

2020 - we made it!

Despite what has been thrown at us in 2020, biobanking and biobankers have continued to maintain activity and, in some instances, pivot to provide support for Covid-19 research. More specifically, we have observed biobanking networks worldwide being utilised for support with biobanks coming together to share resources and information. ABNA has played a small part in this by ensuring our members are kept informed and as your association, continue to encourage interaction to promote biobanking related topics.

Many of ABNA's management committee have at some point been working from home. As we begin to return to our usual routines and wish our members a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2021, we wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some of our 2020 co-workers #coworkersofABNA2020



Co-worker name: Fry

Nominated by: Ussha

Quote: 15 years young!

Skills: Always desperately needing to go outside 1 minute before a Zoom meeting starts. Available to soak up sunshine and snuggle on the couch.



Co-worker name: Alan

Nominated by: Val

Quote: He gets up to lots of mischief and I constantly need to rescue him.

Skills: Meticulous about cleaning up after himself.



Co-worker name: Puss Puss

Nominated by: Georget

Quote: Named by the kids.

Skills: Original creator of a zoom meeting game which starts just after a meeting does by complaining by the back door to be let inside, once inside complaining by the front door to be let out - to loop around to the back door to start again.

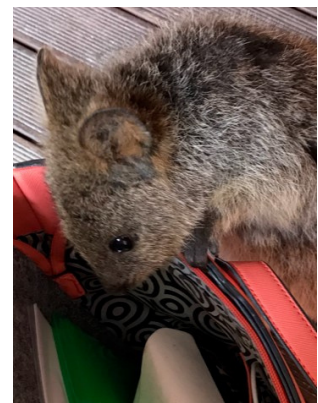


Co-worker name: Josie

Nominated by: Leanne

Quote: Only commenced co-worker position in May.

Skills: Still in training.

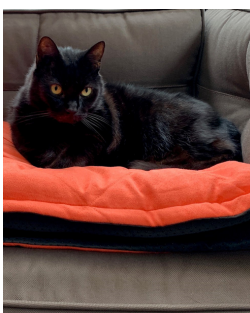


Co-worker name: Quokka

Nominated by: Nina

Quote: Not actually my pet, with apologies to my dog and two birds.

Skills: VERY inquisitive about biobanking files on recent trip to Rottnest Island.



Co-worker name: Dom

Nominated by: Anusha

Quote: RSPCA rescue cat adopted in 2015, and he has never looked back!

Skills: Offers increasingly judgemental looks through the day and snores loudly during meetings.



Co-worker name: Ruby Tuesday

Nominated by: Cass

Quote: 16 weeks old and full of beans!

Skills: Definitely not camera shy, her favourite pastime is chasing sky raisins and sleep talking during zoom calls. Avid collector and polisher of rocks.



Co-worker name: Allan (grey) & Spock (ginger)

Nominated by: Dan

Quote: As you can see have been very helpful to me over the course of working from home.

Skills: Observing general day to day activities. Not pictured here is our third cat Data who is concerned with wanting to escape the confines of his prison during our current renovations.



Co-worker name: Joe

Nominated by: Wayne

Quote: 1 year old, ongoing presence since Dec 2019

Skills: Highly skilled musician with wide ranging repertoire. Strong views on maintaining the ongoing prevalence of Christmas music all year round.



Co-worker name: Cooper

Nominated by: Sam

Quote: Lucky Cooper had more walks in 2020 lockdown than in his 7 years of life combined.

Skills: Spends his day desperate to predict human movements for the remote chance of food or a walk.



Co-worker name: CKs helpers

Nominated by: Cath

Quote: I didn't work from home at all during lockdown, but coffee, sugar, on-line shopping and an occasional post-work glass of bubbles have been my helpers since March.

Happy
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