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find love at the
shelter

Simply the Best:
Op Shop takes out
top award

**Happy Paws
Happy Hearts:**
New program to help
volunteers

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Cover

Model: Benjamin

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Benjamin initially came into the care of Ten Lives after a rough start to life on the 18th of February 2022 when he was approximately one year old. Benjamin was very shy and wary of the shelter environment - until he found comfort with Sunny, and along with her they found their forever home together on 16th September 2022. Find out more about Sunny & Benjamin's story on Page 6!



Benjamin in February 2022

Every cat has a story. Are you part of it? **ADOPT** @tenlives.com.au



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Manager's Muse

Welcome to the Summer 2022 edition of the Scratching Post.

Those of you who have spent time at Ten Lives will know it's not a place where we dwell on the bad times. Instead, we acknowledge, refocus, and most of all, celebrate the wins when they come around.

Reading through this edition you will notice many of the stories follow this theme of celebrating our wins. From the adorable Benjamin & Sunny finding love and eventually a new home, to our heartwarming adoption updates, and to our Op Shops being crowned the Best of the Best by 7HOFM.

Behind every one of these wins is not only a dedicated team of staff and volunteers united in improving the welfare of the cats and kittens of Southern Tasmania, but also supporters like yourself who make it possible with their financial contributions.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Scratching Post and thank you for being a part of these wins.

- Noel Hunt, Manager

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We're building them a brighter future...



The 'temporary' buildings, which have been on site at the Cat Centre for many years now, will soon be replaced with a permanent facility.

Building Project Update

ARTICLE BY: Noel Hunt

We are all systems go!

After two years of unavoidable delays we have finally got a start on our long awaited building upgrade.

Work has commenced on two pods that will be built on site.

You may recall we have the support of the innovative local building company Podmatrix. They specialise in building top class pods off site then have them delivered and craned into location.

Zack Harris from Podmatrix said it was best to build the two pods on our roadside boundary on site. The steep bank and powerlines in that spot made an onsite build the most practical approach.

Then building work will continue on the rest of the new pods at the Podmatrix factory site.

Those of you visiting the shelter

will notice the new pods being constructed now.

Ten Lives Manager, Noel Hunt, said he was very pleased to see the building work underway. "We desperately need the upgraded facilities for our cats and our people, and it is fantastic for our very patient supporters and donors that they can see their generosity being turned into first class care for our cats. We are grateful to the many businesses that have stayed with us for the project"

The Podmatrix team have been very eager to get the project underway and have reaffirmed their commitment and generous support of the project. Howrah Plumbing have been one of the first companies on the job at Ten Lives.

"At Howrah Plumbing we aim to do our best to give back to the

local community. Supporting Ten Lives Cat Centre is one of the opportunities we have to make a difference." Cath McDowell from Howrah Plumbing said.

Dave Noonan, Ten Lives ambassador, echoed the sentiment on the great support of Hobart Businesses going above and beyond. "Howrah Plumbing and Podmatrix didn't hesitate to roll up their sleeves and help. There are many business that pledged their support over the last couple years and I am truly amazed by their wonderful support and generosity."

We will be keeping you updated on the progress of the project and thanking the many tradies that are part of making this a reality.

We hope to have made substantial progress on the build in 2023.

Can they **COUNT ON** your support?

Ten Lives would like to thank the following local businesses for their support of our Building Project:



LOVE-CATS

Sunny & Benjamin

FIND COMFORT IN EACH OTHER



Those who have spent time at Ten Lives Cat Centre will know it is a place where love is found. The adoption rooms are full of examples of this as people with cat shaped holes in their hearts discover new family members to welcome into their home.

So, was it much of a surprise when two furry residents found love in each other?

At the Centre, we often take in what we call bonded pairs. Although some may consider aloofness to be the hallmark of a cat, cat lovers will know cats are, in fact, social creatures. A bonded pair is two individuals who become reliant on each other for comfort and support - without each other they would be unable to thrive.

Many bonded pairs arrive in intake every year but it's not often that a bonded pair forms whilst being at the Centre.

Then came along Benjamin and Sunny. Early in the year, these two arrived at the Centre separately, though, under similar circumstances having lived with other cats. With both housed in our Welfare area it wasn't long before a wonderful friendship formed.



Our vet team considers each duo's circumstances carefully before designating a pair as bonded. It goes a lot deeper than whether or not they enjoy each other's company. Bonded pairs are dependent on each other for their wellbeing and being separated would result in distress and poorer health outcomes.

By himself, 1-year-old Benjamin was shy and hesitant around people. Though, under 8-year-old Sunny's wing, he grew more confident each week. Benjamin was smitten from day 1, but Sunny took a while to warm up to him. By herself, Sunny was quite vocal and stressed, but soon, with Benjamin by her side, she became calmer.

Talk about complimentary purrsonalities. Together, the duo thrived and it wasn't long before they became favourites among the Centre staff and volunteers.

"Often we have cats come into the centre as a bonded pair but to see cats choose each other is just magic," Supervisor Alisha Tams said.

Unfortunately, once available for adoption, bonded pairs will generally spend longer waiting for their new homes for one simple reason; people are less likely to be in a position to adopt two cats at once, given the extra responsibility and financial commitment.

