

# CatChat

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Update regarding COVID-19 and the changes Cat Haven is putting in place.

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Why is this so important to all cat owners.

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# Message from Roz Robinson

Cat Haven CEO

Hi Everyone,

"Welcome to the first Cat Chat of the new decade and a new world order or so it seems.

Firstly we had the dreadful bushfires throughout the country at the start of the year which saw so much destruction and carnage including that of our wild life and other animals.

This seems to have been eclipsed by COVID-19 which has put the world into lock down and again brought much sadness to many.

As this goes to print, we don't know from day to day how our lives will be changed even further and what lies ahead. For Cat Haven, we believe we need to remain open as an essential service providing hope for people and cats in these uncertain and difficult times.

We have been here for 60 years caring for the cats of Perth to give them a second chance of finding a loving home and for many of them, getting essential vet treatment and care. We are determined to continue to be here, no matter what the coming months hold, to be that safe haven for cats.

We have worked very hard to get the majority of our cats on site out into foster homes in case of any lock downs. The public response to become foster carers has been overwhelming and we know many of these beautiful cats will be adopted by their foster carers, which is a great outcome.

We have moved to an appointment system for adoptions to control the number of people on site to comply with government directives and again, the public response has been overwhelming. Maybe for the first time, people are embracing the companionship of a cat into their lives. Maybe because they are now working from home they now feel is the right time to invite one in. Or it could be due to feeling socially isolated, they need

companionship only a cat can give. Whatever the reasons, it just confirms the importance cats play in our general wellbeing.

We are now bracing for the flood of surrenders as more and more people are stood down or lose their jobs. We also expect a huge demand for our emergency boarding facilities as sadly, domestic violence is expected to rise.

We are doing this on reduced staffing levels and a loss of income due to the cancellation and postponement of major fundraising events including Quiz Night. We have been inundated with cancellations in our Boarding facilities, as people postpone or cancel holidays. Income from our Boarding helps run our shelter. But we will do whatever it takes to keep open.

These are very uncertain times, but one thing is sure, Cat Haven will be here for those cats who would otherwise be abandoned and left to fend for themselves on the streets. We will develop creative ways to get them rehomed if the public cannot get to our shelter. Our clinic will be here to treat cats whose owners simply can't afford to take their cat to a regular vet due to losing their jobs.

We have never ever said "no" to any cat, and despite everything we are currently facing, we will still live by our mantra of Every Cat Matters and will continue to be that open door shelter.

Kind Regards,



Roz Robinson - CEO



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**By donating to Cat Haven you are helping us care for over  
8,500 cats and kittens who come through our doors each year.**

# Update Regarding COVID-19

We would like to provide you all an update regarding COVID-19 and the changes we are putting into place to help keep our customers, staff and volunteers safe.

We have implemented a number policies and procedures to increase hygiene measures across all departments at Cat Haven. To book an appointment to view the cats available for adoption at the shelter please email your name, contact number and preferred date/time to [admin@cathaven.com.au](mailto:admin@cathaven.com.au) or by calling on **08 9442 3600**. You must have an appointment to view the cats at the shelter.

Please do not visit the shelter if you are unwell or are in mandatory isolation.

We would also like to remind everyone that the World Health Organisation have agreed that COVID-19 poses no threat to pets. If you are working from home, this is the perfect time to adopt or foster a feline friend in need and you will be helping to relieve the pressure from our shelter which has seen a growing number of surrenders recently.

## WAYS TO HELP CAT HAVEN

The circumstances we are facing can bring about a sense of hopelessness, but please know there are several ways you can help Cat Haven in these trying times!

**Become a regular donor - or make a once off donation** - We rely on the public to keep our doors open to over 8000 cats every year. Regular donations mean we can plan and budget

for the cats coming into our care and with the situation we are facing this could also lead to an increase in cats surrendered to Cat Haven in the future. Due to several of our fundraising events being cancelled in the coming months we need your help now more than ever! Click link here [www.cathaven.com.au/donation/](http://www.cathaven.com.au/donation/) to donate!

