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**ITCHY & SCRATCHY:**

**SAVING  
THE SIMPSONS**

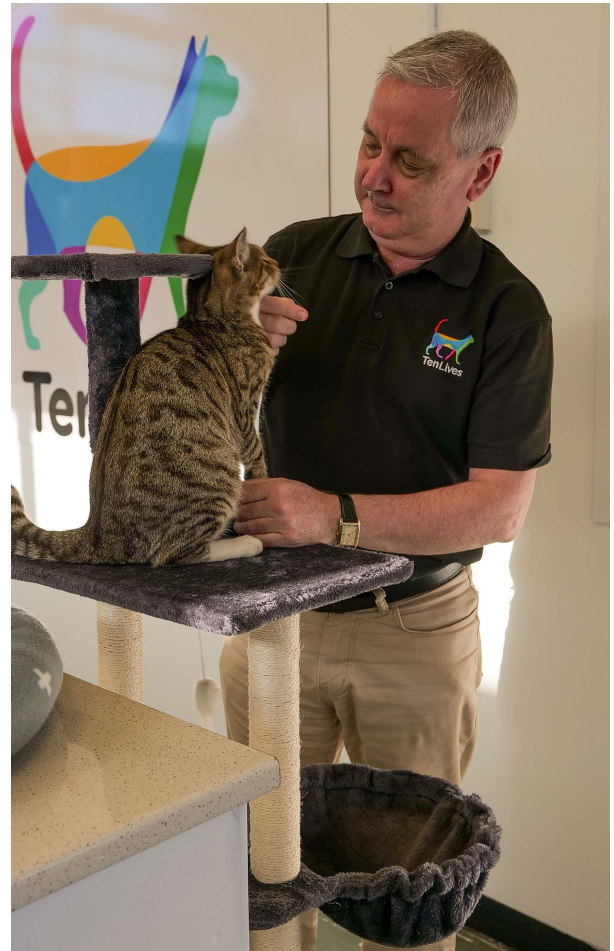
# OUR CENTRE

This year has been an incredibly busy and productive one, so far. Kitten season has come and gone with over 1200 cats and kittens being adopted this financial year. This would not have happened without the tireless dedication of our terrific team, and volunteers who have been working behind the scenes to care for all the cats at Ten Lives.

In this issue of Scratching Post, you will see the abundance of changes that can be seen in the centre. We now have a new shop and renovated cat adoption rooms, with all the comforts of heating for winter. You will also see some of the stories that have emerged out of this year, including the Simpson kittens: Barney and Millhouse and their astounding transformation.

We can do this, with the support of our foster carers and generous donations from the public. As we draw to the close of this financial year, we urge you to consider donating to Ten Lives. Every dollar makes a difference. And if you can't spare change, you're always welcome to come see our new facilities and give our cats and kittens some affection over the winter months.

Noel Hunt, Manager



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Every cat has a story.  
*Are you part of it?*

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## DONATIONS HAVE GONE DIGITAL

While all our staff and volunteers enjoy working at Ten Lives, there is only so much that we can do without funding. Any donations are greatly appreciated, and they go toward costs associated with the care of our cats, vet costs, office supplies and building improvements. Due to your kind donations, we can continue to do special things for our cats, like installing heaters

for winter and continuing with programs like Edu.Cat that better the community.

It's now even easier than before, to donate to us because we now have a Tap N Go machine in Adoption Room A. With a tap of a card or smartphone, you can now donate in \$4 increments. If you've got any spare change on hand that you would like to donate, we still have the donation boxes attached the doors between the adoption room as well.



## GET YOUR 2019|20 ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

We're having another bumper year fundraising through selling Entertainment Books and Digital Memberships, and well on target for another record year!

2018|19 Memberships have now expired and school holidays are fast approaching - a purrfect time to buy!

Not only do you get a years worth of great savings but by purchasing your book or digital membership from Ten Lives you are also helping kitties in need!

You can still order digital memberships via the Entertainment website:

[www.entbook.com.au/240v102](http://www.entbook.com.au/240v102)



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Photo: Rachael Daniels

**These are the beautiful faces of Millhouse and Barney – two gorgeous kittens glowing with health and happiness.**

But sadly, something is missing in the photo – their brother Homer.

The ‘Simpsons kittens’ came to us in April this year after their mother couldn’t feed or look after them.

