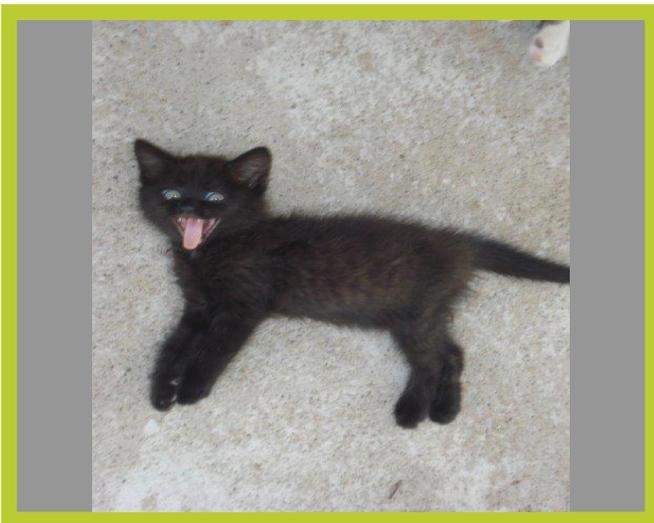




Little Bugsie safe in the Bugsie bus after being dumped. He endured days of wandering bush land near Nanango and would have surely died.



This tiny kitten is one of 3 left to perish near a swamp. All three are now safe and well and being babysat by the older kittens.

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Full to overflowing but at least they are safe at last.

November and particularly December have been hectic months here at the shelter. But you'll be happy to know that with your continued support and generosity seventy cats and kittens are currently safe and awaiting adoption. The majority of these are very young kittens that won't be available for adoption for a few months. Most of these kittens had been dumped or thrown from moving cars and it was only through the vigilance of people like you that they made it to safety.

Some of these little ones arrived at the shelter in a terrible condition. They suffered from starvation, dehydration and various parasites. All were terrified, having suddenly been torn from their mothers and in some cases their littermates.

After a bath, drink, feed and a good cuddle they have all found, not only a replacement family with each other but also plenty of toys to play with and lots of human visitors to con into supplying more cuddles.

The need for Desexing.

If you can't afford to give a donation to the shelter for much needed feed and veterinary supplies this Christmas then please do the next best thing and ensure that your family, friends, neighbours, work mates and Joe Blow down the road understand that desexing their pet is the *only* way to stop this madness. Apart from the obvious benefits it also helps the pet's health by preventing a number of cancers etc when the pets get older. Visit the NDN website to see the benefits to your pet's health.

All cats and kittens available from BVCR are desexed via the National Desexing Network (NDN). If you're on a pension or benefit you can apply for a voucher to get your pet desexed at a discount price.

www.ndn.org.au

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OTHER WEBSITES OF INTEREST

An interesting website for those interested in inherited diseases in Australian cats and dogs is www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/lida/cats/search/breed

For general information on your cat or kitten try www.cat-world.com.au

“Muffin”

Muffin came to the shelter in early 2009. She had been seen wandering the streets of Gatton with a half grown kitten for a number of weeks. The kitten was too wild for anyone to catch but Muffin fortunately took a liking to an elderly couple and was finally able to be caught after giving birth to 4 kittens.

Out of necessity it was a midnight snatch and grab and subsequent search for the day old kittens hidden in the bushes.

Muffin and her kittens resided in the lounge with me and it was amazing to watch the gradual change in her as she slowly began to realise that she and her little family were safe at last. I don't believe that she had ever raised a litter of kittens in a normal domestic situation before. The pure joy in her eyes as she watched her kittens play safely and without a care in the world was something to behold.

Only a baby herself really, at around fourteen mths of age I'll never forget the look on her face when it suddenly occurred to her that she could also play. The sheer joy she experienced in that moment and the sheer horror of her kittens when mummy stole the ping pong ball. The gratitude in her eyes for everything that I gave her is something that you can only experience from a cat that has lived roughly and then finds love.

Thank you Chris for giving Muffy the home she so richly deserves.



“Sophie”

Sophie came to the shelter heavy with milk having just given birth to a litter of kittens that were never found. Only a baby herself she was soon found to have cat flu and was immediately rushed to the vet.

Adrienne and her family had seen Sophie on the website as a new arrival and had phoned to arrange a visit. It was love at first sight but they had to wait until she was given the all clear by the vet. This meant a wait of about another two weeks. But wait they did.

Because she was undernourished and weakened after the birth of her kittens and whatever trauma had led to her being abandoned, Sophie had a struggle on her hands to get well. She proved she had a fighting spirit and with the help of the twice daily meds and a special diet she slowly regained her strength. The day I went to her run and found her sitting outside in the sun playing with a leave I knew the battle had been won. Adrienne had been following Sophie's progress and as soon as she was well Sophie was off to her new home.

As you can see from the photo she has come ahead in leaps and bounds and is now one spoiled little pussy cat.

**“YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE TODAY
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BRISBANE VALLEY CAT RESCUE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to wish all the supporters, adopters and volunteers who have contributed to the success of BVCR all the very Best for the New Year. Together we have accomplished a great deal during 2009 and with your continued support BVCR will grow bigger and stronger in 2010.

There is a glaring need for No Kill Cat Shelters, now more than ever. With the tough economic times it seems that pets, particularly cats and kittens are being abandoned at an ever increasing rate. I often hear it said that cats are different to dogs in that they don't form loyalties or attachments and are aloof from their human family. I am here to tell you that this is most definitely not correct but I fear I am only preaching to the converted. I've seen so many instances of cats fretting when their much loved human walks away leaving them alone and confused in the shelter. I've spent hours on end having to repair the emotional damage this has caused.

I hear so many tales of kittens that will follow their owners everywhere and I've seen the distress when a cat or kitten is left at the vet for whatever reason and the sheer joy when the owner returns later that day to collect their little mate.

If there is one major service we can do for the feline population it is (apart from getting everyone to desex their pet) to show people that cats form every bit as close a bond with their family as dogs.

Remember, a cat stays with you because it wants to. A dog stays because it hasn't figured out how to get out of the yard yet.

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