

Backdoor Friends Purebred Cat Rescue  
35560 Grand River #305  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

<http://www.backdoorfriendspurebredcatrescue.org>



## COLD WEATHER CATS

Cats and feral cats are taken care of by good people. If you have a large carrier or other kind of cat shelter, only fill it with straw. Do not put in towels, blankets, or beds, because those materials will make the cats colder. Cloth absorbs moisture from the air, and if cats fall asleep on it they can freeze to death. 🐾



## VOICE MAIL DISCONTINUED

We permanently canceled our rescue's telephone number, because there were some voice mail messages that never reached our Board members' contact information resulting in some callers believing that we ignored them. For two years, we talked to customer service who worked to correct the problem, but it never was resolved. 🐾



## NO DECLAWING



Numerous US cities have banned declawing, but not enough. Countries who have outlawed it are England, Scotland, Wales, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, Slovenia, Portugal, Belgium, Spain, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand and most provinces in Canada.

Declawing a cat in Michigan would be illegal under legislation introduced in the state House last year. The American Veterinary Medical Association defines declawing as a surgical amputation and discourages its use in favor of non-surgical alternatives.

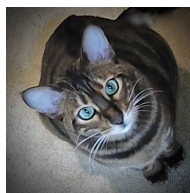
Bills on cat declawing have been introduced and are now being considered in several states, including in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut. It is expected that similar bills will be introduced this year or next in Nevada, California, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Illinois, among other states. 🐾

## CAT NEWS ONLINE

Check out our recently adopted pets, keep up with the latest pictures, videos and descriptions of our available cats and notice the symbols beside certain pets on Petfinder.com that indicate whether they are not good with children, dogs or other cats and whether they have special needs like a particular diet. Our website answers many of your questions such as adoption fees and contact information. 🐾

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## DRIVING FAR TO ADOPT



Ivy, a Toyger breed

Photo by Nancy McVicar

Ivy's adopters Natalie Barkey and Bill Netta are from Wilmington, Delaware. They drove ½ way, overnights, then drove the rest of the way to meet her at her foster home in Farmington, MI. They spent the night at a hotel in

Livonia, MI and picked her up early the next morning to drive her straight to her new home in Wilmington.

Natalie said, "Ivy did really well in the car. It took her about two hours to calm down but after that she was perfect. She is settling in here and is even eating a little." 🐾

*A new study from researchers at the University of California - Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine showed that most domestic cats ... would rather eat from a tray of easily available food rather than work out a simple puzzle to get their food.*

[sciencedaily.com](http://sciencedaily.com)

The study was published in the journal *Animal Cognition*. The research was supported by Maddie's Fund and the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences. 🐾



Photo by Natalie Barkey