

# Cat Chat

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overweight?**

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that have been  
in our care the  
longest**



# Message from Roz Robinson

Hello everyone,

It is a relief to be out of Covid teams and getting a feeling of some normality back within Cat Haven-thank you for all your support during the last two years- and understanding the changes we had to put in place.

Winter is well and truly upon us, but unfortunately our staff and volunteers on-site aren't enjoying lower cat numbers, but instead having to care for capacity numbers on site.

The on-going rental crisis coupled with an increased cost of living, is seeing more and more people reluctantly having to surrender their much loved cat. This is not a good scenario for anyone- but a hard fact played out each and every day at the haven. We won't see an end to it in the short term, and our staff and volunteers who had hoped for a reprieve after kitten season, are bracing themselves for higher than average numbers to continue right throughout winter.

It is so very sad to see an older cat come in confused and lost in a shelter environment. Cat Haven, along with other major animal welfare agencies is advocating for changes to the Residential Tenancies Act 1987, to make it easier for cat owners to be able to rent.

Our Emergency Boarding facility has never been in so much demand as it is now. We receive no funding for this facility, but we feel that it is such an important service- cats are part of the family.

Cat Haven was successful in obtaining \$33,000 in the first round of the Animal Welfare Grants sponsored by the State Government, for which we are really grateful.

These funds will be used for a de-sexing programme to ensure high risk cats which have had litters of kittens, or cats owned by those who can't afford regular vet services, get de-sexed.

Whilst the number of unwanted kittens has reduced since the introduction of the Cat Act 2011, it still apparent many people either aren't aware of the laws, can't afford the de-sexing procedure, or simply don't see it as important for their cat's welfare. Cat Haven will fund the microchipping for these cats.

A number of councils are looking at introducing by-laws to have cat owners contain their cats within their own properties. Cat Haven's position on this is it is better welfare for cats to be indoors or within cat enclosures provided and they have plenty of enrichment. We can provide further information on this if needed.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Cat Chat, which as always is full of stories which will touch your heart.

As we come close the end of financial year, please consider making a tax deductible donation to us to help us continue our life saving work.

Kind Regards,  
Roz Robinson



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# Message from The Chair - Rob Orton

I would like to start by saying thank you to all of our supporters – your belief and passion to support our mission is humbling.

When I last wrote, Western Australia was on the verge of reopening borders and transitioning its response to Covid. As an organisation we pivoted yet again to best respond to the risk and I would like to thank our staff for working tirelessly through the difficult months in trying conditions. Whilst we have seen some impact to operations with staff illness, we have continued to serve the needs of the community and cats.

Did you know we rely nearly entirely on donations and bequests to run Cat Haven? Around 98% of our revenue comes from these sources and is essential to our continued operations. Bequests are not a reliable revenue stream and as a Board we are taking steps to diversify to reduce this reliance. Our goal would be to have these funds set aside for major projects or outreach programs to further our mission. The integrated and essential community services we provide at Cat Haven have placed us in an unparalleled position however, were it not for Cat Haven, the burden would fall to government as ultimately the responsible body for administering the Cat Act.

From an advocacy perspective, we have commenced a review of the annual State Government grant with the intent to lobby for an increase considering the greater community demand for our services and essential role we fill in the Cat Act's requirements. The grant value has remained the same for over ten years. We have also submitted a Lotterywest grant application for a demountable building to provide additional staff space and a dedicated and private wellness area.

Over the past two years we have set aside funding to improve the IT infrastructure which was previously unreliable and plagued with outages. On many occasions staff were sent home because they could not do their job. Pleasingly much of this has been rectified or streamlined. The latest project was completed this week which has seen new cabling to replace outdated and, in some cases, broken. WiFi has also been deployed across the site allowing staff to use tablets, improving efficiency and reducing paperwork.



