

# CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

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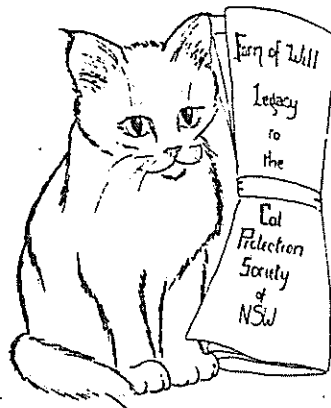
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO GIVE YOU, THE MEMBER, THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND AND SHOW YOUR INTEREST THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING HAS BEEN CONVENED FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON AS SET OUT BELOW. IT IS UP TO YOU TO SHOW INTEREST IF YOU WISH THIS EXPERIMENT TO CONTINUE. SO PLEASE DROP YOUR LIFE PATTERN FOR A FEW HOURS & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1976, AT CAHILLS DUTCH VILLAGE, "PARK REGIS" 27 PARK STREET, SYDNEY, COMMENCING AT 2 P.M.

(Full Restaurant facilities available if arriving early)

## AGENDA

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

ANNUAL MEMBERS. MEMBERSHIP FEES WERE DUE JULY LAST. Economics, with postage, force us to discontinue the Newsletter to those who have not renewed by November 30th. All unproductive postage robs the felines of their rightful share.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE AND APPEAL. It will soon be Christmas once again. Once more the bells will ring out to herald the season of goodwill to all living things and that time of the year that is hard to resist, a time of joy, of consideration for others and of well-being. For twelve months we strive to cultivate kindness in the hearts of people. Now during the closing weeks of the year we like to express our appreciation to our friends for helping us; for without their loyal support our work could not continue. Therefore, may we say THANK YOU for a pleasant relationship during the past year and extend to you our wishes for a HAPPY CHRISTMAS, GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPEROUS YEARS TO COME.

Should our Christmas appeal touch your heart - LET YOUR CONSCIENCE AND YOUR WELL FED PET BE YOUR GUIDE. IT IS NOT WHAT YOU TAKE UP BUT WHAT YOU GIVE UP THAT MAKES YOU RICH.

Dear Member,

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET your animal friends, four footed and feathered, over the coming Christmas holidays. It is their right and your obligation to make full provision for their food, water, care and protection during any absence from your home, farm, warehouse or any place where animals are kept.

THE EXPLOSION. Quote from my May 1975 Newsletter - "If one considers the gigantic proportions of the growing problem it must bring concern to any with the slightest compassion, and distress to all cat lovers. The dog and the cat (other than pedigreed) have no asset value. They can be had for the asking. Go through the Herald and Telegraph or the 68 suburban newspapers each week and you will see that cats, and particularly kittens, are offered free in thousands and this number is small by comparison to those given away by word of mouth. Then add the colossal number born out of sight around wharves, parks, bushland and that complex of factories from Redfern to Botany and similar industrial zones throughout Sydney and environs and you get a small picture of the whole. We know that only a small percentage are gathered up and, as we smugly put it, "humanely destroyed", leaving many tens of thousands multiplying in plague proportions Statewide - every village, town and city has its share of these pathetic outcasts. From this vast ever-increasing number of homeless and unwanted felines comes the material for most of the intentional and thoughtless cruelty. From the formation of the Animal Protection Society of N.S.W. in 1873 (changed to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 1918 with Royal prefix 1923) to the present day there has been a continually growing number slaughtered. But it became organised with the opening of the Lost Dogs' Home Society kennels at Moore Park in 1912. It continued without break when the latter organisation went bankrupt and the SPCA assumed control in 1921. Each succeeding year the statistics continue to roll out -- X thousands of "cats and dogs humanely destroyed". In all that 103 years history we have learnt very little. We go on our smug, respectable, self-satisfied and comfortable way with the nice thought "We have saved them from further suffering". Why ---- do the conservatives in the humane movement, after one hundred years, follow on with "what was good enough for grandpa is good enough now"?????. It seems to me that there are a lot who, like the ostrich, will not remove their head.

