

# The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W.

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THE MAY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL  
BE HELD ON MONDAY, 26TH. MAY, 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 Meeting.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - REMEMBERS ALWAYS, - that we value your membership but, quite a number of the February Newsletters have been returned with the following overprinted "MOVED... ADDRESS UNKNOWN... RETURN TO SENDER". Once we have lost this contact we like to think our work has lost a valued friend, so please, if this should catch your eye- LET US HAVE YOUR NEW ADDRESS.

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

Dear Member,

Firstly, a warm welcome to new members and old friends who have returned to membership, we hope that your stay with us is a long and happy experience.

When I prepared the February Resume, I expressed myself partly as follows, quote, "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 strays 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" unquote.

One of our member correspondent has taken me to task on this point and says in the communication received, quote, "I am sorry you feel the work of desexing is a DROP IN THE OCEAN". unquote.

While this is a distortion of my words and meaning, I have no argument against difference of opinion to my own for it is only by tolerant and constructive debate that we arrive at the will of the majority.

My comment was prompted by the pitiful figures we can present on neutering and the mass extermination which is taking place throughout our state. For the financial year ended 30. 6. 74., our Society, subsidised the desexing of 164 cats, repeat 164--- If our efforts are to be meaningful and bring home the message to our fellow citizens that their pets should be spayed, we should be doing 164 per week, not per year. Admittedly, when our number is added to those of other organisations the total is a little better in relation to the problem and while desexing was practically unheard of around 1950, it has gained greater momentum as time marches on.

But if one considers the reverse side of the coin and the gigantic proportions of the growing problem, it must bring concern to any with the slightest compassion and distress to all cat lovers. In 1967, the major humane organisation in Sydney had to destroy 10,000., cats, in 1968, 11,000., 1969--17,000., 1970., 20,000., 1971--23,000., 1972--22,000., and 1973--27,000. The progressive totals show the explosion and trend far better than any argument by me, if one were to add the figures from the twenty four branches of that organisation across the State, the many Veterinaries, Local Government bodies and other agencies who could add their quota together with the unknown tens of thousands picked up free by the University of Sydney (see further "Advertisement") possibly for



teaching hospitals, (medical and veterinary) and not forgetting the thousands whose blood is slowly drained away to create vaccine for feline enteritis, one begins to grasp the magnitude of the whole sickening operation because this community allows millions of kittens to commit the sin of being born into a World---THAT HAS NO HOME for them.

If the figures could be brought together I would say that eighty thousand exterminated would be a conservative figure, but those which are mercifully killed humanely, are the fortunate ones, there is still the unknown number whose death will be neither quick nor painless. Some will be crushed by cars, frequently suffering hours or days before death, some will be abandoned in remote places, and die of thirst or starvation. Others will be poisoned, or drowned, or clubbed and others, die by the Greyhound.

And if that is not sufficient to make my point let us take that other facet of the feline population and mans cruelty, whose numbers are unknown, the dumped domestic cat that goes wild and lives off the land and in its battle to survive, decimates our bird life and native fauna-- the Feral cat, of which Miss Frances Bodkin could write with greater authority than myself, it is another story.

But cats know no State border and the problem is not peculiar or exclusive to N.S.W. as evidenced by the fact that our sister Society, the C.P.S. of Victoria, accepted the colossal number of 38,000 cats and kittens from the "animal lovers"? last year in Melbourne. However, whatever the form of dying it is a pitiful parade of those for which there is no love or affection and a sad reflection on our way of life that allows so many unwanted to be born and that ONLY A HANDFUL OF DEDICATED PEOPLE ARE ENDEAVOURING TO CORRECT THE POSITION-by "scratching the surface".

Too those few words I would add that, in my opinion, desexing is being priced beyond the reach of many of us and that a majority of our "animal lovers?" could not care less providing they can shed their obligation and responsibility in the bush or into the hands of those with compassion. Come to the meeting and tell me where my facts are wrong, but even if you agree, say something -- do not stay mute, so that the problem arrives where it belongs--- AT GOVERNMENT LEVEL AND A SUBSIDY TO OUR SOCIETY, for I believe that education, that gives one physical courage to stand in front of a cannon and fails to give one moral courage to stand up in defence of right and justice- is a failure.

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PASS THIS ON TO A CAT LOVER



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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING. The last quarterly meeting was held at the Y.W.C.A. Liverpool Street, when forty one members attended.

One of the main items of discussion during the evening was acquisition of premises by the Society in some inner suburb with space for parking, Opportunity Shop, Clinic, administrative offices, caretaker quarters and meeting room.