**Donate items to Cat Haven!** - We have a current list of items we are in urgent need of, if you can help with any of the following we will have a table set up outside our front door for any donations of the following to be left: Cat carriers in clean and good condition which are used to transport cats into foster homes, food, litter, towels and blankets, A4 copy paper.

**Adopt or a Foster a cat in need** - If you are spending more time at home, meow is the perfect time to adopt or foster a cat in need! This is the purrfect opportunity to introduce a new feline friend as you will be able to be with them and provide comfort and reassurance while they get used to their new home. To make an appointment to view the cats currently at the shelter who are waiting for homes. Please ring **9442 3600** or email [admin@cathaven.com.au](mailto:admin@cathaven.com.au). To view the cats currently in foster care please head to our website [www.cathaven.com.au/adopt/](http://www.cathaven.com.au/adopt/) or if you are interested in fostering a cat in need please head to the Foster section on our website. [www.cathaven.com.au/support/foster/](http://www.cathaven.com.au/support/foster/)

Say hello to Bill, Brettie and Gilligan and others like them all waiting for homes at [www.cathaven.com.au/adopt/](http://www.cathaven.com.au/adopt/)



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## Meet Board Member Robin

**Robin Orton** - Secretary

Rory, or Aurora who, along with her sister and two older brothers, provide plenty of reasons to smile everyday...as well as copious amounts of fluff.

Rescue cats have the greatest personalities and are more than just a pet - they are a family member. I joined the Cat Haven Board not just to indulge my crazy cat lady side, but to give back to the organisation that has for over three decades provided bundles of joy and love into my life. I strongly believe in the mission that Every Cat Matters and look forward to positively contributing to the future of Cat Haven to ensure that it continues to be Perth's premier animal welfare organisation and a model to other shelters. I look forward to working on the exciting future building plans and sharing that with the members in due course.



# What is FIV?

If you are a frequent visitor to our Facebook or Instagram page you will see many cats posted for adoption have something called FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus). This is a virus generally affecting male cats who have been exposed to living on the street for a prolonged period of time. Many years ago the outcome for FIV positive (FIV+) wasn't always a positive one, but with more information coming to light in recent years Cat Haven are rehoming more FIV+ cats than ever before.

## Which cats are likely to be infected with FIV?

FIV is transmitted primarily through bite wounds that occur in cat fights. Other interactions, such as sharing common food and water bowls or grooming, have not been shown to be significant in transmission.

## What are the clinical signs?

An infected cat will generally go through a prolonged period of viral dormancy before he/she becomes ill. This incubation period may last many years.

When illness occurs, the cat may experience a variety of problems. The most common illness is an infection affecting the gums around the teeth. Abscesses from fight wounds, which would normally heal within a week or two may remain active for several months. Respiratory infections may linger for weeks. The cat may lose weight or go through periods of not eating well and the hair coat may become unkempt. The cat may also have episodes of treatment-resistant diarrhoea. Widespread organ failure can occur, however, for most adult cats that are infected with FIV the consequences of infection simply mean they are a little more likely to become ill and when they do it is a little harder to treat them, and treatment may take longer. If you are at all concerned that your cat may be starting to show signs of illness then prompt veterinary attention is required. The sooner treatment is started the quicker, and better, the outcome.

## How is FIV diagnosed?

Evidence of exposure to FIV can be detected by a simple blood test. A positive test means the cat has been infected with the virus and will likely remain infected for the remainder of his/her life. A negative test may mean that the cat has not been exposed; however, false negatives do occur.

## Is treatment possible?

While there is no cure for FIV, the disease state can sometimes be treated with antibiotics or other drugs such as AZT to stimulate the immune system, restoring the cat to relatively good health. However, the virus may become active at a later date.

