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of my three cats. We arrived at the designated time and found a cemetery full of excavators, pickup trucks and pet owners working on removing their beloved animals from their everlasting home. Conversations with the other owners were full of surprise, outrage, and confusion over the situation.

On the designated day of exhumation, my sister and I arrived at the cemetery bright and early. The digging began and problems arose with all three burial sites. Tree roots had forced their way through the caskets and removal was delicate. Fortunately, the men were very respectful and treated the remains with dignity. They were taken to my designated crematorium and I went home with the burial stones I had placed on the graves so many years before. The next day I picked up the final remains that were placed in personally engraved urns.

There were thousands of pets buried at this cemetery and many burial sites remained intact when the gates were closed. My heart aches thinking about the hundreds of pets that will be exhumed by construction vehicles preparing the land for community development.

**DONATION TIP**

To donate to our rescue, consider posting on Facebook a birthday wish like Brenda Cook and Ashley Oswald did. Brenda Cook's April birthday raised \$91, and Ashley Oswald's July request accumulated \$157. 🐾

First time shoppers to **Chewy.com** can enter through a special window that Chewy.com created for our rescue, and the company will donate \$20 to us. (They have wonderful customer service!)

"Hello fellow supporter! Place your first order with us and we'll proudly donate \$20 to Backdoor Friends Purebred Cat Rescue!"

Send this URL address to others, so their first time order will create a \$20 donation to us as well:

<https://www.chewy.com/rp/5749> 🐾

**FUNDRAISER SUGGESTIONS**

Does your company have giving campaigns or charitable events? We'd love to be included. Please call 248-442-0840 or 248-308-2289 and let us know if we could be your charity. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

AMAZON SHOPPERS

Did you know that Amazon has an identical shopping site that benefits non-profits? It is www.smile.amazon.com. Go to www.smile.amazon.com to register and select Backdoor Friends Purebred Cat Rescue as your non-profit. From that point on, Amazon will accumulate the purchase amounts from all our supporters and will send us a monthly check for a percentage of the amount. Are you an Amazon Prime member? No problem, it works with Smile.Amazon too. Please be sure you are on the smile.amazon.com site when shopping. Amazon does not recognize your purchases on amazon.com for this program. 🐾

JUST SHOP AND KROGER GIVES

Kroger sent BFPCR checks totaling \$537.87, because supporters designated our rescue as their charity. If you would like to participate and need help to register online, please email MickeyV52@aol.com. To self-register, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and create an account using the number on the back of your Kroger Plus Card. Once you have registered by creating a login and password, you will be asked to select your location in Michigan. Follow the prompts to enroll your Plus Card in the Community Rewards program. Our organization's number is **UN126**. Every one living at your address, even if they have different numbered Plus cards, will automatically contribute, and Kroger will donate up to \$300 quarterly at *no extra expense to you*. Shop and present your Kroger Plus card as usual, and if it works, you will see the Backdoor Friends Purebred Cat Rescue name at the bottom of your receipt. 🐾

**GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER**

Barnes and Noble will provide supplies and space for us to raise money by wrapping gifts at their Six Mile and Haggerty store in Northville. Two or three BFPCR volunteers per shift will be at the tables, and we need gift wrappers on **December 20, (9-9:00) and December 21, (5-9:00)**. Our rescue will receive donations from customers. If you can volunteer for a shift at Barnes and Noble bookstore, please contact Anne at 248-979-4131 or Nancy at MickeyV52@aol.com. 🐾

