

It takes a team:

The long road
to a forever
home



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Model: Ewok

Photographer: Rachael Daniels

Ewok first came into the care of Ten Lives on January 20th 2025. She was placed into foster care while she overcame a number of setbacks on her way to being ready for adoption. Ewok finally became available for adoption on April 30th and found her forever home the very same day! Read her full story on Page 8.



Ewok's intake photo

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



Hon. Craig Farrell MLC with Ten Lives CEO Noel Hunt at the launch of the Glenorchy Treasure Trail

CEO's Corner

In this edition, we celebrate the strength of our team—volunteers, staff, foster carers, and you, our loyal supporters—who continue to shape Ten Lives. Every cat's path to the adoption rooms is made possible by our team's care and commitment.

Cats like Ewok remind us why this work matters. These difficult and often heartbreaking cases are emotionally, physically, and financially demanding—and more common than many realise. Yet every challenge renews our purpose.

The new building is now complete, and we're already putting the space to good use as we begin fitting it out. This long-awaited addition is already benefiting our cats and allows us to reconfigure existing areas to better support recovery and treatment.

At the same time, our Tradies for Tabbies project has made great strides, thanks to the generosity of local tradespeople and businesses. We now have a vet consultation room, new reception, improved storage, and a purpose-built x-ray suite with dental imaging.

This milestone marks a new chapter for Ten Lives. We hope the stories in this edition inspire you as we continue to advocate for animal welfare—together. Thank you for your unwavering support. You make it all possible.

Noel Hunt, CEO

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Building Project Update – We've Got the Key!

After a long journey, we're pleased to let you know that we finally have the key to our new space! We're already starting to make use of this much-anticipated area, and it's a huge benefit for our cats.

It has been a long haul. COVID related setbacks, and the unique challenge of building on the former Hobart landfill site. But that's all behind us now, and we're looking ahead with excitement.

Over winter, this new area will be transformed into our dedicated adoption space for both adult cats and kittens, just in time for kitten season later this year.

In the meantime, Happy Paws Happy Hearts have moved into the space, along with the "Department of Joel". This move frees up part of the original building and introduces a new area that will be used for hospital space and operational improvements.

This expansion also enables us to reconfigure our existing layout to better meet the needs of our cats — including creating a dedicated area for long-term hospital care. This will make a significant difference to the recovery and wellbeing of the cats in our care.

Thank You

Our deepest thanks to Zack, Mitch, and the entire team at

Podmatrix, as well as all the tradies involved in bringing this build to life. Huge appreciation also goes to:

- Hazell Bros
- Roy Higman – RH Architecture
- Clennett's Mitre 10
- Steeline

Your generous donations of time, expertise, and materials have helped make this project possible.

And, of course, thanks to you, our wonderful supporters, for your patience and generosity. None of this could have happened without your help.



Tradies for Tabbies

While the main build has been underway, our Tradies for Tabbies project has also seen incredible progress, thanks to the generosity of our local tradespeople and businesses.

We now have a professional vet consultation room, a new reception area, and fantastic storage facilities. We've also added a purpose-built room for our new xray machine, including dental xray capabilities.

These upgrades mean:

- Faster, more efficient care for our cats
- Improved capacity for dental procedures

- On-site xrays as we no longer need to outsource this service
- Compliance with Vet Board requirements, allowing us to carry out external community work

This opens the door to more community-based initiatives, such as our recent no cost desexing project at Midway Point/Orielton Lagoon, providing vital support for those needing a helping hand.

With Thanks To

We are incredibly grateful to the following businesses for making this possible:

- Lyden Builders
- Howrah Plumbing
- Parrs Heat Pump & Refrigeration
- Innerspace Wardrobes
- Tatnell Painters
- REC Hydraulic Design
- Crescon Joinery
- Fabriqué

Thank you all for your generous contributions — and to everyone in our community who has helped bring these projects to life. You are making a lasting difference.

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



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



REC Hydraulic
Design P/L



Kennels of Kindness

Building better beginnings for every cat.



Tonka
Adopted March 2025

How We Make a Difference

Each year, we provide tens of thousands of days of care and thousands of vet treatments for stray, abandoned, and surrendered cats. Our dedicated team ensures the best care for our beautiful cats, supports the community and helps protect the environment.

To further our mission, we are constructing new, purpose-designed buildings with warm, safe spaces for adoptions, surrenders, and improved veterinary care.

You can help make this vision a reality by supporting our Kennels of Kindness campaign, ensuring every cat in our care has a safe, comfortable space. Join us in building a brighter future for Tasmania's cats!

Who can support a Kennel?

Anyone can become a kennel supporter:

- **Businesses & Organisations**
– Partner with us and have your logo displayed within the shelter, showing your commitment to animal welfare.
- **Individuals & Families** – Help provide a cat with a cozy space while they wait to be adopted. Whether with friends, family, or on your own, it's a heartwarming way to show your love for animals!

No matter who you are, YOU can help us in our mission!

How you can support a kennel

At Ten Lives, we believe every cat deserves a warm, safe space while they wait for their forever home. You can help provide that by supporting a kennel for the first five years of our new adoption centre.

- **Full Kennel Support:** For \$2,500, you can fund an entire kennel exclusively in your name, giving a cat a dedicated space until they find a home.
- **Shared Kennel Support:** For \$500, you can contribute to a kennel and share the experience with up to four other donors.

Every contribution ensures a comfortable space for the cats in our care and supports our mission of finding them loving homes. In 2024, an adult cat spent an average of 14 days in the adoption kennels - your support will help give them the best start while they wait!

How You'll Be Recognised

We deeply appreciate those who support our Kennels of Kindness campaign and want to acknowledge your generosity.

For Businesses & Organisations:

Your company branding will be displayed on a kennel and featured on our adoption page

(which received 270,897 page views in 2024). You'll also receive social media recognition to our community of over 26,891 cat lovers. Employees will have the opportunity to visit, take photos, and share your support. Your logo will be featured in our adoption booklet (distributed with nearly 1,000 adoptions each year), and you'll receive regular updates on the cats housed in your kennel.

For Individuals & Families:

Help give a cat a cozy space to call their own while they wait for their forever home! You'll receive updates on the kitty you're supporting, with the option to visit and see the magic you're making happen. It's a heartwarming way to make a real difference and feel the joy of knowing you've helped a furry friend find their new family!

Join us today in providing comfort, care, and a bright future for Tasmania's cats - your support makes all the difference!

Become a Kennel Supporter

To become a kennel supporter, please:

- contact Noel Hunt, Ten Lives CEO on 6278 2111 or noel@tenlives.com.au
- visit tenlives.com.au/kennel

Thank you for considering this unique opportunity to support Ten Lives.



Ewok's Journey: From Crisis to Care



When Ewok arrived at Ten Lives with her sister Yoda, she was one of over thirty cats brought in from a hoarding situation.

The circumstances were deeply concerning — many of the cats were in poor health, showing signs of untreated illnesses and malnourishment. It was a tough scene that left a mark on even the most seasoned members of our team.

Both kittens were placed into foster care together, with the hope they'd recover in a safe, stable environment.

Ewok adapted quickly. She was playful, affectionate, and curious from the start.

Yoda, unfortunately, didn't fare as well.

Despite all efforts — proper vet care, close monitoring, and a lot of attention — Yoda's condition went downhill. She lost weight and stopped responding to treatment.

