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Message from Roz Robinson

Hello everyone,

Welcome to 2022 and the first Cat Chat of the year which as usual, has some really good stories of the work which has happened here since our September 2021 edition.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 60th Birthday morning tea and made it special. We had a number of speakers including members of parliament and our Patron, former Attorney General Michael Mischin, all say a few words and there was a unanimous theme through all their speeches- that Cat Haven had served the community tirelessly for the last 60 years. (You can read Michael's speech further on in Cat Chat).

We reflected on the huge advances made during the last 60 years in cat welfare in WA and envisaged what cat welfare would have been like without Cat Haven over this time. We are proud of our achievements but realise our work isn't over until every cat is a wanted cat.

It was wonderful to see so many old, familiar faces who have been supporters of us for so long, as well as many of our volunteers - the morning tea was rounded off by kitten cuddles.

We enter our third year of Covid and like the majority of businesses we too have been affected. Our biggest concern is having a situation where all staff have to isolate at once- the shelter couldn't operate. We have split our staff into two teams who never cross over, and have put some additional measures into place to minimize foot traffic through the site. The vast majority of our customers have been more than happy to comply and we thank you for that.



It is done with the best intentions to keep staff, volunteers and customers safe to ensure we can keep delivering on cat welfare.

Some of you may have seen on our social media, our collaboration with Safewill to provide a discounted will to our supporters. This is always a very difficult subject to raise, but one which affects us all. For further information please email Amber at Marketing.Coordinator@cathaven.com.au

If there is anything you would like future Cat Chats to focus on, articles you would like to see, information you would like to get, please let Amber or me know. It's your Cat Chat, and we want to feature relevant information. Please drop me an email, roz.robinson@cathaven.com.au

Thank you for your on-going support.
Kind Regards,
Roz Robinson
CEO

A handwritten signature of Roz Robinson in black ink.



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Message from The Chair - Rob Orton

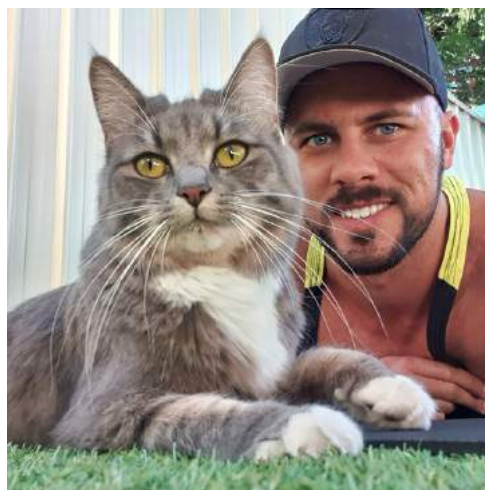
Firstly, thank you for your ongoing support of Cat Haven - whether through your adoptions, fostering, volunteering efforts on grounds/events, or as an avid cat lover.

Whilst this is a new year, it would be remiss to not reflect on 2021 and the achievements of Cat Haven against a backdrop of challenges and uncertainties.

Kitten season seemed unending with persistently high intakes even during traditionally quiet times. Throw in an occasional lockdown and ever-changing restrictions, it made for anything but a normal year however, as Cat Haven has continually demonstrated, resilience and adaptability saw us through and showed we could rise to any challenge.

It is sometimes easy to forget the good news and success stories. We celebrated our 60th birthday - a legacy and a mission in 1961 which remains the same today in that Every Cat Matters and we continue to rescue cats from the perils of the streets. We developed our 2022-2024 Strategic Summary which if you have not read, I would encourage. We were also recipients of a major State Government grant that will see us shortly commence construction of a new dental room and reconfiguration of the reception/shop area to create a private bereavement space for members of the public. We can also be extremely proud of our nation-leading zero euthanasia rate for rehomeable cats.

As a Board we have focused our attention on developing plans to ensure Cat Haven can be supported to remain nimble and flexible. This has included the investment in our IT infrastructure to improve reliability and harmonise systems to increase productivity. I am also pleased to announce that separate to the new dental and bereavement space, we will be purchasing a demountable multi-purpose building which will be installed outside the cottage.



This will provide additional staff amenity space along with a dedicated meeting area. The Board will also be creating a new working group to look at the wider redevelopment of the site and how that will look over the years to come.

Financially, Cat Haven is well positioned although we do continue to rely on bequests as a considerable revenue stream. Whilst we continue to lobby the State Government for greater funding given the pivotal role we play in the community (~2% of our annual revenue is from Government grants), we have recently moved to diversify our income stream by moving some funds into a managed investment fund. This is a prudent move considering the very low deposit interest rate returns and we have selected a conservative and responsible fund manager who has vast experience with the not-for-profit sector.

I appreciate there may be some uncertainty and angst around COVID-19 and what that will mean for our operations. A great deal of planning has gone into the preparations and there has been a tremendous response from our staff and volunteers as well as the public who are adjusting to our new control measures.

I am encouraged through discussions in my personal life that Cat Haven is instantly recognised and synonymous with cat welfare, however many do not realise the extent of the services we provide to the community nor our non-for-profit status. Over the course of this year we will be making some adjustments to better support Roz and her exceptional advocacy work as well as getting the Cat Haven brand and message out into the community further.

Thank you once again for your support and I wish everyone a safe and prosperous start to 2022.

Regards,
Robin Orton
Chair, Board of Management



Chancey
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Article supplied by Kelly Herbert from Perth Cat Hospital.

Could Something Lurking in Your Kitchen be Dangerous?

With the Easter holidays fast approaching, the shops and cupboards are starting to fill with Easter eggs, hot cross buns and other delicious treats! Although super tasty, these yummy foods pose some very serious threats to the health of our pet cats. Detailed below are some of the most dangerous foods that can be found in most kitchens to remind us all to be vigilant as to what we are leaving around our feline companions over the holidays.

Chocolate

Chocolate contains the ingredients caffeine and theobromine which are both highly toxic to cats. Even small quantities of these ingredients can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, rapid heart rate, tremors and seizures. The higher the cocoa percentage in the chocolate, the higher the contents of both of these toxic substances. Even chocolate chips in cakes, biscuits or other foods containing chocolate can cause a potential risk.



Grapes and raisins

Ingestion of grapes and raisins can lead to acute kidney failure and even lifelong kidney problems. Despite advances in veterinary medicine, there is still very little known as to why grapes and raisins can cause such devastating side effects. Unlike some other foods, there is no known toxic dose quantity and even one single grape can cause injury to a cats kidneys.

Onions, garlic, leek & scallions

Despite being packed full of flavour, onions (and other vegetables in the same family) are also packed full of disulphides and thiosulphates which are extremely dangerous to cats. These substances lead to the destruction of red blood cells (known as Heinz Body Anaemia) and cause weakness, increased heart rate, difficulties breathing, thirst, pale gums, collapse and even death if left untreated.

Raw dough

As yeast ferments from the dough rising, gas is naturally expelled which causes severe pain and distension in the stomach. The bloating can even cause the stomach to twist on itself which requires emergency, lifesaving surgery. During fermentation, alcohol is also produced as a by-product which causes more problems of its own (see below).

Alcohol

Alcohol of any kind can cause gastrointestinal upsets such as vomiting and diarrhoea as well as neurological symptoms including respiratory depression, incoordination and coma. Whether spirits, beer or wine, all forms of alcohol are dangerous to cats.

Xylitol (artificial sweetener)

Xylitol is one of the most common artificial sweeteners used in most gums, breath fresheners, lollies and even some coffee and tea sweeteners. Xylitol causes a sudden release of insulin, dropping the cat's blood sugar levels to a dangerous low and results in weakness, incoordination, collapse, seizure and sometimes death. Despite treatment, some pets sadly end up with lifelong liver issues.



Milk & dairy

Cats do not have the digestive enzyme known as lactase that is responsible for breaking down and metabolising lactose, the main ingredient in milk and dairy products which leads to vomiting and diarrhoea. Whilst the side effects of ingesting these food items are less harmful than some others, it can be very uncomfortable for the cat to go through and in severe cases can cause dehydration.

Coconut products

Though small amounts of coconut based foods are unlikely to cause harm, milk and flesh of coconut contains high amounts of oil which can cause diarrhoea and dehydration. Coconut water should also be avoided as it is high in potassium and can affect the kidneys.

If you suspect your cat has ingested anything dangerous or harmful, be sure to contact your local veterinary hospital as soon as possible for further instructions.

Catholic Homes St Vincent residents knitted cosy blankets for the scared cats and kittens.