Over many of those years, as President of the RSPCA, I have seen at the Dogs' Home hundreds of thousands of our canine friends (man's most abused friend) look through the mesh of the kennels searching for that familiar face before going to the gas chamber or the needle; and countless felines in an agony of fear and apprehension packaged in cartons, boxes, bags and a mixture of containers waiting their turn for death. I now see the whole bloody, gory, continuing exercise as so

senseless, cruel and futile. Senseless in that the humane movement allows itself to be the butcher for those rotten "animal lovers"? who year after year breed and bring, or dump in the bush. Cruel because it is accepted by all sections of the community as a way of life and a way out; and futile because it does not contain at a given figure, let alone prevent the ever-mounting excess.

The most reliable yardstick on the population explosion among unwanted cats are the Annual figures of those handles by the RSPCA which had to destroy 10,000 in 1967. By 1972 the figure had leapt to 22,000 and for this year of 1976 the number accepted had climbed to 27,436; and of course this is only the tip of the iceberg. As I write this copy the procession of felines continues on its way to the latter Society, the 160 veterinaries in the Sydney region (whose combined intake would be far greater than the Society's), the various Municipal pounds, the vivisectioners at the medical and veterinary schools, the experimenters at the commercial and industrial plants and many other avenues of slaughter as part of the 80/100,000 cats killed in this Metropolis each year. Very few people seem to care or give a damn and apparently you will never alter it until this Society IS FINANCIALLY STRONG THROUGH GIFTS OR LEGACIES to make desexing of felines a way of life.

Apart from the one hundred years "massacre of the innocents" one would think that the simple economics of the situation would strike home to all concerned. Many Municipal Councils conduct their own pounds for strays and do not seek the help of the RSPCA and I have no figures for those Local Government bodies. So, as a measure, one must fall back on the Royal Society as one small segment of the whole, and they accepted 20,520 (yes, that is correct) stray and unwanted canines for the year ended 30.6.76 - just one bite of the apple in this Metropolis - which is to show what value is placed on the dog among your "animal loving" friends --- and the feline is further down the scale.

And the simple economics -- If one were to follow the individual stray when it is picked up by the impounding officer and its complicated journey to Yagooona where it is held for seven or fourteen days and has to be fed and cared for prior to reclaim or death, one would see that many dollars have been expended on that living, pathetic animal. Multiply that by 20,520 plus Councils and you still do not see the whole. Who cares? Very few!

I served my apprenticeship in the humane movement as a member with the RSPCA from 1919 through the lean and hungry years to 1971 when finance worries fell away. But, even to-day that organisation, with all its assets, does not receive just recompense from the State for the community service it gives. Any State Government with courage could alter the position with canine strays in a short space of time and do much to wipe out that scourge of the dog world - distemper. Cats are more complicated.

Animal shelters are as essential as other services in every urban centre of the State. The ugly fact that most of them have become Buchenwald collecting depots for the unwanted and unloved cat and dog is one of the social evils of our community. Such shelters conducted by Humane Societies and Local government are not to be blamed because they are flooded daily with 10 or 100 times as many animals as can be placed in good homes. But they are, in my opinion, to be condemned if they now adopt out one animal prior to sterilisation.

Many in the Government, the humane movement and the veterinary profession should update their thinking from the middle ages and take note of Mr. Justice Holland in his judgement relative to the Morris Estate - quote "Gathering up the surplus and killing them is not the answer. THE ANSWER LIES IN PREVENTING THE UNWANTED SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY". Unquote.

It appears that those humane organisations who are sitting on colossal financial reserves are not really interested in cheap desexing as a means of containing the birthrate in domestic pets and while some veterinarians do care by slashing fees, the Australian Veterinary Association is apparently more concerned in maintaining its vested interest in high fees than in making contributions with free time to a desexing Clinic.

