



## Scratch This Not That



Scratching is a necessary part of a cat's life. Using those claws helps your furry friend strengthen the muscles in his paws while hastening the shedding of the outer layers of the nails. Think of it as your kitty's version of going to the nail salon.

Cats must scratch to maintain good paw and nail health. It's a fundamentally ingrained feline behavior, plus it just feels good. Cats also scratch to claim their territory and to let other felines know to stay away. It is part of their natural hunting instinct to keep his claws ready for his next big pursuit.



You can redirect your cat's need to scratch by offering more appealing alternatives. If your feline friend is a rug scratcher, a flat horizontal scratching pad works best. Cats that like to claw on upholstered furniture usually prefer a vertical scratching post.

To keep your kitty from getting bored, put on your "cat glasses" to look at the world from their point of view and offer a variety of textures to keep him away from your expensive rugs and furniture.

Try placing scratching pads in places central to household activity, especially if it is a place where you tend to gather. Sprinkling catnip on the scratching pad is a good way to get his attention if

he is fond of the herb. Reward him with a tasty treat and lavish praise when he chooses the post over your expensive sofa. Make it a positive experience and he'll soon get the idea.

Let your cat know certain places in the house are off limits to his claws. Redirect his attention if you find him clawing in a no-no place. According to Jackson Galaxy, "the trick is to remove the pleasurable component and replace it with something not so nice". Cover the spot with aluminum foil or place double-sided tape like "Sticky Paws" on the area. It comes in different sizes and is designed specifically for furniture and plants. A citrus scented spray will also work as cats don't like the smell.

As a last resort, set up a vinyl carpet runner with the spike side up in front of the spot the cat likes to scratch. Whatever you do, don't use the cat's name during correction, but only when he performs an approved action.

Nails should be trimmed every 2-3 weeks. Regular trimming renders them relatively harmless. You can take your cat to a groomer or learn to do it yourself.



Your veterinarian can show you exactly where to cut. It is better to start on a young kitten, but even older cats can learn to enjoy having their paws handled and to accept nail trimming. ~Jackie Allison

Sources: Rita Reimers, Cat Behaviorist. Visit her website [thecatanalyst.com](http://thecatanalyst.com) to read her cat behavior blog; and "How to Stop Your Cats from Scratching Furniture" by Jackson Galaxy.



Second Chance is Partner of the Month at the Coop this June. When you round up at the register, your small change donations add up to make a huge difference!

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To provide homeless animals with a second chance at life and companionship in a no-kill shelter.

Our organization goes beyond shelter walls and is committed to:

- 1) Positive people and animal relationships and placements
- 2) Offering affordable spay, neuter and vaccination clinics
- 3) Cooperative rescue efforts
- 4) Animal welfare education

Second Chance Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and our EIN is 27-2815668.

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## Taking Sides



Is your kitty a lefty or a righty? Researchers have found most cats show a marked preference for using one paw over the other when it comes to walking down stairs, stepping over an object, or reaching for food. These preferences also differ by sex. Test results indicated females more strongly preferred the right paw, whereas males were more likely to favor the left paw.

A cat's preferred paw might also be a strong indicator of the animal's personality and could offer insight into its vulnerability to stress, according to Dr. Deborah Wells, co-author of the research from Queen's University Belfast School of Psychology. "Left-limbed animals, which rely more heavily on their right brain hemisphere for processing information, tend to show stronger fear responses and cope more poorly with stressful situations than animals that are right-limbed".

Researchers think this information could provide clues to pet owners and animal shelters how to better understand and care for their animals and to avoid certain situations that might make these cats more anxious. ~Jackie Allison

*Information from Carrie Arnold of National Geographic and Nicholas Dodman, EVMS Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine At Tufts University.*

## Building Fund Update

### T-shirt Fundraiser!

Many thanks and congrats to Amanda Colby for her winning design. The limited edition T-shirt is now available on Bonfire only until August 18, 2022!

You can find the link on our website [www.secondchancear.org/home/tshirt-fundraiser](http://www.secondchancear.org/home/tshirt-fundraiser). Share the link with your friends to help us even more.



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## Donor Spotlight

Second Chance can't thank Dr. Toulia Milios Guilfoyle and Dr. Mark F. Guilfoyle enough! They donated a substantial amount of their household items to SCAR when they moved. The reselling of the many valuable things they donated is a huge fundraiser for SCAR.



A beautiful patio set from the Guilfoyle's is now for sale at Second Chance.

## Gabby's Gabbing Again

### Senior Spotlight

Being a black cat in a shelter is tough, and being a senior black cat in a shelter can be even tougher. Black cats are often overlooked in shelters, even if they have amazing personalities. It can be hard to compete with the eye-catching patterns of swirled tabbies or patched calico cats, and kittens often end up stealing the spotlight.

Meet Coal, a (roughly) twelve-year-old black cat that's been with us for two months now waiting for a new home. He's a sweet boy that loves lazing about, napping up high and watching birds and cars out the window, but when you give him catnip, watch out! He reverts back to kittenhood, rolling around like a goof and beating up catnip mice like it's nobody's business. So far, we haven't received any inquiries or applications for this handsome boy.

He's a great cat that tends to be overlooked when folks come through looking for their next companion, and all he needs is someone to notice him. He gets along with other cats and has experience with dogs, though a calm, older dog would likely suit him better than a rambunctious younger one. Consider giving a senior cat a home today!