However, the benefits of adopting a bonded pair cannot be understated. A bonded pair will be able to entertain and comfort themselves in times their owner isn't present. This may result in the two getting more exercise and experiencing less stress. New owners can avoid difficult introductions and take the guesswork out of establishing a two-cat household by knowing that the two will get along from the beginning.

After a romantic getaway in foster care, they returned to the Centre and it wasn't long before they found someone to welcome them into their home.

He was shy, she was loud, and together they were perfect. For these two love-cats, they found support in each other, but it wasn't until they found 'that' home that the next chapter of their lives could begin.



PHOTO: Rhianna Peters will be the first facilitator at Ten Lives with the Happy Paws Happy Hearts program.

Ten Lives Launches Happy Paws Happy Hearts Program

‘At the end of the day, we all work together to make a difference in the lives of our participants - and the shelter animals they work with!’

- Zoe Black, Happy Paws Happy Hearts founder

ARTICLE BY: Rich East

An innovative new program being launched at Ten Lives Cat Centre aims to provide positive changes for both people and cats. The Happy Paws Happy Hearts (HPHH) program allows participants living with disability or mental health challenges to gain real world experience in caring for animals under the support of a dedicated facilitator.

“We get many requests each month to take on volunteers that need extra assistance, but we could only take on so many because we didn’t have the resources to support them properly and give them a meaningful experience,” said Ten Lives Manager Noel Hunt.

HPHH was developed by founders Zoe Black and Graeme Caplen in Queensland and is now operating at 7 shelters across Australia.

The core of their vision is the idea that barriers to work and the impact of social isolation experienced by people living with physical or mental health injuries can be improved through interaction with animals.

“At the end of the day, we all work together to make a difference in the lives of our participants - and the shelter animals they work with!” said Zoe Black.



PHOTOS: Ten Lives animal attendant Cindy Fagg showing Rhianna the basics, how to read a health chart, feeding and changing litter.

In animal therapy, the common model is to bring the animals to the participants. With HPHH, the participants are brought into the shelter in group sessions where they learn the basics of animal care and handling, and about themselves.

This hands-on experience builds confidence and independence, and allows participants to pursue further volunteering and paid work opportunities. For the animals, it gives them additional support and love along their journey to adoption.

“At the core of our organisation, is a belief that rescue animals and people can come together on a positive change journey. We wanted to create a space where people felt welcome and

where rescue animals received undivided care and attention. Each day we see this warm connection, we see laughter, we see friendships forming and people taking on new life directions,” said Zoe Black.

Ten Lives is proud to be offering the HPHH program which will be facilitated by Rhianna Peters.

“Animal therapy is a powerful tool that can create positive changes in humans and animals. It is beyond exciting that Tasmania will soon be offering this program to our community and I get to be a part of it!” said Rhianna.

“I cannot wait to officially start my dream job with the team at Happy Paws Happy Hearts

and Ten Lives to help improve the lives of humans and felines alike.”

Programs will start in February 2023, welcoming groups of participants to help change the lives of Hobart’s feline friends. The program will also welcome veterans, first responders, and injured workers. At the end of their program, participants will receive a certificate of achievement.

“Ten Lives has always relied on the support of the community, so it is incumbent on Ten Lives to give back in this way. The Happy Paws Happy Hearts program is the ideal way to do that in a way that benefits both the people and our cats.” said Ten Lives President David Rees.

Take a look at me now!

Against All Odds

Words: Sue Medlock



PHOTO: Sue Medlock

Behind every adorable kitty happily smooching and purring in the adoption rooms at Ten Lives there's often weeks or even months of care by our expert staff and volunteers. Here are the stories behind three of our very special cats who beat the odds to find their forever homes recently.

· Amongst all the smooching
· and purring in our adoption
· rooms at Ten Lives, you'd
· be forgiven for thinking that
· all our cats arrived with us
· happy, healthy and adorable.
· That's not always the case
· and some of our most
· special kitties are the ones
· that arrived injured, sick or
· neglected, and have made it
· against the odds – often with
· months of care from our vet
· and operations teams, and
· foster carers. Here are three
· that we think have been
· especially brave and inspiring
· this year.



PHOTO: Camilo Miranda Echeverry

LUCY

Beautiful, elegant Lucy came to Ten Lives in May and it was immediately clear that she would need a lot of medical care.

This dear two-year-old girl was in a pretty bad way with a suspected fractured pelvis and injuries to her hind leg. The local veterinary practice which surrendered her into our care was not able to return her to an owner.

At Ten Lives she was settled in and given 'heavy' pain medication so we could assess her injuries and plan her care. Her blood and urine tests were good but her x-ray results showed that damage to her left hind leg was so severe that an

amputation was needed. Lucy had suffered a displacement fracture and dislocation of her tarsus (ankle) and also had a fracture of her metatarsus (foot) – injuries that might have been caused by being hit by a car, but we don't know for sure. The x-ray couldn't confirm if her pelvis had been fractured as well.

At the end of May, Lucy underwent a mid-femoral left hind limb amputation at our Ten Lives operating room. The day after her op, Lucy was still smoochy and affectionate. By two weeks she could stand up but was still quite unsteady and unable to walk. After another week of rest she was moved in to a double cage in Welfare C where she could move about at her own

pace to eat and use her litter tray.

