

Cat Chat

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**Beware: Poisonous
house plants**

**New retail space and
bereavement rooms**

**Osteoarthritis
in cats**

**Animal Support
Program**

**Cat
Containment**



Message from our CEO Roz Robinson

Hi Everyone

We are well into winter now with heavy rains and cold nights - it's ideal weather to snuggle up with a cat or two in front of a warm fire!

We are hoping the cooler weather will see a reduction to the constant high numbers of cats we have had on site for so long now.

In our last edition of Cat Chat, I mentioned we were starting our renovations on the upgrade to our reception and the establishment of bereavement rooms, no upgrades have taken place since the building was constructed in the early 1980s. It was small and not fit for purpose for the number of adoptions we are now doing, nor a secluded place for owners to surrender their cats in private.

I am delighted to say, with assistance from a State Government Election promise grant, it is completed thanks to our builder Peter Colli, who delivered a great job, and on time. I would also like to thank all of you for your continued support throughout this time continuing to shop and adopt from us.

A big thanks also goes out to our staff and volunteers who have had to endure less than comfortable work facilities for the last three months. Please come down and shop at our new upgraded retail one stop cat shop at the same time help us fund the essential community work we do.

During May, we had a visit from the (then) Premier Mark McGowan, Minister for Local Government John Carey, Local Member Dr Katrina Stratton, and Maylands Member Lisa Baker to announce a doubling of our annual funding from \$75,000 pa to \$150,000pa for the next 4 years. Our initial grant had remained static at \$75,000 since its inception 11 years ago and we are truly grateful to the State Government for recognising the need for an increase was overdue. We still need to raise around 95% of our operating costs, so we still need your support as much as ever.

There has been a positive announcement in regard to a change to the Residential Tenancies Act which will come into effect from 2024 which prevents landlords denying a rental simply because of pet ownership. Daily we are still seeing cats being brought in for surrender because of lack of rentals which will allow them their cats. We do hope this change will see less people suffering the loss of a much loved family member and having to surrender to us.

As always, we are so grateful for your loyal support and ongoing passion for cat welfare in WA.

Kind Regards,
Roz Robinson



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Message from The Chair - Rob Orton

Where has the year gone? As we enter the second half of the year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to the cats of Western Australia. Your dedication allows us to continue making a significant difference in the lives of countless cats in need.

The passing of April saw the end of our financial year with a modest operating profit being realised. Underpinning this result was another strong year of bequests (~20% of revenue) but this also highlights their unpredictable nature and that we must diversify our revenue streams. With the opening of the new and expanded retail space, we look forward to welcoming you into Cat Haven as your one-stop-shop for all your cat supplies, gifts, and other goodies. By shopping local with us you will not just help the cats directly but will be getting the best products and advice.

We continue to see a steadily increasing number of owner surrenders with by far the most common reason being due to new rentals precluding pet ownership. This is a heartbreaking decision for people to be faced with – a home or keeping their beloved cat(s). Whilst we welcome the State Government's proposed changes to the Rental Tenancy Act, we expect to see elevated owner surrenders especially with the parallel cost of living crisis.

Did you know the most common colour of cat coming into Cat Haven is tabby? Or that over three quarters of incoming cats are not desexed? Or that some of our foster parents have cared for over 30 cats in the last 12 months.

Vote for us on My Giving Circle

Wanting to donate but can't afford it? This is a great way to help us out.

Voting takes less than 30 seconds and puts us in the running to win some much needed funds! If we place between 1-10 each quarter we will receive \$2,500 from the prize pool!

Please help us by voting weekly for a great cause.

With the assistance of an experienced data analytics volunteer, we have been able to crunch the numbers for the first time to get invaluable insights including geographic origins. This will allow us to actively investigate problem areas, supported by real data, including advocacy directly with those local governments who do not use us as their Cat Management Facility. This data will also support our submission to the State Government next year as part of the statutory Cat Act review.

Volunteers are the backbone of Cat Haven and we could not operate as we do without you. There are so many ways you can assist us whether on-site, from home or on the road. Head over to our website for more details on roles. We will be launching a volunteers survey shortly. This vital feedback will ensure we can continue to recognise, value, and be the best place to give back to the community.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 10th September this year and applications are open for Board nomination. Further details on the AGM and nominations are available on our website under About Cat Haven.

