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A Family Affair:

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is for
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Cover

Model: Jerry, Darcy & Clover

Photographer: Rachael Daniels

Jerry, Darcy and Clover came into the care of Ten Lives along with their mum Agnes and siblings Gus and Minnie on the 7th of September 2023 when they were approximately 6 weeks old. They went to foster care to gain weight and become old enough to be desexed and go up for adoption. They all became available for adoption on the 11th of October and were adopted the next day, with mum Agnes finding her forever home on the 13th!



Intake Photo 7th September

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



Ten Lives Manager Noel Hunt with New Norfolk Op Shop volunteer Dianne Peake putting the call out for

CEO's Corner

Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of the Scratching Post.

The Happy Paws Happy Hearts program at Ten Lives continues to thrive, with plans for expansion including more sessions per week and the addition of an extra trainer to our team.

We were delighted to welcome our Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, and her husband, Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers, who visited the Centre and witnessed firsthand the impact we're making with cats, the community, and the environment.

In addition, our Op Shops have earned the distinction of being 7HOFM's Best of the Best Op Shop for the second consecutive year. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the dedicated volunteers whose hard work makes our Op Shops exceptional.

Our team of committed staff and volunteers in Southern Tasmania works tirelessly to enhance the welfare of cats and kittens, and we couldn't achieve our goals without the generous support from individuals like you. Your invaluable support has made these accomplishments possible, and we hope you take great joy in reading about them in this edition of the Scratching Post.

- Noel Hunt, CEO

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Tradies for Tabbies: Tradies from InnerSpace Wardrobes Tasmania installing the new cupboards.

Building Project Update

It seems you can occasionally get a googly bowled at you, not only in cricket, in a building project too!

Ten Lives is located on what was an old rubbish tip site back in the 1960's. This raised engineering concerns about load bearing capability of the ground for our new buildings. This has required us to go back to get some more drilling and measuring completed.

It was looking like additional costs for the project with initial

indications that this could be \$100k plus! Our builder Podmatrix and the engineers have arrived at solution costing around \$25k. We were encouraged that this would mean we could keep going with the project. But we were thrilled and thankful when Zack and Mitch from Podmatrix said, 'don't worry, we will donate the work materials involved, to help you out'.

To top off this good news, Podmatrix have agreed to make a donation via a further discount

bringing the price of the project back to pre-pandemic levels. Zack and Mitch and the team at Podmatrix, thank you... just thank you.

The delays due to the pandemic have been frustrating and it has made it challenging for us to go about our work saving and caring for unwanted cats and kittens. But our team of volunteers, foster carers and staff are buoyed by the generous support that we are receiving, and they continue to deliver exceptional care to our

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





Tradies for Tabbies: Tradie from R&TL Tatnell Pty Ltd painting the new vet consult room

cats knowing that we will see improvements as this project progresses. Light at the end of the tunnel!

Rosie and Ken Saville who own Innerspace Wardrobes didn't hesitate to jump on Board with Tradies for Tabbies and provide some very substantial (and very flash) storage cupboards for the Ten Lives facility. Rosie and Ken both love animals and Rosie is a passionate advocate for animal welfare, particularly greyhounds. Nothing was too much trouble for Rosie and Ken. Professionally designed and measured up then delivered and installed very quickly. Ken even jumped on the tools himself to help get the job done.

The carpet company, who specialise in commercial work, assisted with supplying the new vinyl floor coverings to the new buildings and the new vet consultation area. Thank you so much.

Lyden Builders, Howrah Plumbing, Parr's Heat Pump and Refrigeration and R&TL Tatnell Pty Ltd have been assisting substantially throughout the project. Between them we are very close to finishing our vet consultation area. This will see the removal of the last rented temporary building and make way for the rest of the new build.

Ten Lives Ambassador, Dave Noonan, has done a fabulous

job driving the support from the building industry and related businesses. Dave is committed to seeing Ten Lives continue to receive that support through to a successful project completion. Dave said 'I am amazed at the generosity of the people in the businesses that have come to the party to help out Ten Lives and the amazing work that they do. It is heartwarming to see the business community get on board and help a fantastic animal charity.'

If you can assist in any way with in-kind support of labour and/or materials, drop by and see us. Together we can make a real difference to cat welfare, the environment and the community.

Ten Lives would like to thank the following local businesses for their support of Tradies for Tabbies:





Special Visitors See Ten Lives' Unique Animal-Assisted Therapy Program

We had very special visitors to the Centre in September when we welcomed our Patron, The Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC and her husband Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers. President David Rees hosted the visit, and Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers were very interested in our work for cats, the environment and community, particularly the Happy Paws Happy Hearts Program.