Lucy's recovery was slow but steady. At first she hopped around, but with physio two or three times a day she soon learned to align her body and get her balance. The last phase of Lucy's recovery was for her to build up her muscle strength and improve her mobility and for this she was fostered to one of our skilled volunteer carers to provide Lucy with the ongoing treatment she needed.

When Lucy was independent and strong she was placed into the adoption rooms. Given that three-legged cats are popular adoptees it didn't take long for her to find her furever home with a dedicated and devoted family.



PHOTO: Rich East

ROMEIO

In April we received a colourful litter of three 12-week-old kitties from an owner who was unable to take them to their new accommodation. One of these – a little black and white sweetie we called Romeio – was not able to walk easily and had an obvious deformity of his back leg. His littermates, calico female Callie and Kiwi, a grey male, were fine but all three needed vaccination and medications to control parasites. We kept Romeio together in our kennel with his beautiful calico sister Callie and his fluffy grey brother Kiwi while we got on with their assessments, vaccinations, and

parasite control.

It was important to know what was causing Romeio's limp so we could plan the best course of treatment to make sure he'd have a pain-free and healthy future. So, little Romeio was sent offsite to have an x-ray, and sadly, the news wasn't good.

Romeio's x-ray showed a medial patella luxation. This knee dislocation had caused Romeio's limb deformity and it wasn't going to get better on its own. After consultation our vets decided the best outcome would be achieved for Romeio if his leg were amputated. The operation went really well, and Romeio was kept comfy and rested in our

recovery area overnight before going back to his foster carer the next afternoon. With her expert care, he was soon up and about on his three legs, using his litter tray and eating well. A month later, he was back to his happy easy-going self and enjoying his favourite jumping games.

Romeio had spent 63 days in the care of Ten Lives, but it took only two days in the adoption rooms for him to find his new family. We are always hopeful that the kitties who have undergone big medical procedures with us find their forever homes with caring people who will accept them as they are. We are especially happy for Romeio after all the difficulties he had overcome.



PHOTO: Sue Medlock

GEORGE

Right from the start, George, or 'Curious George' as his foster carers called him, won everyone's hearts at Ten Lives with his irrepressible energy and inquisitiveness.

He came to us as a tiny five-week-old kitten with a congenital eye problem called eyelid agenesis. After intake and initial medical care, we fostered George with one of our skilled volunteers who cared for him as he grew into a tall, confident and playful youngster. He was such a bundle of fun that it was touch-and-go for our foster carer not to be a 'foster fail' by becoming George's new forever human.

Sadly, as George grew, it became clear on his regular vet check

visits to Ten Lives, that his eye problem was becoming a more serious and painful condition. His right eyelid hadn't formed properly so fur would rub and irritate his eye. It doesn't get better by itself and our vets decided that eye-removal surgery was the best course of action for George.

At his first post-operative vet welfare check George passed with flying colours. He purred his way through his suture removal and, if he hadn't been sporting a protective neck collar, he would have smooched everyone in the room.

It turns out that having one eye was no barrier for George. Our foster carers told us it didn't stop his playful and energetic antics at home, as he still loved to scoot

up his tall scratching pole and play his favourite bench and table jumping games.

George had spent almost five months in foster care. We were stoked with his progress and really proud of the fabulous care our volunteers and staff had provided along the way. Ten Lives simply couldn't do what we do without our foster carers.

George had grown into a loving, bright and inquisitive young cat, despite the hard times he'd been through. So, in early July, George was moved into our adoption rooms. Our hopes that this delightfully resilient chap would find his forever family were confirmed the very next day, and we're pretty sure he has since won a lot more hearts!



ARTICLE BY: Rich East

The Ten Lives Team Members Who Live Double Lives

The wonderful thing about Ten Lives Cat Centre is that it's made up of a diverse group of people who bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to the care of the cats. But what do they get up to when they're away from the Centre? Let's learn more about them and celebrate their achievements.

Jen Pelham

Jen is our Head Vet Nurse and has been responsible for seeing thousands of kitties through to adoption. When she's not helping save lives, Jen puts her illustrative talents to work with graphite and paper. She uses her stunning depictions of animals to raise awareness for conservation issues and threatened species, and often donates the proceeds to various animal welfare organisations. She has been a finalist in the Henry Jones Art Prize and has had works included in an Artists for Conservation exhibit.



Ruth Pye

Dr Ruth has been with Ten Lives since 2017 as part of our Vet Team where she practises surgery and shelter medicine. Away from the Centre, Dr Ruth is an advocate for the Tasmanian Devil and in 2016 completed a PhD in immune recognition of the devil facial tumour disease. As a part of the Menzie's Tasmanian Devil Immunology Research Group she is driving towards a successful vaccine. The team benefitted from the Covid-19 vaccine research and just this year have developed a new vaccine that will be trialled in the field next year.



Eliza Reynolds

Eliza greets visitors at our shop and processes adoptions. When she's not surrounded by cats here at the Centre, she follows her passion for music. Eliza started playing violin when she was just 2 years old and at age 16 started playing cello. In the past couple of years, she has completed a Masters in Music and performs with various orchestras in Hobart. Eliza hopes to one day share her passion for Haydn and other Classical composers with others by becoming an academic.