After a full veterinary assessment, the hard call was made to euthanise her to prevent further suffering. It wasn't the outcome anyone wanted, and her loss was felt across the team.

Meanwhile, Ewok pressed on. Her recovery had its ups and downs.

She arrived in January with a heart murmur and a painful ulcer

on her tongue, which required monitoring, medication, and eventually surgery. Even after that, the lesion took time to heal and required additional reviews under anaesthesia.

She also needed a second procedure to remove baby teeth that hadn't fallen out properly and were causing her discomfort.

At one point, she had mild sneezing and oral irritation that needed close observation. These complications meant her stay in care stretched out over several months, with regular vet checks, medication, and tailored nutrition plans.

But Ewok handled it all.



Main photo: Ewok in the adoption rooms. Photo: Rachael Daniels. Inset: Ewok and Yoda arrive for their vet check. Above: We followed Ewok's journey through the ups and downs of every vet check and surgery. Photos: Joel Diprose

She spent her time in foster care playing, exploring, and curling up for naps. She was confident and social — good with other cats, dogs, and people.

Her personality stood out: friendly, cheeky, and full of energy. Even when she played a bit rough, she was responsive to gentle guidance, especially from her foster carers and other animals.

Her story highlights the reality behind large-scale intakes.

Cases like this are draining — emotionally, physically, and financially. For the Ten Lives team — vets, foster carers, volunteers, and staff — these are part of the

job and they happen more often than people realise.

Hoarding situations demand fast action, ongoing treatment, and a lot of emotional resilience.

And sometimes, despite everyone's best efforts, we lose some along the way. That's the hard truth.

But cats like Ewok are also the reason we keep going.

She's a clear example of what proper care, time, and commitment can do. Every health check she passed was a small win.

By the end of April, nearly five

months after arriving, she was cleared for adoption.

Now, she's in a home of her own — healthy, happy, and living the life every cat deserves.

Her story isn't sugar-coated, but it's real.

And in this work, real wins like Ewok's are what matter. They remind us why we do what we do — and why we'll always be ready for the next challenge.

Being ready for the next tough situation takes preparation and support. Help us be there for the next cat in need. Donate now at tenlives.com.au/donate



Crafting Change: Crescon Joinery Gives Back with a Purpose

With more than two decades of experience under their toolbelts, Crescon Joinery has become a household name in Hobart for quality craftsmanship and reliable service. Locally owned and operated, Crescon has carved out a strong reputation across southern Tasmania, working across everything from residential kitchens to large scale commercial fit-outs.

Now, this skilled team has turned their talents to a project for Ten Lives and our cats, generously donating a brand-new reception fit-out as part of our Tradies for Tabbies program. This initiative invites local businesses to pitch in with renovations that help us improve our facilities at little or no cost... Crescon didn't hesitate to come on board.

Led by Darrell Anning, the team (including Chloe and Taylor, with hands-on work from the talented Zack and Ethan) has transformed our reception space into something truly special. Their expert joinery has given our reception a fresh, professional look that will serve both our staff and visitors for years to come.

This upgrade isn't just about great looks though. With the new fit-out, we're now able to meet the requirements needed to offer external veterinary services. This is a crucial step in expanding our outreach and providing more support

for both cats and the people who care for them. We trialled a free cat desexing program through the Midway Point/Orielton Lagoon project, where we partnered with Sorell Council. It's this sort of project that we'll now be able to deliver far more cost effectively.

Crescon's involvement has been nothing short of transformative. Not surprising for a company that has long stood for quality, community, and connection. Over the years, they've built trusted relationships with homeowners, builders, and architects alike, many of whom keep coming back, thanks to Crescon's commitment to craftsmanship and reliability.

Operating out of a fully upgraded showroom and equipped with state-of-the-art machinery, Crescon combines traditional techniques with modern technology to create joinery that's both functional and timeless. Whether it's a bespoke kitchen, a commercial installation, or a community project like this one, they approach each job with the same eye for detail and dedication to getting it right.

A huge thank you to the entire team at Crescon Joinery Pty Ltd for your generosity, talent, and genuine community spirit. Your contribution has made a real impact. We and our cats are very grateful.



Wren celebrating with Squishy that she was ready for desexing and finding her forever home.

A Path to Forever Begins in Foster

When tiny Squishy arrived at Ten Lives on March 12th, she was just a timid kitten facing an uncertain future. Found alone and in need of care, Squishy was placed in foster care to help her build confidence, learn to socialise, and grow big enough for desexing. To ease her journey, she was paired with another solitary kitten, giving both a chance to

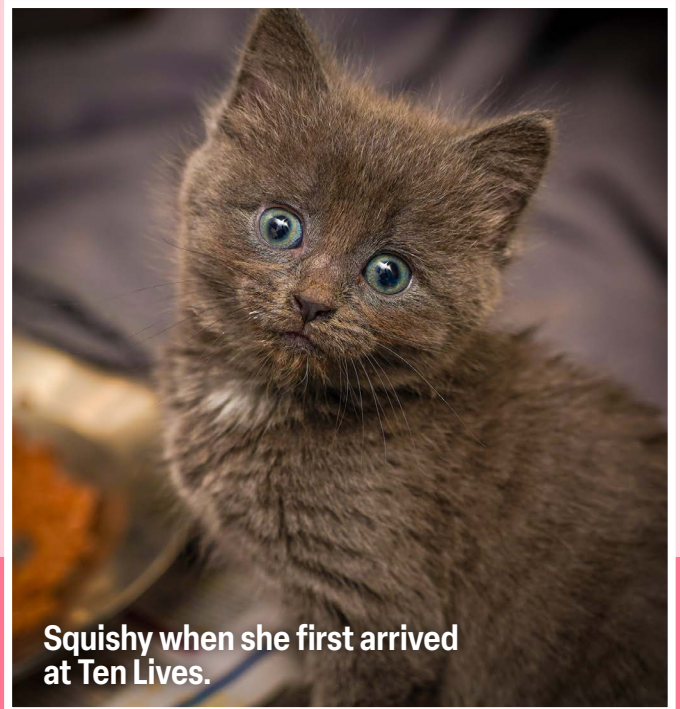
thrive through companionship.

Though initially wary, Squishy gradually came out of her shell. With time and patience, she transformed into a sweet and affectionate companion, though she still greets new faces with a bit of caution.

Her transformation was thanks to the



Squishy has transformed from shy to snuggly.



Squishy when she first arrived at Ten Lives.

dedicated care of foster carer Wren, who has been part of the Ten Lives foster team for five months. Squishy is her fourth foster kitten in that time.

“I started fostering because I saw a big need for it.” Wren shares. As both a veterinary nurse and animal attendant at Ten Lives, Wren brings experience and compassion to each case she takes on

Fostering also gave Wren the chance to help out with the harder cases such as neonates, flu, ringworm or behavioural issues. “I currently have two kittens in foster - one that has giardia causing diarrhea, and one with flu and eye issues.”

For those considering fostering, Wren offers a piece of advice: “Having a quiet room or designated space can be incredibly helpful for a kitten’s recovery. It allows them to recuperate and feel secure.”

After more than two months in care, Squishy was finally ready for adoption

and moved into the adoption rooms on May 21st, taking the last step on her journey to a forever home.