Adult cats that test FIV+ but are not ill, DO NOT require immediate euthanasia. As long as your cat does not fight with other household cats or those of your neighbour, transmission is not likely to occur. However, if the cat is prone to fight or if another cat often instigates fights with him/her, transmission is likely. In fairness to your neighbours, it is generally recommended to restrict an FIV+ cat to the house.

**FIV does not infect humans and it cannot be transmitted to your other household pets – only other cats.**



### Can this virus be transmitted to me, my family or other pets?

The feline immunodeficiency virus is cat-specific. It does not infect humans and it cannot be transmitted to your other household pets – only other cats. FIV+ cats adopted from Cat Haven can now be rehomed with other cats – provided you sign a waiver acknowledging the small risk of infection and that you introduce the cats to each other very slowly.

## CAT HAVEN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIV+ CATS:

**Confine your cat to prevent spread of infection.**

**Avoid raw meat and dairy products (to decrease parasite and pathogen exposure).**

**Provide regular deworming, flea control and heartworm prevention. Revolution® is ideal.**

**You will need to inform your vet of your cat's FIV+ status and ensure:**

- Annual health check, complete blood count and biochemistry and urinalysis.
- Regular vaccination (discuss with your vet the relative pros and cons of live versus inactivated vaccines).
- Immunosuppressant drugs such as corticosteroids are avoided unless there is no alternative.

### FIV and the internet

Be cautious about what you read on the internet. There is a lot of information on the web which can be confusing, contradictory and sometimes just wrong. Some medications may not be available in Australia. Our friendly staff can answer any further questions you may have about adopting an FIV+ cat into the home.



## Meet Broc our FIV+ Office Cat

Broc our beautiful office cat is also FIV+ and has spent a number of years on the streets. Due to numerous untreated ear infections Broc has developed very sore and itchy ears which he will be going to see a veterinary specialist about. Broc is the smoochiest, sweetest cat and you would have no idea he had spent many years living out on the streets due to his friendly, sweet nature.

All donations made to Cat Haven help cats like Broc get the specialist veterinary treatment he needs. Once treated, he will be able to find his forever home.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to help cats like Broc you can do so via our website [www.cathaven.com.au](http://www.cathaven.com.au)





# Spey & Neuter!

**Article supplied by Dr Kayleigh from Perth Cat Hospital**

You will hear Cat Haven and many vets speak passionately about these procedures. Why is this so important to all of us? Let me talk about why vets and rescues are so obsessed and what these procedures are. Hopefully this helps to clarify some questions or concerns you may have around this topic.



**Firstly, unwanted kittens.** Each year the cat haven and local vet clinics are inundated with kittens that people did not expect. Did you know your cat can have kittens as young as 6-8 months old?! Yes, even your “kitten” can get pregnant very early in her life. Those boy kittens are more than able to get up to mischief at the young age of 6 months as well. While they will not have to pay “kitten support” they are a big part of why young females end up with unwanted kittens. (It takes two to tango!)

On-heat behaviours are very common complaints of both cat owners and their neighbours. Both male and female cats will wander great distances to find mates, often climbing fences and visiting homes with other cats. In this process they put themselves at great danger and bother many indoor cats by approaching windows or using cat flaps that are not theirs. Their wandering increases the risk of motor vehicle accidents, dog attacks, cat fights and getting lost. While those cats are out looking for mates they also spray, marking their territory and leaving messages for other cats to read. Spraying or urinating on vertical surfaces often includes neighbours doors, fences and sometimes even windows if accessible. This urine is often odorous and a difficult smell to remove outdoors. Once a cat has urinated on a surface, often other cats will visit to mark and spray the same location.

Male cats tend to be a bit more aggressive and prone to fighting when on heat. This increased fighting can result in the transmission of many infectious diseases. FIV and Feline Leukaemia Virus can both be spread through fighting and mating. Fight wounds can result in unexpected vet visits and bills as well as infections.