The lovely residents at Catholic Homes St Vincent spent hours knitting blankets for the cats at Cat Haven. We use these to make the cats feel comfortable and cosy in their condos while in the shelter then send the blanket home with them once they find a new family.

Cat Haven's wonderful volunteer Mardi took her Maine Coon Lincoln and some rescue kittens along to play with the residents and talk about how much we appreciate the blankets.



Colleen's visit to St Georges Aged Care Centre - Bayswater

Cat Haven's long-term valued volunteer and experienced foster carer Colleen, helps us in the thick of kitten season hand-rearing orphaned kittens from as young as a day old. The beautiful babies pictured were one of these litters, when stray kittens are hand reared like this, they are often very cuddly, sociable kittens and are very affectionate when meeting new people.

Colleen took the cute Finn pictured here to St Georges Aged Care Centre in Bayswater to meet the residents and brighten their days with some kitten cuddles. Who wouldn't love this?!

Thanks again Colleen for all the amazing work you do for Cat Haven.





CAT HAVEN 2021 FIGURES

We rescued a total of 7257 cats and kittens last year!



45% Were stray cats and kittens

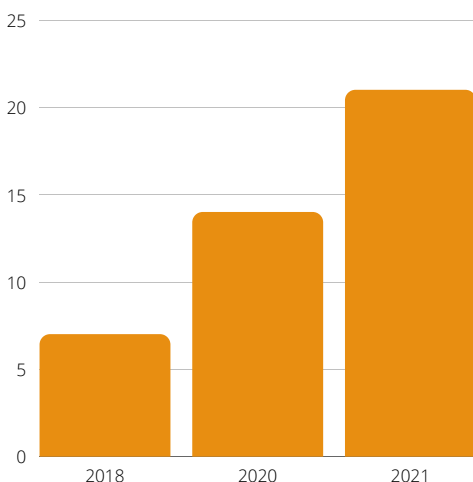


37% Were owner surrenders

13% from councils, 3% were returned cats and 1% were from emergency boarding

908 Cat and kittens have been adopted through our External Adoption Centres (243 more than 2020!)
4984 cats were adopted on site (190 more than 2020!)

3679 cats and kittens were fostered out. That's 734 more than 2020!



1204 adoptions from foster in 2021
747 in 2020

21% of Cat Haven's total adoptions were from foster in 2021. This was only 14% in 2020 and 7% in 2018!



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Over \$5,000 raised in the name of Jacob Powell!



After the sad and untimely passing of 17 year old Jacob Powell, his family and friends reached out to Cat Haven to donate on his behalf. The lovely team at St John of God Murdoch got together and organised a morning tea. Special thanks to Gemma and Alison for their amazing efforts and pulling this all together.

Jacob was a real advocate for the cats, he helped foster over the years and even collected donations for us and regularly brought them in. We appreciate all his work and thank him greatly for the huge amount of money that was raised in his name.



Kittens found in a bag on the side of the road have been rehomed!

You might remember the horrible story we posted on our Facebook and Instagram about these beautiful 12 week old kittens being dumped in a Coles cooler bag on the side of the road in Murdoch.

A very compassionate lady named Sandy checked the bag on the footpath and was shocked when she saw live kittens inside, she bathed and fed them while our Cat Rescue Officer made her way to collect them.

They have since had all their vet checks sterilisations and were sent off to Happy Pet Place to be adopted with their new names, Sandy, Murdoch and Survivor. They have all found beautiful new homes where they will grow big and strong! We are so very happy that they were found, as we can't start to imagine their outcome if they hadn't been.

PLEASE if you find any kittens or have any kittens you do not know what to do with, we will take them. We even have amnesty crates at Cat Haven where you can drop cats or kittens after-hours where there is fresh food and water for them.



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We would like to put out a HUGE thank you to all our volunteers who helped with gift wrapping at Lakeside Joondalup Shopping Centre. It was very busy at times with many gifts to wrap and the team did an amazing job. If you would like to help with gift wrapping in the future please keep an eye out on our social media for when we are looking for volunteers.

It is such a fun and rewarding experience listening to everyone's stories about adopted cats while you wrap presents.



Thank You North Perth Veterinary Centre

On Sunday 6th February the lovely team at North Perth Veterinary Centre volunteered their own time to help us sterilise, vaccinate and microchip over 30 cats and kittens!

