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Message from Roz Robinson

Cat Haven CEO

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first Cat Chat of 2021 and apologies for the delay in its publication. I know that many of you enjoy catching up with what is happening at the haven and I hope the update sent out in June brought you up to speed with events since the start of the year.

Two short lock downs this year have affected us, and whilst we understand how necessary they are, they still have a negative impact on our business. We are classed as an essential service and remain operating during lockdown, but adoptions grind to a standstill, whilst cats continue to enter the shelter. This has the effect of our work increasing in caring for the additional cats, whilst revenue from adoptions, boarding facilities and other services dries up almost completely, and unfortunately we don't fit into a category for the government grants. But that is what we do, we will always be open for the cats of Perth.

We are at least starting to slow our intake of cats with numbers on site reducing to 120-140 instead of the 200 we had been sitting at. We talk about the end of kitten season, and moving into our "quiet" period when we can develop strategies and plan for the next 12 months, yet it seems to be later and later every year, with us just slowing down now.

This is our 60th year, and we are very proud of where we have come and the foresight those foundation volunteers had to lobby and work so hard to get our Shenton Park site and develop a shelter here to take care of homeless street cats which were seen as nothing more than vermin by many then. We will always hold these, mainly ladies in the highest esteem for their fortitude, determination and I am sure criticism they received for wasting time trying to save

cats. I look at how far we have come since then with so many changes to how cats are perceived, and the head roads we have made in getting Cat Laws with compulsory desexing as part of them. There are still major cat problems in Perth which aren't seen by the general public and this is something we need to continue to work on in the future.

Many of you will be aware we have been pledged a \$150,000 grant from the State Government which we are really grateful for. These funds will be used to build a bereavement area adjacent to our reception for mainly owners who have to surrender their cats. This will allow them to say their farewells with dignity and in privacy. The ending of the rental moratorium has seen a spike in our surrenders, and we accept all in a non- judgemental manner. In addition to this, we will use the funds to equip a fully functioning dental room to treat the serious dental issues we are seeing in so many incoming cats. Due to building costs increasing by around 20% this year, and the current demands on the building industry, we may be looking at 2022 for completion.

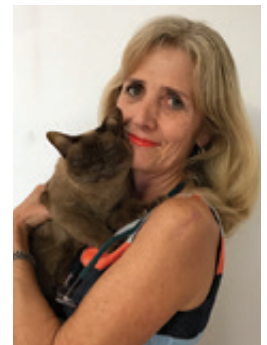
As always I thank all of you for your ongoing support. Everyone is busy, but I would love to meet more of our members and show you the work we do in the shelter. Many feel that shelters are a sad place. A tour of the site might help dispel some of these concerns.

I am best contacted via email
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Kind Regards,




Roz Robinson - CEO



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Meet Amber

I'm Amber, Cat Haven's new Marketing Coordinator. I wanted to introduce myself as you will probably see my face every now and again! I'm very excited to have started with Cat Haven in July and have loved every second since I have come on board. Who doesn't like a kitten cuddle break halfway through the day. If you have any media, marketing or advertising ideas/requests please feel free to reach out to me on:

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Before Cat Haven I was doing marketing and events for a 5 star hotel in the city. I gained so much experience in the field and really loved the job. Unfortunately due to Covid the hotel had to close but luckily my dream job at Cat Haven popped up and I just had to apply, now here I am!

I'm a huge animal lover and have grown up with cats, from starting my own vegan business a few years ago showcasing you don't need to hurt animals to have great food to adopting my cat from Cat Haven.