Female cats also behave differently on heat and will announce their “available status” by calling. These meows are often loud, almost a howling sound and will be exhibited throughout heat for female cats. This is often worse at night and day break when cats are more active. The hardest part for female cat owners is that a cat’s heat may last months, especially if they go without being mated.

The third reason that vets and rescues often discuss spay and neuter is the risk of infection. Female cats can get an infection in their uterus called a pyometra. This infection is often serious and life threatening, and requires emergency surgery. Left untreated this infection is deadly and can be a cause of death for animals who are unowned all over the world. Unexpected illness and bills are a frequent cause of animal surrender and in some cases euthanasia.

Lastly, the big “C” or cancer. Both male and female cats can suffer from cancer in their reproductive tracts. Testicular, uterine and ovarian are the most common types of reproductive cancer and all of these organs are removed

in the spay and neuter processes thereby reducing the frequency and impact of these cancers in Australia. Female cats can also develop mammary (or breast) cancer. While spaying does not remove the mammary glands, it greatly reduces their risk of cancer due to reduced hormonal influence.

So what is a spay or neuter? These procedures are also referred to as desexing or sterilising. The procedure aims to stop cats from being able to reproduce. We usually recommended cats have the procedure between the age of 3 to 6 months. Unless you are a registered breeder, Western Australian cat laws require you to sterilise your kitten by the time they turn 6 months of age. Female cats are spayed and male cats are neutered (also called castrated). These are day procedures performed at many veterinary hospitals.

## Spey

For female cats, the procedure is more complex with intra-abdominal surgery required to remove both ovaries and uterus. The abdomen is closed with sutures. The procedure involves a full anaesthetic and surgery in a sterile theatre. Recovery is usually quite rapid, however cats must be rested for a period of 10-14 days. Desexing your girl means she will no longer come on heat (also known as being “in season”) and is unable to have unwanted kittens. The risk of uterine infection or uterine cancer is also eliminated. In addition, the risk of mammary cancer is much reduced.

## Neuter (Castration)

For male cats, the procedure is simpler. An incision is made over each scrotum and each testicle is removed, with vessels and spermatic cord ligated. The incisions are either left open to heal or closed with tissue glue. Recovery is usually very rapid, and boys should be rested ideally for a period of 1-2 weeks post-surgery. Castrating your boy means he will not be able to father unwanted kittens, is less likely to go wandering in search for a girl and go missing or become injured in the process. He is less likely to fight with other cats and receive cat bite abscesses, and will be less likely to spray urine to mark his territory. The risk of testicular cancer is virtually eliminated.

**If you would like to book your cat with us for a consultation or procedure, you can telephone us directly on (08) 6489 2222, or you can use our online booking system. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact us as we are happy to discuss any concerns you may have about your cat at any time.**

**Dr. Kayleigh Lange BVMS  
Veterinarian**



# Sponsor a Spey Program



Our cats are involved in our everyday lives and part of our families. At Cat Haven we believe everyone deserves to experience the love of a cat. A cat can provide companionship, reduce stress and anxiety levels, ease loneliness and help increase social activities.

Many loving pet owners struggle with a lack of financial resources and access to basic pet care and sterilisation and/or microchip services.

**You can pay it forward to help people access these essential services.**

By donating to this program you will not only help keep cats safe and well but will also be supporting members of our community who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Please head to our website and see the store section for more information or click link below!

[www.cathaven.com.au/store/sponsor-a-spey/](http://www.cathaven.com.au/store/sponsor-a-spey/)

## A reminder about lily toxicity and cats

A reminder that lilies are extremely toxic to cats. It is best to avoid lilies all together and when ordering flowers request that no lilies are included. If you have cats and have been lucky enough to receive some flowers or have purchased a bunch recently make sure to do a check and remove and discard any lilies and thoroughly wipe down any surfaces they were kept near.





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opinion

## One of our Foster Carers, Taylor recently “foster failed” two kittens she took into her care when they were newborns. She explains how they won her over and why she ended up adopting them!