Over the first half of this year we completed the fitout of the dental room in the vet clinic. This will provide much needed additional vet space but also reduce our need to outsource this type of work to external vets. Construction of the expanded retail area and dedicated bereavement rooms should commence in the second half of 2022. Please bear with us over this period as we work to minimise construction impacts.

In the fundraising space, we look forward to the return of a number of our mainstay events such as the Quiz Night and Wet Nose Day. We are also looking at an opportunity in the second-hand clothing area and hope to provide some updates over the coming months.

Whilst the world affairs may be uncertain, one thing has and will remain constant – Cat Haven's dedication to improving the lives of every cat in Western Australia but we cannot do this alone. Please continue to support us be it through adopting, fostering, volunteering, donating or otherwise supporting us through our retail store. Word of mouth is powerful so I would encourage you to talk to friends and family about how their lives could be enriched through owning (or fostering) a cat.

Until next time, stay safe and give your cats a big cuddle.

Purrwards,  
Robin Orton

# Cat Haven's Rescue Service

Cat Haven's Rescue Service is dedicated to cat rescue in the Perth metro area. We are there to help with cats which are not owned, have been abandoned or lost. Our Rescue Officer provide the very important service of removing cats who are breeding in massive quantities. 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.

We recently had some lovely feedback from the City of Mandurah after catching 21 cats on one property. "What a superb result for this property and our district – massive THANKS to you and your team for taking this job on. This is an environmentally sensitive area adjacent to a national park so the benefits are enormous from the perspective of protection of wildlife and also the poor cats who can't speak for themselves."

The impact this amount of unsterilized cats would have in one year would be immense. We are very proud of Veronica our Rescue Officers work on this job.

## Starving cats jumping in the van to get food



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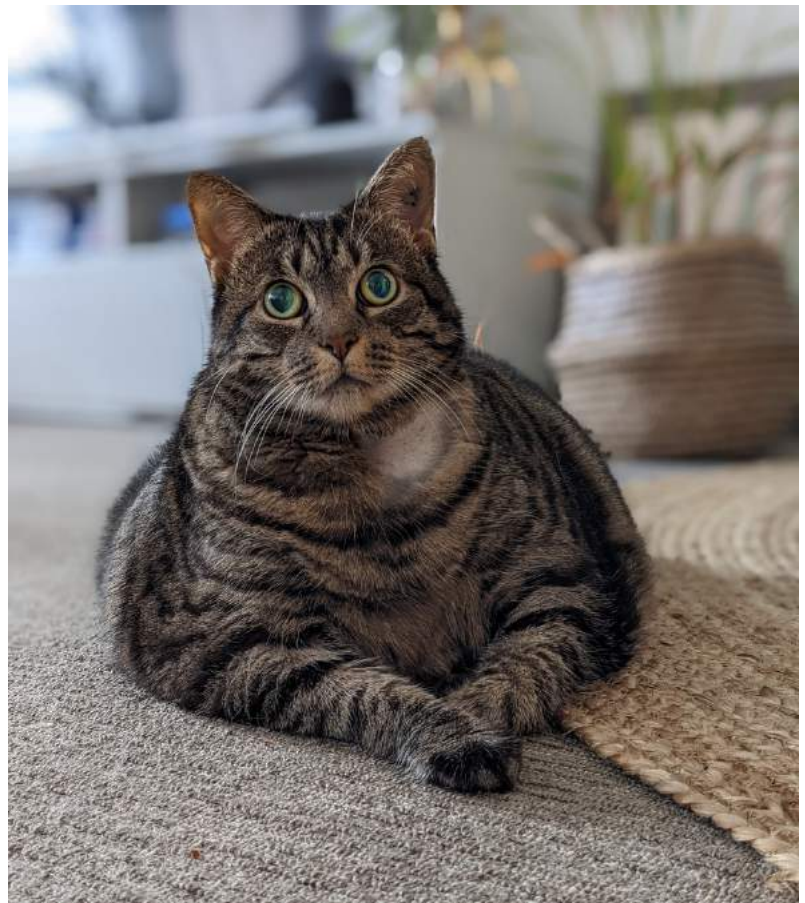
## Dylan Frost ID:170981

My name is Dylan Frost but my foster family usually calls me little Dylan or tiny baby. I am one-and-a-half years old.

