

CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

Registered Charity No. CC 17122

FEBRUARY 1976.

P.O. Box A523,
SYDNEY SOUTH, 2000

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The Hon. Sir Robert Askin, G.C.M.G.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1976, AT THE Y.M.C.A. (not Y.W.C.A.) 325 PITT STREET, SYDNEY, COMMENCING AT 7.15 P.M. on the first floor.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of November General Meeting.
2. Business arising.
3. President's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. General business.

"BENEVOLENCE" by NORMAN LINDSAY. This mounted 1' 10" x 1' 5" lithograph, in colour, of a limited edition, is the result from 18 hand-drawn plates and hundreds of painstaking hours of work to capture the glowing shades and subtleties of colour by William Hackett from the original by the artist. This collector's item WILL DEFINITELY BE DRAWN AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING ABOVE. Tickets at 20 c each are available if you hurry. Stamped return envelope would be appreciated.

INCREASED POSTAGE is now a costly item. Receipts will only be sent to new members and for cash, or if requested. Otherwise, receipts will be enclosed with next Newsletter.

PLEASE PUBLICISE OUR WORK, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES BY PASSING ON THIS NEWSLETTER AND DESEXING BROCHURE ENCLOSED.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Please do not fail to notify the Secretary of any change. We do not wish to lose contact and hope you feel the same.

PLEASE PASS THIS ON

Dear Member,

Firstly, a warm welcome to the steady stream of new members. We hope that your stay with us is a long and happy experience.

MORRIS ESTATE. When I gave the result of the Court hearing in this matter in the November Newsletter, and the decision in our favour on the two points at issue, it was believed by Committee, that we only awaited the formal transmission of the property to bring finality and so allow us to take stock of our combined assets and, if sufficient, to give preparatory thought to the purchase of a property for our clinic this financial year. But, unless a miracle comes our way, such planning must come to an end for the time being. Notice of Appeal has been lodged, with a possible delay of twelve months before a hearing of this further contest. It is now two years since Miss Edna Morris passed away on the 11th January, 1974, and it is difficult to forecast or perhaps idle to speculate, on the outcome of this Appeal; but it does bring home the fact that when we apply our thoughts to paper in our Will, the symbols of communication in such document should be clear and simple and leave no doubt as to one's wishes and be beyond dispute.

As Residuary Beneficiary, the Society had to meet costs on the first action last September of \$696.00, but the costs of the Plaintiff and the first and second defendant were extracted from the Estate. We know that the legal profession, like other callings, must receive its bread and butter. I hope the felines will receive a little dripping - or, if we are fortunate, margarine - when the story comes to an end. THIS NOW BRINGS ME TO THE NEXT MATTER.

OUR CLINIC PROPERTY. The acquisition of such is proving to be a slow and painful process, but we will never blossom until we enter this field in our own right - lead the way and set the pace with desexing within the reach of all at realistic price. We have no desire to enter into competition with others but apparently we have no option or alternative than to follow the lead given by our counterparts in the U.S.A. who broke the monopoly of high fees to the benefit of all concerned, including the veterinary profession, who have now removed their head from the sand in that country and appreciate the financial gains and the far reaching benefits in many fields which the prevention of birth of many thousands of the unwanted and the associated cruelty, has brought to the community and the environment. That the members desire our own clinic is beyond doubt if one can accept the one hundred percent support at meetings, together with the inflow of donations and correspondence applauding such proposition. So for the benefit of members I give the preliminary thoughts of Committee for the first of such clinics.

Location is a much discussed question but a prime requisite is easy access for those without car transport. This does suggest a property

on the rail system closely adjacent to any station from Redfern to Burwood with thought to the advertising potential on the premises for rail travellers and others.

Such building to house opportunity shop, administrative office, clinic, meeting rooms and have reasonable parking facilities. Caretaker quarters must at this stage have a ? placed. We seek the co-operation and goodwill of the veterinary profession and, therefore, would not enter the field of general practice - only desexing. However, to establish such a clinic will require Municipal approval and location may be subject to various requirements; so a commercial area has the best prospects. It is anticipated that purchase to suit our needs would be any figure to \$90,000; but once having secured our nest - this brings forward THE NEXT MATTER:-

INTENANCE AND RUNNING COSTS. While we know that such a foundation once established will give incentive and stimulus to the public to give financial help, the rock on which it will stand will be bequests and a dedicated auxiliary; for without these no charity can build and extend its field of endeavour. Without these it will remain dormant or stagnate and possibly fold. Our present administrative costs are infinitesimal, all work being honorary with all 'phone calls, much postage and considerable car and miscellaneous exes being absorbed by individual members of Committee as personal contribution. But when the chips are down with our own clinic there will be a dramatic change expenditure wise. A veterinary surgeon and nurse will need many thousands of dollars salary per annum, plus drugs, telephone, water and municipal rates, electricity, food, insurance, stationery, disinfectant, sundries and maintenance of the property. These are just basic items. Such luxuries as a full time Secretary, ambulance, receptionist and handyman/driver are a pipe dream at this stage in N.S.W., but not for the C.P.S. of Victoria where they meet a monthly expenditure of \$5000.00.