In the second half of this year, we have planned several exciting initiatives, including fundraising events, volunteer training programs, and enhanced advocacy campaigns. We encourage you to stay connected and engaged, as your involvement plays a pivotal role in shaping a brighter future for cat welfare in Western Australia.

Purrards,
Robin Orton
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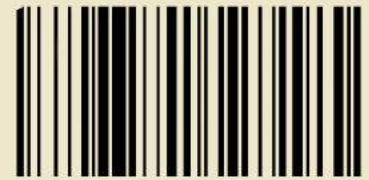
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The risks of house plants to cats

There are several common houseplants that can be toxic to cats if ingested. Here are some examples:

Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane)

This plant contains calcium oxalate crystals, which can cause oral irritation, intense burning, and swelling of the mouth, tongue, and throat.

Sago Palm

All parts of this plant are toxic, but the seeds contain the highest concentration of toxins. Ingesting sago palm can cause liver failure and potentially be fatal for cats.

Lilies

Several varieties of lilies, including Easter lily, Tiger lily, and Daylily, are highly toxic to cats. Ingesting any part of the plant, including leaves, flowers, or even the pollen, can cause severe kidney damage and are HIGHLY dangerous

Aloe Vera

While aloe vera is typically used for its soothing properties, the gel inside the leaves can be toxic to cats, causing vomiting, diarrhoea, and changes in urine colour.

Philodendron

These popular houseplants contain insoluble calcium oxalate crystals, which can cause oral irritation, swelling, and discomfort in cats.

Pothos (Devil's Ivy)

Pothos contains insoluble calcium oxalate crystals like philodendron and can cause similar symptoms if ingested by cats.

English Ivy

Ingesting English ivy can lead to vomiting, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, and diarrhea in cats.

Peace Lily

Peace lilies contain calcium oxalate crystals, which can cause oral irritation, drooling, and difficulty swallowing in cats.



Sloane's Selfless Birthday Fundraiser for Homeless Cats



Sloane, a remarkable four-year-old girl, displayed an extraordinary sense of empathy and compassion on her birthday. Rather than receiving presents for herself, she decided to fundraise for a cause close to her heart—the cats that don't have mummies and daddies for her fourth birthday. Sloane's selflessness at such a young age is truly inspiring. She understood that these vulnerable feline friends needed help and chose to make a meaningful difference in their lives.

With her infectious enthusiasm, Sloane spread the word about her birthday fundraiser, capturing the attention and hearts of her family and friends. Through her initiative, she aimed to provide much-needed funds for the homeless cats. Sloane's generosity is a reminder to everyone that small acts of kindness can have a profound impact. Her compassionate gesture showed that age is no barrier to making a positive change in the world, and Sloane's story serves as an inspiration to others, encouraging them to follow her example and find ways to help those in need.

Osteoarthritis in cats

Perth Cat Hospital Article by Dr Leah Keating BSc DVM

Osteoarthritis is one of the most common yet underdiagnosed conditions affecting our cats. This is largely due to cats expertly hiding signs of injury or illness and so realising they are suffering from joint pain can be difficult for owners to appreciate. However, it is crucial owners and vets work together to identify and treat osteoarthritis (OA) as it greatly reduces the quality of life of our cats.

Millie is a 12 year old domestic shorthair cat who presented for her annual vaccination and her owner mentioned that in recent years she has become 'grumpy' and doesn't like to play as much anymore. She also meows irritably when she is picked up. On physical exam Millie showed reluctance and discomfort when her hindlegs were extended but did not show any other obvious signs of lameness. Millie was suffering from osteoarthritis however her signs were all very subtle and many owners attribute such behaviours to simply 'growing old'.

She was prescribed Solensia (frunevetmab). Specifically designed for cats, Solensia is a monoclonal antibody medication that targets 'Nerve Growth Factor' (NGF) which is a key contributor to OA pain in cats. Given as a monthly injection under the skin, it functions like normally occurring antibodies in the body meaning it has minimal side effects on body systems such as kidneys, liver and the gastrointestinal tract so cats with concurrent illnesses can still benefit from this revolutionary OA treatment.

At Millie's revisit a month later her owners happily reported that she seemed back to herself for the first time in a long time. She was running and playing around the house and spending more time with her owners rather than seeming grumpy and wanting to sleep alone all day. The alleviation of her chronic OA pain had led to her being a much happier cat.

