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Cat Haven CEO

Hi Everyone,

How the world has changed since our last Cat Chat went out in April this year, and how long ago this seems.

We sent members an update several weeks ago as to how Cat Haven has coped during the last few months during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Fortunately we have been able to remain open the whole time for our adoptions, surrenders and vet clinic.

We have been assisting other rescues in more remote locations from as far away as Broome, Karratha, Kalgoorlie and Albany to rehome their cats and the Cat Haven van and our wonderful volunteers has been one of the few visitors to Perth Airport picking up these cats.

There hasn't been the expected wave of surrenders some had forecasted and we believe this is because the public have been very genuine in accepting a feline into their lives - once you've converted to cats there is no going back.

We have lost two major fundraising events during this time but have been able to apply for and receive a grant from Lotterywest to cover lost income for which we are incredibly grateful. Thanks to two of our long term volunteers Brenda and Del for putting the time into writing this grant application and making it happen.

Our staff and volunteers have been coming up with on-line fundraising ideas and our Thermomix raffle sold out in four days with the Dyson vacuum, hairdryer and straightener in about the same time.

Through volunteers again we developed an on-line shop which is an off-shoot of our popular Felines and Fashion brand of quality pre-loved women's clothing and accessories.

(www.felinesandfashion.com.au). We have seen sales go throughout the country and again we thank our wonderful Felines and Fashion volunteers lead by Katy.

So whilst we reduced our volunteers on-site during the pandemic in an effort to minimise personnel on-site, our volunteers have been greatly assisting in many other ways such as these.

We moved, for the first time ever, to an appointment system for adoptions, again to enable social distancing in the adoption shed. This has proven to be very successful with our team members being able to give a one on one service to potential adopters and matching the right cat for their lifestyle.

Our end of financial year appeal cat, Cooper, touched so many people who generously donated to his appeal. He is now happily rehomed and living with another equally handsome FIV ginger boy.

It has been a very stressful time for everyone, and we are still not sure of where life is going right now, but as an organisation, we feel incredibly lucky to have got through it so far relatively unscathed in terms of continuing to be here for the cats of Perth. We couldn't ask for more than that.

Kind Regards,



Roz Robinson - CEO



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Meet Cat Haven's Board Members

Candy Choo - Vice Chair

Candy is the Vice Chair of the Board and was first elected in October 2019. Besides being a feline mother of three, Candy has extensive background in corporate governance, risk management, advocacy and membership not-for-profit organisations over the past 12 years. As the CEO of Local Government Professionals WA, a graduate of the AICD Company Directors Course, and an experienced practitioner in organisation psychology, Candy has a strong track record in leading transformation and innovation in organisations as well as delivering on strategic outcomes.

Candy and her husband Shaun adopted their first kitties (Max and Amber) from Cat Haven in 2009. Sadly little Amber passed away 12 months later. They then adopted Mikey again from Cat Haven to keep Max on his toes. The gang was completed when Mika the bossy Birman joined the feline household in 2012.

Candy is passionate about animal welfare and believes best outcomes are achieved by listening, being proactive and innovative as well as working collaboratively with members and other stakeholders to shape the future of Cat Haven.



Robin Orton - Secretary

My Rory, or Aurora, 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.



Jenny Ough - Treasurer

Jenny joined the Board in 2011, bringing with her over 30 years' experience as a Chartered Accountant. Jenny spent almost a decade at KPMG at the start of her career and is currently the Principal of her own Accounting and Bookkeeping practice. She has experience working with/in a range of organisations and industries, including other not-for-profit organisations, State Government, franchises, and various privately owned businesses (in security, real estate, finance brokers, facilities maintenance, recycling, construction, hardware, retail and other services). Jenny has skills in strategic planning, capital and recurrent budgeting, and all financial management matters. She holds a Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) degree from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and was admitted to the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1989 having successfully completed the Institute's Post Graduate Professional Year programme. When she is not counting beans, Jenny can be found underwater, scuba diving with a camera in her hand.



Brenda Quinby - Board Member

Brenda has been involved with Cat Haven for a number of years, initially as a foster carer and then as a volunteer. Over many years, Brenda and her partner Jeff have fostered over 35 cats and kittens, "failing" with two Samson and Socks, who now live happily with Brenda and Jeff. Brenda first started volunteering on site at Cat Haven in the laundry, washing and cutting up donated towels and sheets. This made a change from a lifetime in IT roles. She later moved into a role of helping to apply for grants for Cat Haven and then assisting in IT issues within Cat Haven.

Since joining the board Brenda has assisted in finding a new IT support company and managed the move of email and folders from an in-house server to the cloud on Microsoft Office 365. She has also assisted in fixing problems with the Boarding system and web site issues. Brenda is the chair of the Volunteers Subcommittee that is looking at ways to attract and retain more volunteers. This committee has conducted a survey of volunteers to gather their opinions and ideas about improving the volunteer experience at Cat Haven and results from this survey will help plan for the future.