Fostering is ideal for those who may not be able to make a long-term commitment to pet ownership but still want to make a difference. Whether you’re studying, working remotely, or traveling between commitments, fostering offers a flexible, impactful way to help.

Ten Lives ensures every foster carer is supported with food, litter, veterinary care, and advice. But be warned—those big eyes and loving purrs might just capture your heart and turn into a proud “foster fail”!

Fostering may be temporary, but its impact is lasting. For kittens like Squishy, it can mean the difference between fear and flourishing.

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

The Tasmanian Cat Management Project is a joint initiative to promote and facilitate responsible cat ownership and management in Tasmania.



The Meow Meals food assistance program has provided over 24,000 meals to local cats.

Taking Cat Welfare to the Community

Alyssa Davies, Southern Region Cat Management Coordinator, and Anna Viney, Community and Education Officer, have been hard at work across the region promoting responsible cat ownership and rolling out initiatives that support cats, the environment, and the broader community.

It's been a full few months for the Ten Lives team, with a strong focus on working alongside councils, schools, and residents to make a real difference on the ground.

Anna Viney has been delivering the Edu.Cat program across local schools, helping young people understand what it means to be a responsible cat owner. With the recent upgrade to Ten Lives' facilities, Ten Lives is now better equipped to host school and group visits, providing a valuable opportunity for hands on learning in our cat shelter environment. These visits will play an important role in strengthening community awareness and

education into the future.

The Ten Lives team recently hosted representatives from Clarence and Glenorchy City Councils at their Selfs Point Road facility. Led by Alyssa Davies and Operations Manager Carolyn Dunnewijk, the visits offered an insight into the range of work Ten Lives is doing and sparked productive conversations about improving collaboration and efficiency in dealing with unwanted and stray cats. Feedback from council staff was overwhelmingly positive, with many impressed by the scale and professionalism of the operations.

Work with Tasman Council has also progressed, with a recent survey helping to highlight local issues and trends around cat ownership. Additional discussions are underway with Brighton, Sorell, Kingborough, and Derwent Valley councils as Ten Lives continues to build practical, long-term partnerships for effective cat management.

A strong existing relationship with Kingborough Council has also continued to yield positive outcomes, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas. A new brochure developed through this partnership helps educate the public on how to keep both cats and wildlife safe.

Ten Lives has recently trialled Community Surrender Days. Pop-up events designed to make it easier for people to responsibly surrender cats or kittens. For some, transport or mobility limitations can make getting to the New Town shelter difficult, while others may feel overwhelmed by the process.

By offering surrender services in local neighbourhoods, Ten Lives is removing those barriers and giving people a straightforward, supportive option. There are no fees involved, and the team is there to guide each person through the process. Whether it's an unexpected litter or a stray that's made itself at home, these events offer practical help. The hope is to continue and expand these days based on community response.

As the cost of living rises, more pet owners are facing difficult choices. In response, Ten Lives introduced Meow Meals, a food assistance program aimed at helping people keep their cats even in tough times.

The premise is simple: provide free cat food to those experiencing financial hardship, so they aren't forced to give up a pet they love. Since it launched, Meow Meals has provided over 24,000 meals to local cats.

"No one should have to give up a beloved pet because they can't afford food," says Operations Manager Carolyn Dunnewijk, who developed the initiative. "With Meow Meals, we're keeping cats where they belong; in loving homes."

The program has also become a useful way for Ten Lives team members, including the Cat Management Coordinator, to connect with the community and have open conversations about broader cat welfare issues.

Whether it's through education, council collaboration, or practical support for cat owners, Ten Lives remains committed to practical solutions that protect cats, environment and our communities.

Have your say for Tasmania's Cats

The TassieCat Statewide Survey is Now Open!

Shape the future of responsible cat ownership across Tasmania.

TassieCat has been working for years to help keep Tasmania's cats safer, our communities stronger, and our unique wildlife thriving.

Now it's your turn to guide what comes next.



Survey open to all Tasmanians



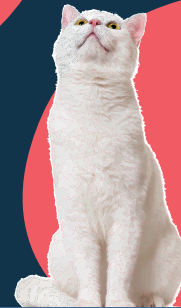
Takes 10–15 minutes



Closes 15 June 2025



Open to cat owners and non-cat owners alike!



Your voice matters



Take the survey



*Your responses are completely anonymous. The survey is designed following the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. No personal information will be shared, and all data will be used only to inform future cat management initiatives in Tasmania.

TassieCat is a state-wide initiative to promote and facilitate responsible cat ownership and management in Tasmania. The project is supported by Cradle Coast Authority NRM, NRM North and Ten Lives through funding from the Tasmanian Government.



Roger's Road to Recovery

Photo: Rachael Daniels

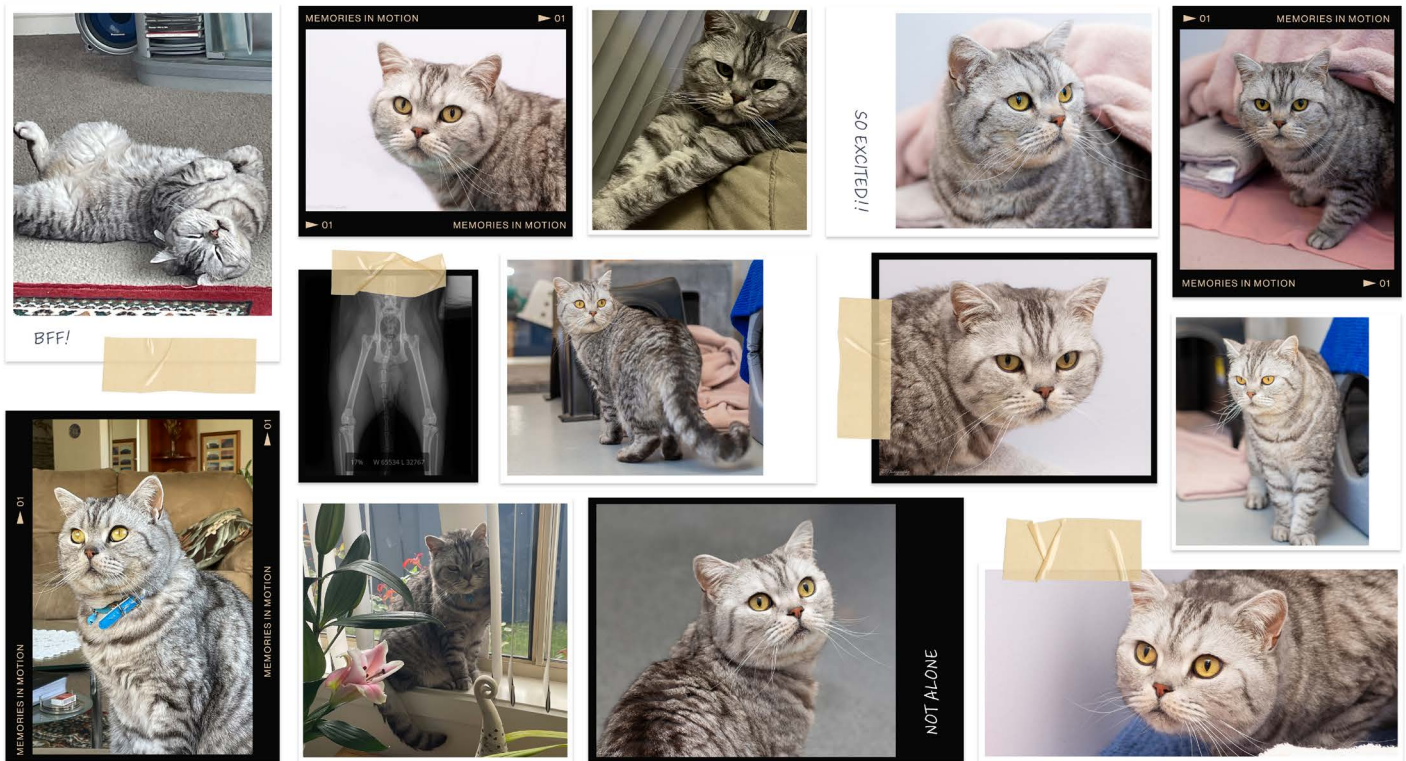
Roger, a beautiful 4-year-old grey tabby boy, arrived at Ten Lives on 14 October 2024. It quickly became clear that Roger's path would not be an easy one. He was diagnosed with severe dental disease, including retained roots and missing teeth, as well as a condition known as luxating patellas in both of his hind legs.