This scenario is very common and by learning about the subtle signs to watch out for we can help to ensure our cats don't suffer from unrecognised and untreated OA pain.



Signs your cat may be suffering from OA include:

- Changes in activity: reluctance or hesitation to jump or use stairs, increased time sleeping/resting, less interest in playing
- Temperament changes: reduced interaction with people or other animals, irritable or grumpy often when being picked up
- Grooming: overgrooming painful areas, difficulty grooming some areas causing matted or scruffy coats

Whilst multiple medications and supplements exist to help reduce joint pain, Solensia is the first targeted medication toward NGF which explains the great response many cats have to it. Whilst many of our senior cats are being managed solely on Solensia, we can still utilise other medications concurrently for more severe cases. Whatever the scenario, our cats are fortunate to have many options available so that no cat suffers through unmanaged OA pain.

If your kitty is showing any of the above signs, we recommend booking in for an appointment with one of our vets at Perth Cat Hospital. You can give us a call on 6489 2222.

CALLING ALL CAT HAVEN MEOWDELS

We are excited to announce that we are once again creating a stunning calendar for 2024 featuring the incredible Cat Haven adoptees.

We need YOUR help to make it truly purr-fect!

How do I get my cat in the calendar?

1. Snap a high-resolution photo of a Cat Haven adopted or fostered cat (past or present).
2. Email your photo entry to marketing.coordinator@cathaven.com.au
3. Include your cats name and age in the email.
4. Add a brief description of your cat or story behind the photo!

We will then put all entries to a vote, this will be posted on our social media to pick the cats that make the calendar!

Please ensure all entries are sent by 10th September to be considered for the calendar. We know the competition will be fierce, so make sure to submit your best shots as soon as possible!





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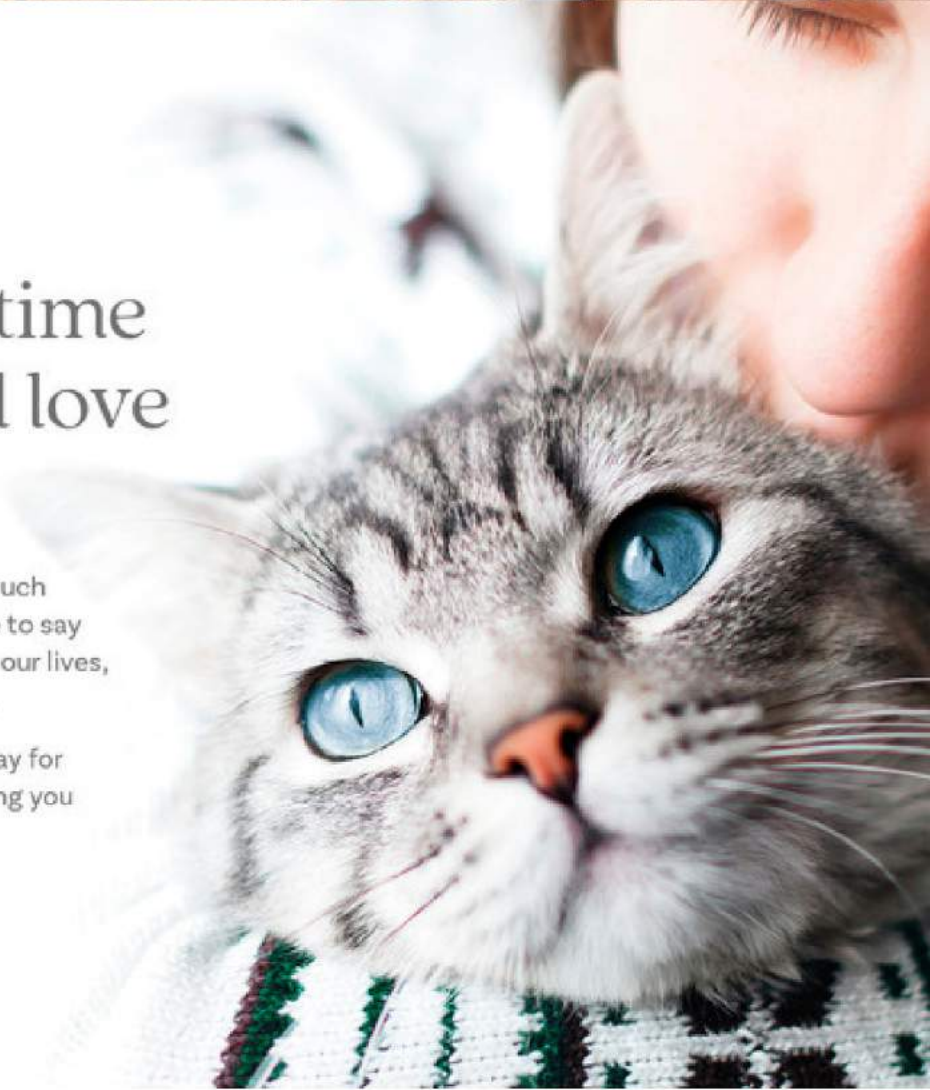
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Did you know you can set up a fundraiser via Facebook for your birthday? This means your friends and family will donate directly to the cats instead of a present. Here are some instructions on how you can make yours!