While we count our pennies and cry in the wilderness for cents I find it difficult to understand that our fellow citizens in this State could wager for the last six months \$317,000,000 on TAB, plus millions on the Pokies, millions through the Lotteries and the Pools, plus untold millions in the pubs. At the same time the Government spoon feed the loafers, the big corporations sponsor every sport under the sun and the grazier will give for research to enlarge his profits --- but ask any of them for two bob for humane work and they look at you as if you are some strange idiot. I was rash enough to write to two of the large multi-nationals supplying pet food to our market seeking an advert in this Newsletter to defray costs. After a delay of seven months I still await the courtesy of a reply. It appears that to open the hearts of many, one must produce an animal at the point of death through cruelty; then gain the sympathy and compassion of the media. Unfortunately, one cannot produce the thousands of homeless strays, many of which are emaciated skeletons who go to bed nightly diseased and with empty bellies.

those who are out of sight and out of mind, but where the cruelty to the one animal is multiplied a thousand fold every day of the year --- because very few care.

THINK OF THE STRAY: HUNTED - HUNGRY - HOMELESS.

AUXILIARY AND SOCIAL. Those of you who read the February 1975 Newsletter would have seen these lines, quote "I believe that sufficient members should come forward to arrange social functions, auxiliaries and the many fields which imaginative minds can explore to further our financial standing and image to the public" unquote. The following is the Report on those who came forward to start an auxiliary in a small way; ?????????
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AND - apart from the few stalwarts who are the backbone, not one soul arranged a cup of tea with their friends or a two up game to benefit the felines. But, as I say, being the optimist, I still have faith.

WHERE THERE'S A "WILL" THERE'S A WAY TO REMEMBER THE C.P.S.

You may avail yourself of the advice of the Society's Solicitor. You may make provision for portion, or the whole of any amount to be allocated to:- General Fund, Desexing Fund, Ambulance Fund, or any of the other services rendered by the Society.

To those benevolent individuals who may wish to become benefactors to this Society, the following form is respectfully suggested:-

I bequeath to the CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES for the general purposes of that Society the sum of \$ free of all duties payable at my death and the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Society shall be sufficient discharge for such legacy.

NOTE: All Wills or Codicils must be in writing signed by the Testator and attested by two witnesses in the presence of the Testator and of each other.

"MY HEART IS RENT ..."

Alas, my dearest friend has died.

His spirit drifts on into another incarnation,

In the ever weaving cycle. My heart is rent; yet

No tears come to my eyes. He died, my friend for twelve years and eleven days.

He lived a life - that is all I can say;

It was neither over-joyous nor over-sad.

Better life than most; someone says.

He was no fool; he had his moments of splendour, and otherwise (but mostly of the former, I hope)

Once was the time I thought I could not live without him.

But now he is not, and I still am,

What right have I, who am but a fool, to live longer than he,

Who was not? (Answer me, Lord Time - Answer me, Lord Death)

My lips are sealed, My heart is closed, and never shall I forget
My dear friend (may your spirit traverse far better worlds than this)
My dearest Spyki, my proverbial W.C. (Wonderful Cat).
Gently, I hear the echoes of the "gravedigger's spade."

R.B. Ferguson.

From Mrs. N. Farrell, Riverwood.

VALE. As time marches on and in the natural order of things it is my sad duty to record the passing of friends and helpers with whom I have been associated over the years in this field of endeavour and it is with deep regret that I have to place the name of Mr. John Holland, late of Mosman. As President of the RSPCA I worked with John as State Secretary of that organisation in the nineteen fifties and later, in the sixties, when he was a fellow Councillor. John also gave much of his time and help in the formative years of our C.F.Society.

SOCIAL - THE ONE AND ONLY. During November 1974 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cozens of Lane Cove held a Garden Party at their home and gained the total of \$154.00 to help our feline friends. When the result was written up in the last February Newsletter it was anticipated that this would stimulate others to emulate such a worthy effort with some small function. But the months rolled by to November once again and our friends, Gordon and Sybil, staged a repeat effort with the magnificent result of \$400.00 as the reward for the dedicated work they and their friends had put into the only social event of the year. Our grateful thanks are extended to these kindly people. Their effort once again highlights the fact that one action is worth a thousand words, and that such events are as scarce as hen's teeth to aid our clinic fund.

A VALETE AND A MEMORIAL to those well loved animal friends of the past, cherished memories which bring them walking in our heart again, a journey down memory lane, of golden moments and perhaps - far happier days. Donations from;- Miss J. Kirkpatrick, in memory of "Myshan Bambi" a small Siamese cat loved by all.

