

Celebrating **75 YEARS OF CARING FOR AND REHOMING CATS IN VICTORIA**



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Christmas, 2022

NINE LIVES

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF VICTORIA MEMBER AND SUPPORTER PUBLICATION





Welcome

Welcome to our Christmas edition of Nine Lives

A publication produced for our wonderful Members, Jarrah's Circle and other Supporters, and Furever Home family members, all of whom play an essential role in helping our Society care for and rehome cats in need.

The beginning of 2022 saw us emerge from the shadows of lockdowns and Covid restrictions, blinking into the daylight of a new normal. With our wonderful facilities at our new (2021) Shelter allowing us to take in and re-home twice as many cats and kittens as we could previously, we have been busy.

At Easter, we ran a fundraising drive to buy an ultrasound machine. Some extremely generous donors helped us meet our targets for the machine plus the costs of training staff to use it to its potential, which has made diagnosing health issues in cats and kittens substantially quicker and easier.

An end-of-financial-year appeal also raised significant funds to help special-needs cats such as the overly sensitive Ginger, with his skin conditions and allergies, who need extra care and may be more difficult to find the perfect home for. Thank you to all of you who supported our initiatives to help ensure every cat and kitten who finds themselves in our care is provided with the very best opportunity for health, love and happiness.

In June we had a booth at the Cat Lovers' Show, where staff members pitched in to promote all things The Cat Protection Society, to sell merchandise, cat-faced cupcakes and cake-pops, and to chat with cat lovers.

It also marked the launch of our Furry Tales book, which is a beautifully illustrated double-sided book containing the two cat stories by the winning entrants in our 2021 Furry Tales story-writing competition. It has been so successful that we are running the competition again making another book for next year.

At the Cat Lovers' Show, many people stopped by to share their stories of adopting cats and kittens from the Society over the years. The history of the Cat Protection Society of Victoria is fascinating, and in this issue of Nine Lives we share some stories from key people in the Society's past as they reminisce about the

many incarnations the Shelter has been through since its establishment in 1947.

Which brings us to the celebration of the year, our 75th birthday! On October 15th, the Shelter held a big birthday bash for the local community, with rides and face-painting for the kids, stalls, food vans, competitions, entertainment and Shelter tours.

Our final fundraising appeal for 2022 is our Kitten Season Christmas Appeal. (Information on ways to donate is only a few pages on)

Thank you for your care and commitment to improving the lives of cats and kittens. We simply couldn't do it without you.

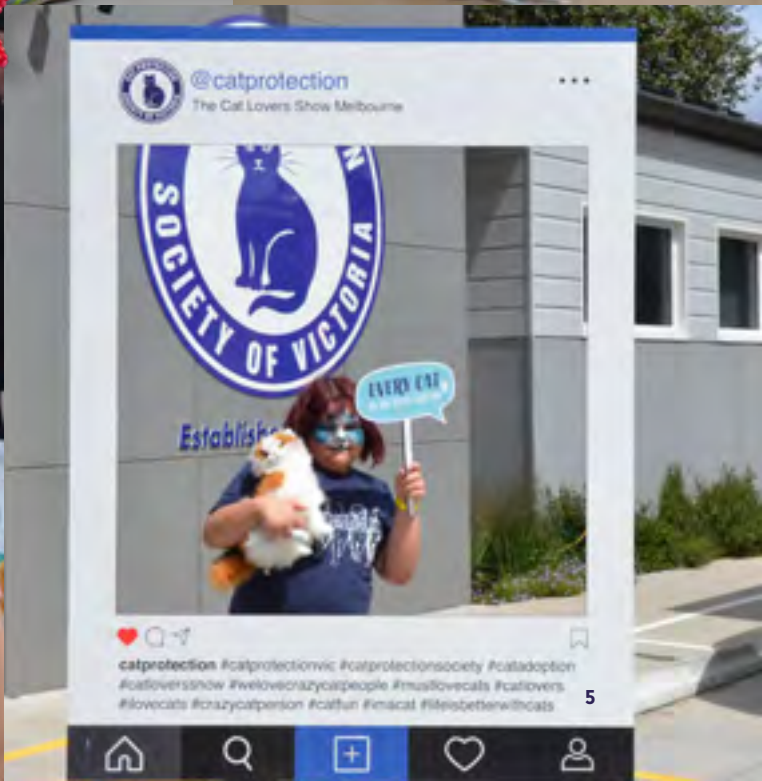
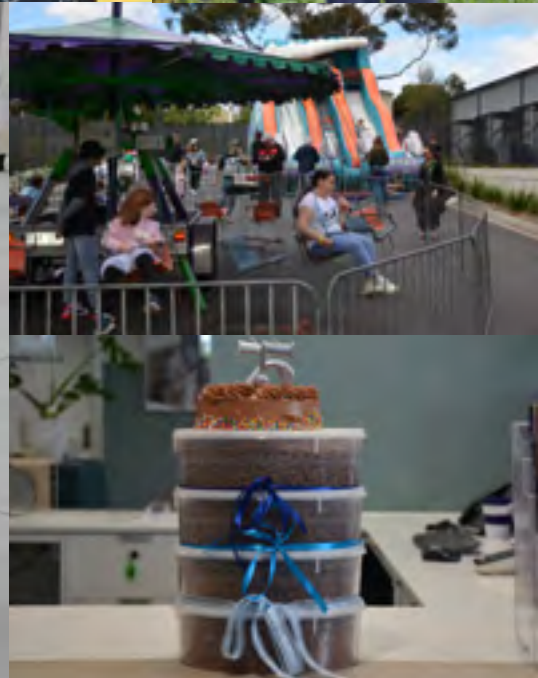
From the entire team at The Cat Protection Society of Victoria.