Desexing is such an imperative part of ensuring we get control of the cat population, and help like this is how we manage to keep the numbers of new kittens coming in each day. Just 1 female and 1 male are capable of producing 12 kittens per year and are in turn responsible for over 4000 kittens in just 4 years.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this massive effort to desex so many cats and kittens in one day, If your clinic would like to help us with a de-sexathon, please contact Roz via email roz.robinson@cathaven.com.au



Cat Haven's 60th Birthday Celebrations



Celebration time for Cat Haven's 60th anniversary!

We have a special 60th edition of Cat Chat if you would like to read about the highs and lows over the last 60 years, this can be found on our website or by emailing marketing.coordinator@cathaven.com.au



A few words spoken by Michael Mischin at our Birthday...

Special Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for finding the time to join with us this morning to celebrate the Society and Haven's 60th anniversary.

Of course, none of this would have been possible were it not for the compassion, energy and efforts of Hilda Cockram and the other 11 founders of the Cat Welfare Society.

The first I had heard of Hilda was in an article in the March 2016 edition of our Society's newsletter 'CatChat', which reproduced a 1961 newspaper story by the well-known columnist Athol Thomas in the Daily News headlined 'The Alley Cat and the Good Samaritan'.

It told of the numerous stray and abandoned cats and kittens around the Northbridge area at the time, and how for some 12 years Hilda – an old age pensioner – had been helping them. She would travel by taxi every second night, throughout the year, carrying bags of mincemeat weighing 40lb – 18kg – to feed the strays in lane ways from the early hours of the morning to dawn, an exercise that would cost about £20 per week – about \$550 now.

Michael Mischin
LLB (Hons)
Bjuris (Hons)



I was particularly moved by the account in the article not only of the meanness and abuse she would suffer from critics of her efforts, but the cruelties and tortures inflicted on the cats and kittens by locals who took a "sadistic delight in crippling her friends", simply to spite her.

The accounts of people poisoning the food and water she would painstakingly and lovingly put out; kicking over tins of food and water; and even the padlocking of taps so she could not draw the small amounts of water from them – are the least of the cruelties recounted in the article.

I won't repeat them – those who are interested can read the article or my speech of 29 June 2016 – except to mention the brute who used a kitten as a football.

That specimen of Australian larrikinism and manhood ran away when Hilda chased him.

In the article, she asks the reporter, with tears in her eyes, "Why do they do it?"

Apart from sadistic desire to harm those animals over whom they had power, they did it to bully her – to destroy her spirit by harming those towards which she showed love and compassion.

They were not Perth's proudest days. But she was not deterred.

She also asked in the article "Where will it all end? I'm getting old and can't carry on much longer."

But she knew others were also doing their bit, and had already gathered interest from like-minded Samaritans.

And on 29 June 1961 there took place a meeting of a dozen cat-lovers at the Boans Reception Hall in Perth – the first meeting of "a society for the protection of our cats, the solving of the problems of strays and dumped kittens" – what would become the Cat Welfare Society.

Hilda died in 1992. Hilda will have seen the Society grown and mature. But Hilda hasn't seen the fall in euthanasia rates from the 70% of a decade ago, to zero in the case of well cats capable of being re-homed. She hasn't seen the passage of the Cat Act 2011 – something she saw the need for all those years ago, and which I am proud the Barnett Government of which I was part achieved.

I feel that if Hilda were here today, she might still have tears in her eyes – but tears of pride in the work of the Society; of relief that the Perth that she knew then has become more enlightened towards our companion animals; and of gratitude for the work of those who have carried on her legacy.

For whether or not they know it, the staff and volunteers of the Society channel her compassion, her dedication, and her love – and all reflect our humanity, and the better angels of our nature.

I began with an anecdote and so shall end with one.

It was once the tradition, that had been going on for some 25 years by the time it was first reported, at the Government House near Poona in India – a sort of unofficial oral addition to the standing orders – to the effect that any cat passing out of the front door was to be regarded as His Excellency the Governor, and to be saluted accordingly.

The reason was that Sir Robert Grant, Governor of Bombay, died there in 1838 and about the time of his death a cat was seen to leave the house by the front door and walk up and down a particular path, as it had been the Governor's habit to do after sunset.

