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ADOPTION UPDATE**

Photo: Rich East

2018 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

The purrfect stocking stuffer is back again this year!

Our calendar is one of our biggest fundraisers each year, raising funds to support the work we do here at Ten Lives. For just \$15 not only do you get to look at gorgeous kitties throughout 2018 but your purchase helps a kitty in need!

A big thanks to Rachael & Freya for volunteering their amazing photography and design work again this year!

\$15



Now available for sale from the following locations: Ten Lives Cat Centre, Ten Lives Cat Centre Op-Shop, Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop, Animal Tuckerbox, Hobart and Channel Highway Animal Hospitals, Eastern Shore Veterinary Hospital, Hobart Community Veterinary Hospital, Kingston Animal Hospital, Kingston Vet Care, Lenah Valley Newsagency, Lindisfarne Vet, Mayfair Veterinary Clinic, Macquarie Animal Hospital, North Hobart Veterinary Hospital, Sandy Bay Holistic Veterinary Centre, Plato's (Salamanca), Area 52, Tasmanian Animal Hospitals, Number 10 on High Street (New Norfolk) & Chemmart Rosny Park Pharmacy!

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LASTING LEGACY:

VOLUNTEER ELISE COXHELL ADDS MORE NAMES TO OUR BEQUEST WALL

We can only continue to do our work with your support and we really value and appreciate it so much.

Whether it is doing some volunteering or foster caring, making a donation in cash or in kind, or even sharing a Facebook post to help a kitty find its forever home; it all helps immensely. We are a self-funded not for profit organisation and we can do what we do because of your help.

Importantly, we want to show recognition of those that have left a legacy in their will so that we can continue our work caring for cats and kittens. It is important to us that we remember and recognise everyone that has been part of our work at Ten Lives. Our Bequest Wall is a beautiful visual representation naming and honouring all those wonderful people. It is heartening for the team at Ten Lives to be able to see every day this permanent

tribute recognising their support for our cats and kittens.

Volunteer Elise Coxhell donned her deerstalker hat and became quite the Sherlock Holmes as she researched our archives as well as the State Archives, the library, and the Mercury to make sure we remembered everyone that has helped us along the way.

If anyone has any additional information for the Bequest Wall we would love to hear from you at Ten Lives.



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Ten Lives would like to thank the following businesses for their support throughout 2017:





THEY'RE PART OF IT:

NOEL WITH VOLUNTEERS JULIE, JEANETTE & CHERYL ON INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY, DECEMBER 5

This time last year I told you that we had saved more cats than ever before. Well, guess what? I can tell you the same good news this year. We saved more cats than ever!

We found forever homes for over 1200 cats and kittens this year and this is due to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, foster carers, supporters and the board. During the last year or so, we have been doing a number of things to enable us to achieve this.

The combination of our own in-house vet team, new roles including foster care coordinator and receptionist along with our growing team of foster carers.

Improved computer systems such as ShelterBuddy, key facility improvements in our hospital wing and increased marketing activity

all add up to better care for our cats and kittens, moving them quickly from our care into their forever homes.

We often ask around the Centre "how did we ever cope without ShelterBuddy?" It surprises me when I realise that we have actually only had the system for eighteen months. It would not be possible today to look after the larger number of cats and kittens in our care, along with all the coordination of foster care and the general running of Ten Lives without the system.

Systems are only as good as the people that use them, and it just so happens we have the absolute best team of staff and volunteers.

If I paraphrase our founder Joan Alport 'to be good at animal welfare you need compassion and courage'. If you want to see bucket loads of both in action, pop into

Ten Lives and say g'day to our team. You had better pat a kitty while you're here too!

During this year we made some small updates to our facilities that are helping us better care for our cats and kittens. Improvements to our hospital wing and fitting portals and wheels to our cages means our cats are more comfortable and less stressed. We have also added another donga put onsite so as the vet team have an area to provide consultations for the cats and kittens in foster care. This gives us more flexibility and options so that means the operational and vet team can care for our cats even better than before.

You will have seen new innovations in the way we use social media to promote our activity and fundraising, particularly adoptions. Our own marketing and social media guru,

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SHOP



Joel Diprose, has implemented innovative ways of using video to really show off our beautiful cats and kittens to would be adopters. So don't worry, if you visit our Facebook page and think that our kitties have taken a quick trip to the top of kunanyi/Mount Wellington. Rest assured it's all the magic of technology and they are safely at Ten Lives!