Rhianna Peters, Program Trainer for Happy Paws Happy Hearts, said the participants of the program were very excited about the visit and were very keen to meet Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers.

Rhianna spoke with our guests

and explained what Happy Paws Happy Hearts is all about.

Rhianna explained that Happy Paws Happy Hearts is a spin on traditional animal therapy for participants with various abilities and support needs. Participants who are part of the NDIS, SLES, other disability services, or self-funded can join small group sessions centred around animal interactions, where they spend time with the cats and kittens at Ten Lives.

Initially, participants learn animal behaviour basics through fun and engaging activities. They explore new aspects of the Animal Care Industry, including training, health and nutrition, enrichment, and grooming - with plenty of time for kitten cuddles!

Rhianna summarised the outcomes of the program for the participants (the Hearts) and Ten Lives' cats and kittens (the Paws):

Outcomes for the Hearts:

- Increased confidence through positive training and skills attainment.
- Increased social connections and support network.
- Increased sense of purpose and engagement with family/friends.
- Better employment prospects.
- Improvements in mental health and wellbeing.

Outcomes for the Paws:

- Socialisation time and opportunities to rebuild trust in humans.
- Increased adoptable behaviours on display to prospective families.
- A happy and healthy living environment.

Happy Paws Happy Hearts has been available at Ten Lives since January this year and has been a runaway success for both the Hearts and the Paws.

Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers' visit included a comprehensive tour of all of the facilities for cats and kittens at the Centre at Selfs Point. This included existing facilities such as our hospital and vet surgery along with a look at the welfare areas where the public, staff, volunteers and foster carers interact and work together for the cats and kittens in our care. The

new building works by Podmatrix and the work through Tradies for Tabbies was also a highlight.

The works of the Southern Region Cat Management Coordinator, Dr Sara Balouch, was presented covering her efforts promoting responsible cat ownership in the community and working with local government to action the Southern Region Cat Management Plan. We also showcased Edu.Cat, our education program for schools, which post pandemic is starting to get back into schools.

Many of our volunteers and staff were delighted to meet our guests during the tour, and of course our cats and kittens!

There was a lot to fit in on this visit and we were proud to welcome our Patron and Governor, and Professor Chalmers to showcase our work for animal welfare, the community and the environment. We look forward to the next visit!





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FOSTERING: A FAMILY AFFAIR

John Wright along with his wife Susan and their family have fostered 54 cats and kittens for Ten Lives since March 2021.

“My wife Susan went to do the training and I was sitting at the kitchen table eating lunch when she came home. And I said, ‘How did the training go?’ and she’s like ‘Well...’ and she had a mum with five kittens in a crate!” John said. “Everyone [at Ten Lives] has been absolutely terrific and they make it so easy to do the fostering because the communication is so good.”

Fostering has become a family affair for the Wright’s.

“My kids absolutely love it because they get to be introduced to new cats all the time. And it’s not just my wife and I doing all the care. They help out heaps with it, so you have like the rewarding side of things.” John said.

You get a different experience with every cat or kitten you foster, and Ten Lives will match kitties needing foster to suit your home environment whether it be children or other pets.

“Each of the cats that we’ve had have changed our home in a different way and there’s been many times where I’ve come in to the Centre to return a foster cat and left in tears because I really wanted to keep them.” John said. “So it’s not always that easy but we always know that they go to a good home.”

And on getting an update about how their foster kitty is going in their forever home: “There’s been a couple of cats now that I’ve commented on their profiles on Facebook and the new owners or in one case, the new owner’s daughter has got in contact with me to give me updates on how the cat’s gone and just the joy that brings is amazing.”

Ten Lives is encouraging families to become involved in foster caring over the summer holiday period when we see an influx of cats and kittens requiring foster care.

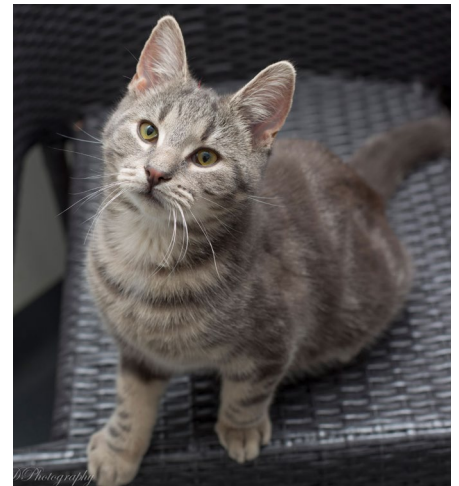
Ten Lives provides everything you need to care for a cat or kitten in your own home, including food and litter along with 24 hour veterinary support.

