

CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

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SIR ROBERT ACKIN, K.C.M.G.

COMMITTEE.

President: Mr. R. K. Carberry.

Vice-President: Mr. W. G. Luton, Mrs. E. B. Smith.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. Moyes.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. B. Harvey.

Mesdames, L. Bowman, S. Hitchen, L. Challinor-Smith, Mr. G. H. Gillan.

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THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL  
BE HELD ON MONDAY, 24th FEBRUARY 1975 AT THE BOARD  
ROOM (2nd Floor) YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
189 LIVERPOOL STREET, SYDNEY. Commencing 7.15 p.m.

NOTE NEW ADDRESS.

AGENDA.

1. Welcome to members.
2. Apologies,
3. Minutes of November General meeting.
4. Business arising.
5. President's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. General Business.

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QUARTERLY RESUME!

Dear Member,

This quarterly review of current events comes to you because you have as an individual, shown your interest and concern in our aims and objects by becoming a member and this entitles you to express your opinion as to policy and the general running and conduct of our organisation known collectively as The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W.

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WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE PASS IT ON TO A  
CAT LOVER.

The elected Committee of the Society is but the voice of the members and in my view what the Society needs now is a tolerant and constructive debate on the merits of the questions before us: I believe that each of us has a right and the obligation to express his views in the speaking place for the common good. Apathy, indifference and complacency will not lift our organisation from being a small group of people (600) endeavouring to move a mountain with a match-stick, nor will it make the Society a voice of strength within the community.

I BELIEVE that as I have been elected to and accepted the Chair, I should together with Committee and the members, do my part to bring about a meaningful and positive result to our efforts and bring our aims to the attention of the public;

I ALSO BELIEVE, THAT OUR MOST PRESSING SHORT TERM NEED IS OUR OWN PREMISES for without this there is no real incentive for members to be physically involved, no horizon, no goal to work for apart from an image of X number of desexings annually. Without our own home, we are a name only, a Post Office box number with not even a phone listing in our own right, no address to which those of inquiring mind can seek advice, help and guidance on matters covered by our aims and objects, no place where those of benovolent disposition can view that which is concrete and positive, to which they could lend their aid.

If desexing is to be our main field of endeavour to prevent the birth of those for which there is no home, love or affection and we can accept the conservative estimate of at least half a million stray and homeless cats in the Metropolitan area of Sydney, then we must also accept that the few hundred we desex annually does not even scratch the surface. While we will always farm out work to Veterinaries, our thoughts should be fixed on the largest desexing Clinic in the State, with our own ambulance and paid staff to cater for those who cannot and never will be able to pay the standard fee. IF THIS IS OUR AIM THEN LET US BE THE LEADERS IN DESEXING AND GIVE THE LEAD.

I believe that sufficient members should come forward and form themselves into Committee's to further the acquisition of such a property, to assist with the dispatch of this Newsletter, arrange social functions, auxiliaries and the many avenues which imaginative minds can invent to further our financial standing and image to the public. If Committee proceeds with its planned publicity campaign, the resulting influx of members bringing greatly increased administrative work, correspondence and what not, could well prove beyond its capacity to handle.

The growth of this Society is in the hands of the members, not just that body of nine termed the Committee, however great the enthusiasm of such a team they cannot accomplish a great deal unless others are prepared to be involved. Toss my thoughts around, discuss them with others and tell me at the meeting where my belief is at fault and the result; should reflect your interest or otherwise.

A VERY ENJOYABLE FIRST. I have been a member from the early days and to my knowledge and belief the delightful Garden Party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cozens of Lane Cove, was a first such function to aid our cause, thirty seven guests were present and the magnificent total of \$154.10, was realised as the net proceeds. Our grateful thanks are extended to these kindly people and those who assisted them to make Saturday afternoon the 16th November, such a successful effort, it does show that one action is worth a thousand words.

The weather was kind and put on a good face. As the guests arrived they paid an entrance fee of fifty cents, which gave entitlement to afternoon tea (worth \$1.00) and a chance at the door prize of a beautiful book on cats, which on the draw was won by Miss Frances Bodkin, to her delight. A choice was then made of the many articles on sale priced from twenty five cents to \$3.00, this was followed by a "Tupperware" demonstration which helped to swell the coffers and to round off the afternoon; an "Auctioneer" who was present (Vice-President W. G. Luton) disposed of surplus cake for the round figure of \$15.00.