Tragically, they came to us too late for Homer to survive. But thanks to the support of our amazing donors, our veterinary staff had everything they needed to immediately jump into action and provide the urgent life-saving treatment Millhouse and Barney needed to gain their tenth life.

Worryingly, it’s been a bumper kitten season this year, and we have so many more cuties coming in than usual. And with Winter just around the corner, we urgently need your help to care for them all.

Ten Lives provides everything rescued cats need to rehabilitate and find their forever home with loving people. This includes daily

nutritious food, warm bedding, hygiene and grooming so they can thrive. But it can also include emergency medical treatment when lives are in the balance.

This is the terrible situation we were faced with when the ‘Simpsons kittens’ – Barney, Millhouse and Homer – arrived at our centre in April this year.



When Barney was surrendered he was covered in disease-ridden fleas

**As our Head Vet Dr Tess Vitesnik recalls: “When they arrived at our centre, they were severely malnourished, emaciated and covered in disease-ridden fleas. They were in a terrible state.”**



When Millhouse was surrendered he was malnourished and emaciated

Once they were well enough, the adorable brothers moved to foster care to continue their

recuperation, before returning to the Ten Lives Centre again for microchipping, desexing, vaccinations and the best part – adoption!



Barney & Millhouse found their forever home together with Elvis & Fraser

While Barney and Millhouse found their forever homes quite quickly, unfortunately, not every cat in our Centre is that lucky, with some cats waiting up to six months or longer to find their new home.

It costs over \$650 to care for just one kitten waiting for adoption. But the fee for adopting a kitten is only \$245. As a not-for-profit organisation receiving no Government funding, we rely on generous people like you to help cover this financial gap so we can care for every frightened little kitty coming into our Centre.

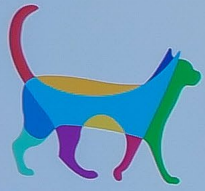
Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today to Ten Lives to ensure that every kitty can have a happy ending just like Barney and Millhouse.

**Ten Lives counts on your support, because kitties like Barney & Millhouse count on Ten Lives.**

## DONATE NOW

*Don't forget that donations received before June 30th can be claimed as a deduction in this years tax return.*





**TenLives**

**ADOPT**

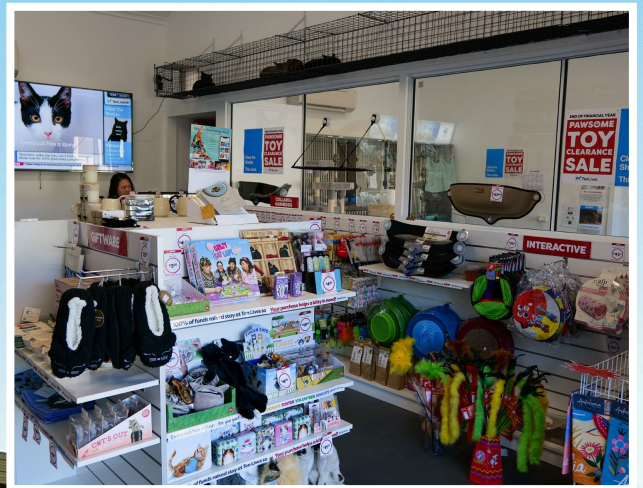
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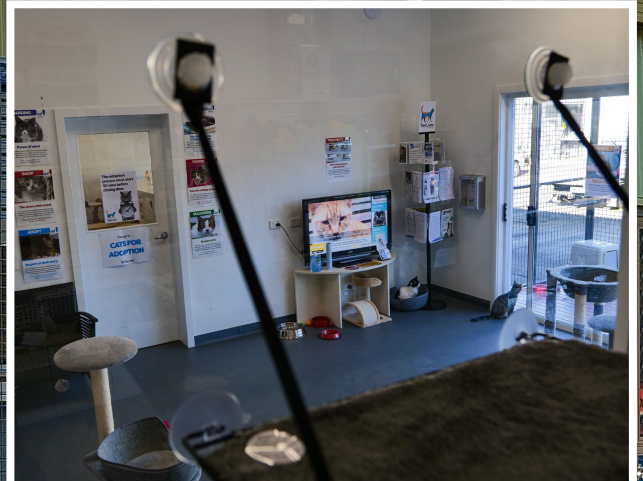