“ I had recently registered to become a foster carer for neonates and got called / emailed a couple of times but missed out each time. Then I got a call on November the 3rd while I was at work that some neonates had just been dropped off and needed to be picked up ASAP as they required feeding. As soon as I finished work about 30 minutes later I rushed off to Cat Haven not long before they closed and got given 4 out of 6 that were in the litter. (I put down 4 as my max to care for).



They were all tiny weighing in at 80-90grams. I was told they were just found in an industrial area all by themselves and they were freezing cold. The staff had warmed them up before I got there and I was ready to take them home. They were fed every 2 hours 24/7 although they would wake around 1.5 hours. The first night I had them was difficult getting only about 2 hours sleep as one of them wasn't looking well and soon passed by morning. I was awake worried about them and they were restless. A few days went on and they got stronger, especially the tabby (who is Lily) was a screamer! Unfortunately not long later again another of the kittens passed. They had it tough from the beginning potentially missing out on the Mum cat's colostrum and being exposed to the weather. But these two girls Lily and Liza fought on. I grew such a bond with them and it was amazing getting to watch them grow and develop. They quickly learned that I was mum and it was an absolute pleasure getting to care for them and the love they give back makes the 2 hour feeds worth it. These girls were a bit difficult and struggled to put on the weight so I had to keep up with the bottle feeding. I went away for a while and another lovely foster carer cared for them and I was updated all the time. When I got back and I picked them up and saw there little faces and they ran up to me I knew I had to keep them! ”

We are always looking for foster carers to be on our list to call to take sick cats, young kittens and cats who need a little love before they can be adopted. You can also foster an older cat that just needs a break from the shelter if it has been here too long. To find out more visit our website or contact [fostercare@cathaven.com.au](mailto:fostercare@cathaven.com.au)





## Cat Custodian Service

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**All we ask is that you organise to leave a bequest to Cat Haven in your Will to help with the cost of keeping and rehoming your cat. Please see the Bequests section on our website for all the information and forms you need to organise this and put your mind at rest.**

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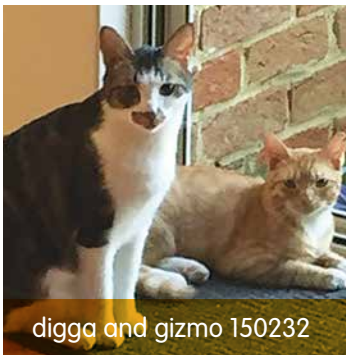
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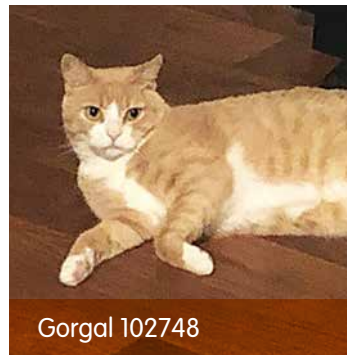
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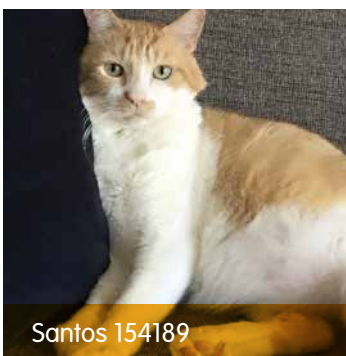
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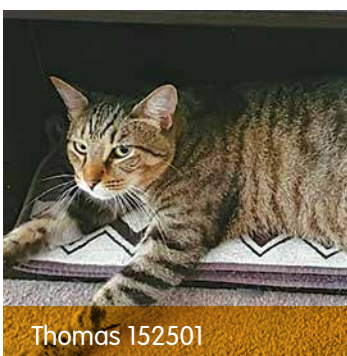
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# Community

## Kadie's New Home



Thanks to the kind donations from cat lovers throughout Christmas and the New Year, our Christmas appeal cat Kadie was able to find a forever home after the vets gave her the all clear after recovering from a broken leg! We reached out to her new family and they had this to say about how Kadie, now known as Lola is settling into their home.