I used to be a very quiet kitty but have discovered my amazing squeaky singing voice as well as my love for constant pats. I have the SOFTEST fur in the world. Everyone who meets me compliments me on my soft smooth fur and colourful body. I am a very big boy and I enjoy pats everywhere.

I love attention. Some of my favourite activities are stretching my long body, rolling around to get belly pats and eating my biscuits. I am a very good eater and enjoy all of the food I receive. I have no preferences.

I dislike being left alone as I like company so I will often beg people to stay with me. But I do keep myself busy with toys and sleeps.



## Meet Sweet Peni

She came in to Cat Haven as her owner surrendered her a few weeks ago due to allergies. She is 9 years old and 12.5kg which means for her, she is obese, her ideal weight should be 4.5kg.

Can you imagine walking around with 70% of extra weight? (around 80-100 kilos excess weight for a human!)

When she came to Cat Haven, she was grumpy and upset, the staff couldn't touch her back as she started to growl which was most likely pain related due to there being so much weight on her.

She has not been able to groom herself for years, so her coat was greasy and dirty. Even trying to wipe her down with some pet shampoo and wet cloth was painful for her. Sweet Peni is also blind and struggling to walk with the 12.5kg on weight on her tiny little legs.

It didn't take long for one of our staff to fall in love with her, she felt so incredibly sorry for her and took her home straight away.

Sweet Peni is now in foster care with her and she is loving it. She has seen the vet again, had blood taken and her blood pressure which has all come back normal. which is great news.

Pain relief was given as well and her foster carer said straight away that she was a different cat, happily walking around more and more, playing, becoming more social and purring. It is still sad to see that she needs pain relief just for her weight.

"She is always near where we are at home, she loves the company and us chatting to her." Her foster carer said.

Sweet Peni is strictly on a special diet and being monitored closely at home she is only getting fed Metabolic and the right amount for what she should have. Nothing extra, no treats. Thanks to Hills for sponsoring this food.

Playing is great exercise for her, she loves cuddles and sitting near the window to soak up the sunshine is part of her daily routine. Seeing her being more comfortable and happy, makes us happy, her weight loss journey will take a while but we can't wait to see the progress.



# Overweight cats

Being overweight or obese is associated with a variety of health issues - many of which can decrease the lifespan of your cat:

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Neurological disorders
- Respiratory problems
- Cancer
- Skin problems
- Earlier onset of joint problems such as arthritis
- Greater risk in surgeries and under anaesthetic
- Susceptibility to infections

The most common causes of cat weight gain are overfeeding and not enough exercise. This sometimes happens without pet parents realizing it, especially as cats get older and their metabolisms and their activity levels slow down.

While it might seem like a good idea to drastically cut back on the amount of food you give your overweight cat, doing so could actually be dangerous to her health. For an obese cat, not eating for even two to three days, whether from stress, starvation, or refusal to eat a new food, can lead to a serious form of liver disease. It's safer to help your pet lose weight gradually by feeding her a nutritious weight control cat food formula. (We recommend Hills Metabolic)

It's not always easy to get cats to exercise. After all, you can't simply take them for a walk like you can with a dog. The good news is that cats don't need a great deal of exercise in order to stay healthy. We suggest aiming for two fifteen-minute sessions per day of interactive play with your cat, engaging them in activities like chasing and leaping after it's favourite toy.



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# Help save lives just like Athena's!

Meet poor Athena, she is a 1 year old cat who came to us in the middle of the afternoon on Election Day 21st May, after a call from a local Vet Practise who had been asked to euthanize her by her owners, as they couldn't afford the costs associated with treatment.

