

# 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. An arborist should be your first call to help get your cat out of a tree.

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 (they are in alpha order by City/Area):**

In the Portland area, Arborscape Ltd., Inc., John Buttrell, Phone: (360) 944-5124; cell (503) 572-6065, would like to be your first 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@pacifictreeclimbing.com)  
Web: [www.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, Oregon:**

Ryan Cafferky  
Phone: (503) 819-1633  
Email: [lovetoclimb@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Kevin@overlooktree.com)  
Web: [www.overlooktree.com](http://www.overlooktree.com)

**Lake Oswego and Gladstone, Oregon:**

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

**Lake Oswego, Oregon:**

Bob Stewert

Phone: (503) 636-3743; cell (503) 803-6809

Email: [rbstewart@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:banjoist@qwest.net)

Web: [www.im4trees.com](http://www.im4trees.com)

**Portland Metro Area (including Clark County, Washington):**

Arborscape Ltd., Inc., John Buttrell

Phone: (360) 944-5124; cell (503) 572-6065

Estimate: \$50-\$100

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

Portland TreeScapes, Sean Kahrhoff

Phone: (503) 804-5945

OHS Technical Animal Rescue Team

Phone: (503) 849-5655 (leave message with return number)

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

Southern Oregon Tree Company, Willie Gingg

Phone: (541) 772-0404

Estimate: \$50 - \$100

Email: [willie@sotrecare.com](mailto:willie@sotrecare.com)

**Rogue Valley, Oregon:**

Hooper Springs Tree Service, Matt Ison

Phone: (541) 488-1282

Email: [hoopersprings@jeffnet.org](mailto:hoopersprings@jeffnet.org)

**Salem, Oregon:**

Elwood Tree Service Company, Elwood Newhouse

Phone: (503) 390-2838

Email: [freei@lproaxis.com](mailto:freei@lproaxis.com)

**Salem, Oregon:**

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