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Cat Haven CEO

Hi Everyone



As we thought, 2017 saw a significant increase in the number of cats coming into Cat Haven, with close to 8,500 coming through our doors. This is around 2,000 more than the previous year and several years before this.

On the upside, 2017 was our best adoption year ever, with close to 6,500 cats and kittens rehomed. Our External Adoption Centres (EAC) increased and we were delighted that between them they rehomed over 1,000 cats and kittens. We believe this year our EAC numbers will increase again which hopefully will see more cats rehomed. Our Foster program rehomed over 500 of those shy and timid cats who just don't cope in a shelter environment. It was a roller coaster year for us in many ways.

2018 is shaping up to be the same with over 1,000 cats and kittens coming through our doors in January alone. The major reason for intake from owners continues to be lack of affordability of pet ownership. We try to assist to keep the cat in the home by offering donated food, but too often the decision has been made to relinquish the cat rather than take up our offer. It is evident that people turn to us for help in hard economic times, but we in turn need to continue to be the main shelter who will always say "yes" to any cat or kitten.

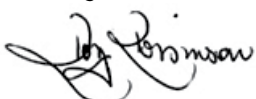
Our major concern with the acquisition of kittens is the unregulated online buying and selling websites. Kittens as young as three weeks can be found online being given away free or sold for a fee. In the vast majority of cases, there is no compliance with the Cat Laws and no monitoring of these sites. It is very worrying to think of three week old kittens being taken from their mother and litter mates to a new home. Cat Haven tries to monitor these web pages when it can, but as a struggling charity, we can only do so much. We need regulation of these sites to stop this trade in animals online.

On a sad note, we are very sorry to hear of the passing of Judy Cambridge, who had been part of Cat Haven so long. Judy helped fundraise for money to build on our current site. She continued to help, not just us financially, but so many other worthwhile animal causes. The world was a better place for having Judy in it and a sadder place now she has gone. Thank you Judy for all you have done for us. There is part of Judy's daughter's eulogy further on in Cat Chat.

On a happier note, thank you to all who have donated time and effort to fundraise for us so far this year- we sure do need those funds! Our biggest event so far this year was Felines and Fashion, which took place on 18th March. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of so many who donated high quality pre-loved clothes, handbags shoes and other accessories, including a \$4,600 brand new Chanel handbag. It was a fantastic day, with the event raising a whopping \$24,000, way beyond all of our expectations. Everyone had a wonderful time, with some great buys to be had, and the day went so smoothly. But the whole event was only possible because of one person and a small dedicated group of volunteers who have spent every weekend and many hours of going through numerous bags of clothes, sorting, cleaning, washing and mending. Katy Jaksic from our Fundraising Committee was the person who 'drove' this event and made it happen. Katy gave up her house to store 36 racks of clothes and her time to lead the group of dedicated volunteers every weekend, most of whom work fulltime. From all of us, a huge thank you Katy, your commitment, professionalism and dedication to Cat Haven astounds us all.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter and as always thank you for your on-going support.

Kind Regards,



Roz Robinson
CEO

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Lilies: Beautiful Flowers but Extremely Poisonous for Cats

Lilies are beautiful flowers that are popular to have in flower arrangements however it is vital that all cat owners and florists are made aware that lilies are lethally toxic to cats. Lilies are so poisonous to cats that if they just lick the pollen from their coat, take a bite into a leaf or petal or even drink water from a vase with cut lilies in it, they can develop severe kidney failure.

“ALL parts of the lily are poisonous.”

All members of the Liliaceae family are toxic however Easter lilies, Stargazer lilies, and Asiatic lilies seem to be the most hazardous. (Calla lilies, Canna lilies and Peace lilies are not of the Liliaceae group and are harmless to cats.)

The toxic substance in lilies that injures the kidneys has not yet been identified, but it is important to note that ALL parts of the lily are poisonous – the flowers, stamen, stem, leaves and roots. The toxic dose is unknown, but thought to be reached by ingestion of, or mouthing, very small amounts of the plant.

Indoor cats and inquisitive kittens are often more interested in new flower arrangements and are more likely to chew on the plant. This may occur when their owners are not at home or observing the cat. Any potential exposure to lilies is best treated aggressively and promptly to give the best possible outcome even in absence of any clinical signs.

Symptoms of Lily Poisoning

Symptoms of lily toxicity tend to develop in two phases:

- Phase One: Gastrointestinal signs:
 - Onset within two hours after ingestion
 - Vomiting, lethargy, loss of appetite
 - May subside after about twelve hours and your cat may appear to improve with or without treatment
 - Cats admitted for treatment at this stage have a better chance of survival
- Phase Two: Acute kidney injury/failure:
 - Develops within 24-72 hours after ingestion
 - Increased drinking, extreme dehydration
 - Painful and enlarged kidneys on abdominal palpation
 - Death in three to seven days if untreated. Treatment not always successful

Diagnosis and Treatments

If you suspect that your cat has ingested or come into contact with any part of a lily plant then do not wait for symptoms to develop before you seek veterinary attention. Early intervention with hospitalisation and intravenous fluid therapy support will give the best outcome for you and your cat.