I am committed to ensuring the best possible management of the Centre so that all our resources are directed for the maximum impact in the care for our cats and kittens. We owe it to our cats and to you, our supporters, to operate prudently and to be sustainable for the long term. To that end all our activities are planned and budgeted and we have the systems and capability to closely monitor our performance. I hope this gives our supporters confidence that donations and bequests are going to an

organisation that can effectively and wisely manage them to make a significant and ongoing improvement in the care of cats and kittens, our community and our environment.

We are a self-funded not for profit organisation focused on the welfare of cats and kittens, our community and environment.

We can only achieve our aims with your support. The outstanding work of our staff, volunteers, foster carers and supporters means that Ten Lives can keep its focus on the welfare of cats and kittens and that we can encourage responsible cat ownership in the broader community.

Manager
Noel Hunt

Bruny Island Project

Ten Lives partnered with Kingborough Council to undertake a whole of island cat management program on Bruny Island. This project will provide valuable data and experience that we can apply more broadly across Tasmania to improve the way the community care for cats and kittens and achieve benefits for the community and environment at the same time.

Other key partners in the project include the Department of Primary Industry, Water and the Environment, UTAS, The Tasmanian Conservation Trust, Tasmanian Land Conservancy, local businesses and the local community.

Ten Lives positively influenced the direction of the project so that it focussed on achieving specific animal welfare and environmental outcomes along with benefits for the community.

Components critical to the project are:

- responsible cat ownership program
- monitoring and evaluation to fill data gaps regarding cats and other species
- assessing the impacts of control.

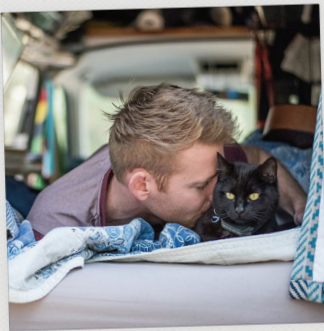
The project has a further two years to run and the information and activity to date indicate that the project will help us improve cat welfare and management in Tasmania.

#catsofnewtown

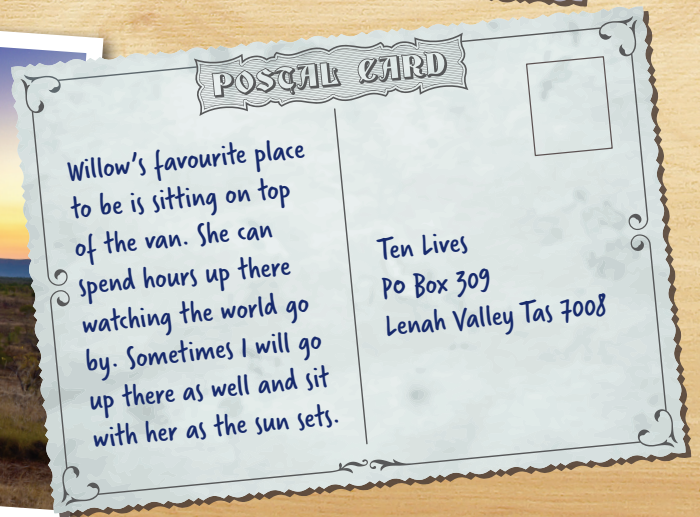
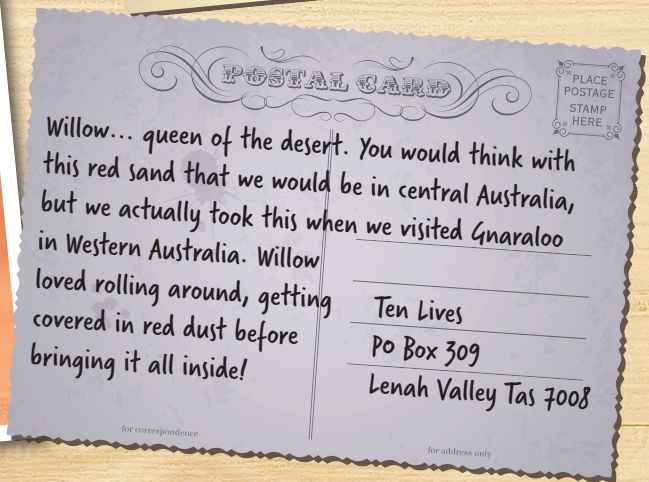
Every cat has a story.