Brenda set up an eBay store to help sell Cat Haven merchandise to a wider audience than the Cat Haven website and also helped set up the Felines and Fashion online store. Brenda is looking forward to seeing more progress in the IT and volunteer areas at Cat Haven.



Paul Anderson-Johnson - Board Member

Paul Anderson-Johnson joined the board in October 2019. Paul has over 28 years' experience in the construction materials sector in a wide variety of management roles including sales, production and warehousing. He was WA State Manager for Boral Timber for seven years before taking on the role of Business Development Manager with Bosch Timber. Paul also has extensive experience in successful safety management, training and systems with over 20 years' managing business that had no medically treated or lost time injuries. Paul is passionate about working in consultation with all stakeholders to achieve optimum outcomes in this area. Paul holds a Certificate IV in Frontline Management and achieved Bronze Level Certification in Sandler Sales Systems at the end of 2018 and will be pursuing Silver Certification in 2020.



Paul and his wife Ngaire have also been actively involved in animal welfare matters since early 2017 having successfully reunited several families with their missing pets and volunteering in a variety of roles within Rescue. Their main interest is recovering cats from industrial areas, domesticating them and seeing them through to adoption.

Paul and Ngaire have two cats from Cat Haven, one from the Shenton Park facility and one from the External Adoption Centre programme, and a third they recovered from an industrial area as an undomesticated 18 month old who ultimately stayed on as the consummate house cat.

Katy Jaksic - Board Member

Katy has been an active volunteer with Cat Haven since 2005 including being on the Committee of Management between 2007 and 2011 during a major transitional phase of the organisation. Over the past 15 years, Katy has been heavily involved in Cat Haven's community fundraising events which has contributed not only additional funding but created new external relationships fostering more support for Cat Haven.



Over the years through her contacts, she has also arranged the donation of numerous trades, services and goods for the betterment of Cat Haven. As a passionate advocate in animal welfare, Katy has been a member of other animal welfare committees along with visiting animal shelters in Nepal and India and volunteering at a cat shelter in Bali. In 2016, Katy attended a companion animal shelter expo in the US run by the Humane Society to gain insight and learn new ideas in aspects of shelter management from numerous large organisations.

Katy has extensive experience in facility and project management within the mining sector and is now employed by a publicly listed company managing federal parliamentary offices across WA and SA.

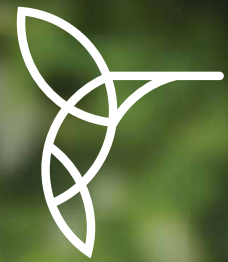
Tamara Clegg - Board Member

Tamara joined the Board of Cat Haven in October 2018. Tamara has a background in administration and accounting having worked for the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety for over ten years in various capacities. She and her husband ran their own Mining Consultancy business for over 20 years, where Tamara managed all administrative duties, including the taxation requirements involved in running a small business. She is a Company Director.



After adopting their cat Lucie from Cat Haven, Tamara became increasingly interested in volunteering, particularly in fundraising, and has been active at events such as Wet Nose Day and particularly Felines and Fashion events and pop-up shops.

She is committed to promoting and improving the profile of Cat Haven.



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Slow and Sleepy Kitty? Think Arthritis!

Dr. Kayleigh Lange BVMS

Cold rainy days make us all sleepy and move a bit slower and often people notice these same changes in their pet cats.

In older cats this can also be a sign of arthritis. Often symptoms are worsened in the colder weather, and we see a lot more cats for mobility issues in the season. Arthritis in cats is often something that is overlooked and under-diagnosed due to the lack of recognition of the condition by both owners and veterinary surgeons. Cats have a natural survival instinct to hide signs of pain and so the traditional symptoms recognised in other pets such as dogs, are often not apparent in cats. Rarely do owners seem them limping like many dogs will.

Studies have shown that up to 90% of cats over the age of 12 have changes on their radiographs (x-rays) that indicate osteoarthritis. Osteoarthritis is a specific type of arthritis in which the normal cartilage that cushions the joint is worn away, exposing the bone and resulting in discomfort. Major factors that pre-dispose cats to osteoarthritis include:

Previous injury to the joint (fractures, dislocations, ligament damage).

Obesity leads to extra weight load on the joints meaning they wear down prematurely and worsens symptoms of arthritis.

Genetics can play a role in some breeds (Scottish folds, Maine Coons, Abyssinians).

How do you know your cat has arthritis?

Cats are masters at hiding pain, but often monitoring them closely can help you see the subtle changes in their routine. Cats will often restrict their own movement if they have joint pain rather than be seen limping or vocalising. These are even harder to notice since they do not go for walks with us. If you can take a video, this can be very helpful to your veterinarian. I have included a list of things you may see with arthritis in your cat below.

