

## The CatChannel Newswire

**Top stories: Cat saved from wall near pet store; caring for cats while on a budget; and other news.**

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### Cat Saved From Wall Near Pet Store

A cat stuck in a small space in a wall near PetSmart in San Luis Obispo, Calif., was rescued Tuesday. It could be heard meowing from inside the crevice for days. After excavation efforts halted for the night, which included "three hours of intense demolition" to remove concrete from a wall with a jack hammer, a PetSmart employee removed the cat Tuesday night, according to police, the San Luis Obispo Tribune reports.

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### Pet Care on a Budget

Saving money is top of mind for all right now, but when it comes to our our furry family members, providing care on a budget shouldn't mean compromising their health. Unfortunately, the tendency during tough economic times is to hold off on routine care and play the "wait-and-see" game with a sick animal. But this approach can put your pet's health at risk and end up taking you to the cleaners financially. Benjamin Franklin once said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." And this sentiment applies to pets as much as to people, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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### Extend Spirit of Giving to Animal Shelters

It's the holiday season, and people are in a generous mood. But with money short, we can't always do as much as we'd like. But shelters say there are more ways to help than just donating money, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports.

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