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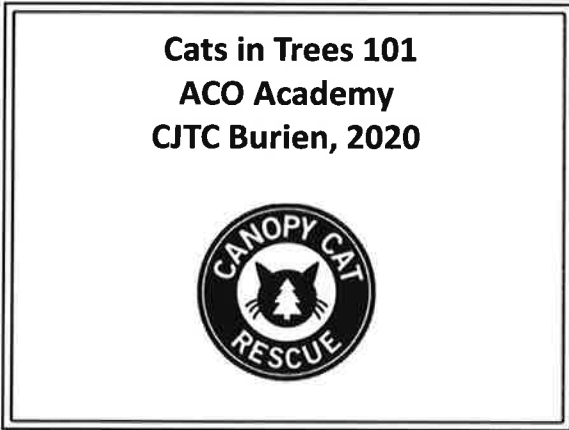
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- Started Canopy Conservation in 2007
- Partnered with WDFW, PSE, Local Land Trust
- Specialized in habitat creation and monitoring in tree canopies
- Occasional cat rescue (2 per month)

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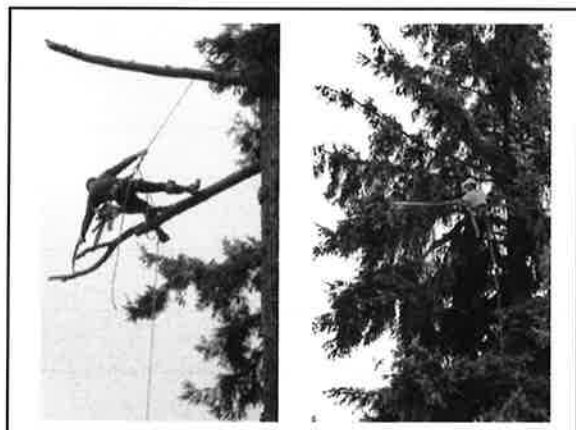
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- Need for cat rescues!
- Shared our rescues on social media
- Switched to donations only
- Media attention—newspapers, local news

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 **Rescues**

- 2019: 571
- 2018: 501
- 2017: 458
- 2016: 421
- 2015: 375
- 2014: 250
- 2013: 120
- 2009-2012: 100



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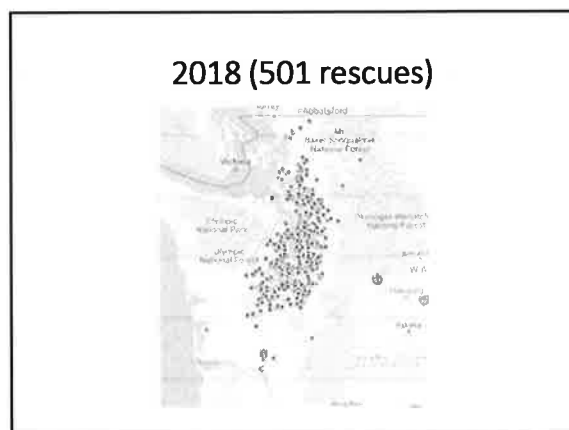
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 **Which cats get stuck?**

- Young
- Unfixed
- Mostly outdoor
- ~20 percent indoor

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 **Methods  
Tools and  
Techniques**

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 **How do we rescue cats?**

- Climb trees using ropes
- Arborist Equipment
  - Ropes
  - Harnesses
  - Spurs
  - PPE
  - Throwline
  - Big Shot (big ol' sling shot)

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 **Special Cat Rescue Gear**

- Cat Bag
- Extendable net
- Bite proof gloves
- Calming spray (for the cats and us!)
- Large net
- Microchip scanner

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- Chased
- New neighborhood
- Hunting birds/squirrels
- Not fixed/bully cats
- Scared or spooked
- To escape attack



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 **Why don't cats climb down?**

- Shape of claws
- Too high up (165ft!)
- Predator might still be in area
- Injured
- Actually STUCK
- Just too scared



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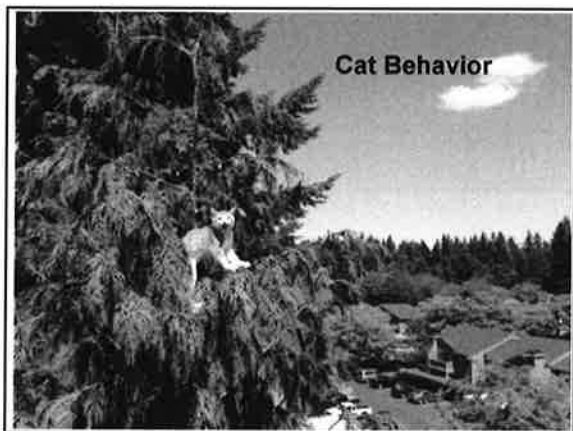
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 **The Cats we rescue...**