*Thank you and
Merry Christmas.*

CELEBRATING 75 years

Our birthday party on
15th October 2022





An update from our CEO

We are fast approaching the end of another rewarding year for the Society. The effects of Covid have lingered, with some staff illness early on, but all in all, it's been a much better year for all of us involved in running the Shelter and the Cat-Exclusive Vet Clinic. The capacity to care for larger numbers of cats and kittens in our new premises means we will be able to rehome more cats and kittens in the future.

When we realised that 2022 marked 75 years since the Cat Protection Society of Victoria was first established in an old house on the same site here at 200 Elder Street, we knew it would be a year of looking back as well as looking forward.

In May we welcomed some key people to join us as we commemorated their years of support as volunteers and board members, by naming our four operating theatres after them; Arlis Kempf, Susan (Sue) Jane, Rivka Waxman, and Sue and David Pacey. These five people have provided backbone and continuing support over decades.

Marketing and Fundraising efforts have been growing steadily over the past several years, and it's hard to remember a time before e-news, on-line fundraising campaigns, Instagram posts and Facebook communications. Nine Lives began as a hand-illustrated, type-written and Gestetner-copied publication, and is now a glossy coffee-table magazine full of gorgeous full-colour cat photographs.

Without the wider public learning about our facilities and policies through marketing and outreach into the community, we would be unable to continue to attract new donors, and it is through donations that we are able to pay staff and cover the costs of rehabilitating and rehoming cats. While they are not often to be found cleaning out cat cages, our administration, marketing, fostering, fundraising and outreach staff are integral to the success of our work here at the Shelter.

This year we have increased our focus on volunteers, community outreach and fostering, with passionate and experienced new staff joining us to lead these areas of the business. Volunteers are registered, trained and supported to help us in so many practical ways from stuffing envelopes for mailing out our fundraising

appeals, to cuddling cats and playing with them for enrichment and socialisation purposes. We value their input highly.

Our visits to kindergartens, schools and aged care homes all help spread the word about cat care, de-sexing, micro-chipping and vaccination. And foster carers take care of neo-nates (newborns) and cats with health issues, while our vets and their teams prepare them for eventual adoption.

In the middle of the Shelter building we have a courtyard surrounded by cat runs, which has recently been made more use-able by one of our volunteers, a gardener, who has spruced up the space with cat-safe plants and decorations so we can make better use of it. A shade cloth has been installed, and we plan to have small functions there in future.

A big function recently was our 75th birthday celebration on 15th October. It was a resounding success, with more than 3,000 cat-lovers and neighbours through the grounds, where we had market stalls, food trucks, side-show rides, face-painting, entertainment, tours of the Shelter, and even Nova FM radio in attendance. It was wonderful to talk with people about their beloved cats and their memories of the older incarnations of the Shelter.

Going forward, the return to Covid-normal has provided a solid basis from which we will use the coming year to continue steady growth and awareness of all we can offer to cats, kittens, and the people who love them. Our private (open to the public at very reasonable rates) cat-exclusive vet clinic will be open more often, you will continue to hear stories about our successes with cats and kittens being rescued and going to forever homes, and we will continue to deeply appreciate your generous donations, which allow us to care for and re-home so many cats and kittens. Thank you for all your support across 2022.



Ian Crook | CEO
The Cat Protection Society of Victoria





Xmas Fundraising Appeal

KITTEN SEASON

Help us this Christmas with Kitten season! Because every cat should be in a loving home this Christmas

During Kitten Season our costs rise due to so many mamas and babies requiring intensive Foster Care, health treatment, de-sexing, vaccinations and micro-chipping. Your donation will make a real difference to the lives of cats and especially kittens.

Donate to our Kitten Season Appeal at

WWW.CATPROTECTION.COM.AU/KITTENSEASON









Our Team



Chloe

This year we have welcomed Georgie and Chloe to our Team. To contrast with the stories from a couple of former Shelter stars, we have interviewed our newbies.

CHLOE - FOSTER CARE COORDINATOR

What was your journey to working here at the Cat Protection Society of Victoria as Foster Care Co-ordinator?

Ten years ago I started as a foster carer for CPSV. At the time I was working in wildlife, but had always wanted to help domestic animals in any way I could too. I studied a Certificate 4 in animal behaviour, at the same time volunteering with the RSPCA.

My studies were important but I also learnt a lot on the job as I progressed to Animal Assistant and then Vet Assistant with the RSPCA. I was responsible for doing health checks and administering vaccinations, and there was a lot of handling and restraining work where I would hold the sometimes frightened and resistant animals while the vets would check or treat them.

I became the foster care co-ordinator at the RSPCA, and loved it, but then the Epping centre was closed and at about the same time a similar role came up at The Cat Protection Society, which I was fortunate enough to get. It's only been a few months, but I am loving working with all the beautiful cats that come to us for help.

I am always recruiting suitable people to become foster carers, which are needed for young kittens, cats with high and on-going medical needs, and elderly cats who need some love as they are waiting to be adopted. It is a rewarding experience as I can attest, as over the past 10 years I have personally fostered over 600 cats!

What pets do you have?

