

CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO GIVE YOU, THE MEMBER, THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND AND SHOW YOUR INTEREST, THE ANNUAL MEETING HAS AGAIN BEEN CONVENED FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON AS SET OUT BELOW. IT IS UP TO YOU TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR PRESENCE. SO PLEASE - DROP YOUR LIFE STYLE FOR A FEW HOURS AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1977, AT CITY OF SYDNEY R.S.L. CLUB, 569 GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY, 3RD FLOOR, COMMENCING AT 2 P.M.

(Below Town Hall Station, opposite Anthony Horderns. Full Club facilities available (and good food after 5.30). Bring your spouse, or someone else's, and enjoy yourself.)

AGENDA

1. Read and confirm Minutes of 1976 Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising.
3. Annual Report.
4. Balance Sheet and Financial Statement.
5. Election of Officers and Committee 1977-78.
6. Election of Auditor.
7. General Business.

Please note: Only financial members are entitled to vote.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: About 30 of you are dragging the chain with that \$2.

"A CHORUS LINE"

SATURDAY MATINEE AT 2.30 P.M. 11TH OCTOBER -- \$6.80 EACH (full price \$8.40) GOOD SEATS 4TH ROW DRESS CIRCLE. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU YOUNG BUCKS (all ages) AND TRENDY GIRLS (8 to 80) TO HELP THE SOCIETY AND GET WITH IT:

Ring that young fellow, Bill Graham, on 47-1316 P.M. hours - or write him at 69 William St., Hornsby 2077, enclosing the filthy stuff for the party you are taking or book at Annual Meeting. BUT HURRY!

GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE R.S.L. CLUB FOR OUR FREE MEETING ROOM.

The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales

17th Annual Report 1st July, 1977

Dear Member,

This 17th instalment of a continuing story is only an epitome of events for the period under review. If I were to set out a fraction of the selfless humane acts performed by our members I would need many more pages to let the words flow. It would give me great pleasure to do the resume with so many names who deserve mention. But if I mention one - then the list becomes endless of those kindly, compassionate folk who have contributed to make the year a satisfying, rewarding and worthwhile time in our short history. So I must confine mention of individuals to where necessity dictates. The year's work shows improvements in membership, finance, desexing, expansion and includes completion of the drawn-out Morris Estate. But one matter clouds the scene - the agony of non-completion of the Articles of Association.

VALE. During the year a sad event which, in the natural order of things, came to pass. Mrs. Mary Kay Cooper, the Founder and inaugural President of the Society passed away on 24th April, 1977. The name of Mary Kay Cooper will continue to live on in an appropriate feature within our Desexing Clinic when purchased - we hope this year.

FINANCIAL. That dirty word - inflation - gave main avenues of expenditure a push upward, with veterinary services top of the class; then postage, printing, stationery and rates all showed a lift. Creditwise sustained generous giving by members held subscriptions, Xmas and Winter Appeals at healthy levels; and that apple of our eye, the Clinic Appeal, was pushed past last year's record. The big lift in "Fund Raising Events" and "Down Memory Lane", with higher rental income makes the whole a satisfying and rewarding year. That new segment "In lieu of blossoms in a wreath" is helping an animal rather than withering on the vine (should you have a sad event - please give it thought). Compare the 1976 figures on the enclosed Financial Report.

MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION. As mentioned in the preamble, this matter had dragged on since November, 1974, when the draft was practically complete apart from tidying up on some points. Despite appeal in Newsletters, no-one, - repeat - no-one displayed the slightest interest, could'nt care less. I gave the whole matter away in disgust after explaining on a number of occasions that this organisation does not really exist; it does not have the same rights as you, the reader, has at law. Yes, we come under the Charitable Collections Act and have a name - but then, finish - non event. We cannot in our own right, as The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W., hold in that name the title to real estate, shares, debentures and the wot not which will come our way when those who recognise our merit and subscribe to our ideals pass on. To hold such assets we go through a cumbersome, clumsy and expensive formula by appointing de facto owners (Trustees)

SEE YOU AT THE A.G.M.

as with our Regentville property and the Kingsgrove property in the Morris Estate and again when we purchase the Clinic. I have explained before that once we become a Corporate body all these matters will fall into place. Mrs. E.B. Smith of Committee has plucked the dying embers from the fire and the matter is slowly proceeding with Mr. W. Graham giving it a prod along. However, even with the utmost expedition many months will pass before completion and approval by three government departments and the members. All this before we can borrow to complete purchase of THAT CLINIC.

