly, he took a turn for the worse again, with no hope of recovering, and was lovingly and humanely helped over the Rainbow Bridge. (continued)

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## We are their voice



Sammy was left outside the gates of Billerica Animal Control in a cat carrier with no note. He was the "founder" of BCCC. His memory and legacy carry on, to continue to help other felines.



BCCC ensures ferals like Possum and Peaches receive food, water, TNR, and veterinary treatment for significant health issues that may arise, such as wounds or broken teeth. BCCC provides help that they otherwise might not receive.

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

Billerica Cat Care Coalition

**BCCC's "founder":** In 2004, an adult cat was left outside the gates of Billerica Animal Control in a cat carrier with no note. That cat, **Sammy**, was the inspiration for BCCC's president to start a local no-kill cat and kitten rescue. This past September, after 13+ happy and memory filled years, Sammy fought a brave battle with small cell carcinoma, kidney disease and IBD, and crossed the Rainbow Bridge. But his memory and legacy carry on, to continue to help other felines, whether through BCCC's trap/neuter return (TNR) program for ferals, or our foster to adoption program for abandoned pet cats and kittens.

BCCC's primary mission is TNR and is the reason we were established. The rewards are great, when you see feral cats like Possum and Peaches that need TNR and/or treatment for significant health issues, get the help they need.

**BCCC will continue to help cats like these, and many more, due to your generosity.**

Unfortunately, our financial resources are limited—**won't you help by making a contribution towards their and future cats' care today?** Your continued generosity will allow BCCC to cover veterinary expenses for cats like Bear, Smokey, Inky, and Possum. It's not pleasant to think what the outcome might be otherwise.

As the happy holiday season approaches for us, every abandoned and feral cat faces 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 Bear, Smokey, Inky, Sammy, and countless ferals, but there are many other cats out there that need medical care, TLC and a warm place to recover!**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sincerely,

Billerica Cat Care Coalition

Yes! I want to help other cats like Bear, Smokey, Inky, Sammy, and the ferals get the care that they deserve! Enclosed is my contribution of:

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

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