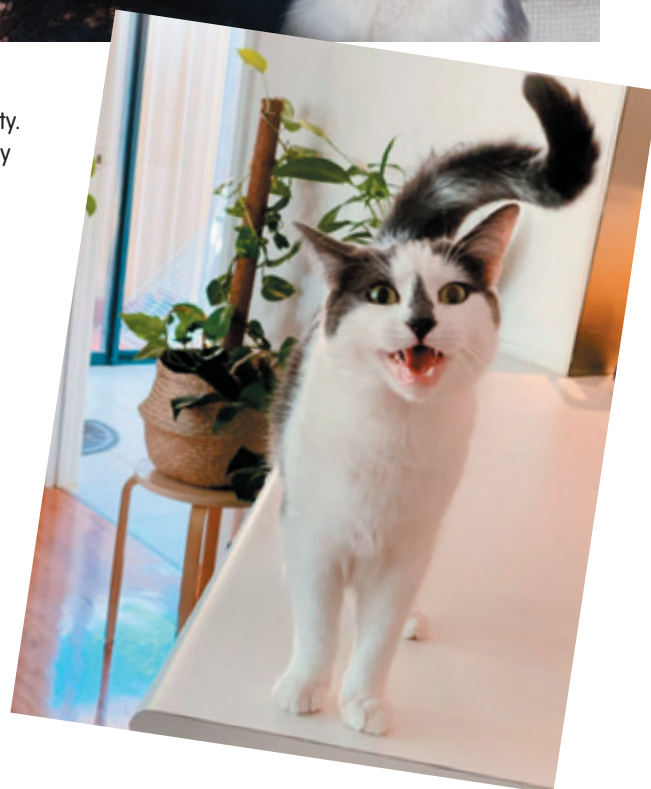
Pictured here with me is my sweet boy Dr Dre, he was in ring worm quarantine when I adopted him from Cat Haven 3 and a half years ago. The whole experience was so rewarding and worth keeping him in the laundry under the stairs like Harry Potter for a month while he recovered. I think this is where he got so vocal about breakfast time!

It's amazing how the team here manage the intake of cats and how passionate they are about the welfare. This is definitely something I will be trying to showcase on our social media going forward to show the reality of life here. The team are constantly staying back late, taking cats home with them that need extra care and enriching the cats on site to ensure their time at the shelter is the best it can be. It's so wonderful to watch the dedication.

I can't wait to get to know more of you and work together with the team to create some wonderful marketing campaigns to showcase the need for help here at the shelter.

Kindly,

Amber Ashford



60th Anniversary and Wet Nose Day



Cat Haven's 60th Anniversary is the 8th October 2021. We are so excited to celebrate all the great work we have done over the years and say a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped us over the years. Every cat that we have saved from the streets is deeply grateful.

From staff, volunteers, donors, to adopting a lifelong friend, fostering our scared kitties, donating cat goods, to the larger donors and companies that do pen sponsors we say thank you. It has been an amazing ride and we can't wait to see what the next 60 years has in store for Cat Haven.

This year we have put together a birthday wish list, as we are starting to get closer to kitten season we will need your help and what better way than our birthday. Will you donate a gift to us for the special occasion?

Celebrate with us at our annual fundraising day, **Wet Nose Day is on Sunday 10th October 10am-3pm.** It's a fun family day out with lots of stalls including clothes, books, crafts, plants and heaps of Cat Haven merchandise. There will also be raffles, bake stalls and a sausage sizzle (vegan options too) for everyone to enjoy! We can't wait to see you there!

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Wish list

Wet Nose Day
Sunday 10th October
10am-3pm
See you there!



We will be asking for donations at a specific time, make sure you keep an eye on our social media for notification. You can drop off straight to Cat Haven, or alternatively, order online and send straight to us. We would be deeply grateful for any presents.

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Has your cat ever eaten something it shouldn't have?



By Dr Renee Ho from Perth Cat Hospital

Has your cat ever eaten something it shouldn't have? Perhaps a bit of a plastic toy, shoelace or even a big seed? This article talks about foreign body obstructions in cats, there are different types of obstructions- linear and non-linear. Some examples of linear foreign bodies include string, shoelace, dental floss and anything really that can catch in the gut and cause the intestines to bunch. Examples of non-linear foreign bodies include plastic toys, gum nuts, peach pits and so many more. These types of foreign bodies get ingested and lodge themselves typically in the small intestines where the diameter of the object is too large to pass through the small intestine.

Here is an example of a case we had recently. A couple of weeks ago, Dr. Renee's own cat, Chi Chi, ate something she shouldn't have. She broke into the toy room to find her favourite toy and ingested 47cm of string! String is an example of a linear foreign body. This means that the string can get caught somewhere in the gut and cause the intestines to "plicate" or bunch up. When this happens, the blood supply to the intestines can get cut off and surgery would be required to remove the dead or dying intestines to prevent it from rupturing and leaking gut contents into the abdominal cavity which would result in sepsis.