Acute kidney injury is diagnosed by your vet using blood and urine testing, and abdominal ultrasound. Some cases may also require a needle aspirate of the kidneys to rule out other causes of kidney injury. Because the toxic compound in the lily has not been identified, there is no specific test to diagnose lily toxicity. A presumptive diagnosis is made based on a history of exposure to the plant coupled with evidence of kidney damage on laboratory testing.

Treatment for lily toxicity is very intensive and requires several days of round-the-clock hospitalisation, intravenous fluid therapy, pain medication, gastro-protective medications and repeat laboratory testing. Many cats do not eat and require nutritional support. Sadly, despite extensive treatment some cats do not survive, and some of those that do survive may have permanent kidney damage.

Summary

Ingestion of very small amounts of any part of the plant or flower of the Liliaceae family can cause severe, irreversible kidney failure and death in cats within three to seven days of exposure. Cats should therefore never have access to flowers or plants of this family. Prevention is key! Do not allow your cats to ever come into contact with lilies and help spread the word to educate all cat owners and florists.

**Article kindly supplied by
Perth Cat Hospital. If you are
concerned about your cat,
speak to your local vet or Perth
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Happy Holidays

Tips for Making Your Cat's Visit to the Boarding Kennels or Vet More Comfortable

Article courtesy of Provet and Boehringer Ingelheim



Buying a Carrier

- Top-loading carriers make it easier to place your cat inside.
- Carriers with a top and side opening have additional versatility.
- If your carrier has a removable top, your cat may feel more secure remaining inside throughout the examination.

Practice at Home

- Leave the carrier out for several days before the appointment so your cat gets used to it.
- Put treats, toys, blankets and a favourite person's clothes in the carrier for a comfortable and familiar environment.
- Reinforce your cat's positive associations with the carrier using calm praise.
- Never dump your cat out of the carrier – either let them walk out or gently remove them from the carrier.
- Practice regular care such as brushing, nail trimming and teeth brushing at home.
- Touch your cat's face, ears, feet and tail at home so they will be used to similar procedures at the clinic.

Car Trips

- Always put your cat in a carrier when travelling in the car – it's safer for you and your cat.
- A synthetic feline pheromone such as Feliway (available at Cat Haven) in the carrier may help your cat stay calm during transit.
- Take your cat for a few short car trips to build familiarity.
- Do not feed your cat for several hours before traveling to reduce the risk of vomiting.
- After each successful car trip, reward your cat with positive attention and treats.



To make things easy for you, here is a simple checklist. If you have any questions please speak to Cat Haven or your vet:

Several months before you travel:

- Book your pet into your favourite boarding facility ☐

Six weeks before travel:

- Check to ensure relevant cat vaccinations are up to date ☐
- Start familiarising your cat with the cat carrier – leave the door open so that your cat can make their own way in a feel comfortable prior to travel. ☐
- Make sure you have sufficient medications for your cat if needed. ☐
- If there are any cat health issues, make sure you see your vet in advance to assess them before you leave. ☐

A week before you travel:

- Ensure your pet has been treated for fleas and worms. ☐

The day before you travel:

- Gather up any toys and blankets and place in the carrier. ☐
- Ensure you have your cat vaccination certificate ready. ☐
- Give your cat a few extra hugs today! ☐

The day of travel:

- Allow yourself plenty of time to get you and your cat ready, and keep your cat indoors. ☐
- Ensure you have any medications, vaccination certificate and toys with you. ☐
- Allow plenty of time to get to the boarding facility. ☐
- Enjoy your holiday! ☐



Who's Going to Feed the Cat... If You're Not Here?



Article Supplied by Colin Chapman, Willcraft Services Australia

As ridiculous as it may sound, pets are regularly being provided for when people are making a Will as they are an important part of people's lives.

Pet Trusts in Wills are on the rise with money being set aside for the care and welfare of beloved animals.

On the surface, it may seem a little unnecessary. But once you dig a little deeper, it does begin to make sense.

Let's assume you don't factor your pets into your plans when writing a Will in the event you pass away. What happens then? If you're lucky, a family member will take on the responsibility of their care. But what if you're not lucky?

What if the family disliked old Scruffy or the responsibility that a pet brings with it, whether it be cat, dog, bird, snake or even more expensive or exotic animals like horses, ponies, etc.

The poor pet that has been used to loving care and attention from you could easily find themselves on the street or in a shelter, which is a frightening and confusing time for any pet. When you look at it like this, it seems less ridiculous and more sensible to make provision for your pets when writing a Will.

So, assuming you want to prepare and plan for the welfare and care of your pet after you pass away, there are many things to consider and different ways to deal with this when you make a Will:

1. Gift your pet in your Will to a person that you trust to look after and care for it. In this situation your pet is considered part and property in your estate. When making your Will you then can allocate, or gift the guardianship of your pet to whomever you choose and trust.
2. When gifting your pet in this way, when writing your will you could consider leaving a cash gift to the person you have nominated to help them to look after your pet and not be financially out of pocket for doing this.

The problem that can arise from this method, is that if the proving of your Will and the issue of the Grant of Probate are delayed for any reason, this can possibly cause financial hardship to the person you have chosen in your Will to look after your pet. This is an obvious concern when we are

discussing the ongoing care and expense of your pet.

