

CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

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Miss Thea Dullo, Mrs. Celie Smith,
Mrs. Joan Zimeris and Mr. Alex Annand.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1978, AT CITY OF SYDNEY R.S.L. CLUB, 569 GEORGE ST., SYDNEY, 3RD FLOOR BOARD ROOM, COMMENCING AT 2 P.M. (Below Town Hall station, opposite Anthony Horderns' old building. Full club facilities including Smorgasbord Lunch will be available from mid-day.)

AGENDA

1. Read and confirm Minutes of December, 1977, General Meeting.
2. Business arising.
3. Tri-annual Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. General Business.

REMEMBER - This is your Society, so those of you who feel they have something of interest to put forward, or even those who only wish to observe, should make every effort to attend as we, the Committee, are there to be guided by your thoughts as to what can best be projected as the aims of the Society.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER PLEASE PASS IT ON, PREFERABLY TO SOMEONE WHO IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH OUR CAUSE. IT MAY HELP TO BROADEN OUR SUPPORT.

WINTER APPEAL. By the time you read this Summer will be over and the cold weather approaching. It is at this time that we make a further appeal to your generosity. De-sexing, help for the unwanted, postage and publishing the Newsletter - these all cost a lot; but our greatest need for funds is the acquisition of our own establishment in which it is envisaged we can, among other things, step up our de-sexing campaign. Any donation is helpful in moving us closer to our goal.

Dear Member,

PRODUCTION OF NEWSLETTER. As those of you who read the November Newsletter would be aware, Mr. Carberry stated that because of certain matters arising in his private life, he could no longer devote the time to compile and produce any further Newsletters. He also stressed that the Newsletter is a vital and necessary umbilical between members and Committee. He went on to say, in essence, that he felt it was not right or proper for one person to assume responsibility for all statements in a publication which, in reality, should reflect the ideas of the Committee as a whole. Mr. Carberry was correct in what he said, and we feel that all members would agree that he deserves a rest from his labours which will allow him more time to devote to his personal affairs. Accordingly, all members of Committee have joined in the responsibility of producing the Newsletter which we hope in due time will become, because of our joint effort, an even greater "Voice of the Voiceless". Before moving on to other matters, it would be appropriate to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Carberry for his untiring efforts, not only with the Newsletter, but for what he has done and indeed is still doing on behalf of the Society.

LETTERS TO EDITOR. Correspondence from members is always welcome and we propose in future Newsletters to publish extracts from those letters which, in the opinion of the Committee, contain the most interest. It must be appreciated that space is limited. Therefore, it shall be left to the Committee to decide what is suitable for inclusion. When writing, please indicate your wishes in regard to publication.

MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION. Steady progress is being made in our efforts to become a corporate body. Before this can become a reality the Articles have to be approved by the membership; then, if accepted, by the Corporate Affairs Commission. They are then investigated by the Attorney General's Department. As we are not a profit making organisation certain requirements have to be met and information regarding our affairs provided. Mr. Luton has been instrumental in making some valuable contacts. He has secured the services of a barrister who has kindly consented to give advice free

of charge. It is a time consuming business but a successful end is in sight. Hopefully, by the time we go to press much progress will have been made and we will have further news to report at the General Meeting.

BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY. The following is an extract from "The Working Group Against Animal Experiments" ' Newsletter of 16th December, 1977 - "A Special Plea. The response of members to Margaret Grace's appeal for help in promoting the Beauty Without Cruelty cosmetics has been very poor. We had hoped that many members would have made the effort to introduce the cosmetics to their friends. Margaret, helped by Toni Clarke (who is a trained beautician) will be only too happy to meet small groups of you and your friends at informal gatherings. We can assure you that there will be no "hard sell" techniques used. We cannot afford the huge sums of money needed for an effective advertising campaign, and so the only way to spread information about these lovely cosmetics is by word of mouth. Please help by ringing Margaret on 82-1553 and REMEMBER that every purchase of BWC is a blow against cruelty to animals!