Step 1.

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Step 2.

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Amber's fundraiser for Cat Welfare Society Inc

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Step 5.

Set a goal amount and click 'create'

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

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

Facebook takes care of the donation processing with no fees.

Goal amount
\$300

Currency
AUD

Fundraisers are public, so anyone on or off Facebook can see them. Only people on Facebook can donate. Facebook charges no fees for donations to charities. All donations will go to the charity.

Create

Understanding Cat Behaviours

From Fear to Bliss

Cats exhibit a variety of behaviours that reflect their emotions. Here are some key cat behaviours and the corresponding emotions they convey:

Startled Scamper:

- Sudden noise or movement triggers fear.
- Wide eyes, perked ears, and puffed-up tail.
- Create a safe environment to help them regain confidence.

Curious Observer:

- Dilated pupils and forward ears indicate curiosity.
- Relaxed body language and swaying tail.
- Encourage exploration with stimulating toys and interactive play.

Contented Purr:

- Purring signifies relaxation and happiness.
- Relaxed body, half-closed eyes, and vibrating body.
- Strengthen your bond by giving gentle strokes and attention.

Playful Pounce:

- Energetic behaviour with crouching and wiggling.
- Indicates playfulness and mental stimulation.
- Engage in interactive play sessions for entertainment and exercise.

Cuddly Companion:

- Seeking close physical contact expresses affection and trust.
- Rubbing against legs, kneading paws, or curling up next to you.
- Reciprocate their affection with gentle petting and quality time.

Understanding these cat behaviours allows you to interpret their emotions accurately. By providing a secure and enriching environment, along with love and attention, you can ensure your cat's well-being and contentment.



Quiz Night success!

We are so happy to announce we raised just over **\$21,000** on the night!

On Saturday, 27 May, Cat Haven held their annual quiz night hosted by the fabulous, Nat Locke from Nova 937. With our quiz selling out in a record 29.5 hours, we knew we were in for a fun night!

We were thrilled to raise just over \$21,000 on the night and thank everybody who attended for their generosity.

Thank you to the following sponsors and donors who greatly assisted our fundraising endeavours:

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Special thanks to Neil from In Memorium Productions for providing the pro bono sound system and to volunteer, Hugh for arranging the transport and set up of this much needed component of our event.

We also thank all the volunteers that were involved putting the event together and the vollies that assisted with the afternoon set up and on the night – it would be impossible to run events without their generosity of time.



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Cat Haven's Animal Support Program

Gilli came to Cat Haven back in 2019 after being seized from her previous home. She wasn't in the best of shape having a very matted coat, eye infection, bad teeth and obvious signs of arthritis. She was also suffering from early renal disease and hypertension. All in all Gilli had a lot going on.

She was put onto medications and a specialised diet to help manage her conditions, however at 15 years old and with numerous health conditions we thought Gilli would have a hard time finding someone to take all of that on.

Under the Animal Support Program, from a generous donor designed to help older cats get adopted, Gilli was put forward as a Palliative Adoption. This meant that as long as she was pain free and enjoying life, our program would continue to support her, covering the costs of her vet visits and medications.



Gilli aka The Puff

It didn't take long for that special someone to fall in love with her! Dani adopted Gilli within a month of her arriving at Cat Haven.

"When I adopted her years ago I knew it would have been not for long because of her conditions, but surprisingly, and after a bit of roller coaster during the hot weather, she is still with us and ready to become a Highlander!"