The Government has so far failed to toe the line with an offer of financial help to get us off the ground and functioning. The Hon. Eric Lance Bedford, B.A., M.L.A., Minister for Education, did offer some hope last October (1975) when as Opposition Shadow Minister for Police and Services, he announced that if Labour was returned in the State House (Sworn in 20.1.1976) he had plans for setting up a Pets Portfolio. But these thoughts seem to have died in the Education Department and overtures to some of his colleagues have only produced, so far, acknowledgment of correspondence. This is all so disappointing and frustrating.

ANNUAL MEETING. The A.G.M. held on the 13th September at 27 Park Street had sufficient interest for fortyeight members to give away their life style for a few hours and attend. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were adopted and, owing to the high cost of postage, those assembled unanimously supported the following Notice of Motion - "That the number of General Meetings of the Cat Protection Society of New South Wales held each calendar year be reduced from four (4) to three (3) and that the number of Newsletters produced annually also be reduced from four (4) to three (3). The Committee as set out below were elected without going to ballot.

President: Mr. R.K. Carberry  
 Vice-Presidents: Mr. W.G. Luton and Mr. W. Graham  
 M. Noonan

Minute Secretary: Mrs. S. Hitchens  
 Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. B. Harvey  
 Mesdames I. Altman, L. Bowman, S. Cozens, E. Moyes, E. Smith,  
 J. Zimeris, Miss D. Dullo and Mr. A. Annan  
 Mr. W.K. Donovan, A.A.S.A. was re-elected Hon. Auditor for the year.

SOCIAL EVENTS. Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham of Hornsby gave the use of their home, the fruit off their trees, the grapes from their vineyard, and all the other goodies, their labour and their engaging selves and staged a very enjoyable buffet luncheon and wine tasting on the 1st of August last when they invited a few close friends to partake of their hospitality at so much per head, and they were in business with a total of \$57.00 for the puddy cats. This is Bill and Judy's first venture to feel their way. Now they are looking for further adventure along the same lines -- now in your corner.

AND ONCE AGAIN we come to Gordon and Sybil Cozens who staged their Annual event on the 6th November at their Lane Cove home. As usual all things went with a swing and reflected the two years' experience and hindsight. After many wet weekends their luck held. After rain in the morning it was a fine afternoon for the gathering, the Parade, beautiful afternoon tea and the many other features which those 48 supporters attending always find so interest "cat-ching" and enjoyable at this yearly happening. So much so that Gordon and Sybil have, with prior sales and odds and bods still dribbling in, over \$500.00 to show for their sincere and dedicated effort to bring that Clinic nearer. For comparison their first effort in 1974 brought in \$155.00. Thank You, Sybil and Gordon, and from them sincere appreciation to all who made the total possible.

MEMBERS see the record of this enjoyable annual event in the newsletter many express the wish to have been present. But, unfortunately, Mrs. Cozens has to restrict invitation among her wide circle of friends and the number who can be comfortably handled.

THAT STALL AND MRS. IRENE ALTMAN. One would have thought that with the almost total lack of support on her first effort to form an Auxiliary this good lady would have thrown in the towel. But no, she showed her intestinal fortitude by proceeding, with no experience, to organise her first stall on October 30th outside Woolworths, Double Bay. With a marvellous selection of goods contributed by members and friends she had three tables laden at 8.10 A.M. and was in the money with eight willing helpers until 12.45 P.M. with \$383.00 to show in the "kitty" for a very successful morning. This, together with cash donations of over \$70 from members for her stall and further odds and sods should bring the total to \$465.00, all of which has brought pleasure and satisfaction to all concerned and, in particular, to Mrs. Altman who conveys her appreciation to all who helped to make the total possible; and grateful thanks from Committee.