Beauty Without Cruelty products can also be obtained from the following retail outlets:

Balmain Health Foods, 281 Darling Street, BALMAIN

Toni Clarke, 212 Sydney Road, FAIRLIGHT

Debi Cooke, 2/62 Minneapolis Crescent, MAROUBRA

Edgecliffe Health Foods, EDGECLIFFE Centre, 203 New South Head Rd.
(32-5541)

Edna Grey Salon, 220 Crown Street, WOLLONGONG

Janice McKenzie, 6 Wood Street, WENTWORTH FALLS

Northside Animal Welfare, Rene Wallace, 22 Knowlan Ave., Pymble (44-3158)

Victorian members can get their supplies of BWC from P.O. Box Kalorama, Victoria 3766, but please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for price list and details."

Perhaps some members of the C.P.S. may be interested in the above products, but before we go overboard for "Beauty Without Cruelty" it may be wise to consider some alternative cosmetics:

Christian Dior - have stated that they obtain many ingredients from living animals for use in their "Hydra-Dior" range of products.

Revlon Inc., New York - use animals extensively in cosmetic research, including the horrific Draize Test.

Gala, in England, makers of Mary Quant cosmetics, - use animals extensively for testing new products.

Johnson and Johnson - test their products on living animals.

Beecham Products, U.K. - Ditto

Chanel - Now these people make use of Civet cats. They keep the cats

in permanent captivity in tiny dark cages from which they are never released. The cats are tormented to anger and then the gland excretions are collected as a fixative for perfume. Need we comment? Leonardo Da Vinci has already said it for us, - "Oh, Justice of God! Why dost thou not wake and behold thy creatures thus ill used?"

MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS. Owing to ever increasing costs, the Committee have voted to increase all classes of subscriptions, provided of course that the members in General Meeting agree. The proposed increases are as follows:

<u>Life Membership</u>	From \$25 to \$50
<u>Annual Membership</u>	" \$2 " \$5
<u>Pensioner Membership</u>	" \$1 " \$2
<u>Junior Membership</u>	" \$1 " \$2

No claims for telephone or car expenses are made by Committee and this does help to keep expenses to a minimum. However, production costs of the Newsletter plus postage virtually eat up all that is gained from subscriptions as they now stand. One cost factor is unfinancial members. At present we have in excess of 70 members who have not forwarded their 1977-78 dues. It is not fair to expect members who are financial to subsidise those who are not. Therefore, we have discontinued forwarding Newsletters to the unfinancial. Members are reminded that subscriptions fall due on 1st July. Also, any member who chooses to become a Life Member may take advantage of the present \$25 fee and thus beat the proposed increase.

BEWARE OF CAT-NAPPERS! (Reported by Mrs. E.B. Smith)

Judging by the number of reports we have received from members whose pet cats have disappeared in recent months we are gravely concerned and urge cat owners to keep their pets shut in at night. Make sure that a litter tray is provided as cats are fastidious creatures and love to be clean. Also provide a bowl of fresh water. You can leave milk as well if you wish but no animal should ever be confined without fresh water. We have heard disturbing reports of a vile practice which is believed to be operating --- cat skins being made into garments to adorn that least reputable of animals - humans. This Society, naturally, abhors any form of "genuine" fur garment and hopes that no member would debase him or herself by wearing such products which are the result of man's cruelty and other animals' suffering.

CATS IN PAIN - may become restless or lethargic, may purr in a different way or be silent. It is hard to assess the degree of pain a cat may be suffering. However, they are such highly developed animals that they undoubtedly feel it keenly.

VIVISECTION. Readers of this Newsletter would be familiar with Mr. Carberry's views on vivisection. We endorse those views and submit the following information as reinforcement of his beliefs.

