



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the pandemic rolls on and affects everyone in different ways, so does cost of living pressures and the homeless cat crisis, all creating a unique situation. At SAFE we have been continuing through all of this as usual and as many other rescue organisations have found, there are a lot more animals in need of help than there are spaces to help them. This of course has led to us, once again, breaking our own records for both intake and adoption throughout the last year.

Thinking about all the lives we have saved gives the whole team great pride and as we push the barrier each year, the satisfaction gained from helping these little lives is what pushes us forward. The organic growth SAFE is experiencing is vital to enable us to rescue as many animals as we can, and it is through our supporters spreading the word and the hard work and dedication of the volunteer team that we move forward triumphantly.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of the unsung heroes that many people may not even know are plugging away in the background, and some who everyone does know, but may not know how much work they actually do, in no particular order.

- **CORINNE CURVEY** - Corinne has actually been volunteering for SAFE for over 12 months now and many of you won't have even met her, as she works away behind the scenes on the accounting and ensuring our books are balancing every month. Corinne's dedication is faultless and she always ensures to have a wander through the cattery to check out how the cats are going in the Rehoming Centre and her incredible sense of humour often has the other volunteers in stitches.
- **HELEN THOMAS** - As many of you know Helen has been doing the volunteer cleaning crew roster now for over 12 months. Roster management is difficult at the best of times but volunteer rostering has its own unique set of challenges. Helen's dedication to ensuring the cats are looked after appropriately but at the same time keeping our more than 45 volunteers happy. This is all on top of her own volunteer shifts and the amazing help she provides with general assistance around the rehoming centre.
- **KATIE GEEVES** - Katie has also celebrated 12 months with SAFE during this year, and her tireless work around the rehoming centre is far-reaching. Everything from preparing the cleaning kit for the next day to readying the cats files for adoption to feeding and medicating the cats at SAFE Haven. She's always finding more to do. The workload at SAFE Haven is lighter for everyone else with Katie there and this is all on top of the 3 life residents she also fosters for SAFE.

- **SUE BARBER** – Sue’s jobs are numerous and extensive, and generally the relatively complicated ones. Sue writes all the protocols and procedures for everything from the cleaning at SAFE Haven to the coordinator roles such as the cat and dog foster care and volunteer training. On top of this she writes the information sheets given to adopters on various topics and has also written hundreds of cat profiles for the website too. She also liaises with various other volunteers in other roles to support them. I have a feeling I have probably forgotten more of the jobs she does than I have listed, but needless to say, SAFE would not be the well-oiled machine it is without Sue’s contributions.
- **ROSANNA SHERIDAN** – Rosanna adopted cats from us over a year ago and joined the team from this experience. She has since taken on the Training and Recruitment Coordinator role as well as Day Manger Buddy duties once a week. She also assists with keeping the cats in fresh and clean environments by doing multiple loads of washing at home every week and her cheery attitude always brightens up the rehoming centre.
- **ANNE MCLEAN** – This year Anne officially came on board as SAFE’s Fundraising Coordinator and we are thrilled to have another founding member of SAFE helping out more. Anne had previously fostered litters of kittens since SAFE started intake and had organised successful fundraising events in an ‘unofficial’ capacity, although working closely with the committee, so it’s been great to formally recognise her contribution.
- **IRENE MCLARDY** – As many of you know, Irene has been with SAFE for over two years now and also has a multitude of jobs she takes care of. The cat foster care and intake roles help to ensure the cats coming in get processed efficiently and get into their forever homes as quickly as possible. Her social media input also keeps those customers happy.
- **THE WHOLE COMMITTEE** – Perhaps not as unknown as some of the others on the list, and indeed some have already been mentioned, but the time and work the committee puts in time and again is invaluable. So special thanks to Steph Dos Santos (Vice-President), Jacquey Wheatley, Sue Barber, Peter McLardy (Treasurer), Katie Geeves and Rosanna Sheridan and the secretary Fiona Massey for their commitment.

While all those background roles have been ticking away, we have also managed to expand our cleaning crew and many of the cleaning crew have been able to take on more responsibility and train as ‘Day Manager Buddies’, which provide much needed help for the Day Managers. They have learned how to feed the cats, process adoptions and boarding clients and much more. The help needed at the Rehoming Centre is endless and varying, which means every day is different.

