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Message from our CEO Roz Robinson

Hi everyone,

We are well into 2023, and it's a relief to feel life has got back to normal after 2 years of pandemic, although so many people are still grappling with issues such as the rental crisis and we are still seeing regular surrenders of much-loved family cats due to the owners not being able to get a property which will accept their pet. This is not a problem unique to Cat Haven with other shelters and rescue groups at capacity with both dogs and cats, and without an end in sight right now.

Back in 2021, the State Government made an election pledge of \$150,000 to assist us with a dedicated dental room (finished last year) and bereavement rooms, to allow owners surrendering their cats to say goodbye away from the hustle of our busy Reception area. Due to several factors, including a huge boom in the building industry, as well as the continued pandemic, we were unable to start this project.

We are delighted to say the renovations started on 9th March and thank everyone for their patience and continued support during the disruptions they have caused. We are hoping for completion in early May and believe it will make for a much better experience for staff, volunteers and customers alike.

We were very lucky to receive \$25,000 from the second round of Animal Welfare Grants to be used towards our Emergency Boarding Service, which is continually full with a wait list of cats to come in. There is something very rewarding when the owner comes to collect their much-loved cat- we love happy endings! These funds will help in the continued operation of this much needed service. We sincerely thank the State Government for providing both these funds and the grant for the bereavement room project.

We have been making some advancements with technology with the majority of our staff training now on-line, which means we can ensure all our staff are up to date with all aspects of their roles.

We hope you will continue to support us in 2023, by attending our fundraising events, becoming a regular donor, donating unwanted gifts for our fundraising events, forwarding this copy of Cat Chat to everyone in your mail list, and collecting containers for change to name but a few.



Here's to 2023.



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Message from The Chair - Rob Orton

As animal lovers and advocates, we are united in our mission to save cats from the perils of the streets and to improve the lives of them. It is with great passion and dedication that together we work towards this goal every day.

In the face of the many challenges that animals and our planet are facing, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and defeated. It is, however, important to remember that every small action we take, every voice we raise, and every change we make, can make a big difference in the lives of cats. I am humbled seeing the thankless dedication of every person who helps Cat Haven deliver its mission, be it our volunteers, staff, or those supporting us through adoptions, donations and purchases through our retail store.

Last year we saw over 7,000 incoming cats or an average of some 19 cats and kittens who every day we did not say no to. Pleasingly, nearly 6,000 founds homes with the remainder either in foster, awaiting medical clearance for adoption, or sadly put to sleep due to illness. We are proud to have maintained a zero-euthanasia rate for rehomeable cats. December alone saw over 700 cats and kittens come in through our doors.

This year will see the release of Adopets to streamline our adoptions, particularly from foster where the paperwork can be completed on the spot at the foster home. Did you know that nearly a quarter of the adopted cats last year were direct from foster homes? Fostering is such an important part of Cat Haven because it takes cats out of the stressful shelter environment and allows them to be themselves. We always need foster carers and if you can spare a room to help give these cats a chance, please head to our website and complete the form.

Two of Rob's cats
Aurora & Chance

Our annual quiz night will be in May this year but be quick to secure your tickets as last year sold out within hours. This is an evening of fun and laughter so get together a table and come along. There are so many easy ways to fundraise – personally, I have roped in my neighbours to give me their empty drink containers. Use our Scheme ID when depositing at a Containers for Change location.

This year will see us embark on two building projects. First is the reconfiguration and extension of the retail/admin area to create dedicated bereavement rooms — a private and dignified space for people to say goodbye to a loved one. There will also be an expanded retail area stocking even more goodies for your furry ones. Construction works are underway however please bear with us as there will be some temporary paths around the site. The second building works will see a new space adjacent the cottage for staff and volunteers. In addition to much needed office area, there will be an all-weather lunchroom and separate sick bay.

We are also looking at ways to expand the frequency of touch points with adopters as sometimes we may not see that person for several years between adoptions. This may include offering annual vet checks, vaccinations, procedures (dentals) and the expanded retail offerings.

I cannot say thank you enough for your dedication to Cat Haven. I urge you to remember the reasons why you support us and the impact your work is having. Let us continue to be a powerful force for positive change and to never give up on saving Western Australia's cats from the perils of the streets. Together, we can make the world a better place for them.