Mr. Ryder, a senior clinical psychologist at the Warneford Hospital, Oxford, and a Council member of the R.S.P.C.A., is leading a campaign against vivisection. He has concentrated his attack on non-medical research in which animals are used to test cosmetics, weed-killers, detergents, weapons, synthetic food dyes and flavourings which, he says, have no nutritive value and are developed solely for commercial reasons. He believes two main immediate reforms are needed: the abolition of animal experiments for non-medical research; and government backing to develop alternatives to vivisection in medical research. As a scientist he believes it is prudent to concentrate on building up public protest against non-medical research, but ultimately he aims to put an end to all research on live animals on the grounds that it is cruel, wasteful and often useless. He speaks from personal experience. At the beginning of his career he carried out many experiments on animals:

"I wasn't happy about it at the time and I will always regret it bitterly. I felt that the quest for knowledge didn't justify cruelty and anyway my experiments, like so much research, produced no significant findings." The alternatives to vivisection so far include research on tissue cultures from organs and cells and theoretical computer calculations. "I think there would be many other viable alternatives if we wanted to discover them". It is not known how many animals are used in non-medical experiments each year, but of more than 5 million in one particular year Mr. Ryder says less than one-third appear to have been medical. Between 85% and 87% of this total were without benefit of anaesthesia. Decisions in Britain to use pregnant baboons to test the effects of car crashes were widely criticised.

"Animals have been used in crash tests for years in other countries and have produced no findings which we couldn't already obtain from the unfortunately large amount of clinical data available from hospital casualty departments." Mr. Ryder sums up by saying that animal welfare is in about the same state that underprivileged humans were in the 19th century. He agrees that human welfare has quite a long way to go yet. "But that doesn't mean we should forget about animals". (Extracts from "Cruelty to Animals in Research" by Richard Ryder.)

Recently, when bathing, some soap got in my eyes. Although it was painful it was easily rinsed out, much to my relief. Trivial as this incident may seem it reminded me of the fate of the unfortunate "experimental rabbit". A common test is for eye irritancy using white rabbits. No anaesthetics are used. The rabbits are restrained in boxes so they cannot touch their eyes. Concentrated soaps and shampoos are instilled into the eyes. The rabbits struggle violently

and many scream. (Have you heard a rabbit scream?) For household detergent testing a paste is applied directly to the eyes and left bandaged. As rabbits cannot cry and flush the material from their eyes their capacity for irritation is much greater than humans. The motive for this torture is purely commercial. We already have adequate soaps. Sadly, the above facts are but a small fraction of the horrors which are perpetrated in the twin causes of commercial experiment and vivisection. We who call ourselves human have a long way to go before we can truly regard ourselves as "Children of the Earth Mother". Victor Hugo once said: "Vivisection is a crime. The human race will repudiate these barbarities". Well, we have not done so - yet.

FELINE FROLICS - FUND RAISING. Since our last Newsletter much effort has been expended by individual members to swell the coffers and help the Society further along the path to its goal of a Cats' Clinic. Mrs. Shirley Bowles, our able Hon. Secretary, held an afternoon tea party at her home at which a most interesting demonstration of indoor pots and plants was given. Mrs. Ruth Clarke assisted with a well-stocked stall of goods for sale. These two ladies and their helpers raised \$255.00. Well done, girls!

Mrs. Bowles and Mrs. Zimeris continue their sale of the ever popular peanut brittle, raising a further \$196.00.

A Stall at Hornsby, conducted by Life Member, Mrs. Parrish, ably assisted by Mrs. Lillian Haines and Mrs. Sybil Cozens, brought in \$62.30.

Raffles:- Mrs. Joan Zimeris ran a raffle, the prize being a lovely hand-made knee rug, and netted \$20.00. A Royal Albert cup, saucer and plate was donated by Mrs. Jean Anthony and won by our lucky President, Ron Carberry. This raffle fetched \$24.60.

Mr. Alex Annand of Committee has sold \$27.00 worth of badges and, because of his soft-sell technique, looks like selling many more.

GRATEFUL THANKS - to Mr. and Mrs. Balding of Randwick for providing a four-drawer filing cabinet which is much appreciated by our Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Beulah Harvey; and - to Mr. G. Thompson of Leura for donating four of his own paintings. These most attractive paintings soon found a ready market and Mr. Thompson's gesture is very much appreciated, also.

HELP WANTED! We would like to hear from any member with a station waggon, taxi truck or other suitable vehicle who could help us to move the Society's goods and chattels from Connell's Point to Brighton. If you are able to assist please 'phone Mr. W. Graham at 47-1316.