Luxating patellas, a painful condition where the kneecap slips out of its normal position, left Roger unable to run or jump freely.

To give Roger the best chance at a happy and pain-free life, he required extensive dental surgery and was initially assessed as potentially needing surgery on his

legs to correct the luxation.

However, despite the challenges, Roger's loving and affectionate personality shone through. He was described by his foster carer as quiet and independent, with a strong preference for receiving chin scratches and belly rubs. Roger was not one for being picked up but would sit next to his



Above: Roger during his time in foster care and at the shelter.

foster carer or hop onto their lap when he chose to. He was very vocal at mealtimes, a sign of his good appetite, and loved to sleep at the end of the bed. Playtime was another of his joys, especially pouncing on feather wands and batting at small toys.

In foster care, Roger's needs were met with patience and love. After undergoing dental surgery and recovering well, his luxating patellas remained asymptomatic, meaning he did not show signs of pain or lameness. The dental surgery had removed several teeth, and Roger was placed on a special wet food diet to maintain his health. His condition was closely monitored and, although his luxating patellas had not caused him any issues, regular veterinary checks were advised to help prevent potential arthritis.

Roger's road to recovery was not without its hurdles. Early on, it became evident that Ten Lives needed better access to

radiology services to provide the best care for cats like Roger. His dental issues and patella luxation required radiographs, but with no radiology facilities on site, Roger had to travel for his scans. For a cat already under stress in a new environment, the experience was less than ideal.

It was then that Ten Lives launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for essential radiology equipment, including an x-ray machine, to help cats like Roger receive faster, more efficient and less stressful care.

The community's support was overwhelming. With a goal of raising \$15,000, Ten Lives surpassed that target, raising \$19,610. This incredible generosity meant new radiology equipment could be purchased, and a dedicated x-ray room set up at the Centre. The equipment will not only benefit Roger but will allow Ten Lives to treat all cats in

need with greater ease, efficiency and care. Having the ability to perform radiographs on site will reduce stress for the cats, save valuable time, and help provide better diagnoses and treatment plans.

Roger's story came full circle when he was adopted on 19 December 2024. His loving nature, quiet independence, and playful spirit made him a perfect companion for his new family. Roger now has the chance to live a pain-free life, running and jumping in a home that truly understands and appreciates him.

Roger's story is a testament to the power of community support, and how it can change the lives of cats like him. With the new radiology equipment in place, Ten Lives is now better equipped than ever to provide essential treatment to all the cats in their care.



There's more to discover at our Argyle Street Op Shop with new warehouse bargains daily!

TWICE THE SPACE, TWICE THE BARGAINS

Six months after the expansion of our North Hobart Op Shop, we're thrilled to report that the store continues to go from strength to strength. The extra space has allowed us to broaden our range of fashion, accessories, homewares, and more – all generously donated by our wonderful community

Shoppers now enjoy a roomier, more welcoming experience with thoughtfully curated displays and an ever-changing selection of unique finds. From stylish wardrobe staples to eclectic home décor, there's always something new to discover.

The amazing success of the

expansion is thanks to our incredible volunteers.

The growth and vibrancy of the store are a direct reflection of their hard work, care, and dedication. Their commitment behind the scenes and on the shop floor has been instrumental in making the Op Shop such a warm, inviting, and successful space. Their dedication didn't end with the extension – every day, they work tirelessly to sort, present, and refresh stock. Their care and commitment help create the friendly, vibrant atmosphere that our Op Shops are known for.

Each purchase made at the store directly supports Ten Lives and

the cats in our care. The funds raised make a real difference, helping us provide vital services and continue our mission.

To our volunteers, donors, and loyal shoppers – thank you. Your support over the past six months has been inspiring. We're so proud of what we've achieved together.

If you haven't visited recently, now is the perfect time. Come in, explore the expanded space, and see what special treasure you might find – all while supporting a cause that matters

Want to join our Op Shop team?

We are always welcoming new volunteers. Call us on 6278 2111 or visit tenlives.com.au/volunteer



On the Glenorchy Treasure Trail!

Ten Lives was delighted to take part in the recent launch of the Glenorchy Treasure Trail—a brilliant new initiative by Glenorchy City Council designed to celebrate sustainability, community spirit and the charm of second-hand shopping.

Officially launched on Friday, 6 December with a vibrant pop-up op shop event on the Council lawns, the Trail showcases nine op shops stretching from Moonah to Claremont. These hidden gems invite locals and visitors to explore, discover pre-loved treasures and support the broader goal of waste reduction.

Ten Lives contributed to the event with our own pop-up op shop, sharing our message of sustainable living and animal welfare. Every purchase made through our shop helps fund the care and rehoming of cats

in need, proving that shopping second-hand can create real, tangible impact.

“This initiative is about more than sustainable fashion,” said Glenorchy Mayor Sue Hickey at the event. “It supports individuals experiencing disadvantage, encourages community volunteering, and allows shoppers to connect with neighbouring businesses while hunting for unique treasures and amazing bargains.”

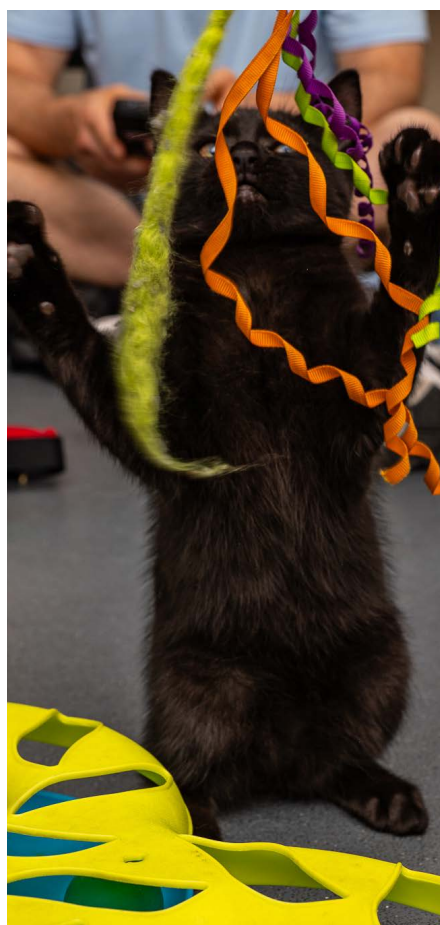
At Ten Lives, we couldn’t agree more. The Glenorchy Treasure Trail is a powerful reminder that embracing the principles of reduce, reuse and repurpose not only helps protect the environment, but also strengthens the fabric of our community.

