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## PROSPECTUS

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# We're not kitten around...



















The Cat Lovers Festival is the must- attend experiential event in Australia for pet businesses and lifestyle brands.

In 2018 we launched Australia's first major cat-dedicated event in Melbourne and it's grown to become one of the largest festivals in the world committed to educating, entertaining and inspiring cat owners and future pet-parents.

Over 50,000 visitors are expected to attend across our Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne Festivals with a combined digital and database (B2C and B2B) audience of around 520,000 cat lovers.

Our visitors are not just passionate feline enthusiasts, their beloved cats are cherished family members. They are eager to learn more about their often enigmatic cat, and to be the best pet-parent they can be whilst creating an environment that will enrich their life.

Visitors come to celebrate the love they share with their feline friend and to spend a weekend immersing themselves in everything and anything related to these wonderful creatures.

Align your brand with Australia's leading and most exciting cat-inspired festival, then get set to experience the power of face-to-face marketing.

No other event in Australia can provide your best salespeople with direct contact to such a large, lucrative and highly targeted audience.

We look forward to the prospect of working together with your team to drive sales and grow your business alongside our upcoming Cat Lovers Festivals.

Paws sincerely

**Jason Humphris** Founder+CEO



### Visitor Profile: Cat Lovers Festival

Reach, engage and sell to a highly targeted audience

visitors attended the 2022 Melbourne Cat Lovers Show \*Excludes kids under 5 & Exhibitor staff

19,235

16.383

18.755

visitors attended the 2023 Sydney Cat Lovers Show \*Excludes kids under 5 & Exhibitor staff

visitors attended the 2024 Brisbane Cat Lovers Show \*Excludes kids under 5 & Exhibitor staff

69%

attended the Festival for the first time in 2022 78%

purchased a product or service at the Festival 79%

of visitors said they will purchase products & services they discovered at the Festival after the event **30%** 

ofvisitors

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of visitors own2 cats



of visitors to the Cat Lovers Show also live with a dog

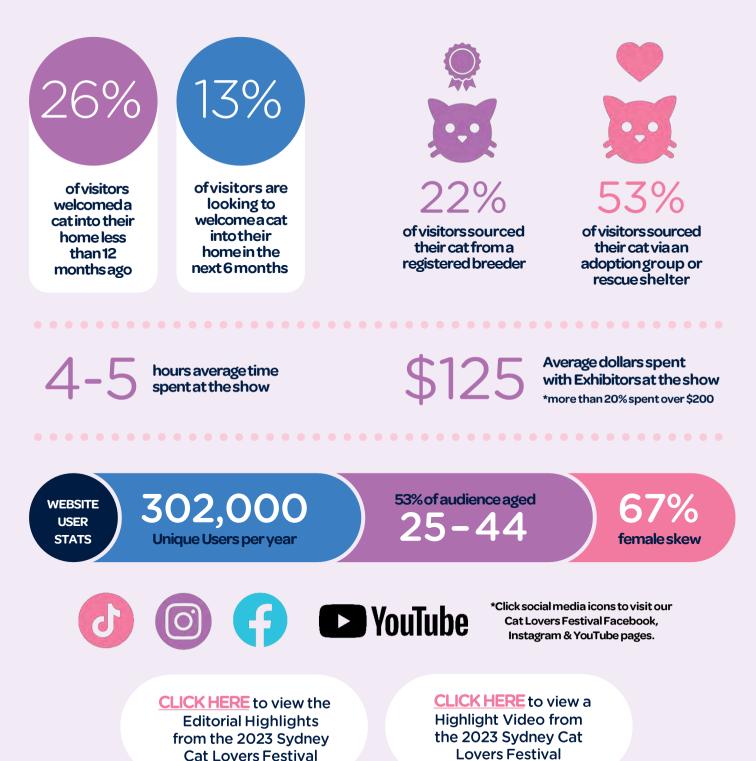


Thousands of visitors attend to make decisions on the brands they want to feed, reward and enrich their cat, so we deliver long-term, lucrative clients often for the life of their kitty i.e. 15+ years.



**flickr** 

**CLICK HERE** to view hundreds of high-quality images from our previous Cat Lovers Shows since 2018





of Exhibitorssaid that the 'Quality' of visitors was either 'Excellent' or 'Very Good'

\$1.9M

worth of purchases were made on the show floor at the 2023 event

25,769,639

Total reach for PR campaign \*the approximate total audience across all editorial and social media coverage

### 2023 Highlight Video & Editorial Coverage





**CLICK HERE** to view a Highlight Video from the 2023 Sydney Cat Lovers Show

CLICK HERE to view the Editorial Highlights (PR Report) from the 2023 Sydney Cat Lovers Show

The show of the year. It has something for everyone and more. - Carol, Melbourne



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#### The Stats



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**Social Media Followers** 

\*100% organic and engaged audience – we don't buy fake followers



\*Click social media icons above to visit our Instagram, Facebook, Tiktok & Youtube pages.