A Hindu sentry had observed this and mentioned it to others of his faith and, after consultation with priests about the transmigration of souls, it was decided that the spirit of the deceased Governor had entered into one of the house pets. As it was difficult to fix on a particular cat, it was decided that every cat passing out from the main entrance after dark was to be treated with due respect and proper vice-regal honours.

I am not suggesting that we go that far here at the Haven.

But I rather fancy the idea that every cat and kitten that leaves this place, in the company of some member of a family that is to give it its 'forever home', embodies the spirit and carries within it a part of the soul of every volunteer and member of staff and supporter of the Cat Haven – now and since that fateful Thursday, on 29 June 1961, when Hilda Cockram, her two daughters Wendy and Betsy, and nine others held the first meeting of the Cat Welfare Society at the Boans Reception Hall.

I thank you again for joining with us to celebrate this birthday and for your support so that, unlike the Cat in the Wet Wild Woods, our stray and homeless cats won't always have to walk alone.

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... a large number 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 this 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 that have been in foster the longest, to showcase how much they need furrever homes.

Do you have space?



Tiger 160351
502 days in foster



Rudy 163286
340 days in foster

I'm a 2 year old boy who is ready for his new home finally, I had an operation on my hip and have been in foster while I get better. I'm very confident, curious, and won't take long at all to settle into my new home. I love my foster bunny but I'm not a fan of other cats. Will I fit into your life?

I'm a 2 year old lady who is looking for a new family! If you want someone to greet you when you wake up I'm the one for you. I love sunny spots indoors and sitting with you while you watch TV.



Mr Moustache 162965
350 days in foster



Pixie 163595
340 days in foster

I'm a lovely 6 year old man who has been in foster for over a year now! I'm very affectionate and am not scared of new people, the definition of a lap cat.

I am a 1 year old pretty girl who has been waiting for you furrever. You have to be very patient with me as I am scared of big humans. I do love food and a little pat here and there. Meet me today!



Fondue 163309
308 days in foster

I'm a cool 3 year old dude who was found as a stray. It's my turn to have a loving home now. I go crazy for tuna and I like to nap next to you while you read or watch TV.



Princess 165226
257 days in foster

Hey, I'm a 5 year old pretty lady, just like a princess. I love playing with my feather toy and like getting groomed and patted. Do you have room in your home for me?



First Lady Kitty 163768
300 days in foster

Hey, I'm a 3 year old girl who loves other cats, if you are looking for a friend for your current kitty I'm your girl, Meet me today!



Black Jack 165326
254 days in foster

I'm a 1 year old boy that you're going to fall in love with. I love toys, playing, and cuddles, I'm your new best friend!



Bob Buttons 160717
130 days in foster

Hey I'm a 2 year old boy who needs a new home. It takes me a little while to get comfortable with you but once I do I'm the best boy.



Gerald Butler & Bumi 165065
241 days in foster

Gerard Butler is 4 and Bumi is 5, and we are the ultimate pair! We both love cuddles and scratches, we love our foster home but want to find our furrever family!

If you would like to enquire about any of these cats or any cats we have in foster please email fostercare@cathaven.com.au there are so many more to view on our website www.cathaven.com.au/collections/cats-for-adoption

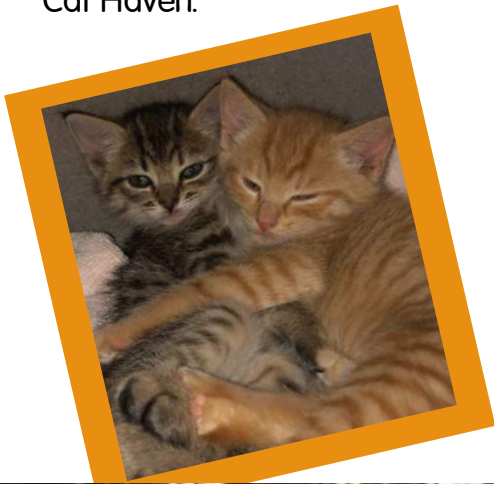
Rumbas Story!

When Helen from Midland Women's Care Facility heard meowing in the roof one hot sunny day she and the other staff working were immediately confused as to where the noises were coming from. They soon figured out that the small meows were coming from the roof.

They bravely jumped up and started looking for them and without getting into the roof they managed to find two kittens by playing YouTube videos of mum cats meowing on their phones. They managed to get these kittens out of the roof space and Helen kindly took them home to foster. Two weeks have gone by and they started to hear MORE meows! This is when they contacted us at Cat Haven.