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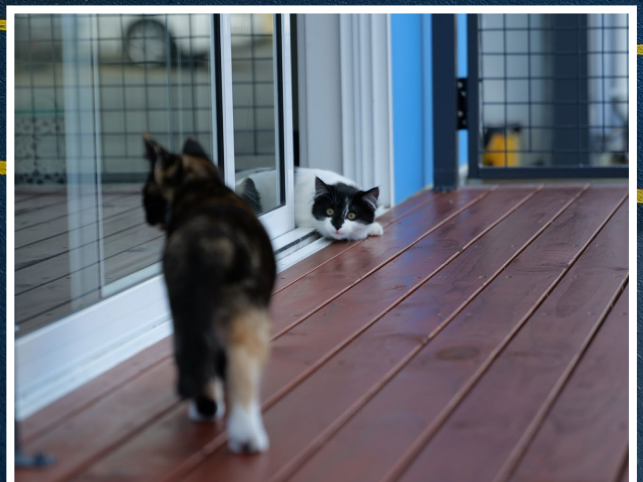
**SHOP FITOUT IN THE BLUE ROOM**



**ADOPTION ROOM VIEW FROM SHOP**



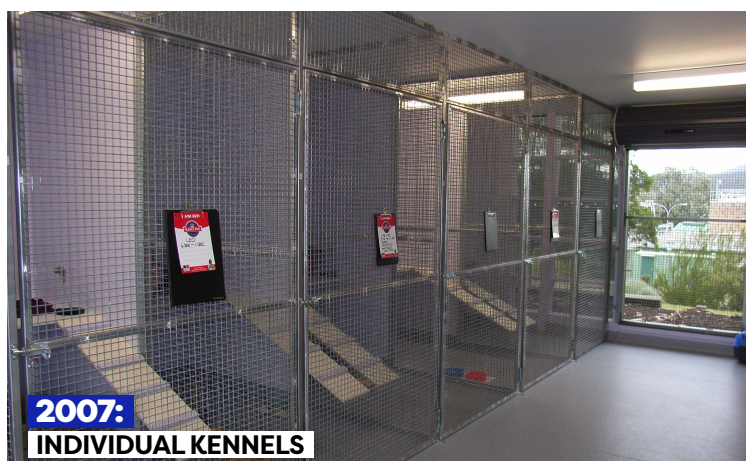
**'CATWALK' FROM ADOPTION ROOM**



**ENCLOSED DECK FROM ADOPTION ROOM**



Since our move to Selfs Point in 2007, the Cat Centre has slowly evolved to continue to meet the needs of our busy shelter and to make the most effective use of the space we have available.







**IS THIS HOBART'S MOST UNIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE?:**  
**ALL FUNDS RAISED FROM THE TEN LIVES SHOP SUPPORT OUR SHELTER OPERATIONS, SO YOUR PURCHASE HELPS**  
**A KITTINY IN NEED! YOU CAN EITHER WATCH THE CATS FROM THE SHOP OR BE WATCHED FROM THE CATWALK!**

**Our shop has had a makeover! Long gone are the days of an old under utilised shed, with the Centre now essentially being split in two!**

Anyone who has visited recently will have noticed all the construction that's been going on. We now have a cosy little shop that sells homewares, cat care items, toys, souvenirs and more. It's perfect for gifts for cats and humans alike! The other change you will have noticed is a dedicated welfare reception, to better cater for surrenders and our foster carers.

The kittens now have a catwalk that runs along the ceiling in the shop! It's a great addition, because it means that they can entertain you while you shop, but they can also remove themselves from Adoption Room A when they just need a break or some exercise. So next time you swing by, just look up and see if you can spot any of our adventurous kittens going for a wander.

We are also slowly making other changes for the cats and kittens. In the individual kennels, we now have clear plastic doors, so the cats can see you. Gone are those unfriendly cage-like doors that they can climb and get stuck on. These new cages are a lot more friendly and interactive, and they have sides, so that the cats don't have to see each other. This means our cats can have privacy and be relaxed; without having disputes with their neighbours!



