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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 AND SUPPORT COMMITTEE

THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1977, 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 November General Meeting.
2. Business arising.
3. President's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. General Business.

WINTER APPEAL. IN WRITING THIS JOURNAL I ALWAYS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SAY -- PLEASE GIVE ME -- FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT I FIND IT EMBARRASSING TO BEG. THEN I THINK OF THE MANY REQUESTS FOR HELP AND ASSISTANCE WITH DESEXING - OF THE UNWANTED, UNLOVED AND DISEASED WHICH COME OUR WAY, BRINGING THAT CONSTANT DRAIN ON OUR RESOURCES, SO -

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WHATEVER YOUR HEART DICTATES THAT YOUR POCKET WILL GIVE YOU MAY REST ASSURED THAT IT WILL BE THANKFULLY RECEIVED AND FAITHFULLY APPLIED.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS. AS THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER NEWSLETTER UNTIL THE AUGUST EDITION I WOULD REMIND ANNUAL MEMBERS THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS FALL DUE ON THE 1ST JULY NEXT AND ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

ADULT ANNUAL FEE --- \$2.00

PENSIONERS AND JUNIORS --- \$1.00

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS NOTE. THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE THE 1ST JANUARY, 1977, ARE ENTITLED TO ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP UNTIL THE 30TH JUNE IN THE NEXT OR SUBSEQUENT YEAR OF 1978.

DEAR MEMBER,

VIVISECTION AND THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION. The new Constitution which will govern the affairs of our Society in the future is now nearing completion for submission to the various authorities and the members for approval. The position has arisen where the members as a whole must define their attitude and what shall be the official policy of this organisation on the question of vivisection. The first object in the proposed Memorandum reads, and I quote:- "To protect from cruelty animals of all kinds by every lawful means and to relieve the suffering of animals arising from cruelty or otherwise". That direction is clear, definite and specific, and I was of the opinion that such a section allowed no room for prevarication or equivocation. But how wrong one can be. I have learnt that so many things have to be spelt out to the smallest detail. I now believe that in our planning we must make our intention binding so that our purpose is not corrupted and made a sham by those who follow. That proposed main aim is similar to the first object which I helped to frame in another animal welfare organisation which has been at pains to advise over recent months by radio, television and through its official journal that it "is NOT an anti-vivisection Society". But we are not concerned with that organisation apart from the interesting point - how many of the members see eye to eye with such a policy laid down by a small committee in their name. But, of course, any organisation is as strong, or as weak, as those who manage its affairs, for the time being. My background and experience will not allow me to depart one iota from the principle contained in that object. The road is straight ahead and I will not depart from it, irrespective of condemnation, criticism or pressure and I am too old to change now. I grew up in an atmosphere in which my relatives gave of their best for the humane movement and my formative years were coloured by this environment. They were among the early stalwarts of the Anti Plumage League; Grassmere Dogs' Home, Neutral Bay; The Lost Dogs' Home, Moore Park; The Horses' Home, Little Bay; and what is known to-day as the R.S.P.C.A. which I joined in 1919. I have always believed that in furthering that time honoured collection of words - PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS - you do just that, to the best of your ability, without fear or favour, irrespective of whose toes are CRUSHED in the process and the time has once again come for me TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED, for I also believe that to proceed against the individual who fails to provide shelter and sustenance for the animal in his care, and yet turn a blind eye to the torturer, makes a mockery of the word which is the very foundation -- PREVENTION. If we, the Cat Protection Society, hold up to the public gaze one animal, or a collection of them, which have been cruelly treated, knowing that the media will give us publicity which is the financial

life blood of a charity, yet neglect to denounce that which is barbaric and loathsome, then we fail miserably, betray our trust and make the word PROTECTION valueless. It is hypocritical and a denial of protection and succour to those for whom we should endeavour to foster the moral instincts of compassion, justice and love. We should be loud in our condemnation of that which is abhorrent, revolting and intolerable and thereby demonstrate the terrible wrong done to the humane sense of the community.

