

# ALLEY CAT ACTION®

## FEARLESSLY DEFENDING CATS AND ALL ANIMALS

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Becky Robinson  
holds Tom Tom, one of the  
cats in the care of Friends For Life  
Animal Shelter in Houston, Texas.

## Connect with me online:

 /ACAPresident   /FeralBecky

Thirty years ago, as I was reviewing “educational” brochures that contained dangerous misconceptions about cats and promoted deadly policies, I said to myself: Alley Cat Allies is going to make all this a thing of the past. There was no mention of humane, effective programs like Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and high-volume, high-quality spay and neuter.

Today, these lifesaving programs are mainstream. By leading with science and facts instead of fears, and organizing dynamic advocates like you, we changed the narrative entirely.

Now we continue to ramp up our hard-hitting work—because there are still so many critical new paths to carve. Like you, I keep a close eye on the news. There are shocking reports of animal cruelty, like the life-threatening harm recently done to a cat named Buddy in Philadelphia, who I’m relieved to know survived.

But there is hope ... we *can* turn the ship around. I know from experience that our voice, together, can alter the very course of society for animals and us all.

This year, I’ve already traveled to Kentucky, Louisiana, and Texas to launch exciting initiatives that will forever transform how cats are seen and treated. Our new *Stop Cruelty to Cats* campaign is changing the definition of public health to recognize the dangers violence toward cats poses to our communities.

We’re putting long-needed systems in place to confront the growing crisis of animal cruelty. We will succeed because we know what it takes to organize, vocalize, and unite compassionate people like you on a grand scale.

*You* empower us to do it all. The fight has only just begun but mark my words: We will win it.

For cats and all animals,

Becky Robinson • President and Founder

## Planned Giving

Learn how you can invest in a brighter future for cats with a planned gift at [alleycat.org/PlannedGiving](https://alleycat.org/PlannedGiving) (CFC#10964) (EIN #52-1742079) or for more information, call 866-309-6207.



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## OUR MISSION:

To transform and develop communities to protect and improve the lives of cats.

Wesley survived a cruel gunshot wound thanks to treatment at the Becky Robinson Alley Cat Allies Veterinary Hospital™ in Louisiana, which is operated by Big Sky Ranch/CATNIP Foundation.

NEW CAMPAIGN:

# STOP CRUELTY to Cats

Taking on the crisis  
of violence toward cats

## ANIMAL CRUELTY: Understanding *the Link*

“Violent acts toward cats are not isolated, and well-established research has identified the link between violence toward cats and violence toward humans,” said Becky Robinson, president and founder of Alley Cat Allies. “*Stop Cruelty to Cats* will help law enforcement understand this connection, and that cats have intrinsic value, suffer, and feel pain—and it is wrong to think otherwise.”

**Learn more at [alleycat.org/TheLink](https://alleycat.org/TheLink).**

*Becky Robinson and Jeff Dorson, executive director at the Humane Society of Louisiana, speak with reporters about the new Stop Cruelty to Cats campaign in front of a Westwego home where 14 cats were reported missing.*

Our society is experiencing an epidemic of violence toward cats that poses a severe public health threat. Although harm to animals is strongly linked to harm to people, acts of cruelty continue to go unreported and unprosecuted. We are taking action to reverse this crisis through our new *Stop Cruelty to Cats* campaign.

In March, Becky Robinson announced the nationwide campaign in New Orleans, teaming up with the Humane Society of Louisiana (HSLA). She and Jeff Dorson, executive director at HSLA, held a press conference at the scene of suspected cruelty in which 14 cats were reported missing by their grieving owner. *Stop Cruelty to Cats* is pursuing the case.

Although animal cruelty is a crime in all 50 states, it is routinely overlooked by law enforcement and the courts. Predators continue to walk free in our communities. *Stop Cruelty to Cats* is creating systems and infrastructure to strengthen reporting of cruelty and enforcement of anti-cruelty laws.

Because to protect cats is to protect us all.

**Learn more at [alleycat.org/Anti-Cruelty](https://alleycat.org/Anti-Cruelty).**



# JUSTICE

## FOR MR. MEOW

### *And All Victims of Animal Cruelty*

Mr. Meow was a lanky tabby with beautiful and unique markings, including the cutest “eyeliner” around his golden eyes. Video recordings reveal the sweet and insistent meow for which he was named. He would greet his owners by weaving around their feet and brushing against their legs.

But in March 2022, at just 18 months old, Mr. Meow’s life was cut short. He was viciously shot to death with a rifle in his Copperopolis, California, neighborhood in an act of heinous and senseless cruelty.

According to Calaveras County police, Colton Fontes, 19, confessed to killing Mr. Meow. He also shared on social media a bloody video of Mr. Meow in the aftermath.

Through our *Stop Cruelty to Cats* campaign, Alley Cat Allies is advocating for the maximum possible penalty for Fontes, and for appropriate repercussions for all perpetrators of animal cruelty.



Learn more at  
[alleycat.org/SpeakOutForLouie](https://alleycat.org/SpeakOutForLouie).



Alley Cat Allies rescued Louie from unimaginable cruelty at the hands of his former owner. He was too traumatized to even properly eat, and it took months of targeted care to regain his mental and physical well-being. We made sure he found a great home—and that his abusers faced severe penalties.