Find out more about joining our team of fabulous foster carers at tenlives.com.au/foster

Photo: John visiting former foster kitty Charlie after he had returned him to the Centre for adoption.



Triumph Through Trials: Kristopher's Story



Meet Kristopher, an extraordinary feline who has met several unique medical challenges with grace and patience. Despite these hurdles, he gives unconditional love, joy and affection to everyone he meets. Kristopher's nature highlights his courage in facing life's trials and discovering the silver linings.

Kristopher's journey at Ten Lives started with a surprising discovery: early cataracts in both of his eyes at a young age. While cataracts often lead to vision problems, Kristopher's cataracts are small and undeveloped, with no current impact on his vision. The cause remains a mystery, and it's uncertain if they will progress. While veterinary check-ups are advised, Kristopher currently leads a full and active life with no vision-related issues.

In addition to his cataracts, Kristopher was diagnosed with a class 2 malocclusion - a slight overbite. His lower canines were removed to prevent future complications, and his mouth has healed well. Despite the overbite, Kristopher eats and grooms normally, without allowing it to negatively impact his life.

On top of that, Kristopher was found to have a low-grade heart murmur, assessed as mild and currently asymptomatic. As with his cataracts, regular monitoring is recommended, but this hasn't dampened his zest for life. His heart is full of love, ready to share with his forever family.

The final medical challenge during Kristopher's journey was a difficult case of ear mites.

Throughout the duration of his treatment, Kristopher showed great resilience and a friendly disposition.

From his shelter arrival on April 5th to adoption on August 10th, Kristopher consistently displayed his joyful nature. Foster carers praised his energy, playfulness, and his ability to get along with other cats.

Kristopher's story is a reminder that a positive outlook and a loving heart can conquer any challenge. Despite all of these medical conditions, his spirit remains unbroken. His journey underscores the strength found in unexpected places and reminds us that every cat, regardless of circumstances, deserves a loving forever home.



Chris Harry-Jones from 7HOFM with op shop volunteer Bronwyn Limbrick showing off our latest award at the North Hobart Op Shop.

**BEST OF THE
BEST**

BACK TO BACK!



Ten Lives CEO Noel Hunt with op shop volunteer Tegan Fazackerley adding another award to the shopfront in New Norfolk.

TWICE AS NICE: TEN LIVES TOPS 'BEST OF THE BEST' AGAIN!

7HOFM's "Best of the Best" was back again this year, and guess who clinched the top spot in the "Op Shop" category for the second consecutive year? That's right - Ten Lives!

It's a testament to our incredible volunteers whose dedication elevates our Op Shops to something truly special.

Amidst Hobart's bustling Op Shop scene, this win stands out as a significant recognition. A heartfelt thanks to all who voted for us!

"The Ten Lives team was buzzing with excitement as we secured the "Best Op Shop" title for the second straight year!" Ten Lives CEO Noel Hunt said, "More than an award, it's a heartfelt nod to our dedicated volunteers who shape the distinctive Ten Lives Op Shop experience."

Our Op Shops aren't just fundraising hubs, they're treasure troves of unique finds and unbeatable deals. And while we're on the subject of treasures, let's not forget the stars of our show - the cats! Whether you're shopping, adopting, or just dropping by to learn more about responsible cat care, our spaces are welcoming havens.

A big shout out to our fabulous Op Shop volunteers whose efforts create these amazing spaces that go beyond typical retail. Their commitment ensures our shops are filled with purpose, passion, and purring companions.

Again, thank you to everyone who voted. You believe we're the best of the "Best of the Best," and so do we!

Want to join the Best of the Best? apply now to join our volunteer team at tenlives.com.au

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Emma with HPHH Senior Program Trainer Rhianna Peters and special visitors Promise and Gossip Girl during 'Farmyard Week'. PHOTO: Di Nicolson

How working with cats at HPHH increased Emma's confidence

“Every Wednesday morning, I get excited, coming to [Ten Lives] and doing something I enjoy. I just love it.”

- Emma, HPHH Participant

Emma was one of the first participants at Happy Paws Happy Hearts (HPHH) in Hobart, located at Ten Lives Cat Centre. She saw an ad on Facebook just after Christmas and knew she wanted to join the crew because she loves cats and likes learning new things.

Emma has worked as a carer for eight years, and in her spare time, she loves to garden and spoil her cat named Grace. Her favourite animals are zebras and cats.

