



CAT HAVEN
every cat matters

Companion Cat Program

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Cat Welfare Society Inc trading as Cat Haven. Licensed Charity 17686

Why Have a Companion Cat?

The health benefits of companion animals are well known throughout the community.

Companion cats are widely thought to offer many health and wellbeing benefits to humans, and are particularly worthwhile in a nursing home, retirement home or assisted living home as they are believed to:

- Lower risk of cardiovascular disease
- Reduce the chance of a heart attack
- Improve immune function
- Reduce stress and anxiety
- Reduce blood pressure and lower the risk of stroke
- Help with depression
- Improve your mood
- Reduce loneliness
- Lengthen life



Adopt a cat for free for your organisation. Residents and staff can have the joy of a companion cat with guaranteed ongoing support and free medical care from Cat Haven.



Cat Haven is Western Australia's premier cat welfare organisation, taking in nearly 8500 stray cats and kittens every year.

We are an open admission shelter which means we take in any cat, no matter how old, sick or feral. Cat Haven is a charity, relying heavily on donations and bequests from Wills as we receive no ongoing Government funding.

We are committed to re-homing as many unwanted cats as possible and we are working towards our goal of zero euthanasia for cats in our shelter.

To help reach this goal, Cat Haven commenced a new Companion Cat Adoption Program for mature cats from the shelter in 2014. As older cats are often overlooked for adoption, they can remain in a cat pen for many months which can be detrimental to the cat's health and wellbeing.

Our aim is to encourage Perth care facilities to adopt these older, more sedate cats to become a communal cat at the home. In turn, the cats will give companionship and joy to the residents.

How The Program Works

Cat Haven will select a suitable cat from our shelter, based on its age and temperament. When you pick up your companion cat we will provide ongoing support for your adopted cat while it's under your care.

We will provide a 6kg bag of Hill's food plus 12 months free flea and worming treatment.

We will provide annual vaccinations free of charge for your cat and we will help remind you when this is due, plus one free cat health check a year at the Cat Haven onsite vet clinic.

We will also cover the costs of other veterinary services required for your companion cat provided your cat is treated at our vet clinic at the shelter.

“ A communal cat
at a care home
will give joy
and comfort
to residents. ”



What You Need To Do

The staff at your organisation will be responsible for:

- Regular feeding of the cat
- Regular cleaning of litter trays
- Advising Cat Haven staff of illness in the cat
- Advising Cat Haven of any other concerns
- Bringing the cat to Cat Haven when required

We can provide training on food requirements, litter tray cleaning and cat handling procedures if needed.

Many residents enjoy assisting with the care of cats under staff supervision and guidance.

Contact Roz Robinson, Cat Haven CEO on

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for more information about
our Companion Cat Program
or to discuss a trial run
with a companion cat.





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