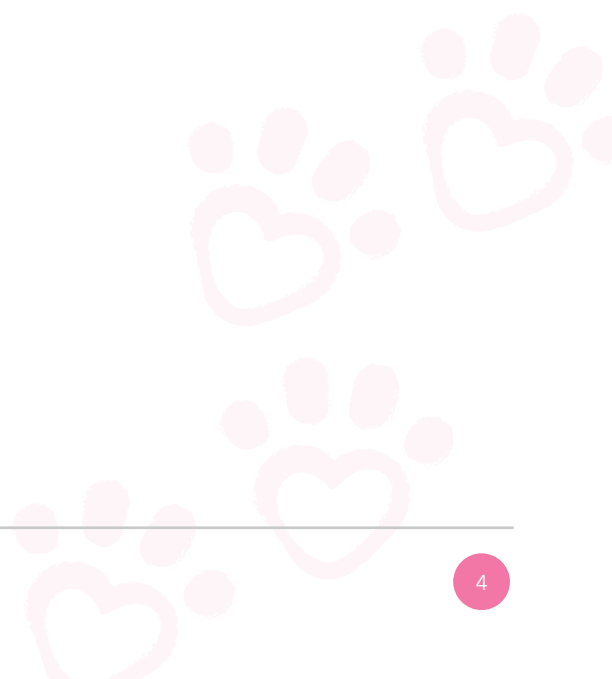
Of course, all of these individuals are still all part of a team, and every volunteer that helps out in any way is very much appreciated. With that in mind, a big thank you is extended to all involved, volunteer, member, supporter or donor, and there may be many of you who fall into multiple categories. Thank you all! Volunteers are the life blood of a small charity, we could not exist with the hundreds of hours they put in.

Although the vets we use are not considered volunteers, they do give their time and expertise very generously. We were also lucky enough this year to welcome a new clinic to the SAFE family, Vet Friends Chatswood have become one of our affiliated vets and we're thrilled to have them on board, so thank you to the Practice Manager, Misaki Okui and the rest of the team there. And as usual, thank you to all the contributing clinics, Dr Chris Hong and his team at Vet-O Brookvale, Drs Natalie and Andrew Slade and their team at The Beaches Vet in Manly Vale, Practice Manager Dominique and her team at Dr Paws Lane Cove, the team at Dee Why Vet, Drs Jenny Wingham, Anne Graham and Alison Moran and their team at Mona Vale Vet, Dr Jamie Geddes and his team at Avalon Vet and Dr Kim Kendall and her team at The Cat Palace. Without their contributions it would be very difficult for us to rescue and rehome the animals we do.

As we continue to break both intake and adoption records, I look forward to the next 12 months with optimism that we can once again help more animals. The community that has formed around SAFE is the main reason this can continue and the ongoing success is down to that.

Tim Crossman

President and General Manager



TREASURER'S REPORT

We had a promising first month of the year with 2 sponsors coming on board, Purina giving us most of our cat dry food needs and LovePets Photography committed to donating money on a regular basis. Unfortunately COVID reared its head again in August and another round of lock downs saw our income dry up, but the expenses continued as normal, particularly the vet bills.

In those 3 months we ran at a loss of around \$22,000, although we have a contingency fund, we were beginning to discuss strategies as a committee if the losses continued. However in November everything opened up, and things returned to normal quite quickly. With people keen to get out and about, the December holidays were our best boarding period, and boarding continued to be strong through the year, as did the rest of our income streams.

Looking at our income for the year, boarding was \$31,561 compared to \$26,040 last year. Donations also ended strongly with \$50,800 versus \$32,801.

As touched on in last year's report, we have been working on our merchandising and carrying a number of retail items including food, and through the year it has seen us raise \$12,076 versus \$3,682 last year, and we hope this will continue to grow, especially as we are now able to get out and about in the community with stalls again.

With us adopting out a record number of animals, we raised \$101,701 compared to \$61,695 last year and as mentioned at the start, LovePets Photography has contributed an amazing \$35,375 in donations through the year, meaning we had an overall income of \$235,093 versus \$144,887 last year.