M. H. Watkins, in memory of "Brutus", "Gorki", "Sasha", "Keai" and "Samantha"; all of whom share a place in our memory.

THEY SAY;- Miss L. Boon of Bondi writes "These donations (\$14) are the result of my "Stray cents for stray cats" tin which I have on my desk at work which others, perhaps, could emulate".

AND - Mrs. G.M. Thompson of Leura - "When using a cat trap, place the meat well in the back of the cage and immediately the animal is caught cover the trap with an old blanket or similar and the cat will lie quietly until arrival at the Veterinary. This prevents the animal going berserk with fright".

AISO - Mrs. H. Craney, Greenwich - "I am madly saving bottles which can be redeemed for a cash voucher at the Lane Cove bottle and paper depot, 60 Wood Street - also aluminium cans which can be sold for my favourite charity, the clinic building fund".

AGAIN - Miss K. Ackland, Vaucluse - "Is there any arrangement that the Society will humanely dispose of cats left by members in event of death" Editorial note. Yes, the Society will carry out any person's wish in this regard (member or not) for their feline friends - PROVIDING - their wish as to disposal is lodged in writing with the Secretary and is on record. Also, if possible, that the person making such request makes prior arrangements with some individual who has the confidence of the cats to catch them and notify the Secretary immediately after death. I would stress the latter as a recent case was a very painful experience - with no person having the confidence of the animals, and they had to be trapped over a period of weeks - with one not yet accounted for.

X THEN - Mrs. Dorothy Hannes, Umina - "My efforts with the raffle for the "Night and Day" electric lamp made and donated by my husband, Eric, have been crowned with success. I sold tickets on the three days in Umina, Ettalong and Woy Woy (as per your authority) and netted \$30.00. The winner was delighted, so all was fine. Cheque to cover, together with two donations of \$5.00 each, total \$40.00, attached."

X NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING. The last quarterly meeting was held at the YMCA, Liverpool Street, Sydney, when thirty-four members attended. Discussion centred around the purchase of our own property for a clinic, probable price and location. Liaison and meetings with the Australian Veterinary Association and the contentious article in the Sun-Herald newspaper on the 3rd August, 1975, as it affected that organisation.

Lack of knowledge by the public of the Society and the difficulty, at times, in contacting a spokesman relative to advice, and receiving help. And what had been accomplished for cats, by Committee, since being elected. A pleasing interlude was the presentation of a cheque for \$100 by Mrs. Shirley Dowles, of Blakhurst, as a contribution to the Clinic Fund. Proceedings terminated at 10 P.M.

OBSERVERS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The invitation extended to members by Committee that they may attend such meetings on the second Monday in each month at the YMCA, 325 PITT STREET (near Bathurst Street) commencing at 6.30 PM sharp, reflected great enthusiasm among our readers with Miss E. Morrison and Mrs. Gwen Abdy present at the December meeting and Mrs. Abdy the only observer present at the January gathering. Such interest gives great encouragement to Committee.

APPRECIATION. It is so difficult to know where to start and finish - so many have given generously to the Christmas and Clinic Appeal and in time and effort. To one and all - THANK YOU.

Written and compiled for and on behalf of Committee
R.K. Carberry

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DON'T LOSE PUSS

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"But he (or she) never leaves us". "He's very docile". "She loves to ride in the car". These, and various similar phrases, are too often famous last words. Many beloved pets have been lost while being carried into Vets' rooms in owners' arms, or from cars, or yards of new homes.

This can be avoided by a little care and common sense.

When a new kitten or cat comes into your household, or you move house, PLEASE DO be sure to keep Puss securely shut in a room from which he can't escape.

DO make sure he has a toilet tray which is kept clean and fresh. Cats are fastidious creatures and like to be clean.

DO ensure that, while ventilation is adequate, he cannot escape through a window or other aperture.

DO keep him company as much as possible for the first week in his new home. Show him around the house and garden, carrying him at first, and then accompanying him for a few days.

DO purchase a collar with an elastic insert, and a small metal disc engraved with name and address/phone number. If you don't want to keep the collar on him permanently at least make sure he is wearing it for the first month in his new home, and any time you take him on a visit to the vet., or elsewhere.

DO always transport him in an escape-proof, well ventilated container. A fishing basket, picnic basket, overnight bag with zipper or onion bag are adequate if you do not wish to purchase a cat-carrying case, although a very good and economical one can be obtained from larger pet shops for about \$3.50.

NEVER attempt to transport a cat in an ordinary cardboard box, no matter how securely you may think you have fastened it - it is useless. Any cat can get out of a cardboard box as did one, of our acquaintance, during an aircraft flight.

E.B. Smith

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.

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| Annual member | \$2.00 | Junior to 16 years | \$1.00 |
| Life member | \$25.00 | | |

Pensioners will remain at \$1.00 annual subscription.

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