**ALL TOO FAMILIAR:**  
**ALL THE FITTINGS FROM THE PREVIOUS SHOP**  
**WERE REUSED IN THE MOVE TO THE BLUE ROOM**



**VERSATILE SPACE:**  
**IN BETWEEN BEING A SHED AND A SHOP, THE BLUE ROOM**  
**WAS USED FOR OFFICE SPACE, STORAGE AND OFFICE CATS!**





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**CATS CAN BE RELUCTANT TO SHARE TRAYS:**

**ONE TRAY PER CAT PLUS ONE EXTRA WITHIN A HOUSEHOLD IS RECOMMENDED**

## TOP TEN TOILETING TIPS

**As cats are domestic pets we expect certain things from them when it comes to going to the toilet.**

Traditionally cats would be kept outside. Sand, dirt, or ash would be used in a tray if it was necessary for them to be indoors. Kitty litter was invented in the late 40's and since then it has become a multi-million-dollar industry. At Ten Lives we recommend cats be kept contained which means providing a litter tray of some variety filled with a kitty litter substrate for the cat to toilet in. Generally, kittens learn to use a tray from observing their mother's behaviour or often in our case by the patient guidance of a foster carer. Sometimes issues arise and the cat or kitten may use some other area of the house as a toilet. Unpacking why this may be and finding a solution can be difficult, so here are our top ten toileting tips for pet cats:

### 1. Substrate choice!

Some cats can be fussy when it comes to what they like in their tray, it can come down to individual preference or previous experience. Try to be consistent with what is used and if wanting to change then transition slowly over a few days to avoid aversion. If a cat is new to toileting indoors dirt can be used initially as this is what they would have used outside.

### 2. Numbers of trays!

Cats generally prefer one area to urinate and one to defecate and can be reluctant to share trays with other cats. As a rule of thumb, we recommend one tray per cat plus one extra within a household.

### 3. Make the litter tray as attractive as possible!

If a cat is going to the toilet outside the tray then the tray is not to their liking. Make sure the tray is clean and odour free. Trays should be cleaned once or twice daily. When washing trays don't use harsh or strong-smelling chemicals

as cats sensitive noses may take offence. Trial different types of trays (hooded, larger, more trays), different tray locations (quieter, more private, less exposed, further from food and water), different substrates (sand, paper, dirt, wood shavings, crystals, wood or paper pellets etc.), and different depths of substrate (use at least 3cms in the bottom of the tray but some may prefer it thicker). If a cat or kitten has learned to toilet on tiles, towels or carpet, you can experiment with placing some of the preferred material with their urine scent on it in the litter tray.

### 4. Make other preferred spaces as unattractive as possible!

If a cat has decided to use a certain area to toilet that is deemed inappropriate it is important to thoroughly clean the space so the cat can no longer tell where they have been. This makes them less likely to go back. An enzymatic cleaner is best such as Biozet (from supermarkets) or Urineoff (available from Ten Lives or vet clinics). Blocking access to inappropriate toileting areas or placing an ornament or a bowl of food on the spot may also help. You could also try placing bubble wrap or aluminium foil over the area.

### 5. Social signals!

Cats may also deposit urine around the house as a means of communication. Generally, this is done onto vertical surfaces. Desexing greatly reduces this behaviour as desexed cats are less territorial but if a cat is feeling anxious about its environment then it may revert to urine marking to tell you so. This anxiety can be caused by any change in the environment whether it be



introduction of a new cat in the household, a new baby, a new cat in the neighbourhood, or a change of the household routine. Trying to pin down what is causing marking can be frustrating. Feliway is a pheromone product that is sprayed in areas that cats are marking in order to reduce feelings of anxiety. We use it throughout the centre but it can also be used in the home environment.

## 6. Stress affects toileting behaviour and bladder health!

As well as marking behaviour, if a cat is feeling stressed then the bladder health can be negatively affected. The bladder wall can become inflamed leading to painful, frequent urination and blood in the urine. This can lead to accidents around the house. Hills produces a food specifically for bladder health and stress reduction, aptly named Hills C/D Stress. We prescribe this to cats in the shelter that have a history of Cystitis or toileting issues related to stress.



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## 7. Retraining learned behaviours!

If cats have had a bad experience with the tray or have learned to prefer a different location then

they may need to be reacquainted with the tray in a positive environment with limited other options. A small area with just a bed, food and water bowls, toys and a tray can be used to isolate the cat so they can relearn to use the tray.

## 8. Outdoor trays in outdoor runs!

Not only is having an outdoor run great for a cat's mental health by providing fresh air, exercise, and mental stimulation; it also gives owners the option of having an outdoor litter tray.

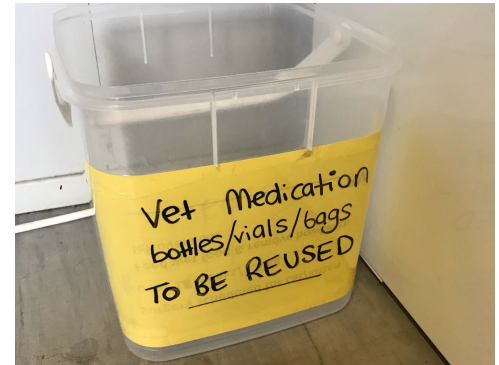
## 9. When to see a vet!

If your cat is showing signs of pain when going to the toilet, visiting the tray more frequently than usual, or if the urine or faeces looks different to usual, then a health check by a vet is required. If a cat or kitten is straining and not passing anything then urgent veterinary attention is required.

## 10. Consider the environment!

This could be a whole article on its own but thinking about which substrate to use and how it is disposed of in regards to the environment is also an important consideration. Sourcing a locally produced waste product to use as litter is ideal, eg. the Catmate litter used by the centre is made in Australia from recycled wood and makes great mulch once faecal matter is removed.

There are also worm farm options to deal with faecal matter and the remaining litter can be composted or used as mulch depending on the substrate.



## On the topic of waste

Here at Ten Lives we care about the environment too. Not only do we produce a lot of kitty waste (mostly correctly deposited in a litter tray) but also the kitty litter itself, plastic waste from food and litter bags, clinical waste from the vet room, and used bedding and newspaper. This bothers us and leads to many discussions among staff about options for reducing, reusing, recycling, and upcycling.

We have implemented two initiatives to help minimise the amount of waste we send to landfill. Last year we created specific bins around the centre for soft plastic disposal. Each week the contents of the bins is taken to collection points for the Redcycle program.

The second is a trial at reusing vet medication containers, be it a plastic vial, glass bottle, or zip lock bag. Once a course of medication is complete the packaging is returned to the vet team to be washed and reused. Foster carers are also invited to participate.

While we don't make a big fuss if it's forgotten occasionally, we are aiming to make it common practice around the centre to consider where waste is going and to take steps to minimise landfill.

**TEN LIVES VETERINARIAN**  
**Dr Tess Vitesnik BVSc(Hons)**



## WHAT A GEM!:

**MONTANA LAREDO RAISED OVER \$1,200 FOR TEN LIVES DURING HER SUCCESSFUL QUEST TO BECOME MINI MISS DIAMOND AUSTRALIA 2019! CONGRATULATIONS MONTANA FOR BOTH EFFORTS!**



**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. Donate before 30 June to be able to claim a tax deduction in this financial year!

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

<b>\$23</b>	will help with the daily care of our cats and kittens
<b>\$56</b>	will help with essential vet treatments for our cats and kittens
<b>\$87</b>	will help with the cost of raising kittens in foster care
<b>\$232</b>	will help with the full cost of standard vet care
<b>\$500</b>	will help with the cost of specialised cat dental treatment
<b>\$1,000</b>	will help with the cost of specialised feline eye surgery
<i>You can make a one-off donation or make a regular monthly donation.</i>	

phone or in person at the Centre.

## 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.*





**OFF TO A FLYING START:**  
**JON BUSILY WORKING ON OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**  
**WITH ONE OF HIS NEW ASSISTANTS!**

**Ten Lives Cat Centre would like to congratulate Jonathan Harvey on his appointment as the Volunteer Coordinator.**

Jonathan has previously worked as a Volunteer Coordinator at the AIDS Council of NSW, and is an Aviation Analyst by trade, producing navigational charts for major airlines around the world.

He has worked at Ten Lives for the last twelve months as a shelter supervisor and is stepping into his new role as a way of giving back, while he completes his masters in aviation management.

Jon is a popular member of the team and loves working with cats and people. He has fostered in the past and is a “foster fail” having adopted one of the cats that he was fostering.

When he’s not working and studying he can be found watching sci fi and listening to country music.

Having only fairly recently moved to Tasmania, Jon and his husband spend their spare time exploring the state, looking for their ideal piece of paradise to build their home on.

We wish him the best of luck in this new role!

## DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING TRULY AMAZING?

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Volunteering is a great way to learn about cats and their behaviours, while meeting like-minded people and giving back to the community (and cats).

We’re currently taking applications for the following volunteer positions:

- Edu.Cat Facilitator
- Creative Assistant
- Foster Carer
- Margate Op Shop Assistant
- Retail Assistant

Information for our volunteer roles are listed on our website.

Please read the position description for each one. If we’re recruiting for a volunteer role the “Apply Now” button will appear under the description. To apply, click “Apply Now” to express your interest.





### WE NEED YOU:

ANOTHER BATCH OF RECRUITS UNDERTAKING TRAINING BEFORE JOINING THE TEN LIVES FABULOUS FOSTER CARE TEAM

**This bumper kitten season is finally winding down. By bumper, we mean bumper! Every season is different, but this most recent one has seen around 800 cats and kittens going through our foster care program this season.**

We have been extremely grateful for the outpouring of support that was shown by new and existing foster carers, who responded to appeals and attended our weekly foster care training sessions over summer and spring.

80 new carers have joined our ranks this year, and we are excited to see them embark on this fulfilling journey with our kittens and vulnerable cats. It has been rewarding to see the positive impacts that they

have had on the lives of our cats and kittens. But also, the effects that fostering has had on them as carers, as they learn about the unique personalities of each feline and witness them grow more confident (and in some cases, larger in size!)

Although kitten season is not over yet—we are still seeing cats and kittens joining our foster program and being integrated back into the shelter for adoption—we will still need to begin preparing for the next season. This could begin as early as November, but can be unpredictable, so we need to be prepared. This means that we will need new foster carers to join our ranks! This will ensure that we are able to provide the training and support that is needed for when Ten Lives is inundated with cats and their litters over this coming season.

### BE PART OF IT!

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.

Some of the reasons our kitties need foster care before they can be adopted are:

- Shy or timid
- Too young
- Illness

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

We constantly need foster carers for kitties, so don't delay and register now!





**#CATSOFINSTAGRAM:**

**MIRANDA CAPTURING BRUNO'S BEST SIDE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA**

## Q&A WITH CREATIVE VOLUNTEER, MIRANDA

### Why did you decide to volunteer?

I was in a bit of a creative slump and liked the idea of using my creativity to help my community and also gain some new skills. I grew up on a hobby farm and we always had a lot of animals. Now I rent a small place and miss having creatures to love and pat so now I can easily get my animal fix, hang with the cats and flex my creative brain all at once.

### When I'm not at Ten lives I'm normally?

Working at MONA and trying to be an artist. I'm a drawer and printmaker and do that when I can.

### Favorite fictional cat?

The smiling Cheshire cat from Alice in Wonderland.

### If you had a time machine would you go back in time or into the future?

Back in time because I'm very nostalgic.

### Would you rather chase a toy mouse or sleep all day?

Sleep all day!!

### What are you an expert in?

Making Minestrone soup.

### What's your favourite word?

Meniscus.

### If you could win an Olympic medal in any sport (real or fake) what would it be?

Most hours of Survivor/ reality tv watched.

### If aliens landed in your backyard and offered to take you into space with them, would you go?

Nope, I would run and hide.

### What surprises you most about Ten Lives?

How many volunteers give their time to care for cats! Everyone has so many skills to offer and use within Ten Lives and its just great to be in the creative team full of people that are skilled in such a variety of ways. The cats really benefit from the variety of people we have working on things like our social media and it was been great volunteering here and seeing cats find their forever home quicker because of our efforts.

### What would you tell someone who was thinking about adopting a cat?

Spend time with a cat before deciding to adopt. We have so many beautiful cats that might seem shy at first but if you are patient they really open up and give you the good snuggles. Don't make assumptions on a cat based on their colour or gender get to know their unique personality by giving them your time.

## BE A PART OF SOMETHING TRULY AMAZING!

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**Find out more and apply now at [tenlives.com.au](http://tenlives.com.au)**





### LOVED BY LOCALS:

THERE'S ALWAYS A BARGAIN TO BE FOUND AT THE TEN LIVES CAT CENTRE OP SHOP!