She had a litter of kittens and has suffered severe mastitis which has since ruptured leaving a wound the size of the palm of a hand. The vet clinic saw the sweet cat that she is, and couldn't bear the thought of euthanizing her. But they were due to close for the weekend, and realised she needed immediate vet treatment, so rang us and asked if we would take her on. One of our staff went straight out to collect her, and brought her back to the haven where Vet staff were waiting to treat her. The smell from the wound was unbearable and the tissue was necrotic, our vets were surprised it wasn't infected. But on intake at Cat Haven, it was very apparent Athena needed 24 hour care and surgery as soon as possible. So arrangements were made to take her to Perth Vet Emergency where the wonderful team performed lifesaving surgery on her.

Despite all of this pain, Anthea continued to purr and want pats, and we knew we had made the right decision to save her life. She isn't out of the woods yet, and may require further surgery here at the shelter, but we know she deserves every chance. We will keep you up to date with her progress, but one thing is for sure, she will never suffer mastitis again, having now been de-sexed. Allowing cats to have litters of kittens can lead to painful conditions such as this, and if left untreated, could prove fatal.

We need your help to raise funds to save cats like Athena who would not make it. Your generous donations go directly to continuing to rescue & save more cats like Athena and provide the medical assistance, general healthcare, temporary shelter and the chance of a new home that they desperately need and deserve. As a charity relying on donations and fundraising to make up 98% of our operating costs, even a small donation of \$10 can help us save more cats like Athena.

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# RINGWORM SUCCESS

## 47 Cats and kittens went out to foster in 3 days!



We recently did a call out for ringworm foster carers as we were over capacity in this area and the response was amazing!!

**What is ringworm? It is not as scary as it may sound!**

Ringworm is a fungal infection affecting the skin, hair and occasionally nails of animals. We often see it on the head, around eyes, ears, feet and tail with hair loss that is rough and scaly.

It is NOT a worm as the name may lead you to believe. In fact, it is very closely related to Athlete's foot found commonly in humans. While it is a zoonotic infection – meaning it can be passed between species, it most commonly affects young animals and those with suppressed immune systems.

If you search ringworm on the internet, you'll find lots of scary pictures and medical information that makes it sound very difficult to deal with – however, it is not as hard to handle as it sounds, and the Foster Care Team are here to support you every step of the way.

What a great result we had, after our urgent call out for help in our ringworm area we are so happy to tell you the area is empty!

**All 47 cats and kittens have found foster homes!**

We couldn't do this without you all and are so lucky to have such an amazing community backing us and stepping up for the cats – you are all true lifesavers!

Our foster team are still very busy working through all the applications we have received, with a high number of cats and kittens coming in daily there is always a need for foster carers.

# Perth Vet Emergency

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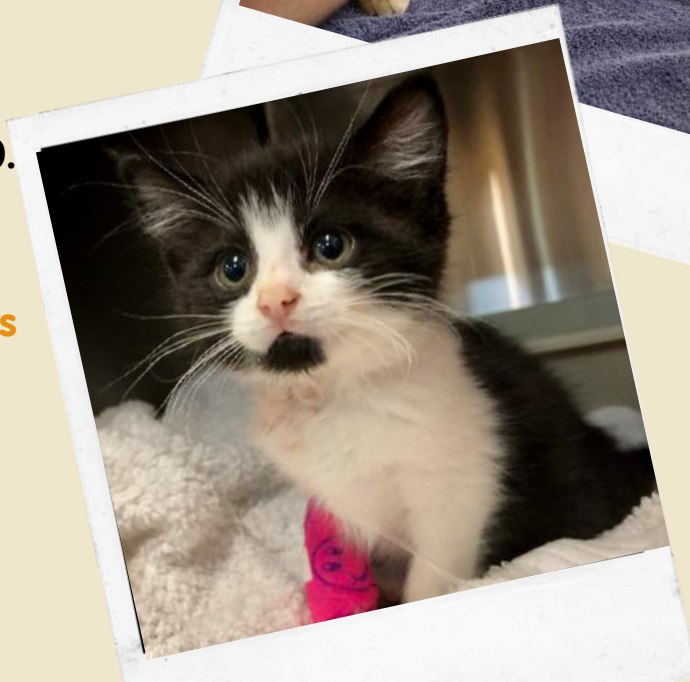
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# June is foster a pet month

Fostering an animal is about saving lives, and bringing a pet into your home temporarily until they find a permanent home is just as life changing as adopting. Therefore, to help create awareness and encourage more people to foster pets, June is celebrated as Foster a Pet Month.