Willow was hand picked on a visit to the Centre. Willow settled into being a house cat very quickly, enjoying spending time in front of the heater, snuggling in bed and playing in the backyard. Little did she know (and I at that time) that she would accompany me on a journey around Australia!
- Rich, Willow's Dad, adopted 2012



Willow





Chase

I had seen Chase's pic online and thought I would love to meet him. When we entered, this white ball of fluff wrapped himself around our legs. We gave him a scratch and I asked if he was able to be picked up and the rest is history. I fell in love right there.
- Skye, Chase's Mum, adopted Apr 2017

Are you part of it?

#ADOPT

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TenLives

- Possum has gone from an innocent looking young man to looking like a mischievously beautiful adult feline. He loves getting smooched and runs like a cheetah. He's our comfort when the going gets tough and he is the light of our lives.

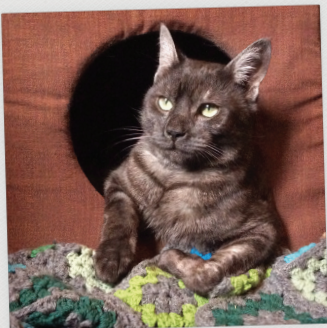
- Angela & Jeremy, Possum's Parents, adopted Feb 2017



Possum

From the moment we met Wally we fell in love with his personality, when he was home he was shy at first but by the end of his first day he was snuggling up on our couch. Wally has always been a very loving boy, always keen for a pat or scratch and loves a good cuddle.

- Georgia, Wally's Mum, adopted Dec 2016



Taz

I saw Taz online not long after losing my super cat Taco, he looked just like a grey version of my Taco cat. I went to the Cat Centre a few days later to drop off a donation and fell in love with him. He has turned into the boss of the other 3 cats!