Gilli has surprised us all with her continued love for life! And she definitely got a second chance at it with Dani. 4 years later and numerous check ups, she is still enjoying being a senior citizen. This is why the Animal Support Program is so important, to enable cats like Gilli the opportunity to not be overlooked.

Owing a cat with health issues can be expensive but we believe it is worth every penny.

This program has now helped over 400 cats by sponsoring their needs in old age with conditions like hyperthyroidism, chronic renal failure, arthritis and skin allergies.

We thank our amazing benefactor for this ongoing generous contribution to this program.



Dani & Gilli



Gilli & Colonel Cuddles

"She lets me bath her and dry her without too much fuss and she loves to always try new food! She absolutely LOVES parmesan cheese (and disdains expensive cat food containing not harmful cheese). She sleeps on my head or her daddy's every single night. We feel blessed for this extra time!"

Dani told us 'Thanks for your constant support and assistance, without it the Puff would not be still with us. We take one day at the time with her, we are aware her time is limited and she surprises us by being still curious at 19 years old, spending time with her bro, following us around the house, asking for food and cuddles.'

Sadly Gilli's brother, Colonel Cuddles passed away recently which has been a big loss for the family.



We are so grateful to Dani for giving Gilli the life that she deserves. We couldn't have wished for a more loving home for her and Gilli obviously agrees!

Adopting an older cat can be very rewarding. Knowing that you have given them a safe, warm home full of love and affection during their later years.



Donate to the Animal Support Program by scanning this QR code

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

Foster feature of the 10 longest fosters

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

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

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

Cats in foster



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

Maureen 624 days in care!



Temutai 461 days in care!

Meow, I'm a two year old boy who looves other cats, playing and lots of pats! Please let me join your family.



Sunny 408 days in care!

Purr, I'm Sunny! A bright 2 year old girl looking for a new home, I was very scared when I came to Cat Haven as I had lived on the streets a long time. After being in foster I have learned to love my humans. They bring me the tastiest foods. I love play time!



Local Bird 388 days in care!

Meet Local Bird, a 2 year old boy who has been in care for far too long. He is looking for a patient home full of cuddles, love and creamy treats! I need a indoor only home to protect my beautiful features with no young children. Please come meet me!



Limba **373** days in care!

I'm Limba, my foster mum calls me Rimba, I'm a 3 year old boy who loves to give head rubs, I like to sit on the couch and watch TV next to you. Do you like playing? We'll be best friends.



Cantaloupe **358** days in care!

Meow, I'm the best street cat! at 5 years old I've had a tough life, but as you can see I'm loving the house cat routine. I like to follow my foster carers and make sure they know I'm hungry!



Big Kitty & Crackers **338** days in care!

Meow, I'm Crackers and this is my bestie Big Kitty, I'm 11 and she's 7. I love cuddles and always make sure to introduce myself when we have visitors. Big Kitty likes to stick by me and follow my lead, I love belly rubs once I trust you.



Pablo Picasso **331** days in care!

I'm a 2 year old boy that's very curious, funny and oh so loving. I love to chat so will always ask about your day. I'm the hardest worker in the bakery and will always have fresh biscuits for you!



Sunshine **317** days in care!

Aren't I just the most beautiful girl? I'm 7 and ready to find somewhere I can spend the rest of my life, I settled into my foster home quite quickly, I'm a very laid back girl and would suit an older person, single or couple!



Dawn **314** days in care!

I am the purrfect lady, my name is Dawn and I'm 1 year old, confidence is my middle name, I love new people. My favourite spot is the window so I can nap in the sun. I'm not good with young children as sometimes I like to play aggressively.

Our Cats Favourite Products!



Dylana our Clinic Team Leader's cat Chamois loves pouncing and rolling around on his Kong Ice Cream Cone, his favourite is to get his nose right into it and push it around the house!



Our Marketing Manager Amber's Cat Dre looooves his catnip-filled toy sardines! Always making sure to carry it with him to bed at night!

Goose would happily sell all 3 of his siblings for a box of Greenies! They help keep his teeth clean without him even realising



Leoni one of our Cat Welfare Officer's cats all love their string toys, beds and play tunnel from our retail shop. She has even taught them how to press a button when they want 'cuddles' with their favourite treats!



