

## Cat up a Tree?

Are you concerned about a cat stuck up a tree? The Oregon Humane Society's Technical Animal Rescue team routinely receives calls to aid cats stuck in trees. Cats often come down from the tree by themselves, but sometimes may climb too high and find themselves in a precarious situation.



If you are concerned about a cat stuck up a tree, you should first attempt to find the owner of the cat, as the cat may respond best to its owner. Do not try to rescue the cat yourself, as scared cats will bite and scratch.

### **Instead, follow these steps to encourage a cat to come down:**

- Call to the cat
- Shake dry cat food into a bowl
- Leave an open can of wet cat food near the tree
- Lean a ladder against the tree at a safe angle; some cats may use the ladder to aid in coming down
- Be sure to keep dogs away from the area near the tree

### **When is it time to call for help?**

- If the cat has an urgent medical condition requiring immediate treatment
- If the cat has been up in the tree more than 4 days
- If the cat has become too weak to climb down on his own

### **Who do you call for help?**

Ashland, Oregon:  
The Village Arborist, August Schilling  
Phone: (541) 292-0767  
Email: [augdino@opendoor.com](mailto:augdino@opendoor.com)

Albany and Corvallis, Oregon:  
Jason Lovejoy, Estimate: \$75  
Phone: cell 541-913-7592 hm 541-368-7216  
Email: [ljbuddha@comcast.net](mailto:ljbuddha@comcast.net)

Beaverton, Oregon :  
Oregon Raptor Project, Bill  
Phone: 503-356-0304  
Email: [groupb@gmail.com](mailto:groupb@gmail.com)

Bend, Oregon:

Arbor1 Tree Service LLC, Mike Donahue/ Chris Vaughan

Phone: Mike (541) 480-4223 Chris (541) 977-7494

Email: [info@arbor1.com](mailto:info@arbor1.com) Estimate: \$100

Eugene, Oregon:

Pacific Tree Climbing Institute, Rob Miron

Phone: 1-866-Old Tree (653-8733) Cell 541-337-5386

Email: [info@pacifictreeclimbing.com](mailto:info@pacifictreeclimbing.com)

<http://www.pacifictreeclimbing.com>

Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Portland:

Forestry Works Tree Service, David Hunter

Phone: (503) 319-0380 Fee: \$85/hr

Email: [ddhunterarborist@aol.com](mailto:ddhunterarborist@aol.com)

Hillsboro, OR:

Ryan Cafferky

Phone: (503) 819-1633

Email: [ovetoclimb@hotmail.com](mailto:ovetoclimb@hotmail.com)

Hillsboro to Corbett and Wilsonville to Woodland, WA:

Arborscape Ltd., Inc.

John Buttrell

Phone: 360-944-5124 cell 503-572-6065

Email: [arborscape@juno.com](mailto:arborscape@juno.com)

Estimate: \$50-\$100

Hillsboro to Clackamas to Oregon City:

Overlook Tree Preservation

Kevin MacKenzie

Phone: 503-704-8024

Email: [Kevin@overlooktree.com](mailto:Kevin@overlooktree.com)

Webpage: <http://www.overlooktree.com>

Estimate: \$80-\$150

Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill and Clackamas County:

Critter Gitter

Larry McClintock

Phone: 503-253-5584 (leave message with return number)

Email: [lwmclintock@comcast.net](mailto:lwmclintock@comcast.net)

Estimate: \$75

Portland (within 20 miles of Mt. Tabor):  
John O'Shea Consulting Arborist  
Phone: 503-408-9308 cell 503-860-3055  
Email: [banjoist@qwest.net](mailto:banjoist@qwest.net)  
Webpage: <http://www.im4trees.com>  
Estimate: \$75

Portland Metro Area:  
OHS Technical Animal Rescue Team (503) 802-6707

**Information to provide when calling:**

Address and specific location of the tree  
Can you see the cat or are there branches blocking direct view?  
Are there dogs in the yard?  
How many days do you know the cat has been up the tree?  
Are you the owner?  
Are there power lines going through the tree?  
Is the tree on your property?  
How high up is the cat?  
What kind of tree is it?  
Is the tree climbable?  
How high is the lowest branch?  
Can a ladder reach the lowest branch?

**What OHSTAR may do:**

- Provide you with other resources to contact
- Determine the safety of the rescue from the information you provide
- Send a scout to the scene to assess the rescue potential
- Inform you of what action the team may be able to take