We encourage everyone to follow the Trail, explore local op shops, and experience the joy of shopping with purpose.





PHOTO: Friday AM Care participants with HPHH Trainer Juliana pictured in the centre playing with cats and HPHH volunteer, Ros, second from the right.



ABOVE: The adoption room kittens showing off during an enrichment session.

Happy Paws Happy Hearts and Ten Lives Creating Connections for Hearts and Paws

This year marks a decade of Happy Paws Happy Hearts (HPHH) creating positive change for socially isolated Australians and rescue animals in need.

As part of their 10-year milestone, they are celebrating their incredible partnership with Ten Lives Cat Centre in Hobart—where together, they are forging paws-itively life-changing connections between people and rescue cats.

Since launching in Hobart in January 2023, the HPHH program at Ten Lives has welcomed participants into a

nurturing space where they can build confidence, develop social skills, and gain independence through hands-on animal interactions. At the same time, the rescue cats and kittens receive valuable care and socialisation, helping them along their journey to finding loving ‘fur-ever’ homes.

HPHH was founded in Queensland with the vision that people facing barriers to social inclusion could benefit from meaningful engagement with rescue animals. HPHH now operates in eight locations across Australia, including Ten Lives



ABOVE: Participants with HPHH Trainer Juliana in session with a kitten in the adoption rooms

in Hobart and opening earlier this year at Dogs' Homes of Tasmania, Hobart.

HPHH Program Trainer Juliana shares her firsthand experience of the program's impact.

"Every day is different—there's always a new fluffy friend seeking love and care, and our participants' enthusiasm is contagious! They soak up everything they learn through the bonds they form with the shelter cats, always demonstrating kindness and mindfulness in their interactions."

Juliana also shared a special moment, unofficially dubbing the day 'Friendship Friday':

"I looked at our volunteer, Ros, as the group enjoyed an activity together and we both said, 'wow.' Before our eyes, we were witnessing everything our programs are about—connection,

friendship, and support. In just a short time, participants had built social skills, taken turns in activities, and supported each other. They now all call each other good friends."

HPHH programs at Ten Lives incorporate animal behaviour, training, and enrichment to facilitate psychosocial growth and wellbeing. One participant shared, "Seeing the cats, kittens, and trainers makes my day. It's nice to talk to people. I like coming here because otherwise, I would just be stuck at home."

The program's impact extends beyond the shelter. In 2024, participants contributed to 'Meow Meals,' a Ten Lives initiative preparing nutritious food packs for families in need. As they celebrate a decade of impact, HPHH is proud to continue growing their partnership with Ten Lives, together, making a difference—one paw at a time.

Noel Hunt, Ten Lives CEO, celebrates their collective impact. "A big congratulations to HPHH on 10 amazing years. Their impact on both people and animals has been incredible. The name really says it all—happy paws for the cats they help and happy hearts for everyone involved."

HPHH was also thrilled to join paws with Dogs' Homes of Tasmania earlier this year, providing even more locals with life-changing programs that connect people and shelter animals.

If you or someone you know would benefit from an inclusive program that builds confidence life skills and wellbeing, visit Happy Paws Happy Hearts' Programs page at www.hphhfoundation.org/shelter-program or call 1300 077 984.



Main Photo: Blaze in the adoption rooms. Photo: Rachael Daniels

Inset: Blaze showing off for the camera. Photos: Di Nicolson

Blazing Ahead: Setbacks, Support & Second Chances

At Ten Lives Cat Centre, where so many cats are given the chance to start fresh in loving homes, Blaze's story stands out as a testament to perseverance and the power of teamwork.

Blaze, a spirited ginger male estimated at just one year old, embarked on a tumultuous journey through foster care, adoption rooms, and back, all while battling health setbacks that tested his newfound stability.

Blaze's time at Ten Lives began with a routine examination that found him in generally good health, aside from a mild build-up of dental tartar – nothing out of the ordinary for a young cat. It didn't take long for his affectionate and curious nature to win over the staff and volunteers, who eagerly followed his progress towards adoption.

However, Blaze's path was not without its hurdles. Shortly after initial health checks, blood in his stool raised concerns,

prompting intensive monitoring and dietary adjustments. Despite these setbacks, Blaze's determination shone through as he adapted to new diets and environments under the careful watch of Ten Lives' dedicated team.

"We wanted Blaze to thrive," recalls one of the veterinary nurses who cared for him. "He was shy at first, but once settled, he was a dream – gentle, fond of gazing out the window, and a connoisseur of head scratches."

The team's efforts intensified as Blaze underwent multiple veterinary visits and dietary trials to pinpoint the cause of his health challenges. Each setback was met with meticulous care, from specialised diets to careful examinations and close observation, ensuring no stone was left unturned in his diagnosis and recovery.

Blaze's journey highlighted the importance of persistence and collaboration. From the

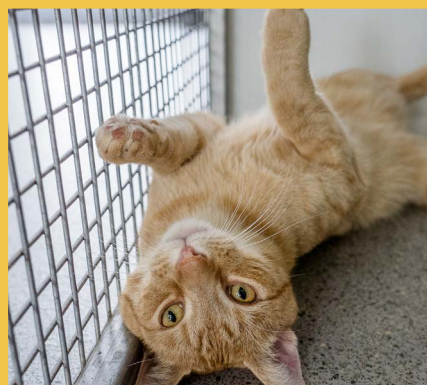
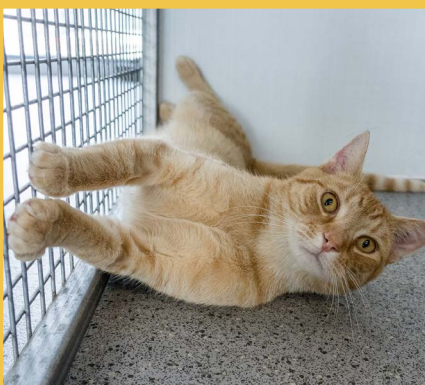
veterinary staff to the devoted foster carers and volunteers, every individual played a crucial role in his recovery.

Amid these challenges, Blaze's playful spirit never waned. His love for small squishy toys and fluffy blankets endeared him to everyone who crossed his path. As weeks turned into months, Blaze's health stabilised, thanks to a tailored diet and compassionate care that became his new norm.

Finally, on 29th March, after 52 days in care, Blaze was adopted into a loving home – completing his transformation from stray to cherished companion.

Blaze's time at Ten Lives Cat Centre highlights how collaboration and consistent care can make a real difference. Now settling into his new home, he leaves behind a team proud to have played a part in his recovery.

Find out more about becoming a foster carer at:
tenlives.com.au/foster





Don't Forget: Check Your Cat's Microchip Registration

If your cat was adopted from Ten Lives since April 2017 through to the end of 2024, here's an important reminder that could make all the difference if they ever go missing.

