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Message from Roz Robinson

Cat Haven CEO



Dear members and supporters

It doesn't seem that long ago I was writing the message for Cat Chat Christmas 2019, but how the world has changed during these last 12 months. Who would have envisaged this global pandemic and the unprecedented and precarious times we find ourselves living in?

At the start of the pandemic we had a very worrying period where we didn't know if we would have to close our doors, which would have been the first time in our almost 60 year history. The thought of what would happen to the stray and homeless cats of Perth if we weren't here to take them in was beyond distressing for all of us at the haven. It was a very stressful time but fortunately we were seen to be an essential service and continued as we have done for 59 years.

We had to cancel our Quiz Night, a major fundraising event for us. But we thank the State Government for providing a grant opportunity to cover the funds we weren't able to raise.

It has been an interesting year in other ways for us. We made some changes in how we operate and went to adoptions via appointment system in order to maintain social distancing by restricting the number of people in our adoption areas. This has proven to be a better model for adopting our cats out as we can spend quality time with each person getting to know a little about them and their life style. We also found that so many more people wanted a cat companion during lockdown for a variety of reasons such as working from home and feeling isolated and lonely. There was a little criticism from some sectors we shouldn't be adopting cats out for these reasons as they would come back as soon as people returned to work. But we felt it was still better to get a cat out of the shelter, and we are delighted to say none have been returned due to COVID. It is wonderful to know that people are discovering the benefits of having a cat, or two, in their lives.

A number of times we had fewer cats than homes available which was a wonderful situation to be in. We assisted other rescues, particularly those in the North West, by flying cats down to be rehomed at Cat Haven where they stood a much better chance.

This year also saw one of our Companion Cats, Captain Cat, joint winner of the RSPCA WA Animal Award for 2020 which :-

"Recognises an animal that has made a significant positive impact on the life of their owner, or a member/s of the community. This award celebrates the incredible bond and loyalty that can develop between humans and animals." Captain Cat, who is in his twilight years, has been in service for 5 years, bringing joy and happiness to humans in their twilight years and we can't think of a more worthy winner than this beautiful cat.

Cat Haven also won outstanding shelter of 2020 in the Jetcats annual national awards in October. This was the third year we had submitted an entry being a finalist in 2019. We believe this is a great honour, especially considering how many other shelters there are in Australia run by hardworking and dedicated staff and volunteers, just as Cat Haven is. It validates all the passion and hard work put in by our staff and volunteers to continually improve the quality of care we provide for our cats.

As this year draws to a close, we look back on our successes in such difficult times and know we couldn't have succeeded without the support of you- we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We also thank all of our staff and volunteers who work so incredibly hard in rain, hail or shine.

I think this Christmas we will all be that little more grateful, and hoping you spend yours with the people who mean the most to you.

As we look towards 2021, our 60th year, we don't know what is ahead of us- but one thing is sure. Cat Haven will be here doing what we have done for the last 60 years, making sure every cat does matter.

Have a safe and happy festive season.

Kind Regards,

Roz Robinson - CEO



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Cat Haven Outstanding Animal Shelter 2020

Cat Haven were elated this year with the honour of being awarded as winner of JetPets Companion Animal Rescue Awards Outstanding Animal Shelter for 2020. Having been nominees the last 3 years, finalists in 2019 and the way the way this year has gone this is such a great achievement.



Judge, Tim Vasudeva said "I adopted my first ever cat from cat Haven 1994-95. At that stage, they were dealing with a lot of cats, but the facilities were relatively basic. Seeing the advances that Cat Haven has made in the last couple of decades, and particularly in recent years, the judges were extremely impressed with Cat Haven's approach to animal management from a medical and best-practice sheltering perspective. They deal with a significant number of cats as an open-intake shelter and have managed to get to a very low euthanasia rate and very high adoption rate by being really focused on length of stay and best-practice disease management, which is always difficult when it comes to cats. The judges were really happy with the advances that they have made, and very happy with the standard they are setting and the example they are providing for open intake shelters around Australia."

For the full speech and that winning moment head to <https://rescueawards.com.au/outstanding-animal-shelter-2020-winner/>

Immense thanks go out to all the staff, board members, and volunteers of Cat Haven who assist in making this shelter what it is.