Purrgards, Robin Orton Chair, Board of Management

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Collect your cans for the kitties!



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Did you know you can save bottles and cans to raise funds for Cat Haven?









Help us cat! name a cat!



Scan here to help!

Cat Haven takes in over 7,000 cats a year, a large number of these cats are stray and don't have names. Do you have any good names you can give us? A \$2 donation gets your name put up on our board to pick for the incoming cats.



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RELEASE THEIR INNER HUNTER

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farewell to a wonderful dedicated volunteer

We want to introduce you to one of our most loved volunteers here at Cat Haven, Bev Cooper. Bev has been with us since 2010 when she started helping the cats with her siblings Seal and Luca and has been an absolute superstar around Cat Haven since then.

On the day of her induction she stayed back in 43 degree heat to help the staff clean litter trays, wash towels and food bowls for the cats that didn't have any. We knew she was going to be an integral part of our team from that day on. Since 2010 Bev has worked many a late nights with us manning the stalls at our Quiz Nights and Wet Nose Day's, always with a huge smile on her face.

She has also worked in adoptions, covering leave for staff on public holidays, one weekend she input 400 adoption papers! An amazing effort that is very much a two-person job. Bev has also fostered a huge number of cats and she has literally been a life saver and would never say no to taking more fosters.

We appreciate Bev so much and all the work she has done for Cat Haven over the last 13 years.





WHY CATS ARE BETTE THAN KITTIEN

Looking to get a companion for your older cat? Here are some things to consider...

Be cautious about getting a kitten, because

- Tiny kittens can sometimes be viewed as a threat by adult cats. Kittens aged under 16 weeks are still babies & can be physically hurt by older cats.
- In nature a kitten remains with it's mother until about 6 months of age, so it always has a protective mother to help if another cat becomes aggressive. This is not the case when a kitten is adopted without its mother!
- Most adult cats have no experience with kittens and don't relate well to them.
- Adult cats won't naturally take on a parenting role to kittens.
- A boisterous 'over the top' kitten can be very wearing for an older cat.
- If you are really determined to get a kitten then consider getting two rather than one this way they use their energy annoying each other and not on the older cat! Kittens want to play - adult cats don't!

Why not consider a mature cat? Here are some reasons why...

- Where a kitten's individual personality is still being formed, a more mature cat is definite in its preferences and behaviour. We get to know and love our more mature residents so we can provide you with insight as to how they may respond to your individual circumstances and requirements.
- We can help you to identify a cat of similar age or energy level as your existing pet, and who shares character traits that are complementary with your pet so that they are more likely to bond. For example, a quiet or timid cat may be better off with a quiet or timid play mate of a similar energy level than a crazy kitten who wants to explore everything and play all day!
- If you are unsure whether your existing pet will accept a newcomer or not, why not consider fostering a mature cat as an interim step?
- Cat Haven has an extensive Foster Care program where quality foster carers provide respite care for some of our residents while they are waiting to be adopted. We guarantee that fostered cats remain Cat Haven's responsibility prior to being returned to the shelter for adoption.

Want a companion for yourself? Here are some things to consider...

Consider a more mature cat because:

Where a kitten's individual personality is still being formed, a more mature cat is definite in its preferences and behaviour. We get to know and love our more mature residents so we can provide you with insight as to how they may respond to your home circumstances and requirements;

- We can help you to identify a mature cat with a personality or preferences that fit in with your home and family life.
- If you have a busy young family you might be keen on a bold, confident cat who thrives on challenges, who is keen to interact with family members and is fairly tolerant of physical contact.
- If you don't move so quickly anymore then perhaps you are looking for a cautious cat that prefers a familiar, safe environment, who is independent enough to amuse themselves, and who is able to communicate readily with you to keep you company.
- Cats can readily live to be 20 years of age or more – so they offer great prospects for a long term relationship in a forever home.
- If you are getting on in years then an important consideration for the responsible cat owner is having a plan in place for ongoing care of your cat if your own health declines.

