

Cat rescued after five days stuck under Oregon bridge

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CARVER, Ore. - Forty feet up, above the swift waters of the Clackamas River, the meows captured a community's attention.

Maybe she was chasing a bird or maybe she just got spooked, but for whatever reason, a cat had climbed onto a beam under the Carver Bridge. For five days, she was stuck.

So Ulli Neitch answered the call.

With the help of fellow volunteers from the Oregon Humane Society Technical Animal Rescue, Neitch rappelled off the side of the bridge and onto a piling below.

Neighbors watched in amazement.



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The little cat could be heard crying.

"She's about 35 feet in and she's sitting there meowing at me," said Neitch.

For 20 minutes, Neitch called the cat and tempted it with food. All the while unsure what would happen if the cat actually came.

"She might run back underneath where we can't get her and worst case scenario she gets frightened and she actually topples off," said Neitch.

Finally, hunger gave in. After carefully securing the animal it was time to come down.

You read it at CatOddities.com

After five days with no food and no water, the cat was out of the bag and happy to eat.

"We have a responsibility as people who take care of animals in distress and were happy to come out and volunteer our time to do that," said Neitch.

Now, a little scared, and a lot dirty, this lucky feline is headed to the Oregon Humane Society.

The hope is to find a good home, far away from any bridges.