Many of these cats were registered with HomeSafeID, a microchip registry that is now facing uncertainty. The company is currently uncontactable, and while their database remains available for the time being, there's no guarantee it will stay that way.

This means your cat's microchip might not lead back to you in the future unless you take a few simple steps now.

Why This Matters

Microchipping is one of the best ways to bring lost pets home. But if the registry holding your contact details goes offline, the microchip won't help. That's why it's important to check and, if necessary, re-register your pet's details with another provider.

What You Can Do

1. Find your cat's microchip number

It's on your adoption paperwork. If you can't find it, reach out to Ten Lives.

2. Check your pet's current registry



Go to petaddress.com.au and enter the microchip number. If it shows **HomeSafeID**, it's time to update.

3. Choose a new registry

- **Global Micro** is accepting transfers for free for Ten Lives adopters. globalmicro.com.au

4. Other Registry Options

- **Central Animal Records (CAR)** car.com.au
- **Petsafe** petsafe.com.au
- **Australasian Animal Registry (AAR)** aar.org.au

Make sure to include any required documentation and note that your cat was adopted from Ten Lives when applying.

Need Help?

We're here for you. If you need assistance locating microchip details or choosing a registry, contact us at support@tenlives.com.au

Taking a few minutes now could one day bring your lost cat back home.

Don't forget — your cat's safety could depend on it.



Richard finishing up his weekly delivery run between the shop shops and the Centre.

Richard Forcey is a dedicated member of the Ten Lives volunteer team, helping at our Op Shops and the Centre. We asked Richard about what he loves most about volunteering, and advice for those thinking about joining our team.

How long have you been volunteering with Ten Lives and what role do you volunteer in?

I think I started at Ten Lives approximately eight years ago. Initially, I worked at the Cat Centre itself, mainly cleaning enclosures and distributing cat litter, etc. I then commenced taking donations from the Centre to Margate Op Shop on my way home. I got to know Robyn, manager of the Op Shop, and in due course she invited me to become a member of her team at Margate. Accordingly, I now work Monday and Friday at Margate as sales person and cashier, and on Wednesday I work at the Centre, driving the "cat van", transporting donations between the Op Shops, and taking cats ready for

adoption to the Op Shop display enclosures.

Why did you decide to volunteer with Ten Lives?

Having retired from full time work, I became a volunteer Tour Guide at Government House, Hobart.

In due course it was decided to substantially reduce the number of tours there, at least temporarily, and in conversation with my fellow guides I became aware of volunteer opportunities at Ten Lives. Being a cat lover myself, I decided to apply.

When I'm not at Ten Lives I'm normally...

My wife Shirley and I, having recently moved from our house with its large garden to an apartment with just a small courtyard, have had to focus on some new interests. Accordingly, I am nurturing and expanding a growing collection of pot plants (currently over 80). I also enjoy reading, especially novels with

an underlying historical theme, or set in the Victorian or Edwardian eras. Two of my favorite authors are Charles Dickens and H.G. Wells. We also enjoy barbecues with friends, and weekend picnic trips to some of the many scenic spots in Tasmania.

What surprised you most about volunteering with Ten Lives?

The sheer number of cats in need of rescuing. The passion with which most volunteers undertook their tasks. The number of good friends and acquaintances I have made during my time here.

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

Please view this as a prospective long term relationship, and try to make yourself familiar with the cat's needs as well as yours. Get used to the idea that your cat will undoubtedly turn its nose up at some of the treats you eagerly provide!

Favourite fictional cat?

Skippy Blackfeet, feline hero of the book of the same name by author Rebecca Fraser. Skippy is a lonely little cat living in a graveyard, until along comes May, a young person with her own problems, to rescue and adopt him.

Finally, what advice would you give to anyone thinking of volunteering at Ten Lives?

You will be joining an operation which takes its role in the welfare of animals, and in the community, very seriously.

While there may be moments of stress, only natural when dealing with animals, I think all staff will agree that there is a feeling of great satisfaction at being part of such an important organisation..

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



Ten Lives Cat Centre boasts a 20 room boarding accommodation facility. All rooms are individual, and furnished with a multilevel design, providing room to stretch the legs, climb up high off the ground, and a private litter box location.

For all bookings and enquiries please call 6278 2111

Boarding Rates

Service Fee		\$26 PER ROOM
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1 st Cat		\$28 PER NIGHT
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Additional Cats (SAME ROOM)	+	\$22 PER NIGHT
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Medication	+	\$3 PER DOSE PER CAT
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Sundays and Public Holiday drop off and pick up	+	\$55
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When life takes you away, give your feline friend the next best thing to home—luxury boarding at Ten Lives Cat Centre. Just outside of Hobart city, our purpose-built facility features 20 five-paw accommodation rooms designed exclusively for cats, ensuring a calm, safe, and enriching environment.

Each individual suite includes multilevel spaces for climbing and lounging, a discreet litter area, and cosy resting spots warmed by plentiful heating. With tasty meals and twice daily room service, your cat will feel relaxed and pampered. Whether it's a short stay or an extended holiday, your pet will enjoy personalised care from our experienced, cat-loving staff.

Our team understands that each cat is unique. That's why we welcome you to visit the Centre before booking—tour the space,

meet the staff, and see firsthand why so many cat guardians trust us. We encourage guests to bring along favourite toys or blankets to provide a comforting touch of home.

Health and safety are paramount. All cats must be de-sexed, microchipped, and fully vaccinated (including annual boosters with no lapses). Proof of vaccination is required, and the final dose must be administered at least two weeks before check-in. For fussy eaters or those with special dietary needs, owners are welcome to provide their own food.

We also cater to a range of needs, but please advise us of any medical conditions in advance.

To book or enquire, call us on 6278 2111—we'd love to care for your cat while you're away.



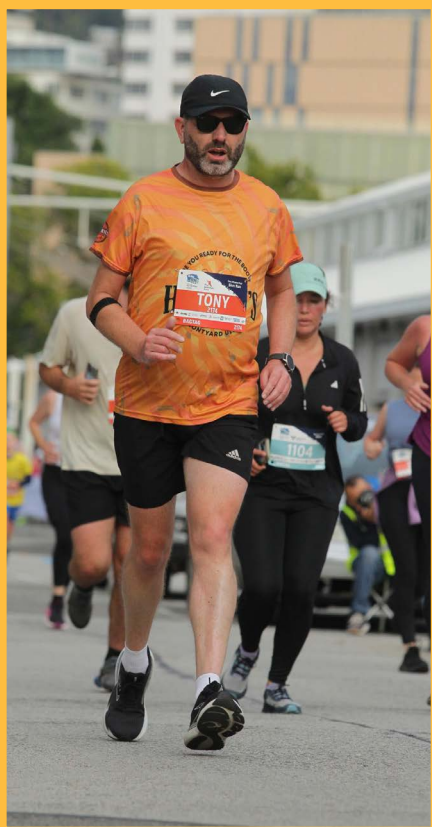
My fundraising stall

My name is Liam and I am 8 years old. My family are foster carers and I love cats. So far we have fostered 22 cats.

I decided to sell some of my old toys and books, to raise money for Ten Lives Cat Centre. I set up a table and put everything for sale on it and made signs. I used chalk on the footpath to get customers to come to my stall.

I sold just about everything and was able to make \$30 which I donated to Ten Lives the last time my family picked up new foster cats.