Ella Matic

Ella has been with Ten Lives since January and deals with most aspects of fostering including allocating cats, training and upskilling, and foster education. Ella is currently in her third year studying a Bachelor of Science majoring in Genetics and minoring in Zoology. Her coursework sees her studying plant and human genetics and how genes interact to form who we are. Once graduated, Ella endeavours to become a genetic councillor so that she can help patients get the targeted treatment they need, and to make informed decisions with regard to hereditary conditions.



**SIMPLY
THE
BEST!**

Better than all the rest!

In July this year 7HOFM ran their annual “Best of the Best” promotion, with the public voting for their favourite local business across different categories.

The whole Ten Lives team was thrilled when it was announced that we had taken out the “Op Shop” category for 2022. A fantastic reward and well deserved recognition for our hard working team of volunteers who make a Ten Lives Op Shop such a unique experience and help generate much needed funds supporting our animal welfare work. With such a thriving Op Shop scene in Hobart, it is quite the achievement to be voted best in this category - thank you to everyone who voted for us!



But the success didn't stop there - with Ten Lives Op Shop named as the "Best Overall" business in Hobart, having secured the most votes overall for *any* category!

The grand prize for winning "Best Overall" was an outside broadcast and advertising package, an amazing prize to receive for a self funded animal charity like Ten Lives.

On October 14th Sarah, Johnno and the 7HOFM crew visited our New Norfolk Op Shop with a live broadcast from 10am to 2pm, with special roving reporter and Ten Lives ambassador Dave Noonan on location at Margate and North Hobart.

Again, thank you for voting us the best of the "Best of the Best" and to our Op Shop volunteers who *are* the best of the best!

Apply now to volunteer at tenlives.com.au

CATWALK Challenge



Chica loves going for walks in the park! There are so many things to explore and so many birds to watch.

Chica - Day 1



Today I turned 6! I started my day with a lovely walk and a good sniff around the borders of my territory.

Benji - Day 3

This is me after my favorite game of ball today! It's the best way to burn off ENERGY! Mmmm, sooo good! Archie xx



Archie - Day 7

True to a cat's crepuscular nature, Pablo loves twilight adventures. The sunsets are a beautiful hue here.



Sir Pablo - Day 6

This afternoon Spike spent the time checking out who else has been invading his kingdom.



Spike - Day 4

I love the flowers my human grows but we both have hay fever at this time of year and I make a lot of little sneezes. I'm here trying to find my friend Bessie the blue tongue who hides beneath the salvias



Violet - Day 9

At the back of the old stables Willow loves to jump up by the window. There's a possum that lives in there and I think she can smell it!



Willow - Day 4

Still strolling, still reading, and now gardening.



Lily - Day 7

Ten Lives Ten Day Catwalk Challenge!

On the 1st of October we kicked off our annual Ten Lives Ten Day Catwalk Challenge which aims to raise \$10,000 in 10 days to cover after hours emergency vet bills for our foster kitties in preparation for the upcoming kitten season.

"Each year during kitten season, Ten Lives has to find over \$10,000 for after hours emergency vet services." Manager Noel Hunt said, "This is on top of running our own Vet Surgery during business hours where we are providing more than 10,000 treatments per year to all the lost and unwanted cats and kittens."

This year the Challenge raised \$10,683, exceeding our target and of course, provided some great social media content! For the first time, in addition to sponsoring individual Catwalkers, you could also donate to the overall Challenge. Thank you to all of our participants and to everyone who supported them by making a donation!

You can find out more on how to donate to Ten Lives or find tips and tricks to help train your cat to walk on a harness at tenlives.com.au



A Lifetime of Memories Are Material for Robyn's Upcycled Handbags

Words and Images: Rich East

Robyn Triggs makes one-of-a-kind handbags out of fabric she finds in Op Shops from her home in Tea Tree.

After a chance conversation with a Ten Lives Op Shop volunteer, Robyn discovered that large quantities of fabric and unsaleable clothing sat in bins at the Ten Lives Argyle St Op Shop, overlooked by customers.

Having developed an interest in recycling, she took the opportunity to use the fabric to create something new. Robyn's skill and eye for detail is applied to each bag she makes; each lined and featuring recessed zips, bag feet, and inside pockets.

The bags, which she refers to as 'the ladies', each sports its own unique character and embellishments.

'I do a different front and back. Because that way you get two bags in one, you can reverse it', she said. But there's a lot more to each piece of fabric than meets the eye.

When Robyn's mum passed away in 2016, they had to clear out her unit in Brisbane. Her mum grew up at the end of the depression, so it was only natural that she was reluctant to throw anything away.

Robyn found it heartbreaking disposing of her belongings.

'These were things mum had valued and loved. She wasn't rich, but it meant something to her', she said.

It was from that experience that Robyn's interest in upcycling developed. Since retiring last year, Robyn has reengaged her hobby of sewing and put that interest into practice in the bags she creates which combine recycled and new materials.

'The beautiful thing about these bags is that the pieces from the Ten Lives Op Shop give it character', she said.

Much of the material such as placemats, doilies, and quilting fabric that arrive at Op Shops

is from people who were in a similar situation to Robyn in 2016, and it means a lot to her that she can show that it can be upcycled into something beautiful and usable.

'It makes the relatives feel better, and it honours the person who had kept it for all those years', Robyn said.

Robyn hopes that her projects will inspire others to think about recycling and where their fabric comes from.

'Modern fabrics aren't as good. You don't have to go to big stores. The cheap stuff just doesn't compare for durability', she said.