MORRIS ESTATE. At last the final Act. Briefly, Miss Edna Morris passed away January, 1974, with Probate being granted in June of that year. An ambiguous section in the Will lead the Executor to approach the Court for interpretation, with the Society being joined as one defendant and residuary beneficiary. In September, 1975, Mr. Justice Holland gave judgment in favour of the C.P.S. This brought an Appeal and a war of nerves over twentyone months with the Estate offering the C.P.S. 40% of the \$30,000 value of the Kingsgrove shop property, with them retaining the premises and rental income. On refusal the offer was increased to 50%, after which the Society made a counter offer of \$7,000 for the Estate to relinquish any further claim (if any) in the property. Eventually this was accepted if the C.P.S. paid the Estate further legal costs of \$900. Refusal on the latter brought capitulation by the Executor with the shop now being transferred to our de facto owners (Trustees). Future income will be devoted to the welfare of animals - for evermore. Rewarding and stimulating and brings that desexing CLINIC very close.

GENERAL MEETINGS. Attendance has been one of the highlights of the year with the Annual meeting in 1976 drawing 42. The November gathering saw 52 and the April assembly this year brought 57; all of which is very encouraging to Committee which conveys its appreciation to those who came together, showed their concern and expressed support for that desexing Clinic. Attendance at meetings is a yardstick by which one can assess the enthusiasm and sincerity of members and their support to a given policy. The C.P.S. as the "baby" in the humane movement, with such a sustained roll-up of mounting numbers, has a bright future.

FIELDWORK. This is a loose term used to cover all involvement other than desexing and embraces entrapment of wild (feral) cats and their offspring - a time consuming and difficult task. The rescue of stray and abandoned animals in turn brings the problems of housing, feeding, care and veterinary attention; then finding homes or, in some cases, humane disposal. The Society has no machinery to carry out this work. It has no staff, motor vehicles or premises, with all work being voluntary and carried out by members when their personal obligations allow. Much of the expense, such as many 'phone calls for each animal,

petrol, food, and a multitude of items, is absorbed by the individual as his or her's further contribution. These kindly folk are the backbone of our Society while others wring their hands and are critical that their special needs are not met instantly, and other organisations unload their obligations on to us. The workers - about 2% of our membership - carry on silently and efficiently doing their best -- and they are stretched to the limit and beyond. SO PLEASE find your own solution for those unwanted kittens you have allowed to see the light of day. AND REMEMBER - DON'T LITTER!

DESEXING. People sometimes ask why we advocate desexing of felines. Well, my experience, and figures available, teaches that 70 to 80,000 unwanted cats are put to death in the County of Cumberland annually. No-one knows for sure how many roam the streets, alleys, bushland and industrial areas foraging for scraps of food and fighting for survival. But it has been estimated that one unsprayed female cat can increase the animal population by hundreds of thousands over ten years, assuming that they all lived; and one Tom on the loose can sire as many as 2500 kittens in a year up to two miles from his base. The C.P.S. is convinced that the establishment of low cost desexing clinics in the major population centres of the State can greatly reduce the untold thousands of unplaceable kittens which are flooding their way into our community at a faster rate than they can ever be absorbed. So, in sterilising during the year 199 femals and 43 males we have prevented 242 felines reproducing and giving birth to a staggering number of offspring - their progeny and issue without end. The increase over the previous year's total of 170, with inflation, nearly doubled expenditure. (See Income and Expenditure).

VIVISECTION. The reaction by the members at the April General Meeting to the question of experimentation as written up in the Newsletter of that month was very definite and unanimous. There was not one dissent from the condemnation of medical, veterinary and commercial sadistic exploitation of and experimentation on animals. All the considerable correspondence was equally so. Of course I did not expect any other responsive feeling. You see, our members are a cross section of humanity from all walks of life who differ on many things but they have one thing in common - that basic agitation of mind to protect an animal from the rottenness of their fellow humans. So, for strength, they join an organisation devoted to animal welfare for they question "should life and happiness be man's alone?". In their title most animal welfare groups have prime words such as "PROTECTION", "PREVENTION", "WELFARE", and the use of these words is to signify the intention of those who laid the foundation of the particular body. They are incorporated in a given name because they are appropriate symbols in our diction to the main object. Now, unfortunately, some use these letter combinations of the alphabet BUT SELECT THOSE ANIMALS THEY WILL PROTECT. If an animal can-

not look to an organisation professing to protect it, then where does it seek PREVENTION OF CRUELTY? I am afraid that some humane groups, particularly those who receive large contributions through Wills and bequests, are subject to infiltration by those who would countenance and turn a blind eye to vivisection. But time is catching up and to use Abe's famous words "You can fool some of the members all of the time" etc.

