

Subject: Fw: Cable Bay Cattery 2020

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Attachments: Basement Cattery east wall.jpg; East Wall looking south.jpg; North Wall looking west.jpg; Cat tree. play area.jpg

Hi Everyone,

What stressful times we are all living in, what with the corona virus and severe water shortages, thank goodness for our wee 4 legged stress relievers!



It's now been just over a year of looking after your purr babies and what a lovely time we've had of it.

All thanks to our wonderful guests and their nearest and dearest.

In the beginning, though we were so new, many of you chose to trust us with your wee ones, this has been very much appreciated.

We are also very grateful for the fantastic support we have had from the local community, businesses and Top Vet.

Our guest numbers have blossomed since opening, with over 78 families using our facilities. In addition to our locals, we also have regulars from Kaitaia all the way up to Houhora.

We also have five purr baby families from Auckland who each holiday with us whenever their mums and dads are staying locally.



Since opening, we have looked at ways of improving the little ones' stay, resulting in;

- direct access from room 1 to the outside cage area via a trapdoor
- individual catios (see attached photos) added to almost all rooms. These have proven extremely popular with our guests giving them much more freedom of movement and more choices of napping and playing areas.
- recently removed the fridge and microwave allowing us to expand Room 5 to give us another multi guest room.
- more flexibility by adding trapdoors between the rooms.
- an additional play/climbing area (see attached photo) where previously we stored office products. Many of our guests had already decided this area was expressly for their entertainment, we have cleared the shelves of office paraphernalia and added a large cat tree to the area.
- a tv/cd player has been mounted on the wall in the inside play area. We have ordered special cat entertainment DVD's but in the meantime the wee poppets are watching the Shadows, Michael Buble, Last of the Summer Wine etc
- built a cleaning/preparation station in behind the cattery and changed one of the rooms to a walk through storage room with direct access. While this reduces the number of guest rooms to 8, we found this is much more efficient for cleaning and servicing.
- Eftpos had the odd day off originally, but now works 100% and is proving a very convenient option to cash. Please note we cannot accept Credit or Debit cards.
- We are in the process of adding a cellphone wall bracket to allow us to take close up videos close to floor level.

So, all in all a busy year. The videos of each guest have proven popular, sometimes challenging to get, but a great way to re-assure absent mums and dads.



Current guests:

Currently we have in residence big Harry, little Harry, Zi, Benny, Sassy, Allie, Jamilla, Kathmandu, Little Chicken and Lily, thank goodness for the new catios!

Car sick purr babies.

A small number of our guests do not cope with their car trip well so we now keep absorbent cage liners to help out. If you think you might need some of these, just let us know before the stay and we'll get them to you.

Thank you again for making our wee business so enjoyable, you and your purr babies are the reason for our success!

Stay safe and bring on the rain!

Warm Regards
Ruth, Don & Millie
Cable Bay Cattery



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