The other potential issue is that the person nominated to look after the pet in your Will may not feel they want the responsibility either immediately or some time down the track. They could surrender your dog/cat to the pound and spend the allocated money gift on themselves or on other things.

3. Writing up a Pet Trust in your Will is another option and is often seen as a better, more secure way to account for the welfare and care of your pet when you die.


A Pet Trust allows you to allocate funds when writing a Will which are then looked after by your executor/trustee to ensure the money is spent for the sole benefit of your pet(s).

The trustee will then distribute the funds to your designated guardian to be used as per your instructions in the trust. When the pet passes any funds left in the trust could be gifted to the pet guardian, or carer, or to an animal charity. With this method of writing a Will with a pet trust, you can of course still nominate a specific person who you would like to take care of your pets. In addition, you can be more confident that the money will be spent for the right reasons and it can commence prior to death.

Willcraft can set all this up for you so that you know your pets will be cared for once you have passed.

To speak to Colin at Willcraft about this or any other Will and Estate planning matter please give him a call on 0429 926 964 or email colin@willcraft.com.au.





“ Cat Haven also offers a Cat Custodians Program to take in and rehome your cat if you should pass away. ”

For more information, email
chandra.woodley@cathaven.com.au

The importance of deworming cats – even those that live indoors

Intestinal worms are one of the most common health concerns for domestic cats, yet despite their common occurrence, intestinal worms can be extremely detrimental to the health of the animal.

Cats are susceptible to a variety of intestinal worm species and as a pet owner, it is important to ensure they are protected. Kittens can be infected from their mother, the environment and other cats, so it is important all cats, even those living indoors, are routinely wormed. If a cat spends time outdoors, or hunts, the importance of routine worming increases.

Intestinal worm species present a threat to the cat's health, as well as its human companions. Children, due to close proximity with pets and poor hygiene awareness, are particularly susceptible to worms from pets. As intestinal parasites are nearly impossible to see, it is important to worm cats regularly to ensure protection, before a large infestation causes outward symptoms.

Some cats may be infested with intestinal worms yet show no, or only very mild symptoms. These symptoms can be varied and differ on the type of worm, but may include diarrhoea, bloody stools, round bloated stomach, weight loss, vomiting, constipation, coughing, dull coat or lack of growth in kittens. An unmanaged burden can be extremely detrimental to the cat, even leading to death in young kittens.

To protect from intestinal worms, it is important to select an effective, easy to use and affordable Allwormer. Virbac's Endogard is now available for cats and is extremely palatable, even to the fussiest of cats. As the flavouring is throughout the tablet, Endogard can easily be turned into a paste and added to food or a treat, for example - mixed into a small amount of peanut butter. It is important cats are wormed at the correct times to maximize protection from intestinal worms. Kittens should be wormed at two, four, eight and twelve weeks of age, then every three months for life with an Allwormer. Breeding queens should also be treated during the mating period, one week before birth and 3 to 4 weeks after birth.

In addition to administering an Allwormer such as Endogard, good hygiene must be followed to prevent reinfestation. Ensure the cat's bedding, food bowls and litter tray is frequently cleaned, and all used litter disposed of. Prevent outdoor cats from hunting, as small rodents, lizards and insects infected with worms will pass these onto the cat. An adequate flea control protocol will aid in preventing reinfestation, as fleas can carry tapeworm eggs and are able to reinfest a wormed cat. Finally, limit exposure to cats whose parasite status is unknown, particularly those that may be feral.

Due to the risk of kittens contracting worms from their mother during pregnancy and lactation, it is extremely important to worm all cats – even those who will be living indoors.

A few simple management techniques, along with an effective Allwormer such as Endogard, will protect your cats and family from the dangers of intestinal worms.

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Why should I vaccinate my cat?

Vaccinations help provide protection against highly contagious and infectious diseases that can be harmful and, in some cases, deadly.

When kittens are born, mothers pass on some immunity to their kittens through colostrum in their milk, but this protection is only temporary and the best way to ensure a long and happy life for your cat is to help provide protection with vaccination against common diseases.

Diseases you can help protect against with vaccinations

Feline Respiratory Disease (Cat Flu)

Common & contagious, caused by one of two and sometimes both, Feline Calicivirus or Feline Herpes (Rhinotracheitis).

Symptoms - Lethargy, sneezing, fever, runny eyes and nose.

Secondary bacterial infections may cause complications and severe respiratory disease associated with pneumonia may develop and can be fatal.

Feline Parvovirus (Panleucopenia)

(Feline Infectious Enteritis)

Highly contagious and persistent in the environment.

Symptoms - Depression, loss of appetite, vomiting, abdominal pain and frequent bloody diarrhoea, dehydration, septic shock and even death can occur, particularly in kittens.

Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV)

Less common but very serious.

Symptoms - Loss of appetite, weight loss, anaemia, vomiting, diarrhoea, reproduction problems, infections and tumours.

How often do I need to vaccinate my cat to help protect from disease?

In most cases, kittens will receive 3 vaccinations, 2-4 weeks apart, starting at 6-8 weeks of age*. An annual booster is recommended. Your vet may have specific recommendations for your cat based on their lifestyle and risk factors. Consult your vet if you have any questions about vaccination.

The best protection and prevention against these infectious diseases in your cat is vaccination

- Don't let your cat get sick from a preventable disease
- Discuss any questions you have with your vet
- Ask your vet about disease risks in your area

For more information contact your vet and visit au.virbac.com

* WSAVA. Guidelines for the vaccination of dogs and cats, 2016.

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VACCINATION	WHEN	HELPS PROTECT AGAINST
1st	8 weeks	Feline Calicivirus Feline Herpes (Rhinitracheitis) Feline Parvovirus (Panleucopenia)
2nd	12 weeks	Feline Calicivirus Feline Herpes (Rhinitracheitis) Feline Parvovirus (Panleucopenia) Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV)
3rd	16 weeks*	Feline Calicivirus Feline Herpes (Rhinitracheitis) Feline Parvovirus (Panleucopenia) Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV)
Annual Booster	Yearly	Feline Calicivirus Feline Herpes (Rhinitracheitis) Feline Parvovirus (Panleucopenia) Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV)

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Diseases you can help protect against with vaccinations

- Feline Calicivirus
- Feline Herpes Virus (Rhinitracheitis)
- Feline Parvovirus (Panleucopenia)
- Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV)

For more information, read the leaflet, speak to your vet or visit au.virbac.com



2017 - A Seven Year Intake Record Year for Cat Haven

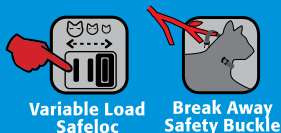
Cat Haven has rescued 1,865 more cats in the 2017 year than in any of the previous seven years. This enormous increase is putting great strain on our meagre resources.

We took in a whopping 8,436 cats in 2017 as opposed to 6,571 cats in 2016, but we managed to find homes for more cats than ever before with a seven year record adoption figure of 6,438 cats. We also managed to keep our euthanasia rate down to a very low 12.5% of all cats coming in to the shelter. Only very sick or feral cats are euthanased at Cat Haven which means we are achieving zero euthanasia of healthy, re-homable cats and kittens.

According to Chandra Woodley, Cat Haven Marketing Officer, the number of cats coming in from Council Rangers across the metro area has remained the same from year to year. Most of the increased intake was due to 'owner surrenders' with 1,000 more cats being handed in by their owners in 2017 than the year before. The main reason given by well over 900 people surrendering a cat was economic hardship. Another common reason for surrender was that people were moving interstate

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Rehomed	6438	5278	4725	4042	3209	4398	3129	3188
Reclaimed	179	121	128	104	82	116	144	112
Fostered	2663	2641	3514	2438	2021	2450	1723	1629
Euthanased	1064	1034	837	1498	2854	3804	4542	3892

or overseas. There were double the number of people who became homeless and could no longer keep a cat and an increase in the number of people forced to give up their cat due to moving to a place where pets aren't allowed like nursing homes or apartments.

Cat Haven staff and volunteers have worked incredibly hard throughout the whole year to find homes for as many cats as possible and minimise the costs of running the shelter. We have worked with our pet store partners to increase the number of cats available for adoption at locations across the metropolitan area and have expanded our foster care

program to keep as many cats and kittens as possible out of the shelter environment. We never put a healthy, rehomeable cat to sleep and we don't want to do this simply due to lack of funds.

Since the Cat Act came into effect in WA in 2013, it has been mandatory for all cats over 6 months of age to be sterilized, microchipped and registered with the local Council. Cat Haven will be advocating for a public awareness campaign by Local Government and subsidised cat sterilisation to encourage responsible pet ownership and reduce the number of cats surrendered each year.

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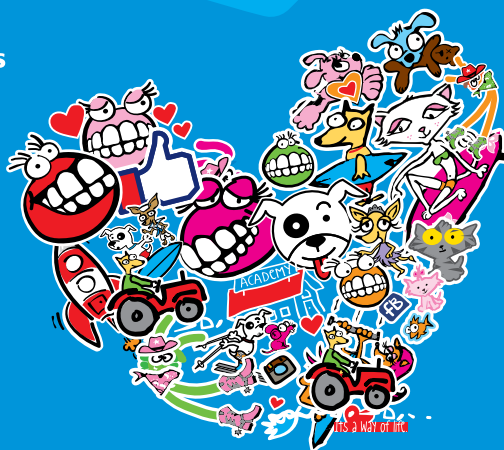


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Gorgeous Boy Needs Some Confidence

Adoption

Orrin is a shy man who will need to go to a patient owner and quiet home, where he can take his time to settle in. He's been in foster for a while now and he is still shy except for with a chosen few, and when he gets frightened, he runs and hides. He purrs when he is around you, but he's not a lap cat and he doesn't like being picked up. But he's happy to snuggle next to you on the couch or sleep on the end of the bed at night and he rolls around in happiness and meows hello each morning. He has very pale features so it would be better for him to remain indoors to avoid sun damage.