In her time at HPHH, she estimates she has worked with over 30 cats. She loves meeting all the different cats and kittens, learning about their personalities

and spending time with them.

Her most memorable experience so far with us was working with Jemima – a beautiful cat that the HPHH team worked with for a couple of months – and how she came out of her shell over time.

“She went from not coming out of her little igloo to coming out and loving pats and being a completely different cat after that interaction with people,” Emma says.

“Then she got adopted, which was the best thing ever.”

Emma is proud that she could crate-train her cat Grace after learning to do this at HPHH.

Grace didn't like her crate. Following the crate training instructions she learned at HPHH, Emma got Grace into her crate after about a week of patience and lots of treats.

"We went to the vet last Friday, and she did not make one noise the whole way in and the whole way home," Emma says.

"[Before this], she would not go near the crate if she saw it; she'd run away. So that's something I'm quite proud of, and I'm proud of my girl [Grace]."

Since joining HPHH, Emma says she has gained a lot of confidence.

"I feel a lot more confident within myself," she says. Senior Program Trainer at Happy Paws Happy Hearts, Rhianna Peters, says another thing that sticks out to her is how calm Emma is with the cats.

"When you're in with the cats, you're calm, and they just gravitate towards you. They're really relaxed, even the nervous ones that are a bit scared and they might be hiding," Rhianna says.

"You're so gentle in your approach and calm, and they come out of their shell so quickly with you."

Emma says it makes her excited to come to HPHH and she looks forward to it each week. She would recommend it to anyone who loves cats.

"I'm so happy [HPHH] finally started down in Tassie. Thank you for running this program and I've got a lot out of it," she says.



Happy Paws Happy Hearts launched Program's at Ten Lives in February this year and we have tail-wagging news to share - we are growing!

We have welcomed Bronte to the team and are very excited to increase our weekly, pawfect Programs.

A little bit about Bronte:

What is your favourite animal and why?

Wedge-tailed eagle - they're the largest bird of prey in Australia, how they soar, and because they're literally dinosaurs!

What's the best advice you've ever heard?

"Every day, think as you wake up: today I am fortunate to be alive, I have a precious human life, I am not going to waste it."

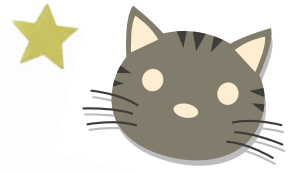
What is your favourite thing to do in your down time?

Hiking and spending time in nature.

We are thrilled to have Bronte join the team at Happy Paws Happy Hearts and Ten Lives Cat Centre.

If you're curious to learn more about who we are or what we do, or you are interested in joining one of our programs, please reach out to our friendly enrolment team on 1300 077 984 or via our website – www.hphhfoundation.org/contact-us

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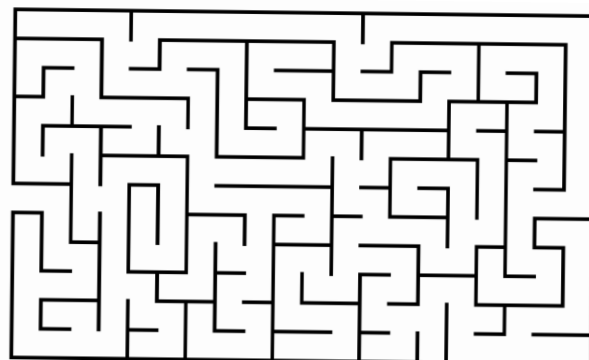


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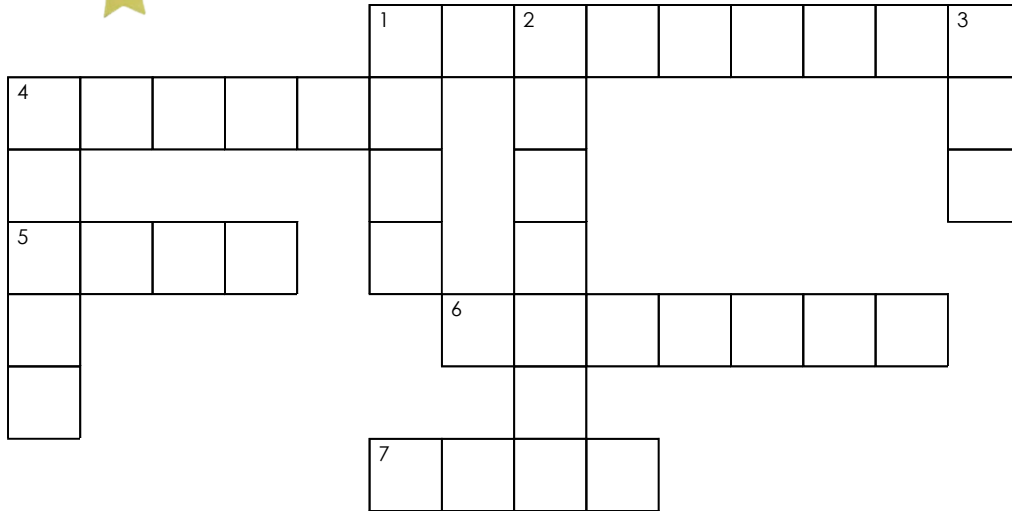


