



2021/22  
IMPACT  
STATEMENT

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OUR ORGANISATION

# 2021/22 IMPACT STATEMENT

**ALL THE WAYS TEN LIVES IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO CATS, THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT HERE IN TASMANIA**

## WHO WE ARE

Ten Lives is the largest dedicated cat shelter in southern Tasmania. We are a self funded, not-for-profit organisation for rehoming the unwanted cats and kittens of southern Tasmania. We also work with improving feline welfare in Tasmania and encouraging responsible cat ownership.

## OUR HISTORY

Ten Lives has a proud history of more than 60 years of caring for the unwanted cats and kittens of southern Tasmania. We started life as the Tasmanian Animal Protection Society. Founded by Joan Allport, it became a dedicated cat centre in 1974 under the leadership of Florence Robson. She had a vision to provide a shelter for all unwanted cats and kittens of Hobart. The Hobart Cat Centre was located in Strickland Avenue, South Hobart until 2007. It then moved to 12 Sels Point Road in New Town.

## OUR NAME

We changed our name to the Ten Lives Cat Centre in 2017 to better reflect who we are, what we do and where we do it: for cats, the environment and the community in Tasmania. As Ten Lives, we have a voice on a state, national and even international level as a leading cat management organisation.

## AIM

We provide and promote humane care for cats and kittens in Tasmania and act to reduce the number of stray, abandoned, lost, unwanted (including feral) cats to benefit our communities, cats and our environment.



‘Ten Lives’ is a play on the old English proverb that says, “A cat has nine lives. For three he plays, for three he strays and for the last three he stays.” We believe that when a cat comes to us, we give it one extra life, so it, in fact, has Ten Lives.

# 2021/22 IMPACT

## CAT CARE BY TEN LIVES

**1,751**

cats brought into our care

**57,567**

total nights of cat care

**12,428**

vet treatments - an average of

**4.05**

individual vet consultations with each cat

**30,386**

cat meals served in the shelter

## FOSTER CARE

**288**

foster carers in their home provided

**42,374**

total nights of cat care

**84,748**

cat meals served in foster care

## OUTCOMES

**1,140**

cats adopted

**42**

lost cats reunited with their families

**101**

cats who were sick or injured beyond rehabilitation needing to be humanely euthanised

**410**

feral cats humanely euthanised that were trapped and brought into Ten Lives. Based on research findings<sup>1</sup> saving up to an estimated

**476,420**

native fauna, birds, mammals, lizards and frogs. Defining a cat's impact in Tasmania is more complicated than just applying these particular findings, that's why Ten Lives is heavily involved in cat management projects supported by research.

<sup>1</sup>The impacts of cats in Australia. (2020). Research findings fact sheet [Fact sheet]. Science for Saving species, Threatened Species Recovery Hub, National Environmental Science Programme (Project 1.1.2) <https://invasives.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Fact-sheet-The-impact-of-cats-in-Australia-Threatened-Species-Hub.pdf>

## OPEN INTAKE SHELTER

Some shelters/rescues are selective with their intake. Ten Lives is an open intake shelter and we accept cats and kittens regardless of their health or condition.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**191**

volunteers provided

**23,627**

hours of work across our shelter and op shops

**36,630**

school students in

**105**

schools received the Edu.Cat program over the last five years promoting responsible cat ownership for future generations

## ENVIRONMENT

**49**

tonnes of litter used at the shelter and

**10,220**

plastic bags are now redirected from landfill through our litter recycling program

## HELPING FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY WITH CATS

**23**

abandoned cats brought into our care by good samaritans

**91**

families assisted that had no accommodation, landlord issues or needed to go into protective housing

**84**

cats taken into our care from people with ill health, infirmity or had passed away

**39**

cats taken into our care from people with financial problems

**39**

cats given another chance for a forever home taken from people that received an unwanted gift or made a bad choice

**187**

cats came into our care from hoarding and squalor situations

## THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT, THERE IS NO COST LIMIT

Our decisions for treatment of a cat in our care are made on the specific, individual circumstances, ensuring all humane, veterinary and world best practice considerations are taken into account for the best outcome for the cat.

# 2021/22 OVERVIEW

## REHOMING ALL REHOMABLE ANIMALS

### ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

Ten Lives is an open intake shelter and we accept all cats and kittens regardless of their health or condition.

All cats are assessed by experienced vets and animal welfare staff. Our formal ethical decision making process ensures that all aspects of the cat's situation are considered, using veterinary and research based behaviour assessments.

We emphasise a responsible approach to adoptions and ensuring adopters are aware of all the long term commitments that go along with welcoming a cat or kitten into your home. Our low return rate reflects the responsible and caring approach we take in adoptions.

## FERAL CATS

Feral cats make up a large part of our open intake, with 30% of that intake coming to us in traps. Using researched processes, each cat is assessed by numerous people including an experienced vet using our ethical decision making process.

This part of our work is a sad and difficult undertaking that the Ten Lives team accept as a responsibility of humane animal welfare and protecting our environment.

### TAKING ON THE DIFFICULT CASES:

## HUCKLE'S TENTH LIFE

Huckle arrived at the Centre after he was found in someone's yard. He was in very bad shape with trauma to his face, jaw and tongue. We suspect he had been hit by a car.