Our Cat Rescue Officer Veronica went out with traps and managed to safely place them in the roof overnight. We managed to get a further 3 more kittens and mum. All kittens and mum were brought back to Cat Haven for vet checks and sterilisation.

Rumba had won a special place in Helen's heart! she adopted him and her work has cleared Rumba to become a therapy cat at the office for the women in care, he travels from Wanneroo to Midland to work all the time. What great work Rumba!



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Mina, Aria & Sara's Veggie Garden

Mina, Aria & Sara's cat Marshmallow went missing, he was later found safe but the girls couldn't stop thinking about all the homeless cats and kittens who don't have access to food and drink like their Marshmallow. So they decided to set up a stall in front of their house and sell organic home grown herbs and veggies, well what a success it was!

They raised \$122 with their parents doubling their funds Cat Haven got a \$244 donation. This will help some of those homeless cats and kittens find their furrever homes. What a huge effort girls, the cats appreciate you.



Amber's Containers for Change

It always warms our hearts to see children going out and actively helping us out. At the time of year when most children are distracted with other things like letters to Santa, we have two stories to bring you.

Amber who came over from Queensland by herself to spend Christmas with her Aunt and Grandma. It wasn't Amber's first visit to Perth, and high on her agenda is always a visit to Cat Haven, where she loves to meet not just the kittens but some of the cats too. Amber this year, felt she needed to do something for Cat Haven, and wanted to raise funds for us. So she went on a mission to collect containers which can be recycled for 10c under cash for containers recycling programme and then took them to a centre where the funds are deposited straight to our account. Thank you Amber- at such a young age it is wonderful you gave up some of your holiday to help us out. For more info on containers for change and how you can help, please email our Amber, our Marketing Co-ordinator at marketing.coordinator@cathaven.com.au





Eli and Adria donating to the cats

The second story relates to one of our vet's two children, Adira 10 and Eli 8, two budding entrepreneurs who started their own greetings card business, Scary Bare Creations at the end of 2020. All cards are hand-drawn and hand-printed by them and sold at markets, fairs and Cat Haven's Wet Nose Day (visit their website scarybarecreations.weebly.com Facebook and Instagram as @scarybarecreations.)

In the middle of last year, the family adopted a very sad and ill little kitten by the name of Louis Von Pompadour who succumbed, amongst other things, to have to have an eye removed. They loved him all the more for this, and to show it, they designed and drew a card of him which was included in their stock. From there, a dollar from each of the \$2 sale price of the "Louis the Eye" cards was put to one side, along with sales of every second card, and just before Christmas, Adira and Eli came in to present Cat Haven staff with the monies they had raised.

Both of these stories highlight that we have a generation of cat lovers and carers coming through with values and compassion. Well done Amber, Adira and Eli. We are blessed to have you on board.



Keep your cats indoors:

These are some x-rays from Nemo and Elvis who have both undergone huge complex surgeries to pin their legs due to car accidents. We are finding more and more cats coming in to us because their owners can't afford the surgery costs to fix these injuries.

Sun damage is another reason to keep your cats inside, poor Romeo here has had to undergo surgery to remove the tips of his ears and part of his nose due to skin cancer after spending too much time in the sun outside. Using sheer curtains is another great way to help your cats that love to sunbake on the windowsill all day.

Please do your part and keep your cats indoors, for their safety!



Isabelle Griggs

Many of our long term volunteers, members and staff will know Isabelle Griggs, the cat lady from Rockingham.

Isabelle, or Issy as she was more fondly known by, was a wonderful supporter of Cat Haven for many, many years, after answering Val Mitchell's ad in the paper asking for volunteers to help her trap cats. Between them they brought in thousands of cats which otherwise would have been left to "the perils of the streets".

She was a drop-off for people in Rockingham who could no longer keep their cats and brought them up every Sunday paying for all their vet treatment- and brought treats for all the staff and volunteers too.

We could always rely on Issy growing the most beautiful plants for our Wet Nose Days and she would man the stall along with her brother Tom, no matter how hot it was.

Well into her 80's, Issy was delivering meals on wheels for "the old people" who couldn't care for themselves.