My dog is Sadie the golden retriever, nearly 7, who I adopted from the RSPCA when I was working there. It was love at first sight, and I adopted her the minute she came into the shelter. She even spent her quarantine period at my house. Sadie loves all the foster cats and kittens that we host, she's very gentle.

Bodhi the cat was adopted from the RSPCA shelter about 12 months ago and is now one and a half. She's a beautiful grey colour. When she came to the shelter she was suffering from melting corneas due to severe flu, so her eyes needed to be removed. Even though she is blind, it doesn't seem to bother her, and she gets around just fine. She is not aware she has a disability.

If you could send one message about cats to everyone, what would it be?

That cats roam much further than we think. Many people insist their cat never ventures from their backyard, but studies show that most cats roam approximately half a suburb away from home. If you can keep your cat at home, native wildlife will be much safer, your cat is less likely to be injured in a fight, and less likely to impregnate or become pregnant if they are not de-sexed (but please, de-sex them),

What is your favourite cat fact?

I find it incredible that cats' sense of smell is 14 times better than humans'.

If you could go on your dream holiday, where would you go and with whom?

I would probably take a friend, and go to Uluru and other central Australian places important to Aboriginal people. I would love to be guided to see Australia through their eyes and to learn about our history. Covid has made me consider domestic travel rather than international.



GEORGIE - VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH MANAGER

Road to the Society

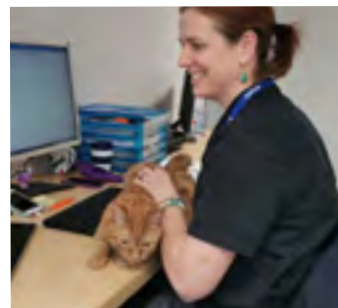
Georgie studied tourism and marketing at university, and through her early career in local government, came to realise she loved working with locals as part of small communities. The work really fitted with Georgie's values of inclusion, connection and kindness.

Likewise the work she did next with the state government's education department saw Georgie focused on outreach into communities and families plus liaison with educational facilities. This decade of her career involved Georgie travelling internationally, promoting Victoria as a place for families to send their children to study at government high schools, benefiting from the high quality of education here in Victoria, and boarding with local families.

Once Georgie started her family, international travel gave way to adult education, with a focus on improving the literacy and numeracy of people whose education may have been interrupted or incomplete for a range of reasons. Georgie worked with the education department through neighbourhood houses and other community groups to help improve both employment opportunities and social connection for adults, which again aligned strongly with her values.

Parallel to her official career, Georgie also volunteered at the RSPCA, and took in cats and kittens as a foster carer for none other than The Cat Protection Society of Victoria, because animal welfare and working directly with animals has always been her dream job.

After 18 years in local and state government, and after a Covid-inspired re-evaluation of her life's direction, the dream job suddenly appeared in front of her. A role with our Shelter, where Georgie could put her project and stakeholder management, and community outreach experience to use managing volunteers and organising community outreach, spreading the word about responsible cat ownership, de-sexing, cat care and much more. We are thrilled to have welcomed Georgie to our team this year.



Georgie

Georgie's pets

A lover of both cats and dogs, Georgie currently includes a 'foster fail' (a foster cat the family couldn't bear to give up!) Bear the fluffy black cat, and Sandy the kelpie/chocolate labrador in her household. Bear is so named because as a youngster he would stand on his back legs to peer all around, and with his shaggy head he really did look like a grizzly bear.

Important Messages

Georgie considers the most important advice she can give people thinking of getting a cat, is to consider adopting a shelter cat. They really deserve a second chance at happiness and can bring so much love into the lives of their humans.

In addition, make sure you understand what is required to be a responsible pet owner, including the expense of regular check-ups, vaccinations, food and comfort, and if a certain cats' personality and needs will fit in with the rest of your household.

Cat Facts

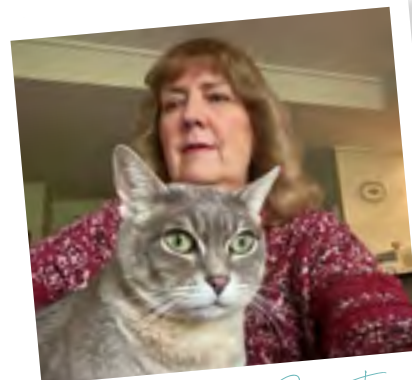
Georgie's two sons have recently been reading a book called What Cats Want by Dr Yuki Hattori, and have told her some interesting facts. 1. If a cat head-butts you - as her cat Bear does - it means he is telling you that you are his and he is yours! 2. Cats will only ever expose their tummies to you if you have their total trust. Just like dogs, only moreso!

Dream holiday

Georgie would take her husband and two sons to northern Thailand to the Chiang Mai Elephant Sanctuary, where they would assist by feeding and washing the elephants, all of whom have been rescued from tourist attractions



History



Sue Jane

Sue Jane's Reminiscences of The Cat Protection Society 1989 to 2022

Susan (aka Sue) Jane has been a supporter of the Society for over 30 years. During that time she has been a volunteer and a member of the board. Sue has many stories to share about the Society, and here are just a few.

"As you can imagine, some memories are lost or unintentionally altered over 30 years, but here are my personal recollections to the best of my ability."

The CPS of 1989

When I arrived at CPS for the first time I was given a tour of the property, which comprised two main buildings, some smaller buildings, sheds and pens. The main building was used as the shelter office, reception area, kitten sales and a kitchen as well as two rooms for holding young kittens until they were ready to be available for adoption.