In any organisation you have a cross section of humanity with their varying views on all matters under the sun and each and every person is entitled to their own particular opinion on all things which come within their experience of life. But I have no desire to be President and leader of any animal welfare group which does not have as its official policy the strongest opposition and condemnation of the scientific and most cruel practice of vivisection perpetrated on the weak by those who parade under the guise of human beings. Those who, in their overmastering thirst for knowledge, see before them the helpless race of animals - things made to be killed, dissected and catalogued. Those to whom animals have no "rights". It would be idle of me to spend a single moment advocating the rights of animals if such rights do not include a total and unqualified exemption from the awful tortures of experimentation, from the doom of being slowly and mercilessly dismembered, or flayed or baked alive, or infected with some deadly virus, or any of the many modes of torture inflicted by the Scientific Inquisition. If I do not stand up for such rights, I have no place in the humane movement. Who knows but what some beneficent experimentalist, if he be permitted to cut up a sufficient number of victims, may discover some great remedy for all the ills of the animal as well as the human creation. The only marvel is that, where the cause is so meritorious, no human volunteer has yet come forward to die under the hands of the experimenter, or given his child, or perhaps HIS pet.

These thoughts are my own personal view and not necessarily that of Committee and if you are a member of our Society please come to the meeting and advise me where, in your opinion, I am at fault in my reasoning. In concluding this article I feel that Jerome K. Jerome gives food for thought:- "Ah! old staunch friend, with your deep, clear eyes and bright, quick glances that take in all one has to say before one has time to speak it, do you know that you are only an animal and have no mind? Do you know that dull-eyed, gin-sodden lout leaning against the post out there is immeasurably your intellectual superior? Do you know that every little-minded, selfish scoundrel who never did a gentle deed or said a kind word, who never had a thought that was not mean or low, or a desire that was not mean and base, whose every action is a fraud, and whose every utterance is a lie -- do you know that these crawling skulks are as much superior to you as the sun is to a rush light, you honourable, brave-hearted unselfish brute? They are men, you know, and men are the greatest, noblest and wisest and

best being in the whole vast, eternal universe! Any man will tell you that."

ORANGE. Mrs. Margaret Mitchell of Orange scrounged, begged, acquired and brought together a host of goodies which stimulate the taste buds and make the inner man feel at peace with the world; plus many other delightful items such as tea towels, summer gloves, knitted toys, crocheted cushions and the works --- two clothes baskets full in all. The resulting raffle of this "Hamper" produced the goodly sum of \$72.00 all to be spent on desexing moggies residing in Orange. Mrs. Vi Dawson of Sampson Street won the "swag" with ticket B72. Thank you, Margaret, and all who gave their effort and time to assist and so spread our name and fame.

CENTRAL COAST. That ball of energy, Mrs. Dorothy Haines of Umina, (Gosford way) brought together those willing workers in the persons of Kath Robinson, Zilla Cooke, Fay Saunders, Betty Rogers, Vicki Garrett, Tanya Goodall and F. Hagan on Saturday, 4th December, 1976, with the object of forming a Woy Woy District Group. The President, accompanied by Committee members, Mrs. A. Annand and Mrs. E.B. (Celie) Smith (who travelled all the way from Penrith), completed the gathering. Various propositions and thoughts were tossed around and by popular vote it was unanimously decided that the offspring, or limb to the tree, would henceforth be known as the CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W. WOY WOY DISTRICT GROUP. A Committee was elected and, as an enthusiastic team, they are now in business. Their past record speaks well for the future. The visitors were treated to a succulent lunch with all the trimmings and a delightful afternoon tea. Being a hot day, thirst quenching refreshments were laid on and this, allied with a warm welcome from such pleasing company, made the whole exercise a delightful experience. From the get-together emanated really good publicity in the "Gosford Star" and the "Central Coast Express".

EASTER SATURDAY STREET STALL (April 9th) fixed for Ettalong 8.30 A.M. to noon - take a gift, buy a gift. Should you live in this neck of the woods and would like to assist, the Slave Driver awaits your let to P.O. Box 109 Umina Beach, 2257.

BLUE MOUNTAINS. That active member, Miss E.V. Giruard of 31 Warrigal St., Blackheath, who has been instrumental in assisting a number of people in necessitous circumstances to have their cats desexed through the Society, writes - "With regard to a branch up here, I would be most grateful if you would put a notice in the next Newsletter suggesting that members in this area, or in the Blue Mountains district generally, contact me at 87-8142 if they wish to form a Group. I will do my best and Mrs. Koch of Leura will help".