Robyn encourages other sewing enthusiasts to visit their local op shop to see what quality fabrics can be brought to life once more.

Robyn's handbags have been available in stores around Hobart but are currently available from her direct. Robyn also makes custom designs and can be contacted on 0415 063 716.



Dr Sara Unites Local Councils And Community On Mission Of Responsible Cat Ownership

ARTICLE BY: Rich East

Since taking up the role of Regional Cat Management Officer in April, Dr Sara Balouch has been busy promoting responsible cat ownership in the community and has been actively engaging with key stakeholders and local councils.

Ten Lives won the tender to host the state government funded role at its New Town location. The role forms part of the TassieCat team with counterparts hosted at Cradle Coast Authority in the North-West and NRM North for the Northern region.

‘Ten Lives proposed that strategically it made sense to have the officer right here at the coal face of cat management,’ said Noel Hunt, Ten Lives Manager.

TassieCat, which was established in 2018, serves to promote

responsible cat ownership in the community.

Dr Sara hit the ground running and has already achieved an outstanding response to her work with stakeholders and councils in Southern Tasmania.

‘In a very short period of time, Sara has been very successful in engaging with stakeholders,’ Noel said.

Dr Sara has previously completed a PhD on the impact of agriculture on reptiles at Deakin University. She now brings her knowledge and passion for animals to the cat welfare sphere.

‘I love cats and have cats at home. It’s great to transition to something I love,’ Dr Sara said.

Dr Sara has found effective ways to get her message of responsible cat ownership to the community and has promoted responsible cat ownership with TassieCat booths at Agfest, cat shows, and the Australian Veterinary Association conference.

Dr Sara has been updating information sheets for cat owners and has been conducting training for councils.

There are two areas of focus for the training. Training for the front line staff to enable them to effectively address enquiries from the public and be able to provide information about how the cat management act applies in the community. It also covers what resources are available on a range of responsible cat ownership topics. The second area of training allows Council staff to be authorised officers under the Cat Management Act.

‘Through front line staff and authorised officer training we are ensuring they have the skills and authority to handle situations that involve cats,’ Dr Sara said.

So far, 6 of the 12 Southern councils have been involved with more to complete training next

‘We are also looking to develop a project with councils. Options being considered include microchipping and desexing days, awareness programs, and citizen science projects,’ Dr Sara said.

Ten Lives is thrilled to have Dr Sara on the team to host and TassieCat initiative.



ABOVE: Long term Edu.Cat volunteers Maria Moore (left) and Jeanette Gartlan (right).

Edu.Cat program review

RETURNING BIGGER AND BETTER IN 2023!

Ten Lives will continue to be out in the schools in Tasmania delivering our innovative Edu.Cat program. It is making a real difference encouraging responsible cat ownership by our next generation, while providing a valuable education experience and lots of fun for the students.

Edu.Cat without any doubt, has been the flagship for Ten Lives' work in cat management since we launched the program in May 2017.

Obviously we have had two years where COVID has had a significant impact on schools and students' education.

In this environment we needed to ensure our program continued to meet the students and educators needs.

Ten Lives also needed to ensure

Edu.Cat continued to encourage responsible cat ownership and be viable for us to continue to deliver state wide for the long term.

Anna Viney, an educator with over 40 years' experience, enthusiastically took on the project to review and update Edu.Cat.

Anna has had support from long term Edu.Cat volunteers Maria Moore, Jeanette Gartlan, Miranda Fox and Vicki Rutter through this process.

The results of the review will be a fresh and exciting number of options that will include presentations and resources for schools delivered at the school or at the Ten Lives shelter. School groups always love coming to visit our cats! There will be online resources

available too.

Anna has been very focussed to ensure the program continues to be a standout while being very practical for our team of volunteers to deliver in the shelter or in the class environment.

Get onboard and volunteer on the Edu.Cat team. It is a lot of fun and it is rewarding. Go on... be a part of Team Ten Lives.

BELOW: Anna Viney





*Suki finally ready for her forever home.
PHOTO: Rachael Daniels*

Rachael D Photography

Ringworm Foster Caring – the good, the bad & the ugly



Suki's intake photo.

ARTICLE BY: Ella Matic

Kitten season is just around the corner, with Ten Lives already having neonates and kittens coming in, along with some mums and bubs too! As such, we have been doing our best to prepare the shelter for an influx of kitty occupants by updating our systems, training new foster carers, and upskilling existing ones. However, we still find ourselves short around 20 carers in order to get through the 2022-2023 kitten season.

Our carers come from all walks of life and foster a wide range of cats and kittens. This may include kitties awaiting desexing or dental work, behavioural issues such as timidness, and

surgery or injury recovery, just to name a few. We do, however, get some cases that come through our doors that require a little extra attention through specialised foster carers. Currently, our highest demand area is in ringworm, where we only have 8 trained carers.

So, what is ringworm? Despite its name, ringworm is not a worm, but rather a contagious zoonotic infection that can affect both animals and humans. In humans, it often presents itself as a mild circular rash and can be treated with a cream. In cats, however, it is a little bit more serious. They can develop what we call ringworm lesions – patches of

crusty itchy skin with hair loss. This can be treated via daily oral medications, such as sporonox liquid, and twice weekly baths in an austrazole solution.