47cm of string from Chi Chi's stomach! If you look close enough, you'll see a small blue string that was actually ingested the night before! Cheeky little girl.

There are a few ways to solve foreign body ingestions, depending on what it is your cat has eaten. If the foreign object was ingested recently (generally within 1 hour- though this varies. e.g. string can take longer to be cleared from the stomach than a peach pit), then you might be able to make your cat vomit and bring it back up. This is known as an emesis. However, if the object your cat ate is caustic or something that will cause damage coming back up, this may not be the best option. The first thing your vet may recommend (depending on the object and how long ago it was ingested) is abdominal radiographs. This helps us to determine where the object is within the abdomen and whether or not surgery is required. If the object is within the stomach or the start of the small intestine, an emesis or endoscope might work. If it is further down, surgery is generally required unless it looks small

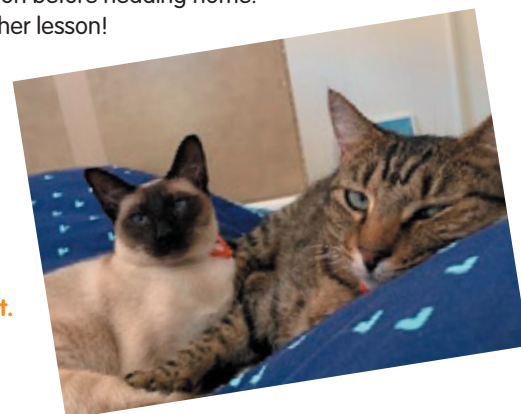
enough to pass on its own. There are different ways the vet may make your cat vomit- oral medications vs injectable medications. In the case mentioned above, Chi Chi was given a type of soda crystal to induce vomiting and she brought it back up straight away as she had only ingested it within the last few hours.

If an emesis fails and the object is still stuck, an endoscopy may be available if the vet suspects the object is still in the stomach. Otherwise, your cat may require emergency surgery to have the foreign object removed. During surgery, the vet inspects the entire gut from the stomach to the distal colon and once the foreign body is found, it is removed and the entire gut is inspected again. This is done to ensure there are no sneaky remnants. If it is a linear foreign body that has resulted in bunching of the intestines (plication), any dead intestine will be resected. Of course, we have to be careful when we do this as we don't want to remove any more than we have to.

Once the surgery is complete, we are not fully out of the woods just yet. We have to wait and watch our patients for any signs of dehiscence- this is when the intestines that were stitched closed open back up. If this occurs, surgery will be required to correct this and flush the abdomen out. This does not happen often, but is a possibility. Your vet may recommend strict rest for 2 weeks and a few revisits following the surgery to ensure your cat recovers well.

If you ever suspect that your cat has eaten something it shouldn't have, immediately call your vet and let them know what you suspect it has eaten and when you think they ate it. This will generally be able to give us an indication of whether an emesis or other diagnostic procedures are warranted. Thankfully for little Chi Chi, the string was removed from her stomach by performing an emesis. She felt much better after the vet had given her an anti-nausea medication before heading home. Hopefully she learns her lesson!

Chi Chi (left) relaxing at home with her sister Lady (right) after her emesis at the vet.



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Offer 3

\$200.00

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Margaret Woolcock Story

Cat Haven first became aware of Margaret when we received an email from one of her neighbours.



It seemed Margaret had lived very independently at home in Mosman Park up until her very late 90's when at this point, she entered a nursing home. Margaret's neighbour told us of Margaret's love of all animals, but how she was missing contact with them, and asked did we have a programme where we could visit her with a cat for an hour or two? Whilst we do have our Companion Cat Programme in place, where special older cats are placed in nursing homes to live and bring joy to the residents in their twilight years, we hadn't had a request for something like this. Margaret had no family in Perth, and we felt that it would brighten her day if we could make a visit with a gentle older cat. We liaised with the nursing home that it would be in order for this visit to take place and it just so happened, one of our nursing home cats, Jack Sparrow, was at Cat Haven for a routine check-up. Now Jack is the biggest, cuddliest and sweetest ragdoll cat you could ever imagine. So Emma, one of our lovely staff and I packed up the Cat Haven van and went to visit Margaret. She was delighted beyond words, as were the many staff and other visitors who popped in to meet Jack Sparrow.