A couple of years ago, Issy took a fall breaking a hip, and was placed in aged care. We were very lucky that she was able to attend our 60th birthday party last year with a lot of help from the nursing home and staff.

Sadly, Issy passed away on Monday 7th February and the tributes have flowed in for her, this unassuming but determined lady. As one volunteer said nothing was too much trouble as long as it helped Cat Haven out. Another said Isabelle was an amazing, untiring, wonderful person. She was the go-to person down south in her day for cat rescue. A very special person, someone who was so independent and her kindness knew no boundaries.

Issy, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the years of tireless service you gave us and all the cats lives that were saved. You were one in a million, and we are all the better for knowing you.



Save 50% today on your online will

Cat Haven would like to thank you for supporting us last year. We raised \$11,790 from our Christmas Appeal and this couldn't have been possible without people like YOU. The funds raised from our Christmas Appeal have helped give so many cats a second chance to find a furrever home.

As a way of saying thank you I wanted to let you know that we have partnered with Safewill, Australia's leading will writing platform to save 50% off your Will. Did you know 70% of Australian adults don't have a legally binding Will? We know that this is a problem for many of our supporters and wanted to help making this more affordable for you.

With Safewill, you can write your bespoke, legally binding Will without leaving your home, in just a few clicks. I hope you'll take advantage of this great offer to safeguard your personal legacy and the people you love. I hope you'll consider leaving a gift in your Will to support Cat Haven.



After you have taken care of your loved ones and pets, simply include the amount that feels right to you.

A gift as little as 1% of your estate could make a serious difference to the thousands of cats we rehome every year.

To give you an idea of how much this helps, Cat Haven receives 20% of our income from bequests each year. Thanks to this amazing support, Cat Haven has been able to continue helping the homeless cats of Perth and giving them a second chance of a forever home.

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Emergency Boarding

Picture this, you've found yourself in a hard position getting evicted from your home, with nowhere to go and the pressure of finding a new home, the last thing you can think of is having to surrender your best friend. This is why Cat Haven created our Emergency Boarding program to provide support and look after cats until their owners are back on their feet.

With homelessness being the largest reason Cat Haven finds cats coming into its care they change to we are also supporting any emergency situation, domestic violence, hospital stays and mental health treatments to name a few. For these pet owners the bond and companionship they share with their cat is a lifetime.

Cat Haven provides three weeks free to anyone in an emergency situation where they cannot care for their cat. Following this we charge the significantly reduced rate of \$10 per day and provide payment plans to support pet owners in need. We currently have over 28 cats under this program with some of the cats being in care for over 9 months. With no help from the government to cover the cost of this program, Cat Haven relies on the support of donors and foster carers to keep this program running.

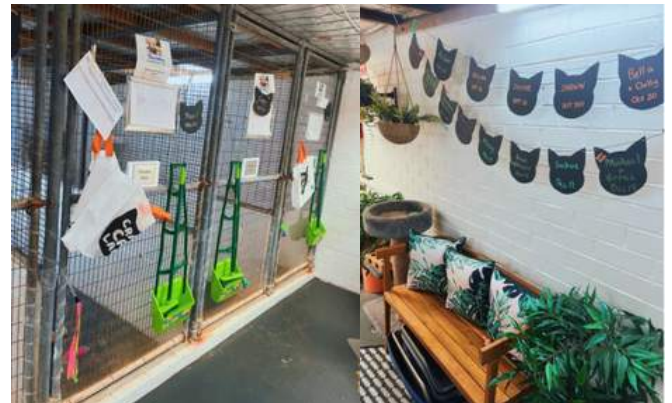
How can you help?

1) Become a foster carer:

We currently need foster carers to look after the Emergency Boarding cats, the shelter runs are only temporary home for a month or two and if the cats need to be looked after for an extended time foster care is the only option. Our foster team provides all the bedding, food, veterinary care, enrichment tools, bowls and bedding needed.

2) Donate:

If you can't foster, please consider donating to Emergency Boarding through our website. The only way Cat Haven can keep this program running is with your support. With the cost to look after 1 cat per day being approximately \$25 per day, with some cats needing additional vet treatments and medication or special diets this cost adds up very quickly.



Brenda Honorary Life Member

Introducing Brenda, Brenda is one of Cat Haven's dedicated Board members. Brenda first became involved with Cat Haven when we did a call out for Foster Carers in 2016. Since then, Brenda has fostered dozens of cats coming on-site to collect her foster cats Brenda saw an opportunity to help further and volunteered in our utilities area and at various fundraising events.

One day, she happened to mention her background of 40 years in IT, and from there Brenda took on a new role in volunteering.

She has spent hundreds of hours with IT matters on-site taking us through the process of finding a new IT contractor who could meet our ever increasing needs, got us a new phone system installed, built us a new website, created an on-line shop, organised security cameras and completed grant submissions.

She is now on her second term on the Board of Management, chairing Sub-Committees to name but a few of her achievements and yet she still manages to find time to foster cats!

Because of all her efforts, hard work and cost savings to Cat Haven, Brenda has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership. We want to say thank you and well done Brenda, we love having you on our team!

Whats on at Cat Haven

Kitten cuddles and a work out? This event is for you!

The lovely team at The Jungle Body Tribe are putting on a class just for US! Join us for an epic workout in the dark with The Jungle Body Tribe and a LIVE DJ!

Doors open at 5:15pm on the 4th March for kitten cuddles from 5:30pm with soft calming music while you zen out. Then onto the CLAW-some class filled with boxing, twerking & jumping to a kitty inspired playlist (think Doja Cat, Megan Thee Stallion, Taylor Swift, Katy Perry & more!!)

Bookings are required for this event, please purchase your tickets through www.thejunglebodytribe.com/event-details/kitten-konga

With all proceeds going to Cat Haven. Let's have an awesome night and help the kitties of Perth!

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Street Appeal

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How it works:

- Purchase scones through our website www.cathaven.com.au
- Plan your morning tea, invite your friends, family, or co-workers
- Have a tea-riffic time and raise funds for the cats that desperately need your help
- We will supply you with a morning tea pack with everything you need to fundraise your way.

*Scones can be collected from Cat Haven from the 2nd March 2022

Our street appeal is a large part of our fundraising for the year and we need your help to get to our goal of \$15,000 this year. This money goes directly towards caring for the 8,000 or so cats and kittens entering our shelter each year, whether it be caring for them within the shelter, or keeping our Cat Rescue Service on the road.

Have you ordered your scones Yet?



Street Appeal 4th March



Staff Focus - Miki

My Name is...

Mikaela or everyone calls me Miki

My role at Cat Haven is...

Foster Manager

Before Cat Haven, I was working at...

I was in the hospitality industry and a horse riding instructor

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

Something medical for sure, can't pick one they are so many

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

The welfare of the cats and to give all these amazing cats a second chance

The biggest influence in my life is....

My parents

My favourite meal to cook....

Well, I don't often cook and when I do it would be a tin of tomatoes heated up with pasta. My partner cooks and he does it brilliantly so I leave the cooking to him, I can do the dishes

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

I'm proud every day for getting cats and kittens out to foster, someday we can send out 25 or more cats and kittens. When it comes to urgent care cats coming in, it is amazing what great teamwork can do to make sure that the cat has found a foster home before 6pm the same day

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

Many stunning places, will choose 2. Japan and Iceland, for their culture and landscape



Miki and her foster cat Tess!

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

I just don't cuddle cute cats every day, we also deal with heavy welfare issues which can be frustrating, emotional, and stressful. However, cats are fantastic animals and cuddles are good for your soul

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

I'm an ocean lover so time well spent at the local beach in the mornings with a coffee or exploring new hidden beach gems, Camping trips as often as possible, supporting the local venues with good food and drinks



Felix
4yo Male
ID:141831

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Volunteer Focus - Wendy



My name is...

Wendy Peace

Where I work is...

I'm retired (was a petroleum exploration geologist)

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

Helping people find their new furry family member

I became a volunteer at Cat Haven because...

I had been fostering, and saw a request for volunteers. I thought it was a good opportunity to get more involved with a cause I supported.

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

Seeing cats that have been waiting a while for their chance get adopted.

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

Hang out at home with my cats, or get out for a ride on my bike.

My favourite holiday destination and why...

Ireland. I did my fieldwork for my PhD there and loved the countryside. Plus some great geology!

My signature dish...

Choc-chip brownies

My all-time favourite movie is...

The Empire Strikes Back

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

Visit Antarctica

Something no one knows about me is...

If no one knows, it's because it's a secret....

My biggest lesson in life is...

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