On the expenses side vet bills continued to fluctuate through the year but ended up at \$112,840 compared to \$57,437, again a reflection on the number of lives we saved. Our general expenses stayed flat at \$25,175 versus \$23,550, as did food expenses thanks to Purina with \$12,930 compared to \$9,889 mostly for specialised and veterinary diets.

As per the former agreement with Dr Kim Kendall, our rent related costs slowly returned to normal over the year, so thank you Dr Kim for helping us through the turbulent COVID times. We increased the number of days we paid our General Manager from 1 to 2 and will continue to review this on a regular basis. At the end of the year SAFE bought a new computer software program called Shelter Buddy to help streamline the organisation's administration tasks. These have seen our Rent/Pay/Services raise to \$67,919 compared to \$24,306 last year.

Overall our expenses for the year ended \$222,385 versus \$115,801, but with our strong income meant we ended up with a surplus of \$12,707.

These figures show just how much SAFE has grown over the last few years, and that reflected in the amount of work it has generated, and the number of volunteers required to help out. This means for the coming year we are looking at consolidating, and understanding how much more SAFE can realistically grow in the short term.

Below is the summary table we use as a committee each month to help track our key income and expense items. For full details please see the attached Financial Statement.

Peter McLardy

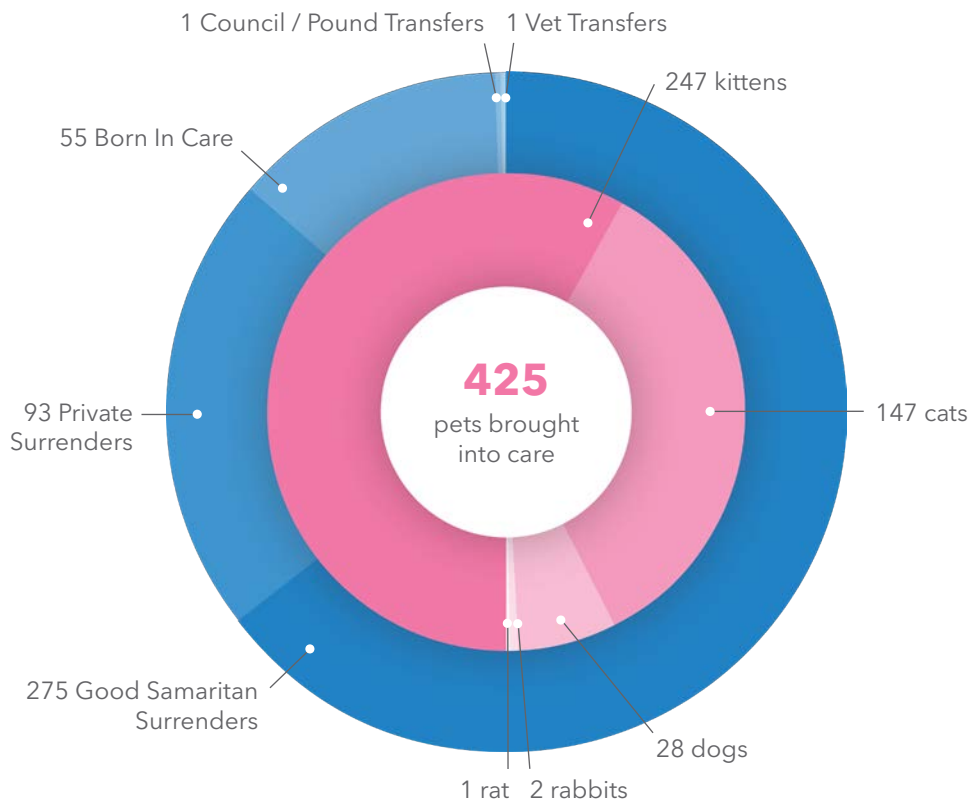
SAFE Treasurer and Committee Member

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

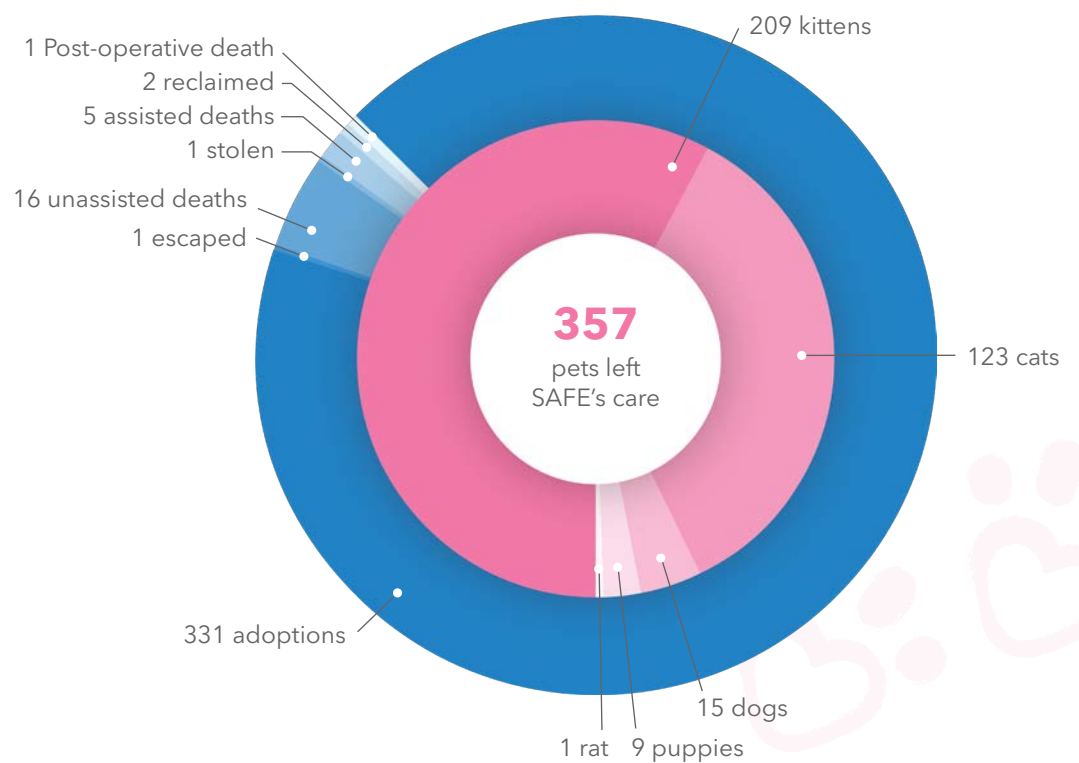
Month	Donations	LovePets	Boarding	Adoptions	Merch	Other	Income	Vet Bills	Animal Food	Rent Pay Services	Merch	Other	Expenses	Income minus Expenses
Jul-21	\$1,955.26	\$8,175.00	\$1,270.00	\$9,345.00	\$670.00	\$665.00	\$22,080.26	\$4,608.97	\$1,314.37	\$2,549.22	\$315.85	\$2,117.78	\$10,906.19	\$11,174.07
Aug-21	\$1,316.00	\$0.00	\$157.50	\$9,590.00	\$1,131.00	\$1,015.00	\$13,209.50	\$5,868.75	\$323.16	\$5,812.59	\$713.44	\$2,043.54	\$14,761.48	-\$1,551.98
Sep-21	\$3,099.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$10,466.80	\$420.00	\$70.00	\$14,180.80	\$13,304.75	\$2,081.85	\$6,608.48	\$4.04	\$1,438.75	\$23,437.87	-\$9,257.07
Oct-21	\$1,821.60	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$11,150.00	\$545.00	\$40.00	\$13,591.60	\$17,445.98	\$975.71	\$3,537.46	\$0.00	\$3,173.45	\$25,132.60	-\$11,541.00
Nov-21	\$5,575.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,463.50	\$7,755.00	\$1,575.00	\$100.00	\$20,468.50	\$7,435.76	\$882.22	\$4,218.73	\$228.27	\$1,169.21	\$13,934.19	\$6,534.31
Dec-21	\$4,696.20	\$3,000.00	\$11,002.00	\$8,105.00	\$1,025.00	\$185.00	\$28,013.20	\$12,100.63	\$1,450.99	\$4,331.98	\$254.80	\$1,146.85	\$19,285.25	\$8,727.95
Jan-22	\$3,364.45	\$4,000.00	\$4,524.00	\$10,355.00	\$1,133.00	\$90.00	\$23,466.45	\$2,915.91	\$855.97	\$7,701.03	\$493.90	\$1,892.50	\$13,859.31	\$9,607.14
Feb-22	\$2,019.32	\$3,150.00	\$553.00	\$5,440.00	\$660.00	\$30.11	\$11,852.43	\$11,715.68	\$977.19	\$5,095.69	\$0.00	\$1,252.98	\$19,041.54	-\$7,189.11
Mar-22	\$6,160.00	\$3,450.00	\$1,820.00	\$6,115.00	\$1,238.00	\$30.00	\$18,813.00	\$5,323.64	\$939.14	\$7,331.32	\$0.00	\$3,040.70	\$16,634.80	\$2,178.20
Apr-22	\$1,329.30	\$3,125.00	\$4,643.00	\$7,450.00	\$982.00	\$35.00	\$17,564.30	\$7,848.68	\$637.87	\$5,574.28	\$1,681.03	\$2,642.75	\$18,384.61	-\$820.31
May-22	\$3,324.42	\$4,475.00	\$3,393.00	\$8,230.00	\$1,531.50	\$20.00	\$20,973.92	\$10,564.01	\$612.56	\$5,095.69	\$244.55	\$2,005.23	\$18,522.04	\$2,451.88
Jun-22	\$16,140.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,575.00	\$7,700.00	\$1,166.00	\$1,298.60	\$30,879.60	\$13,707.98	\$1,879.89	\$10,063.18	\$625.43	\$2,209.38	\$28,485.86	\$2,393.74
Total	\$50,800.55	\$35,375.00	\$31,561.00	\$101,701.80	\$12,076.50	\$3,578.71	\$235,093.56	\$112,840.74	\$12,930.92	\$67,919.65	\$4,561.31	\$24,133.12	\$222,385.74	\$12,707.82
Avg	\$4,233.38	\$2,947.92	\$2,630.08	\$8,475.15	\$1,006.38	\$298.23	\$19,591.13	\$9,403.40	\$1,077.58	\$5,659.97	\$380.11	\$2,011.09	\$18,532.15	\$1,058.99