We visited Margaret several times over the next couple of years, funnily enough always with Jack Sparrow in tow. We admired her telegram from the Queen for her 100th birthday which had pride of place in her room, and we just loved the joy Jack brought her. She was a dear person, and loved to tell us about her life and the animals in it and how she had come to Perth in the early 1960's with her husband and had settled here.

Sadly, Margaret passed away last year at the age of 102, but her love for animals will live on- she had left her Mosman Park home to RSPCA, the Dogs Refuge Home and us- all equal shares.



The house sold at auction this year for over 1.4 million dollars and the story made the local community newspaper "The Post". When asked what we would do with the funds, the reply was it will go towards

keeping our doors open and giving every one of the 8,000 or so cats and kittens coming in each year a second chance of a happy life. With our euthanasia being at an all-time low, and one of the lowest for any shelter in Australia, we will use the bequest to keep all our programmes running. It will help fund our emergency boarding facility, keep our Cat Rescue Officer on the road, support our foster care programme which currently has over 500 cats and kittens in it, and provide vital vet care for all cats and kittens.

We rely every year on the generosity of those who leave us bequests- to continue the work we have done for the last 60 years, and making sure we live by our motto, "Every Cat Matters".

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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 an extremely great job in turning a lot of these cats around. However, these cats out in foster often get looked over with 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?**



1. Shirley 11 years old

I have been in foster care for a while now, originally to help me heal from some health issues but now I need a forever home. Kids and animals stress me out so I would like a quiet home, is that really too much to ask?

2. Blue 2 years old

Working from home? Not with me around! Keyboards are my favourite place to sleep. I'm a mysterious boy and love to explore. Take me on a walk in my harness or play with toys with me and I'll love you forever. Meow!



3. Jemima 2 years old

You might remember me from the last Cat Chat, I'm still waiting for a furrever home. I was adopted once before but returned to Cat Haven because there were young children and pets, but I'm such a lovely girl. I love to play and purr but also like to spend a lot of time alone sleeping. Will I finally get a home?



4. Tiger 1 and a half years old

I was found as a stray with a sore hip, I have since recovered from my surgery but need a home to call my own. I don't take long to settle in and am loving playing with my foster family's resident bunny! I hope your couch has a spot for a sweet boy like me.



5. Mila
3 years old

I'm ready to strut my stuff! My hobbies are eating mackerel treats, sunbaking, playing with ball shaped toys and the laser. Don't forget the laser. I don't trust new people right away but it doesn't take me long to start getting pats.

6. Chardonnay
5 years old

I'm a little guy but I make up for it with loveliness. Once I warm up to you I'm a super smooch, I will sleep on the bed next to you at night as long as you play with me first! My favourite toys are rattle balls, my mouse on a stick and the laser. I am a great companion. Take me home today!

7. Hulk
6 years old

I've had a rough life before I came to Cat Haven, I have been here for over a year now so I think it's my turn to get a home. I just look a little scared when people try to meet me but am making great progress in my third foster home and becoming a very good boy. I need a family without kids so I get the patience I deserve.

8. CJ
2 years old

I have been a stray my whole life and have gone to a foster home to learn how to be a pet. I'm starting to get used to humans being around, it was worth the wait. I can do a great flop on the floor and I do like a tummy rub. Can a pretty boy like me join your family?

9. Lois
6 years old

I'm the number 1 jigsaw destroyer! I like to lie on them and rearrange the pieces, I'm the only masterpiece you can look at. I like being vocal and will make sure you know when my food bowl is empty, I also like to drink right out of the tap!

