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Headline: Sydney Animal Shelter Urgent Community Call Out to Help Fund Kitten Care

The warmer months are often known as kitten season due to an increase in breeding. Shelters such as Sydney Dogs & Cats Home experience an influx in kittens brought in by council rangers from multiple local government areas across Sydney including Bayside, Fairfield, Georges River and North Sydney.

Often the kittens arrive with one or more health concerns, including cat flu, parasites and ringworm. For such small animals, these conditions can be fatal without the right treatment. The Animal Care Team at Sydney Dogs & Cats Home has been busy providing much-needed treatment and care to the influx of kittens at the Home. They're calling upon the community to help so they can continue to provide necessary treatment and care in the months ahead.

As Sydney's only charity pound, the shelter relies on the donations and generosity of the public to help fund their 'Kitten Kitty'. This ensures that every treatable kitten is given the essential vet care required to live a happy life.

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Head Veterinarian, Laura Taylor said; "We've seen a variety of kittens with different needs come to the Home over the last couple of months requiring veterinary care. It's important that they receive the treatment required to give them the chance to find their forever homes."

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home General Manager Melissa Penn explains the importance of the 'Kitten Kitty' campaign, in ensuring the kittens that come through the shelter receive lifechanging treatment. "Kitten care can be costly, especially during kitten season when we see a spike in numbers come through our doors. This is the third consecutive year the Kitten Kitty has been operating and has made such a huge impact on the number of kittens we are able to treat and find forever homes for. We need to raise \$40,000 to continue caring for as many kittens as we can for the months ahead and we are calling for the help of our community."

Each kitten that comes to Sydney Dogs & Cats Home receives a thorough vet check, treatment, and care before going on to foster care to rest, recover and grow big and strong. All available kittens are listed on the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home website ready to go into new loving homes.





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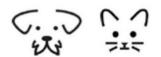
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To make a contribution to the Kitten Kitty, visit https://sydneydogsandcatshome.giveeasy.org/kitten-kitty-2022

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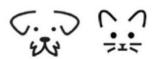
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Image	Caption
	Franklin and Teddy came in separately with council rangers only a few weeks old with ringworm infections. Our veterinarians treated both of them separately and they were placed in foster care together where they formed an inseparable bond and were adopted by their foster carer.
	Franklin and Teddy are inseparable in their new home.
	The Criminal Minds kittens (Penny, Garcia and Spencer) were brought into Sydney Dogs & Cats Home only a few days old without their mum. They required around- the-clock feeding and toileting to ensure they would grow big and strong before going on to finding forever homes.





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ABOUT US

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home is Sydney's only charity pound and community facility and is owned and operated by The Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated.

The Home has been taking care of Sydney's lost, abandoned and neglected pets since 1946. We open our doors to up to thousands of pets each year, servicing multiple council areas across Sydney including:

- **Bayside**
- Fairfield
- **Georges River**
- Inner West
- North Sydney
- Randwick
- Waverley н.
- **Woollahra**

We aim to provide shelter, food and veterinary care to lost, homeless and abandoned animals, primarily dogs and cats, in association with the local councils of Sydney. We act under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 and the associated Companion Animals Regulations and Codes of Practice and care for pets until a time when such animals can either be reunited with their owners or found a new, suitable home.

We support the Getting to Zero movement, which means we strive to rehome every healthy and treatable animal that comes through our doors, and we never place a time limit on any animal awaiting adoption.





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We also deliver a range of successful mental health-focused <u>community programs</u>, creating a lifeline to both the animals we care for and those in the community who need it most.

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