Be cautious about getting a kitten because:

Kittens can be a lot work until they are fully mature – there is a certain amount of aggravation that comes with the territory. For example:

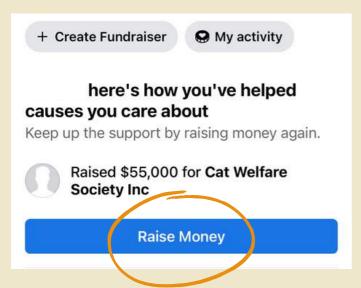
- Sleepless nights when your kitten decides 3am is PLAY time
- Kittens literally get under your feet you are of great interest.
- Kittens climb anything that hangs AND use whatever is most convenient as a scratching post ("An Italian sofa with lovely soft fabric? Great, let me take care of that for you!"). You may need to modify your home environment, or your expectations.
- · Like puppies, some kittens chew things (eg: shoe laces, ornaments).
- Kittens often get themselves into difficult or unfamiliar situations. If you are able to embrace the chaos and spend time watching what they are up to, in order to keep them safe, then a kitten may be the perfect pet for you!



Donate to Cat Haven in lieu of a Birthday present this year!

Did you know you can set up a fundraiser via Facebook for your birthday? This means your friends and family will donate directly to the cats instead of a present. Here are some instructions on how you can make yours!

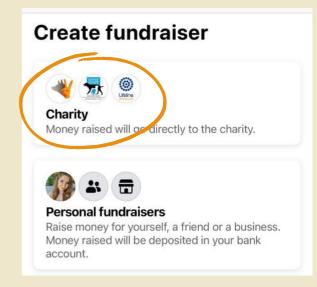
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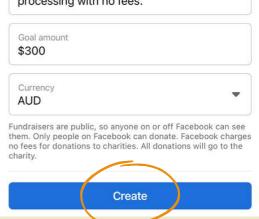
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Western Australia's premier cat welfare organisation, Cat Haven is an 'open admission' shelter which means we never turn away any cat no matter how old, sick or feral. As a charity, with very little government funding, we rely heavily on donations from the public and businesses to keep cats fed, safe and healthy until they find a home.

Over 8,000+ cats are surrendered to Cat Haven every year and we strive to find loving homes for as many of these cats as possible.

Facebook takes care of the donation processing with no fees.



Step 5.

Set a goal amount and click 'create'

Ninjas Adoption Story

We had a lovely adoption story from Cade come through recently. Cade adopted Ninja from Cat Haven five years ago and they have become absolute best buddies!

Cade sent through an update on Ninja and you can see from the photos he is loving his life as a house cat. He was a big boy who had been overfed so was very large when Cade adopted him. Thanks to a special diet he has lost a lot of weight but will always be big boned. Cade says he doesn't have a lot in the brains department but learned pretty quickly to meow for a snack. We love hearing stories like this.

If you adopted a cat from Cat Haven please send us an update – we love seeing their cute fluffy faces.





Forrestdale Vets are huge supporters of Cat Haven, not only running our Welfare Desexing Program but also helping out with cats in need. If you live near Forrestdale please support them!



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Alleira

Alleira was adopted from one of our External Adoption Centres in Kelmscott, she was originally names Ellyse Perry.

Her new owners say she is the most beautiful, smart, loving and sometimes sassy girl. They absolutely adore her and she fits into the family like she has always been there. She lives with a staffy dog, another cat and is so spoilt and loved.



Lucky's Story





Meet Lucky, she is the most adorable kitten who was found by a lovely couple while camping. As they were setting up camp they heard some meows coming from the bushes. They started to eat their Nando's dinner and a little kitten came out the bushes to kindly ask for some of their chicken. They gave her a piece and she ran back to her hiding spot, in the morning they didn't see her so thought she must have a family at the campsite.

Six days later when they were on their way home from their holiday they stopped in the same park for another night. She was still there, and oh so friendly this time, she even sat on their laps and enjoyed lots of pats. In the morning when they were leaving she was still there, so they took her into their car and she was an angel during the three hour drive home.

Lucky has now started her journey at Cat Haven and has lots of love to give to her new family.

Featured Product

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Hello there, can I finally go to my furrever home?

Foster feature of the 10 longest fosters

We don't only have cats at the shelter... over 700 of our cats are out in foster homes or at our External Adoption Centres. Some cats unfortunately don't handle the shelter well and often get very frightened with the new faces, noises and other cats. If it is the case that the cat can't cope in the shelter, we place them in a foster home where they are much more comfortable.

Our foster carers do a great job in turning a lot of these cats around. However, these cats out in foster often get overlooked by potential adoptees coming to the shelter to find their new companion. Here are a few of our cats who have been in foster the longest, to showcase how much they need furrever homes. Do you have space?

If you would like to enquire about any of these cats or any cats we have in foster please scan the QR code:

Cats in foster



Trixie 546 days in care!

Hi, My name is Trixie and I am a pretty, nearly 5-year-old girl looking for a forever home! I am a very curious and funny little girl.



Conor Jr 414 days in care!

Meow, I'm a very friendly 1 year old boy with an outgoing purrsonality. Conor Jr is happy to be a lap cat and to hang out with his foster siblings. He has a lot of energy so will likely get on with other animals.



Maureen 525 days in care!

Hi I'm Maureen! I'm 3 years old. I run and greet my foster mum when she comes home, chatting happily, stretching out on the floor and showing her my delicious spotty tummy.



Chester 379 days in care!

Chester is a lovely 8 year old girl, keen to explore, but also likes her quiet place to hide away. She has a beautiful body coat with her white socks pattern. She enjoys the sunshine through the window and lazy days.



Miss Maude 332 days in care! Sunshine 258 days in care!

My name is Miss Maude but is also Maude and Maudie. I'm 7 years old, I was not a happy cat and I found humans really scary. I went out to foster and started to realise that they aren't that bad, that's where the food comes from!



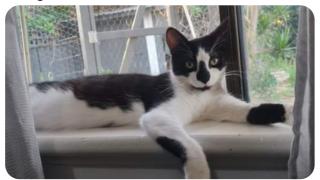
Sunny 309 days in care!

This is Sunny and as you can see, she is as pretty as a picture. Sunny is only 2 years old and was lost on the streets and a kind couple took her to the Cat Haven.



Romeo 301 days in care!

O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo? He is sprawled on a windowsill, on the kitchen floor, on a random shelf. This gentle soul had a tough start to life with multiple health issues, but has powered through it all staying his jaunty self throughout.



Hello! My name is Sunshine, I'm 7 years old. I'm a very friendly cat and love being near my human, I will always sit beside you watching TV.



Local Bird 289 days in care!

Hi! My name is Local Bird and I'm two years old. I'm looking for my new furever home where I can take my time to settle in and become part of the family.



Cantaloupe 291 days in care!

Cantaloupe is approximately 5 years old and had been a street cat until he came to Cat Haven. He has beautifully soft fur, loves a cuddle and has a very kind nature. He is very attentive, always close to us.





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- · 10% discount on retail products
- 10% discount on boarding fees
- Invitation to promotional events

Your membership of the Cat Welfare Society Inc will assist Cat Haven to improve cat welfare in Western Australia and to provide care and rehoming facilities for rescued and surrendered cats.

Application Form

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Tiny Supporters



Pictured here is Sloane, she asked for donations for her 4th birthday instead of presents for all the cats that don't have 'mummy's and daddy's'.

She had a lovely day celebrating her birthday and got to come down to Cat Haven to give her donations and meet some of the lovely cats the funds are directly going to! We love our little heroes like Sloane.

Please reach out if you have a hero in your family who wants to raise some donations for the cats in our care.

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If you have a spare bathroom/laundry our ringworm cats and kittens would love a break from the shelter





The passing of an era!

Cat Café is closing down on the 28th April. Chris and Pepi have been major supporters of Cat Haven since they opened.

To quote them "We started Purrth back in 2015 with a simple mission: create a Sanctuary for All for Animal Welfare and Human Happiness" and they certainly achieved this.

All cats in the cafe were Cat Haven cats, they fostered for us, and donated part of their proceeds every single year. They ran a really great operation and it is sad that the public who can't own a cat will no longer be able to get their cat fix there. They brought a lot of joy to everyone who visited them. We wish them all the very best for their future!