While there are some misconceptions about ringworm, there are also some genuine truths that need to be understood when considering becoming a ringworm foster carer. For instance, fostering a ringworm kitty requires a minimum time commitment of at least 6 weeks. Treatment also requires the carer to wear personal protective equipment, including a gown and gloves, and to have a separate easy-to-clean room or area for them. As such, daily vacuuming and sweeping, as well as a deep clean twice weekly, is needed to remove any traces of ringworm. In addition to this, bedding needs to be disposed of and replaced after every bath.

How do cats become infected? Ringworm is spread through active lesions or spores, meaning that physical contact with an infected cat or environment is necessary – this is why we recommend such a vigorous

cleaning program. Cats are more likely to contract the illness with compromised immune systems, including young kittens, stressed cats, or unwell kitties. Healthy adult cats, on the other hand, can often resist infection despite being exposed to spores, as can healthy adult humans. Therefore, we do not recommend homes with young children, elderly people, or compromised immune systems to foster ringworm kitties.

However, in saying that, ringworm foster caring is a very rewarding experience, where you are actively able to help in the treatment and recovery of sick cats or kittens who desperately need your help. Many of our current ringworm carers often state that the best part is getting to see them happy and healthy, thriving in their new homes after adoption. So, if you are interested in providing care and comfort to some kitties who need just a little bit of extra help, please get into contact with our reception team, or if you are wanting to become a general foster carer, please apply online through our website.



*Above: Suki getting treatment at the shelter.
Below: Suki drying off after a bath in foster care.*



KITTEN CORNER



WORD SEARCH

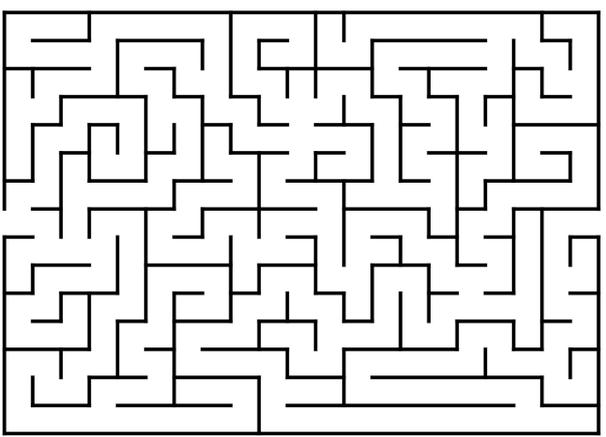


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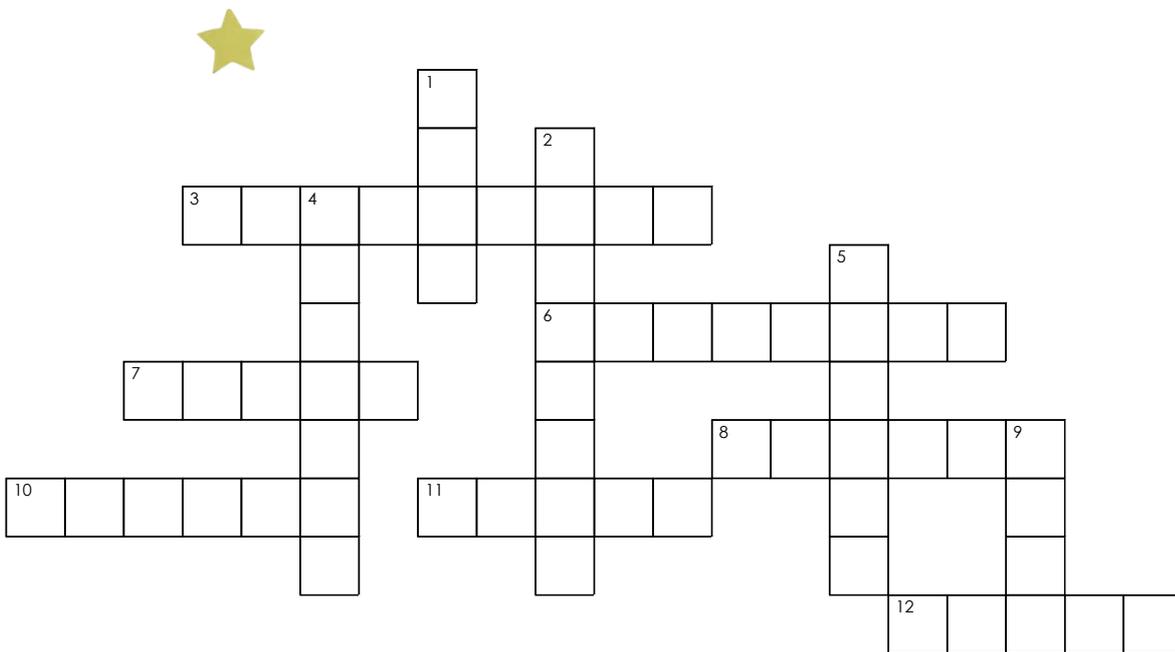


Get involved with Ten Lives
 Check out how these students
 have helped the kitties here at
 Ten Lives.