Signs that your cat may have arthritis:

• Reduced mobility

- Changes in their ability to jump – this is the most important sign to look for.
- Reduced height of jumping e.g. no longer getting up on kitchen bench.
- Reluctance or hesitation before jumping up or down from furniture, appear to think carefully before jumping.
- Reduced frequency of jumping up to usual places.
- Difficulty or slow when using stairs or getting through the cat flap.
- Pulling themselves up with front legs to get onto the couch or the bed.
- Litter tray accidents, urinating and/or defecating outside the litter tray, reluctance to climb into high sided tray.
- Reduced agility e.g. will jump on chair before jumping on table.
- Lameness or stiff/stilted gait is relatively uncommon in cats with arthritis.

- **Reduced activity**
 - Increased time sleeping or resting.
 - Not hunting or exploring the outdoor environment as frequently.
 - Reduced interaction e.g. lack of response to petting.
 - Reduced interest in playing with toys, people or other animals.
- **Changes in grooming behaviour**
 - Matted and scurfy coat, difficulty grooming themselves.
 - Some cats will over-groom themselves over painful joints causing hair loss.
 - Overgrown claws due to lack of activity.
- **Temperament or behaviour changes**
 - Sleeping in different, easier to access sites.
 - Lack of tolerance of handling, children, other pets.
 - More irritable or grumpy when handled or stroked.
 - More irritable with people and other animals.
 - Withdrawal and avoidance of interaction with household.

If you think your cat may have arthritis, then a trip to the veterinarian is required. While it can be trickier to notice than in dogs, as they rarely want to walk confidently in the consult room, your vet will use their hands to feel joints and try and test their movement. Those with pain will resist the movement and often we can see subtle signs of pain from them. Being gentle and not rushing will help the cat relax and behave more normally, facilitating a more rewarding examination.

The next step in the diagnosis involves radiographs (x-rays). Ideally at least two views are taken of the affected joints and changes seen include the formation of new bone around the joint margins (the body's attempt to 'stabilise' the joint). Sclerosis (thickening) of the underlying bone and narrowing of the joint space are also observed.

Further laboratory tests are not usually required to diagnose osteoarthritis, however as affected cats tend to be older, they may have more than one disease. As a minimum it is recommended to assess a complete blood count, serum biochemistry blood panel and a urinalysis to screen for other illnesses before prescribing medication.



Management of the arthritic cat does not start and finish with a pill or potion. Home comforts and management adjustments are vital to the improving the cats' quality of life and can be just as important as medications.

Easy home and management adjustments for the arthritic cat:

- Provide soft beds for sore joints in easily accessible, quiet places.
- Place beds in quiet, draft free areas of the house.
- Igloo beds or cardboard boxes can make an older cat feel warm and secure.
- Provide 'steps' up to higher sites, e.g. the sofa, the cat flap.
- Tie the cat flap open so the cat does not need to push through.
- Always have a litter tray inside and use a low-sided version or cut out the sides to make it easy for arthritic cats to climb in.
- Use different types of litter that are softer for sore feet.
- Make sure food and water are easily accessible, at floor level or with steps up to higher levels.
- Put food, water, and litter trays on one level to avoid the cat having to use stairs.
- Radiator beds are popular but again arthritic cats will need help to get into them. Other warming devices such as wheat bags can help but electrical devices should be used only when the cat is monitored.
- Arthritic cats may need extra grooming and help cleaning eyes and perineal region.
- Overgrown claws need regular cutting.

Each cat's treatment plan will need to be tailored to the individual. This is especially important if your cat has underlying diseases like chronic kidney disease, diabetes, or heart disease. There is no one-fits-all treatment for arthritis and over time the medications or supplements often need to be adjusted as the disease progresses. Your cat will need regular check-ups with your veterinarian and be sure to discuss any changes you are seeing in their activity and behaviour with them.

Just because it is cold and they are old, does not mean we cannot help them. Osteoarthritis is a common condition in older cats and while it can be challenging to identify, be sure to discuss it with your veterinarian. Be mindful that the signs of arthritis in cats are very subtle and taking videos at home can help us see better. Medications can be very effective and can improve a cat's quality of life significantly. Concurrent geriatric disease should be always be considered before such drugs are prescribed. Remember those non-medical management changes are very important to make cats more comfortable in their day to day life too.

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Michelle Rouffignac
RVN AVN Blood Bank Coordinator

The gift of blood is truly the gift of life...