The whole was a pleasant and rewarding experience and the Cozens have come up with the nice thought that they will make it an annual event. The "Party" does highlight the fact that such functions have been as scarce as hens teeth within the Society, having no premises of our own, we lack a common meeting ground and the opportunity of coming together in that "happy to meet you and greet you" atmosphere and those "get to know you better" surroundings at a barbeque or a what not. This is where our social Committee could come together and really shine, organise one or two functions in a small way and keep the ball rolling which the Cozens have started, and takers?, any blithe spirit who will be a starter?. A short note to our box number will receive my attention.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL. The result of our appeal has indeed been heartening members from all over and as far afield as Inverell opened their hearts, dipped into their prockets and expressed their goodwill in a very definite way. It is gratefully received and shall be faithfully applied.

THANK YOU.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: The following proposal was submitted to the Committee of the Society at its meeting held on the 11th November 1974, quote :-

"That the remaining six members of the inaugural Committee of The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales, in the persons of, Mrs. Mary Kay-Cooper, as Founder and President, Mr. Virgil Lynch, Vice-President Mrs. Agnes Gilham, Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Lynch, Honorary Treasurer, and Mrs. T. B. Nelson and Mrs. D. Scrivener as Committee members, be created Honorary Life Members of the Society". Unquote. The Motion was enthusiastically received and unanimously carried, such a Resolution now becomes part of our history and gives recognition to those who had the courage to give the lead to those of us who followed in their footsteps. The warm congratulations and applause of Committee and, we are sure, the members, are extended to our new Life Members on this tribute and acknowledgement to their many years of endeavour on behalf of animals.

But do not let us forget that there were many other early stalwarts who gave the Founding Committee support, I could mention many names which come to mind but I could forget one, so I leave it with the comment that their intestinal fortitude created something out of nothing.

LEGACIES Year by year in the natural order of things some members of the Society are removed by death, and the Society is the poorer in consequence, not only by the loss of their sympathy but of their financial help.

The bequests shown below are gratefully acknowledged and recorded, they form a lasting memorial to the benevolent disposition of those folk, of their interest in the Society's work and their desire that our aims and objects should be prosecuted with vigor. Their memory shall be perpetuated and kept alive by their names being inscribed on the many segments applicable in our own premises.  
Mrs. F. White. \$200.00, Mrs. M. Randle \$900.00, Mrs. Alma Williams \$10.000.

MORRIS ESTATE. Miss Edna Morris, late of Hurstville, passed away January 11th, 1974. In her Will Miss Morris made various bequests to relatives and the concluding paragraph in that document reads:-  
"AND THE BALANCE SHALL BE FOR THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.".  
The Society awaits further advice from the Solicitors to the Estate.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING. The last quarterly meeting was held at the Womens Club, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, when thirty eight members attended.

One of the main items of discussion during the evening was the decision of Committee to suspend further desexing as from the 25th September, 1974 to a date to be fixed. The Chairman and Vice-President, W. G. Luton, gave a comprehensive history of the facts and background which brought about this resolve of Committee.

The Notice of Motion as set out on the business paper that three sections of the Constitution be amended were formally moved in three stages. That dealing with Annual Subscriptions was carried unanimously and increases the yearly subscription for an adult to \$2.00 and juniors to \$1.00 with pensioners continuing to pay \$1.00 as at present.

(It is anticipated that the new fee will not apply until the end of this financial year).

The proposal that the Committee Quorum be increased from three to the more democratic and correct figure of five, was also carried unanimously.

The remaining proposition that the Quorum for a General meeting be increased from ten to fifteen was also well received, there being only one negative vote registered.

Business then proceeded to a pleasant interlude when Vice-President W. G. Luton, expressed appreciation to Mrs. C. Martin for her endeavours over a period on behalf of the Society as Secretary/Treasurer and presented her with a suitably inscribed volume entitled "Cat Manners and Mysteries" as recognition from the members of her services.

The evening concluded with the drawing of two raffles which must go on record. The valuable ring-watch donated by Mrs. B. Harvey of Committee, was won by Mrs. Stevens with ticket number F.24., and the beautiful Beach towels donated by Mrs. Ferguson of Toongabbie, were won by Mrs. Abby with ticket number 68.

To complete this Report, I extend appreciation on behalf of Committee to:-

Mrs. J. Taylor for the listing of her phone number, not that we are contributing a great deal at the minute to assist her.

Mrs. L. Bowman for a beautifully illustrated volume "The Love of Cats" by Christine Metcalf, for raffle.

Mrs. J. Anthony for typing the six hundred envelopes in which this message comes to you.

Mr. K. Alcorn for the duplicating of this Review.

And everyone who has helped the Society or an animal, by word or deed.

R. K. Carberry.

SHOULD YOU WISH to become a benefactor by Will to this organisation, you may have it executed, at no cost, DO IT NOW, TIME MARCHES ON ?

ABANDONED KITTEN.

I peeped around the corner  
In a very timid way,  
Of course I wasn't sure  
If I'd be asked to stay.