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Across: →

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4. Cats use these to groom themselves.
5. A toy that cats often chase and bat around
6. A common breed known for its distinct colour
7. Sound a content cat makes

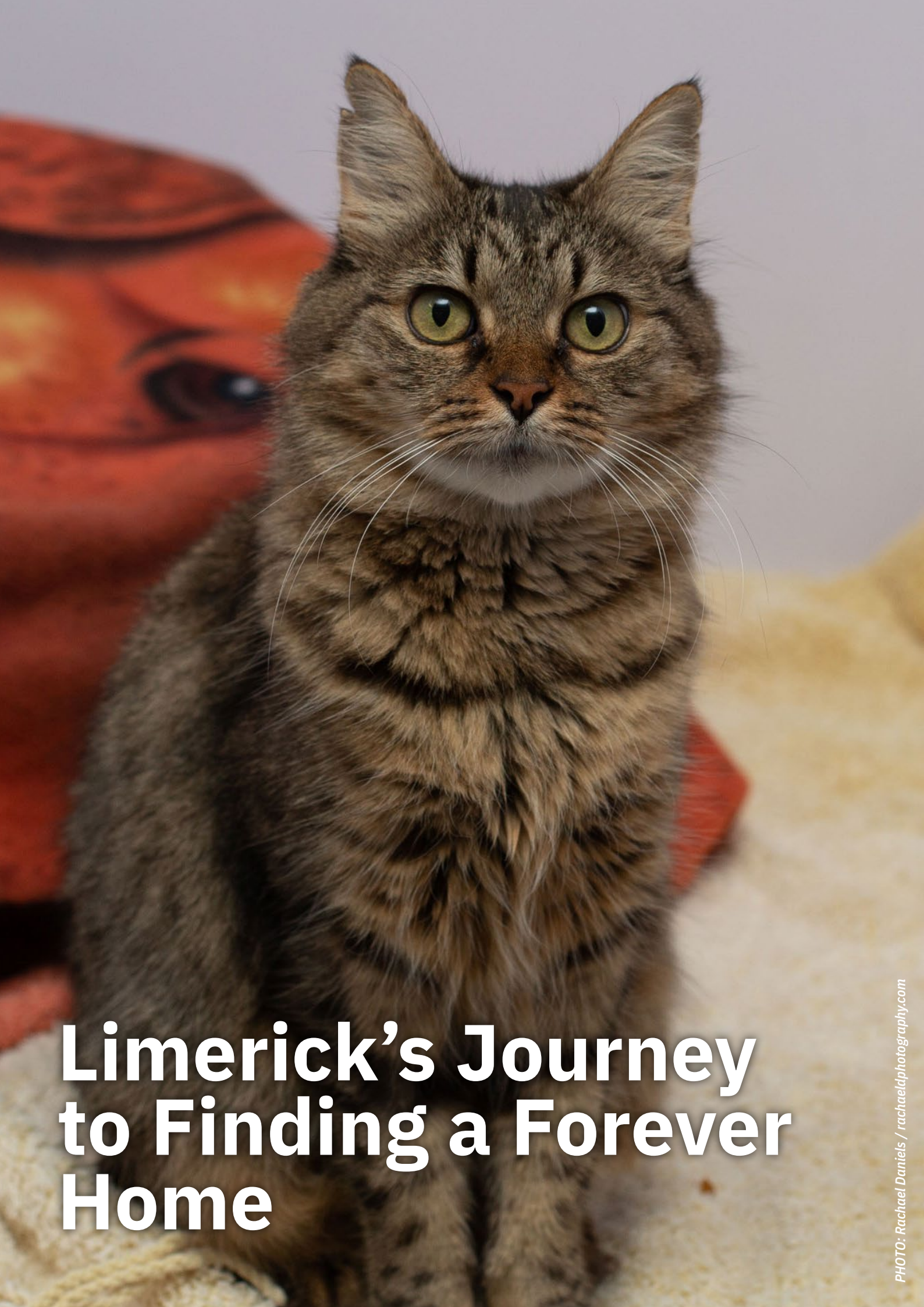
Down: ↓

1. Feline communication sound
2. Device used to carry a cat safely
3. A cat's soft, padded foot
4. Common pet cat color



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Limerick's Journey to Finding a Forever Home