Becky set aside
 money each week
 to donate to Ten
 Lives. She donated
 \$60 and got to
 meet Plushie.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across: →

- 3. Implant used to identify your cat
- 6. Cats spend a third of their lives _____
- 7. Cats like to sharpen their _____
- 8. Plant cats are attracted to
- 10. Leap or jump
- 11. A cat without a home
- 12. Number of eyelids a cat has

Down: ↓

- 1. Sound a cat makes to get your attention
- 2. Hairs used to sense their environment
- 4. A group of cats
- 5. A young cat
- 9. Sound a cat makes when they are happy



Elizabeth raised \$150 to help kitties just like Harry by holding a market as part of a community service school project.

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Tag! You're part of it!

The Ten Lives Tag Team is here! Grab your tag to join the team and get exclusive team discounts along with special offers designed specifically for you!



Main Photo: Retail assistant Felicity Nuss scans a Tag Team tag. Inset: Close up of the Ten Lives Tag Team tag.

Ten Lives Shop customers have been enjoying a much more pleasant and quicker shopping experience over the last few months since our new POS system with scanners have been installed.

The new software has also allowed us to launch a loyalty program for our customers - the Ten Lives Tag Team!

You can collect a Tag Team tag next time you visit our Shop, and we will link the barcode on it to your account for an even

faster checkout experience.

You will also be able to enjoy exclusive Team specials in store, along with getting personalised discounts emailed directly to your inbox.

The Ten Lives Shop has all the essentials including Hill's Science Diet food and Catmate litter. Also stocking bowls, collars and harnesses, beds, toys both traditional and interactive cat toys, scratching posts, carriers and preventative treatments.

There are also cat-related items for humans such as homewares, games and jigsaw puzzles which would all make great gifts this Christmas!

The best part is 100% of funds generated from our shop stay right here at Ten Lives so every purchase helps a kitty in need!

You can visit our Shop at the Cat Centre, 12 Self's Point Road in New Town. We're open 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday and 10.00am to 2.30pm on Sundays.

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White nose
Continuously backlit



Blinking red nose
Time to refill



Red nose
Out of water, auto-shutdown

LED backlit nose and whiskers let you know when to add more water



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Cute design



Catit PIXI Fountains

Available in White, Blue or Pink

\$105⁰⁰



Catit PIXI Fountain

Stainless Steel

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Catit PIXI Smart Fountain

Stainless Steel with WiFi

\$240⁰⁰

Catit PIXI Smart 6-meal Feeder

The Catit PIXI Smart 6-meal Feeder lightens your daily feeding routine by automatically serving your cat up to 6 varied meals a day, as scheduled in the free Catit PIXI mobile app. This adorable cat feeder has a cat-proof design and includes two ice packs to help preserve food freshness.



Use the PIXI app to feed your cat up to 6 meals of dry food, wet food or treats, served day or night.

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WiFi with Catit PIXI app

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Catit PIXI Smart Mouse Camera

The Catit PIXI Smart Mouse Camera allows you to monitor how your cat's doing, and even talk and listen to them when you're away from home. This cute mouse-shaped device is equipped with a 1080p HD camera with automatic infrared night vision, built-in mic and speaker for two-way communication, as well as motion detection, so you can rest assured not a moment will be missed.



Watch, listen, and talk to your feline in real time while you're away from home

Catit PIXI Mouse Camera

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Every cat has a story.



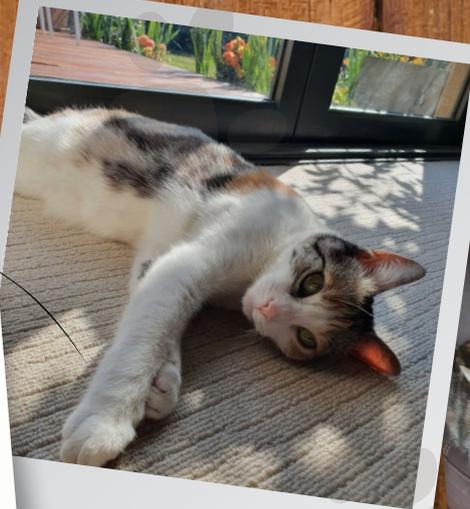
FREDDIE

"We finally bought our first home in April 2021 and knew that we needed a cat/ kitten to make it a real home. We saw Freddie on the Ten Lives website and were drawn to him because of his name and very cute picture! Michael, who was initially not a cat person, decided that we needed Freddie in our lives. Freddie settled in very quickly to our little family and was initially curious and excited where he loved to meet and be around people. He is now a little shy around new people but will tend to come out of his shell in time and show just how much love he can give to anyone who wants it."

- Priscilla and Michael, Freddie's hoomins. Adopted May 2021

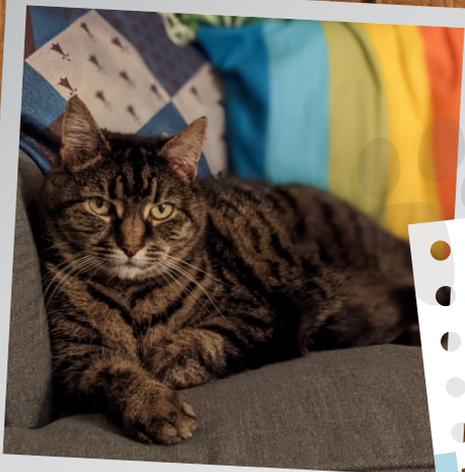
"Found out a lovely lady that I did yoga classes with was saying how she is fostering this beautiful cat. We were thinking 'maybe' to adopt soon but just had a sneak peak at this Pippi cat, of course it went hurt to just have a look right?...well love at first sight. You can guess the rest...straight into our hearts. Pippi had to suit our little dog. She is so kind and just beautifully understanding of our little old man 'Riley' the dog. She settled in well. At the beginning she could sleep anywhere she wants. Including cupboards. Now she sleeps in our room but in her bed. Always talking, faithful and not far away. Such a beautifully natured cat that likes scratches on her belly and to be brushed. Could not be without her now"

- Krin, Pippi's hoomin. Adopted November 2021



PIPPY

Pippi and her bestie Riley!