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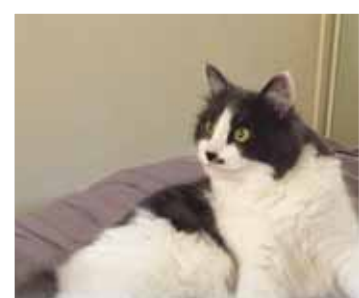
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Cats and Community

Your cat, your stories

My Gallery Assistant Is Bonkers!

Story supplied by Ken Rasmussen Gallery

You can't survive as a painter unless you're happy to work alone. I certainly need time to think through problems and reflect on what I'll paint next. That said, I do enjoy a little company sometimes.

I found the companion I was looking for at Cat Haven. My five-year-old black cat is called Bonkers. I find her the perfect personal assistant and companion. Let me tell you why.

There are days when visitors come to my home. Bonkers will greet them at the door with all the friendliness and charm of a dog. She ushers in the guests and allows herself to be stroked and photographed.

Cats are superior to dogs as social icebreakers. There is no sudden and unsettling invasion of personal space. Dogs will investigate what they find fascinating. Cats show more restraint. Once the kettle is on, my assistant will retire to attend to mysterious matters in the garden.

Bonkers maintains an interest in my work. Twice a day she will visit the studio. I'll look up and there she is, staring at me through the window. I am her cat television. I suspect the paint smell is too much for her because she never comes inside.

Her position outside the window means I have the benefit of her company without the nonchalant cat chaos of paw marks and tipped over jars. She is that marvellous blend of care and unobtrusiveness.

My assistant has only one minor flaw. At around 5.30 pm, her charm vanishes. She is suddenly rude and demanding. There is no room for negotiation about dinner delivery. There will be no quiet contemplation for anyone until this cat has been fed. Still, after a day of her loyal and measured support, I'm happy to oblige. Where else would I find an assistant who suits me so perfectly?



Ken is happy to donate \$200 to the Cat Haven if people mention Bonkers when buying one of his paintings. This is the cost of subsidised sterilisation and microchipping for two cats. <https://kenrasmussen.com>

Princess Tinkerbelle

Princess Tinkerbelle was a stray white kitten who was brought in to Cat Haven at only six weeks old in early January. Sadly she had a trauma injury to her chin where the bottom half of her chin had been ripped off, exposing her lower jaw and gums.

When she was found by a lady in Cloverdale in her back yard, Princess Tinkerbelle was underweight, covered in fleas and in a lot of pain with her infected injury. She is also deaf so she was even more confused about what was happening.

Once at Cat Haven, she went into our vet clinic immediately and had surgery the very next day to repair her damaged jaw. She now has only a slightly lower set lip which doesn't cause any pain or medical issues for her and her foster mum said that whilst she was recovering, "occasionally her tongue would stick out while she was asleep, making her look adorable."

Thanks to the kind donations from generous supporters on her GoFundMe page, her surgery and recovery was a success, and she was adopted at the end of February to her new forever home.



Ziggy Zig Zags Home

Shannon found her long lost cat Ziggy after three whole years of absence!

She had owned Ziggy for two years since he was a tiny kitten, but while she was moving house in Clarkson, Ziggy escaped and wasn't seen again for three years. "He was spotted on the Cat Haven Lost and Found page by my best friend Charlotte who tagged me to say it looked just like Ziggy."

Amazingly, he was found in a vacant house in Clarkson. Shannon came down to Cat Haven in January and as soon as she saw Ziggy she knew it was her cat. She recently said "He's the same cat as always – he remembers me and he's doing really well."



Jeffree Star – Cat Haven Coincidence



Jeffree was a drifter, living on the streets. He came into Cat Haven as a beat up stray cat back in 2016. He was an eleven year old Golden Oldie and sadly had FIV from his rough street life. Jeffree spent some time with a foster family but managed to escape and although the foster family did everything to find him, he wasn't found until January 2018 when he was spotted in the same street he went missing from... by a Cat Haven Volunteer! After some time at Cat Haven, Jeffree was adopted out in early March and is doing well. He is a star for sure and a very lucky cat!

A Blossoming Romance

Mid December at Cat Haven and it's a feline frenzy of kittens galore in every personality and colour, but Sylvia and John Rowe found their perfect match when they adopted Blossom - a stunning colour point/ragdoll mix kitten. It was love at first sight! Sylvia had spotted a similar cat on the Cat Haven website a week earlier and rushed down to Cat Haven to adopt her only to find that she had already found her forever home. Devastated, Sylvia went home empty handed but took the philosophical view that 'it wasn't meant to be' and that their cat was still waiting for them. When they first saw Blossom they were completely smitten and Blossom has now taken over their home and life ever since. "She has brought so much happiness into our home and came at exactly the right time in life. Blossom rules the household, happily living side by side with three large dogs and she is loved by everyone who meets her." Sylvia said.



Cat Custodian Service

After You're Gone, We Promise To Be There For Your Cat... But A Gift In Your Will Is Desperately Needed!

Cat Custodians is a service provided by Cat Haven aimed at giving you peace of mind if you are concerned about what might happen if you pass away before your cat. It is a free service whereby you can make arrangements in advance for Cat Haven to legally own and rehome your cat should it survive you. Cat Haven will provide all care for your cat (including vet care necessary) until a new home is found. As part of the Cat Custodian service we ask you to fill out an in-depth Cat Profile form which will give Cat Haven all the information needed to ensure your cat finds the most suitable, loving home. You can be assured that Cat Haven will not put your cat to sleep (unless medically necessary).

