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## QUIRKY KENOBI HAS COME A LONG WAY

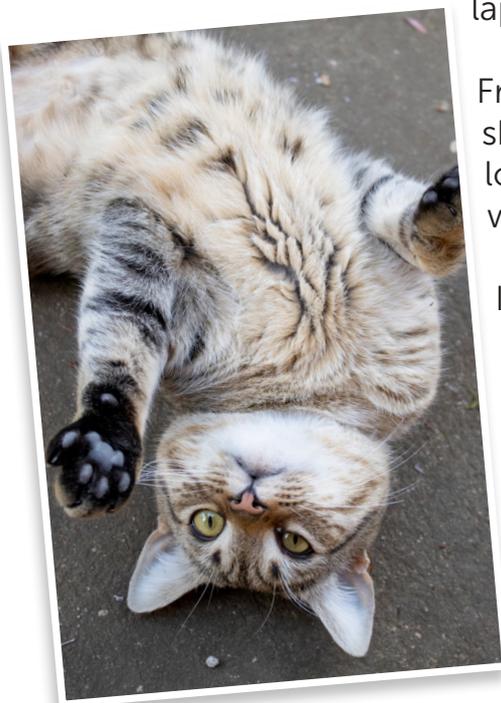
Kenobi and Anakin found themselves at the shelter through no fault of their own. They came from a busy household which they found stressful and frustrating. Unfortunately Kenobi didn't adjust to shelter life well and was finding everything even more overwhelming than before.

Kenobi was scared and acting out. He would hiss and yowl at anyone who tried to come near him. Our cattery team examined his behaviour and decided a larger enclosure with more space to allow him more opportunity to move around would greatly benefit him.



Once in the bigger enclosure Kenobi began to approach the cattery team but still wasn't sure of them. He was seeking comfort but just wasn't sure on how to accept it. Our cattery team spent weeks building trust with Kenobi.

Quietly spending time around him and not forcing interaction allowed Kenobi to become accustomed to human presence. Slowly introducing play to encourage sociability showed Kenobi that this new environment wasn't too scary after all. One afternoon during one of his behaviour modification sessions he climbed straight into the lap of one of the team and fell asleep.



From then on, Kenobi was a new cat. He had come out of his shell and was meowing at everyone asking to play. He now loves to run and play in the cat run and meows at everyone who walks past.

It's now been over 92 days since Kenobi first peered out of his carrier at us with big, fearful eyes and we hardly recognise him. He is outgoing, affectionate and has loads of personality.

Kenobi came from a loving home, but it wasn't the *right* home for him. Until we find that perfect match for him he will continue making staff and volunteers laugh and smile at his quirks.

# HAPPY TAILS

## WINKY | 30 DAYS IN CARE

When Winky was brought to the shelter he was in a bad way. Found outside a golf course, the kitten had been shot with an air rifle twice. One pellet was still lodged in his eye, the other in his leg. Our vets removed the pellets and the team worked to rehabilitate and build trust in people with Winky again after his terrible experience.

Thankfully Winky made a full recovery and was adopted a few months ago! He now spends his days getting into mischief with his adopted brother Toast and filling his house with charming little honks rather than meows. He is learning how to play and enjoy being a young cat.



# RSPCA HOME EVER AFTER

## WHO WILL LOVE AND CARE FOR YOUR PETS IF YOU GO FIRST?

Life can be unpredictable, it's only natural to worry about what might happen to our pets when we're gone or no longer able to care for them.

Home Ever After is a special service run by RSPCA ACT, which gives pet owners peace of mind that their beloved pets will be taken in by us in the event of their death or can no longer care for them, and placed

with a loving family that's aching to give a pet a new happy home.

Many individuals enroll in the program as a backup plan for their beloved pets.

If you are interested in receiving an information pack about our Home Ever After program please contact [homeeverafter@rspca-act.org.au](mailto:homeeverafter@rspca-act.org.au)

## HOMER | 311 DAYS IN CARE

Homer was brought to the shelter as a timid stray. Distrustful of people, it took many hours of behavioural work with our trainers to help him adjust. Our kennels team never doubted Homer however, and he blossomed into a beautiful dog. Homer spent 311 days in our care patiently waiting for the perfect forever home.

Finally, Homer met a lovely couple who could look beyond his long shelter stay and see a beautiful pet that just needed a loving home. Loving going on walks and exploring, Homer's only flaw would be his forgetfulness that he is not a lapdog as he clambers in for a cuddle. However, they're very willing to forgive that.



## RSPCA RESCUE TEAM

## ATLAS WAS AFRAID OF THE WORLD

Scared, filthy and alone, neglected Atlas was surrendered into our care at just 3 months old. Severely undersocialised, Atlas found our gentle pats overwhelming. It took weeks to build his trust in humans again. Atlas also needed vet checks, vaccinations, a bath, desexing and a microchip.

Atlas' story is one we encounter often. Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome vulnerable animals, but it's not

something we can do alone.

By becoming a part of RSPCA Rescue Team and making a monthly donation, you'll be directly impacting the lives of animals like Atlas by helping us care for them.





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**CUPCAKE DAY**

## SWEETNESS ALL YEAR ROUND

After another year of lockdowns and restrictions we weren't able to enjoy Cupcake Day as we normally would. That is why moving forward we have incorporated Cupcake Day into our community fundraising so that you can enjoy the sweetness any time of the year all while raising much needed dough for animals in need.

If you want to bake to fight animal cruelty you can sign up and plan your Cupcake Day by going to the RSPCA Cupcake Day website.

[rspcacupcakeday.com.au](https://rspcacupcakeday.com.au)

If baking is not your thing and you would like to fundraise your own way you can visit our community fundraising page on our website and register your interest.

[rspca-act.org.au/get-involved/fundraise-rspca](https://rspca-act.org.au/get-involved/fundraise-rspca)



## BUILDING TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS

RSPCA ACT community visits are an opportunity for local groups to visit our shelter and spend some time helping our animals. Our goal is to help people in our community who are living with disability or mental illness, special interests groups or those who have faced hardship – in short, all groups are welcome!

The intention of our community visits is to foster connections with shelter animals - this can help with developing empathy and trusting relationships as well as improving overall mental wellbeing in

attendees. These visits provide a benefit for both the groups attending and for our shelter animals.

Each groups' individual interests, needs and goals are discussed prior to the session. Visits are tailored to each group, however generally include a behind the scenes shelter tour and a chat about how we care for our animals. This can be followed by other activities around the shelter, including socialising puppies, making treats for rabbits, cleaning kitten cages or simply sitting with the dogs.

For more information on RSPCA ACT community visits or to book, please contact [education@rspca-act.org.au](mailto:education@rspca-act.org.au)