**Our Margate Op Shop isn't just a great place to find a bargain, as one lucky lady found out recently, when she called to enquire about her missing black and white cat.**

She was a customer at the Op Shop and was wanting to find out how she might contact the shelter, to see if her beloved cat had been picked up or adopted by mistake.

Op Shop manager Robyn Tacey was able to give the customer the details for the Centre. Now, this is when the story really gets interesting - because Robyn received a call five minutes later, from a man who wanted to know what he could do about a black and white cat that was a presumed stray! He'd been feeding it and wanted advice on how to proceed.

If you've guessed that his black and white dinner date was none other than the missing cat, you'd be correct! Robyn was able to facilitate contact between these



**REUNITED:**  
TIDDLES SAFELY BACK AT HOME!

two members of the community and have "Tiddles" returned to his grateful owner.

Fortunately, these people felt that they were able to communicate with Robyn, which is a testament to the important role of the shop in the community. Normally, the Centre would unite cats with their owners, but this time it was the universe - with a little help from Robyn.

However, we do advise that if you do have a missing cat, or any cats that might be lost or stray in your neighbourhood, that you contact the Centre directly on 6278 2111. Alternately, you can pop in and see us in person at 12 Selfs Point Road in New Town.

## MARGATE OP SHOP

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**SHOES**

**BOOKS**

**HOMEWARES**

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**Open**

**Weekdays**

**10.00am – 3.30pm**

**Saturdays**

**10.00am – 3.00pm**





**THE STORE WITH MORE:**  
**JENNI PRICING SOME GIFTWARE IN OUR SHOP**

## Q&A WITH RETAIL VOLUNTEER, JENNI

### Why did you decide to volunteer?

I'm retired and thought there would be nothing better than 'playing' with the kitties.

### When I'm not at Ten lives I'm normally?

I walk a lot with my dog and visit family and friends. I am also renovating my bathroom and laundry.

### Favorite fictional cat?

Hello Kitty & Garfield.

### If you had a time machine would you go back in time or into the future?

Back to the late 50's or early 60's because of the music and fashion.

### Would you rather chase a toy mouse or sleep all day?

Sleep, thanks.

### What are you an expert in?

Being myself - I am unique

### What's your favourite word?

Kitty - gives me warm fuzzies.

### If you could win an Olympic medal in any sport (real or fake) what would it be?

Triathlon.

### If aliens landed in your backyard and offered to take you into space with them, would you go?

Only if I could see the 10th Doctor.

### What surprises you most about Ten Lives?

How caring people are with the cats and how lovely it is to volunteer here.

### What would you tell someone who was thinking about adopting a cat?

Do it, but think about it. Keep the kitty indoors and they will be safer. You will get lots of love back.

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## PRESIDENTIAL TOUR:

DAVID WITH MEMBER FOR CLARK ANDREW WILKIE MP AND TEN LIVES MANAGER NOEL HUNT

### We were pleased to have a recent visit to Ten Lives by our local member Mr Andrew Wilkie MP.

In his visit he seemed very impressed and quite surprised about the amount of work that Ten Lives does, and the vital role we play in the community. Ten Lives often takes this for granted, but we should never forget our role, and the ongoing support we need to perform our role.

I was able to reflect at our open day the joy and happiness we provide families and their children with our cats. I could see them playing and the sheer joy when they are walking out of Ten Lives with their new family pet.

I was also able to reflect that behind the scenes, unlike most normal animal shelters, we have Edu.Cat to educate school children and the public, we are part of research projects, we liaise with governments regarding the future management of cats, and we treat our cats on site with our



vet staff. All of this builds up an incredible knowledge base, and we believe with better knowledge and understanding, the tide is starting to turn and the horrific stories regarding mistreated and abandoned cats and kittens will be a thing of the past.

Ten Lives must now prepare for kitten season. This is the time which usually occurs in spring with large numbers of unwanted kittens from litters of cats that are not de-sexed through the neglect of their owners or otherwise. Unfortunately, this is the most traumatic time of the year for our staff and volunteers due to the huge number of kittens



abandoned to the shelter.

Ten Lives always needs your ongoing support. We have always relied on the public as we do not receive any government support. Our work is to support the community, and I believe we do it well, and we can never get complacent about the need for support by return. Therefore, if you can support us in any way, we will be forever grateful.

I wish you all the best for the rest of Winter and stay warm.