#### **Newsletter subscribers**

\*Consists of all previous visitors since 2018. Door Prize Entrants and subscribers to our VIP Loyalty Program nationally.

47,000 +

#### Lead records generated by Exhibitors at 2023 Shows

\*Average number of leads captured per Exhibitor: 1,160







### The Pet Industry at a glance

- **30.4 million** pets across Australia (69% of households, up from 61% only 2 years ago).
- Over 1 million additional cats were welcomed into households since 2019 with a quarter (24%) of all cats in Australia acquired during the pandemic. Almost half were given freely, and companionship and rescue were the top reasons for getting a cat.
- The typical pet cat is now likely to be **under 6 years** of age, acquired through an animal shelter or via friends/family.
- Around one in two cats (48%) continue to be obtained for free, while the other half had costed an average of \$372.
- On average, pet owners are spending \$2,100 per cat and \$3,200 per dog each year primarily on food, veterinary services and healthcare products.
- Cat owners have spent **\$10.2 billion** in the last year while dog owners have spent **\$20.5 billion**.
- **30%** of Australian households own a cat and **47%** own a dog.
- Estimated 4.9 million pet cats in Australia and 6.4 million dogs.
- Around **50,000** Australians are employed in the pet industry.
- 7.3 million households would like to add a pet to their family, including 85% of existing pet owners and 43% of non-owners and the Cat Lovers Festival actively targets these audiences.

Source: AMAU008-Pet-Ownership22-Report v1.6\_WEB.pdf (animalmedicinesaustralia.org.au)



## 2024 Brisbane Cat & Dog Lovers Festival

On Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March 2024 the Cat and Dog Lovers Festival was staged in the Sunshine State with a huge response!

Delivering a standout audience of over 17,000 passionate Cat (and Dog) lovers, the events exceeded our expectations. Here's a snapshot of the visitor stats:

- 91% of visitors stated that the Festival either met or exceeded their expectations and they will return when it is next run;
- More than 40% said they will tell all their cat loving friends to go next time too;
- 64% stated that their primary reason for attending was 'to buy products & services for their cat from Exhibitors' which ranked higher than all other reasons to attend which clearly demonstrates that our audience is coming to shop;
- 78% of visitors purchased products & services on-site at the event and over 80% stated that they will buy from Exhibitors after the event;
- 6% live with one cat, 37% live with 2 cats and 18% live with 3 or more cats;
- 14% of visitors are actively looking for their next cat now, and over 20% of visitors welcomed a new cat into their home within the last 12 months;
- 23% of our visitors found their cat from a registered breeder and 59% adopted from an adoption or rescue group;
- 26% of visitors to the Cat Lovers Festival also live with a Dog;
- 77% of visitors said they will attend the Cat Lovers Festival again next year with over 80% stating that the Festival represented good value for money!

If you're keen to reach South-East Queensland's most passionate Cat lovers... **CLICK HERE** to subscribe now to be the first to know about the next Brisbane event and to book the best stand locations early.



#### The Dog Lovers Festival: Bark up the right tree.

#### Want to reach Dog Owners too?

In 2013 we launched Australia's first major dog-dedicated event and since then the Dog Lovers Festival has grown to become one of the largest events in the world committed to educating and inspiring dog lovers and future pooch-parents.

Over 100,000 visitors are expected to attend across our upcoming Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane Festivals and when combined with our digital and database (B2C and B2B) followers we deliver an annual audience of around 1 million dog lovers.

Many attend to make decisions on the products and services they will buy for the life of their dog, so the new business we deliver provides exceptional results for our Exhibitors and ongoing sales for 10+ years.

So, if you're keen to reach K9-tragics too, then book your stand at the Dog Lovers Festival, as no other event in Australia can provide direct contact with such a highly targeted audience.

It's a cost-effective marketing platform to reach tens of thousands of the most passionate, high-spending dog lovers to promote and sell your products and services.

Around 30% of visitors to the Dog Lovers Festival also live with a cat.

To book your place see all the information and links on page 19.