It has been the year for Awards in relation to Cat Haven, one of our truly amazing Companion Cats, Captain Cat resident at Midland Nursing Home, was joint winner in the RSPCA WA Animal Awards 2020. This award recognises an animal that has made significant positive impact on the life of members of the community and Captain Cat has done just that. Jenny Casson, lifestyle coordinator of Midland Nursing Home, was quoted by Echo News stating "Most of our residents like cats and they just light up. When the elderly have to give up their pets to come and live in a nursing home, it's sad really, so Captain Cat fills that void."

Turning 18 years old on the day of winning the Award, Captain Cat enjoyed a double celebration with the residents of Midland Nursing Home.

Well done Captain Cat from all your fellow supporters here at Cat Haven.

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Will you show compassion to cats like me this Christmas?

“ A message from Boof

If it weren't for Cat Haven and all of its supporters, I would never have gotten my second chance. Unfortunately, I'm not the only cat who has been surrendered by their owners in need of lifesaving help. Last year Cat Haven saw over 8,000 cats come through the doors, which put a huge strain on their already stretched resources. And with more and more cats arriving every day, they desperately need your help.

As Cat Haven enters the busiest time of the year, your support is needed now more than ever! Without all the work, care and time donated to help the thousands of abandoned and homeless kitties like me, I hate to think where I might be.



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“ A message from Donny

I may not know what my carers look like, I may not know what my house looks like, and I may not know what's going on – but I do know that I have a full belly, a warm bed to sleep in at night, and guaranteed pats and love every day!

I've been told I'm living in the Boarding department so I have more room to stretch my legs with no risk of accident or injury which is really important for older gentlemen like myself. I've been speaking to my neighbours and they've been telling me how great their real homes are, I can't wait to be back in a home of my own.

Without generous donations like yours, Cat Haven wouldn't be able to provide the premium, extra special care they do to as many cats as they do. Even though I can't see, I trust the staff caring for me and know they are doing the best job possible! Please dig deep, every cat matters.



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YES! I will show compassion to cats like Boof and Donny this Christmas



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People love the warm summer air, cats do too! With warmer weather coming soon, people will be spending more time outdoors and cats that are allowed outdoors may start to venture out further. Although summer is a lovely time to be out and about in the sunshine, there are also many things to watch out for in your furry feline friend.



Fleas

Fleas are tiny wingless insects that are typically a light to dark brown colour. They typically infest cats and dogs but can sometimes bite humans as well. When we think of fleas, we usually picture an animal riddled with these ectoparasites when in reality, you might not even spot fleas on your furry friend. This is because fleas don't always live on cats (and dogs). Yes, you might see them crawling around on your cat if there is a heavy infestation but fleas like to jump onto cats to have a feed, then jump off and hide in the environment- this includes carpets, in between floorboards, your pet's bed, *YOUR* bed and sand pits to name a few.

It is very easy to assume that your cat is free from fleas if you are hardly able to find any crawling around. However, you may start becoming suspicious if your cat suddenly becomes itchy or if you start finding flea dirt (flea faeces). Flea allergy dermatitis (FAD) is a common condition in cats. It causes itching and hair loss usually around the base of the tail, but can develop around the neck and the head. FAD can be managed with corticosteroids but prevention of fleas is most important. Cats are extremely fastidious groomers and as a result ingest fleas as part of the process. This is part of the reason fleas are hardly ever seen on cats. Ingestion of fleas can result in the transmission of tapeworm and you will know your cat

has tapeworm if you find small white segments that look like grains of rice in their stool. Not only can fleas cause itching and transmit tapeworm, but it can also cause anaemia as fleas are able to consume 15 times their body weight in blood!

Once you find fleas in your home, it takes a lot of time and effort to get rid of them. This is why prevention is key. Make sure that you are staying on top of your cat's parasite control especially in the summer time when fleas become most prevalent. Remember that your cat doesn't have to be an adventurer to pick up a flea. Fleas (and flea eggs) can hide in your clothing after you have been out and hitch a ride into your home. A monthly spot-on is all it takes to prevent a big problem. Some common topical medications that are available at most vet clinics and pet stores are Advocate, Revolution and Bravecto. Treat all pets in your household (cats and dogs) as fleas can spread from one pet to another. If you find fleas on your furry companion, start by making sure all pets are treated. All bedding (pet's and human's) and carpets should be washed in hot water (or steam cleaned) and left in the sun to dry to remove fleas, larvae and eggs. Finally, vacuum every nook and cranny of the house, especially if you have floor boards, because fleas love hiding in small dark places.