The second building was the vet clinic made up of several rooms for veterinary care and holding areas, along with a kitchen and room at the back which Dr Webb would use as her office and which doubled as a meeting room. I believe I was told in 1989 that the vet clinic was "state of the art".

At one time CPS ran an ambulance service, however, the ambulance became old and run down, and due to lack of money at the time, the service was discontinued. Later, when more money was available, there had been some talk of buying a bus or van to travel the suburbs and offer low cost de-sexing, however, this never eventuated.

Prior to my commencement with CPS, there had apparently been a time where there had been visits to schools to talk about cats and their welfare. There was also a video produced, "Cat Rap" and "Cat Rap" T-shirts.

Volunteer work

Adoptions. As you can imagine, there is usually a lot of excitement and positivity during this process and each

adoption would take around 20 minutes to complete. This would often include the new owner also buying several items to take home – toys, scratching posts, collars, etc.

The difficult part of the role was the surrenders. I was always saddened by this and that some people would relinquish a family cat of some years without a backward glance. They gave many reasons - there was a baby coming, they were moving, someone was allergic to the cat, etc. You didn't always know what the true reason was, but you did see the best and worst of human nature. Occasionally there would be no emotion attached to the surrender, something I could never understand. There were a few times over the years I would remove myself from the situation as I feared I would say something I could regret later.

Alternately, there could be a lot of sadness and tears. It made me appreciate just what the staff go through on a daily basis and I have much admiration for them and understand why some became "burnt out".

Open Days

I was involved in my first Open Day in 1990. Two words that come to mind to describe Open Day are 'busy' and 'hot!' Open Days were held on the first Sunday in February, due to it being kitten season and it helped to reduce kitten numbers at the shelter. Dr Webb de-sexed as many kittens as possible in the lead up.

The day before Open Day, a meeting would be held with members, the auxiliary, board members and staff. Everyone would be allotted their tasks and the rest of the day would be spent in setting up stalls, etc. Maree Parry was very particular about the trestle tables. Each table would have a freshly washed and ironed white sheet placed on it and hospital corners were encouraged! There were many stalls – jewellery, pot plants, books, fruit and vegetables, cakes and biscuits made by the members, etc. Devonshire teas were on offer too.

In the first few years I was given the job of greeting people as they arrived at Open Day and giving them a membership form. A few years later I was in charge of looking after the man who brought his caged black leopard to one Open Day! The story was that he had bought the leopard on the closing of the Bacchus Marsh Lion Safari Park and would walk it at his property on a long, long lead every day. We had several patrons in the early days, including Dame Phyllis Frost, Jeanne Pratt and Sir Eric Pearce. Sir Eric attended that particular Open Day and was brave enough to get into the cage with the leopard. There was also a photo taken of Dr Webb with the leopard, but I'm unsure whether it is still somewhere at CPS.

Mr Brian Parry held an executive position with the Melbourne Fire Brigade and one year it was decided to hold our Open Day at the MFB. The feeling was that it was a central location and we could therefore attract more people. I am unsure whether this resulted in higher sales, however, we only held the Open Day there that one time.

At the end of each Open/Adoption Day, and after everything had been packed and put away, Dr Webb would announce to the staff and helpers the number of cats and kittens sold and the amount raised. There was a real feeling of camaraderie and a job well done by one and all. It also meant that there were many empty cages ready to take the next influx of kittens.

Black Saturday 2009

Black Saturday was a very sad day for Victoria and also for CPS, as the then President, Mr Marcel Smits, was killed in the fires at his home. Our yearly Open Day was to take place the next day and, because the day before was expected to be a very hot day, we had been told not to bother to help set up. The staff would take care of arrangements.

During the Saturday evening I received a call advising me of what had happened to Mr Smits and naturally, we were all shocked and distressed and very concerned for Dr Webb and her family, as Dr Webb was married to Mr Smits.

As we could not call off the Open Day on such short notice, the day went ahead, although, naturally, without Dr Webb or her family.

The next day Ms Del McCormack and I went back to CPS to see what we could do to help. To my surprise, Dr Webb was back and Del and I helped where possible.

Mr Smits was a dedicated Board member and President and is remembered fondly.

Cats of Note

One cat that springs to mind was a neighbour's cat called Whisky. Whisky would often leap over the fence and walk up and down in front of the adult pens as if to say, "Look at me. I have free reign here". Whisky's special talent was to slip into reception unnoticed and sneak behind the bags of dry food which were displayed on shelves. He would then break his way into a bag and eat what he could. Some time later, when the bag was discovered, his owners would be contacted and they were very good at collecting and paying for the bag of food without question.

As for myself, my last two cats have been CPS alumni. My current cat, Oscar, is a pedigree, an Australian Mist. For his first five years or so Oscar had been owned by a breeder, although I don't believe he was a stud cat. Oscar was then surrendered to CPS whereupon he was adopted by a young family. This family kept him for 3 years and then also surrendered him to CPS! Oscar has finally found his "forever home".

Over the years there have been breeders who, for whatever reason, decided to surrender many or all of their cats, which were then "drip fed" into kitten sales. These breeds included Siamese and even Cornish Rex.

Final Thoughts

I would like to acknowledge the Vet teams who worked tirelessly at CPS and in the area of cat welfare. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of the CEO and staff in what can be a very stressful and emotional working environment.

Lastly, I acknowledge all those Board members who have volunteered their time over many years. They have helped the Society to grow and look forward to a long and bright future.