Click logos below to view websites





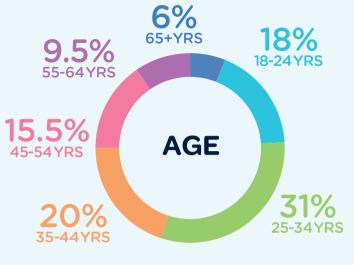




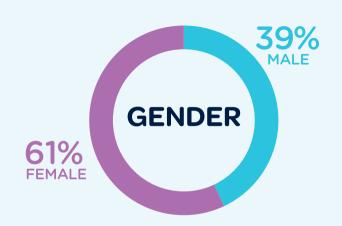


### Visitor Profile

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\*Please note: the data above represents the average age of people that responded to the 2023 Post-Festival Sydney and Melbourne Surveys.





visitors attended the 2023 Sydney Dog Lovers Show \*Excludes kids under 5 & Exhibitor staff

28,248

visitors attended the 2023 Melbourne Dog Lovers Show \*Excludes kids under 5 & Exhibitor staff

17,390

visitors attended the 2024 Brisbane Dog Lovers Show \*Excludes kids under 5 & Exhibitor staff

67%

of visitors attended the Shows for the first time 84% of visitors purchased a product or service at the Festival 81%

of visitors will purchase products & services they discovered at the Festival after the event

4-5

Hours average time spent at the show \$125

Average dollars spent with Exhibitors at the Festival \*around 20% spent over \$200

) YouTube

# 400+

Total number of Exhibitors \*2023 Sydney & Melbourne Dog Lovers Shows including Breed Clubs and Adoption shelters

\*Click social media icons to visit our Cat Lovers Festival Facebook, Instagram & YouTube pages.

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of Exhibitors said that the 'Quality' of visitors was either 'Excellent' or 'Very Good'

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\$3.9M

worth of purchases were made on the show floor of each 2023 event Over \$8m is projected in total across the next Sydney & Melbourne Festivals

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average leads generated by Exhibitors via official data capture technology, with some businesses collecting over 7,000 leads

Thousands of visitors attend to make decisions on the brands they want to feed, reward and enrich their dog, so we deliver long-term, lucrative clients often for the life of their dog i.e. 15+ years

# Why get involved?

#### Drive sales and spark new B2B relationships

You can't beat the effectiveness of face-to-face engagement and two-way conversation when it comes to driving sales. No other event in Australia can provide you with direct access to this many cat owners. Exhibitors transact large volumes of sales on-site at the event, but also experience an uplift in sales across their retail and online channels for months after each Festival.

It's also the best opportunity all year to network with key decisions makers from throughout the pet sector and we run a dedicated Trade Registration campaign to maximise the B2B connections made at the event.

### Connect and engage with Cat Owners – no tyre kickers

Take part in other general public shows or broad-based pet events and your staff will need to screen every visitor to seek out the cat owners. If you're lucky 4 out of 10 visitors might be a prospect for your cat products and services at other events.

But at the Cat Lovers Festival, you can be assured that virtually every visitor that walks past your stand either owns a cat or is looking to welcome a kitty very soon.

So, you are being connected with a highly targeted, receptive and passionate audience and only engaging with genuine prospects with a chance of converting a new customer.

And this in turn delivers more 'bang for your marketing bucks' and ensures every dollar spent at the Cat Lovers Festival is not wasted.



# Why get involved?

#### Reach households about to welcome a cat

Our marketing strategy is committed to attracting people that are looking for a new cat, or have just welcomed a feline friend into their household.

New and prospective cat owners need to embark on the process of deciding which products, services and brands they want for their new tabby including food, treats, toys, beds, litter, enclosures, insurance, accessories, their trusted vet and more.

By actively targeting and attracting these pre-kitty parents, we deliver the most lucrative, long-term clients for our Exhibitors that can become customers for the entire life of their cat. And this in turn helps generate a more positive return on your investment.

And as Australia's leading Cat Lovers Festival, visitors trust the brands taking part.

#### Turbocharge your digital and other marketing activities

Cat owners love talking about their cats with other cat lovers – at the vet, with friends and family, and especially at our Festival.

If your marketing mix does not include a strong element of face-to-face contact then you risk losing touch with your potential and existing customers. One face-to-face interaction is more powerful than 10 phone calls or 1,000 website impressions!

The digital landscape is overcluttered with literally tens of thousands of pet products and it's now very costly to get any share of voice and it is one-way.

At the Cat Lovers Festival your brands will stand-out, and a human presence will help support your digital campaigns by being be seen by those hard-to- reach 'early adopters' and 'word-of-mouth spreaders' in the cat community.