- Kate, Taz's Mum, adopted April 2017



Wally



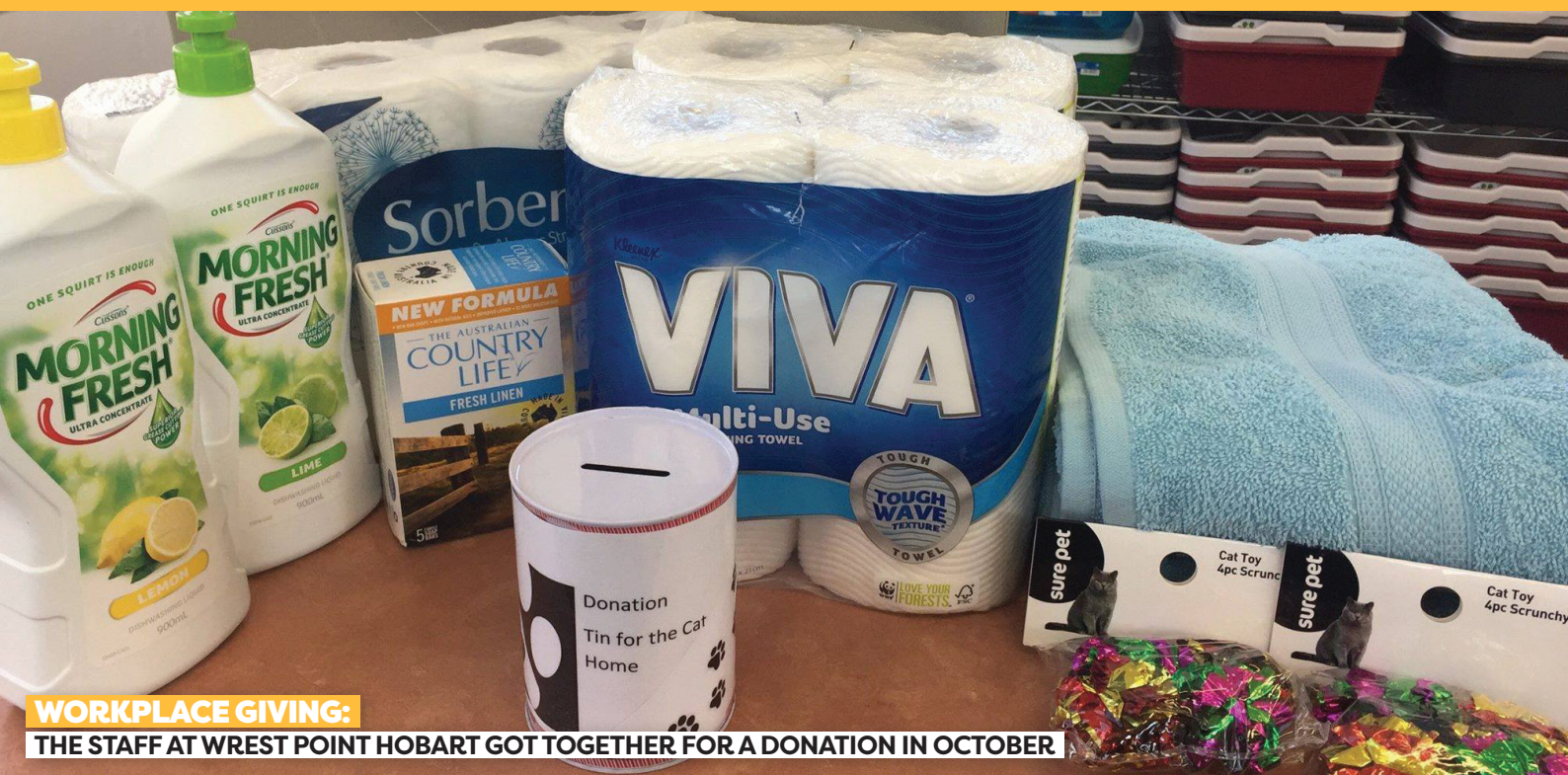
Captain & Morris

After several visits with the kittens and adult cats waiting for our home approval we finally were able to choose our new furbabies. Captain and Morris were from different families but were together in the outdoor enclosure at the front of the Centre. As soon as Chris saw Captain he decided he would be our new kitten, and once I laid eyes on ginger Morris I was set. They are brothers from another mother and love spending time together. Both of them love a pat and a snuggle. Morris just loves his dad, follows him wherever he goes. Captain likes to follow me around as I clean and cook around the house, definitely the inquisitive one of the family!

- Lisa, Captain & Morris' Mum, adopted Feb 2017



Captain & Morris



WORKPLACE GIVING:

THE STAFF AT WREST POINT HOBART GOT TOGETHER FOR A DONATION IN OCTOBER

The Ten Lives Cat Centre is a self-funded not-for-profit cat welfare organisation. We do not receive government funding, and we rely on funds generated from our own operations and the support of the general community.

As we move into our fifth decade of operation, it is heartening to note that our support base is ever-growing and that the community as a whole is working together to improve the lives of animals in general across the state.

How can I help?

You can help the Centre through donations.

We need old newspapers, woollen blankets, jumpers and towels which ensure our kitties stay warm, especially during our chilly Hobart winters.

We need practical items like copy paper, toilet tissue, dish liquid, washing powder, hand wash, paper towels, garbage bags and stationery products, which aren't very exciting but are extremely

necessary in the running of the Centre.

We need financial donations to provide ongoing care for cats and kittens as well as the maintenance of our facilities. Donations of over \$2 are tax-deductible and donations can be made via our website, over the phone or in person at the Centre.

\$2 per month	will help provide toys and activities for our cats during their stay with us
\$10 per month	can provide treatment for common ailments such as digestive upset, fleas and mites
\$15 per month	desex, microchip and vaccinate a kitten ready for it to find its forever home
\$20 per month	sponsor a cat which contributes to the cats stay with us until we find the cat a home
\$50 per month	would support a litter of kittens that require foster care before being adopted

Sponsorship

If you are unable to adopt a cat, but would love to have a cat in your life, then why not sponsor one of ours? For just \$20 per month your sponsorship will help us feed

and house a cat or kitten and you'll receive regular updates on your sponsored cat. We encourage you to come in and visit your sponsor cat too, not only do you get some kitty therapy but you also help them settle into their environment and prepare them for their forever homes.

What we need

Office Supplies:

Copy paper (A4 & A3), pens, post-it notes, blu tac, tape, laminating pouches, staples & tissues

Cleaning Supplies:

Paper towel, toilet paper, hand soap, dishwashing liquid, disposable gloves - pref. Medical grade & latex-free

For the Cats:

Newspapers, blankets, sheets, towels, jumpers, toys, heat packs, pet beds/caves etc, cat trees, cat carriers.

Please note we are unable to accept donations of filled bedding items such as doonas or pillows.

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DONATE



CLOTHING BOOKS

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Open

Weekdays

10.00am – 3.30pm

Saturdays

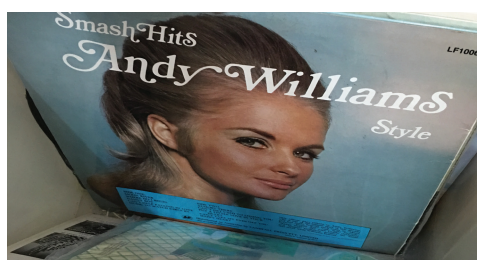
10.00am – 3.00pm

**We accept donations at the
Ten Lives Cat Centre or at
the Op Shop itself**

Our Op Shop volunteers are never short of a good story, here's another corker!

