

Cat Chat

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in the summer heat

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Message from our CEO Roz Robinson

Hi everyone

It only seems like yesterday since I wrote my message for the July Cat Chat, hoping for a downturn in numbers of cats coming into the haven over the winter period. Sadly, that reprieve didn't come, and our staff, volunteers and foster carers were kept busy through those months with numbers reaching our limits on site. We had to run several promotions and offer cats at a discounted adoption fee, to reduce our numbers. This isn't something we like to do, but it acts as a call to arms for potential adopters who have been meaning to come down and get a new feline companion.

And now its spring, just yesterday three litters of new born kittens were brought in without mum, and we know this is it for the next six months, with countless numbers of kittens, with and without mum coming through our doors. It is still a very unfortunate fact, but not all cats are being de-sexed despite the Cat Act being in place for 10 years. We hope a revised Cat Act due next year, which we will be making recommendations on, will also bring with it a drive to promote the need for all cats to be de-sexed, by the age of 4 months at the very latest and assistance with the cost of this for those who can't afford it.

As kittens become more available, many members of the public adopt kittens over the beautiful and quirky cats with big personalities we have on-site. It is uphill for the next few months.

On happier a note, our renovated retail space was officially opened by our Local member Dr Katrina Stratton (representing the Premier) and was ably assisted by Lisa Baker MLA. It gave us an opportunity to thank everyone involved in making it happen. As I walk in each day, I am still amazed at the transformation made and really encourage you to call and have a look, and maybe adopt one of our older cats.

Thank you for your continuing support, in times like this.

Kind Regards,



Please Donate

Your donation goes directly to the cats that we receive each year, typically around 7,500. This directly helps with vet treatments, feeding, finding foster homes if they are struggling in the shelter environment, enrichment toys, medication, and much much more. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

We are always in need of physical donations too, towels, cat carriers, blankets for the cats (fleece or knitted blankets 45x45cm is ideal), paper litter, treats and toys.



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Cat Haven's Wet Nose Day



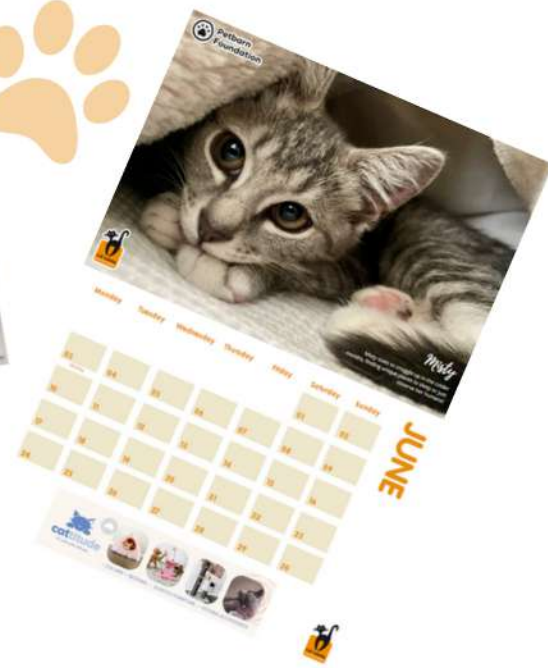
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2024 CALENDAR

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Keeping Cats Safe in the Heat

Keeping your cat indoors during hot weather is not just a matter of comfort; it's a crucial step in ensuring your best friend's health and safety. Extreme heat can pose several risks to outdoor cats, making indoor shelter the wisest choice. Here's why you should keep your cat inside when the temperature soars.

First and foremost, hot weather can lead to heatstroke in cats. Unlike humans, cats have limited sweat glands, and they primarily regulate their body temperature through panting and limited sweating through their paws. In scorching temperatures, they are particularly vulnerable to overheating. Keeping your cat indoors offers a climate-controlled environment, protecting them from heat-related illnesses and allowing them to stay cool and comfortable.

Secondly, outdoor cats are more exposed to dangers like dehydration and sunburn. Cats can become dehydrated quickly in high temperatures, leading to a range of health issues. Moreover, their delicate skin is susceptible to sunburn, which can be painful and may even result in skin cancer in the long term. By keeping your cat indoors during hot weather, you're shielding them from these hazards and providing a safe, cool haven where they can relax, hydrate, and enjoy a sunburn-free life.



Cat Haven Facts

Top 10 names we have
seen in the last year

1. Luna
2. Daisy
3. Bella
4. Simba
5. Lilly
6. Leo
7. Charlie
8. Coco
9. Tommy
10. Nala

Top 5 colours of cats we
have seen in the last year

- Tabby (16.2%)
- Black (13.5%)
- Black & White (13.1%)
- Tabby & White (11.7%)
- Ginger Tabby (5%)



Message from our Chair Rob Orton

Welcome to our Spring edition of Cat Chat. Whilst we have seen the passing of winter it was anything but quiet on site with an average of 500-600 per month coming through our doors. Between moving to the new retail space and the endless stream of kittens, we have been busy. Owner surrenders remain high and sadly for many, the number one reason is still pet refusals in rentals.

September saw our Annual General Meeting where we thanked Brenda Quinby, Kasia McNaught and Julie Hewson for their service to the Board. We also welcomed Kelly McKenzie and Brigitte Bouhours as well as the re-election of Katy Jaksic, Paul Anderson Johnson and myself. Thank you to those members who joined us on the day or via proxy.