Xander is an 11 year old much loved male Siamese. He came to The Animal Hospital at Murdoch University (TAHMU) in May with symptoms of chronic kidney injury. Xander is a battler and has been cared for by his loving family as he has struggled with Chronic Kidney Disease for a while. On this occasion an acute onset was a bit much for Xander and he was feeling less than well when he was admitted to the hospital. As a part of Xanders disease process he had become dangerously anaemic. Amongst other care, Xander needed a blood transfusion and he needed it immediately.

Enter the Community Blood Bank. Pet cats in our community come into the hospital and donate blood to support sick and injured cats that need blood transfusions. TAHMU is the only veterinary hospital in Perth that stocks feline blood for immediate emergency blood transfusions. Good news for Xander! He arrived and was quickly triaged by our Emergency and Critical Care team. Time was of the essence and a sample of his blood was Typed and Crossmatched against available feline blood of the same blood type. Cats are born with pre-formed antibodies on the surface of their red cells and so it is critical that we transfuse type specific and compatible blood. Just the same as in people.

Siren is a lovely little white & torti DSH who lives with her family and their menagerie of pets on their horse property. Siren has been a blood donor with us for some time. Bagheera is a majestic back DMH who shares his house with his brother Snow and a handsome hound. Our community blood donors come in to see us approximately 4 times per year to donate blood for cats like Xander. Without this service, Xander would not have responded so well to the treatment provided and been able to recover and head home to spend more days being spoilt.

After Xander returned home his family were provided with information about the donors that gave a part of themselves to help get Xander back on track. Xander's owners sent a lovely letter recognising the effort that a donor family goes too. This letter was passed on to our Donor Families and they love to hear how the recipients of their cats' donations are going.

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Thank you so much for dedicating your time to bringing Siren and Bagheera in to donate blood at Murdoch Vet Hospital.

Our beautiful 11 year old cat Xander has had a long road dealing with Chronic Renal Failure for the last 7 years. He was recently admitted to Murdoch ICU with Acute on Chronic Renal Failure as well as Severe Anaemia. We honestly thought it would be the end.

As part of his treatment he received a much needed blood transfusion that was kindly donated by you and your cats generosity. We are certain that Xander would not have survived without this precious gift you have given us.

Xander is now home again and enjoying snuggling his days away with his cat brother Oliver and the rest of the family.

We truly do thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your ongoing generosity and commitment to helping other cats and families. It really meant the world to us!

Colleen and Family.

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If your cat has what it takes to be a Super Hero Blood Donor please contact Michelle Rouffignac on Communitybloodbank@murdoch.edu.au for more information.

Cat requirements are:

- Between 1 -8 years old
- Ideally 5kg, or greater, we will accept 4.5kg if very suited to be a donor.
- Healthy with a relaxed and calm temperament
- Current on flea preventive
- Current vaccinations
- Ideally donor cats are indoor cats. However, we recognise that many cats are indoor/outdoor cats and we take this into consideration.

The Animal Hospital would like to thank its sponsors of the Community Blood Bank:



A message from our Cat Welfare and Adoptions Manager – Caitlin Ambrose

For those of you that don't frequent the site, you might not be up-to-date with the many changes around the facility recently.

For those of you that don't frequent the site, you might not be up-to-date with the many changes around the facility recently. One of those changes has been my appointment as the Cat Welfare and Adoptions Manager, more usually referred to as the Grounds Manager. You may have seen my face around the site before over the last couple of years, having previously been the Customer Service Team Leader. Coming into this role I knew taking on the position of Cat Welfare and Adoptions Manager was going to have its challenges. The Ground's Department is a large team of both staff and volunteers that are hands on with the daily care of all of the cats and kittens that come in and out of our facility. This team of people are passionate and dedicated, and have a tremendous amount of pressure to ensure our cats and kittens are cared for, with ever fluctuating numbers of those coming through our doors. Every day is different, and the team often have to work in the heat and rain, starting in daylight and ending in the dark. Adding to this, COVID-19 saw our resources very quickly reduce as we moved very swiftly to a skeleton crew. What can I say, my first 6 months as Manager has been eventful!

Thankfully I have been surrounded by a supportive Cat Haven team of staff and volunteers, and as restrictions ease, the daily pace is starting to feel a little more "normal", although that "normal" does feel very new. You can't come through such a challenging time and not have learnt some very valuable information, not only about our operations, but about our team and how we manage to pull together, even



on the hardest of days. As we move forward, we take with us the good things we have learnt and apply them so that we can continue to better our processes and the care we give for our cats and kittens. These good things include truly appreciating the role our volunteers play as part of our team. Revamping our volunteer program on

grounds is going to be a big focus for us as we welcome back existing volunteers and new volunteers come on board. Another good thing is changes in the adoption process - we now have kennel hands and volunteers providing one-on-one assistance through adoption bookings. The response we have had to this change has been amazing and our adoption rate has increased which is so great to see. You will also see much lower numbers of cats onsite as we do our best to be only a short 'pit stop' for cats on the way to either foster or adoption. Fewer cats on site and shorter stays in the shelter significantly reduce stress for the cats and allow us to focus more on the needs of the cats within our care. I am very much looking forward to seeing the result of these changes over the next 12 months as I think we are going to be seeing some pretty amazing things achieved. We have much more planned, so watch this space.