PLEASE save those saleable quality articles for our next stall wherever it may be in the New Year. The following ladies will receive or we may be able to arrange pickup:-

North Shore: Mrs. Bethke, Willoughby, 407-1659  
 Eastern Suburbs: Mrs. Altman, 6 Ray Ave., Vauchuse 371-7614  
 Western Suburbs: Mrs. Anthony, Ashfield, 798-7891  
 Illawarra Line: Mrs. Bowles, 546-1546, Blakehurst (evenings)

We can still do with a few more receiving points. How about you?

CENTRAL COAST. That ball of energy, Mrs. Dorothy Haines of Umina, together with other ladies, showed the flag with a stall on "Charities Day" at Gosford on August 5th. Local members gave great support and good friends donated with a will. This first stall effort in the district on behalf of the CPS produced \$128 plus a further \$11.00 from Mrs. Saunders. From this effort and publicity through Enid Dubos in the "Central Coast Express" have come further new members and friends, all of which will bring benefit to the puddy cat felines of this region, and warm appreciation from Committee to the ladies who stood up and were counted and made the whole possible. THEN THEY FOLLOWED THROUGH with a further stall at Umina on October 30th and cleaned up \$103.09 of the filthy stuff to add to their total. AND EVER ONWARD with the MONSTER CHRISTMAS HAMPERS (2) off to a good start with most of the succulent items and the things that cheer being donated by local stores. Fay Sanders has already sold 200 tickets and when you add the fact that Tanya Goodall is paying for one sterilisation per month, with Kath Robinson and Vicki Garrett and the others being "back-up men" for slave driver, Dorothy, you have a very formidable team of lassies. THANK YOU GIRLS.

IF YOU LIVE IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS Dorothy Haines seeks your help with jams, pickles, cakes or other goodies for future stalls. Please contact her at 73 Mount Ettalong Rd., Umina Beach or on 41-1990. Thank you for your help.

MAKES A NICE GIFT or you can make a hog of yourself and really enjoy it. I refer to the GIANT PEANUT BRITTLE BAR specially packaged for our Society. The idea is the brainchild of Mrs. Joan Zimeris and Mrs. Shirley Bowles. It is really good value at \$1.25 a bar and the profit will help the moggies. The bars measure  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches by 5 inches and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick and would be, as the manufacturers state, Australia's finest peanut brittle. Take a carton with your friends or workmates. There are 24 bars to the carton at \$30.00 per carton. Shirley will tell you all about it on 546-1546 (evenings) or Joan on 59-8578. We will try to establish a depot in various suburbs. What about you? It is really selling!

LUCKY NUMBERS. (Envelopes). We now have the Lucky Number Banner showing the prizes and blanks, together with easel for support should

any member or small committee fee prompted to augment our income with this sure money earner. All that is required is an approach to your local Municipal Council seeking approval for a given day in your local shopping area and away you go and we are in the money. If you rush me we will buy another outfit - so do not be bashful.

PLEASE Prior to spending hard earned cash to buy one - has any member a trestle table, suitable for a street stall, for which they have no further use; or a folding chair or two for the ladies to rest their wavy pins? It is said "seek and ye shall find" - I wonder!

WEBDKILLERS -- and your pet. Member, Miss M. Wilson of French's Forest writes "If my experience can benefit the inexperienced and unsuspecting cat owner, then it has been worthwhile writing". Miss Wilson sprayed an area with a well known brand containing as the active constituents "Paraquat/Diquat" and kept her animals off this portion until it was dry as advised by the directions. Subsequently, her cat "Whitey", after laying on the area, later developed vomiting, diarrhoea and convulsions. Veterinary evidence confirmed that Whitey had eaten a considerable quantity of grass. He recovered but had three similar attacks over months and eventually died. An expert on such products states that the above constituents are only dangerous in the mist form when being sprayed and that when dry on the foliage they present no hazard. But I venture the opinion for what it is worth, that the animal having eaten the dry grass, its digestive system would supply the moisture (wetting agent) to make the product lethal as is the case with other garden preparations too numerous to mention here. The post-mortem on Whitey showed massive heart attack and extensive damage to lungs and liver. Such garden preparations do not discriminate between the "bugs" they are supposed to destroy and you and your pet. If you must use them leave nothing to chance and take every precaution. The Society is pursuing the matter at Government level.