THAT FIRST BRANCH OF THE TREE. As our organisation grows, so we gather those of like thought around us who in turn propagate our ideals and carry our message. I think it is true to say that if we can touch the heart strings of those who are compassionate and they pause to contemplate, their desire is to emulate. The Central Coast area is the first district in which the many have come together in our name and they were officially recognised on the 4th December, 1976, as "The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. WOY WOY DISTRICT GROUP" and as such have control of their own finance and affairs subject to our Constitution and policy laid down by the parent body. The spark was generated by that ball of energy, Mrs. Dorothy Haines, as Secretary, Kath Robinson as President, with Gwen Arnold as Treasurer, together with Zilla Cook, Glad Hagan and Doris Jackson making up the balance of Committee. As a team with the loyal support of the local members, they are without doubt terrific in accomplishment - with 28 desexed, 13 euthanased, 63 found homes and a further 51 given vet treatment; the whole being financed by street stalls and raffles which are always on the go. They have received marvellous support from the local press and radio, Umina Pet Centre, Umina Viewfinders Circle, Fay Saunders and that stalwart, Tanya Goodall in Canberra, and the very pleasing gesture of a donation of equipment from the Animal Welfare League, Northside branch; plus- too numerous to mention. As Dorothy says "We are softies and have 110 cases on our books at the start of the financial year in the Woy Woy Peninsula (Woy Woy, Ettalong, Umina, Pearl Beach, Patonga) and have many calls from Wyong and Gosford Shires which we cannot handle." Sincere thanks and appreciation from Head Office to these selfless

"Girls" for spreading the name and fame of the C.P.S.

GOSFORD AND WYONG MEMBERS --- THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR YOU
IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ??

STARTING A SMALL GROUP. Inquiry from the Blue Mountains and other areas does suggest I give THE FIRST REQUISITE - place small adverts in the local press seeking the co-operation and support of others within your district and when you have ten members who are willing to do something of a practical nature, other than talk (easy to come by), then Head office will advise you from there. Mrs. Freda Koch of 8 Northcote Rd., Leura 2781, would like to hear from members.

AUXILIARY. WOT AUXILIARY?? My appeal for such a group was to no avail and leaves one with a profound sense of frustration and defeat. The whole is pathetic and apathetic and I feel I should reassess my values.

FUND RAISING. The year in this field has been more productive with a growing number of members contributing individual effort:- Irene Altman and her stall; Joan Zimeris and Shirley Bowles with the peanut brittle and raffle; Councillor Mrs. E. Parrish, M.B.E. with her stall; Bill and Judy Graham with the wine tasting; Bill Graham and Mrs. Haines with the Xmas bush; Dorothy Haines and the "Girls" at Woy Woy with various projects; and not forgetting that stupendous effort by Gordon and Sybil Cozens with their \$500 from the Annual Garden Party, together with their latest which I new report. A beautiful day in April last and a Mannequin Parade at their Lane Cove home - Roz Baker and five models paraded creations from various fashion houses to 40 ladies - then afternoon tea and a raffle of a camellia plant from Mrs. L. Haines completed the day for \$150 in kitty. Nice going, Sybil and Gordon, with \$650 for the year. All the above made it a very good year when one reflects on the lack of such in the past.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEES. This will take place at the A.G.M. and the business acumen, skill and experience of those elected will reflect itself this time next year. So, if you have knowledge of legal matters, publicity, fund raising or general business and secretarial practice, do not wait to be nominated. Offer your skill and it will be snapped up. My experience has shown that it is better to have a gathering of two people who accomplish things rather than twenty who are mostly dead wood and have nothing else to offer than talk. The Society rests on its financial foundation and competition for the filthy stuff is very keen in this tough world. So help us build, or come along and vote.

MEMBERSHIP. Every organisation has wastage in membership - those who, after the first flush of interest, drop out when they are reminded that their subscription is due. But overall the increase in new blood has been reasonably healthy, particularly in Life applications, when one considers the almost complete lack of planned publicity due to the fact that at present we have not the machinery to cope with a great influx. The figures are as at the dates given:-

Members	30/6/74	Life	13	Annual	436	Junior	4	Total	453
	30/6/75	Life	21	Annual	647	Junior	10	Total	678
	30/6/76	Life	95	Annual	767	Junior	32	Total	894
	30/6/77	Life	171	Annual	795	Junior	33	Total	999

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS - OR HIT THEIR POCKET. Tasmanians are responsible for the actions of their Government and brutish vandalism seems to be a permanent characteristic of Tasmanian officialdom through the years - those barbarous uncivilised louts in high places who allow the continued notorious wallaby shoot; then the massacre of the Cape Barren Goose, an endangered species; and to cap it all - if the not so poor gun happy yahoos pay their \$1000 - presto! ten days slaughtering of the pheasants at Turners Marsh Game Farm. The ones they kill are the lucky ones. All in keeping with the systematic destruction

of their aborigines when Truganini, the last of her race, died in 1876. Reminds one of the Roman Games or Spanish Bullring. Worldwide verbal protest is scorned. So, protest with a sting! I know of three families who have deleted Tasmania from their holiday itinerary. I will not buy any product from the Apple Isle. Give it thought and spread the word if you have any concern for the animal.