I hope to keep my affiliation with the Society in some form or other and am really looking forward to seeing it go from strength to strength."

Susan Jane





From the archives

Regan Gallagher, former Animal Attendant, recalls the period 2010 to 2018

"I've had cats for as long as I can remember. I grew up with a ginger tabby called Garfield (guess which comic & animated tv series was my favourite), and we were companions from when I was 8 or 9 right up to my mid-20s. Cats are easily my favourite animal; some say that's a boring answer, but I think that's only because people think you should pick an exotic animal."

In 2010 I was studying the Cert II in Animal Studies at TAFE. When we were approaching the end of the course we were tasked with obtaining some work experience. I had heard people talk about the Cat Protection Society and immediately I thought that would be the perfect place for me. I made enquiries, started in a volunteer role and around 2-3 months later I was offered a job. I was an animal attendant from October 2010 to May 2018.

Over that time I worked in all sections of the facility, including the pound, the two kitten quarantine rooms, the outdoor adult sales area, the Willied cats, the 'back room' (where the intake of each day would be processed and allocated a section) and kitten sales located by reception, but eventually settled into the adult sales/Willied cats sections. I feel I was quite naturally suited for those sections because I was always one of the older attendant staff and felt I had a rapport with the older cats, especially the Willied cats in some ways as they were permanent residents (it always felt good to be able to let them out onto the adjoining grassy area on weather permitting days).

CPS back in those days felt akin to a very, very small community, even with the layout. It was essentially a group of small houses grouped together with lots of greenery and pound facilities attached, and with the small complement of staff we were a tight-knit group for a long time. From memory my main section, the adult cats, stretched to around 2/3rds the length of the property, housing multiple large outdoor pens for groups of adults. The best part of the day of course



was going in there for some enrichment time. Some of the cats were more outgoing with others, and some were hard work. But time & patience usually won out in the end.

Time passed, staff came & went and eventually focus was turned to building the new facility. Those were challenging times, working out of huts and dealing with cramped spaces, however I think we got into the rhythm of it relatively quickly and it felt like business as usual before too long. Most importantly the cats didn't have to suffer in cramped spaces as we had used the same pound pens and got new adoption area pens in a larger area. During this period a lot of my time was spent in the adult and kitten quarantine areas. It was hard work, especially in this transitional period, but at the end of the day we wouldn't have even applied for the volunteering roles or jobs if we didn't love the cats.

There are lots of gratifying moments that come to mind when I think back to those days to do with the cats eventually finding their forever homes. Personally, I was most gratified when an adult cat would be adopted, because they get less attention than the kittens. Everyone wants a kitten, which I understand, but I always felt personally invested in getting some attention the adults' way, some being with us for months and I'd never feel sad when they found homes because that's what we were there for, it made me pleased they'd found a proper home."

Regan Gallagher





Christmas

Cat Quiz

1. A cat has been to outer space. True or False?
2. All cats are born with what colour eyes?
3. What is it called when a cat kneads the ground/a blanket/a lap?
4. If a male cat is black and orange he is also probably what?
5. What is the name of the famous lasagna eating cartoon cat?
6. What did ancient Egyptians do when their cats died?
7. How many toes does a cat have?
8. Is it a good idea to feed your cat cow's milk?
9. Do lions and tigers meow?
10. Why do cats get stuck in trees?



ANSWERS 1. True. A French feline named Felicette went to space on October 18 1963 for 15 minutes where she was weightless for a short amount of time. Felicette is the first and only cat to go to space, earning her the nickname "Astrocat". 2. Blue, but their adult eye colour begins to show after 3-12 weeks. If a white cat's eyes remain blue, the likelihood of it being deaf is high. White cats with only one blue eye will likely be deaf in the ear closest to their blue eye. 3. Snuggling. Kittens learn to do this as it helps their mother produce milk. 4. Sterile. 5. Garfield, created by Jim Davis. 6. They shaved off their eyebrows, according to the Ancient History Encyclopedia. 7. 18 (five on each front and four on each back paw) Cats with more than 18 toes are called polydactyl. 8. Probably not, as many cats are lactose intolerant. 9. No, only domestic cats meow, and only at people. They do not communicate with each other through meowing, and have only evolved the ability in order to communicate with people. 10. Because all a cat's claws point the same way so it can't get a grip to climb down unless it goes down backwards.





A Christmas Poem



This poem was discovered recently, in an old photo album from the Society's archive. The album is fragile now; the type of album with sticky pages under plastic sheets. To try to remove any photos or clippings now would damage them, so we are not sure if there is any information written on the back to provide context. However, the poem is on a page next to a copy of a "Cat Protection Society Quarterly Newsletter - Christmas edition 1979" which has a hand-drawn illustration of cats on the cover and is marked "Registered for posting as a periodical - Category B."

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS by W. Girt

Christmas is coming, lists are all made
For presents and goodies and toys.
No-one's forgotten, not even the pets,
They all share in the seasonal joys.

But what of the cats on nobody's list,
The strays no-one bothers about?
Always outside, peering wistfully in,
Not ever inside, looking out.

That sad little bundle of scrag-end and fur
Beating the birds to the bread,
He'd give a lot to be in by the fire,
Imagine him warm and well-fed.

Safe in the love of a family
No longer a stray, but a pet.
His purr could be your Christmas carol
And make it your happiest yet.