Cat fight abscesses

Another common summer time condition is the cat fight abscess. Cats are territorial animals and if an intruder trespasses, a fight may ensue. Cats harbour a lot of bacteria in their mouths so a bite is sure to cause a lot of damage under the surface. An abscess is a large pocket of pus that can be quite painful. Most cats that develop these nasty swellings also develop other symptoms such as lethargy, decrease or loss of appetite and fever. A common behaviour owners will notice in their pet is hiding and an intolerance to being touched.

An abscess typically forms when a cat gets bitten by another cat, usually during a fight. When this happens, the skin heals over the bite wound within one to two days, leaving the bacteria deposited by the bite underneath to fester. The bacteria left in the tissues elicit a response from the body and pus starts to build up over a few days. Because the skin has healed over, the pus has nowhere to escape and instead develops into a large, hot swelling known as an abscess. Sometimes if bites are found early, an abscess may not have had time to form yet and you might find cellulitis- a firm, hot, red swelling. If cellulitis is found, antibiotics and pain relief are sometimes enough to treat it. If left untreated, cellulitis can develop into an abscess.

Once an abscess forms, surgery is generally required to lance and drain the built up fluid. After the material has been drained, the now empty pocket is flushed out with copious amounts of sterile saline and all dead or dying tissue is removed by a curette. This reduces the chance of re-infection from any remaining tissue. A drain may be placed in a new incision to facilitate drainage of any excess material that might build up over the next 2 to 3 days. The drain is then removed and the small incision remaining is left to heal on its own over a few days. In the days following surgery, your cat should receive pain relief and antibiotics to clear up any remaining infection. Cats are masters at hiding disease so some abscesses may not be obvious until they burst which can be extremely painful. If you find that your cat has a burst abscess, bring it to your vet for a **full assessment**.

Abscesses and infections are not the only things that can be transmitted in a cat bite. FIV and FeLV are viruses that can be transmitted through blood and saliva. Once a cat is infected with either of these viruses, it is incurable. Therefore, it is important to vaccinate your cat if it goes outdoors or gets into fights often. If your cat is unvaccinated, it should be tested for these viruses prior to vaccination.



Snake bites

Cats are natural born hunters and some can be very inquisitive. This does not bode well when it comes to encountering snakes. The summer months welcome lots of new visitors into the garden so it's always handy to know what to do if your cat is ever confronted by a slithery assailant.

The two most common snakes found in Perth are the Dugite (brown snake) and Tiger snake, both of which are venomous. A bite from either one can be fatal unless treated quickly. Cats are often bitten around the head and/or limbs. If you suspect that your cat has been bitten, it is imperative that you stay calm and quickly bring it to the closest vet clinic. Try to restrain your cat on your way over as movement (such as walking) can cause an increase in heart rate which would accelerate the spread of venom through the system. Do not attempt to catch or kill the snake- you run the risk of getting bitten yourself and snakes are a protected species in Australia.



Symptoms of a snake bite include vomiting, drooling, weakness, panting, shaking, blood in the urine, pupil dilation and sensitivity to light. Some cats may also develop paralysis. Bite wounds are not always obvious, so don't assume your cat has not been attacked if you do not find a wound. When you arrive at the vet, a full assessment will be done. They will recommend several tests based on the history, clinical signs and physical exam to determine the severity of the envenomation and form a treatment plan. Complete blood counts, biochemistry profiles, blood smears and clotting times are some of the common tests performed when a snake bite is suspected.

Treatment of envenomation in cats depends on the severity of the attack. Antivenom (may) be administered to counter the snake's venom, but supportive care and time are necessary for a full recovery. Antivenom is a medication that counters the effects of snake venom. It is not a vaccination and does NOT protect your cat from future snake bites. If your cat gets bitten by another snake, it will likely need antivenom again as part of its treatment.

There are many things that you can do around your garden to reduce the chance of your cat coming into contact with a snake. Keeping the grass short and removing any loose shrubbery will help to prevent snakes from hiding in your garden and will also help you to spot them so that you can move away in a timely manner. Be sure to remove any food (e.g. birdseed) as this will attract rats- snakes love to feast on rats!





Cat Haven's CEO on how many cats she actually has at home...

Having worked at Cat Haven for 14 years, I often get asked how many cats do I have?