All we ask is that you organise to leave a bequest to Cat Haven in your Will to help with the cost of keeping and rehoming your cat. Please see the Bequests section on our website for all the information and forms you need to organise this and put your mind at rest.

If you have any questions, call Chandra Woodley or Roz Robinson at Cat Haven on 08 9442 3600.



Donations, Appeals & Campaigns

We would like to thank everyone who has donated money, towels, food, clothes, linen, goods or their valuable time and resources to Cat Haven – we couldn't help all the cats and kittens we do without you! Here are just a few highlights of how people and organisations have helped us in the last quarter.

Perth Cat Hospital

Perth Cat Hospital customers went above and beyond this Christmas, donating a whole car load of cat food, toys, and other festive feline products. Thank you to the team at Perth Cat Hospital for collecting all these donated presents under their reception tree,

 **PERTH CAT HOSPITAL**



Diane – Your Generous Christmas Spirit Helped Diane Find a New Home

Thanks to the kind donations from cat lovers throughout Christmas and the New Year, our Christmas Appeal cat Diane was able to have her eye operation and see in the New Year! She was successfully treated by feline eye specialist Dr Ziggy Chester at Swanbourne vet and she has now found a loving new forever home with an avid supporter of Cat Haven's senior cat rehoming program. We are so grateful to all those who donated towards her campaign. We used donated funds that remained after Diane's expenses were covered to assist with other urgent medical care for stray cats at Cat Haven.



Petbarn Foundation Tree of Hope Donation

The Petbarn Foundation is the charity arm of Greencross Vets and Petbarn/City Farmers. Each year the Petbarn Foundation's Christmas 'Tree of Hope' campaign raises money through customer and client donations to help animals in need. In March, they were delighted to announce a donation to Cat Haven from the funds raised in their stores as a result of this hugely successful campaign. **They raised an incredible total of \$878,000 across the country!**

“ On behalf of the Petbarn Foundation it is our great pleasure to present you with the amount of **\$15,000** to help your organisation enrich the lives of animals in need. ”

A HUGE thank you to the Petbarn Foundation for this magnificent donation and rest assured that every cent will be used wisely to improve the lives of the cats in our care.



Donated Linen and Goods – Heaps of Thanks

A huge thanks to Fresh Fields Hospitality Services, Ikea and Bunnings Subiaco who kindly donated heaps of linen for the cats and 100 huge laundry bags to help our tireless laundry volunteers keep track of all the linen. We held a kitten de stress day at Bunnings in March in appreciation of all the donations they have given us in the last year.



The nine lies of cats

LIE #ONE



Indoor cats are never exposed to the outdoors.

LIE #TWO

Only dogs get heartworm.



LIE #THREE

Litter boxes only contain litter.



LIE #FOUR

The balcony doesn't count as outside.



LIE #FIVE

Fido is the only thing coming through the doggy door.



LIE #SIX

Shoes are safe Play toys.



LIE #SEVEN

A cat carrier keeps parasites out.



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Donations, Appeals & Campaigns (cont'd)

Kitten De-Stress Days

Thanks to ICRG, Activ, BDO, National Trust and Innaloo Shopping Centre for inviting us in to their workplaces in the last few months. These kitten days help raise awareness and funds for the cats at Cat Haven.

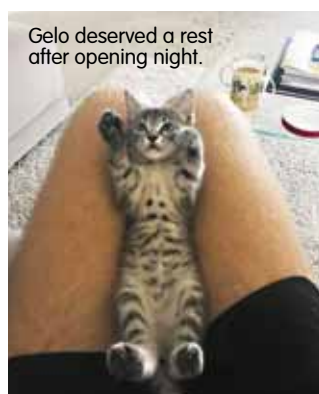
The next kitten de-stress days will commence in November when kitten season starts again so please keep an eye out for our social media notices or pre book your kitten day in advance.

Keep your staff calmer, healthier and happier during their working day and book a corporate kitten visit to your workplace. Contact chandra.woodley@cathaven.com.au or lauren.nesbitt@cathaven.com.au



Gelo – Let Me Entertain You!

Thanks to the wonderful team at the Gelo Craptastic Trivia Night at the Fringe Festival, who helped raise \$500 for Cat Haven from proceeds from their opening night. Their mascot rescue kitten Gelo, worked hard as special guest star at the Trivia Night and posed for countless cuddles and photos.



Gelo deserved a rest after opening night.

In Memoriam of Judith Cambridge

Passionate Supporter of Animal Welfare and Founding Member of the Cat Welfare Society.



We were truly saddened to hear of the passing of Judith Cambridge who was a staunch Cat Haven supporter and true animal lover. We would like to dedicate a section of her eulogy from her family below in memory of her generous spirit.

"We all knew the name Judith Cambridge at Cat Haven, it was one of those names that always responded to any of our calls for help but never asked for anything back from us.

I think my biggest regret is not meeting Judith personally and thanking her for the decades she has put into not just Cat Haven, but for all those voiceless animals out there.

