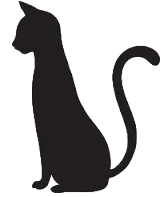




Friends of Burlington County Animal Shelter (FOBCAS)



## Feline Rescue Rewards Program FAQ

*"We Pay for Pulls!"*

### Who are you?

We are Friends of Burlington County Animal Shelter, Inc., a non-profit organization. We were founded in 2011 as the Burlington County Animal Shelter's volunteer program. Our hundreds of volunteers dedicate their free time to improving the lives and the outcomes of our shelter's and our county's animals. You can learn all about us and our various programs and efforts online: [www.friendsofbcas.org](http://www.friendsofbcas.org) and [www.facebook.com/fobcas](https://www.facebook.com/fobcas)

### What is this program?

We've seen year after year how critical of a role rescues play in helping shelters manage their animal populations. Our shelter is no exception, and in the past rescues have saved hundreds of lives annually by rescuing individual animals and creating empty cages in our shelter. We owe our shelter's success partially to the rescue community, and so we'd like to express our thanks in the best way we know how: **We will pay qualifying rescues a small gratuity on a quarterly basis for every adult cat that is rescued from our shelter.** Learn more online: [www.friendsofbcas.org/rescue-rewards](http://www.friendsofbcas.org/rescue-rewards)

### Why are you paying rescues?

Because we believe in the work you do, and we know that saving lives does not come cheap. While no single organization can afford to save every animal, we want to help enable rescues to keep doing the best they can with what they've got. On top of that, we know that it can be challenging to help rescue and rehome adult cats in particular, so we want to thank rescues that devote some of their resources to this challenge. More rescue pulls benefit our shelter, as well. The more rescues work with us, the less we have to worry about the needless loss of life due to overcrowding.

### So how much will my organization get?

We tried to design this program with fairness in mind, so we created a basic system where the amount of money you get scales upward with the difficulty of the individual cat. Awards are not cumulative for individual cats; you will be paid the highest qualifying amount. Amounts may be readjusted without notice, but we will do our best to stay in contact with you about any updates.

- 🐾 **\$5 - Adult Cats**  
Defined as cats between the ages of 6mo and 7yrs.
- 🐾 **\$10 - Senior Cats**  
Defined as cats 8 years of age or older.
- 🐾 **\$15 - Behavioral Needs**  
Defined as cats with behavioral issues significant enough to impact their adoptability.  
Includes but is not limited to: Ferals, litterbox issues, deep fearfulness, aggression.
- 🐾 **\$15 - Short-Term Sick Cats**  
Defined as cats with short-term treatable conditions such as URI, ringworm, eye infections, etc.
- 🐾 **\$20 - Serious Medical Needs Cats**  
Defined as cats with major illnesses or conditions which will impact the cat's ongoing quality of life without some significant medical intervention, or cats with serious but stable conditions that would deeply impact their adoptability. Including but not limited to: FIV+, FeLV+, diabetics, kidney failure, hypothyroid, requiring medically necessary surgery, etc.

### **So where does the money come from?**

FOBCAS is fortunate enough to be able to work this program into our annual budget. FOBCAS is a non-profit organization which receives 100% of its funds from donations and fundraisers. We believe strongly in transparency. See information about our non-profit status and annual budget reports on our "About Us" page online: [www.friendsofbcas.org/about-us](http://www.friendsofbcas.org/about-us)

### **We'd like to learn more or sign up!**

#### **To learn more:**

- Email our Rescue Rewards program coordinator: Dee Lescure, [deeandlen@gmail.com](mailto:deeandlen@gmail.com)
- Visit our Rescue Rewards info page: [www.friendsofbcas.org/rescue-rewards](http://www.friendsofbcas.org/rescue-rewards)

#### **To get started:**

- Visit our Rescue Rewards info page: [www.friendsofbcas.org/rescue-rewards](http://www.friendsofbcas.org/rescue-rewards)
- Send us a completed "Rescue Rewards Sign Up Form" via mail or email.
- Submit an "Application to Rescue from BCAS" and a copy of your 501(c)3 paperwork or similar paperwork either directly to BCAS or to us.
- Take a trip to BCAS and take some kitties when you leave!

### **Give us feedback**

Are the award amounts enough to motivate you to come pull from BCAS? Should we have different categories? How can we realistically modify our program to make it better and more effective? Let us know!