STARTING A SMALL GROUP. Mrs. Freda Koch of 8 Northcote Rd., Leura 2781 appealed through our September Newsletter for members in the Blue Mountains to come forward and help her to form a Group. She was most disappointed at the total lack of response. As she wishes to organise a function that is expected to benefit the Society greatly, we now make a further appeal for any person or persons who could help her to get this function off the ground. It will not require much time or effort and she would love to hear from you.

WOY WOY DISTRICT GROUP - news from Dorothy Haines.

Santa brought his usual bag full of pregnant and surplus puddycats which duly delivered their quota of bundles of joy. These were already thick on the grass at the Central Coast and were not all that easy to find homes for. A highlight was Umina High School's pussycat and five kittens who had to leave with all other bods on break-up day. The gardener borrowed our catching cage and took them to the Vet who found homes for them. Discovered three more kittens in a carton in the school grounds and brought them to our Kitty Clinic. Doris Jackson rehabilitated these. Many other rescues with happy results.

Two new faces at the Committee Meeting in December - Kay Renton and Daisy Dyson.

Kind Hearts without Coronets - Frank and Betty Incoll gave us a big Xmas Eve thrill when they entrusted us to forward a cheque for \$200 for the Clinic.

Fund Raising - A street stall will be held near Woolworths, Woy Woy, on Easter Saturday, 25th March. The eager beavers will be there with their cakes, jams, pickles and plants. Would absent friends like to remember us and help to make this stall an even bigger success.

Any locals interested in joining our Group please contact me at P.O. Box 98, Umina Beach, 2257. You will be most welcome!

The foregoing Report compiled for Committee
by W.G. Graham

"COCKNEY CATS" (Sent in by Mrs. L. Bowman)

Extract from the book "Cockney Cats" by Warren Tute & Felix Fonteyn, first published in 1953.

"Tiger of the Times" won a silver cup at the Crystal Cat Show in 1952 being the "Best Office Cat in Fleet Street". As his name depicts, he was a tiger striped cat, equally at ease whether in the Board Room or doing his rounds in the machine room, mousing among the giant rolls of newsprint or just watching Mr. H., the engineer, at work. "Tiger the Cat", at this time had been with the Times for three years. Like so

many other cats in this book, he did this by the simple expedient of walking into the building. Now he has the run of the place from the editorial office to machine room and, with various of his admirers bringing him tit-bits of food, can often be found awaiting their arrival at the back door. Not that he is in any way paunchy or overfed. Indeed, he is a first-class hunter of home killed rats and, like all hunters, it pleases him to show off his prowess by depositing a corpse here and a carcass there in positions where they are most likely to attract attention."

Look for another story from "Cockney Cats" in the next Newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM.

Our thanks to "Sambo" Bowman who has donated \$10.00 in lieu of flowers in memory of his friend, Mr. Clifford Hitchcock, who passed away recently.

Anonymous donations:- \$15.00
 \$5.00 in memory of M.K.C.

We thank members who have sent donations to help those felines less fortunate than their own beloved pets, and we extend our sympathy in their loss.

"KITTY" Whipp, who was loved so much and now rests in her beloved garden.

"THOMAS CRANKYPANTS" Kelly. Anon.

"SMOKEY" Wearne, who passed on to the feline Valhalla on 21.10.77. Her love and beauty will be cherished forever by Mr. and Mrs. Wearne and her brother "Ticky".

"HEIDI" Walsh. Sadly missed.

"OLIMM" Modrich who lived to the great age of 17½ years.

EVOLUTION OF THE CAT. The ancestors of the cat have never been definitely identified. It can be traced back to Miacis, a weasel-like carnivore who existed about 50 million years ago. It had short legs, a long body and a vicious nature. The first cats were divided into two groups: Hoplophoneus and Dinictis. The former were lion sized, large bodied with saber-like teeth. Dinictis was the forerunner of our modern cats - fast, graceful and highly intelligent. To-day's cat is pretty much unchanged from fossils of Dinictis which are still unearthed from time to time.

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