ON THE RECORD:

One of the Ten Lives staff just has to check out the record collection every time he visits and often has a good find. One day he might even invest in a record player!





With kitten season in full swing again, we thought we'd give you a glimpse into a day in the life of the vet team!

Mornings start with a team meeting with everyone, Surgery Vet, Shelter Vet, two nurses and three volunteers (gets crowded!), everyone is assigned their roles for the day.

The **surgery team** consists of one vet, one nurse and two volunteers.

We start off by collecting cats from around the shelter that need surgery that day and take them to the vet room where they get weighed, health checked, sedated, and placed in a cage.

Then we set up for surgeries.

First surgeries are the speys, then the castrates followed by dentals.

On our busiest days we may have up to 20 surgeries during the peak

of summer.

Nurses closely monitor the cats during their procedure and afterward until they are completely awake and can have something to eat.

The vet room is then cleaned, including disinfection on all reusable equipment and sterilisation of surgical instruments and drapes.

The nurse will complete all the paperwork for the cats who had surgery.

Once all surgery is complete and all the cats are awake they get moved to either adoptions, back to their cages in the wing or some get adopted straight away.

Then a final clean of the vet room before we prepare for surgeries for the next day!

The **shelter medicine** team start off by seeing scheduled foster care appointments for healthy

non-infections cats and kittens (i.e. litter vaccinations).

This is followed by seeing healthy cats for adoption, these are non-infectious cats in the shelter that need checks

Next we move on to seeing the unwell cats in our hospital wing. Any new incoming cats are processed and their status updated on their file. After completing all the cats in a wing, cats will all have a cage tag indicating their status.

Unhealthy checks are next. Any treatments the cats are due for in isolation areas, such as post flu recovery, flu wards and sick bay are done.

The day is finished off by seeing scheduled foster appointments of cats and kittens with contagious diseases (flu, ringworm).

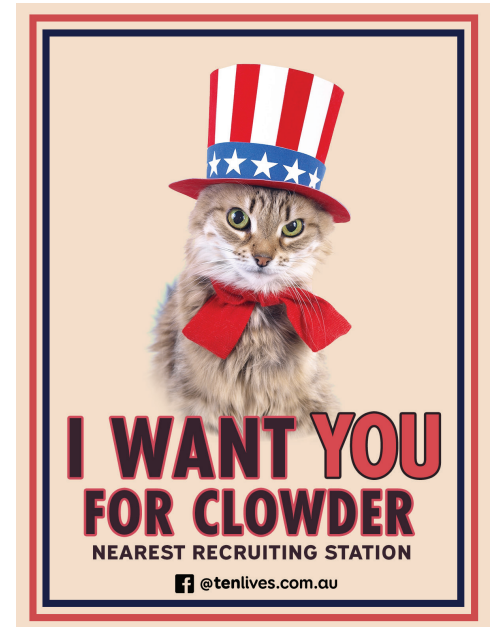
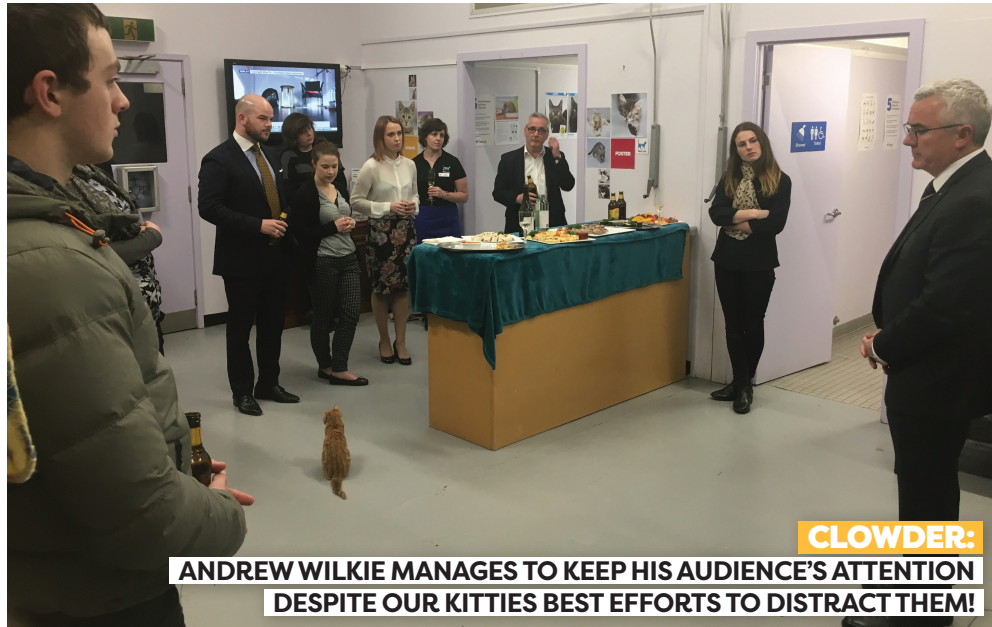
Sometimes we have lunch in amongst it all!

