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Photo by Dan Ferguson, *Peace Arch News*
Plumber David Radey with Timbit.

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Plumber rescues cat

Level 2

David Radey is sleeping at home in Pitt Meadows. His phone rings. It is 5:30 a.m. His boss tells him about a problem.

Radey jumps in the company van. Then he drives to White Rock.

An emergency

Suzanne Burke is waiting at her home. She is very tired.

She called many places to ask for help. Everyone said no.

Then she called *Milani Plumbing*. They sent Radey to help.

A plumbing problem

Timbit, a small kitten, is stuck in a pipe. The pipe is under Burke's floor.

The kitten is only three months old. And she weighs only 1 kg.

Burke is cat-sitting for her father.

Kittens are **curious**. Somehow Timbit opened a **vent** cover. Then she fell inside.

The little cat is so scared.

Burke hears the cat's cries.

But Burke cannot reach her father's cat. She can do nothing to help Timbit.

Radey has an idea

For seven hours Radey drills holes.

He cuts parts of the wall.

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Finally he uses his **sewer** camera to look for Timbit.
Radey uses this special camera to look inside sewer pipes.
The camera looks like a snake.
It can move inside any pipes to find a problem.
Suddenly, he sees Timbit's tiny face on the camera window.



Photo by Dan Ferguson, Peace Arch News
Suzanne Burke sees Timbit on the sewer video camera.

Getting Timbit out

Burke calls Timbit.
She calls her again and again.
The poor little animal moves a little closer.
But they cannot reach her.



Photo by Dan Ferguson, Peace Arch News
There she is! Timbit's face on the sewer camera.

Finally, Burke gets a tin of cat food.
Timbit smells the food.
The kitten comes closer and closer.
Radey grabs her.
The cat is not hurt, but she looks funny.
Dust and dirt cover her little face.

A happy ending

Sonny Burke, Timbit's owner, was so happy.
He said Radey is a man with a "good heart".
Radey doesn't feel like a hero.
He says he is "just an average Joe doing his job."
It is the first time he rescued a cat.
Radey says he might add "cat rescue" to his **resumé!**

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Vocabulary:

- **curious:** always wanting to know or learn things
- **vent:** an opening that lets air go out of, or into a small space.
- **sewer:** a pipe under the ground which carries waste water
- **resumé:** a short description of someone's education and experience

Learn new expressions:

People say:

- **"A cat has nine lives."**
They say this because cats seem to survive many adventures and accidents.
- **"Curiosity killed the cat."**
This old saying is telling someone not to check something if it is not necessary. Checking it might be dangerous.

More about the word **Timbit:**

"Timbit" is the name of donut holes sold at a business called *Tim Hortons*. The **treats** were introduced in April 1976. The "bit" in the word "Timbit" stands for *Big In Taste*. This was half of the **slogan** used in the 1976 advertising by Tim Hortons. The slogan was "Big In Taste, Small In Size". "Timbit" also makes us think about "tidbit". A tidbit is a very small piece of food.



Photo: Public Domain
Tim Hortons Timbit

Vocabulary:

- **treats:** something special to eat or to do
- **slogan:** a word or group of words used again and again by a business in its advertising.

Some famous advertising slogans:

<u>Slogan</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
Just do it.....	Nike
M'm! M'm! Good!.....	Campbell's Soup
The pause that refreshes.....	Coca-cola
You can do it. We can help.....	The Home Depot
Breakfast of Champions.....	Wheaties
A diamond is forever.....	DeBeers mining company
Finger-lickin' good.....	KFC, Kentucky Fried Chicken
Look Ma, no cavities!.....	Crest toothpaste
Good to the last drop!.....	Maxwell House coffee
Snap! Crackle! Pop!.....	Rice Crispies breakfast cereal