APPRECIATION. I could fill pages of this little journal in giving thanks to the many who have given generously in money, time and effort to help the Society or an animal. But I must be content in saying to one and all - THANK YOU -. However, for the benefit of our members I must express individual appreciation to two of our sister Societies for generous thought; - The World League for the Protection of Animals - \$100 towards our Clinic, and Animal Welfare League, Northside Branch, equipment gift to our Woy Woy Branch.

The foregoing Report compiled for Committee by

R.K. Carberry

OBITUARY AND IN LIEU OF BLOSSOMS IN A WREATH.

As always - that sad, very final note - that tribute to those friends and helpers who are now walking a different path.

FLEET, Mrs. W, late of Glenbrook, an old time member who passed away June, 1977, and whose friend, Mrs. P. Crozier of Glenbrook, sent a cheque instead of blossoms in a wreath.

MITCHELL, Mrs. Margaret Anne, late of Orange who did so much to help animals in particular and the Society in general and to whose memory Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith of Kingswood have forwarded a cheque in lieu of a floral tribute.

BARBER, Miss Daisy T., late of Wentworth Falls, to whose memory Mrs. M. Robison of Cremorne has forwarded a substantial cheque towards the establishment of the Clinic.

McNEE, Mr. William and Mrs. Florence, late of Kingswood, who passed away within a week of each other and to whose memory Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith have again sent a cheque in place of flowers.

PHILLIPS, Dr. Marie E., late of Deakin, A.C.T., and niece of Miss C.S. Opie of Brighton, Victoria, who forwarded a donation to her memory and the many feline friends Dr. Phillips loved and cared for.

KIRKWOOD, Mrs. Phyllis, late of Glenhaven.

ARTHUR-SMITH, Mr. J. who was a member of this Society for many years.

In whatever sphere of endeavour they are now engaged, they should be remembered here.

ADMINISTRATION 663-6085

TELEPHONS:

ANIMAL WELFARE 649-8825 and 44-3004

PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON

THAT WELL-TRODDEN PATH - DOWN MEMORY LANE. Remembering a feathered friend, that frolicking dog, a purring cat and all the other animals of yesteryear which have showered their affection on us. Yes, I remember and have great fellow feeling and understanding of the exercise of the mind as expressed in the following messages:-

In memory of "POLYPUS" Curties who hopped through most of her life on three legs.

Treasured memories of "MITSY" Tidey, a little abandoned dog who was my world and passed away May, 1977, aged 17 years.

In memory of "BRUNO" Hetherington, treasured Burmese, died April, 1976, who gave and received immeasurable love for 17 years.

A loving tribute to "SNOOKY" Baxter, a lovely feline friend who passed away in 1976.

In memory of "JAPETH" Kirkpatrick who left home for the last time on Sunday, 20th March, 1977. Sweet memories of a friend.

Lovely thoughts of "TIBBY" Traill, a loved pal who passed away January, 1977, aged 10 years.

To the memory of "TOBEY" Ronald, my lovely big tabby, aged 20 years - a constant joy and loving companion - not forgotten.

To our dear "TOM-PUSSY" Hinkley-Gray, who for 8 years gave us reciprocal love and affection; a Tabby who I rescued as a stray - a beloved friend, gentle, wise and loving, whose passing leaves our lives much poorer indeed.

In loving memory of "LOVIE" Olive, killed as result of car accident, aged 9 years - a real family pet.

In memory of dearly beloved "NOO-NHE-NAY" Harris and that gentle, old, courageous battler "TOMMY TOMKINS".

Loving memories of "BUSTER" Reynolds, killed on the road, and that stray "TOMMY" who wandered in and later left for parts unknown.

Sweet memories of our beloved cat "FLUFFY" Wright. Died July 9th, 1977. Always in our Hearts.

"TAMMY" Rogers, my dear companion for 18 years. Missed with a love beyond all tears.

Precious memories of "LITTLE BOY" Taylor, a treasured puddy cat friend and companion.

SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE DONATIONS FOR THESE INSERTIONS.

FINAL THOUGHTS. THIS journal is going forward to the Tasmanian Tourist Bureau and authorities - please write also. VETERINARY fees are killing us and giving little for our dollar - write your local Council and Parliamentary member urging desexing of felines. THAT Xmas kitten bought for the little horror is often the Easter stray - SO DO NOT LITTER. WE are still seeking that cheap filing cabinet if you know of one. RECENT 'phone calls from the Public Trustee re unnamed persons preparing their Wills points to the future. I COULD fill pages if I had space. SEE YOU AT THE A.G.M.