

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:

- Monitor the cat's condition and keep track of the number of days the cat is in the tree
- Keep dogs away from the area surrounding the tree
- Encourage the cat to come down by
 - Calling to the cat
 - Shaking dry cat food in a bowl
 - Leaving an open can of tempting wet cat food near the tree
- Leaning a ladder against the tree at a safe angle; some cats may use the ladder to aid in coming down

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 to call:

Ashland, Oregon:

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

Albany and Corvallis, Oregon:

Jason Lovejoy
Phone: cell (541) 913-7592; hm (541) 368-7216
Estimate: \$75
Email: ljbuddha@comcast.net

Bend, Oregon:

Arbor1 Tree Service LLC, Mike Donahue/ Chris Vaughan
Phone: Mike (541) 480-4223; Chris (541) 977-7494
Estimate: \$100
Email: info@arbor1.com

Eugene, Oregon:

Pacific Tree Climbing Institute, Rob Miron
Phone: 1-866-Old Tree (653-8733); cell (541) 337-5386
Email: info@pacifictreeclimbing.com
Web: www.pacifictreeclimbing.com

Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Portland:

Forestry Works Tree Service, David Hunter
Phone: (503) 319-0380
Fee: \$85/hr
Email: ddhunterarborist@aol.com

Hillsboro, Oregon:

Ryan Cafferky
Phone: (503) 819-1633
Email: lovetoclimb@hotmail.com

Hillsboro to Corbett and Wilsonville to Woodland, Washington:

Arborscape Ltd., Inc., John Buttrell
Phone: (360) 944-5124; cell (503) 572-6065
Estimate: \$50-\$100
Email: arborscape@juno.com

Hillsboro to Clackamas to Oregon City:

Overlook Tree Preservation, Kevin MacKenzie
Phone: (503) 704-8024
Estimate: \$80-\$150
Email: Kevin@overlooktree.com
Web: www.overlooktree.com

Lake Oswego and Gladstone, Oregon:

Urban Wildlife Removal, Steven Richards
Phone: (503) 888-6457
Estimate: \$80-\$100
Email: urbanwildliferemoval@yahoo.com

Lake Oswego, Oregon:

Bob Stewart
Phone: (503) 636-3743; cell (503) 803-6809
Email: rbstewart@gmail.com

Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill and Clackamas County, Oregon:

Critter Gitter, Larry McClintock
Phone: (503) 253-5584 (leave message with return number)
Estimate: \$75
Email: lwmclintock@comcast.net

Portland (within 20 miles of Mt. Tabor), Oregon:

John O'Shea Consulting Arborist
Phone: (503) 408-9308; cell (503) 860-3055
Estimate: \$75
Email: banjoist@qwest.net
Web: www.im4trees.com

Portland Metro Area (including Clark County, Washington):

OHS Technical Animal Rescue Team
Phone: (503) 802-6707 (leave message with return number)

Portland TreeScapes, Sean Kahrhoff
Phone: (503) 804-5945

Rogue Valley (Ashland, Goldhill, Eagle Point, Jacksonville), Oregon:

Southern Oregon Tree Company, Willie Gingg
Phone: (541) 772-0404
Estimate: \$50 - \$100
Email: willie@sotreecare.com

Rogue Valley, Oregon:

Hooper Springs Tree Service, Matt Ison
Phone: (541) 488-1282
Email: hoopersprings@jeffnet.org

Salem, Oregon:

Elwood Tree Service Company, Elwood Newhouse
Phone: (503) 390-2838
Email: freei@lproaxis.com

Salem, Oregon:

Top Notch Timber, Inc, Tony Feasel
Phone: cell (503) 510-7475; hm (503) 585-1510
Email: topnotchtimber@comcast.net

Waldport, Oregon:

Craig Murk

Phone: (541) 563-2150

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

Check out this web page for information on how to keep your cat from climbing that tree once he/she is brought down: <http://catadoptionteam.org/programs-resources/websites-with-answers/>.

The resources listed here are for your reference. You will want to check with several arborists to get the best price for the service. Please note that the Oregon Humane Society is unable to provide funding for any arborist services to remove your cat from a tree. Often times, friends and neighbors will pool together to pay to have a cat safely removed from a tree.