- Different cats we rescue
  - Happy to get some help
  - Not happy to get help
  - Shy (just need a few minutes to warm up)
  - Nice, but skittish and climb away (out or up)
- Stray
- Feral

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- Cat behavior in tree and vocal cues
- Body language
- Call/Response (people and cat)

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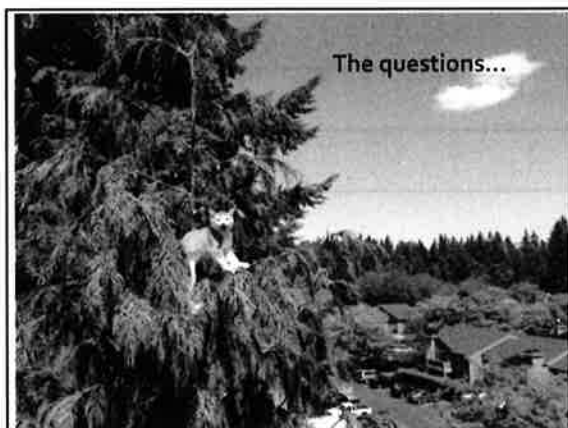
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 **Canopy Cat Rescue**

- Are you the owner?
- Cat's temperament/personality?
- How long has it been stuck?
- Who's yard is the tree in?
- How high in the tree?
- Have we rescued it before?
- What is the cat doing?
- Where is the cat in the tree?

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 **General Recommendations**

- Give cats 12 to 24 hours (longer if skittish, unknown, feral)
- If feasible, use ladder.
- Don't leave food out
- Assertive calling for cat
- Don't believe the internet (unless it's CCR)

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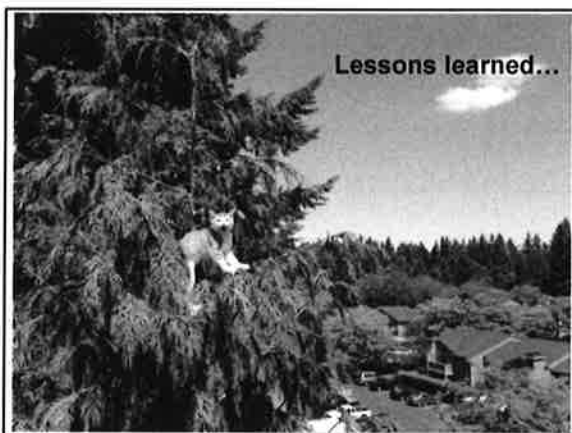
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- Isn't linked to cat intelligence
- Cats won't climb down when hungry
- Best chance to climb down using a tree without branches (backwards)
- Cats can get injured from falling
- Cats are resilient and can survive for weeks in trees
- Birds can cause problems for cats in trees

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### Do cats die in trees?

- Cat Skeletons
- Good advice vs. bad advice
- Other resources (arborists)

Anything is possible with cats in trees

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### When we can't help...

- Cats on power poles
- Cats stuck in infrastructure
- Cats in HVAC

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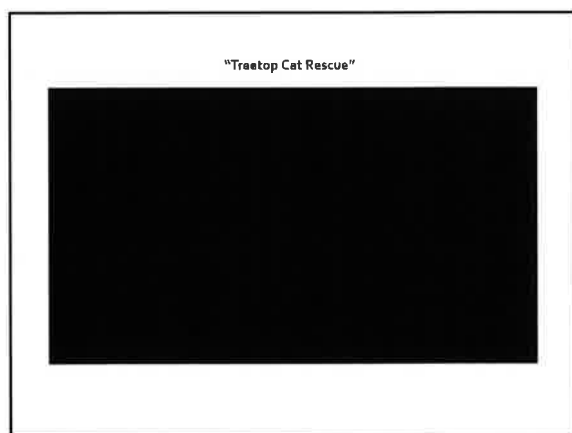
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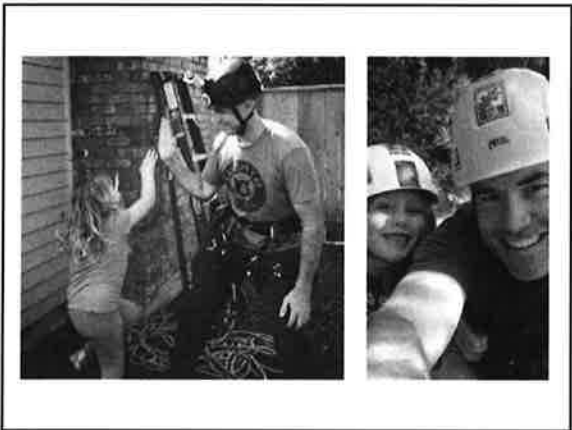
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 **Other animals rescued...**

- Exotic birds
- Owls
- Eagles
- Iguana
- Sugar glider
- Duck

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***Thank You!***



***Questions?***

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