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Philippa's good friend Denise comes to visit Cat Haven to see the wonderful work Philippa's bequest will fund and is shown around by CEO Roz Robinson and Adoptions and Cat Welfare manager Caitlin Ambrose.

Bequests

It seems COVID 19 has got many of us thinking, and not just about this dreadful illness, but about getting our own affairs in order, and ensuring we have a current Will that details what we want to happen to our assets when we pass away.

We got a surprise in early May when Philippa, a great lover of cats all her life, decided to leave a lasting legacy in the form of a bequest to Cat Haven. Philippa has had a number of ginger cats all called the same name. She wanted to make sure that cats that were less fortunate than her gingers would have the chance of a better life through the work of Cat Haven in the future.

We are always humbled when this happens. That someone can remember the work we do and ensure our very survival by leaving us a legacy. Without these bequests we simply couldn't operate or do the work we do caring for so many cats in a year, offering emergency boarding facilities, or heavily subsidizing vet treatment for those who are less fortunate. Our lives are enriched when we share them with cats. If your cats have a special meaning for you, we ask you consider leaving a bequest for Cat Haven in your Will. Did you know we have a programme that sees the re-homing of your beloved felines in the unfortunate event of your passing away before them?

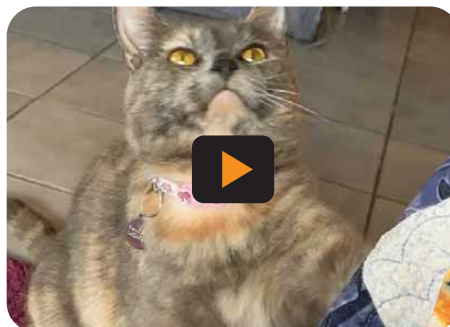
Please contact me if you would like further information on any of this on Roz's direct number **08 9442 3600 extension 210** or roz.robinson@cathaven.com.au.

QR Codes helping to find forever homes!

If you own a cat you'll know just how much they like to show you up in front of others! They'll do the opposite of what you say or pretend they don't even know you.

It's very much the same for our cats in the shelter. Sometimes quirky little angels that have lots of personality in a foster home can turn into grumpy, aloof strangers in the shelter environment. They find it difficult to put their best paw forward. This can be a real barrier to adoption. So what to do? Lisa, one of our staff members, came up with a great way to help people see our cats at their best. She works with foster carers to gather photos and film clips of cats in the relaxed environment of their foster homes and turns these into a little video for each cat. People can view these videos by scanning a QR code that Lisa adds to the cat's profile sheet.

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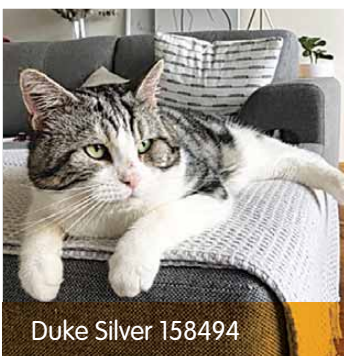
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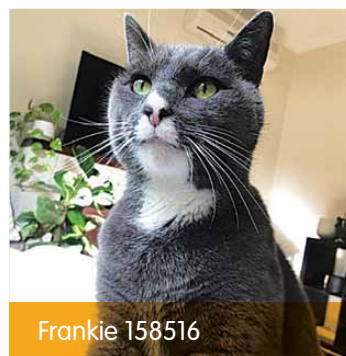
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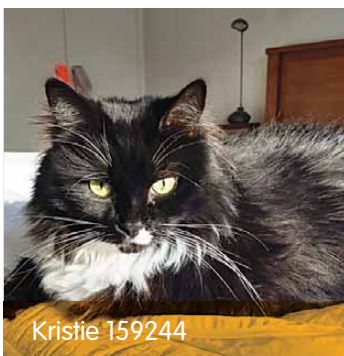
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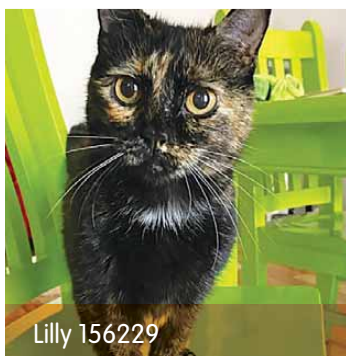
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A message from Paris

– Cat Haven Foster Care

With restrictions lifting and everything starting to feel normal again we can finally catch our breath and reflect on the last few months at Cat Haven.