The debate and many helpful suggestions put forward reflected the interest of members to the proposition and their enthusiasm for such a project. The attitude of the meeting mirrored the opinion of Committee that until such a property was secured the Society lacked standing within the community, and could not implement its policy of making desexing available to all at a reasonable cost so that all owners would accept as the natural order of things that their pet should be spayed.

It was generally agreed by the meeting that in such premises our organisation could become the main neutering agency and a real and potent force in bringing the message home to the three tiers of Government and the community at large and accordingly the following was moved and carried unanimously:-

"That this meeting of members of the Cat Protection Society of New South Wales instruct the Committee to make all efforts to secure, as early as possible, premises for the Society in a central location, as its Head Office and Clinic".

Mr. Arthur-Smith spoke on the need and desirability of a permanent mark on a cat showing that it had been spayed and from his experience the best method was per medium of a tattoo record in ear of the animal so that the operation is not performed the second time as has happened in the past.

The door prize donated by Mrs. C. Martin was won by Mrs. Horton with ticket No. 62., and to round off the evening nicely, Miss Ray and Mrs. Abdy kindly donated the rental cost of the Meeting place in the sum of \$10.00.

MORRIS ESTATE. An approach to the Supreme Court, Equity Division, has been made by the Executor named in the Will seeking clarification and interpretation on certain aspects and Orders as to the handling of some assets. The President of the Society has been served with Summons and Affidavit in Support as one Defendant, the matter is proceeding.

"WANTED HEALTHY UNWANTED CATS FOR EXPERIMENT, MONEY PAID, TRANSPORT  
ARRANGED BY UNI OF SYDNEY, PHONE 660,9247"

Yes, such was the advertisement which appeared in the Daily Telegraph on Friday 21st. February last, many of our members voiced their protest in various ways and the Society sent a communication to the Editor which in part states, "The message contained in such advertisement is abhorrent, hurtful and distressing to members of our Society and those of the humane movement in particular and all cat lovers in general. We must protest loud and clear the fact that your paper allows" the publication of such for material gain "unquote.

That last line is the key-- the fact that the paper would lend itself to the procurement of defenceless animals for experimentation with all its incalculable suffering, for financial gain.

However, the paper has learned from this experience that advertisements of this type must be submitted to a higher authority beyond the counter clerk before being accepted.

There seems little doubt that the advertisement was a hoax, most of us are familiar with that advertisement which has been inserted in many papers over many years. "UNWANTED CATS, University of Sydney is willing to dispose of unwanted cats in the Metropolitan area according to your instructions. No charge. 660-0522-ext. 2687".

Under the present Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, no humane Society Officer has the right to enter the above premises and police experimentation or otherwise on these animals. A phone ring by myself to ext, 2687, on the 21st April last, that I had two cats to dispose of brought the information that I should ring in the middle of May as they had no storage space left and yes, they would pick up free.

WINTER APPEAL . Our affluent community spends millions of dollars at the Tab, on the "Pokies", in the pubs, via the Lottery, on a thousands forms of pleasure and in keeping up with Jones, Smith or Brown, yet, with all this wealth around us, I am diffident at asking for money to help our animal friends and our work, for I know, that the response will be from those whose hearts are touched by compassion and who very often, can ill afford that little extra, typical of which is a lady from Hammonville who wrote;-- "I have received a small amount of money unexpectedly and thought I would share some of it with the Society, hope it will help"-- for wuch a lovely thought, I say THANK YOU -- and to other readers I can only say -- PLEASE.



NEW CONSTITUTION. Committee is still ironing our various matters in a draft Memorandum and Articles of Association to bring the Society within Section 24 of the Companies Act so that our organisation becomes a Corporate Body.

A Corporate Body is an entity recognised by law which performs and has the rights of a living person but possesses one advantage, namely, that it cannot die. Like us, it can get sick and need attention, but it can only die at the hands of the law and is one form of man's ingenuity whereby he enludes the consequences of an all too brief life span in which to perform his work. Instead of, as in the case of mankind, "The evil that men do live after them" the Corporate Body is usually founded with good intent and the good that it can do lives long after the men and women who started it and originally built it up.

The need to bring the Society within the scope of the Companies Act, will increase as time marches on as a Corporate Body this Society could then receive bequests of both real and personal property in addition to donation of money and from time to time many animal lovers will make due provisions in their last Will and Testament to the end that after they have passed on, the good work started by them could be carried on by an entity that does not die.

