

The Cat That Fought Death and Won

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So you think you're having a bad day? Think again. It started off like any other day for Bart, a one year-old cat from Tampa, Florida. Then, as reported by the [Portland Press](#), he was struck by a car, presumed dead by his guardians, and buried alive. But Bart made use of every one of his nine lives. Five days after being buried alive, on January 21, a neighbor found him. Despite head trauma, a damaged [eye](#), and a broken jaw, Bart somehow managed to dig himself out of his grave and walk to his neighbor's yard.

It sounds like a tale by Edgar Allen Poe, but this is no fairy tale. Fortunately for Bart, his story will probably have a happy ending. Despite his facial injuries, Bart did not suffer any internal injuries. He underwent [surgery](#) at the [Humane Society of Tampa Bay](#) January 28th to wire his jaw and remove his damaged eye and he is expected to make a complete recovery.

Although extreme, Bart's story is a cautionary tale of why cats should be kept indoors. Experts agree indoor-only cats outlive their outdoor counterparts. Besides cars, outdoor cats are threatened by coyotes, dogs, becoming lost, deadly viruses such as [feline immunodeficiency virus \(FIV\)](#), [feline leukemia virus \(FeLV\)](#), [feline infectious peritonitis \(FIP\)](#), and, on rare occasions, [rabies](#). In addition they are at risk of getting poisoned, or getting an abscess from a catfight. Help your cat live out all nine lives. Keep your cat indoors and protected from these deadly hazards. [Click here to learn more about the benefits of an indoor cat.](#)

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