An x-ray ordered to further examine the injury to his misaligned jaw discovered that this brave boy had a bullet lodged in his skull. The position of this bullet meant removing it posed a greater risk to his health than leaving it in.

Our primary concern was his quality of life. It is our priority to make sure every cat has the best possible opportunity to live free from suffering and fear.

We take on the difficult cases such as Huckle's, with his recovery costing upwards of \$10,000.

Huckle's ordeal left him understandably very timid and cautious. One of our wonderful Animal Care Volunteers who had been helping with Huckle's day-to-day care and recovery just fell in love with his handsome face. She knew Huckle was the cat for her.

We are so thrilled this brave lad gets such a wonderful and caring forever home after all that he has been through!



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# WORLD CLASS SHELTER

Every year we provide tens of thousands of days of care, thousands of vet treatments and surgeries, while taking in cats and kittens that are stray or unable to be kept by their owners for reasons of ill health or homelessness.

We have a dedicated operations team that form the backbone of how we provide the best possible care for our cats, support our community on cat management and related issues, and help to protect our environment.



## OUR PEOPLE

# THE TEAM

- Independent board Members
- Highly qualified staff and volunteers - animal care, creative, education, op shop and retail
- Dedicated vets and vet nurses
- Foster carers having the cats cared for in homes until they're ready for adoption.

- 191** volunteers at shelter and op shops
- 288** volunteer foster carers
- 22,748** social media followers



COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

# EDU.CAT

## EDU.CAT – TEACHING TASMANIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES ABOUT RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP

We offer Edu.Cat to all Tasmanian schools, with our volunteer educators delivering sessions and comprehensive class materials to children in kinder to year 7 classes. Australian-first curriculum-aligned feline education program uses STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

WORLD CLASS SHELTER

# FACILITIES

## THE TIME HAS COME TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

We are having new, purpose-designed buildings constructed off-site. They will be placed on our existing location by crane.

This will give us warm, safe, welcoming buildings with separate areas for people to shop for pet supplies, adopt, surrender or be reunited with cats. Our vet team will have improved clinic areas and access to the hospital wing. Most importantly, cats in our care will be comfortable and happy while they get vet care or wait for their new owners to come and adopt them.



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TAKING ON THE DIFFICULT CASES:

## LEVI'S JOURNEY TO HEALTH

Levi's initial health check revealed old fight wounds, a damaged eyelid, gingivitis, teeth missing, dry scabs and matted fur. His coat was stained and scruffy, flea ridden, and on top of all that, he tested positive to FIV. What had been assumed to be old fight wounds, seemed to have an underlying allergic component.

We have the operational capability and commitment to rehabilitate complex cases like Levi's. He was put on antibiotics and a special allergy diet for his skin issues, and went into foster care to continue his rehabilitation. It took five months of treatment and recovery from his painful condition. We always strive to achieve the best possible outcome for the cat. Levi has now found his permanent home.





# CAT MANAGEMENT

## HOT SPOT PROJECT: RICHMOND

Ten Lives is moving beyond the Shelter to improve the welfare of cats in the community, protect native wildlife, and decrease the intake of unwanted animals into the shelter. Richmond was chosen as it was identified as a 'hot spot' for unwanted cats, indicated by our high shelter intake from this area, and we had the support of the local community.

This holistic project encompasses community and stakeholder engagement, camera surveys, education in the community and schools. It incorporates trapping, microchipping and desexing, addressing community stray cats, and the adoption of cats and kittens into new forever homes.

## BRUNY ISLAND

We've been part of a cat management project on Bruny Island, just off the south-east coast of Tasmania, since 2016. This important project aims to protect threatened species and improve cat management in the community. We're working with partner organisations: Biosecurity Tasmania, Kingborough Council, Bruny Farming, NRM South, weetapoona Aboriginal Corporation, community and conservation groups, Universities, and tourism operators.



# OUR COMMITMENT

## ONE OF OUR MAJOR AIMS IS TO LOOK AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT.

We're constantly working to improve the ways we do things at the Centre that benefit the environment.

- Solar panels
- Litter diversion from landfill
- Energy-efficient glazing and air-conditioning
- Efficient washing and drying machines



# FUNDRAISING

**MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALISE THAT WE'RE A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION AND WE DON'T RECEIVE ANY DEDICATED GOVERNMENT FUNDING.**

While at various times we receive grants for specific projects, much of our money comes from the generosity of people who support our successful op shops, our popular shop on site at the Centre or through financial donations.

Every dollar raised for specific causes goes directly to pay for that project or cat – none is used for administration costs.



## RETAIL

### OP SHOPS

We have three op shops run by enthusiastic, skilled volunteers – at Margate, Argyle Street in Hobart and High Street in New Norfolk. These contribute significantly to our income and are part of our plan to remain financially sustainable.

The shops are a great place to rummage for a unique find, pick up your essential pet supplies or meet the resident kitty for adoption.



### OUR PET SUPPLIES RETAIL SHOP

We have a shop at Ten Lives where people can buy their pet essentials including quality cat and dog food, litter, toys, harnesses and cat-related gifts.



### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

100% OF EVERY DOLLAR RAISED GOES DIRECTLY TO THE CARE OF OUR CATS AND KITTENS OR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS DONATED.







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