The world is a sadder place for her passing. From Cat Haven Judith, we are eternally grateful for your generosity and passion."

Roz Robinson, CEO at Cat Haven.

In Loving Memory of Judith Geraldine Cambridge

- Jude -

"As anyone who knew Jude for more than 30 secs would know she loved animals. Her most treasured possession as a child was an Australian terrier called Prince. We always had pets...many, many cats but also an unbroken line of dogs starting with the legendary Boozer, a Rockingham Camp dog of unknown provenance. In those heady days before enclosed yards and the dog control act, Boozer roamed free in Nedlands, often disappearing for a day and then returning with a few friends who Mum would enthusiastically feed until she bundled them into the car and took them home. Jude didn't find animals they found her. Abandoned kittens, stray dogs, injured wildlife, two memorable pink and grey Galahs – one rescued from a seedy pub and the other from the middle of a busy road. She became an early version of what we would now call an animal advocate. As one of the first members of the Cat Welfare Society she worked hard to raise funds to build a cat shelter in Perth, now Cat Haven. Jude supported a variety of animal causes from bears in Asia to working horses in Egypt and everything in between. She was made a life member of Animals Australia and devoted her energies to their campaign against the loathsome live animal export trade. She wrote letters to the paper and to politicians, and she went on marches well into her eighties. She was a passionate supporter of animal welfare. She just couldn't get on with people who didn't like animals."

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Fundraising and Events

Recent Events – These fundraising events were a massive joint effort of the Fundraising Committee, volunteers and Cat Haven staff and we are so very grateful to them all for giving up their free time to help: we couldn't do it without you!

Felines & Fashion

Thanks to everyone that donated clothing and attended our second Felines and Fashion event, making it an incredible success. We raised \$24,000 in five hours which far exceeded our expectations.

We had 36 racks of quality clothes, stacks of handbags, shoes and jewellery plus a drinks bar and some nibbles which kept our attendees busy.

As always an event like this is impossible without assistance and our gratitude goes to Cat Haven's supporters who donated clothes, Brooks Choice Relocations, Morgan Marks Australia, The Secret Closet, Shenton Park, 100 St George's Terrace, Centurion Temporary Fencing, Blue Cow Cheese Company, Houndstooth Studios and last but not least, the volunteers assisting in the lead up and on the day of the event.



Sweet Surprise

Thank you to 100 St Georges Terrace for kindly donating a delicious Guylian Chocolate hamper as the early bird prize for our Felines & Fashion event.



Karrinyup Shopping Centre Gift Wrap

We had a record fundraising success with a massive \$14,300 raised by the wonderful creative volunteer wrappers at the Karrinyup Gift Wrap stand in 2017. A fantastic result – thank you to everyone involved.



Cat Calendars

A big thankyou goes out to all the vet clinics around Perth who helped us sell our 2018 Cat Haven calendar and to the tireless Sonya Edelman for coordinating this project. Of course we couldn't do it without the talent and generosity of volunteer photographer Alma Sarhan and the Design City creative team. We managed to raise a total of over \$8,000 from calendar sales. We are so grateful to everyone involved and to all our calendar sponsors including: Hills, 100 St Georges Terrace, Revolution, Virbac, Allpet, Hall & Prior, we print it, and Koff Gunning.



Kitten Yoga Sessions

Cat Haven held another four Yoga classes in Vital Beat Yoga with a litter of cute kittens interacting with the students while they went through their yoga poses. Everyone said it was a fun, calming experience and we so far have raised over \$3,000 for Cat Haven. Keep an eye on our social media pages for upcoming kitten yoga events next kitten season (summer).



Entertainment Books

Again, another record! By purchasing Entertainment Books last year, you managed to raise a whopping \$12,005 for Cat Haven! To the 900 members who bought their Entertainment Book through Cat Haven – thank you! You can buy your 2018 Entertainment Book now – let's make it 1000 members this year!



Valentines Kitten Kissing Booth

We had a loved up Valentines Day at Cat Haven with a Kitten Kissing promotion where queues of cat lovers came to play with over 25 kittens in one of our cat sheds, converted into a Kissing Booth. We raised \$560 in donations on the day and over 60 cats and kittens found loving new homes that weekend. Thanks to the hard work of all the staff and volunteers involved on the day.



“Regular donations to Cat Haven have reached a total of \$230,000 which is fantastic and these donated funds coming in each month are crucial to Cat Haven’s survival.”

Regular Donations Social Media Promotions

Huge thanks to Cat Café, Lazy Cat, Alma Sarhan and United Pets for kindly giving us four fantastic prizes for our March facebook and Instagram promotion to encourage more regular donors to Cat Haven:

1. A comfy cat Hammock from Lazy Cat Hammocks
2. Designer Catware, washable Cat Tee Pee by Huts & Bay from Cat Café Purrrh
3. A beautiful cat portrait photo taken in your own home from Alma Sarhan Photography (must be in Perth inner metro area)
4. An Italian designed and made, stylish luxury cat litter box from United Pets



Upcoming Events

Quiz Night – May 12

The Cat Haven quiz night, one of our main fundraisers of the year, is being held on Saturday May 12th at the South Perth Community Centre. Tickets will go on sale in April (date to be advised). Our compere this year is the fabulous Ross Wallman from Nova 93.7. We will be holding a small auction, silent auctions, raffles and much more.