September saw the conclusion of three surveys which sought feedback from volunteers and staff. The overwhelming sentiment across all surveys was supportive. It is humbling to read the positivity and belief in our mission to deliver better outcomes for the cats of Perth.

Volunteer management remains a key focus with streamlined processes being rolled out to better onboard new volunteers as well as identifying and utilising the vast wealth of skills within our volunteer base. Volunteers are a vital mainstay to Cat Haven and we could not do it without you. Hours worked by volunteers continue to increase with an over 30% jump in the past two years.

As we move toward 2024, attention is turning to the preparation of our submission for the Cat Act review. This is a significant opportunity for Cat Haven, as Western Australia's premier cat shelter, to influence the direction of cat welfare in the State and to drive responsible cat ownership.

Finally, mark your diaries with our annual open day, Wet Nose Day, on Sunday 12th November. Come support local stall holders and stock up with some goodies including a cat or two. See you there!

Purrwards,

Robin Orton
Chair, Board of Management



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10am-4pm

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Become a foster carer

Can you help cats just like Popcorn?
Temporary care is needed for cats who are struggling in the shelter.

Before foster



In foster



Leave a Lasting Legacy for Cats

Safewill provides Cat Haven supporters with 50% off their online will

Are you passionate about cats and want to ensure their well-being even after you're gone? Consider leaving a lasting legacy by including Cat Haven in your will. Your gift will make a profound difference in the lives of countless felines, ensuring they receive the love, care, and support they deserve.

Cat Haven has been dedicated to rescuing, sheltering, and rehoming cats in need for many years. By choosing to leave a gift in your will, you are contributing to our ongoing mission to provide these precious animals with a safe haven, nourishment, and a chance at a brighter future. Your generosity will help us continue our vital work, ensuring that cats in distress find comfort, care, and the opportunity for a loving forever home.



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

Foster feature of the longest fosters

In addition to the cats onsite... over 600 of our cats are out in foster homes or at our External Adoption Centres. If you would like to enquire about any of these cats or any cats we have in foster please scan the QR code:



Blackwood 811 days in care!

Hi, I am Blackwood. I am looking for a calm and quiet home with someone patient and understanding who will give me the time and space I need to feel safe. I'm 4 years old.



Gene 807 days in care!

Hi, I am Gene, a sweet and reserved 4 year old girl, and am searching for my forever home. I came to Cat Haven more than two years ago after being found on the streets and have spent an extended time in foster care.



Miss Maude 547 days in care!



Herman 474 days in care!

I'm a shy but lovable cat who thrives in the company of other feline friends. I'm 4 years old.



Limba 486 days in care!

Hello my name is Limba, my foster mum calls me Limba Rimba. I am very friendly boy who loves to show affection by bashing my head on yours, I am also playful and sweet, I like to sit next to you on the couch. I'm 3 years old.

I am ready to try a human that has a good laser pointer, USB rechargeable preferred as this is a long-term thing, I am not into house hopping. I need patience, a quiet place to feel safe, and the red dot. In return I will be a cat, actually I might even be your cat. I'm 8 years old.

Baking for a cause!

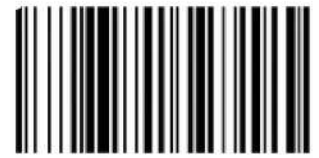
Hannah (7) and Evie (5) held a lemonade and bake stand a couple of weeks ago and fundraised \$154 from their sweet treats and drinks.

They delivered hand written flyers to the older people in the street and they all turned up too. They might have to make it a yearly or bi annual event or so the neighbours think.

Thanks again to Hannah and Evie, there have been some very happy kitties from your help.



Collect your cans for the kitties!



Did you know you can save bottles, cans, juice cartons or tetra packets to raise funds for Cat Haven?

10c is collected from every eligible can/bottle you donate. Use our Scheme ID at a collection point to donate your cans C10294441. Read more about eligible containers at containersforchange.com.au/wa
Scheme ID: **C10294441**



From Shelter to Couch

Maximus is a one and a half year old, mischievous boy with three legs! Despite having one less leg, he jumps super high and hops around as fast as any other cat would.

He's a weird little guy, he loves drinking from taps, getting wet by standing in the mist of the shower water and even going under the stream, as well as spending time out the back watching the birds and rolling around in the dirt. He wears his little vest and is free to roam around the yard attached to his 8m long lead!

He's the sweetest little guy and loves to be your shadow, trying to play with you as often as he can and loves a little cuddle. Maxi loves music and loves to listen to the acoustic guitar when his owner plays it. He came to Cat Haven with a broken leg, presumably from a car accident, where he got it amputated and then lived with a foster family until he was adopted!



Rescue Service

Found a cat you think needs help, Or have cats hanging around your business? We can help.

Cat Haven employs a Cat Rescue Officer who is skilled in cat handling and available to assist members of the public and Local Government Authorities in rescuing stray animals. By using our fee based Rescue Service we can reunite or rehome the cat to a loving home.

Email admin@cathaven.com.au if you have a request.



Cat Haven's **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER
10AM-3PM**

23 Lemnos
Street
Shenton Park

Meet our lovely cats
for adoption, enjoy
some live music,
market stalls, kitten
cuddles and so
much more!



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