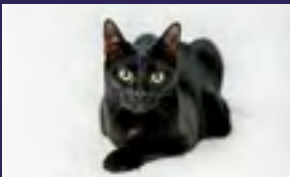


introducing our **FAMOUS FELINES** **for 2023**

We are thrilled to once again introduce you to the marvellous moggies who were recently crowned a Famous Feline of The Cat Protection Society of Victoria after taking part in our Famous Felines Calendar Competition! This year's competition had over 132 entrants with an incredible 1220 votes cast.

Our Famous Felines have already gotten their inner-glam on and have participated in a VIP Photoshoot. These photos will feature in our 'Famous Felines of The Cat Protection Society' 2023 Calendar which will be available for sale from late November, with all sales proceeds helping to support our vital work in caring for and rehoming cats in need.

GET TO KNOW OUR 2023 FAMOUS FELINES MORE BELOW



PEANUT 6 MONTHS OLD | ADOPTED 2022

Peanut is a great advocate for animals with disability. We almost didn't consider adopting Peanut when we found out she had 3 legs, because we were concerned that we couldn't provide the care that she may need. I'm sure many pets are overlooked for similar reasons. Peanut has proven to be incredibly capable, full of love and a wonderful family member. Her gorgeous golden-green eyes are constantly absorbing the world around her and her cheeky shenanigans make her a constant source of entertainment. Peanut may encourage others to consider adopting pets with a disability, knowing that they too have worlds of love and companionship to share.



ALFIE 1 YEAR OLD | ADOPTED 2021

Adopting Alfie from the Cat Protection Society was the best thing that happened to us last year. He provided entertainment and support over the Covid lockdowns and quickly become an important member of our family. Alfie is a great companion and friends with the whole family including our golden retriever, Charlie. Alfie is lovable, fun and very handsome.



REGINA GEORGE 1 YEAR OLD | ADOPTED 2021

And evil takes a feline form in Regina George. Don't be fooled because she may seem like your typical selfish, foot-clawing kitten faced furball, but, she's so much more than that. She's the queen bee, the star of the house. I'm just her little worker.



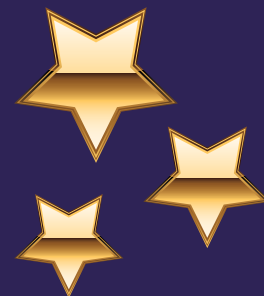
LUNA 2 YEARS OLD | ADOPTED 2021

Luna has the gentlest soul and lures you in with her big green eyes asking for 24/7 belly rubs.



DUMPLING 2 YEARS OLD | ADOPTED 2020

Curious, cheeky, and adorable. Dumpling is a talkative and playful kitty who loves giving nose kisses!



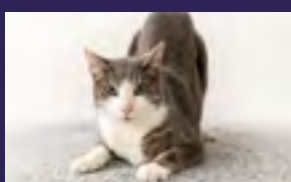
MÅNS 7 YEARS OLD | ADOPTED 2018

Måns, named after the winner of the 2015 Eurovision Song Contest, is equally as charming, confident and handsome as his namesake. Måns' favourite things are exploring new areas, stretching himself to the max on a sunny day, and of course - dinner time.



TOBY 3 YEARS OLD | ADOPTED 2020

He's from humble beginnings. After being discovered in Mildura as a scrawny stray in December 2020, CPSV was the only shelter that had space to rescue him. I am so grateful that I could be his human and help him get fluffier and healthier. Toby is a chilled, friendly soul who greets me (and Uber drivers) at the door, charms my guests and loves giving head bumps. He is a true friend and explorer. Even my boyfriend, who wasn't into cats, has fallen in love.



SLEEVES 7 YEARS OLD | ADOPTED 2019

Sleeves is 7 years old and is still a big kitten at heart. A constant ball of energy who always wants to play and have fun. The centre of attention, happy and loving but with a cheeky playfulness that can't be dampened. He is the most affectionate cat, who loves to be as close as possible when we work, sleep, cook or just sit on the couch. Makes any guest welcome and we can't picture life without his larger-than-life personality.



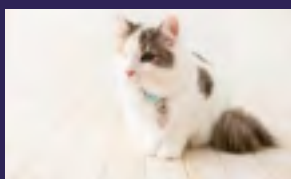
PRINCE TOMMY 3 YEARS OLD | ADOPTED 2020

Our Prince is as fast as a Cheetah and as gentle as a teddy bear. He is a beautiful nurse to the kids when they are upset, enjoys lying like a baby on his back on mum's lap in the evening. He is the watcher, well known for sitting up on the letterbox, watching and waiting for the kids to go or return from school. He is very gentle with his little princess sister Millie. Tommy was our saviour in lockdown with home schooling. He has become an important member of our family sharing his love between all 3 kids evenly. We absolutely adore him and how he loves to be part of the fun getting involved from playing soccer to letting the kids put him in fancy dress. A talkative fella. My husband says Tommy gets more love than he does as you can never be upset with his gentle nature.



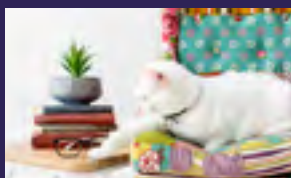
MOLLY 13 YEARS OLD | ADOPTED 2017

When we first adopted Molly she swiped at us but over time she's become our most affectionate cat. She loves to climb up on me and go for rides on my back. She zooms around sometimes then goes for a slide on the wooden floors. She is "top cat" which includes the dog, however she's wary of the chooks! Molly is our most empathetic cat as once my daughter was unwell and she sat on her chest and offered comfort. She is often unpredictable and will go from swiping to purring so we've learned to respect her sudden mood changes!