ANIMAL NUMBERS

484 cared for throughout 2021/22



INCOMING ANIMALS



OUTGOING ANIMALS

VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Within the past year, SAFE has been fortunate to receive large numbers of applications from the general community who wish to volunteer to enable our organisation to continue to provide a 'SAFE Haven' for animals in difficult situations.

This indicates a strong community concern for the welfare of animals and a will to become proactive to improve the ongoing situation of homeless animals who need our support and the native wildlife who need protection from abandoned or homeless animals - a service which SAFE through its volunteers continues to tirelessly provide.

SAFE volunteers range from young students to those with many years of life experience who wish to altruistically give service by offering their time, energy and knowledge without payment, except for the experience gained and the camaraderie of being part of a great team of dedicated and caring individuals. SAFE provides a workplace experience for those seeking to enter or re-enter the workforce or to achieve TAFE certification or university degrees to work within the animal health care system.

With such a large range of ongoing volunteer applicants, SAFE has been able to continue to increase its number of volunteers for its morning cleaning shifts in order to provide quality care to our beautiful cats waiting for their "forever home". We also provide more in-depth training in administration and animal behavioural studies for those volunteers who have the time and interest to take on more responsible roles such as Team Leader, Day Manager Buddy or Day Manager enabling them to become more involved in the complexities of the running an animal rescue centre. SAFE endeavours to provide a high quality response to the many community calls requesting support for animals in difficult and wide-ranging circumstances. This is a role which we constantly strive to provide, but due to the enormous demand and the high costs involved in providing shelter to welfare animals, SAFE can only help a small portion of our callers. This is indicated by our long-waiting list for surrender requests. Nevertheless our success rate is significant for a small but dedicated organisation of caring volunteers. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful assistance we receive from our foster carers who extend our capacity to care for additional cats and dogs and other little beings who need shelter and tender loving care.