"Kadie (now Lola) is the sweetest little thing. She has settled in so well... maybe a little too well and thinks she owns the place. She absolutely loves getting loads of attention and love and NEVER stops purring... even while play fighting (she's a little bit special) At night she becomes this little ball of energy and loves sprinting around the house and of course loves climbing up her massive scratching post, I swear she almost flies up that thing. If I hadn't of been told she had suffered from a broken leg I would have never known, she's definitely one happy and healthy cat. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to help her get the surgery she needed. She fits in perfectly with our family. She's definitely one of a kind and we love her very much"

**It is only because of generous donations we are able to help cats like Kadie and so many others that need urgent medical care, surgery or ongoing medication every year.**



## 15 year old cat finds his family after being missing for 7 weeks!

We recently had the pleasure of reuniting a 15 year old tabby cat named Harry with his family who had been searching for him for seven weeks! Harry had accidentally gotten out one day and was found and taken to a local pound by a Good Samaritan. After his mandatory hold period, Harry was transferred to Cat Haven for rehoming. Being an older cat we found Harry to have some ongoing medical issues typical of a cat his age, so it was a few weeks before he was able to be moved into the adoption area. Once he had the all clear to find a forever home, we posted him to our Facebook page where his owner spotted him straight away! She rang us to confirm it was her Harry and immediately came down to Cat Haven. We captured this beautiful reunion on video if you would like to watch please click this link [www.facebook.com/CatHavenWA/videos/179623253290539/](https://www.facebook.com/CatHavenWA/videos/179623253290539/)

We are so happy Harry has found his way home. We can only take in, care for, adopt and reunite over 8000 cats each year with the generosity of the public. To make a tax deductible donation please head to our website and click the pink donate button.

[www.cathaven.com.au](http://www.cathaven.com.au)



## Students at Shenton College make Cat Toys for the cats in our care!

We recently had the pleasure of visiting the students in the Middle School STEM club at Shenton College, who had made incredible interactive toys for the cats in our care! The kittens we brought along to test the toys had a blast and the students were thrilled to see their toys in action.

## Our Emergency Boarding Facility helps people and their cats in need

We recently helped out the lovely Richelle who needed to access our Emergency Boarding Facility for her cat Socksie. Here is a letter she wrote to us to say how thankful she was.



**"To Whom It May Concern,**

**My name is Richelle and my cats name is Socksie. Socksie has been in the Emergency Boarding Facility recently and if it wasn't for them I would not know what I would have done because I had to go to rehab to concentrate on myself. If it wasn't for all the people at Cat Haven I would have been so stressed out, that my cat wasn't getting looked after or if he was safe but him being there meant I knew he was getting lots of cuddles, food and attention so I am very grateful to all the girls who have been looking after him when I wasn't able to.**



**Yours Truly, Richelle"**

We are so pleased we were able to help Richelle and Socksie in their time of need and our Emergency Boarding Facility is a much needed community service which can only operate with generous donations from the public.

We always need the following items for the cats in this area to make their temporary home as comfortable and stress free as possible - paper litter, cuddly blankets and toys. We are also very grateful for monetary donations of any kind and you can donate via our website [www.cathaven.com.au](http://www.cathaven.com.au)

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# Fundraising and Events

## Fundraising with Facebook

Do you have an upcoming birthday, special occasion or simply just want to help homeless cats in our care? We are excited to be registered with Facebook Fundraising! This is a super easy way to raise vital funds for the cats in our care. Creating a fundraiser is easy....simply click the home button on your Facebook account and look to the left hand side and then click on the Fundraisers icon. Next click select Non Profit and search for (this part is important as this is our registered charity name) Cat Welfare Society Inc. Then select your goal and share your fundraiser with family and friends!



