



# Blind Cats

Q&A on why blind cats are perfect companions.



At Milo's Sanctuary & Special Needs Cat Rescue, Inc. we often get asked about living with a blind cat so we've put together this Q&A to answer your questions on adopting and living with a blind cat.

## WHY WOULD I WANT TO ADOPT A BLIND CAT?

That's easy; because they are **AWESOME**, **AMAZING** and can do anything a cat with sight can do. They use other senses besides their eyes (especially those whiskers), and once they know the layout of the home they get around just fine. Our blind cats climb stairs, cat trees and jump on couches and chairs.

## DO BLIND CATS PLAY?

The answer to that is **YES**, they play like any other cat. They love catnip, toys that make noise and can catch a bug with the best of them!

## HOW DO BLIND CATS FIND THEIR WAY AROUND?

Blind cats rely on memory, smell, sounds and textures to navigate their way around.

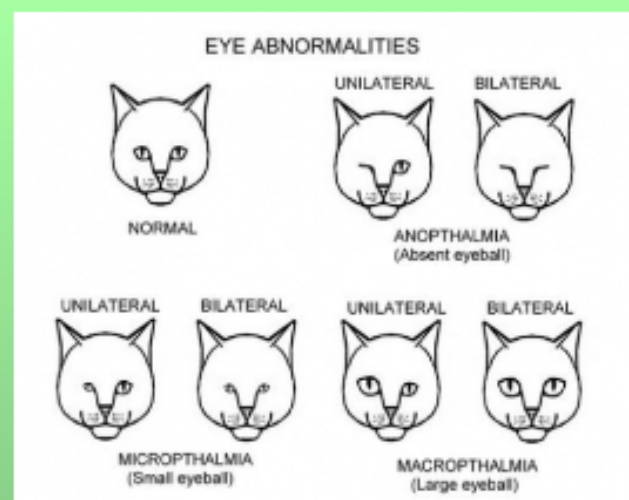
They judge distances with the help of their whiskers. They will sometimes climb onto an object (like a couch) for the first time, and once they memorize the distance, you'll see them jumping up and down with no problems. Their sense of smell, hearing and touch are much more heightened than other cats.

It is of the utmost importance that blind cats be **INSIDE** cats only!

## WHAT CAN CAUSE BLINDNESS IN CATS?

Cats can be born blind due to birth defects, mother's exposure to disease or chemicals, or due to inbreeding. Others can go blind due to untreated eye infections, cataracts, glaucoma, high blood pressure, brain trauma, diabetes, old age, eyelid agenesis (under or non-developed eyelids) or scarring that is caused by entropion (eyelashes that grow inwards).

Most of these conditions are treatable by a licensed veterinarian. If your cat suddenly starts showing signs of blindness or sight loss, take your cat **IMMEDIATELY** to a veterinarian. Some causes of blindness can be reversed or progression halted if caught early enough.



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