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Emergency Boarding

Cat Haven's Emergency Boarding Program is a lifeline for individuals facing challenging circumstances such as domestic violence, homelessness, hospital stays, or personal crisis. Recognising the deep bond between humans and their feline companions, Cat Haven goes above and beyond to provide a safe and nurturing environment for these cats during their owners' difficult times. With the program, individuals can rest assured knowing that their beloved cats will be well taken care of.

The Emergency Boarding Program at Cat Haven offers a unique support system by providing three weeks of fee-free temporary housing for cats in need. This initial period allows owners to focus on resolving their immediate situations without the added worry of their pet's well-being. Following the initial three weeks, a small fee is charged to cover the continued care of the cats.

Here are a few words from someone who just used our program and some lovely photos of their cats settling back into their home.

"Hi, I would like to give a big thank you to Cat Haven & its staff after losing my little loves for what felt like an eternity, seeing there little cat faces again, I still haven't stopped crying!!! They arrived in Melbourne today after their flight and have settled in very well. Both are cuddled up to me as I type this.

Thank you for caring and taking on my pets after a domestic violence relationship and letting me get back on my feet, I will be forever grateful for the time and energy, and everything else you've done for me and my family, my son was in tears seeing them again too.

Also a big thank you to the foster carer who has been looking after them, I know they are so easy to love. Thank you, what you've done is amazing and I'm grateful, they've settled in well and getting cuddled, and loved."



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Fresh Spaces at Cat Haven

Cat Haven is celebrating the opening of its new reception area and bereavement rooms. This expansion marks a significant milestone for the shelter, providing a welcoming space for those surrendering their cats and offering comfort to individuals grieving the loss of their feline companions. The new reception area is designed to create a positive experience for both visitors and cats, ensuring a smooth transition for surrendered animals and their owners while being an exciting space for new adopters. The addition of bereavement rooms demonstrates Cat Haven's commitment to supporting individuals during difficult times and providing a compassionate environment for healing.

Our first reception area 50 years ago

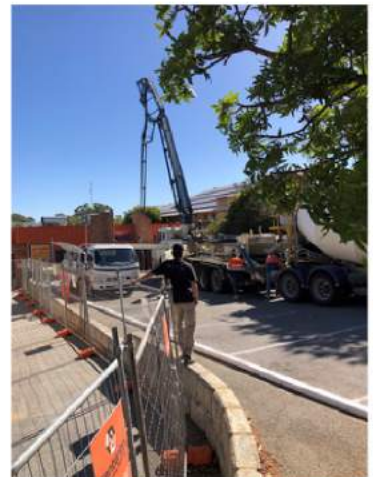


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In addition to the enhanced facilities, the shelter has also expanded its retail space, which is expected to generate more funds for the cats in care. With the larger retail area, Cat Haven can offer a wider selection of pet-related products, food and cat furniture. All profits raised from the retail store as always go directly back to the cats, helping with veterinary care, food and comforts for these cats. Notably, the renovations for these new facilities were made possible through the support of the state government, showing Cat Haven's vital role in animal welfare and their commitment to ensuring the well-being of cats in the community.

Before our recent renovations



Responsible Ownership and Cat containment

Did you know, cats that are allowed to roam outside only have a life expectancy of 3-5 years?

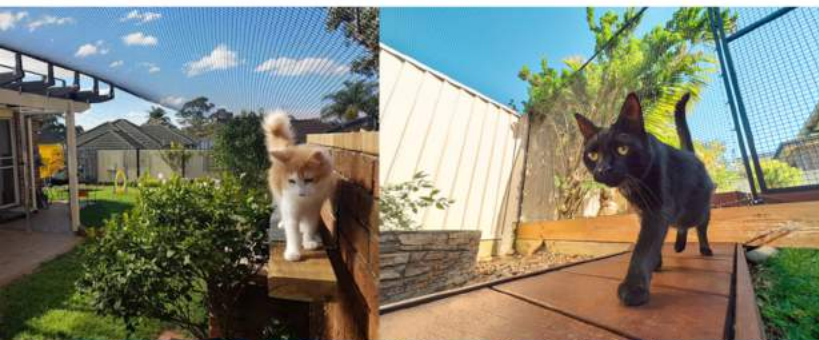
Cat Haven advocates for and supports responsible cat ownership in the form of:

- Desexing of all cats by no later than the age of 4 months to prevent the oversupply of cats
- Cats kept indoors for the duration of their lives
- Escape proof cat enclosures being constructed adjacent to the family home
- Free standing cat enclosures placed outside, preferably on grass and taking into consideration weather conditions
- Escape proof fencing improvements (such as Oscillat) which prevents cats from escaping their own backyards

If any of these methods are used, physical and psychological enrichment must be proved to ensure best welfare practices.

