



What should I do if I find a friendly sick or injured cat?

Only attempt to handle a sick or injured cat if it is safe for you to do so, with minimal risk of being bitten or scratched.

If you are bitten or badly scratched by a cat/kitten, always seek medical care immediately as these injuries can cause severe infection and illness in people.

All cats with an illness or injury must be seen by a veterinarian.

Always phone ahead to ensure a vet is at the clinic and can assist you.

Deceased cats should be taken to a vet for microchip scan.

- Collar and ID tag - phone owner.
- No ID/no response from owner - phone any vet as soon as possible to arrange medical care and microchip scan.
- Handle and transport sick or injured cats with caution to avoid injury to yourself or accidentally making the cat's injury worse.
- For more information on How to Approach, Handle and Transport an Ill or Injured Cat/Kitten please go to: tenlives.com.au/factsheets/found-cats-and-kittens.
- No microchip - check, then post cat found, on Tasmanian Lost Pet Register: facebook.com/tasmanianlostpets.
- Ask neighbours if they own the cat or know who does.
- Make flyers and posters - distribute within a four-block radius, see below for example and template.
- If not claimed by owner from vet clinic, and is well enough, it may be taken to Ten Lives.
- (Veterinary staff are required to phone Ten Lives to arrange a mutually convenient time to bring the cat in).
- Remove all posters if claimed by owner.

Transporting Cats & Kittens

- When taking a cat to a vet or Ten Lives ensure it is contained securely in a carrier. If a carrier is not available a large container/box which has ventilation holes (or ventilation holes added) and a lid which can be secured will suffice.
- Temporarily placing a lightweight blanket or towel over the cat/kitten will assist with handling.
- Covering the carrier/box with a light weight blanket or towel will assist in calming the cat/kitten.
- Do not attempt to carry any cat/kitten in your arms, it must be securely contained.
- If you arrive at Ten Lives, and the cat/kitten is not contained, leave the cat in the car and ask reception for a carrier.
- Containing a cat/kitten when transporting it will make the cat feel safe and prevent it escaping and becoming lost.

NOTE:

If someone contacts you claiming the cat belongs to them, and it is not microchipped, ask for proof of ownership such as a photo.

Found Cats and Kittens

Found Cat Poster Example and Template

Make posters as big as possible, include **FOUND CAT**, a **PHOTO** of the cat, **YOUR PHONE NUMBER** and any unique features (people driving past will have 3-5 seconds to read it so 5 words max).

Note: Check with your Council on laws related to displaying community posters.

You can also write a simple message on your car back window with fluoro glass markers.

FOUND CAT



“CASSIDY”

Found At:
PAWLEENA/SORELL AREA
BROWN & GREY TABBY,
MISSING FRONT RIGHT LEG

Please call:
0412 345 678

Example Found Cat Poster

FOUND CAT

Found At:

Please call: