

CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

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PATRON

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

COMMITTEE.

President: Mr. R.K. Carberry, B.E.M.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. W.G. Luton
Mrs. B.B. Smith

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. Moyes

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. E. Harvey

Min. Secretary: Mrs. S. Hitchen

Mesdames L. Bowman, L. Challinor-Smith, I. Altman, Mr. W. Graham

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 1976, AT CAHILL'S DUTCH VILLAGE, "PARK REGIS"
27 PARK STREET, SYDNEY, COMMENCING AT 7.15 P.M.

(Full Restaurant facilities available if arriving early)

AGENDA.

1. Read and confirm Minutes 1975 Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising.
3. Annual Report.
4. Balance Sheet and Financial Statement.
5. Election of Officers and Committee 1976-77.
6. Election of Auditor.
7. General Business.

Please note: Only financial members are entitled to vote.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES WERE DUE JULY 1976. Pressure of other matters has perhaps delayed your thoughts but your \$2.00 would help us out with the increasing cost of POSTAGE. This Society realises that in caring for and administering to sick, suffering and abused cats it is merely acting as the representative of those kind people who contribute the means whereby these humane and necessary activities can be continued.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON ONCE AGAIN HAS BEEN SUGGESTED FOR GENERAL MEETINGS TO REPLACE THE PRESENT NIGHTLY GATHERINGS. MANY MEMBERS ARE RELUCTANT TO VENTURE FORTH OF AN EVENING WITH THE CROWING STATE OF LAWLESSNESS. PLEASE LET COMMITTEE KNOW IF YOU OBJECT TO A TRIAL AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY FOR OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES16th Annual Report. 1st July 1976

Dear Member,

This epitome of a continuing story records a period of harmony, co-operation and favourable accomplishment with considerable gains in finance and membership through the efforts of a small group of people known collectively as the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W.

However, there are a number of fronts on which we lack advancement. The writer, with his limited capacity to express the wishes and thoughts of Committee stresses that until we are in a position to employ staff more members must be prepared to stand up and be counted if we are to build this organisation into a force for good. We cannot have our cake (Clinic) and eat it (staff). I have prepared many Annual Reports over the years and I have always been able to enthuse, and never had to write of an unsuccessful year. But on this occasion frustration gives my pen an edge (see Auxiliary, Membership, Raffles, Constitution). You can have the Clinic or you can have staff but make up your mind - at this stage of financial development you cannot have both. YOU CAN SPEAK ON IT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IF YOU HAVE THE INTEREST TO ATTEND.

FINANCIAL. The asset structure of any organisation is the foundation on which it rests and the wisdom displayed in handling income and expenditure reflects the experience and knowledge, together with the power of applying them critically and practically for short or long term projects. Enthusiasm, sincerity and love of animals are not the only requirements in handling money given by those who donate to our aims and objects. One must also have some business acumen and skill in that field to receive value for money. The generosity of members in response to the various Appeals is very heart warming and takes much of the sting out of other frustrations. Even "Caspar" Taylor, the retriever, sent his \$5 for his puddy cat friends. The Financial Report clearly outlines the position as at 30.6.76 with comparative analysis for 1975 included therein for your convenience.

DESEXING. Committee has achieved slightly better figures for the number of animals handled over the period while at the same time keeping the cost per unit down with judicious selection in most cases of the veterinarian. The cost factor was showing a dramatic rise towards the end of the term and we will now receive far less for our dollar. The number for the period are - female 144, male 26 - total 170, as opposed to 167 last year and 165 in 1974. While we know that these sterilisations have prevented thousands of kittens being born it is just a drop in the ocean in relation to the 70/to 80,000 destroyed annually in this Metropolis alone. It also brings into focus that urgent need -- CLINIC.

GUESSING COMPETITIONS-RAFFLES. Many lovely gifts have been donated for raffle goods and these require wide coverage in the selling of tickets if we are to realise the value of individual items. With lack of

members at General meetings, such gatherings are not the field to obtain the value of an article worth \$10 if those assembled purchase tickets worth \$4. Lack of social events removes another area. The success of the Norman Lindsay raffle was due to the fact that the writer attended to every piece of mail where tickets had to be forwarded. He now has writer's cramp and does not know how to fill in his time? The suggestion is that a monster raffle with about six prizes should be held. A great idea if someone picks it up, carried it forward and organises. Up to you.

THE NEWSLETTER. The only medium of contact with you the member is becoming quite a problem. As membership escalates so does expense and effort. Rising cost induced the writer to seek a small amount of advertising, and a letter went forward in 1975, with a reminder in February 1976, to the two large multi-nationals - Uncle Ben (Pal-Whiskas-Lassie) a Carnation (Go-cat-K9 etc.) seeking an infinitesimal fraction of their huge advertising expenditure to lighten the load and help the less fortunate. I still await a reply. It has most likely been caught up in the post. But -- it gives food for thought.

COMMITTEE. The Administrative Committee met officially for the transaction of Society business on thirteen occasions to the 30/6/1976. There were further informal meetings held at the homes of Mrs. S. Hitchen and Mr. W. Graham to whom we are indebted for their hospitality. The atmosphere at all these gatherings has been one of complete harmony and accord, notwithstanding the many matters which arise from time to time where opinions differ. The keynote has been tolerant and constructive debate bending to the will of the majority. Full attendance at all times, except when sickness or annual leave intervened, has been observed.

WORTHY. The Administrative Committee at its meeting held on the 23rd May, 1976, unanimously resolved that "Honorary Life Membership" be conferred on Mr. W.G. Luton as an earnest appreciation for valuable help and services rendered to further the aims and objects of the Cat Protection Society of New South Wales. This is the highest honour the Society can bestow upon any person as recognition for years of outstanding labour to further advance the well-being of domestic Felidae in particular and animals in general. Mr. Luton, among other things, has acted as Chairman at Committee and General meetings over many years. The congratulations of Committee and, I am sure, the members is extended to Mr. William Geoffrey Luton.

MORRIS ESTATE. Miss Edna Morris passed away January 1974 but final settlement of her Estate still drags on. The Society still awaits the Appeal hearing initiated by the Executor against the Judgement of Mr. Justice Holland, or some compromise.

THAT DESEXING CLINIC. As this is our main aim it is fitting that I give a short resume and the present position. Our Constitution drawn up in 1959 has as its main object such a proposal but little ground has been covered in this regard through the years. The following proposition

was carried at the May 1973 General meeting, quote "After hearing all the costs and problems the subject of a Cats' Home Clinic be left in abeyance" unquote. Of course there are problems and costs - nothing comes easy if you are working for animals which have no asset value. Problems and costs leave some for dead. Others seek a way out. Such a challenge separates the men from the boys.

The above result is in direct contrast to that carried unanimously at the February 1975 meeting, quote "This meeting instructs the Committee to secure as early as possible premises for the Society as its Head office and Clinic" unquote. Should there be any doubt that this is not supported by the whole cross section of members, let me quote a little finance. Over the fourteen years to June 1974 we had raised \$6565 for such a project but after the 1975 Resolution and Committee giving its unqualified support, the members started to dig into the pocket, purse, under the carpet and out of the tea caddy, with the flow of donations far exceeding the generous giving to the Christmas and Winter Appeals, from \$1000 right down through the range of hundreds and tens to the lesser widow's mite and the cents of the junior. The Clinic Building Account has been lifted to \$16609.00 as at the close of the financial year 30.6.76. Such response is really stimulating.

With this as our springboard to \$20,000 which should not be hard to reach, we could then go cap in hand to the Government for a loan, offering as some measure of security the Title to our Regentville property (which should be retained for maintenance income). If the Government is compassionate and sympathetic as I have reason to believe that it is, we could then be in business on a shoestring. While our puny figures may appear laughable to some in the same field of endeavour, do not forget that when we were getting off the ground in 1959 two of the largest organisations did not know where the next meal was coming from to feed their staff (we have none). One was practically bankrupt and the other was scratching for a shilling. But if we had some of the colossal reserves floating around to-day we could be doing thousands of sterilisations instead of the paltry tens. However, we will - once we overcome the initial struggle and set up our first unit. Our sights should then be set on a further unit in Sydney, followed by Gosford, Mollongong, Penrith and Newcastle as finance flows in. Then we can show how money should be spent to prevent the cruelty which surrounds us to-day. With the benefit of experience and hindsight I know that once we cover that first hurdle and begin that which is concrete and real we will not lack supporters. In the meantime, all we need is a little effort and throw in some intestinal fortitude.

FIELDWORK. It is always difficult to report on this aspect of our work. As Committee receives notice of problems it passes the matter on to individuals, or handles it through its own efforts. There are so many members, friends and supporters who are, individually and collectively, finding homes for cats, having them immunised and desexed, and feeding

the homeless; those people whose sympathy will not allow them to turn a blind eye to the needs, whether they do this work anonymously, or through the Society, very often with money they should spend on themselves. They are the backbone of the organisation. It is their selfless work and effort which gives meaning to the work "Protection" in our name. I could place many names here of a cross section of mainly the fair sex whose hearts are as big as they come and whose compassion is boundless.

AUXILIARY. Pathetic and apathetic. As a demonstration of support it was sad and yet ludicrous. It was unfeeling and an insulting display of indifference. Of the eighty odd members living close and adjacent to Vaucluse who were contacted by 'phone -- and of the uncounted number residing in the Eastern suburbs and who were notified in the May Newsletter -- ONLY ONE -- in the person of Miss K. Ackland made the time available to be present.

It was in direct and stark contrast to the financial support given by members and their voiced thoughts that above all they wish to see the first of our Clinics established. But apparently such thoughts are loaded with the proviso that they must not be asked to bestir themselves physically or alter their way of life for three hours -- ONCE IN TWO YEARS -- for that is the time that I have appealed for the formation of an Auxiliary. The complete lack of interest and such a poor exhibition of support leaves one completely drained of enthusiasm and the desire to bother about sending out these symbols of communication for your information. The whole sorry display of assistance drives me further to the affection of animals rather than reliance on people and it is for the animals that I do it.

All the foregoing refers to the insult, hurt and disappointment extended to Mrs. Irene Altman of 6 Ray Ave., Vaucluse, who made her beautiful home available and invited members to be present on the 6th June last to form the nucleus of an Auxiliary and further social events. The many 'phone calls she made, the great variety of food she purchased and procured to entertain her "guests"???? is money down the drain. From the exercise emanates one inescapable fact - that if and when a Clinic is established, it will remain closed and be known as the "CPS Folly"; for apparently none of the continuing maintenance will come from the efforts of an Auxiliary. I will never again be guilty of making an appeal for the formation of such a body. If it comes some time in the future it must come from within the hearts of the members - a desire to help those less fortunate than their well-cared for pets. It should be nourished by the knowledge that pathetic outcasts surround them and it should grow as an obligation and an ideal in human relations. As a way of life it is expressed in one word -- LOVE -- of which there are many kinds.

STALL. Mrs. Irene Altman ('phone 371 7614) is a glutton for punishment and is determined to hold a stall at Woolworths, Double Bay, for which she has approval. ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW HER TO STAND ALONE - or are you going to 'phone her and advise that you are madly collecting many saleable

articles of quality for the day????????, and give two minutes of your valuable time.

SOCIAL EVENTS. With one notable exception social get-togethers to raise a few dollars for the puddy cats followed the same dismal and regrettable pattern applicable to the endeavour to form an Auxiliary, with my appeal for one or two small gatherings falling on deaf ears. It is difficult to understand that among the swelling membership there are only two people, Gordon and Sybil Cozens of Lane Cove, who were and are prepared to bestir themselves and lend their home to advance our cause and so augment our bank roll. Last year they produced \$155 and during the period under review they came up with \$533 from two events. Such is sincerity and dedication which makes their effort in this field outstanding.

NEW CONSTITUTION. The Cat Protection Society of NSW, as presently constituted is only bound together with a loose set of rules which were quite suitable to get off the ground but are valueless to-day with various anomalies of which Mr. Justice Holland in the Morris Estate matter was particularly critical. Also, the Society cannot in its own right be the registered proprietor of real property, hold shares etc. It cannot borrow a loan for our Clinic property. All these matters have to be carried out through de facto owners (Trustees), this being cumbersome, expensive and unsatisfactory - particularly so if a Trustee dies and the unwieldy procedure has to be enacted with a further appointment. It is preferable that Trustees be members of the Society. Only one of our two Trustees for the Regentville property is a member. The solution lies in bringing the Society within Section 24 of the Companies Act so that the CPS becomes a Corporate Body. A Corporate Body is an entity recognised at 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 eludes the consequences of a too brief life span in which to perform his work.

A draft copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association are nearly complete and have remained so for many months, and require a sub-Committee to give the final touch prior to the expert eye of a legal eagle and submission to the Chief Secretary, Minister of Justice and the Corporate Affairs Commission. Therefore, many months will elapse before the completed whole can be placed for consideration at a General meeting for final approval. All I can do is bring the foregoing to your attention. I cannot make you pick it up and take it forward.

MEMBERSHIP. The unprecedented growth in membership over the past two years is most heartening with the period under review showing the most spectacular intake. A pleasing feature is the number who have subscribed to Life membership including our Patron, Sir Robert Askin. While the whole is so encouraging -- it is also an embarrassment. We all recognise that people are the mainspring of any organisation. Numbers bring a

louder voice, greater strength, a quicker build-up of finance to purchase the Clinic and bring desexing within the most lowly income. Committee, if it wishes to become aggressive with publicity, could double our enhanced membership in a couple of months. But such growth would be a two edged sword for the few who carry the work load in an honorary capacity. We just do not have the machinery to cope with the by-product in greatly increased administrative work, correspondence, enquiries and trivia. We have two alternatives to break the vicious circle. The obvious one is for more members to offer to accept some of the chores. But as this has proved to be, more or less, an utter failure the other avenue is paid staff. Once we enter this field we defeat ourselves by expending our gains in salaries. Such an outlook must at this stage be secondary to that primary aim and main objective - the Clinic. The few who are prepared to give, and give in practical support, have been doing the impossible (miracles take a little longer) and they are what one may term "slightly browned off".

An interesting sidelight which highlights the advance in membership through recent months is the fact that in 1961 the membership was 306. Then through the thirteen intervening years to 1974 we only pushed the figure a further 157 to 453. Comparable figures show the position now.

Members	30/6/74	Life 13	Annual 436	Junior 4
	30/6/75	Life 21	Annual 647	Junior 10
	30/6/76	Life 95	Annual 767	Junior 32

Space does not permit including the names of the 101 new members approved for May, June and July.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES. Any organisation can only be as big as the effort behind it and any member who has some time available to become involved should attend the A.G.M. and offer their services in some form or other. Sincerity is the basic ingredient. Enthusiasm and some skill are a further help but the main requirement is you. On the other hand, if you are prepared to sit on it at home and leave it all to the other fellow you will most likely have the Society you deserve. In helping the less fortunate, whether humans or animals, the desire to do so starts at the heart and every member must have had this urge by the simple act of joining our Society. Please do a little more and offer.

THAT PUBLIC IMAGE. Publicity for the period has been quite useful with the highlights being the large spread in the Sunday Telegraph, support by ZUE and those segments "In a good Cause" on Channel 2 and 2FC which were the product of Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. B. Harvey, and which brought in a steady flow of members and donations.

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

APPRECIATION. There are many who have given generously in money, time or in effort. Many deeds for the Society or an animal go unrecorded. The giving of the child and the pensioner have all the sincerity and often carry greater sacrifice than the many dollars. To one and all - THANK YOU.

As Chairman, my personal thanks to those who have by effort made the work load on the Honorary Treasurer and myself a little lighter.

R.K. Carberry.

For and on behalf of Committee.

OBITUARY. That sad final tribute to those who are now walking a different path;- Mrs. E. Sommerville, Willoughby; Miss A.S. Littlejohn, Neutral Bay; Miss G. Cooper, Lindfield.
In whatever sphere of endeavour they are now engaged - they should be remembered, here.

IN MEMORIAM. In memory of "GINNY" Boutland, another lovely stray who passed away quite recently.

To the memory of "BECKY" Kirkpatrick from her many friends - a stray who adopted us.

Memories of "PASHA" Bowman, my little Siamese. Gone, but not forgotten. To our lovely ginger cat "TIMMY" Reeve - hit by a passing car. A very personal and sad loss.

Herewith my Life membership to the memory of our much-loved cat "TIMMY" George. Passed away aged 21 years.

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