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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

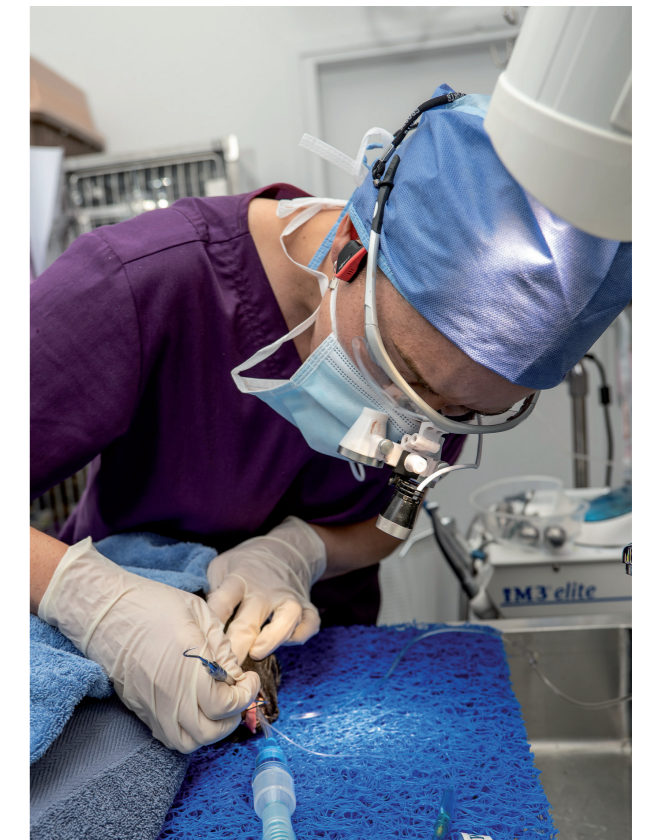
Ten Lives has a proud history of more than 60 years of caring for the unwanted cats and kittens of southern Tasmania. We started life as the Tasmanian Animal Protection Society. Founded by Joan Allport, it became a dedicated cat centre in 1974 under the leadership of Florence Robson. She had a vision 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 Sells 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.



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Prepared by Hobart Cat Centre Inc trading as Ten Lives



‘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.

2022/23 IMPACT

CAT CARE BY TEN LIVES

1,514

cats brought into our care

53,751

total nights of cat care

10,707

vet treatments - an average of

4.67

individual vet consultations with each cat

33,908

cat meals served in the shelter

FOSTER CARE

267

foster carers in their home provided

36,797

total nights of cat care

73,594

cat meals served in foster care

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.

OUTCOMES

1,122

cats adopted

66

lost cats reunited with their families

154

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

259

feral cats humanely euthanised that were trapped and brought into Ten Lives. Based on research findings¹ saving up to an estimated

300,958

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.

¹The 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>

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

180

volunteers provided

23,296

hours of work across our shelter and op shops

40,059

school students in

105

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

ENVIRONMENT

73

tonnes of litter used at the shelter and

14,600

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

HELPING FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY WITH CATS

37

abandoned cats brought into our care by good samaritans

104

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

78

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

11

cats taken into our care from people with financial problems

37

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

146

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.

2022/23 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:

HERBIE'S TENTH LIFE

Herbie, an extraordinary one-year-old tabby and white cat, quickly endeared himself to all at Ten Lives. Struggling with severely diseased eyes upon arrival, he underwent eye removal surgery for a shot at a better life. Unfazed by his impairment, Herbie embraced life at the shelter while waiting for a caring adopter. Adapting seamlessly, he demonstrated heightened senses of smell and hearing, relying on his whiskers to navigate and memorizing the locations of his food bowl and litter box through repetition.

Herbie's lack of sight didn't dampen his playful spirit. Engaging in joyful activities, such as batting toys and playing with a feather tickler, he developed a special fondness for toys with bells. Despite his visual challenges, Herbie displayed a remarkable ability to locate and observe these toys. His story becomes a testament to the resilience of animals, particularly those with disabilities, showcasing adaptability and an enduring affectionate nature.

This narrative underscores the fulfilling opportunity of adopting pets with special needs. Herbie's journey exemplifies that, despite losing his sight, he not only adapted but also maintained a lively and affectionate demeanour. Adopting animals like Herbie provides them with a chance for a happy and meaningful life, emphasising the rewarding and transformative aspect of such companionship.



It is our priority to make sure every cat has the best possible opportunity to live free from suffering and fear.

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.

- 180** volunteers at shelter and op shops
- 267** volunteer foster carers
- 25,498** social media followers

HAPPY PAWS HAPPY HEARTS

Ten Lives and partners Happy Paws Happy Hearts commenced offering a unique community program promoting inclusion and happiness. The program is guided by two Program Trainers where participants can break down personal barriers by working with animals to create space for change through fun, curated programs.

Starting in February 2023 the program is already conducting sessions five days per week.

For the participants this is supporting increased social connection and confidence for improved wellbeing. This also forms part of our enrichment program to achieve the best possible outcomes for our cats and kittens.



COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

EDU.CAT

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

We have reviewed and revised our Edu.Cat program so that it continues to meet the contemporary needs of students and educators and deliver our important animal welfare messages.

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).



Edu.Cat has reached over **40,000** students and we are set to deliver the program extensively in 2024 now that COVID restrictions have eased.

WORLD CLASS SHELTER

FACILITIES

THE TIME HAS COME TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

We are having new, purpose-designed buildings constructed. The pandemic has delayed the project, but we are now seeing progress and 2024 should see the project substantially completed.

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.

TAKING ON THE DIFFICULT CASES:

A SECOND CHANCE FOR TAMMY

Tammy arrived at Ten Lives as a young stray with a kitten of her own. Examinations revealed knee issues, necessitating urgent \$3,700-per-knee surgeries. The community raised \$8,821 through crowdfunding to cover the cost of the surgery. During her 10-week recovery, Tammy proved resilient, enjoying sunny spots and maintaining a robust appetite. Healed, she playfully engages despite restrictions, embodying resilience. Her journey from adversity to a happy, pain-free life showcases the impact of community support.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

CAT MANAGEMENT

CAT MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Ten Lives won the state government tender to host the Southern Region Cat Management Coordinator which is part of the TassieCat team. NRM North and Cradle Coast Authority host the two other officers.

The coordinator has established effective working relationships with local government. Key activity has included facilitating and delivering training to authorise council officers under the Cat Management Act, along with training for frontline council staff to equip them to deal with cat management related enquiries that go to councils.



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, weetaoona Aboriginal Corporation, community and conservation groups, Universities, and tourism operators.



HOT SPOT PROJECT: MIDWAY POINT

Based on Ten Lives' experience on cat management projects including Bruny Island and Richmond.

TassieCat, Ten Lives and Sorell Council have collaborated on a joint initiative of cat management in Midway Point. The project aims to initially gather baseline data on cats from the Midway Point community to help determine steps that will improve the welfare of cats in the community, protect native wildlife, and decrease the intake of unwanted animals into the shelter.

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
- Efficient washing and drying machines

SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION - MONEY AND OTHER SUPPORT

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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