At Ten Lives, we're incredibly grateful for the passionate individuals who go out of their way to support our mission. Whether through endurance challenges, creative projects, or small acts of kindness, their personal fundraising efforts make a real difference to the cats and kittens in our care. Find out ways you can help at tenlives.com.au/donate



Tony's Running Challenge

We're thrilled to share that Tony Ross-McNair recently raised \$1,136 for Ten Lives through an extraordinary running effort!

On Friday, 21 March, Tony took part in the *Herdy's Frontyard Ultra* — a demanding long-distance running event where participants complete a 6.71k loop every hour, on the hour, until only one runner remains. It's a brutal test of stamina and mental toughness, and Tony embraced the challenge wholeheartedly.

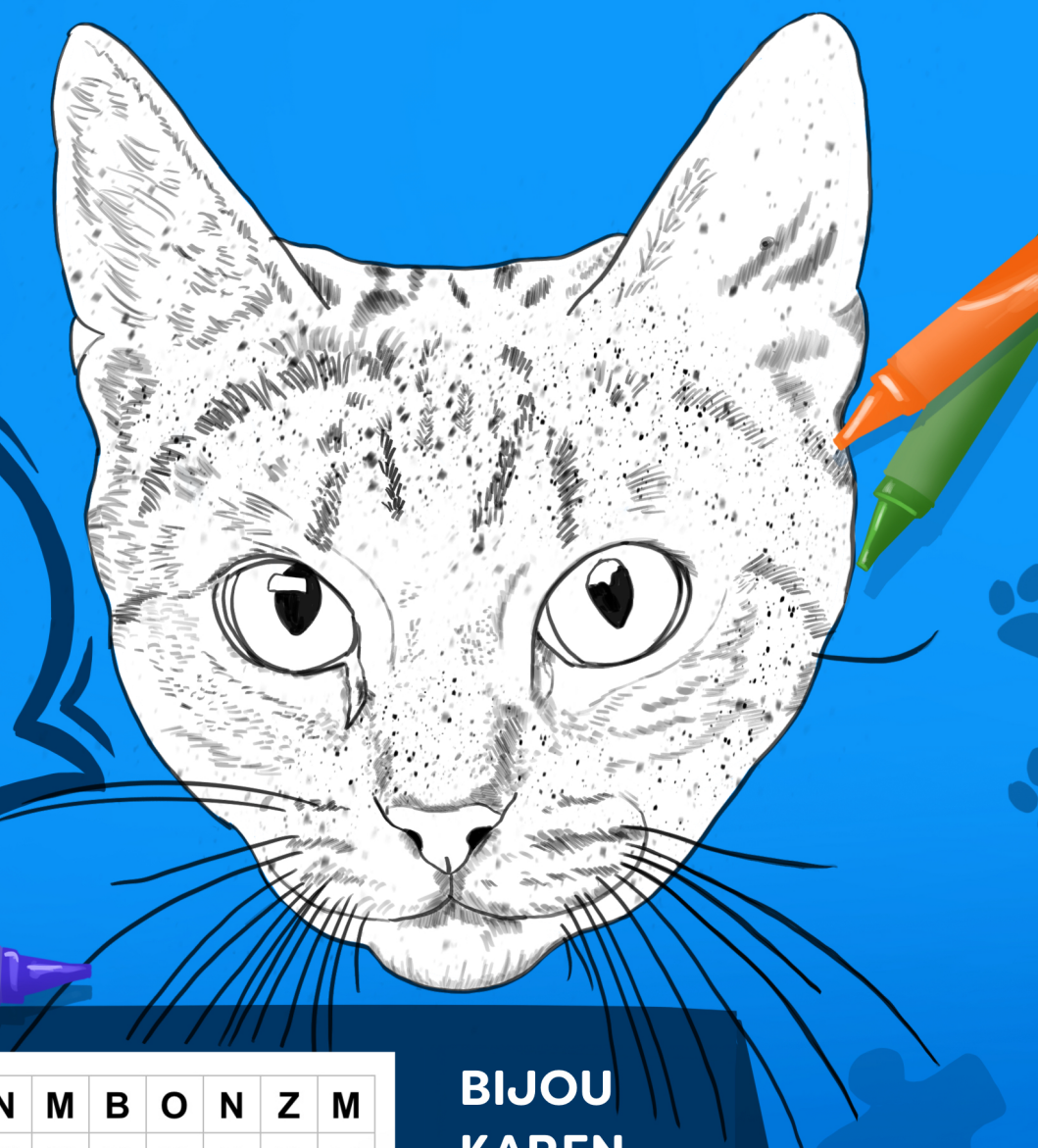
Tony first connected with Ten Lives last year and was deeply impressed by the incredible work the organisation does to care for stray and unwanted cats. He also witnessed just how busy the Centre is with the number of felines needing help.

Motivated by this experience, Tony dedicated his run to raising funds for Ten Lives. Thanks to the generous support of friends, family, and animal lovers in the community, he was able to exceed his original target — funds that will go directly towards the care and rehoming of cats and kittens.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Tony and everyone who donated. Your support is making a real and lasting difference in the lives of the animals Ten Lives cares for.

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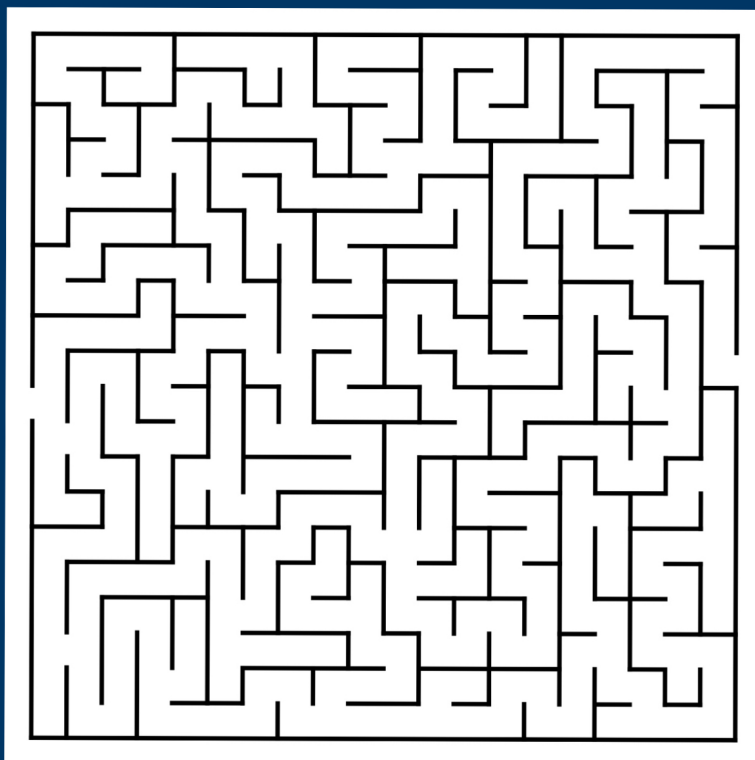
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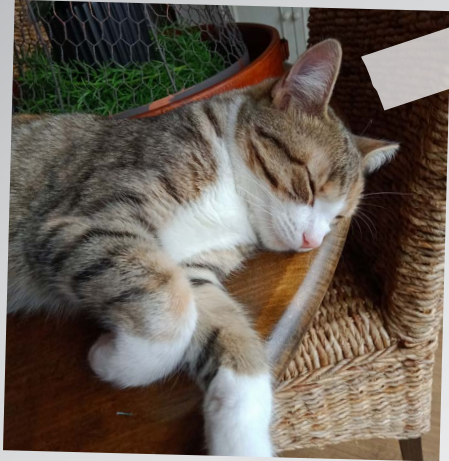


KITTEN CORNER



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Every cat has a story.



