

# Billerica Cat Care Coalition

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



**Mandolin & Viola**



**Sake, Miso, and Nori**

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## LIFE WAS NOT SO GOLDEN FOR GOLDIE

Dear BCCC friend, 🐾 🐾

As we start our twenty-first year, Billerica Cat Care Coalition (BCCC) is proud to share successes we have achieved helping cats and kittens, as well as providing guidance to cat and kitten owners, thanks to your generosity.

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

“**Goldie**” has been in BCCC foster for 8 years, after getting returned 6 times, due to behavior issues. Goldie is doing well in her foster home, as she lives out her senior days. Since, BCCC is 100% no-kill, no one gets euthanized due to behavior issues. We strive to ensure the right foster for each cat’s situation. Goldie currently has had quite a few vet visits, especially lately, due to unusual kidney infection issues and has received excellent vet care.

BCCC is part of no-kill nation and supports abandoned felines, as long as they will have quality of life

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

Little “**Nikki**”, a fragile, tiny kitten, crossed the rainbow bridge, after sending her to the emergency vet with neurological issues, hoping she would survive. Her quality of life was so poor, we let her go to peacefulness, rather than continue to suffer and die without comfort. “**Junior**” is another kitty in long term BCCC foster care due to his being removed from a dangerous site and some behavior issues. “**Lavender**” was a foster euthanized a few months ago, due to severe medical issues that could not be resolved, after years of being in BCCC foster care.

**To that end, BCCC helps cats and kittens get well and have a great life!**

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**Out and About in Communities** BCCC held our 20-year anniversary celebration this past May (officially started in May 2004) in Billerica, kicked off with a presentation by Dr. Rachel Geller, certified cat behaviorist (who helps for free to keep felines and families together). Many folks participated in our 20-year celebration and received useful feedback as Dr. Geller answered numerous questions for cat pet parents. Billerica Junior Girl Scout Troop 67435 provided a feline crafts table and information on pet care, which added to the celebration. *(continued)*

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## We are their voice

We also helped local cats who escaped get back to their homes and stay put in their homes this year!

**Education** We get out in the community, as part of our education outreach. Plus, we get to see lots of pictures of other peoples' cats! This includes participation at Billerica, Wilmington and Tewksbury farmers market and participation at Billerica's annual Yankee Doodle Day. BCCC provides advice and resources to help with questions for feline care as needed. Using social media sites (website, Face Book, Instagram) allows us to provide educational information and resources in a more timely manner.

**Feral Cat Care** BCCC was started to help feral cats, who had no one to provide them with care and to get them fixed and fed. Thanks to your support, we continue to help prevent kittens from being born into the same cycle, while keeping feral cats cared for.

**Foster Program** BCCC is an all-volunteer organization with an active foster-to-adopt program for abandoned, friendly felines who are cared for in loving, private homes.

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. This is an especially difficult task if a cat is weakened by injury or illness. Your gift to BCCC's veterinary fund can mean the difference between life and death for an injured cat or kitten.

**You can help by sending a donation, so BCCC can continue to help felines that need medical care, TLC and a home! As well as help us continue to be a resource for feline education.**

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.  
Visit: [www.billericacatcarecoalition.org/volunteer.php](http://www.billericacatcarecoalition.org/volunteer.php) to learn how you can help.

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Yes! I want to help our local cats 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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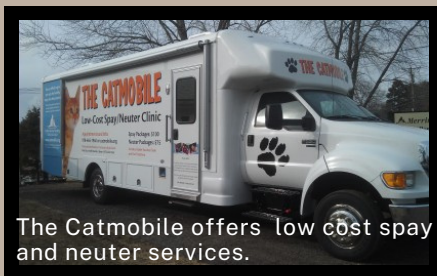
Joel Kaplan with Dr. Rachel Geller, cat behaviorist at BCCC's 20-year celebration



Dr. Geller, BCCC president Sharon, and Girl Scouts at 20-year celebration.



BCCC volunteers at a local farmer's market



The Catmobile offers low cost spay and neuter services.



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

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