Limerick's story begins on February 28th when she came to Ten Lives as a pregnant stray. Her kittens, Kipling, Frost, and Tennyson, were born on March 7th. To ensure the kittens grew up healthy before being ready for adoption, they were placed in foster care.

Limerick proved to be a loving and devoted mother, caring for her kittens and making sure they had everything they needed to thrive.

When the time came, Kipling, Frost, and Tennyson became available for adoption on May 17th and were quickly adopted into loving homes, taking Limerick's heartwarming legacy of love and companionship with them.

Limerick's journey to finding her forever home was to take a little longer. On June 5th, she became

available for adoption. Despite spending some time waiting in the adoption rooms, her perfect match didn't come along right away.

However, Limerick's charm and gentle nature didn't go unnoticed. She was a favourite of our volunteer photographers and has a large folder of photos as proof!

After six weeks in the adoption rooms, she was humorously promoted to the "CEO" (Cat Executive Officer) of Ten Lives. Limerick quickly won over the staff and visitors in her new role.

Her friendly and loving personality made her an ideal companion, and she was eager to find a home with a sunny spot for napping and some playtime.'

As Limerick continued her stay at Ten Lives, she brightened

the shelter with her warm and friendly demeanor. She became a symbol of hope and resilience, not only for the cats at the shelter but for everyone who encountered her.

Limerick's stay at the shelter was marked by her love for back rubs, her enthusiasm for mealtime, and her joy in playtime. She dreamed of a home with a nice view and a sunny spot to curl up and nap.

As time passed, Limerick's bond with the shelter's staff deepened, but she was still waiting for her forever home.

On the 21st of July, after just a week as the "CEO," the right family walked through the doors of Ten Lives and it was a perfect match. The connection was instant, and it was clear that Limerick had found her forever home.



Main Photo: Sorell Mayor Kerry Vincent showing students from Sorell School significant sites in Orielton Lagoon

Inset: Ten Lives Community & Education volunteer Maria Moore delivers the Edu.Cat program at Sorell School.



Midway Point Project Update

ARTICLE BY: Dr Sara Balouch, TassieCat.

Building on the success of our collaborative initiative, TassieCat, Ten Lives, and Sorell Council are making significant steps in cat management at Midway Point.

Our primary goal is to gather comprehensive data from the local community to promote responsible cat ownership. Through an online survey, we received an impressive response of nearly 300 participants, providing invaluable insights into various aspects of cat ownership and management.

Joel Diprose (Ten Lives) is currently working on an informative infographic to visually present the survey findings. These results will not only be shared with our project's key stakeholders but will also be disseminated across various media platforms for wider outreach.

In our dedication to fostering community engagement, we recently conducted an engaging workshop at Sorell School as part of our Edu.Cat program. During this session, students received a detailed presentation about the Midway Project, solidifying their ongoing interest and

involvement.

Looking ahead, our next course of action involves a thorough review of the survey responses, with a high likelihood of implementing camera surveys to track cats in the area. We've also reached out to NRE (Department of Natural Resources and Environment) for specialized training sessions, essential in preparing our committed volunteers for forthcoming camera trapping surveys around the lagoon. This collaborative effort underscores our shared commitment to responsible cat ownership and effective cat management in Midway Point.

CATWALK Challenge



Ten Lives Ten Day Catwalk Challenge

On October 1st, we launched our annual Ten Lives Ten Day Catwalk Challenge with a goal of raising \$10,000 in just ten days. This initiative helps cover emergency vet expenses for our foster cats, especially as we gear up for the forthcoming kitten season.

“Every kitten season, we need to allocate over \$10,000 for emergency after hours vet services,” CEO Noel Hunt said. “This is in addition to managing our own Vet Surgery during regular hours, where we offer over 10,000 treatments annually for the numerous lost and abandoned cats and kittens.”

This year, we managed to raise \$8,270 through the Challenge, narrowly missing our goal. A big shoutout to our Catwalkers who produced amazing social media content! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and to those who generously donated in support!

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



Nicole Cook with CommBank New Norfolk branch manager Jacinta Boss presenting Ten Lives CEO Noel Hunt with their donation.