The Society as presently constituted can receive by Bequest, all manner of things, but, for every single piece of real estate, shares and what have you, Trustee's must be appointed and the property placed in their name as de facto owners on behalf of the Society, this is cumbersome when death overtakes those appointed and the whole ritual has to be reacted with new appointees. It is also expensive in legal fees when a Deed of Trust must be prepared in each instance evidencing the Trusteeship, without such a Declaration of Trust complications arise proving the Society's interest in the Estate of a Trustee. ~~BUT REMEMBER~~, none of the foregoing prevents you from becoming a benefactor by Will to this organisation, you may have it executed at no cost, DO IT NOW, TIME MARCHES ON?

REAL VALUE ONLY FIVE LEFT. Removes pet hair from carpets, furniture and clothes like magic, this pet hair brush attachment fits any vacuum cleaner, plus a hand super sweep, the two retail at £11.98., as currently advertised on T.V. and in Woman's Day--but to assist the Society, the two for £8.00 by ringing 663,6085 (Mrs. Harvey) Delivery to your home may possibly be arranged, or if reserved, available at General meeting. It is good value and a good cause.

PUBLICITY. The "Daily Telegraph" newspaper covered our February General Meeting and gave a report on page three the following morning, Tuesday 25th, from this emanated various segments through the news media, there was first the A.B.C. "Breakfast Session", the "2 G.B.", gave coverage through its A.M. News-bulletins. This brought an invitation for representatives of the Society to appear on the "Mike Walsh Show" on Channel Ten on Friday the 28th. when Vice-President, Mrs. E.B. Smith and Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. B. Harvey appeared on behalf of our organisation and were thus given the opportunity to make known some of our aims and objects.

Thanks and appreciation is extended to these ladies for making time available and their very creditable performance at short notice. Sunday the 9th. March brought a further spread in the Sunday "Telegraph", and while it was not true to copy in a couple of places, it did give us wide coverage to readers near and far afield. For the while of this worth-while publicity which brought many new members and interest in our work, we must thank the "Daily Telegraph" which started the ball rolling in response to our critical letter.

THE MESSAGE FOR JUNE SUBSCRIPTIONS. Once the sixth month of the year comes around, July is just around the corner and brings with it many calls in time and effort to members of Committee in finalising all sorts of important matters for inclusion in the Society's Annual Report and Balance Sheet, so, to lighten the burden on officers of the Society during July, (They work in an honorary capacity) I would remind Annual members that subscriptions fall due on July 1st and should be paid before July 31st.

Annual members are also reminded the new scale of dues as adopted at the November General Meeting are applicable as follows:-  
 Adult Annual subscription increased from \$1., to ----- \$2.00  
 Junior Annual subscription increased from 50c to ----- \$1.00  
 There is no increase for Pensioners, this will remain - \$1.00

NEW MEMBERS NOTE. Your attention is drawn to Clause 4, (c) of the Constitution which entitles any Annual member or Junior who has joined since the 1st January 1975 to all the rights and privileges of membership until 30th June in the next or subsequent year (1976)

RECEIPTS for Cash and Postal Orders are sent immediately-for cheques and Money Orders they are forwarded with next Newsletter unless prompt return is requested.



PETS' IN MEMORIAM. When turning the pages of humane society journals which I receive, I invariably come once more to the "In Memoriam" for pets column.

As always, images of my well loved animal friends of the past appear before my eyes and those cherished memories bring them wa lking in my heart again. I am sure this happens to all those who have cared enough for their pets to have their names recorded in the pages of the Society's Journal as a Valete and a memorial. To some who may possibly feel that the "In memoriam" record is just a repetition of printed names, I would beg them to see in future (with an inner vision) a congregation of animals who have individually made such an impression on the lives and affections of their owners as to impel them to perpetuate the memory of golden moments and perhaps ---- far happier days.

Thanks and appreciation is extended on behalf of committee to:

Mrs. N. Farrell, for a beautiful diamonte bracelet from New Zealand, for raffle.

And, Mrs. J. Taylor-- Mrs. Y.M. Stellios--Miss D. pullo-- Mrs. J. Anthony---Mr. K. Alcorn---for help and services rendered and, everyone who has helped the Society or an animal, by word or deed.

R.K. Carberry.

THE CAT MAN OF CABRAMATTA.

Unassuming, gentle, he passes through the street, looking for more starving cats, ensuring they they'll eat.

His own wa nts are very simple, they'd need to be at that, as all his pension's spent on any starving cat.

He carries with him what he can, whatever luck may win, and if his PENSION'S shot to hell he'll search a garbage tin.

People may think him simple, and some... eccentric, odd... but in the eyes of those poor deserted waifs he embodies their dreams of a god.

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Mary Baarschers.

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