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Are you part of it?

VOLUNTEER



The purpose behind the Clowder Collective is two-fold: to further the aims of Ten Lives and to contribute to the development of the participants; YOU!

Clowder members are the perfect ambassadors for Ten Lives to communicate our responsible cat ownership messages throughout their organisations, as well as encourage participation in initiatives that support cats, the environment and the community. In return, Ten Lives gives back by hosting a number of free networking events throughout the year with inspirational local guest speakers.

Stay tuned for the next Kitty and Champers evening! Coming soon!

Things you might do:

- Distributing our newsletter the Scratching Post and other Ten Lives messages throughout your organisation
- Sharing cat bios, pictures on the Clowder Collective closed group page to get know each other
- Sharing relevant posts on Facebook e.g. leadership
- Fundraising in your organisation; a money box in your staff room or even more ambitious ideas.
- As little or as much as fits into your busy world. You will no doubt have ideas.

We want you!

The Clowder Collective had a great first year kicking off with two events. Former Premier of Tasmania, Lara Giddings, talked openly and candidly about her parliamentary career. The guest speaker at the next Clowder Collective event was Andrew Wilkie who spoke about Australia's track record in animal welfare across a number of different areas and industries. It was a challenging and thought-provoking presentation.

The Clowder Collective have a number of exciting events planned for 2018. The group provides the opportunity to attend these events as well as contribute by spreading the news about Ten Lives and our work in your workplace or circle of contacts.

All you need to do is join our Facebook group and we will keep you informed about upcoming events.

A COMPLETELY USELESS GUIDE TO RAISING YOUR FOSTERS.

Being a foster carer is hard work. Whether it's kitties, dogs or succulents, there are many challenges carers have to face. Here are some of my tips (with adorable pictures) for how to look after your temporary furbabies and prepare them for their forever home.



Make sure they have a warm place to sleep. Each other is usually their preferred option.



Let them take turns in choosing a bedtime story.



And always make sure the books are age appropriate.



If you're going to play hide and seek, confine the game to one room. Otherwise you will never find them again.



Fashion is for wearing, not eating.



Be careful that they do not get stuck in your shoe rack.



Attend all their sporting events.



Teach them a musical instrument.



Keyboard was probably a better idea.



Teach them a healthy lifestyle.



No gym selfies.



Faeries are friends, not food.



As challenging as foster caring can be, the hardest part is saying goodbye.

Goodbye Melody and Balty. I'm glad I could be a part of your story.

Register to be a foster carer this summer at tenlives.com.au



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thesecretteapot.net



As outlined in our annual report this summer marks the final phase of our three-year strategic plan. Over the 3 years it has been very exciting to see all the changes and benefits for our happy kittens and cats, and for everyone else who are involved with Ten Lives.

The name Ten Lives came about after a significant period of consideration by the Board of how best to express the desires and objectives of the Centre. In simple terms a cat has nine lives, and by the name Ten Lives we wish to portray our brand to reflect that we are providing each cat with an additional life. We believe we are giving our cats and kittens this “extra life.”

I noticed a lot of the public discussion this year about cat containment both on the radio and in the media. I must admit that I probably didn't fully

understand the benefits and the reasons why containment was required.

However, after speaking with our education officer Rose Bray she put it in very simple terms – when a cat roams it is in constant “fight or flight” mode. When our feline friends roam they are actually highly stressed and scared.

Then I thought about it a bit more. A cat that roams essentially becomes a wild animal again, and is subject to attack and injury by other animals, other people, motor vehicles etc, much like a human being who is forced to live on the streets. This ever-present danger no doubt stresses the cat, who invariably returns home with injury or disease. I can recall my tabby Eric having severe injuries to his neck following an attack after he strayed outside at night.