I suppose it is expected that working with these wonderful creatures every day, the temptation to adopt "just one more" gets the better of you from time to time. When in answer one cat - I get a bit of a bemused look and the comment "oh really - just one?" Why do I have just one cat-almost seems improper to admit to it. The reason is our one cat, Shipton, has reached the grand old age of 23 years and seems to still be going strong. We had planned to adopt an old cat when we arrived at Cat Haven back in 1997. We wanted a companion for our 5 month old Border collie puppy Shan. Somehow we left with two kittens, Shipton and his sister Tillman (Tilly)! Never quite figured that one out- but it was a decision we never regretted in taking two kittens.

The 3 of them provided us with so much joy over the years,

but Shipton was always at the top of the pack, and could floor a 35 kg dog with just one look! We were all a little apprehensive of Shipton and his fearless attitude. Over the years we lost Shan and then Tilly at 20. Shipton was on his own. He has relished being the only one. He is deaf (can't hear his own yowling!), a bit arthritic so has a number of steps located around the house to get on various sofas and beds, and is in stage 2 kidney failure, which we control via diet and the wonderful vets at Cat Haven. Apart from that, he is happy, loves to sit in the sun, tells you when it is time for bed each night, and loves a pat. We cannot disrupt the life of such an old soul in his twilight years by bringing another cat into the house. So yes, I only have one cat, and truly hope it remains this way for as long as possible, but treasure each day we have him.



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Do you think that visiting the Haven may be the only way to adopt a cat? Did you know there are other avenues in which you can adopt one of our cats?

Some cats unfortunately just don't adapt well to being in a shelter and may come across as aggressive and deemed unadoptable. That is until they step out of the shelter for some respite with a foster carer where they show the true cat they are and will be in a home environment.

But these cats get overlooked when potential adoptees only come to the shelter looking for their furrever cat. So this year we are campaigning to get our foster cats home for Christmas...here's our foster top 10;



1. Boofy and Danyal

Boofy has been waiting for his furrever home for 275 days. For the first 65 days in foster care, Boofy spent his days sulking in his litter tray. Boofy's foster carers tried every trick in the book, but nothing seemed to work – until he met Danyal! Every hero needs a sidekick, and Danyal the 5 month old stray showed Boofy how good life could be.

2. Sammy

Sammy has been waiting for her furrever home for 846 days – the longest of any cat ever to pass through Cat Haven's care. This sassy girl is on a special diet for a severe skin allergy and loves lounging in the sunshine and having scratches from her foster mum.



3. Orange Julius

Orange Julius is hoping his next home is his last home, after coming to Cat Haven as a stray, being adopted and returned a month later because he was no longer wanted. Orange Julius doesn't know why no one wants to keep him, all he knows is that he'd love a warm bed and yummy food in a quiet home for Christmas.



4. Jemima

Hello, I'm Jemima! I'm a gentle, alert and adventurous young girl, and love to play and pounce when I'm not relaxing on a comfy chair or bed. I was adopted once but wasn't coping in the household because I like my alone time – who doesn't! I am here for a second chance at finding my furrever home and hopefully staying there!



5. Hunter

Hunter spends his days hanging out on windowsills, watching the world go by and taking a nap or two in the sun. Hunter has spent the past 174 days rubbing up against any new humans he meets, hoping one day he can claim one for himself!

6. Kiwi

Hi I'm Kiwi – like the fruit or the bird, but I'm a cat! I enjoy my morning exercise ritual of running around my foster home, slipping and sliding like Tokyo Drift and I think my foster mum's chest is the best place for napping and receiving head scratches!

7. Mitsio

Meow it's me, Mitsio! I came to Cat Haven as a stray and even though I can be very timid at first, I love being patted! I especially like it when my foster mum rubs my belly and I just can't get enough of pats once my foster mum starts. But who can blame me, I have to catch up on a lot of pats!

8. Gracie

They used to call me Grumpy Gracie, because my eyes were causing me so much pain and I didn't know how else to express myself so I lashed out and growled. Now I've had a special eye surgery and I'm not in pain anymore – please call me Grateful Gracie!

9. Saguaro

Hello, I am Saguaro. I am large, in charge & looking for my furrever home! I have eyes as bright and golden as the sun and a personality to match – if you're looking for an enthusiastic, relaxed and smoochy boy, well I'm your man!

10. Electra

Hi, my name is Electra. If you've always wanted a cute little kitten, but don't want stress and destruction in your home then I am the purrfect size for you. I weigh less than 3kg with lungs that make up 80% of my volume - I'll let you know when I want something!



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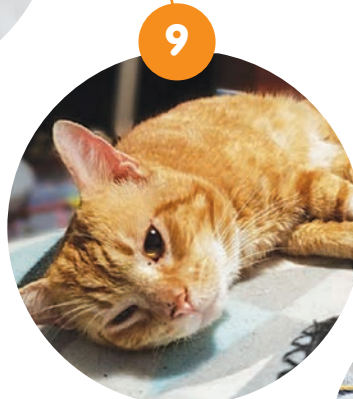
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Thanks to all our amazing foster carers who take these cats in to their homes, provide them with the love and interaction to bring them out of themselves and get them ready for adoption.

If you would like to enquire on any of these cats or any of the cats we have in foster please email fostercare@cathaven.com.au

Cat Haven Veterinary Clinic undergoes major renovations



During winter, our quieter season here at Cat Haven, our veterinary clinic underwent some major renovations. Our clinic was looking very old and needed updating as well as a few modifications to ensure we were compliant with our regulations, so we could continue performing much needed veterinarian work on the cats that come in to our care and we adopt out.

Demolition works started towards the end of July, which saw the old cages inside the clinic and the orange wall outside the entrance to the clinic removed.

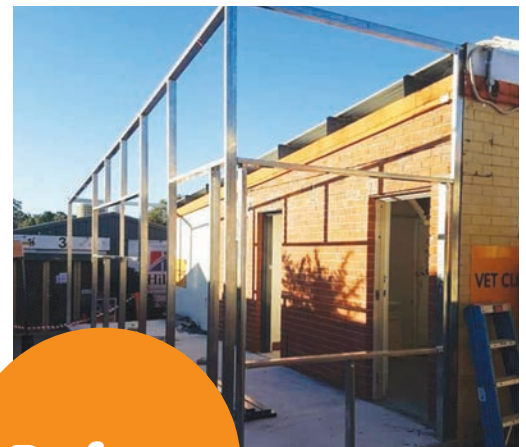
Then whilst the builders worked on building our new extension, which was to become our new waiting room, it was time to make good the surfaces within the clinic - this was no easy task and it took 4 large pots of filler and a snow machine of sanding to get the walls right!

Once everything was ready and prepped the vinyl layer prepped the floor and lay the flooring, all vinyl had been kindly stored and donated by Armstrong Flooring.

Next it was time to undercoat the walls, which this along with the new flooring brought the clinic alive that everyone was very excited and couldn't wait to see the finished result.

By this time the new extension had been finished and this was only 4 weeks after demolition began!! So the last thing required was to paint the entire clinic - just like painting a small 2 bedroom house!

Finishing touches came in the form of getting the equipment back in to the clinic prior to the Vet Surgeons Board inspection on September 01st.



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Recently we welcomed some visitors on site from Minter Ellison, who have performed some pro bono legal work for us, as a way of saying thank you and to give them a real in-depth awareness of what we actually do here every day.

This "behind the scenes" tour was well received so we decided to hold another for our regular donors.

We feel that these tours are invaluable to show donors exactly where their donations are going and what we do here to help subsidise administrative expenditure by means of income streaming.

If you would like to attend a "behind the scenes" tour of Cat Haven please email your interest to Alison.Groves@cathaven.com.au.



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Community & Fundraising

Roxy Lane Christmas Markets

Located out the back of Chapels on Whatley, and other businesses located along the Whatley Crescent strip in Maylands, Roxy Lane was host to numerous market stalls on Sunday 06th December. Having had to cancel the markets earlier in the year due to unforeseen weather conditions, everyone was happy to have the sun shining for these Christmas markets.

Cat Haven, along with other handcraft stallholders, setup out the back of Chapels with retail giftware and merchandise, collectable treasures and pre-loved clothing for sale.

It was a great morning had by all and we send out special thanks to our friends at Chapels for hosting us and thank everyone that attended helping Cat Haven to raise \$1,100.

We look forward to coming back in the New Year to the next markets due in March 2021.



Street Appeal

Whilst it was thought that not many people would have cash to hand we still went ahead with our Annual Street Appeal on Friday 16th October and thanks to all the volunteers who shook a tin for us this year and raised \$4,500.



Kitten Yoga

Thanks to Myall Wellbeing studio for hosting a kitten yoga class in early December and donating **\$500.00** to Cat Haven.