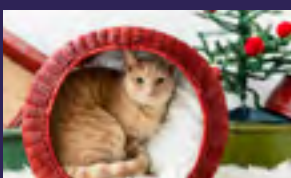
PIPKIN 1 YEAR OLD | ADOPTED 2021

Pipkin (Karina) tugged at our heart strings with her one eye from the moment we first saw her at The Cat Protection Society. She has managed to overcome her challenging start to life to being fully settled into her forever home. She loves shadows and the way light reflects off shiny items, often throwing herself into the air with little regard for her safety to catch it. She always get the night zoomies which is funny annoying at the same time. She has blossomed into a snuggle bug sharing her warmth and love.



MAGGIE 11 MONTHS OLD | ADOPTED 2022

Maggie loves to hitch a ride on the walker as we go down the hall each morning. She loves chasing the laser but if the staffie dog is in the way she jumps over her head. Oh yeah Maggie is deaf and she is learning sign language. So far she has learnt "come" and "dinner". But like all toddlers she doesn't look at you to see 'bad girl'. She loves sitting in the patio or on the cat trees to watch the birds. Her favourite sleeping place is on the towels in the cupboard!



TOBY 1 YEAR OLD | ADOPTED 2021

After a rocky start to life and being cared for in foster by the CPSV team, he has grown (and grown!) to be one of the most wonderful cats I have ever had the privilege of loving. His favourite foods are mash potato, Greek yoghurt and gravy from roast dinner. Even through all his countless vet visits from a tiny kitten Toby is still the most sweet, loving and wild cat to us and all our family. We love him so much and know you will too!



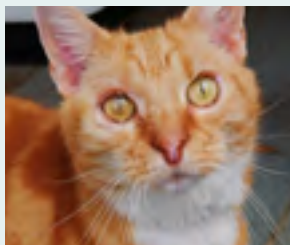
For Adoption

If you are thinking of welcoming a furry family member into your home this festive season, look no further than our Cat Protection Society Adoption Shelter. We have plenty of Kittens, Teenage Cats, Adult Cats and Senior Cats longing for a family and home to call their very own this Christmas.

You can get to know some of these Cats below or alternatively, pop into our Adoption Shelter to meet all the Cats available and let our expert Adoption team guide you through who would be best suited to your home and family dynamic.

The Cats featured were available for Adoption at the time of printing, however, to confirm if they are still available prior to visiting, please contact our Adoption team on 8457.6500.

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GINGER 9 YEAR OLD | MALE

M/C No: 956000002986037

Ginger is a delightful gentleman; he loves his humans and loves to smooch. He is not keen on being picked up but he loves to be with you. Ginger came into our care in a very poor and painful state that we soon discovered was caused by severe allergies that had caused him to scratch himself raw and be in terrible discomfort. After running several tests over many weeks, our Vets discovered that Ginger was allergic to, well, pretty much everything. Grass. Sunlight. Almost all food, except for a very bland, scientifically formulated allergenic dry food. While thankfully Ginger has made an amazing recovery, managing his allergies will be a lifelong commitment. He cannot go outside or be allowed to bathe in a patch of sunlight, like other cats. He will need regular check-ups at the vet to monitor any infections or flare ups, and on going medication. If you believe you have the perfect home environment for Ginger's unique requirements please complete an adoption application form. Our staff will contact potential suitable applicants to coordinate a meet and greet with Ginger at our Shelter. One of our Vet's will also discuss his diet and ongoing needs to ensure this trooper gets the best possible forever home.



MOE 14 YEAR OLD | MALE

M/C No: 956000001923952

Moe is a very sweet senior ready for his retirement home. He is an easy-going gentleman whose only desires in life are a warm bed, full food bowl and a lap to curl up in. Moe's perfect home is a quiet one where there's no hustle and bustle of people coming and going. Moe is FIV+ so will need to be indoors only for his safety and the safety of other cats in the area.



FIGARO 7 MONTHS OLD | MALE

M/C No: 956000015775633

Figaro came to us from a hoarding situation where he received little human contact and even less human love. So he was placed with an experienced foster carer to work with him away from the hustle and bustle of the busy shelter.

From his foster home – Figaro started out a scared boy with little trust of people. Since Figaro has been in foster care he's slowly started to come out of his shell. Currently he is still wary of people but is getting curious and is willing to come out for a treat or to have a little play. Figaro's perfect home would be with humans that have patience and can work at his pace to allow him to open and gain his confidence. A home without children or dogs.



AAPLEE 2 YEAR OLD | MALE

M/C No: 900141000177512

Aaplee is a handsome and rugged looking country boy patiently waiting for his forever home. Aaplee is not about to try and sell himself as it's just not his nature to push his way to the front of the queue. He may look tough on the exterior; when in fact he is a shy and timid guy who simply wants his own human and home to feel safe and loved in. Aaplee's perfect home is patient, quiet and peaceful, a home without children or other pets.



JANA 4 YEAR OLD | FEMALE

M/C No: 95600001329866

Jana is a beautiful lady who wants nothing more than a loving home she can call her own. She is quite shy and timid, but in the perfect home with time and patience her gorgeous personality will shine through. Jana's perfect home is quiet and calm without children or other animals, a home with just Jana and her human.