## Past Events

### Meowlentines Day Market



Our Meowlentines Twilight Market and Adoption evening in February was a fantastic event with over 43 cats finding forever homes! It was a lovely evening with lots of stalls to browse, yummy Greek food and waffles, lots of beautiful kittens to meet and cuddle and Channel 9 news even broadcast the weather report live from inside our kitten kissing booth! We also had a visit from our Local Federal member for Parliament Celia Hammond. **We really appreciate the support of everyone who attended the event to help support the cats in our care.**

### Louis Vuitton Bag Raffle



Thank you so much to everyone who entered our Louis Vuitton Bag raffle. Congrats to Danika H from South Perth who was the lucky winner of the Louis Vuitton Bag Raffle. Thank you also to our generous supporter who donated the brand new limited edition bag and we were excited to announce over \$16,000 was raised for the cats in our care.

### Kitten Yoga

Thank you so much to Shift Fitness in Malaga for hosting Kitten Purrlates and to The Northside Hub and Warehouse Fitness South Fremantle for hosting kitten yoga sessions in the last few months! Kitten Yoga is such an interactive, fun easy way for us to raise funds for the cats in our care and **we really appreciate your support!**



# Cat Haven Needs More Corporate Cat Condo Sponsorships



## Corporate Condo Sponsorship Application Form

I / We (print name/s) \_\_\_\_\_

Wish to donate towards a Cat Haven Cat Condo for the period of 1 year:

**Corporate Sponsorship**

At the cost of \$795 per year

\*\* The above price is tax deductible \*\*

I/We understand that a plaque will be attached to an available condo with wording chosen by me/us.

Wording for the plaque (100 characters max.) includes logo option, name and message;

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**Method of Payment** (please tick)

Cheque  Mastercard  Visa

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please debit my credit card for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your form to: Cat Haven, 23 Lemnos Street,  
Shenton Park WA 6008

Please sponsor a Cat Haven cat condo and your sponsorship will go directly towards the health and wellbeing of all the cats that live temporarily in that condo.

### Corporate Sponsorship \$795 per year

Includes:

- A silver plaque displayed on a cat condo with your company name and logo engraved on it;
- Your logo displayed in the sponsors' section of our website;
- Use of our specially designed 'Cat Haven Proud Sponsors' logo on your website, emails and marketing material;
- Special mention and printing of your logo in our Cat Chat magazine;
- The opportunity for up to 12 of your staff to become personally involved via a corporate volunteer day;
- A certificate of appreciation; and
- Knowledge that your sponsorship is supporting and saving the lives of all the cats that live in that condo during the year, whether it's just a short stay or a longer time at the shelter.

To sponsor a cat condo, please complete and return the sponsorship form or for more information, go to:

[www.cathaven.com.au/support/other-ways-to-support-cat-haven/sponsor-a-cat/](http://www.cathaven.com.au/support/other-ways-to-support-cat-haven/sponsor-a-cat/)



# Staff Focus

## Mikaela Kaskamo Andersson

Cat Welfare Officer and Foster Care Officer

**My role at Cat Haven is...**

Cat Welfare Officer and Foster Care Officer.

**Before Cat Haven I was working at...**

Different restaurants as a hostess.

**The most interesting thing I have learnt in my time at Cat Haven...**

You have one plan in the morning for the day and finish with a completely different outcome for the day than what you thought was the plan. I'm glad to see so many people helping homeless cats in their own way with adoption, donation, volunteering etc.

**The thing I am most passionate about at cat Haven...**

Is giving the best possible care for all the beautiful cats that comes through Cat Haven's door.

**The biggest influence in my life is....**

By no doubt my parents!

**My favourite meal to cook....**

Whatever my partner Chris cooks for me :)

**What's a work-related accomplishment that you're really proud of?**

On one of my very first days in foster office, me and my colleague found foster homes for more than 30 cats and kittens in one day.