Thank you to **Tru Kolors** who chose Cat Haven as their charity of the month in December as part of their special activity 'random acts of kindness'. They came down to the shelter with donations in the form of toys they had made, towels they had collected and some essentials items they purchased for us.



Containers for change

Cat Haven are participating in Containers for Change. This great initiative to decrease the wastage of plastic containers that can easily be recycled is also helping charities to raise much needed funds.



Simply collect eligible containers
Take them to a containers for change depot*
Choose to donate your funds to Cat Haven using Scheme ID : C10294441
*if you are unable to make it to a depot you can drop your containers off at Cat Haven, please note we only have so much space for storage and time to run these containers to the depot ourselves!

Confectionery Fundraisers

Cat Haven provides the opportunity for you to help fundraise by coming on down to the shelter and purchasing one of the confectionery fundraiser boxes, during opening hours. You can then either eat the confectionery yourself or place the box in your workplace for your colleagues to buy the confectionery from you. Every box comes with fundraising coin box for easy money collection.



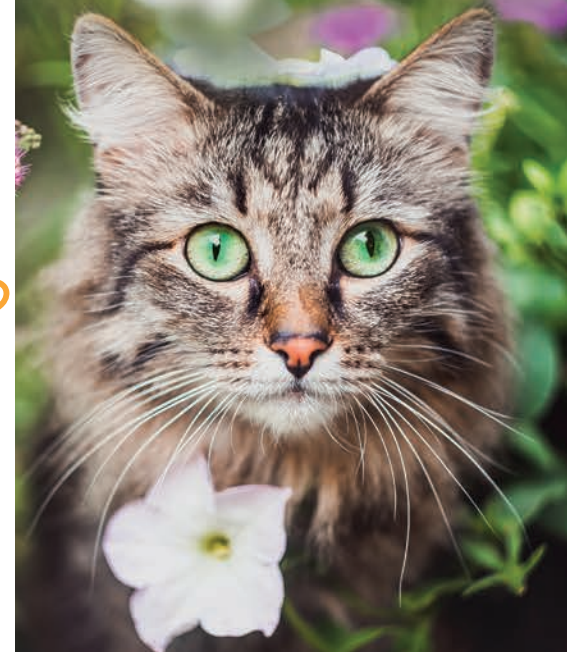
Choose from;

Freddo & Caramello Box	\$60.00 per box
Goody Box	\$60.00 per box
The Natural Confectionery Co Lolly Box	\$60.00 per box
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To make enquiries on any of the confectionery boxes please email admin@cathaven.com.au



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Past Events

Purrs and Petit Paws High Tea

Cat Haven's High Tea returned this year and it felt like everyone was ready to get out there after being inside following covid restrictions. The event sold out within days of the first advertisement going out. This year's venue, the Hyatt Regency, looked simply fabulous and attendees enjoyed being entertained by acclaimed illusionist Michael Boyd.

Over \$18k was raised on the day with Felines & Fashion pre-loved clothing and jewellery sales, silent auction bids, and raffle ticket purchases.

All funds raised have gone towards the running of Cat Haven's emergency boarding.



CONGRATS!



Winter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who entered our Winter raffle! These online raffles are great ways for us to raise funds for the cats in our care while complying with social distancing.

Congratulations to D. Cheir, M. Antunovich, and S. Tait who were the lucky winners.

Check out our social media pages for the next exciting raffle!

Garage Sale Trail

Hot on the foot from WND Cat Haven participated in the garage Sale Trail on Saturday 21st November and **raised \$700.**

Pawsome Hamper

Congratulations to Lisa Smith who donated to Cat Haven using one of our donation tap points out there in the community which gave her a ticket to go into the draw to win the pawsome hamper. The hamper was filled to the brim of Cat Haven merchandise and giftware and Chapels Fine Teas Products.

Donation tap points can be found at Chapels on Whatley, Perth Cat Hospital, The Cat Café and of course on site at Cat Haven.



WND

Cat Haven's Annual Fundraiser Wet Nose Day returned this year, having had a year's break last year. It was a truly amazing event that brought the community down to Cat Haven to peruse and purchase from stalls of books, collectable treasures, toys, plants and pre-loved clothing, as well as try their luck on the lucky ticket stall, the silent auction, and the raffle. Attendees were able to enjoy a sausage sizzle and some delicious baked goodies during their visit and for the kids in attendance a face painter was on hand.

The day itself raised \$20k from stalls with 24 cats finding forever homes.