MAGGIE

"I was fostering for ten lives and Maggie came along and we fell head over heels in love with her. Maggie settled in like it was meant to be, with no problems at all. She was and still is such a playful girl. Maggie loves to be where her humans are. She keeps me company while I stitch whether it be awake playing with my threads or asleep beside me. She is always close by."

- Teena, Maggie's hoomin. Adopted September 2023

"I had been quietly looking online for about 6 months, but then checking the Ten Lives website every day for weeks to find the right fit for us! It was school holidays and our kids had no idea we were bringing a cat home. The kids declared their love immediately, and followed Nina around the house as she explored. We quickly realised that she likes having company while she eats, she loves playtime, and she is super gentle, friendly, and very well behaved."

- Sarah, Nina's hoomin. Adopted July 2024



NINA

Casper, Adopted
May 2021



GYPSY, MAISY
& DAISY

"I had lost 2 of my cats in a short space of time. I felt my 1 remaining cat Gypsy was lonely. I went to find her a friend and ended up adopting a mother and her 5 month old kitten. I thought they would be harder to get adopted so I chose them to bring home. I often find all 3 curled up in a bed together and grooming each other. My older cat has adopted them like her own babies."

- Deirdre, Gypsy, Maisy & Daisy's hoomin. Adopted Oct '22



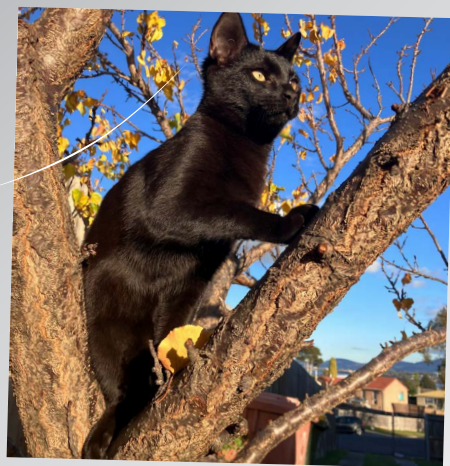
GOOSE

"We ended up at Ten Lives to 'just have a look' and ended up falling in love with a cuddly ginger girl. When we first brought her home Goose wouldn't eat and would hide all day. We were so worried. But after a few days she got used to us and before you know it she was sleeping in the bed with her head on the pillow and cuddling us everytime we sat down. Goose loves to sleep on her goose shaped bed on a lazy Sunday afternoon." - Julia & Hannah, Goose's hoomins. Adopted March 2023



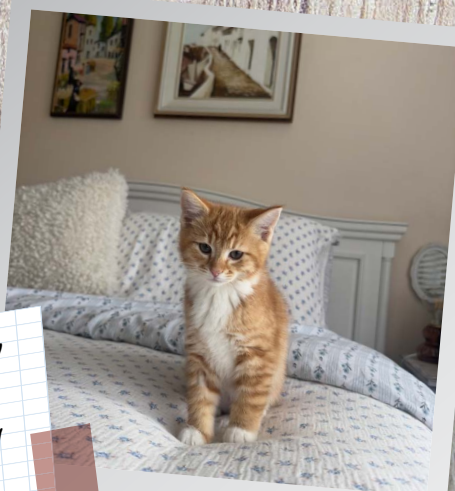
MICHAEL & HELEN

"I've been considering adding a new family member for about a year, to give my older cat a friend. My best friend and I have adopted a cat each from Ten Lives, so we have a tradition of having to accompany each other to any potential adoption visits, and she happened to be free on this day. I'd read Helen's description and she was the perfect kitten on paper (her Ten Lives name was Picnic"). Helen was the first kitten that ran up to us to say hello when we walked into the room, so she really picked me!"
- Jacki, Helen's hoomin. Adopted July 2024



MICAH

"I found him hidden at the back of the cat tower and I just instantly fell in love. He settled in to our family so well him and my toddler are like having two children running around and playing and of a night he sleeps on my bed."
- Terrisha, Micah's hoomin. Adopted February 2024



BIRDEE

"I came to the centre just to have a look as I had been thinking about adopting a new addition to our family and there I met Birdee and i instantly knew she had to become a part of our family. Birdee quickly settled in and became a part of our family. She is so cuddly and affectionate and has definitely become the centre of our family."
- Kirsty, Birdee's hoomin. Adopted June 2024

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:

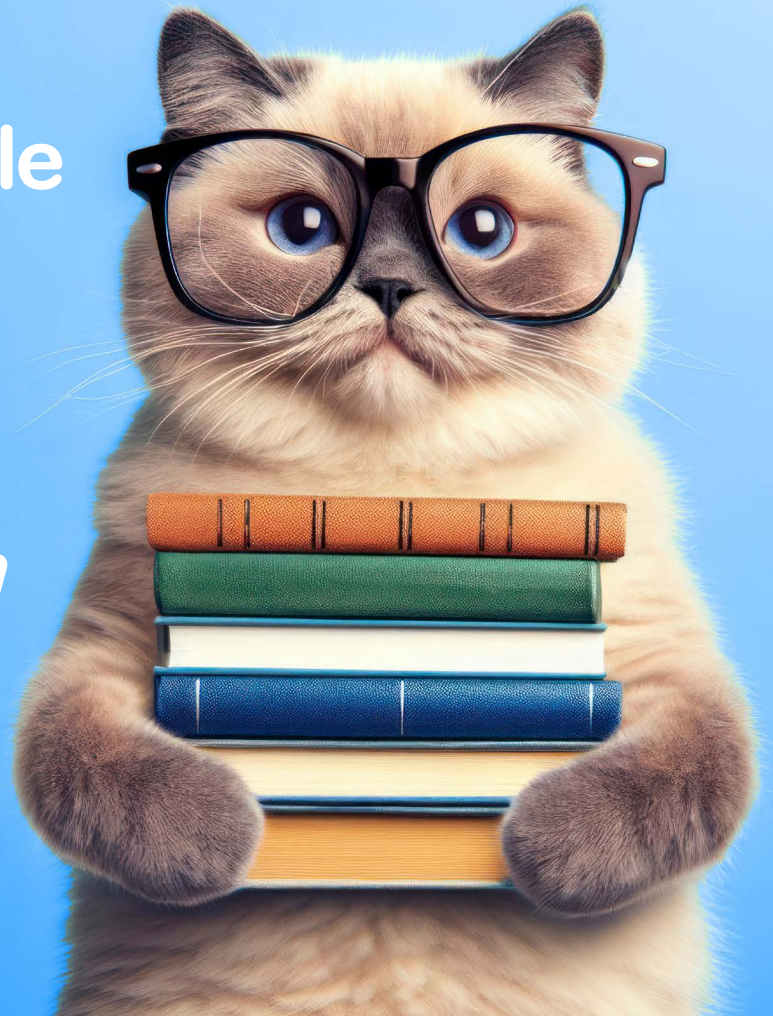
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