**What was the last show you binge-watched?**

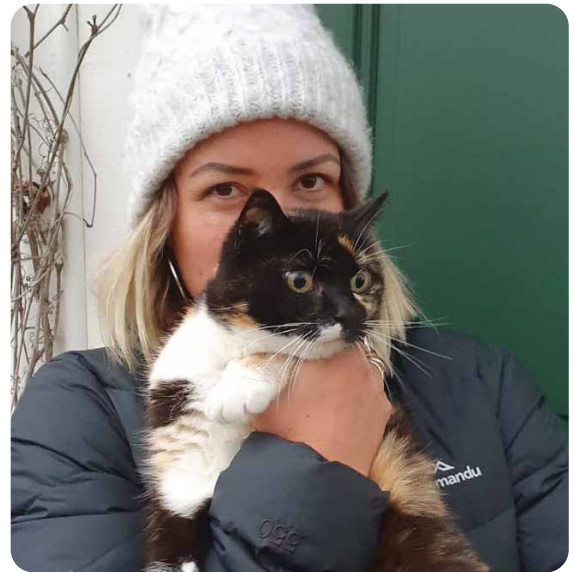
Peaky Blinders on Netflix.

**What's the biggest misconception people have about your position at Cat Haven?**

We do not just cuddle cute kittens!

**When you're not working, how do you like to spend your time?**

I'm an ocean lover and the beach is my happy place.



# Volunteer Focus

## Caelie Jones

Cat Haven Volunteer

**If I were to describe my current volunteer role at Cat Haven in one sentence...**

You'll catch me at the Cat Haven every Sunday helping out in the kennels, bowl or tray room and every so often, I'll run a kitten yoga session!

**I became a volunteer at Cat Haven because...**

I have three reasons! Firstly, I just love kitties! My love affair with cats started about 17 years ago when my family bought my cat, Smokey, from the Cat Haven. He still lives on and we love him to pieces! Secondly, I love what the Cat Haven do and what they stand for. And thirdly, I get a lot of fulfilment out of volunteering my time for causes I feel passionate about. All of these things motivated me to volunteer with the Cat Haven, and I haven't looked back since.

**The best part of my volunteer job is...**

I won't lie, I absolutely adore being able to give kitties a cuddle on a weekly basis, but I think it's safe to say that it's the fulfilment and warm fuzzies I feel after finishing a volunteering shift. I'm putting my time towards a great cause and I love knowing I'm helping, even in a small way.

**When I am not at Cat Haven I normally...**

You'll catch me at work from 8-5 during the week in a marketing and communications job! Aside from that, I'm often in the gym doing weights or boxing OR watching just about any sport or Australian Survivor on TV.

**My favourite holiday destination and why...**

Tough to decide... but I'll have to say Italy, specifically the Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera, in Italy's north west. I love the food, gelato and insanely gorgeous scenery!



**My signature dish...**

I make a mean batch of brownies! YUM!!

**My all-time favourite movie is...**

I love a good rom-com and my favourite has to be The Proposal... gosh, I love Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.

**One thing I want to do in my lifetime is...**

Live and work in another country! I've done exchange before and I've travelled to many countries, but there's no better way to get international experience and learn the ways of a different culture, than by living it, for real.

**Something no one knows about me is...**

Hardly anyone knows that I have double-jointed wrists, which can weird people out a little.

**My biggest lesson in life is...**

My favourite quote is 'dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today' by James Dean. Life is too short, you literally have no idea when it could all be over – so be courageous, take risks, chase that dream and live life to the max. You only live once, so make this life a good one.

### Corporate Volunteering

With the COVID-19 restrictions we have had to put this on hold – but we will resume it as soon as we can.



### Cat Condo Sponsors

**Corporate Sponsors**  
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Agata Was  
Diane Pattberg



**Thank you**



**Please Donate, Adopt, Foster, Bequeath, Volunteer.**



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