INFLATION. For some years now General meetings of members have been held during August, November, February and May and members have received notice of such through a Newsletter forwarded just prior. However,

with the rising cost of printing and postage, the last Annual meeting in 1976, by unanimous vote, reduced the number of Journals and General Meetings to three per annum. This now means that the February and May meetings will be supplanted by the forthcoming meeting during this month of April, the notice being set out on the front page of this message. The loss of one Newsletter and one meeting was a difficult decision to make. It could be a mixed blessing - the "Winter Appeal" and "Subscriptions" have previously gone out in the May edition, but with that now axed these two items appear in this issue slightly out of season with winter not yet upon us and subs not due until July 1st. With the greater space of time members tend to forget unless ---
THEY DO IT NOW!

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND. THANK YOU to those nice people who responded to my appeal for a trestle table and chairs. Such success gives me the courage to mention that one third of my lounge room is occupied by cartons and cartons of paraphernalia - writings, printed matter, papers, documents and all records pertaining to the past, present and future of this organisation. Apart from the fact that I could break my neck (nothing at all) falling over it to seek a particular piece of evidence or a what-not from the jumble, it is very time consuming and frustrating. In other words, has anyone a filing cabinet? Also, perhaps someone could give us a typewriter for those times when ours goes on the blink and twiddling thumbs is the order of the day pending repairs.
APPRECIATION to Mrs. Shirley Bowles for the gift of a National Cash Register adding machine which gives a printed record of those financial in and out transactions, for the use of the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. B. Harvey. She is delighted.

ALL HELPS. Mrs. L. Haines of Wahroonga and Mr. W. Graham, Hornsby, collaborated and sold Xmas bush to the value of \$13.00 over the Yule Tide period. Then Mrs. Haines helped out Mrs. Parrish on the stall -- and now -- she would like to take a further step and invites any ladies on the North Shore to ring her on 48-1941, or Mrs. Candlish of Turramurra on 487-1950, relative to a small get-together to assist the Society when the opportunity occurs.

PEANUT BRITTLE BAR. Mrs. Joan Zimeris and Mrs. Shirley Bowles of Committee have come good with the sum of \$200.00 net by chasing up those with a sweet tooth with the best brittle bar in the land. The general meeting will be your opportunity to replenish your stock - until Christmas.

STALL. Councillor, Mrs. E. Parrish, M.B.E. of Asquith, conducted a stall at Hornsby station over Christmas week for some of her favourite charities and the pussy cats, which have a soft spot in her heart, received \$50.00.

RECEIPTS are forwarded to new members after the first committee meeting following on receipt of their subscription. All other receipts are enclosed with the next Newsletter, unless prompt return is requested.

REGRET AND APOLOGY, from Committee and Miss D. Dullo, who on her own prepared the previous Newsletter through the many operations (folding, glueing etc.) prior to posting. Three separate delays occurred beyond her control and to have inserted receipts with the appropriate Newsletter would have gone well beyond the deadline for members to receive due notice of the meeting.

DESEXING AUTHORITY FORMS. Over a period of time some of these vouchers, issued to people in necessitous circumstances to help them financially to have a cat sterilised, have been misused and abused by the original number of cats to be treated having been crossed out and additional felines added. Also vouchers forwarded to some recipients have been held for some months until the cat is pregnant and then used. This entails the Society in extra expenditure. IN THE FUTURE any authority form altered in any manner or held for a period longer than twenty (21) days will not be honoured, unless there is some good valid reason.

R.K. Carberry

For and on behalf of Committee

FLAT CATS (From Past Vice-President, Mrs. E.B. Smith)

"Flat Cats" come in all shapes and sizes, colours and assortments. They may be fat, thin, pretty, pretty ugly, pedigreed or of doubtful parentage.

Their common denominator is that they all live in flats or, as modern terms would have it, units. They know not the joy of chasing but not catching a butterfly, stalking an imaginary prey through the bushes at the bottom of the garden, climbing a tree and loftily surveying the lesser two legged creatures below whom they command, or rolling ecstatically in the dust.

Most are loved and well cared pets and enjoy privileged lives but there may be one thing their owners have overlooked -- grass. Owners of flat cats - please provide a grass plot for Puss to smell, nibble and enjoy a small sample of the outdoors.

THOUGHTS FROM Vice-President W. Graham.