TIGGY

"We weren't looking for a cat but when we saw Tiggy's description we thought we were the perfect people to keep her company in her senior years. Tiggy has a great love of one particular chair but nothing will conquer her even greater love of food. She sits near us and chats when it suits her. Tiggy's meows sound like "Eh"."

- Bronte, Tiggy's hoomin. Adopted August 2022



POLLY AND HER BESTIE!

"Polly warmed well to us all. She was friendly and smoochy from the beginning, even with our 8 year old Labradoodle. She was so tiny (8 weeks) and not intimidated in the slightest by him and his size. She established herself in the pecking order from the first day she met him and remains the boss and in charge. She enjoys pouncing on him, throwing her arms around his neck, sneaking up on him and chasing him around the house. She's developed some amazing parkour moves! Polly has discovered that it's fun to be 'on duty' with her big furry brother at the window looking out on the street"

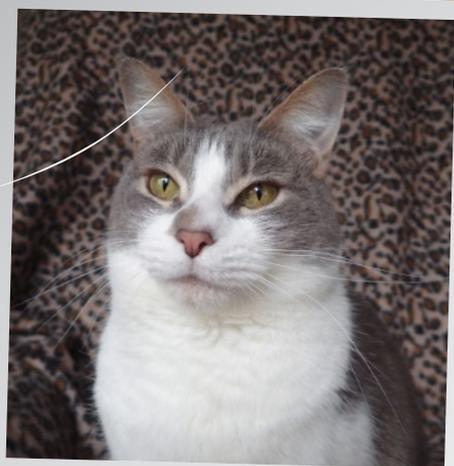
- Meegan, Polly's hoomin. Adopted June 2022



INK

"My partner and I had been meaning to get a cat for a while and we finally gave in on the 2nd of May and decided to go to Ten Lives to have a look and we instantly fell in love and were connected to Ink. She settled in very well and as time has gone on, she has gotten more and more comfortable and confident and has even started leash training"

- Zara, Ink's hoomin. Adopted May 2022



AURORA

"I wasn't looking to adopt just wanted to help by doing some foster care. When I took in Aurora she was so soft purry and friendly that I couldn't send her back. She runs the family getting the best laps, heat and sleeping areas in the house. She is funny and cute and keeps us amused. Always there when you need a cuddle and friend."

- Jocelyn, Aurora's hoomin. Adopted June 2019



GORDON

"Gordon was fostered by my mother for almost 3 months. He was found with a badly broken leg which was pinned. Unfortunately the surgery was not successful so the decision was made to amputate his back leg. He recovered well and is managing very well on his three legs. He is very affectionate and playful and at present weighs-in at 9kg!"

- Tim, Gordon's hoomin. Adopted August 2021

Are You Part of It?

How has YOUR Ten Lives kitty settled into their forever home? We'd love an update!

Jump online and send us your cute cat photos and stories at:

tenlives.com.au/media-upload

Simply select the 'Scratching Post' option under the media field.



SHOP

Catmate

Wood Pellet Litter (FOGO Bin Friendly)



- Organic. Eco-friendly. FOGO bin compatible.
- Made from recycled wood waste otherwise destined for landfill or burning.
- Long lasting odour control & pleasant pine smell
- Safe - no added chemicals.
- Locks in moisture and absorbs up to 3-4 times its own weight. Less dust, less mess.
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- Natural wood product once used breaks down to sawdust.

\$12⁰⁰ 7kg

\$23⁰⁰ 15kg

Save \$\$\$ & time with a sieve tray!



- Simply scoop out poos and shake the tray side-to-side for wees.
- Separates soiled litter from clean litter with ease.
- Creates less waste so you buy less litter!
- Available in charcoal or cream to suit most décor!

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Catit Senses 2.0 Wave Circuit



- 25 cm long with 100+ layouts to provide diverse playtime experience.
- Encourages curiosity and activity.
- Peekaboo design to satisfy cats' natural hunting instinct.
- Easy to assemble and clean.

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Food Digger



- Stimulates cats to work for their food in a fun manner and promotes health.
- Easy to insert food in various tubes for your cat to smell and paw out.
- Small convenient design, easy to clean,

\$22⁰⁰

K&H EZ Mount Window Beds



- Instantly turn any window into a cat entertainment centre.
- Completely open top half pod design gives cats easy access to climb in & out.
- Proven suction cup mounting system attaches to any window in seconds.

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Kitty Sill with Bolster



- Provides your cat with a front row view of nature, weather, people and more without taking up valuable space.
- Added bolster for additional security & comfort is easy to install and clean.
- Allows use of blinds when folded.

\$88⁰⁰

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