Community cat Rosie lost her eye when she was maimed during a government-sanctioned cat massacre in Australia’s Port of Newcastle. Alley Cat Allies is working to challenge the underlying beliefs and misinformation that led to this cruelty—in Port of Newcastle and around the world.



Learn more at  
[alleycat.org/Australia](https://alleycat.org/Australia).

# JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS

## IN THE BERKELEY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL, WV, SHELTER

Alley Cat Allies' in-depth investigation into animal cruelty in Berkeley County Animal Control (BCAC) in West Virginia revealed that BCAC routinely, intentionally, knowingly, and/or recklessly withheld critical veterinary treatment from animals in its shelter—a violation of West Virginia law.

We have been pursuing extraordinary judicial remedies, including filing a writ of mandamus asking a West Virginia court to compel Berkeley County Council and BCAC to comply with state law.

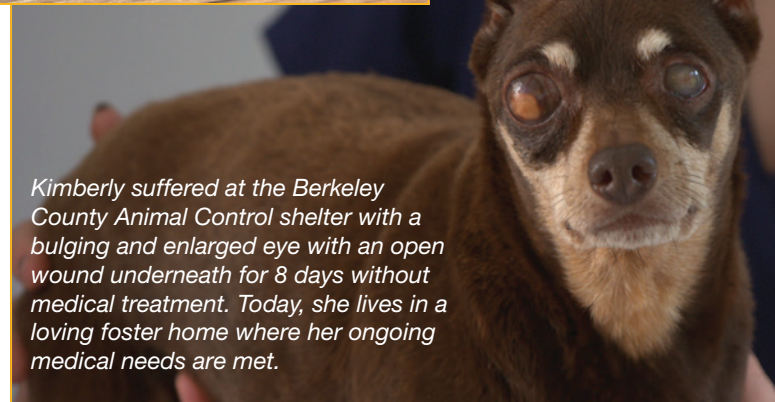
The county profoundly failed cats like Newt, who suffered for days at BCAC without necessary medical treatment for trauma that rendered him unable to eat or drink. Alley Cat Allies rushed Newt to emergency veterinary care. Despite extensive medical intervention, veterinarians determined that Newt's condition had too severely deteriorated while in the shelter, and euthanasia was required to end his suffering.

Many more cats and dogs have been denied necessary veterinary care within the shelter's walls.

"We continue to pursue justice for animals harmed by patterns of cruelty entrenched in BCAC," says Becky



*Jacob was one of the many cats Alley Cat Allies rescued from the Berkeley County Animal Control shelter. He has since been adopted by a family who will care for him as he deserves.*



*Kimberly suffered at the Berkeley County Animal Control shelter with a bulging and enlarged eye with an open wound underneath for 8 days without medical treatment. Today, she lives in a loving foster home where her ongoing medical needs are met.*

Robinson, president and founder of Alley Cat Allies.

[Learn more at alleycat.org/  
BerkeleyCountyWV.](https://alleycat.org/BerkeleyCountyWV)

[Watch the video on YouTube >](#)



## **Fighting CAT CRUELTY** in East Bay, California

Campaign to stop unlawful new park policy that green-lights killing cats

In 2021, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District (East Bay Parks) in Oakland, California, voted for an unlawful new policy that allows for the killing of cats on parklands. The Board's action defied international shock and outcry after a park employee callously hunted and killed 13 cats in late 2020.

East Bay Parks believes the Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires them to kill cats in certain situations. The ESA does no such thing.

Alley Cat Allies continues to pursue our lawsuit against East Bay Parks, first filed in 2021, asking a California court to vacate or set aside the lethal policy. Our goal: Protect East Bay's cats and show all government agencies that killing cats is not tolerated.

**Stay updated at [alleycat.org/EastBay](https://alleycat.org/EastBay).**

*A community cat waits to be returned after he was neutered through Alley Cat Allies' TNR initiative in Mayfield, Kentucky.*

# For the **FIRST** TIME

Alley Cat Allies Takes  
TNR to Kentucky  
Town Recovering  
from Tornadoes

At the beginning of the year, Alley Cat Allies President and Founder Becky Robinson was on the front lines to save animals after historic tornadoes devastated Mayfield, Kentucky, and other communities in the heartland. Through it all, residents proved their compassion and dedication by continuing to care for their cats.

In the process of recovery there is an opportunity to create new programs and infrastructure to protect animals. Just two months after the tornadoes, Alley Cat Allies launched high-quality, high-volume spay and neuter and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs in the Mayfield area for the first time.

This is a community of doers, and many are getting involved with lifesaving spay and neuter programs. We are harnessing that drive to save cats' lives.

***Stay updated at [alleycat.org](https://alleycat.org).***

*Becky Robinson returns a community cat. Through TNR, cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and eartipped (a universal sign that a cat has been spayed/neutered), and returned to their outdoor homes.*



*Philo enjoys a stretch and a scratch in his outdoor home in New Jersey.*

## ***Declaw*** **BAN** **LEGISLATION**

Momentum against cruel cat declawing has ramped up in 2022, and 10 states so far introduced declaw ban bills this year. Alley Cat Allies is working with The Paw Project to lead the movement in favor of these lifesaving measures. Join us.

***[Alleycat.org/ActionCenter](https://alleycat.org/ActionCenter)  
[Alleycat.org/StopDeclawing](https://alleycat.org/StopDeclawing).***