Fostering is not as difficult as most people think, Cat Haven provides just about everything you need, including food, veterinary care, enrichment tools, bowls and bedding. Cat Haven also provides support for all foster carers from the staff and the large foster community throughout your journey to help you and the cat get the most out of the experience. All you just need to provide is attention and different household situations such as children, dogs, other cats, the vacuum cleaner the car and so on. Having your own pets can be an advantage, not a disadvantage.

Foster carers are needed for a number of reasons, whether it be medical recovery, enrichment, socialisation or respite from the shelter. With over 80 cats and kittens received per day during busy periods, cats going out to foster means Cat Haven can free up desperately needed room onsite in the shelter to allow for incoming cats.

Foster carer Brianna says "I never imagined that I would be a foster carer, let alone a foster parent to the spiciest kitten I have ever met but there is nothing I would change about this journey. Angeria has only been with me for a couple weeks but the difference that a little love and patience makes is phenomenal, she is slowly but surely flowering into the most beautiful, well natured kitten that loves nothing more than to kiss you to death and play with your feet under the covers. There is nothing that's more rewarding than watching her flourish and helping her prepare for a new home and I hope that she finds the most beautiful family to spend the rest of her life with." (Angeria pictured)

## Benefits of foster care:

- Helps adopters see pets at their best
- Improves chances of adoption
- Keeps the cat healthy
- Helps save lives

## Ways you can help:

- Complete our foster application on our website and start fostering today
- Spread awareness by sharing this on social media
- Donate items Cat Haven needs to supply foster carers, such as bedding, food, toys, bowls, carriers and treats
- Donate funds to help Cat Haven keep its doors open and accepting more cats every day. Donate via our website

**Visit Cat Haven's website or Facebook page to read further about what we do to help these cats.**



# Shy July

Shy, timid, reserved - there's is plenty of names to call these cats, but our favourite is 'worthy'. Each day these shy cats are looked over for more friendly, active and playful cats. Even online through photos!

Each July we highlight these cats with the hopes of finding them their purrfect furrever homes! These cats often blossom into beautiful companions, they just take a little bit more time to settle in!

For the 31 days of July , a number of our cats in foster and on site are only \$31 to adopt. Please give one of these cats a chance.



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

## Foster feature of the 10 longest fosters

We don't only have cats at the shelter... 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?

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



**Tiger 160351**  
**655 Days in care**

Meet Tiger a 2 year old boy who is super confident and curious, he won't take long to settle into any house. He loves his foster companion the rabbit and he loves to spend his daily lunch break in the warm sunspot in front of the window.



**Dragon 166271**  
**365 Days in care**

Meet Dragon, a golden oldie at 18 years old. He has the softest fur and is learning to love his foster family more each day, do you have space in your heart to take in this beautiful old fella?



**Jazz 166379**  
**340 Days in care**

Meet Jazz, a 10 year old boy who is very sweet, gentle and affectionate. He loves a good cuddle and will lay in your lap or under the covers with you. Please take him home today.



**Tess 126577**  
**330 Days in care**

Meet Tess a 7 year old lady who went to foster after being a little stressed in shelter. She enjoys pats and will sing in a sweet voice when it's time for dinner. She's not a fan of other animals or small children but has lived with other cats before.