10. Yugo
5 years old

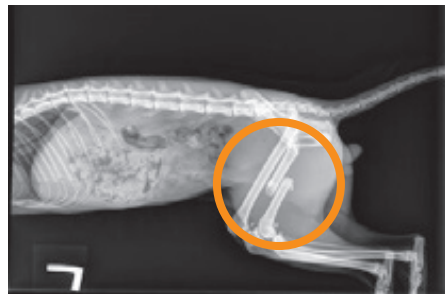
I've been waaaiting for you. I have learnt that I love belly rubs and cuddles from my foster mum. I love other cats, if you have another that needs a friend. I am very good at talking, cuddling, coming when I'm called and sleeping all night!



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

Do you remember the horrible storms and flash flooding we had back in July?

Meet El Nino, he's a beautiful 1 and a half year old boy who was found on the freeway in the middle of a storm with a broken leg and hip. He was originally taken to Baldivis Vet before being transferred to us due to no owners coming forward.



He has since had orthopaedic surgery through a partner external clinic at our expense to fix his leg and replacing his hip joint. Surgeries like this are not cheap and it cost Cat Haven nearly \$3,000 to cover these veterinary bills. He has now gone into foster to continue his great recovery.

While he was in the clinic having his surgery he was promoted to head biscuit baker by the nurses and vets for his enthusiastic biscuit baking on the bedding after smooches. What a great boy.

We wish El Nino the speediest recovery. This is just one of the many stories we see at Cat Haven. Whilst our vets are highly skilled, we do not have the capacity to perform complex orthopaedic surgeries on site.

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End of an era Denise Goodier

At the start of April this year, Cat Haven sadly farewelled one of its staff, Denise Goodier after 26 years exemplary service. In an age where so many people change jobs after only a few years, it is very rare to find dedication and loyalty such as Denise provided to Cat Haven.

During her time, Denise witnessed many changes at Cat Haven, all of which she said were for the better. She adopted many cats, and sadly farewelled them, she met her life partner Sandy here, and learnt so much about cats that what she didn't know wasn't worth knowing. Denise was described by many as a rock, the go to person who knew everything, and who always had the time for everyone, including customers who she had known for years. Denise described Cat Haven as her second home and family. We knew the day was coming when she would retire, but it didn't make it any easier, and there was a sadness throughout the shelter.

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Cindy's Story – Christine Tapper

We faced each other nose to nose. One nose dry, the other wet. Miss Wet Nose had climbed onto the arm of my chair. It was evening you see; our family had finished dinner and were settled down for the evening.

Miss Wet Nose knows all our moves. She watches when we go out and waits for us to return home. She likes looking into the shopping bags and sitting on them if we leave them on the floor. When we make lunch, she pads carefully into the kitchen hoping for a tidbit, a piece of ham, a morsel of cheese. But it is the evening she loves best. TV time gives her the perfect opportunity to curl up on my lap. She loves watching TV - especially nature shows, or veterinary ones with animals in them. She is fascinated by David Attenborough, and he is definitely her firm favourite.

In the winter months, she loves to lay on the cuddly throw rug covering my lap. It is warm and so nice for her to snuggle down and sleep on, her time of comfort. But always, before climbing onto me, she will face me nose to nose - almost as if asking permission, and certainly showing her appreciation with a gentle purr.



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AVT's General Manager, Sue Bain says "Students provide the Cat Haven with extra sets of hands, whilst they apply important practical skills required to successfully achieve their qualification. With over 70 students completing the course, we are immensely proud of their achievements and grateful for the experience the Cat Haven provide to our students."

Over an intensive 14 week training period, students spend time at the Cat Haven, the Greyhounds as Pets Kennel facility in Southern River and on-campus at AVT. They learn a range of skills and knowledge covering body language, handling, enrichment, health care and working in the animal care industry.

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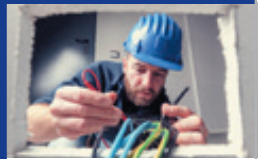
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Fundraising and Events

Edgar's Story

Gorgeous Edgar the 11 year old happy boy came to Cat Haven with blood in his urine and unfortunately he took a turn. We did an ultrasound to find he had bladder stones and possible Irritable Bowel Disease, he had also stopped eating. Cat Haven made the decision to send him to a specialist overnight to have a feeding tube placed, to have him looked after 24/7 for a week at the specialist vet along with the treatment he had already had the bill came to over \$12,000.