Community Donation

We were delighted when we received a call from Jacinta Boss, Branch Manager of CommBank New Norfolk.

She called to ask if we would like to be included as one of the organisations nominated by the New Norfolk branch to receive a funding boost from CommBank.

Did we want to be included as one of the two organisations nominated by her branch for their local community donations campaign? We sure did!

We needed the community to vote for us... and they did. So we

were very pleased to receive a \$250 donation from the team at CommBank.

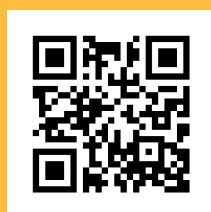
Jacinta said that they wanted to support organisations that make a difference in the local community through its CommBank Community Donation Program. Jacinta thanked Ten Lives for all that we do in our community.

Ten Lives CEO, Noel Hunt, said this support was very welcome and with kitten season at our doorstep, this donation was very timely and would go to very good use in the care of our cats and kittens.

To Jacinta and all the team from CommBank, thanks so much from the Ten Lives team, and from our cats and kittens that benefit from your support!

Get involved!

Scan the QR code to find out ways you can help:



or tenlives.com.au/donate



ARTICLE BY: Contributors.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Elise Coxhell from Ten Lives with Christine Tennick, daughter of Myrtle Denny, placing her mother's brick on our honour wall

“Each brick on our bequest wall symbolises a lasting legacy and dedication to bettering feline lives in Tasmania.”

- Noel Hunt, Ten Lives CEO

Ten Lives is a dedicated not-for-profit organisation in Tasmania, focusing on the care and re-homing of unwanted cats and kittens. Our broader goal encompasses the enhancement of feline welfare within the state and promoting responsible cat ownership.

It's noteworthy that we operate without any government funding.

Our operations rely on the generosity of individuals like you. Every contribution, irrespective of its size, assists us in the care of all the cats and kittens who come to us in need each year and helps facilitate their journey to their forever homes.

A portion of our support comes from bequests - gifts designated in Wills. These planned contributions play a crucial role in sustaining the vital animal welfare activities we undertake.

While we recognise that your primary concern is the well-being of your loved ones, should you wish to extend support to Ten Lives after providing for them, a gift in your Will could be a considerate option.

For those interested in understanding the process of allocating funds to Ten Lives in their Wills, or if you'd like Bequest booklets to display in your workplace, please don't hesitate to contact us.

TRIVIA Night



TEN LIVES FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

We had such a great time on Saturday with our fundraising trivia night on the 3rd of October. Thank you to everyone who supported it by attending, donating prizes and auction items, over \$3,000 was raised on the night. A big shout out to Pennicott Wilderness Journeys and Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary for their generous donations for the silent auction. Thank you to the Black Buffalo Hotel for their wonderful venue and prizes. Thanks also to Jenny Wilson for getting the ball rolling, Kellie Rathbone, Jeanette Gartlan, Maggie Nettleship and New Town Station Nursery, Candy and Di Angelo's, Jessica Horton, Red Parka, Kirsten Kuns. Thank you also to Millie Crouch from Mille Crouch Photography for volunteering your time to capture these wonderful moments of the night. Finally thank you to our wonderful quizmaster The Quizzer of Oz for a fun evening!



Introducing Carolyn Dunnewijk

Carolyn is the Operations Manager at Ten Lives. She started with us in March 2023 and is responsible for overseeing all aspects of Ten Lives, here at the centre and in our three terrific op shops.

Whilst new to the animal welfare industry Carolyn brings a wealth of knowledge in people management and loves nothing more than to encourage staff to find innovative solutions, celebrate the learning opportunities provided from making mistakes, and to promote a culture of continuous learning and improvement.

Who inspires you?

Someone new every day. The volunteer who picked up an extra shift because they saw it was needed, the person who dropped off some donations, the staff member who brought in a cake to share, the centre team working tirelessly to move cats to the next stage – surgery, foster or adoptions, the vet team members travelling overseas to

assist in animal welfare. The list is endless!

What are you reading?

Old Scratching posts to steal ideas to answer these questions!

What's your favourite part of your job?

Cats of course closely followed by the awesome team of staff, volunteers and foster carers.

When you aren't at work...

Somewhere warm preferably.

What couldn't you live without?

My family.

What kind of pet do you have, and how did you choose its name?