Harold Update



You might remember Harold from when he came in very injured and needed our help. Well thanks to all the donations from our kind supporters not only did we get to help Harold we also helped other cats just like him receive the much needed vet treatments they were desperate for.

Harold is doing so well in his foster home and is almost ready to be cleared for adoption! We love him so much.

He has turned into a very cuddly boy, he sleeps next to his foster carer every night in bed and loves to play when she comes home from work.

Here he is with his foster besties, we would love to see him go to a home with other cats, he loves them so much.

HE COLLECTIVE creative co-op hub

The Carlisle Collective is a tribe of passionate small business owners who have come together to open a unique retail space in the heart of Carlisle, Perth.

Grab a coffee and take a stroll down the laneway to the warehouse co-op hub, which is home to 18 handpicked vendors.

In this inviting Aladdin's cave, you will find unique and beautiful wares by talented local artisans, creators, growers and collectors. It's the perfect place to buy a special gift for a loved one - as well as yourself!

Expect a shopping experience with a twist! Explore vintage homewares, fashion, furniture, Australian-made products, candles, books, preloved-vinyl, plants, fairies, crystals, and so much more.

You can also unwind in the onsite cafe and bring along your pooch too!





Are you doing a spring clean out?

We are always in need of towels, blankets, carriers, food, treats, toys and litter for the cats in our care. If you have anything you can spare please drop it to 23 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park, 6008 between 8am-6pm weekdays and 9am-5pm weekends.

Please note we cannot accept quilts, pillows and fitted sheets.





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Staff focus KYRAH-DEAN

My role at Cat Haven is:

Foster Care Officer

Before Cat Haven I was:

Working as a Pool Lifeguard

The most interesting thing I have learned during my time at Cat Haven:

I was surprised to learn that Grey cats get adopted the fastest!

The thing I am most passionate about at Cat Haven:

Saving as many kitties as possible!

The biggest influence in my life is:

My partner, if it wasn't for his support, I probably would've never even thought to apply for the job in the first place! Now this job is one of my most favourite things to do! Literally the only job where it's okay to bring your *work* home with you.

My favourite meal to cook is:

Lasagne

What is a work-related accomplishment you're really proud of: Finding foster homes for particularly hard to place cats is always a great achievement.

Tell us about the most interesting or memorable place you have travelled:

I travelled to Cambodia to volunteer at an Elephant sanctuary, first time I had ever travelled alone.

What's the biggest misconception about your role at Cat Haven: Probably that we spend most of the day cuddling cats but there are some days where the only cats I touch are my own cats at home.

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

Cuddling my cats or improving my garden









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Staff focus

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My role at Cat Haven is:

HR Coordinator

Before Cat Haven I was working at:

Levi's!

The most interesting thing I have learnt at my time at Cat Haven:

Probably learning more about the veterinary side of Cat Haven! I never knew how central this was to a shelters operation.

The thing I am most passionate about at Cat Haven:

The people! Without the hard work of our staff and volunteers, we wouldn't be able to make such an important difference to the lives of many. Cats, kittens and owners included. My job is to make sure that the people who keep Cat Haven operating have all the support, motivation and resources needed to continue to bring so much good to the world.

The biggest influence in my life is:

My dad! He is a very positive influence in my life and always knows the right advice. He is allergic to cats though...

My favourite meal to cook is:

This changes all the time, usually any recipe by Ottolenghi – I have 8 of his cookbooks...

What a work-related accomplishment you're really proud of: I am excited with what I have been able to implement in the two months I have been at Cat Haven and really please with the feedback that has come through so far!

Tell us about the most interesting or memorable place you have travelled:

In 2018 I was lucky enough to tour the US with my band at the time. We drove to get from Nashville to New York, and stopped at about 10 cities along the way which meant we got to see a lot of the country which was really cool!

What's the biggest misconception about your role at Cat Haven:

That Cat Haven doesn't have many staff. We do! We have such a high volume of cats coming and going, not to mention our boarding centre, veterinary clinic and foster carers. To keep all of this running it takes a few more than many think, each of which help to ensure Cat Haven's mission is still being achieved.

When you're not working, how do you like to spend your time: Playing music, cooking, reading mystery novels, doing crosswords and sudokus and playing cards at the pub with friends