The evidence suggests that a cat who is properly contained, in appropriate facilities, is much more likely to have a longer and

healthier life than one that is allowed roam free. This leads to a happier neighbourhood, and a happier cat. I would encourage everyone to carefully consider this issue, and talk to the staff at the centre about the benefits and the appropriate containment facilities. Like people, we don't want cats living on the streets. I believe that Ten Lives, by supporting containment, is providing the cat with that “extra life”.

This year it has been my continued pleasure and honour to be part of the centre and part of the Board, and I thank my fellow Board members for all their arduous work, input and support.

As a Board, our job is made significantly easier by all the hard work of our staff and volunteers under the expert guidance of our Centre manager. Further, the support we receive from our supporters and the foster carers is invaluable, and the Centre would not be able to operate without that support. In that category I would send a special note of thanks for the tireless support of the Margate Op Shop workers who continue to provide amazing support year after year.

I would always encourage continued support from everyone, because by doing so you become part of a successful and vibrant operation.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year, and continued pleasure from our feline friends.

President
David Rees

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Are you part of it?

FOSTER



FOSTER TRAINING:
ONE OF OUR FOSTER CARER TRAINING SESSIONS HELD BY OUR HEAD VET NURSE ABBEY GATES



Welcome to Georgie Gallagher our foster care coordinator who started in the role in July.

With up to 200 foster carers at times looking after up to 300 cats and kittens Georgie quickly set about building on our foster care program.

A survey went out to our carers to get valuable feedback to improve the way we support them.

A key initiative was the foster care training and we have had over 120 carers complete this already. The training gives practical care advice and skill development along with information of the support available. Our head vet nurse, Abbey Gates, developed this training and expertly delivered it; a fantastic job.

The Foster Care family at Ten Lives regularly go above and beyond the call of duty and they always take on any challenges in a positive supportive way.

Ten Lives' Foster Carers; you're the best. They are even doing some fundraising on top of all the care they provide!

We want you!

Fostering is a truly wonderful experience which is extremely rewarding for you and lifesaving for the cats or kittens you care for.

Fostering allows you to experience a huge range of emotions and have a lot of fun, whilst offering a nurturing environment for our cats or kittens.

The Ten Lives Cat Centre provides full support and everything you need to care for a cat or kitten in your home.

We provide:

- food & bowls
- kitty litter & trays
- toys, blankets & beds
- 24 hour support
- medicines and vet care

You provide:

- a loving environment
- care for our cats and kittens

Trouble arrived at Ten Lives with day old kittens. This new mum was also dealing with a heart condition along with a hernia.

This is Trouble's Story.



When she arrived at Ten Lives Cat Centre having just given birth she was named Trouble - actually after the game, not because she was any trouble - but it turned out to be a real description of this poor girl's life.

Trouble was likely someone's kitten, as she knew people well enough, but it seemed that people had not been kind and she had been a stray for some time, with some real fears that could only have come from mistreatment.

She carried a large belly button hernia that was clearly uncomfortable and feeding kittens was not so simple, on top of all that she had a heart issue.



Trouble is a survivor as she has beaten all those odds and won the game of life. She raised her kittens and they have long since been adopted. She sailed through her surgery and recuperated in foster care, and for the first time in her life she is learning what it is to be comfortable and safe.

She took the bold step of sitting on a human and found that they are warm, and comfortable, and progressed to sleeping on a human and discovered that she loves that, and purrs loudly.

She has got to know and enjoys playing with another young cat, but it took time and a gentleness and patience from that other cat.



She shows some interest when the dog passes, but also plenty of hisses and growls. She runs for cover when there are visitors, but as long as she has somewhere safe where the visitors will not come she is happy with this arrangement.

And, she is beautiful.

She is medium coat and moves with grace and style. She doesn't speak much but when she does it is a lilting, soulful tune that is quite moving when you know all that she has been through. She is not demanding in any way and with patience, in a quiet house she will become a wonderful pet. She really is the epitome of what Ten Lives is all about.

- Gabrielle, Trouble's foster carer

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Are you part of it?

ADOPT



Loud purring.

She found a little tunnel and then found out how warm it is IN the bed! She's spent most of the week in the blanket bunker and having the occasional play with her dad and sitting out the couch gazing out the window.

Today I thought I better unpack our spare room after moving last week. She came in to investigate and spent hours finding little pockets big enough for her to fit in and making tunnels around the room. She chatted a lot and played in the afternoon, sat happily on the couch and sat looking out the sliding door (which she has hated the sound of it opening and would run away to the blanket bunker, up until today).