Roaming usually occurs when cats are undesexed and are seeking mates. The risks to cats which wander include, but are not limited to:

- Serious injury or death from motor vehicle accidents. In the event of serious injury, this may lead to owners electing to euthanize their cat due to financial constraints
- Cat fights which can lead to costly abscess treatment by a vet, FIV and FeLK. As above, this may lead to euthanasia or surrender to a shelter
- Skin cancer on ears and nose of cats with white faces. White cats themselves are 5 times more prone to skin cancer than the general cat population.
- Trapping/baiting of cats by disgruntled neighbours or cat haters
- Poisoning from plants toxic to cats found in gardens
- Cats trapped in lethal traps
- Mishaps such as getting into roof cavities of buildings or between houses and fences – where rescue is very difficult or near impossible



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Meet Our Board

Nick

My role on Cat Haven's Board?

For the last 3 years I have been the Treasurer of the Board, and Chair of the Finance, Governance and Risk sub-committee.

Why did I join the board?

My Wife. We had donated money and food in the past, but when we adopted Tabby I was blown away by the size and scope of the organisation. I wanted to find a way to contribute to the future of Cat Haven.



How many cats have I adopted?

My wife and I have adopted two cats from Cat Haven, Tabby and Dinky. Originally my wife brought her cat over from Europe, and we quickly became mates, which broke my wife's heart and sent us to Cat Haven to adopt Tabby. Sadly Bontzi passed away, and we wanted to give another cat the opportunity to be spoilt in our household which led us to Dinky.

What experience am I bringing to the Board?

I've been in corporate financial services for 20 years and thought I could bring a different perspective to the organisation. I've also been able to build up some decent industry contacts and experienced a variety of situations in leading large teams. I am also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Why I am so passionate about cats?

As I say to my mates, cats don't drink my beer and talk throughout the game. But in all seriousness, no matter how good or bad a day I'm having, I know the highlight for our cats are when we hit the couch to relax and they can climb all over us. I don't know why, I just think that's hilarious.



Solutions for Cat Allergies at Home

Love cats but suffer from allergies? Don't worry! We often find that pet allergies reactions reduce over time and with frequent exposure to the cat in mild to moderate allergies.

Cat Allergies are primarily triggered by a cat's saliva, skin, and urine. When cats groom themselves, this protein becomes airborne and can cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals. Symptoms may include sneezing, itchy or watery eyes, nasal congestion, coughing, and skin rashes.

Things to consider when adopting:

- Female cats are usually more hypoallergenic than males
- Light coloured male cats create less allergens than dark coloured cats
- Long haired cats can be more hypoallergenic as their fur 'holds' the allergens close to their skin
- Washing cats doesn't help, but cleaning your house does

The joy that having a pet is very worth the time and effort in researching and finding ways to have a cat in your home.



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Volunteer focus

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

I wash and clean the bowls and litter trays, feed and change the cat's litter and moonlight as an escape artist cat catcher.

I became a volunteer at Cat Haven because:

I started volunteering at Cat Haven because I wanted to learn more about caring for cats. I stayed because the work is fun and rewarding.

The best part of my volunteer job is:

The best part of my job is when I'm doing the morning clean, and a cat that is known to be shy comes up to me seeking pats. And although it makes it harder to do my job, when a cat I have fed ignores it's food and tries to headbutt my arm for affection while I'm removing its water bowl to refill. I also like seeing the wide variety of colour variations in each cat's coat.

When I am not at Cat Haven I normally:

I can normally be found reading, playing video games, watching sumo wrestling, studying Japanese or annoying my two cats.

My favorite holiday destination and why:

I would like to visit Japan. Because the culture is fascinating and I have always wanted to go.

My signature dish is:

My signature dish is homemade chicken nuggets.

My all-time favorite movie is:

My favourite movie is From Up On Poppy Hill.

One thing I want to do in my lifetime is:

One thing I really want to do is to watch sumo wrestling in person.

My biggest lesson in life is:

Even though the effort and time you put towards a goal may not materialise into anything today, it will eventually pay off.