Occasionally we are asked what the "protection" stands for in the Cat Protection Society. Unfortunately, the many humane actions performed by Committee and various members of the C.P.S. go unrecorded and unpublicised. Therefore, to partly answer the above question I have been invited as guest columnist by the Editor of your Newsletter to give a brief account of but a few of the many "protective" actions undertaken by members of the C.P.S. which have resulted in several abandoned "mogs" not only being rescued from their unhappy condition but also having good homes found for them.

Several weeks before Christmas a young cat with two kittens was found "dumped" in the garden of a neighbour of a Committee member. She and her kittens were in miserable plight, all three trembling from fear,

hunger and exposure. Several members of the C.P.S. were contacted and strenuous efforts made to find homes for these unwanted ones. In the meantime, the beasts were fed, sheltered and well looked after. By the time the kittens were weaned kind homes had been found for all three, the mother was desexed and all are now living happily ever after. Prior to homes being found advertisements were placed in a local newspaper which resulted in successfully placing a fourth abandoned cat in a good home. Follow up enquiries reveal that her new "owners" are delighted with their pet and she is shortly to be desexed with help from the C.P.S. as her new family are pensioners.

During this period a crime was committed which is no less heinous because of its frequency. A beautiful little cat carelessly left unsplayed had several kittens. The babies were snatched from her, distributed God knows where and as her thoughtful owners were due to go on holiday, she was cast into the street to fend as best she may. Committee again took action, rescued the little cat and placed her in the care of a Vet where she was spayed and brought to good condition. Further efforts by members resulted in an extremely kind home being found for this little "dearie" where no further slings and arrows are likely to come her way.

The above stories may leave the reader with a feeling of warmth but it is so sad to reflect on just how many animals were neglected or abandoned over the holiday period. The cats that are succoured by the C.P.S. do, I know, represent but a few of so many needing rescue but each one is another of the "Earth Mother's" creatures restored and may, in some measure, answer the question "What does the "protection" stand for?"

VALE. In the natural order of things - that sad final note.

Mr. Wong, husband of Mrs. Z. Wong of Bondi Junction, passed away in March.

IN LIBU OF FLOWERS. To the memory of Miss A.E. Brown, late of Roseville donation from "COBBY" her cat (who has now settled in nicely with Mrs. J. Hickey of Willoughby) for Xmas and Clinic Appeals.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gift to celebrate "GINGER" Bowman's 14th Birthday and help along the Clinic Appeal.

DOWN MEMORY LANE. Memories are made up of minutes and moments of sadness and gladness -- of a frolicking dog or a purring cat -- the joy they can bring to the young in spirit, the lonely heart, or those shackled with the boredom of age. To some people an animal is just THAT. But those among us who have received the affection and enjoyed the companionship of an animal friend know what it is to experience that great sense of loss - the depth of sadness when a pet goes to parts unknown.

Appreciation is conveyed for the donations which accompany these

insertions from time to time -- all of which go to help the less fortunate.

To the memory of "SUSIE WONG" Harrington who died 16.10.76 aged 14 years. She was always happy to help her less fortunate feline relations.

In fond memory of "TRACEY" Cooper who was loved so much and had such a happy life.

Lovely memories of "MANDY, PETER, BILLY, LULU, MINNIE and UNA" Hesse, much loved pets who used to roam Nambucca Heads.

To the memory of two dear strays "JONATHAN" Plummer and "POMPEY" Green and not forgetting a truly wonderful little dog in "SALLY" Hadley.

In memory of affectionate "SOOKIE" Bowles who died in January at the age of 12 years. Now at rest in her beloved garden at Blakehurst.

CONCLUSION. In the first article on page two "Vivisection" you now have read my thoughts, and have some idea of my convictions and what makes me tick relative to vivisection and the whole field of cruelty to animals. I will not compromise in that outlook as I feel some of the larger animal welfare organisations are doing by, in my opinion, departing from and having lost touch with the compassionate outlook of those who laid the foundation and worked through the years to build what they now administer to-day. If they have added anything it is only a top heavy, colossal financial reserve from legacies while cruelty in its many forms surrounds us. I am not concerned with cruelty in one, five or ten years time - I may not be here. Now is the time to spend and bring succour. So if you, the reader, wish your worldly possessions to help animals after, like myself, you have departed from this vale of tears, read on:-

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 COME 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 C.P.S. A BENEFICIARY IN THE MATERIAL POSSESSIONS YOU LEAVE BEHIND. IF WE CAN ADVISE YOU -- PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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