

Mum's ultimate sacrifice for kitten

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LITTLE Whiskers' mum made the ultimate sacrifice after she dragged her kitten out of a fire.

CFA road controller Brendan Casser watched the mother cat save Whiskers and then run back into the controlled burn-off to try to save her other kittens near Ballarat, Victoria, last week.

She did not make it out.

Mr Casser scooped Whiskers up into his jacket and drove back to Melbourne with the three-month-old kitten asleep on his lap.

"It was just miaowing and miaowing, and I was supposed to be watching the road, but I had to pick him up and make sure it was OK," Mr Casser said.

"It sat on my lap the whole way home. It wouldn't leave me alone."

Mr Casser took Whiskers to the Lort Smith Animal Hospital, where the kitten was treated for burns to his nose and paws.

The kitten's fur was singed and his whiskers completely burnt off, leading animal hospital workers to nickname him Whiskers.

Lort Smith spokeswoman Joni Tooth said the mother cat had done an amazing job.

"He's quite a big cat to be carrying. She must have been a fantastic mother to carry him out," she said.

Mr Casser said he would adopt Whiskers, despite owning three dogs.