When everything with COVID-19 started to become a very real concern, the management team at Cat Haven had to ask a question we never imagined "What do we do during a global pandemic?"

We had to plan for all the worst case scenarios such as going into lockdown, not being able to do adoptions, losing our income and the possibility of increased surrenders.

The solution became evident, we needed to get all our cats into foster homes. The foster team responded with a phrase you'll hear a lot across Cat Haven "All we can do is try!"

We knew that every single foster carer was impacted by COVID-19 in their own way.

We spoke to carers who had lost their jobs, had kids home from school, were stuck in quarantine, had compromised immune systems and despite this, they still offered to help.

So while the news was full of stories of people fighting over toilet paper, we instead got to witness the selflessness of our foster carers every single day.

Within two weeks of making the decision to reduce our

numbers on site, we placed 235 cats and kittens into foster homes! Essentially clearing the shelter. And for the past three months we have been maintaining numbers of 50-70 cats on site. Which has been a huge effort as we normally sit around 200-300.

During this time we also received over 200 new foster care applications!

The response from our carers, both old and new, was a testament to the people of Perth and how they selflessly stepped forward to help when we needed it most.

We are optimistic as ever that our foster program will continue to grow thanks to all the new interest.

So on behalf of myself and the Foster Care team I wanted to acknowledge all our amazing foster carers, as it would not have been possible without them.

We all know fostering saves lives all year round. But the support, patience and commitment we witnessed from Cat Haven Foster Carers during this time was truly incredible.

Paris Burns
Foster Care Manager



Goldie 158870



Houdini & Patches 157682



Kiwi 159469



Kosmo 159140



Millie 125339



Mrs-kangaroo-157880



Myrtle 131911



Ninja 157718

RETAIL STORE



All proceeds from purchases made in our retail store help the cats in our care! **Please shop small and help save lives!**

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Cat Haven's Foster Care Program

As COVID 19 started to accelerate, Cat Haven was swamped with offers of foster care assistance from members of the public.

As the crisis deepened and restrictions were put in place, many people offered to take a cat or kittens into their homes to ease the burden on us. Many were first time foster carers with a spare room and a big heart, who just wanted to help animals during the upheaval. One such person was 14 year old Emily whose family had adopted from us several years ago and who wanted to help further. We gave Emily and her family (that includes footie player Dad, Karl Langdon), three kittens who needed to gain weight and be socialised prior to adoption. Like all our foster carers, the Langdon family put their hearts and souls into caring for the kittens, who in turn provided endless entertainment with their antics. Even the family dog bonded with them - not sure if the family cat ever did though! The hardest part of fostering for many is letting them go, and not knowing which home they have gone to. Will it be as good as the foster home they have just come from? Emily was no different and felt a huge loss when she had to return



her litter to Cat Haven. Fortunately one of Emily's neighbours, and a long time Cat Haven supporter, Ann, had met the kittens and couldn't imagine not adopting Maggie May as she is now called. So now Emily can watch one of her little charges grow into a beautiful cat.

This is just one of the many wonderful stories we have seen during the pandemic. Thank you to Emily and her family, and to Ann.



If you are interested in fostering for us, please visit our website and complete an application and forward to our foster team fostercare@cathaven.com.au

Community

Cat reunited with owner after missing for 6 months thanks to microchip

A very beautiful but hungry ginger and white cat by the name of Ginger Meggs recently arrived at Cat Haven after being trapped in Whiteman Park. When he arrived into our care we immediately scanned him to see if he had a microchip and to our delight he did! We searched the microchip number on our database and noticed that he was already entered on our system as he was adopted from Cat Haven back in 2017 when he was only a tiny kitten! His owner April, who had been searching for him since he accidentally got out during a home relocation, was so excited and relieved when she received the phone call from our cat welfare staff explaining that her beloved Ginger Meggs had been brought in and was safe and sound in our care. April had been frantically searching for him since January and had done everything she could to try and bring him home including door knocking, hiring a trap, distributing flyers and phoning local vet clinics. Thanks to April making sure her contact details were up to date on his microchip, Ginger Meggs is now back home with his loving owner.



DID YOU KNOW

By the time your cat reaches 6 months of age it is law to have them microchipped, sterilised and registered with your local Council. If you need help or advice to make sure you comply with these laws please contact us on ph: **9442 3600** or **admin@cathaven.com.au**



Corporate Volunteering

We are not currently holding corporate volunteering days due to COVID-19 but if you are interested in getting together a team from your office for a corporate volunteering day to provide hands on work at the shelter in the future please contact Samantha Holliday at

Samantha.Holliday@cathaven.com.au



Companion Cat Program

We are continuing to expand our Companion Cat Program by placing suitable cats in care facilities all across Perth. We have received wonderfully positive feedback from the staff and residents at facilities that currently have companion cats, particularly during the last few months when all facilities had to go into lockdown for the safety of their residents.



Stefanie who is the Customer Service Coordinator at Rosewood Residential Care in Leederville said their resident companion cat provided much needed comfort and cuddles to the residents when they weren't able to see their family.



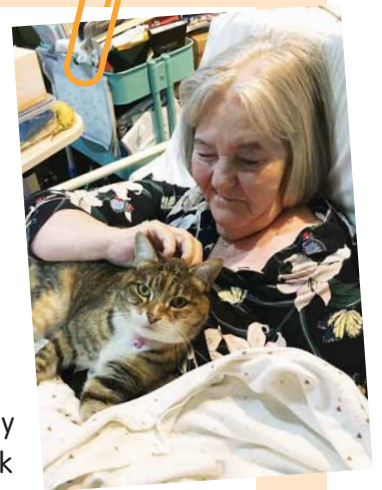
We also received a lovely email from Sarah who is the Facility Manager at Regents Garden Aged Care in Joondalup. They adopted a beautiful torti cat called Daisy and it didn't even take her one day to settle right in!



If you would like to know more about the Companion Cat Program, please contact Roz Robinson at Cat Haven on 9442 3677.

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Good morning Cat Haven,
This Daisy cat is amazing. I couldn't resist sending you this picture I just took this morning when I came in, she was on this resident's bed. This is so purrrfect and exactly what we had hoped for. Thank you and your team a thousand times over. Priceless.



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Fundraising and Events

EOFY Appeal

A huge thank you to all of you out there who so generously donated to our EOFY appeal for Cooper. We received such a positive response and we know you all enjoyed seeing updates of Cooper in his new home. An amazing \$25,000 was raised and this will go to helping so many more cats just like Cooper in need of urgent medical attention.



Drink Wine, Save Cats!

Love wine? Love cats? Well now you can combine both and help raise funds for the cats in our care! Order any 12 bottles of wine from our friends at WA Cellars and we will receive part proceeds! Click link below to order now!

<https://wacellars.com.au/fundraising/cat-haven-wa-wine-fundraiser/>



STAY TUNED



With winter being the quietest months at the shelter, this is the time we usually focus on events like our Quiz Night which has sadly had to be postponed. Our risk committee have been monitoring updates from the Government regarding restrictions and we hope to be able to start holding fundraising events later this year. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for updates.



www.facebook.com/CatHavenWA/



www.instagram.com/cathavenau/?hl=en

Past Events

CONGRATS!

Fundraising Raffles

Thank you to everyone who entered our recent Thermomix and Dyson raffles! These online raffles are great ways for us to raise funds for the cats in our care while complying with social distancing. **Congratulations to Jodie K from Embleton who was the lucky winner of the Thermomix and to M. Wagner from Morley the winner of the Dyson raffle.**

Keep your eye on our social media pages for the next exciting raffle coming soon! Our Winter Raffle has just launched and for more details head here: www.rafflelink.com.au/cat-haven-wa

Cats providing crucial companionship during COVID-19

We recently received a very lovely letter from Cat Haven supporter, Elizabeth Durman in which she expresses how her adopted Cat Haven cat Sabbytoo has helped her during COVID-19 lockdown. It just goes to show how fantastic cats and pets are for mental health particularly during these challenging times



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Having just read your latest newsletter, I felt I must sing the praise of the company of a cat.

Some months ago I adopted from the Cat Haven a 2 1/2 yrs old white female puss (with golden eyes) to replace my long lived, white odd eyed, Sabrina.

I changed the new cat's registered name to Sabbytoo. She settled into a totally inside life with me and is a marvellous companion. She was quite happy to sleep while I went to my Trinity School for Seniors several days a week. She would watch the way I dressed each morning, giving a quiet sniff when I put on formal shoes, indicating that I was heading off.

This amazing animal never goes outside, in fact she obeys my hand signal to stay at the door, which no other feline companion has done for me.

During this difficult time of lockdown isolation, she has been a treasure. I am in my mid 80s living alone in a large home. Sabby and I have meaningful conversations especially at mealtimes of course, but also during smooch times when she lets me know that she appreciates my company, and the frequent brushing. Her only fault is that she will not let me clip her claws, but she is quite aware that the sharp points are uncomfortable when she goes into the punching dough mode on my lap.

I thoroughly recommend the company of a cat, especially a white girl as they seem to be more placid than coloured ones. Cats need not be the active hunters as labelled by some folk.

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers of your organisation for all the hours you spend caring for these wonderful companions.

Elizabeth Durman

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Staff Focus



Denise Goodier

Congratulations to our dedicated, hardworking and passionate reception team member Denise Goodier for reaching a milestone 25 years at Cat Haven! If you are a frequent visitor to Cat Haven it is likely that you have been greeted by Denise who is always so warm and welcoming to all visitors no matter what the circumstances. Denise is a great asset to our reception team and after 25 years has a wealth of knowledge. Denise has seen many changes during her time at Cat Haven and is proud of how far we have come over the years. Thank you Denise for your dedication and passion.



My role at Cat Haven is...

Customer Service Officer/ Receptionist. When I started at Cat Haven I worked on grounds as a Cat Welfare Officer.

Before Cat Haven I was working at...

Western Horticulture which was a huge plant nursery wholesaler. I started in the field and ended up in the indoor area (which was much warmer) and worked there for seven years. They ended up going into receivership and that's when I applied for the job at Cat Haven – and was lucky enough to gain employment!

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

How compassionate and caring people can be with stray cats – it warms my heart.

The thing I am most passionate about at Cat Haven...

Every cat deserves to be in a loving home. It is up to us to do the right thing by them. I always tell customers that have issues about cats that it's not their fault they are in the situation they are in!

The biggest influence in my life is...

My Family.

My favourite meal to cook...

I am a really basic cook. I love to make homemade pizza, hot dogs, mashed potato and apricot chicken.

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

When I was a teenager I used to say one day I would love to work at Cat Haven. A good friend who was my boss at the nursery gave me the encouragement to apply and I fulfilled my dream. I am also so proud to see how far Cat Haven has come since I started particularly the increase in adoption numbers and huge decrease in euthanasia – it's incredible!

Tell us about the most interesting or memorable place you have ever travelled to?

I flew for the first time about ten years ago when I went to Canberra on a midnight flight. When I arrived the sun was coming up and it was so beautiful flying through the clouds. I always wondered what if it was like in the movies. I looked out the window the whole flight and was amazed I could see the property boundaries from the sky!

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

When you say you work in reception people think of an office environment but really it's very different! It is very rewarding but can also be very emotional.

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

Either relaxing watching TV with a blanket and snacks or sitting down at the river enjoying the peace and quiet and the beautiful scenery.

Volunteer Focus Cathy Hoare

Cat Haven Volunteer

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

General dogsbody or maybe we need to call it catsbody? Sometimes you start your shift cleaning bowls and end up cutting up cooked chickens or hanging out washing.

I became a volunteer at Cat Haven because...

It gives me a legitimate excuse to play with cats. Plus I had wanted to do it for years as we have got a few of our cats from the Cat Haven.

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

Seeing some of the cats that come through get put in homes especially the stray ones that have been living a rough life. It also makes you feel like you have helped out in a small way.

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

Work in the sports industry at Triathlon WA and The Event Team. I look after insurance and Technical officials for events and also Volunteers for Busselton 70.3 and HBF Run for a Reason. My hours got cut as a lot of people have, so I increased my days at Cat Haven. It was good as it gave me something to do while waiting for the Events to kick back off again.

My favourite holiday destination and why...

It would be New Zealand back with the whanau (family). The travel restrictions at present make it seem a while off.

My signature dish...

My workmates love cake so it would be banana cake. We usually have left over bananas from events and it has become my thing.



My all-time favourite movie is...

Shawshank Redemption.

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

I don't have one at the moment! I wanted to do the Tongariro Crossing in NZ which is a 20km walk between Mt Tongariro and Mt Ngauruhoe and it goes past three crater lakes, but we did it New Year's eve. So I need to find another mountain to cross

Something no one knows about me is...

Nobody at the Cat Haven would know that I was chosen to officiate at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. There were only ten of us from Australia

My biggest lesson in life is...

Never judge a book by its cover. I see it all the time in the sports industry as we have people all ages and all different builds and skill sets. For example I have seen a Japanese athlete who was about 75 years young do an IRONMAN and beat people half his age. Also Para athletes who are amputees, in wheelchairs or are visually impaired are the same. We went to an Olympic selection race at Devonport and we were in awe of the athletes.



Remember Huey? He was adopted by Cathy and her family. Here is an update on how he is going and a bit about his cheeky personality...

After volunteering for a year and resisting the temptation to take every cat home (soon realised you can't solve every problem) we took Huey home. He was brought in with a number of other cats and he appeared to have an issue with his back legs. He was a year old and not very big and nobody was really sure what happened to him...Our other two cats didn't like him much as he tended to ambush them and generally pick on them. But as time went on they came to tolerate him mostly.

He drags cat biscuit packets out and chews his way into them and has been known to bin dive and pull stuff out. He has a fixation with feathers and carries them around the house and sometimes you wake in the morning to feathers on the bed.

He also loves ping pong balls and has incredible ball skills which make up for some of his other skills. On his adoption papers it said he shouldn't be allowed to jump on and off things. He hasn't read them so we are always lifting him off the bench or vanity! We are so happy we were able to give him the loving home he so deserves.



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