DAKOTA 10 YEAR OLD | FEMALE

M/C No: 956000013338641

Dakota is a stunning senior who loves a pat and some attention. She is affectionate, playful, friendly and loves a lap to curl up on for snooze time. She likes her personal space and is not one that wishes to be smothered with love, nor being picked up as she likes her feet firmly planted on the ground. Dakota's perfect retirement home is quiet, easy going and indoors, a home without children or other four-legged family members. Dakota will require regular brushing as she does like to look her best for visitors.

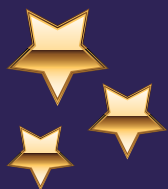


SUMMER AND DARLING 7 YEAR OLD | FEMALE BONDED PAIR

M/C No: 953010000244096 & 953010000248765

Summer & Darling are a stunning young senior pair of sisters who adore and rely on each other and must be adopted together. They are going to take a while to settle and feel comfortable and safe in their new home. Once they get to know you they let their guard down and show their lovely personalities. Summer & Darling's perfect home is indoor only, very cat savvy, quiet and patient without children or any other pets.





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of The Cat Protection Society

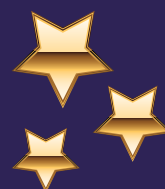
Get your hands on the cutest calendar and learn about how cats who spent time at The Cat Protection Society Adoption Shelter are living their “Happily Furever After” with a copy of The Famous Felines of The Cat Protection Society 2023 Calendar.

13-month calendar featuring the marvellous moggies who were crowned Famous Felines of The Cat Protection Society for 2023



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How can you

SUPPORT THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY THIS CHRISTMAS?



DONATE

Support our Kitten Season Appeal and give a kitten a loving home for Christmas by donating through our website www.catprotection.com.au/kittenseason, by calling us on 03 8457 6500 or by filling out the donation form in this magazine and posting it to us.



JOIN FUREVER HOME

Visit our website to become a monthly FUREVER HOME donor, supporting our day-to-day work with cats and kittens in need on an on-going basis. You can donate \$25/month, \$50/month or any amount you wish.



BUY A GIFT CERTIFICATE

Give your friends and family a gift certificate to spend in our shop or online on cat food, kitty litter, bedding, toys etc this Christmas.



VISIT OUR VET

Great prices and caring, cat-centred and cat-exclusive veterinary services are available to everyone. Check our website for opening hours, and give your feline friend the health support they deserve.

Kitten Season

THE STORY OF CHERRY PIE AND HER KITTENS

When the local council ranger arrived at The Cat Protection Society several weeks ago with a ratty old box inside his trap, our veterinary staff could barely tell what the cat inside looked like, she was so wild.

Little did we expect that when the vets went to de-sex her the next day that she was in the family way. And before we knew it, Cherry, just a baby herself at around 12 months old, had given birth to five kittens! Maybe we shouldn't have been too surprised. After all, it is the beginning of kitten season.

Kittens can fall pregnant themselves from as early as 4 months old. A single pair of undesexed cats, over a 2 year period, can result in up to 20,000 kittens!

You can help prevent that with your generous donation this Christmas!

Kittens born to mother cats living in factories or on the streets have frequent health issues. Fleas are a given, but they often have gastrointestinal issues too. Salmonella is a common result of eating whatever they can find, such as rubbish from bins. So when the lucky ones reach us, they inevitably need medical care.

Our goal is to have every kitten find their loving forever home this Kitten Season.

We could not do the intensive work required: vet-checks, desexing, micro-chipping and supplying foster carers with food, medication, litter, enrichment and everything a tiny kitten needs, without the support of cat-lovers like you.

Can you help cats and kittens like Cherry Pie and her baby pies this Kitten Season?

Once Cherry's five kittens were old enough, micro-chipped and desexed, they were very quickly adopted.

Within 24 hours in fact!

Before they left us, staff here at the Shelter wasted no time in giving them appropriate names (one of their favourite pastimes!) Going with the Pie theme, Cherry's babies were dubbed Key Lime, Lemon Meringue, Coconut, Blueberry and Pecan. Sweet!



By donating to our 2022 Kitten Season Appeal, you can give cats and kittens the ultimate Christmas gift; a happy home.

GO TO WWW.CATPROTECTION.COM.AU/KITTENSEASON CALL 03 8457 6500 OR USE THE DONATION FORM PROVIDED.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.



YOU CAN MAKE A KITTEN'S CHRISTMAS WISHES COME TRUE THIS KITTEN SEASON.

Our Kitten Season Appeal will support our work to find loving homes for each and every kitten that comes to the Shelter over Kitten Season - November to February each year is when most kittens come into the world. Many are rescued or surrendered and find their way to us here at the Cat Protection Society.

We assess their health, place them with foster carers if they are still tiny, feed and nurture them, until they are ready to find their forever homes. **Can you help us do that this Christmas?**

The Society receives no government funding, and we rely on our loyal cat-loving community to donate what they can to give kittens their best possible start in life. Join us in experiencing the joy of giving this Christmas, by supporting our Kitten Season Appeal.

☐ **I'd love to take part in the Kitten Season Appeal and help kittens find loving homes this Christmas**

Donation Value \$ _____

MY DETAILS:

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Please send my receipt by: ☐ MAIL ☐ EMAIL

Thank you so much for your generous support.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

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Complete and return this form to: The Cat Protection Society: PO Box 257, Greensborough, VIC 3088









The Board, Management and Staff of The Cat Protection Society would like to wish all of our supporters a wonderful festive season and hope you feel all the magic of Christmas with your family, friends, and of course, your felines.

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