She has wanted a lot of attention and pats today. She hasn't once bashed my hand away and she has showed me her belly and allowed some fur brushing.

Then she went missing again... I found her sleeping soundly in the bunker, she peeked out at me but couldn't keep her eyes open after such a big day.

When her dad came home he was happily surprised to see her out of the bunker so early and ready for round 2 of playing.

I cannot wait to see how far she will come in another week, another month.

She is just perfect!

- Renee, Trouble's new Mum

Trouble's story represents what we are faced with on a daily basis here at the Ten Lives: cats surrendered under extraordinary circumstances, cats and kittens in need of foster care until they are ready for adoption and a mother cat who had to wait too long to find her forever home.

Our foster care program is an essential part of our work looking after kitties in need.

You don't have to foster all the time, fostering even for a short time - a week or two - helps with our vital work of caring for our kitties.

Register to be a foster carer now at tenlives.com.au

M Challenge!



GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT:
TERRAPIN PUPPET THEATRE PERFORMING THEIR SKETCH ON
RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP AT KID I AM IN LAUNCESTON

Rose Bray as our Community and Education Manager has been very busy this year working on a number of key projects. In particular the development of our education program, Edu.Cat, and the cat management program on Bruny Island.

Rose aims to educate and encourage the community to better care for cats, protect the environment and our community. Our triple bottom; People, the planet...and pussy cats!

The Lord Mayor of Hobart, Sue Hickey helped us launch Edu.Cat on the 28th March 2017.

Edu.Cat is a K to 7 program linked to the Australian curriculum and is fully packaged for a school to implement straight off the

shelf. It has all workbooks and teacher guides free as part of the complete package. It solves the problem of schools taking on the STEM challenge which is a mandatory performance criterion for schools in Tasmania.

The program was developed by Rose assisted by professional educators to ensure the program met educational standards and requirements. Edu.Cat has been road tested on 2000 students and has been reviewed and endorsed by professional educators and industry groups. The students and the teachers love it! Spread the word about Edu.Cat; we want to roll it out to all schools in Tasmania.

Rose showcased Edu.Cat and responsible cat management at the Local Government Association Conference and at the Australian Veterinarian Association Conference. We got fantastic

feedback on the program.

We also partnered with Clarence Council to run two microchipping days with the prospect of others in the future. With less than 3% of the cats and kittens coming into our care being reclaimed by their owners we will continue to promote microchipping as part of responsible cat ownership.

Ten Lives partnered with Terrapin Puppet Theatre company to deliver an innovative and engaging sketch that promoted responsible cat ownership messages and Edu.Cat to 11,000 school children at 200 schools. It was hilarious and it really sold the important responsible cat ownership messages in such a fun way. Rose and Terrapin also attended Kid I Am at Launceston, over 6000 children along with teachers were treated to puppet show.

Phew! Rose has been busy indeed!

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Are you part of it?

EDUCATE



TERRAPIN:
'HONEY' THE CAT PUPPET HAS BEEN ENGAGING CHILDREN OF ALL AGES FROM AROUND THE STATE



CHRISTMAS CHEER:
ROSE WITH FOODBANK TASMANIA CEO EDWARD GAUDEN

Take the Edu.Cat STEM Challenge



Photo: Mat Farrell / The Mercury

Engage and excite your students in science and STEM.

- **Edu.Cat** is a new Australian Curriculum aligned Feline Education Program in Tasmania.
- **Edu.Cat** is an innovative education program developed by experts in education and cat welfare to foster responsible cat ownership.
- **Edu.Cat** is designed to empower and inspire students from Foundation to Year 7.
- **Edu.Cat** provides incursions and workbooks that ignite student engagement in the science curriculum through STEM Challenges.
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Christmas Cat Food Appeal

Text from 'Mercury' article



While many families are often in need when the Christmas rush hits, their pets can sometimes be forgotten.

But that's about to change, with Ten Lives Cat Centre and FoodBank Tasmania

joining forces by calling for donations of cat food.

The two organisations plan to provide a little Christmas cheer to cats and their struggling families by providing cat food hampers.

Ten Lives manager Noel Hunt said at this time of the year there were many conflicting priorities for a share of the family wallet.

"By distributing hampers of cat food, we can help in a small way to make things a little bit easier and make sure the cats are happy too." Mr Hunt said.

FoodBank supplies food to more than 200 Tasmanian welfare agencies as well as breakfast programs at 96 schools. Ten Lives Cat Centre helps shelter unwanted cats and works to educate Tasmanians on responsible cat ownership.

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