**Blossom 166926**  
**328 Days in care**

Meet Blossom a 2 year old girl that LOVES chasing ribbons, felt balls and her favourite toy mouse. Blossom is a total foodie, wet food and creamy treats are her love language.



**Winx & Mouse 145390**  
**320 Days in care**

Meet Winx (4 years old) & Mouse (3 years old), they are the sweetest female and male pair, Mouse is the baby of Winx and they are the best of friends. They both love chilling on the couch and watching Netflix with you.



**Naya 166402**  
**316 Days in care**

Meet Naya, an 11 year old girl who is in need of a new home. She is a big fan of brushing and needs it for this magnificent coat. She needs a quiet home as she can get spooked quite easily.



**Theodora 167234**  
**289 Days in care**

Meet Theodora, or Dora for short. She is a 12 year old girl that needs your help to find a new home. At heart she is still a cheeky little kitten and we love her playful personality.



**Roh Rito 167565**  
**280 Days in care**

Meet Roh Rito, a 3 year old lovely boy. He loves watching his foster's grandchildren playing in the lounge but isn't quite comfortable to go up to them yet. He loves playing with toys and has been known to steal the Christmas ornaments.



**Ellie-Rose 163481**  
**230 Days in care**

Meet Ellie-Rose, a lovely 3 year old girl who has been coming out of her shell in foster. She loves nothing more than sharing the bed with her foster mum at night. She enjoys the company of her foster brother but not when he sneaks up on her.

# The Value of Cat Haven Membership



Sign up to be a Cat Haven Member and start enjoy the benefits all year round!

Cat Haven membership provides;

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# 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 difference to the thousands of cats we take in 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.

A gift in your Will continues this work, so if this is right for you, it takes less than 20 minutes to complete your bespoke Will.

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## Animal Welfare Grant Program Success

We have some great news to share, Cat Haven has been awarded a grant in the first round of Animal Welfare Grant Program funding to undertake a free desexing program, targeting lower socio-economic areas of Perth.

Being the largest dedicated Cat Welfare organisation in WA, we receive constant requests for assistance in providing desexing services for cats. Being able to execute this as part of preventive shelter intake, means we can assist owners who are struggling financially, ensuring compliance with the Cat Act 2011, assisting in breaking the cycle of litters from unsterilised cats, and taking steps in preventing future numbers of unwanted cats and kittens into the shelter.

**With this funding we estimate we can sterilise 250+ cats and kittens.**

With 95% of incoming strays to the shelter unsterilised we know this is one of the biggest issues we face. We understand that for those struggling in the community with meeting everyday living costs, meeting the financial costs of desexing can be a struggle, and delaying surgery leads to litters of kittens that continue the cycle of breeding.



# What's on at Cat Haven

**8th August**

**International Cat Day**

**17th August**

**Black Cat Appreciation Day**

**1st September**

**Ginger Cat Day**

## Meet Croissante

We received a lovely email from Yvonne about her 19 years with her best friend.

"In 2001, I adopted a 6-month tabby cat from Cat Haven. She was named Roxy. I renamed her Croissante because she was lying in a horse-shoe shape from the effects cat flu at the time.

Croissante lived with me in Perth for a few years and then we moved to Canberra in 2005. From there, we relocated to Melbourne before settling in Sydney, which is now home. Croissante passed away last year, age 19 years and 9 months.

I miss her every day and have thought about writing to you as it feels like a full circle back to her origins.

She was the most beautiful and sweet little cat. A little on the serious side but we got on like a house on fire. I took her on road trips to Canberra and she could play in my friend's garden. Back in Sydney, we only had a small balcony.

I wanted to reach out and say thank you for rescuing Croissante so many years ago, and she was very much loved.

I have a new kitty now. A rowdy extroverted street cat from outer Sydney. Her name is Roxy, in memory of Croissante and Cat Haven. In every way, she is opposite to Croissante, which keeps me on my toes!"



# What a hero!

Joanne, found this little ball of fluff in a tree in her garden. Being the cat lover she is, she gained the trust of the kitten by feeding it in the tree, after a little while she managed to get it into a carrier and into her house where she started feeding it along with her cat.

She decided to name him Pumpkin, and he slowly but surely started to get comfortable being an indoor cat, realising all the food, warmth and love he needs is inside. Joanne, unfortunately couldn't keep little Pumpkin but gave him to Cat Haven to find his purrfect home where he certainly did! Great news for Pumpkin.



# Edgar Update

Remember Edgar? He was the gorgeous 11 year old boy that really needed your help. He came to Cat Haven with blood in his urine and had to have a feeding tube placed as he couldn't eat. He was at the specialist vet for over a week before going home with one of the lovely vet nurses.

He has since made a full recovery thanks to the amazing \$12,000 we raised to pay for his vet bills! Look at him enjoying a 15 minute photoshoot in the sun.



# Staff Focus - Courtney

## My role at Cat Haven is...

External Adoption Centre Coordinator

## Before Cat Haven I was working at...

I was working at Julie's Kennels as an animal attendant which also had me involved with working alongside the City of Swan Rangers and helping with the rescue charity that also ran alongside the kennels; Celebrity Pets.

## The most interesting thing I have learnt at my time at Cat haven...

How to educate the public about responsible cat ownership. Before coming to Cat Haven I didn't have a full grasp on the homeless cat situation facing West Australian kittys and by learning correct ways to educate the community on the importance of sterilising their cats as well as the fact that cats are a pet for life not a moment, I feel like I'm making a difference in reducing the number of cats left on the streets.

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

Cats and humans finding a home with each other. Nothing warms my heart more than pairing a individual cat with their perfect human match.

## My favourite meal to cook is...

Pizza, always pizza

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

Getting out around 50 cats in 4 days to EAC stores

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

Travelling to Cambodia on a volunteer trip to work with local communities and the elephants that share their space. I got to meet some really interesting humans who dedicate their life to protecting these amazing creatures and spend their days following them around and making sure they are safe. Just watching the wild and the tame coexist in such harmony gives me hope that it is possible in all aspects of the world.



## Gingers unite!

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

I think that it exists? Not a lot of people seem to be aware of the amazing partnership Cat Haven has with our external adoption centres and the incredible opportunity we have to be able to take our cats off site to give them a better chance at finding their new forever home while also give the cats back on site more of a chance at being adopted as well.

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

If the ocean swell and wind permit it, I'll be out surfing but otherwise I'm out with my horses just chilling or bush riding with mates .



**Cinnamon Bun**  
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# Volunteer Focus - Debbie

## Where I work is:

We have just sold our environmental consulting business after 22 years and I am currently helping the new owners transition.

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

On Grounds I help feed and clean in the mornings and then do Adoptions the rest of the day, while in Clinic I do the washing, general cleaning and tidying, preparing linen for the autoclave and packing surgery kits (and did I mention the washing!!).

## I became a volunteer at Cat Haven because:

I just love cats. I have always volunteered with school P&Cs and when my kids both graduated I took the opportunity to apply at Cat Haven and volunteer doing something just for me.

## The best part of my volunteer job is:

I love all of it. Helping cats be safe and healthy, and finding them a new forever home. The staff and other volunteers are awesome to work with.

## When I am not at Cat Haven I normally:

Work, go to the gym and hang out with friends and family.

## My favourite holiday destination and why:

Disney World in Florida. We had a family holiday there in 2015 and I loved every minute of it. I think I must be a big kid at heart.

## My signature dish is:

Quiche.

## My all-time favourite movie is:

Moulin Rouge.

## One thing I want to do in my lifetime is:

Take a cruise from Canada to Alaska.

## Something no one knows about me is:

I applied to join the Queensland Ambulance service when I was just out of university and not sure if my environmental degree was something I still wanted to use.

## My biggest lesson in life is:

Life goes by so much quicker that you expect when you're young. Don't waste the days you have worrying about things that might never happen.



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