SAFE could not exist without the support we receive from our wonderful volunteers and all the donations we receive from the community and the many organisations who display such generosity of heart. We may be a small organisation now, but with the ongoing commitment of so many wonderful individuals and organisations, we will continue to grow and improve our services for the increasing demand for animals in need of our care.

DOG STORY



While we can't take in as many dogs as we would like to, we almost double the dog intake from last year and improved the adoption figure for them too.

Each dog has their individual story and this is the one that stood out to us this year:

Mack was surrendered to us due to his family needing to move to a house with no backyard. Being a Great Dane, he needed space to be himself and they knew he wouldn't get that anymore at their new house.

Mack was transported from Western Sydney to the Northern Beaches and was the perfect passenger. He went to a foster home with a lovely family who were willing to offer him everything he needed but we very quickly realised that Mack was not good with other dogs. Because of Mack's size, we couldn't take the chance of him pulling over a member of the family to get to another dog, so we enlisted the help of a behaviourist who we have worked with previously. Mickey from 'Going Mutts' did some great work with Mack but due to the foster home being surrounded by neighbours with dogs, Mack was extremely stressed and needed somewhere quieter.

We were contacted by a lovely woman named Tracy and her partner who had just lost their beloved Great Dane. When she saw Mack needing help, she immediately reached out to offer him a new foster home even though they were still grieving. Little did they know that Mack would quickly steal their hearts and help heal their family. With lots of love and persistent, focused training, Mack has bloomed into a superstar and even gets to visit Tracy's office once a week to spread his Dane love and give slobbery kisses to everyone he meets.

Mack is just one of the many dogs that came into the SAFE family this year, we hope we can help many more next year too.

Steph Dos Santos

Dog Coordinator

CAT STORIES



CHARLIE

Charlie was injured and living on the streets in the Brookvale area in the Northern Beaches.

While Charlie was being looked after by a very kind person who noticed him living on the street, it's believed he was hit by a car and his front left leg was severely damaged. Heartbreakingly, the person feeding him could not catch him, even with the injured leg, as Charlie was very scared of people still. They continued to feed him knowing that the leg needed attention but did not know who to turn to for help and what to do about the leg by themselves.

One day a little while later, one of SAFE's volunteers happened to come across Charlie while in the area and noticed his injured leg needed attention. She made some enquiries as to what the situation was and managed to get in touch with the person feeding him. They were so grateful someone was offering to help and SAFE agreed to take Charlie in. SAFE linked the volunteer and the feeder with a trapper in the area and together, they managed to trap Charlie one evening.

By this point Charlie's leg had begun to heal, however as the leg was not set properly, it was healing incorrectly. The next morning, Charlie was taken straight to our affiliated vet in Brookvale, Vet-O, and Dr Chris Hong quickly determined that the leg was badly damaged beyond repair and required immediate amputation. He was rushed into surgery and while under anesthetic he was also desexed, so he didn't have to go through another surgery after recovering from the amputation. The surgery was a success, and he was sent to SAFE Haven in Roseville for recovery.

Charlie was still very shy when he was recovering, however he slowly came around to the people at the Rehoming Centre as they gained his trust, he turned out to be an affectionate cat who enjoyed pats and head rubs. The person who fed him came in to visit him every week during recovery and until he was adopted. And in the end, this didn't take very long after his recovery as he found his forever home in January 2022.

Charlie is just one example of the hundreds of needy cats that SAFE takes in every year, each one with their own individual stories. While some might have an easier run and get adopted quickly after coming into care, others like Charlie are rescued from difficult or stressful situations and they're the lucky ones who get that second chance. At SAFE we're so proud to say we've helped hundreds of cats just like Charlie.

WANDA THE WIZZ!

Wanda was rescued by a member of the public from the Northern Beaches area and with a litter of 4 kittens barely 3-4 days old. Wanda herself was just a kitten at around 9-12 months old and very affectionate and friendly, despite being a stray.

The problem was that despite our best attempts, Wanda wasn't interested in feeding or interacting with the kittens, so she was transferred to SAFE for some R&R and the kittens were placed in foster care.