President  
**David Rees**





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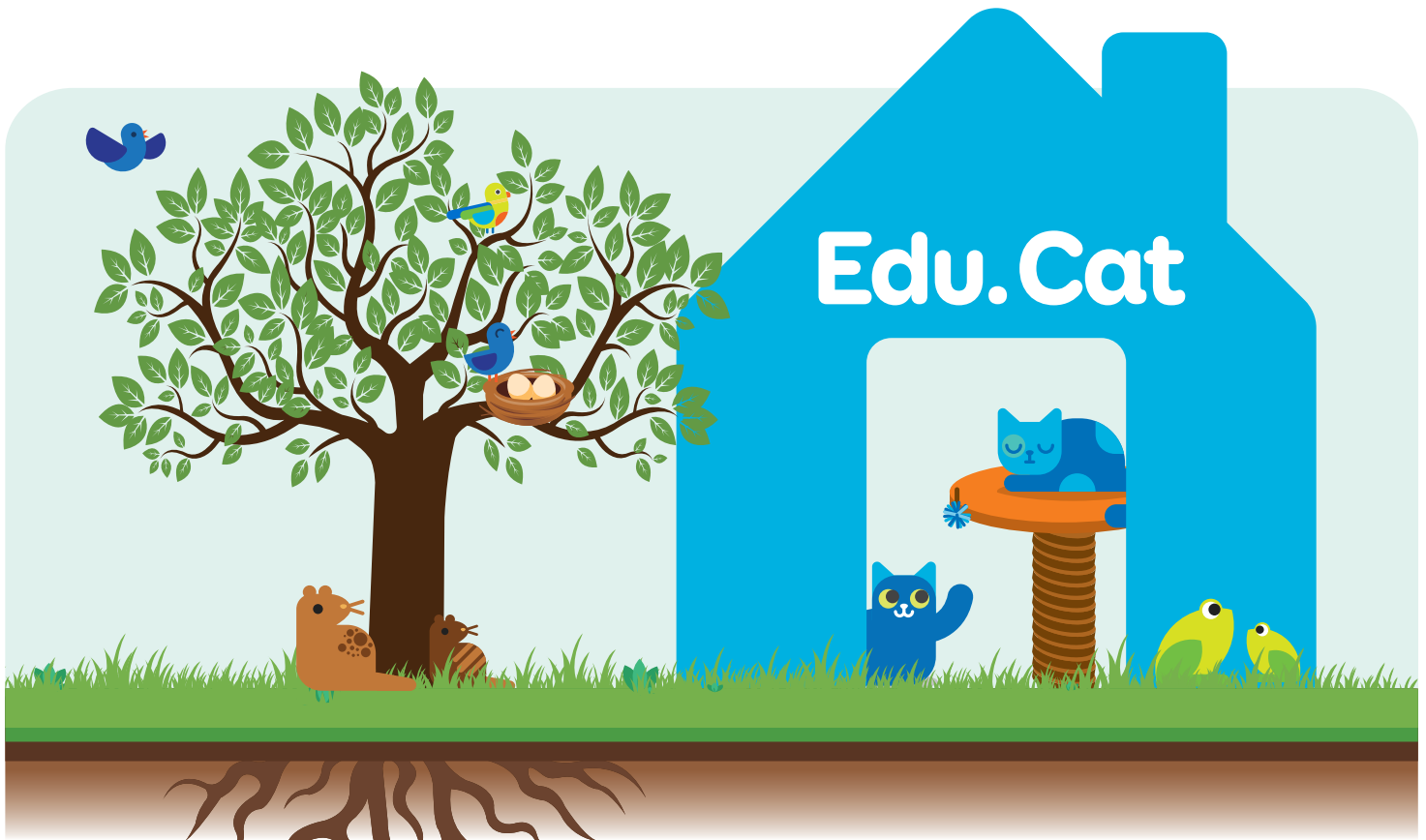
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<b>Service Fee</b> <small>Includes setup and sterilization of rooms</small>		<b>\$20</b> PER ROOM	<b>\$20</b> PER ROOM
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<b>2nd Cat</b> <small>(same room)</small>	+	<b>\$12</b> PER NIGHT	<b>\$10.80</b> PER NIGHT
<b>3rd Cat</b> <small>(same room)</small>	+	<b>\$10</b> PER NIGHT	<b>\$9</b> PER NIGHT
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