After his week with the vet they were able to put him on steroids to help his bowel start to feel better and he has began eating small amounts and is a lot happier in foster care with a vet.

With the lovely help of everyone that donated to Edgar we managed to get over \$15,000 towards his surgeries and care. He will now be able to find his forever home and live a very happy and loved life.

Thank you all for your generosity!



Deanna Gan Margaret Gadsdon



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Past Events

Cat Haven Quiz Night



Wow, what a great turnout! Our Quiz Night on the 28th September was sold out and what a fun night it was. With \$23,000 grossed and a profit of \$18,000 this will keep our Cat Rescue Officer on the road. Hosted by Nova's Nat Locke we were laughing all night. There was a silent auction, raffle, best cat costume and so many other prizes were won.

A little about our Cat Rescue Officer. Veronica is out on the road to help collect cats that are not owned, have been abandoned or lost. Bringing these cats back to Cat Haven to rehome, just one female and one male cat are capable of producing 12 kittens per year and are in turn responsible for over 4000 kittens in just 4 years. This is why it is essential for us to keep the Cat Rescue Officer on the road.



Thank you for all your help and support at the quiz night, we could not have raised this amount of money without you.



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Staff Focus

Shanae Watts

Cat Welfare Officer

Before Cat Haven I was working at...

A little bit of everything! I have worked as a baker, a brick paver, I've interpreted pathology reports for the Cancer Registry, and designed and implemented information management systems, but my most rewarding role was as a stablehand for a riding school.

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

It's not wholesome or inspiring but the smell of certain illnesses, like campylobacter. Or the way a cat smells in the days leading up to having diarrhoea.

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

Providing care and a safe space for cats in need with nowhere else to go.

The biggest influence in my life is....

My Dad. His approach to life and the workforce has really inspired me to push forward and always try my best, even when things aren't going well. I worked for his business as a brickpaver for 6 ½ years and that time really shaped who I am today in regards to my work life.

My favourite meal to cook....

Definitely lasagne.

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

The end of every day at Cat Haven feels like an accomplishment. Whether it's as simple as making sure every cat is housed and safe for the night, or as urgent as getting neonates out to foster before the sun goes down and we head home.

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

Japan! I have been twice, the first time as a solo traveller and the second time with my partner. The first time was the biggest adventure and risk I had ever taken. I travelled by train from



Osaka to Tokyo and back and explored as much of the country as I could fit into 8 days. Both times I visited some of the most interesting places, from the National Gardens to Robot Restaurant to Harry's Hedgehog Cafe, and even whizzed around the streets of Tokyo in a Go-kart dressed as Hermione Granger. I can't wait to go back one day!

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

That we spend all day just cuddling cats!

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

Roller skating, working out and crochet. I've been playing roller derby for about 3 years and it's one of my favourite things to do. I currently play for a team called Sonic Doom. Go Dooms!

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Volunteer Focus

Michelle (Mitch) Critchley

Cat Haven Volunteer

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

Days of variety ... condo cleaning, laundry, cat cuddles/ socialising and anything else that needs doing at the time, but always fun and rewarding.

I became a volunteer at Cat Haven because...

Once our last kitty passed.

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

Having the opportunity to spend time with the cats who aren't yet available for adoption. Helping them feel comfortable in their new environment, whether that be with a chat, giving cuddles or letting them play off some excess energy. Also chatting with excited people looking for a new family member, I love that too.

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

I spend a large portion of my time either walking, hiking or riding around Perth with my husband, getting to know our beautiful new home.

My favourite holiday destination and why...

Anywhere in Europe ... Germany, Croatia, Slovenia, you name it. I love the history, the beautiful old towns, villages and architecture.

My signature dish...

Hmmm, that's hard as I don't really like to cook much but friends and work mates use to always ask when my next batch of Tomato Chilli Relish was being made.



My all-time favourite movie is...

Ageing myself here but definitely The Sound of Music. Visited several film sites in Austria a few years ago... I was like a kid, I was so excited.

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

Travel on the Orient Express, I love train travel.

Something no one knows about me is...

I miss my role working in the animal welfare industry way more than I ever expected to.

My biggest lesson in life is...

Kindness travels so much faster and further than negativity, disinterest and hate.



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