PRINTED CAT CHAT MAGAZINES WILL NOT BE MAILED TO MEMBERS

Sadly, due to cost constraints, Cat Haven can no longer afford to mail out hard copies of this Cat Chat magazine to our membership database. The printing and mailing of the magazine costs thousands of dollars. From this issue onwards, printed copies will no longer be automatically posted out to members, however all members who have provided us with an email address will still have their electronic issue emailed to them each quarter.



Staff focus

Alison Groves

Our Accounts Manager Counts on a Daily Kitten Cuddle!



If I were to describe my current role in one sentence...

I am the Accounts Manager here at Cat Haven dealing with all things accounting and a whole heap more.

Before Cat Haven I was working at...

A large subsidiary of an ASX listed corporate company in an accounts role, which just was not the right fit for me. I prefer small business and not-for-profit functioning across all accounting areas so I have returned to what I love best.

I chose to work at Cat Haven because...

I wanted to work in a role where I could not only utilise all my skills and prior knowledge but also feel like I was doing some good in the world and giving back. Upon seeing the Accounts Manager role advertised I became very excited – it ticked all the boxes of all the things I wanted from a rewarding but challenging role, covering all accounting areas with the bonus extra of being surrounded by cats & kittens!

I am currently working on...

Developing budgets for the next financial year – I hear you groan but in actual fact I love what I do and am cherishing this challenge.

In five years from now I will be...

A fully qualified CPA, probably studying towards something else to increase my skill and knowledge base!

Board member of a not-for-profit organization, sharing my skills and knowledge.

Persuaded to take more cats or kittens home to add to the family.

The most interesting project I have worked on...

There have been so many varying projects I have worked on throughout my years of experience working in accounts, but I do also have a creative side to my nature and so I would have to say that landscaping our garden at home was a satisfying project to complete.

The best part of my job is...

Either that there is never a dull moment, I am continually being challenged utilising my skills and prior knowledge across all areas of Cat Haven or that I get to cuddle cats/kittens on a daily basis.

On weekends I like to...

When I do not have my head stuck in a study book I like to spend time out in the fresh air with my furbabies and partner, catch up with family and friends, or simply chill out in front of a good movie.

My favourite holiday destination and why...

I would have to say Australia. I spent 2 years backpacking the complete circuit of Australia experiencing the land and doing things I never could have imagined. My love for the country was so strong I decided to make Australia home and I've been living in Australia for the past 10 years.

My signature dish...

I wouldn't say I have a particular signature dish as I like to try new things or simply use the ingredients available to create a dish. At this moment in my life I am particularly enjoying turkey avocado burgers but also make a wicked Rock-Ali-Road ;-)

My all-time favourite movie is...

Not just one...being a movie lover there are far too many movies to name just one as a favourite! But I am very partial to a good 'chick flick' which I will watch again and again.

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

Have my nieces and nephews visit me in Perth so I can show them my life and the awesome sights of WA.

Something no one knows about me is...

There's never anything at least one person doesn't know about me – I'm a sharer!

If I could spend time with anyone dead or alive, it would be...

My Dad so I could show him the person I have become today and make him proud.

My biggest lesson in life is...

Be yourself, life is too short to be someone you're not.

Volunteer Focus

Gail McHugh

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

I do kitchen duties i.e; washing Boarding, Resident and Foster cat bowls, toys, containers etc. After the Kitchen shift I spend an hour in Ringworm cuddling kitties.

I became a volunteer at Cat Haven because...

At 29 I was struck down with Rheumatoid Arthritis and had numerous joint replacements over the years, causing my confidence to plummet. I adore cats, so what better way to get my mojo back but to do my small part in such a caring, supportive environment.

I am currently working on...

Apart from Cat Haven I also do a morning at Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

The best part of my volunteer job is...

Knowing, abandoned and unloved cats and kittens can have their happy ending. To be part of Cat Haven's wonderful and dedicated team makes me proud and happy.

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

When not with cats or wildlife, I love doing jigsaws, reading and spending time with my wonderful family.

On weekends I like to...

Apart from chores (which I like doing believe it or not), otherwise just generally enjoying weekends with family etc.

My favourite holiday destination and why...

Alaska/Canada. OMG- Unbelievably beautiful.

My signature dish...

Don't really have one. But I do make bloody good red velvet cupcakes.



My all-time favourite movie is...

Have a lot of favourites. The original "Lassie Comes Home", even after all these years still leaves me in a blubbing mess.

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

Apart from the lotto win, to see the Antarctic. What a wonderful sight!

Something no one knows about me is...

Let's just say, we all have our little secrets.

If I could meet anyone dead or alive, it would be...

My grandparents and father. Missed them so much since they passed.

My biggest lesson in life is...

Don't place high expectations on yourself or anyone else.

Unconditional love from your family and pets is so good for the soul.



If you are interested in volunteering at Cat Haven or organising a team from work to come down to Cat Haven, please contact: samantha.holliday@cathaven.com.au

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