3 days into the foster placement, Wanda, very surprisingly gave birth to a single kitten! No wonder she wasn't interested in 'her litter', as it turned out, it wasn't her litter!

However, this did create an opportunity for us to try and re-introduce these abandoned kittens to Wanda in the hope that she would raise them with her single born kitten. By this time, one of the kittens had passed away, so we carefully re-introduced her to the 3 kittens encouraging them to latch on and start feeding. The amazing thing was that she just lay down and let them feed and within a very short time gave them a big wash!

A week later, another 3-4 day old kitten who had been found in Western Sydney was dropped off and introduced to Wanda and her brood of 4 kittens. Wanda accepted this young baby as her own as well. Wanda turned out to be an amazing mother who raised one biological kitten and 4 others from 2 different litters. We are proud to say that all kittens and mum have been permanently rehomed and are doing well and are very much adored by their new families.

All of us at SAFE were in awe of how special Wanda is and the gift that she gave will stay with us forever.



CHAMPERS AND WALNUT

Macadamia (aka Champers as he was the colour of a good Champagne), Walnut, Pecan (aka Forrest as he looked like a Norwegian Forrest cat), and Hazelnut were surrendered to SAFE at 7 weeks of age.

While all born healthy and weaned from their mother, Champers had unfortunately sustained a serious head injury when someone accidentally stepped on him at 4 weeks of age. This rendered him both blind, deaf, and only able to walk in circles.

Assessments by the vets varied as his skull fracture had caused permanent brain damage and his longer-term prognosis was unknown. So, after careful assessment, we decided to place him and his siblings into foster care where he could be closely monitored and start on a program of rehabilitation. Despite his set back, Champers was one of the most beautiful looking kittens we have seen at SAFE and proved to have a strong fighting spirit.

In foster care he was encouraged to develop his other senses such as smell and vibration to learn to navigate his environment. Toys designed for animals with disabilities stimulated the undamaged part of his brain, and a daily routine of therapy encouraged him to walk in straight lines, interact with his siblings and be taught cat skills like jumping, climbing stairs, finding food, chasing things and so on.

By the time he left foster care, his quality of life had improved dramatically, and his longer-term prognosis was good. He will always have limited sight and hearing, so we needed to find a special care home for him.



Luckily, a rehabilitation nurse and her family contacted us to enquire about Champers and Walnut. Walnut was constantly by his side 24/7, as she hated being alone and was aptly nick named Winenut, and Champers needed to be rehomed with a companion.

We get updates from time to time, and they are both doing wonderfully in their home where they are very much loved. Forrest and Hazelnut were also successfully rehomed and have become much loved additions to their families too.

Cases like this don't come around very often, thankfully, but when they do, it is only through the dedication of the SAFE team, foster families, and supporters that allow us to do what we do.

WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE?

BECOME A MEMBER

If you have not yet joined, you can join on the SAFE Rehoming website or request an application form to be sent by post by contacting us. All membership fees go towards looking after pets in care.

MAKE A DONATION

While things like food, litter and toys for the pets in care are very useful, cash donations are especially welcome as we need to ensure we have enough funds to pay bills and rent. Head to the SAFE Rehoming website for more information on how to donate.

VOLUNTEER AT SAFE HAVEN, AT AN EVENT OR A FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

If you want to have direct interaction with the cats, we are always looking for volunteers to help clean SAFE Haven. Alternatively, if you can come up with a unique event or activity to help raise funds or volunteer to help organise one, please contact us.

BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER

Local partnerships benefit everyone so if you know of a business or you own a business that would like to support us, please get in touch with us to see what kind of difference you can make.

CONTACT US

SAFE Rehoming is a registered charity at 58 Wyong Road, Mosman, NSW 2088*

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PICTURE GALLERY



Archie - adopted 15/09/2021



Champ - adopted 24/10/2021



Trixie - adopted 19/04/2022



Tux and Baby - adopted 11/01/2022



Monica - adopted 11/06/2022



Raja - adopted 29/01/2022



Mr Magoo - adopted 27/03/2022



Bianca - 30/01/2022



Scrat and Puss - 24/11/2021



Miranda - 14/10/2021



Fawny - 1/12/2021



Finn - adopted 12/12/2021

THANK YOU

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