Currently we have a dog named Lola (named by our then 3-year-old daughter who wanted 2 dogs so she could have Charlie and Lola – those with kids the right age might understand). A cat named Pepper (yes, she's black but in my defence she came to us named; just as an aside she has a brother out there named Paprika). A budgie named Eli (my son's bird) and my daughter has

2 skinks named Sunny and Lizzie (for probably obvious reasons). We also have a foster kitty at the moment named Star (I wasn't responsible for her name either, just saying).

What animal do you think most closely matches your personality?

Tassie devil – small but mighty!

My motto is...

You should sit in nature for 20 minutes a day... unless you're busy. Then you should sit in nature for an hour.

When I grow up I want to be...

Exactly where I am now.

Why Ten Lives?

Animals have always been a huge part of my life. When I decided it was time to pursue a different career path I was looking to return to the not-for-profit sector. This role was the perfect blend – animal welfare, education, improving outcomes for people and animals through both our centre and community programs. And of course kitten cuddles!

#catsofnewtown

Every cat has a story.



RUBY

"When I first started volunteering with Ten Lives in 2020 I desperately wanted to adopt a cat but alas, we were renting. When the opportunity to buy our own place arrived, I couldn't get to the Centre quickly enough! There weren't many cats at that time and Ruby was the office cat. She came up to us straight away and I thought she was such a pretty cat. When we first took Ruby home she spent the first week hiding under the blanket on our couch or in the study wardrobe. After a few weeks she became braver and ventured out. It did, however take many months before we could pat her more than twice before she let us know quite convincingly that she had 'had enough!'"

- Liz, Ruby's hoomin. Adopted September 2021

"We had done some looking online at the cats available for adoption before we went to the centre. As we entered the first room, a blur of pure orange energy was speeding around playing with some children. This orange kitten was the last kitten left. We got to interact and play with him for a bit, and we fell in love with him immediately! We got up to look at all the other cats but eventually decided that the kitten was perfect for our family. We were sure he was going to be snatched up fast as there were so many families interacting with him that day. Luckily for us he hadn't been adopted yet! 4 years later, he's as snuggly as can be and still an orange ball of energy!"

- Lisa, Simba's hoomin. Adopted December 2019



SIMBA

Teddy, Adopted
April 2022



MABEL

"We saw Mabel online but it wasn't until I saw her in person that I was hooked. She was so purry and cuddly and I knew I wanted her! She came home with us that day. Mabel is the best thing. She is cheeky and playful but also such a cuddly girl who always greets us with a belly rub when we get home and sleeps in between my legs every night. She watches us from the window when we leave the house and makes us feel so bad leaving her! She is an incredible part of our family."

- Aimee, Mabel's hoomin. Adopted October 2022



"I decided to go to Ten Lives and see if I was a good match with any of the cats there. Ron had only been at Ten Lives a week when I saw him, though his name was Belamy then. He was an instant match! Belamy didn't suit him, so we renamed him Ron - he just looked like a Ron! Ron settled in amazingly well. He's such a friendly, gentle-natured cat that it was very easy for him to get used to my family's cats, and even after a while, the dogs. He quickly made a place for himself in my home, and soon it was though he'd been there always. He's now best friends with the dog, and loves playing with the other cats. We soon discovered that he loves to cuddle up in bed at night, and that he is obsessed by food, all and any food he can get!"

- Elena, Ron's hoomin. Adopted March 2022



"Sweetie was still very timid when we adopted her, so needed to be confined to our spare room until she was confident enough to roam around the whole house. Now she is 9+ months old she is very confident, curious, playful and inventive. She follows me from room to room wanting to be involved. She curls up on our laps every evening (each of us in turn), sleeps on our bed, is very talkative and tells us in no uncertain terms when it's time to get up."

- Carol, Sweetie's hoomin. Adopted January 2023



"My daughter had been wanting a cat since forever (if you ask her) so her father and I finally gave in and said she could adopt a cat from Ten Lives... we decided to visit the cats and let the cat choose us and Ducky did just that, my daughter instantly fell in love. We did extend his name once we got him home... we adopted him as Ducky but we gave him a middle name so his full name is Ducky Bartholomew King"

- Michelle, Ducky's hoomin. Adopted October 2022



"I went into Ten Lives and he was in the back room by himself, no intro poster on his door yet. Learned that his name was Sneaky. And he was just so cute and chill that I wanted to get him immediately. He settled in very quickly. Just loves people, spent the his first afternoon sleeping in my lap and then in my bed at night. Now he's practically inseparable from people in the family"

- DK, CEO Zhang's hoomin. Adopted September 2021

Are You Part of It?

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

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tenlives.com.au/media-upload

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SMALL
\$33⁰⁰

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SMALL
\$19²⁵

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