You will also gain a deeper understanding of the perceptions and values of the most passionate cat owners right now & how they perceive your offering. It's also a great way to show the team behind your business are passionate cat lovers too.



### Marketing/PR Campaign

The marketing campaign is developed with one sole focus: to inspire thousands of passionate cat owners and soon to be cat owners to attend the Festival.

We have successfully marketed some of the largest public events ever staged in Australia and overseas and have the expertise to attract the audience your business needs to reach, and lots of them!

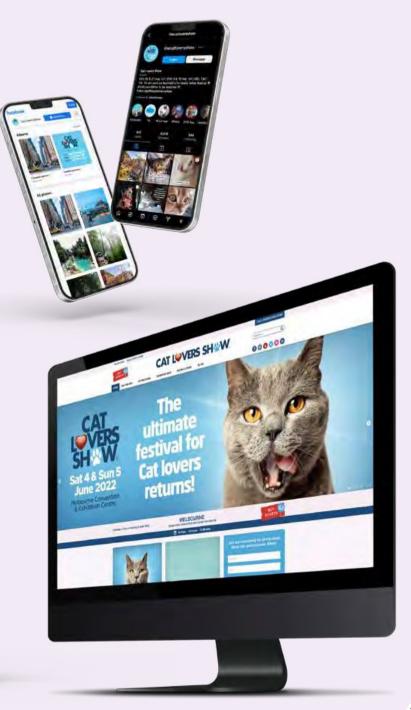
#### How do we get them to the Festival?

- Visually arresting, high-impact creative design that inspires cat lovers to attend.
- **Radio** saturation campaign across leading FM/AM stations with live reads and listener promotions.
- **Catch-up (BVOD) TV** on targeted pet and cat related programs that also re-markets our own data.

**<u>CLICK HERE</u>** to view our **2024 Brisbane Cat Lovers Show TV commercial** (30 sec)

**<u>CLICK HERE</u>** to watch our **2024 Brisbane Cat Lovers Show TV commercial** (15 sec)





### Marketing/ PR Campaign

- **Outdoor** large format billboards on major arterials in/out of suburbs with high cat ownership.
- Paid campaigns across **Social Media**, **Google AdWords** and various **3rd party websites** targeting a range of key audiences especially cat owners, animal lovers, those in-market for a new cat and households interested in adoption.
- Extensive **programmatic display campaigns** across major news media websites and pet industry-based sites.
- **Festival promotions** to our own extensive Facebook and Instagram audiences.
- **EDM campaigns** to our extensive database of previous visitors, door prize entrants, our VIP Loyalty Club members and various 3rd party databases.
- **Massive PR campaign** led by leading agency TidePR, for months leading into each show targeting national, metro and regional outlets including press, lifestyle and digital media.
- Media and influencer partnerships to hit key audiences.
- Range of incentive-based **ticket promotions** to important segments.
- · Various promotions with specialist pet retailers and vets.
- Promotions via the extensive marketing platforms of our Exhibitors, Sponsors, Breeders, Adoption Groups and Presenters with incentives to encourage promotional support.
- **B2B trade campaign** to attract pet industry professionals via free registration.

The ultimate festival for cat lovers returns!









#### Find Fur-fillment.





## Don't just take our word for it...

We had a fur-nomenal time at the Cat Lovers Show and loved the opportunity to meet our customers face to face and share pawsonal conversations with them about our products and of course, all things cat-related!

- Fiona from Rufus & Co

The 2022 Cat Lovers Show well exceeded our expectations, with an amazing team who supported each exhibitor and visitor for the event. They support small business just like ours here at Cat Cottage Creations and have opened up opportunities for us that wouldn't have been possible alone.

We are beyond excited to return next year, and what is to come for this event!

- Ellis from Cat Cottages

Another wonderfully successful and fun weekend for Melbourne cat lovers. Alkala Bengals will see you all again next year!

- Kate from Alkala Bengals Australia

The professionalism of the staff was first class, the information supplied was timely and what we needed as an exhibitor. The visitor numbers were very positive. Great event. –lanfrom Silver Pet Prints

It was amazing, the guest speakers were so engaging and informative. I loved that it was both pure breeds and the rescues were present as it is for all cat lovers. – Paula from Bendigo

Packed with great stalls and products, definitely a must go for new or existing cat owners.

- Jessica from Geelong

Absolutely loved the Cat Lovers Show and would totally recommend any cat lover to attend this fabulous day out.

- Colleen from Melbourne

## **Exhibitor Options**

To take part in the Cat Lovers Festival you can either book an expo stand or become a sponsor where a stand is included in your package of benefits.

#### All Exhibitors will be provided with the following comprehensive Exhibitor Package:

- If required a Shell Scheme Display stand which includes (see image):
  - Carpet tiles laid throughout the entire stand area
  - Back & side walls
  - Fascia signage with your company name and stand number on every aisle faced
  - 1 power point plus lighting per stand
- · Your own dedicated listing on the 'Exhibitors' section of the website.
- Inclusion on New Products & Show Specials website pages (content provided by Exhibitor).
- · Listing in the official Festival Guide distributed to all visitors (digital & printed versions).
- Exhibitor Information Manual to assist your participation before, during and after Festival.
- Essential Marketing Tips Manual with all the Festival marketing assets to use for promotions.
- Dedicated Festival Coordinator to assist in lead up to the Festival and on-site.
- Exhibitor name badges and lanyards for all your stand staff.
- Public, unsecured storage areas for stock on-site (limited).

#### Please note:

- To view the detailed Stand List, individual stand prices and which stands are sold, on hold or available, please visit the links on page 19
- A one-off 5% corner loading fee applies to stands located on one or more corner locations
- The Exhibitor Package above does not include an iPad data capture solution, but this can be booked via the Cat Lovers Festival, just ask our team for details



#### **Stand Prices**

**2024 Sydney Cat Lovers Festival** \$520 +GST per every square metre of expo space booked

**2024 Melbourne Cat Lovers Festival** \$490 +GST per every square metre of expo space booked

#### 2024 Sydney Dog Lovers Festival

\$520 +GST per every square metre of expo space booked

**2024 Melbourne Dog Lovers Festival** \$490 +GST per every square metre of expo space booked

### How to book your Stand & Sponsorship

Please see here full details on each upcoming Cat and Dog Lovers Festival including links to the Stand Lists and Floor Plans.

To book now, just review the Floor Plans, pick out your preferred stand at each Festival, then contact us.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to send our Sales Team an email now to receive a call back to assist with stand selection or to request a tailored proposal or to finalise your booking.

We can walk you through all the available stand and sponsorship options and email you the final completed Booking Form for you to sign and return to book your space.



CLICK HERE to view the 2024 Sydney Cat Lovers Festival **Floor Plan** detailing the stands that have been booked, reserved or are available.

CLICK HERE to view the 2024 Sydney Cat Lovers Festival **Stand List** detailing all the available stands and confirmed Exhibitors.



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#### Who are we?

Pet Projects International Pty Ltd (PPI) is more than just one of the country's leading professional event management companies.

We are passionate about staging truly unique events, delivering unforgettable experiences for our visitors and exceptional results for our exhibitors, sponsor and stakeholders.

We pride ourselves on our creativity and with an innovative and disruptive approach to event management and marketing.

Whether that entails engaging new technologies to deliver memorable experiences for our visitors or incorporating the latest data capture opportunities to exceed the expectations of our commercial partners – we like to go the extra mile to be great.

#### What else have we done?

Our Executive team has over 100 years' experience delivering some of the largest and most successful consumer and trade events since 1966 – here's just a sample:

- Home Buyer & Property Investor Show (Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth)
- Australian International Motor Show (Sydney)
- Channel 9 Money Show
  (Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane)
- Trading & Investing Expo (Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth)



- National 4X4 Show
  (Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane)
- Fishing Show & Outdoors Expo (Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane)
- Holiday & Travel Shows
  (Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Adelaide/
  Perth/Canberra)
- London Wine Show (UK)
- Evening Standard Homes & Property Show (London)
- Australian Construction Equipment Expo (Melbourne/Perth)
- International Liquefied Natural Gas Exhibition (Perth/Seoul/Barcelona/Doha/Oran)

### What else are we passionate about?

Providing our stakeholders with unrivalled experiential platforms where they can interact with a highly targeted audience outside the mass-media landscape in a very personal but effective way.

Presenting events that deliver cost-effective sales and marketing platforms for our stakeholders with measurable results and a positive return on investment.

Choosing kindness in everything we do is at the core of our brand DNA. We are also driven by a commitment to improve the lives of as many dogs and cats as humanly possible.

#### Contact our team

#### Sales & Sponsorship Enquires

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For display requirements including custom stand enquires contact ExpoNet at <u>esd@exponet.com.au</u> or call (02) 9645 7000

To book or request a quote for data capture terminals contact Lup at: <u>exhibitor.sales@lup.events</u>

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