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Staff focus JENA

My role at Cat Haven is:

Cat Welfare and Adoptions Manager

Before Cat Haven I was working at:

The good old woollies

The most interesting thing I have learned is:

Cat handling and behaviour! Cats have such subtle body language and behaviour signs that we need to notice to ensure the safety of the cats and ourselves. My skills and knowledge have developed so much over the past 2 years and it is a confidence you can only fully develop through hands on experience, which we have no shortage of here!

The thing I am most passionate about at Cat Haven is:

Ensuring our cats have the best welfare we can give them. I am always very passionate about sharing skills and knowledge between staff members. There is always something new to learn and ways to grow!

The biggest influence in my life is:

The friends I've made here. We spend so much time together, they know me better than anyone and they inspire me, support me and push me every day.

My favourite meal to cook is:

I can't cook please don't ask me to cook it will be bad

Work related accomplishment:

Becoming manager! 2 years ago when I started I never would've thought I would become manager. I'm really proud for taking on this challenge and really excited to learn and grow in this position.

Most interesting place I've travelled to:

I'm sure everyone at Cat Haven is sick of me talking about New York but I'm still going to do it. New York truly has an energy I've never felt in another city. There is so much to do and see, the people are all so interesting and eccentric. Best pizza I've ever had in my life, if I could afford to live there, I would!

Biggest misconception about my role:

That I spend all day playing with cats. This is what people in my work life and personal life believe. I wish grounds staff got to play with cats all day, but 80% of our job is cleaning, cleaning, cleaning! When we do get to handle cats, it is to bath them, medicate them, or wrangle them into carriers. We spend a lot of our time dodging teeth and claws and there is a whole lot of poo involved. But I honestly can't imagine doing anything else.



Volunteer focus CLINTON

Where I work:

I'm the IT Systems Manager for a group of companies. Our primary business is the development and Australian-based manufacturing of the world's toughest hoses and valves for use in the mining sector.

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

Cat Salesman, I carry out morning clean on Saturday mornings and then adopt out the cats!

I became a volunteer at Cat Haven because:

It all started with adopting a timid little tabby girl from Cat Haven, Tessa. She had come in as a stray from the Avon Valley, she 'chose' me when I came in to adopt, and I worked hard to help her adjust to home life. Before this I had trouble feeling things, for a while I thought I was broken in some way. But caring for Tess and experiencing her love set me on a new course. Around that time, I started watching a lot of cat rescues on YouTube, I hate seeing animals suffer and it made me feel awful, I became passionate and felt compelled to do what I could in our little corner of the world to make a difference no matter what, so I signed up to Cat Haven as a volunteer!

The best part of my volunteer job is:

Spending time with the cats. I cherish the precious moments we share together, no matter how brief. It's exciting to get that 'breakthrough' moment with a cat that's been stressed or frustrated. But more often it's just nice to provide some love and comfort to a cat that just needs a friend.

When I am not at Cat Haven I normally:

Spend time with Tessa or my girlfriend Pauline. Occasionally I will get some time to work on my cars. My weekend car is a Nissan R34 Skyline, I've done track days, drag racing, but most often we take her for a drive somewhere with friends. Regardless there's always something to fix or modify, Dad and I enjoy working on her together.

My favourite holiday destination and why:

Queenstown, NZ. I love the 'alpine' vibe of the city, it's so fun to meet and hang out with people from all over the world. And I love snowboarding! I tend to substitute skill with speed but it's always a good time.

My signature dish is:

I cook a mean stir fry. Nowhere near as good as my girlfriend's Pesto Chicken though!

My all-time favourite movie is:

The Guardians of the Galaxy! I'm not a marvel fan but the Guardians movies are amazing. Great soundtrack, humor, story, and it's all wrapped up in science fiction. Special mention to any car movie or submarine movie though, love some Fast and the Furious, or The Hunt for Red October.

One thing I want to do in my lifetime is:

Visit the Nürburgring Nordschleife in Germany, the world's longest, most dangerous racetrack and do a few laps in a track car rental. I love to go fast, and I hate to fear things. So, the Nürburgring would be a once in a lifetime achievement.

My biggest lesson in life is:

The journey, the struggle is the important part. So don't hold back just for the destination. Also, the most rewarding moments are those unplanned. I'm a big-time planner but every time things have completely fallen apart, and I'm forced to just react, those have been some of the best moments of my life.



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