-Gabby Sweet



## Cat Tails: Monty

"I just wanted to send a quick update on our newest love. He's been here a few days and it already feels like we've had him forever! I am so grateful to Second Chance for rescuing and caring for him, and I am so glad we were able to take him home!"  
Jessica V.



## Cat Tails: Smudge

"Smudge has settled in so well, and he's so snuggly! He loves to curl up at our necks and just purr away. We are all so happy that he has joined our family. Thank you!"  
Melinda M.



## Spring Shot Clinics

SCAR sponsored three clinics this Spring and dogs and cats came from miles around. They patiently waited in line (for the most part) to meet smiling Vets, technicians and shelter volunteers to receive their \$15 vaccinations. Your local Vets and SCAR volunteered their time and resources for this much needed community service. Another clinic is planned for this Fall.



A whole truckload of dogs needed shots, so the Vet went outside to them.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Alicia Prater

### A Hoosier Woman at Work

Alicia Prater has been a dedicated shelter volunteer and board member almost from the beginning of Second Chance. A Hoosier, born and raised in Warsaw, Indiana, she is the oldest of three siblings, two girls and a boy. Interestingly, she was named for both of her grandmothers and shares her middle name with her maternal grandmother.

As a child she wanted to be everything—a doctor, teacher, artist, and a writer. Alicia grew up on a small horse farm among corn fields that stretched to the horizon. The family always had a dog or two in addition to barn cats that roamed the fields and kept the mice away from the grain. She and her brother spent after school time and summer days riding bikes **back and forth to the neighbors' farms, with rarely another person in sight.**

Reading and arts and crafts kept her occupied. **It wasn't until the sixth grade** that she became interested in science, **thanks to her teacher's** enthusiasm for learning that made her realize that school was something to pay attention to rather than just rules to follow.

When Alicia graduated from high school she **didn't know what she** really wanted to do. She loved biology but was good at chemistry so she went to Indiana University/Bloomington, majored in Biochemistry with a Business minor. After her brother lost his life in a car accident she shifted more towards a medical leaning which led her to New York Medical College where she received a PhD from the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences. At the end of her graduate career she was a lecturer in infectious diseases, anatomy, and **systemic pathology in addition to helping Master's students** edit their theses. Eventually, this led to a contract as a scientific editor. 14 years later, she is still working that contract as well as editing for labs and companies worldwide.

In 2019, Alicia started her own publishing company, still doing some writing of her own which recently involves genealogy and lineage research. Her second book is almost completed.

Alicia and Courtney, her husband, met online when she was **planning a vacation to New Orleans. They didn't actually meet** in person until a couple of years later when he was living in Raleigh, NC and she relocated there from NYC. The constant bombardment of people and city noises drove them to head north to Littleton, NH. Shortly after their arrival, they purchased a house and committed to building a life together as husband and wife. A honeymoon to Edinburgh, Scotland has left them dreaming of another trip to get back to seeing more of that country and the UK. Safe travels!  
~Jackie Allison



## Cat Tails: Ginny

"I just wanted to let you know that Ginny is doing well and settling into her new home :) Thanks so much for all of **your help!**"  
Rachel D.



## Wish List

- ♥ Postage Stamps
- ♥ Gift Cards
- ♥ 13-Gallon Trash Bags
- ♥ White Unscented Clay Cat Litter
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ Laundry Detergent
- ♥ Clumping Litter
- ♥ Purina Cat Chow Complete



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## You Can Help

We know that you're swamped with requests for donations. While you support the big national organizations that help animals, we ask that you first consider giving to your local shelter. You can visit us any time and see your gift at work, giving the local area's abandoned and abused cats and kittens a "Second Chance"!

### MONETARY DONATIONS

SCAR relies entirely on private donations to fund our shelter, rescue and adoption operations, and community programs. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. Please mail your check today, large or small or donate securely online at [www.secondchancear.org](http://www.secondchancear.org)

### TRIBUTE GIFTS

Tribute gifts can be made in memory of or in honor of a pet or loved one. A card will be sent upon request.

### IN-KIND DONATIONS

Help keep our supply closet stocked up year round. See our wish lists at [secondchancear.org](http://secondchancear.org) & [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

### GIFTS OF STOCK & ANNUITIES

Stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares and other securities, along with transferring of real estate offer alternative ways to donate that can benefit both you, your heirs and SCAR.

### EBAY SELLABLES

Donate jewelry, antiques and estate valuables for resale on eBay. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

### WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Many workplaces coordinate charitable giving campaigns for their employees. These campaigns allow employees to donate through one-time gifts and regular payroll deductions.

### VEHICLE DONATION

Donating your unwanted car is simple, easy, and free. We convert your car into cash, which becomes a much-needed donation to SCAR! You are entitled to a tax deduction and you avoid the cost and hassle of repairing or selling a car that you no longer want.

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You shop online, SCAR gets money! For free, with no cost to you! Through either [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) or [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

### ESTATE GIFTS

Include SCAR in your will, trust or with a beneficiary designation.

### CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

There are many ways for your company to increase its visibility in the community and build positive brand presences while helping Second Chance.

### VOLUNTEER

Join us and help the cats and kittens who can't help themselves. You'll also make new friends and have fun! Fill out a Volunteer Application today.

### FOSTER

Can you open your home occasionally to house a mom and her kittens until they're old enough to be adopted; or house a needy cat on a short term basis when the shelter is full? Call the shelter for more information.