Corporate Volunteering

We are back hosting Corporate volunteers, 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

Cat Condo Sponsors

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Sponsoring a cat condo is a great way to donate to Cat Haven whilst having a plaque with your chosen description over a condo for the span of the sponsorship*. All funds go to helping the cats in our care. If you would like to sponsor a cat condo please visit: cathaven-perth.myshopify.com/collections/cat-haven-merchandise/products/cat-haven-cat-pen-sponsorship or email Alison.Groves@cathaven.com.au

*sponsorships run for 12 months from date of payment

60th Anniversary

Next year marks the 60th anniversary of Cat Welfare Society Inc the incorporated association by which Cat Haven trades under.

Whilst we have a year planned of fabulous celebrations we want to know if anyone out there has any memorabilia, newspaper articles from years ago?

If you do please send them in to Roz.Robinson@cathaven.com.au



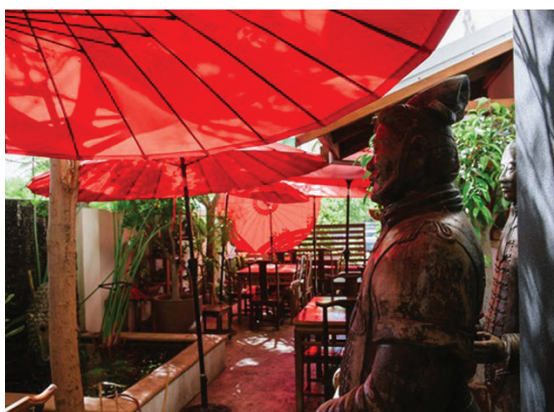
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Staff Focus



Jessica Moore-Jones

Veterinary Services Manager

Before Cat Haven I was working at...

I've spent the last few years providing consulting services for animal shelters and veterinary clinics, helping them improve their efficiencies and their approach to animal welfare. Prior to that, I was the CEO and Executive Manager at different RSPCAs in Australia as well as large and small shelters in New Zealand, Thailand, UK and the Cook Islands.

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

how impressively they do given the very high volume of cats coming through the door and the very tight budgets – the success rates and how far they'll go for each individual cat is genuinely impressive.

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

is helping to improve cat welfare not just by giving them a refuge until they find a permanent home, but trying to make their stay here as positive as possible. I'm passionate about low stress handling of cats, and trying to make the shelter as stress-free as we can.

My favourite meal to cook....

Anything with potatoes.

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

I once spent a week husky sledding from Finland to Norway in the Arctic Circle, in the middle of winter under the northern lights. A very cold but unforgettable experience.

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

My very spoiled dog Loki takes up a lot of my time, finding new ways to mentally tire him out and long hikes to keep his working-dog legs busy.

Volunteer Focus Susie Italiano

Cat Haven Volunteer

If I were to describe my volunteer role at cat haven in one sentence...

I currently volunteer in adoptions and get to help find new homes for kittens and cats in the shelter.

I became a volunteer at cat haven because....

I love cats and they have always been in my life for as long as I can remember. When our 2 year old tabby boy Felix died at the beginning of the year, it broke my heart. We got him as a kitten with his ginger litter brother Oscar and they shared an amazing bond. I wanted something positive to come out of his short life so I decided to apply to become a volunteer.

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

I get so much satisfaction out of meeting people and helping them find the right kitty to join their family. Getting to meet different cats every week and getting my fix of kitty cuddles is an added bonus too!

When I am not at cat haven I normally....

....am walking the coast with my sister, playing netball, working part time, drinking coffee, enjoying a little retail therapy, running a busy household with hubby & 3 kids (19,17 & 14) & playing with my cats Oscar & Ziggy!

My favourite holiday destination and why....

Rottneest is a personal favourite of mine. The beaches, the bays, and the laid back vibe make it a great place to unwind and spend quality family time together.

My signature dish....

I'm not sure I have just one but my family devour salt & pepper squid whenever I make it and my marshmallow pavlova is always a crowd pleaser.



My all time favourite movie is...

At the moment i would probably say it's bohemian rhapsody because I've watched it so many times!

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

Travel to the Greek Islands and Croatia! Hopefully if not for my hubby's 50th then for mine!

Something no one knows about me is....

Ummm....this is tough.....I don't have any secrets!

My biggest lesson in life is...

Life is short...buy the shoes!



If you are interested in volunteering at Cat Haven or organising a team from work to come down to Cat Haven, please contact:
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