Luck it seems was with me,  
She picked me up at once,  
And hugged me to her tightly,  
And said "you cuddly bunch".

I stretched my tail up highly,  
And rubbed against the wall.  
My eyes I opened widely  
I had to ply my all.

I quickly looked around me  
And wondered, Dare I hope  
To find a little corner  
with such, kindly folk.

Life is now contentment.  
of Course I came to stay,  
Love was what was needed  
In a very mutual way.

The above verse together with a cheque for \$40.00 was received from Mrs. L. Springfield of Blakehurst.

CONTRACEPTIVE. As a matter of interest to members we quote a letter received by Society, Honorary Secretary, Mrs. E. Moyes:-

"Warsaw, 8.XII.1974."

"Dear Madam,"

"The Polish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals is in a position to inform you that the contraceptive successfully used for humane regulation of the small animal population, cats/dogs is SYNCHROGEST. This is in no way detrimental to the health of the treated animals, is based on hormones and effects a diminishing of their mating impulse. The administering of this drug is very simple; once daily 0,5g of powder added to their diet during 5-7 days in the mating period."

Yours truly, J. Skemiska, General Secretary.

One of our main items of expenditure with sharply rising cost, is the paper from which you are reading and the 9" X 4" envelope it comes in. Has any member a contact which can give us an edge ?

PET'S POCKET ENCYCLOPAEDIA. By courtesy of Medical Research Pty Ltd., makers of "FERAMO" tonic formula for cats, dogs and birds, excellent little books on the care of pets are available free to members on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope no smaller than 4½" X 7. Send for yours now.

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QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETINGS, DAY OR EVENING ?. Some of our members have mentioned that they are reluctant to travel to, or return home, from such meetings on public transport during night hours. In an endeavour to overcome this problem we would be pleased to hear from those members who have vehicle accommodation and would pick up and deliver, and from members who require such courtesy. ALTERNATIVELY we would appreciate hearing from those who are for, or against Saturday or Sunday afternoon General meetings. In your corner, let us hear from you.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Please notify the Secretary as soon as possible.

INSTEAD OF FLOWERS. We regret to announce that Mrs. Jean Gillan, mother of Mr. Peter Gillan of Committee, passed away in Queensland during November, 1974 and at the request of Mr. Gillan, many family friends made donations in lieu of flowers, to the Clinic Building Fund. A nice thought and commendable action to her memory.

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MEMORIAL DONATIONS FROM: Mrs. Reynolds in memory of "Mitsus".  
 Mr. Ann Smith to the memory of "Stumpy".  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Martin for little tortie friend "Kittypuss".  
 Mr. and Mrs. Holmes in memory of "Kitty".  
 Mrs. Dorothy Parker in loving memory of "Sparkle".  
 Mrs. Balding sweet memories of "Princess".

HOME WANTED. For part Siamese/Burmese blue/cream female cat, extreme foreign type, approx., one year old. Please do not apply if you are not prepared to love it, as it is very affectionate. If you fill that requirement phone 57,5194.

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TELEPHONES:-  
 ANIMAL WELFARE. 44,3004.  
 ADMINISTRATION. 663,6085.

## GENERAL INFORMATION.

The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W., whose members are dedicated animal lovers, is devoted in particular to the welfare of non-pedigreed domestic cats. The Society aims to:

1. Promote the welfare of cats by all possible means.
2. Join with other organisations interested in the welfare of animals and seek further legislation giving greater protection to animals, especially to cats.
3. Advocate the desexing of domestic pets and thereby reduce the number of homeless and pitiful strays.
4. Plan and work for finance for a Cats' Home.
5. Establish a better understanding of the needs and care of cats and kittens, where misunderstanding can, and at times does, result in unintentional cruelty.

MANAGEMENT. The day to day work of the Society is carried out by a Committee of nine consisting of, President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four members, all of whom work in a voluntary capacity.

ELECTION. Committee is elected by financial members present at the Annual General Meeting held each August, of which prior notice, together with copies of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet are forwarded to all members for their perusal and consideration.

GENERAL MEETINGS. are held in February, May and November, notice of which is brought to the attention of members by a quarterly Newsletter, giving a report on Society activities and matters of interest.

MEMBERSHIP. Application forms for membership are available from members of Committee or by writing the Honorary Secretary, P.O. Box A523, SYDNEY SOUTH, 2000.

Annual member ~~\$2.00~~<sup>2</sup>, Junior to 16 years ~~50 cents.~~ *\$1.00*

Life member, \$25.00

~~PLEASE NOTE: As from the 1st July 1975., adult membership will increase to \$2.00 and Juniors \$1.00~~

Pensioners will remain at \$1.00 annual subscription.

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