FOR RAFFLE. Appreciation to Mrs. E. Dickason, Leichhardt, for a beautiful "Royal Worcester" golden casserole dish.

VALE. In the natural order of things there is always that sad final note which I have to place here. It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of those friends and helpers who have gone before.

Miss Eva Willett, late of Parramatta. Miss Willett was one of the original members. Mrs. M. Maude of Guildford is caring for her cats. Mrs. T.G. Rose, late of Blue Mountains, who died suddenly and to whose memory Miss E. Bryant of Leura made a very worthy gesture to the Society. Miss A.E. Brown, late of Roseville, was also one of the early members. Mrs. Hickey has adopted and is caring for her cat "Cobby".

Mrs. Victoria Waugh, late of Iymble, a member for many years.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS. An anonymous donation in fond memory of

November 1966

Mr. A.S. Jessop who died recently.

FETS IN MEMORIAM. When I arrive at this part of the Newsletter images of my well loved animal friends of the past appear before my eyes and those cherished memories bring them walking in my heart again. I remember golden moments and far happier days.

Appreciation is conveyed for the donations which accompany such insertions from time to time - all of which go to help the less fortunate.

In memory of "DIXIE" Kala, our handsome "Big Boy", who died on 20 August. He never spoke in anger.

To the memory of "KELLY" Raymond, killed on the road. Her beauty of nature and self - incomparable.

In memory of my beloved cat "MITZY" Thieben who passed away at the ripe old age of 16 years.

To the memory of two very much loved pussies, "TAMMY & SHEILA" Rose whose mistress died suddenly.

In memory of affectionate little "FUZZY, WHITEY and NICKEY" Wilson, three lovable and much loved pussies.

"GINGER MICK", the abandoned stray and uninvited guest who enjoyed a reprieve and stayed to become a handsome, loyal and fond friend. Died 6.10.76 Carrabella St., Kirribilli, probably by a passing car.

R.K. Carberry

For and on behalf of Committee.

HAVE YOU MADE A WILL ?

IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A WILL OTHERS WILL DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT WHICH YOU LEAVE BEHIND. ONE PERSON IN THREE IN AUSTRALIA DOES NOT MAKE A WILL, THUS LEAVING PROBLEMS FOR OTHERS TO FACE.

THERE COMES A TIME WHEN ALL OF US LEAVE BEHIND OUR WORLDLY POSSESSIONS BUT DURING THIS LIFE WE CAN, IF WE SO DESIRE, MAKE PROVISION IN OUR BEQUEST SO THAT THE GOOD WORKS WE SUPPORT DURING OUR LIFESPAN MAY CONTINUE.

NO CHARITY CAN BROADEN ITS FIELD OF ENDEAVOUR WITHOUT THE HELP OF LEGACIES AND THIS SOCIETY, BEING THE JUNIOR ORGANISATION (FOUNDED 1959) AMONG THE HUMANE GROUPS, HAS A LONG WAY TO GO FINANCIALLY BEFORE IT CAN MAKE ITS VOICE HEARD. BUT IF YOU ARE COMPASSIONATE AND BELIEVE IN OUR AIMS YOU CAN MAKE THE CPS A BENEFICIARY IN THE MATERIAL POSSESSIONS YOU LEAVE BEHIND. IF WE CAN ADVISE YOU -- PLEASE LET US KNOW.

ADMINISTRATION 663-6085

TELEPHONES:

ANIMAL WELFARE 649-8825 and 44-3004

PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON