

CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1978, AT CITY OF SYDNEY R.S.L. CLUB, 569 GEORGE ST., SYDNEY, 3RD FLOOR BOARD ROOM, COMMENCING AT 2 P.M. Full club facilities are available. All Members are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA

1. Read and confirm Minutes of 1977 Annual General Meeting.
2. Business arising.
3. Annual Report.
4. Balance Sheet and Financial Statement.
5. Election of Executive and Council 1978-79.
6. Election of Auditor.
7. General Business.

Please note: Annual Subscriptions fell due on 1st July. Approximately 100 Members are in arrears and only financial members are entitled to vote. Bona fide membership will be checked at door.

Many thanks to the R.S.L. Club for the free use of our Meeting Room throughout the year.

Dear Members: It is in the hope that it contains much of interest that we present this newsletter to you. As virtually all on Committee are now involved in its compilation we felt that a bigger, brighter, more varied Annual issue might be more effective in maintaining your interest and

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also forging a stronger link between members and Committee. It is with a weather eye to the future that we strive to foster your enthusiasm because 1979 could be a very vital year, and many willing volunteers will be required. You, the member, have indicated very clearly that your most earnest wish is for the Society to acquire its own desexing clinic cum cat shelter. In order to fulfill that wish, Mr. Carberry has striven, perhaps not patiently, but very thoroughly, and the wish may very soon become the reality. Reflect what this will entail.

Firstly, as envisaged long ago by the President, an opportunity shop will need to be manned daily, on a roster basis. This will require the formation of a Ladies' auxiliary. Will you help? Further, the clinic establishment itself will require regular maintenance, cleaning, phone manning etc. Will you help? Probably a certain amount of transporting of cats will be necessary. Can you help? Three years ago I was voted on to the Committee, mainly because no-one else wanted the job. In that time many appeals for volunteers have been made but, unhappily, the response has usually been negligible. For example, in the April newsletter an appeal was made by me for someone with a suitable vehicle to help with moving some of the Society's office furniture. My phone No. was given. Guess what? Yes, you're right, no-one rang offering assistance, but I did receive some calls from members requiring help or advice on behalf of themselves.

Now, this Society does not belong to the Committee; we are responsible only for the proper administration of its affairs and at your request when you voted us to do so. This Society belongs to all members, it is your Society. Therefore, in order for it to function efficiently and to achieve the objectives for which it was created, you, the member, will have to think hard on how you can best help. "Nuff" said on that. The following pages contain "The President's report", "Editorial comment", more on B.W.C., a review of "Animal Liberation", Fund raising activities and raffles, "In Memoriam", "Letters to the Editor" - that new column where members have the opportunity to contribute something of interest, plus etc.

Hoping you enjoy YOUR newsletter and Best Wishes to all members.

Bill Graham, Vice-President.

Reminder - Annual subscriptions fell due on 1st July. Over 100 of our members are still dragging the chain. Remember, unfinancial members are not entitled to vote or receive the Newsletter. So, if you are one of the tardy would you please forward your sub as soon as possible. Any members in doubt as to their standing, are advised to ring Mr. Graham, 47-1316 after hours or weekends.

WOOL !!!!! Needed for fund raising. Any ply, any quantity, for making coat hangers, tea cosies, ski caps, scarves and what have you. Anyone wishing to donate wool of any kind please contact Mrs. B. Harvey - 'phone 662-6085 or usual Box number.

The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales

18th Annual Report 1st July, 1978

Dear Member,

PREAMBLE.

GOALS ARE EXCELLENT - EVERYONE AND EVERY ORGANISATION SHOULD HAVE A GOAL. As I draw near to the end of my fourth term in the "Chair" I must convey my appreciation to the members for electing me to that position and by that expressed confidence extending to me the privilege of once again addressing you through medium of this report. This 18th epitome of what should be a continuing story was started by a lady named Mary Kay-Cooper and those early stalwarts back in 1959. They saw the alley cat as the odd man out, that no existing organisation worked wholly and solely to alleviate the suffering among the homeless and unwanted felines. So - what we know to-day as the C.P.S. of N.S.W. came into being. They laid the foundation and those who follow are only building on that humble beginning. As one anonymous donor says - "Herewith \$5 in fond memory of my old friend, Mary Kay-Cooper, who was 92 when she passed away last year. Had it not been for her dedication, foresight and determination this Society would never have come into being." I agree - those of us who come later tend to forget that evident truth. Mrs. Cooper achieved her goal and had 306 members in 1961. Administration changed later but three basic necessities were lacking - a goal, attracting new members, with only 144 additional over the next thirteen years to 1974, and finance. In the latter year new thought was introduced. This brought a complete reversal of policy and gave the members A GOAL TO WORK FOR -- OUR OWN DEXSEXING CLINIC. This won the instant approval of the then membership of 450, but with only \$6565 in kitty after fourteen years for such a project, the way ahead seemed a path of blood, sweat and tears. But not so - with the generous financial support of the increasing membership and faithful recording by our Treasurer, Mrs. Harvey, the Society is now in a position, with a little luck and much courage, TO PURCHASE THAT FIRST CLINIC.

FIELDWORK. This term covers the whole field of outside work, and embraces thousands of individual actions by our members each year. There are those among us who leave the comfort of their home, go out into the highways and byways, the alleys, parks, factories and any place where there are the unloved or unwanted, the starving and diseased cat and their offspring; they cart food, milk and dishes to feed the hungry; they take the sick for veterinary treatment or humane disposal - some they have dexsexed, then find a home. This goes on summer and winter, year in, year out, and the outstanding quality these kindly folk possess is -- compassion. While many wring their hands and blame the Government, the humane societies, or all but themselves for possibly contributing to the problem, or close their eyes to it, this work goes on silently and efficiently in every suburb in our metropolis -- and

beyond. I could mention many names - but say one and I have to bring in all of these devoted helpers. As the members are the foundation of our organisation, these silent workers are the backbone who give meaning to the word "PROTECTION" in our name and their task will never be made easier until the plague proportions of the pathetic feline outcasts are contained or reduced,; and our standard of learning at the present point in time shows that desexing is the only avenue open to us in this regard. I, personally, receive many 'phone calls from individuals (who have been given my number by other organisations) asking my help in placing that last batch they have allowed to see the light of day -- and the task is impossible. SO PLEASE - DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CATS --- TO LITTER.

FINANCIAL. The test as to whether the Administrative body of an organisation is pursuing a policy which is supported by its members always reflected in the Financial Report for a given period, and evidence of present policy in working for our own desexing clinic is forcibly brought home to those who may doubt by the continued pleasing growth in this fund. From 1959 to June 1974, due to no firm policy (in fact it was considered that we could not aspire to such heights) - in those fourteen years the total amount donated was -- \$6566. From that date the following audited annual figures clearly show that this endeavour is the impelling force, the stimulus needed as a goal to work for with the great majority of members:-

1975	\$18,685	1976	\$24,354	1977	\$31,434	1978	\$43,389
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Invariably each donor indicates to which avenue of our work he or she wish their gift to be allocated, and this project is by far the most popular. One outstanding feature in the Report is that veterinary services (de-sexing) are one-third less at \$1062 as against \$1576 in the previous year, yet showing a good increase in the number of felines handled. Printing and stationery shows a drop with one less Newsletter yearly. Income-wise, donations and appeals show an increase, and "Pets in Memoriam" again has a healthy lift. Compare the 1977 figures on the enclosed Financial Report.

THAT CLINIC. This is the article that I have been looking forward to composing for the past four years. Now that we have \$43,389 in the Clinic Building Fund, together with the Regentville and Kingsgrove properties as collateral for a loan to complete purchase, we are now in the market for, and seeking that particular commercial property which will fill our needs and also be approved by the Municipal Council in whose territory it is situated as suitable premises under their zoning for the conduct of a Desexing Clinic. It is probable that much time and effort will be expended in securing the best site at the right price and gaining approval. But, having set up house we will tie up what are now many loose ends. We will have our own address rather than

the unsatisfactory and impersonal Post Office box as at present; our own listing in the telephone directory rather than that of kindly members who lend their number for Society business and the problems that go with it. We will have housing for that "AUXILIARY" ?? to conduct that opportunity shop, together with administrative offices, meeting rooms, reception area, surgery, recovery ward and orphan housing. In fact, we will come of age. Some see the acquisition of such a property as the ultimate goal. But I see it only as the beginning. I think it was Rockefeller who said "Getting the first million dollars was the hardest - the further millions were easy", and the same is applicable to our organisation. If our work is to be meaningful, we should be thinking of a further unit in Sydney, then Wollongong, Newcastle, Gosford and Penrith - but not necessarily in that order. In a rich man's world, all we need is money-money-money. Please do not forget that we will need varied furnishings when we set up shop, all the paraphernalia for administration and the wot nots for tea making, staff and meetings, desks, chairs, tables. Let your imagination go - put it in a corner and we hope to pick it up prior to Santa time. A little later we will be able to take that aspidistra, auntie's mangle, dad's shaving mug, intriguing items of attire and adornment, decorative pieces for the drawing room, kitchen, or the conservatory which may appeal to the genteel citizens who will patronise that "Shop".

MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION. The Constitution has now, after much delay in preparation, been approved by the Corporate Affairs Commission, the Attorney General's Department and the Department of Services. The only remaining formality is the approval of you, the member, in General meeting and you cannot give consideration to such a proposal unless you have had the opportunity to peruse and study the provisions contained therein. Section 111 (1) of the Act requires that a company shall, as from the day on which it begins to carry on business, have a registered office within the State. So, to fulfil this requirement, pending the acquisition of our own premises, Committee has agreed that such registered office of the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. shall be at my home address, as follows:- (R.K. Carberry) 302 Connells Point Rd., Connells Point, 2221, where copies of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association may be inspected A.M. hours Monday to Friday, and for the convenience of members copies will be available for inspection at other points around the Metropolitan area as shown below:-

Eastern Suburbs	Mrs. Harvey	662 6085
Lower North Shore	Mrs. Cozens	427 3828
Upper North Shore	Mr. Graham	47 1316
City Area	Mr. Luton	929 7547

I would point out for the benefit of members that the requirements of

Section 24 of the Companies Act 1961 under which application is made do not allow great departure from the guide lines laid down. Whilst there is a certain amount of flexibility to present the differing aims and objects of organisations formed for the purpose of providing recreation or amusement, promoting commerce, industry, art, science, religion, charity, superannuation, or any other object useful to the community, the great body of the provisions contained in the draft to be presented cannot be altered and, therefore, any amendment submitted for the variable provisions must be responsible (and remembering the fact that the whole has been checked for acceptability by the three Government agencies first mentioned.) The completed work will be presented to the members as shown below:-

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

PRELIMINARY NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER NEXT - THAT:-

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS WILL BE HELD (AT A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED) TO CONSIDER, AND IF THOUGHT FIT, TO ADOPT BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

MORRIS ESTATE. I have been reporting on this perennial over the past four years as it seems to go on for ever. Some of our members have expressed concern that should they prepare their Will in favour of our Society their wish as expressed in that document could be contested by relatives, and place the legal eagles among the kittens. So I feel that I should set out the circumstances which made the Will of Miss Edna Dora Morris unusual and a source of income for the legal profession. Miss Morris, prior to her death, lived in a home unit which belonged to her father. This property was bequeathed to her in her father's Will. Miss Morris, in the natural order of things, anticipated that she would out-live her parent and made provision as to the disposal of her assets as follows, in part:- "As to any home unit or residence and any furniture, furnishings, pictures and all other household effects, together with any investments which I may have in L.J. Hooker Ltd. and Waltons Ltd. shall be for when he attains the age of twentyone years." The donee or recipient left unnamed by me was her nephew, aged two years at the time of her death in January, 1974, aged 48 years. After Miss Morris made provision for further gifts, her Will concludes:- "And the balance shall be for The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales". In other words, she brought the C.P.S. in as residuary beneficiary, and among the assets in the residue of her Estate was a shop and dwelling at Kingsgrove, leased to a tenant. All the above is quite in order -- with just one unanticipated happening which gives a field day for lawyers, and shows the uncertainty of life, - Miss Morris pre-deceased her parent by three MONTHS and the unit was not hers to bequeath. So the Estate set out to prove to the satisfaction of the Court that Miss Morris really meant the shop and dwelling when she referred to "ANY

HOME UNIT OR RESIDENCE". The rest is history with His Honour, Mr. Justice Holland, finding in our favour. But, of an Estate of net Probate value of \$49,099, many thousands of dollars have gone down the legal drain to the detriment of our objectives. During this year under review we have received from the Estate a cheque for \$1500 of which a good proportion will go to our solicitor as further costs, and we have been collecting \$217.26 monthly rental from the Kingsgrove shop since October, 1977. This property will now be conveyed to the Society as a Corporate body. When the Estate has been finalised there will be some further small amounts accruing to the Society, but not a great deal. On the question of contesting a Will, it is not as easy as many think. Providing the document is clear and concise, in general the only persons who may have grounds are the spouse (and I think de facto now comes into it), or those who were maintained by the deceased. Other relatives must have good grounds before a solicitor would pick up the matter, and the Court is an unknown quantity as to costs if their actions are not responsible. Which brings me to the point --- one in every three people do not make a Will -- have you? If you do not, the State will decide who will receive your assets. Need advice? Let us know.

REGENTVILLE PROPERTY. Just briefly, for those not conversant, this small two bedroom fibro cottage adjacent to Penrith and positioned on two 50' x 150' lots on the corner of Loftus and Spencer Streets came to the Society by way of bequest from the Estate of the late Mrs. A.C. Williams, and over the past four years has been a steady source of income for our Clinic building. Recent advice from Penrith City Council states that the sewer is now available for connection to the premises. This does give rise to one or two matters needing careful thought, relative to economics. Firstly, Committee may re-position the premises on one lot or leave as is and re-subdivide to the alternative street with two 75' x 100' lots. But, whichever is the case, accommodation for toilet and laundry facilities will have to be constructed as a small addition to the existing structure, and various points connected to the sewer line. Do we have among our members in this area a retired building tradesman who would carry this through and cut some of the sharp edges off costs??? Alternatively, the property could possibly be sold. The whole is a matter for the incoming Committee.

DESEXING. In endeavouring to convey to our members how vast is the population explosion among felines, and the need to contain that surplus I always quote the annual figures issued by the RSPCA of the number of cats accepted for lethalisation. In quoting these numbers I am not being critical of this organisation, rather the reverse. For so many years I was part and parcel of that scene and I am conversant with the many problems that the Royal Society encounters daily in its effort to protect the animal and at the same time satisfy unreasonable demands by some among us. I quote the RSPCA statistics because they are the only

sure measuring rod and cannot be disputed and, in carrying out such a thankless task, that Society is only the instrument of Government (Local and State) and our fellow citizens who will not live up to their obligations. In giving the figures of 10,000 felines accepted by the Royal in 1969 and the staggering annual increase culminating in over 30,000 for the year ended June 1977, I show one minute, infinitesimal fraction of the State as a whole, and most of that vast territory is uncontrolled where kittens are being born in countless thousands. As the years roll on and the plague worsens, the climate relative to de-sexing is slowly changing for the better. Ministers of the Crown (Labour and Liberal) are sympathetic and wring their hands. But so far, apart from promises, no-one has put up their money. They have not yet taken any concrete action to emulate their counterparts in Victoria or Queensland. But, face up to it - they will have to. Which brings me to the point of our pitiful spaying/neutering total of 302 (234 females and 68 males, which shows an increase of sixty on 1976/77 figures) for the past year. Whilst we know that this has prevented thousands of offspring, their progeny and issue without end from being born, it is but one drop in the ocean of that sea of felines. Money, and our own clinic, is all that stops us doing thousands -- it will come. But it should be to-day! A pleasing feature of the year's work is that more veterinarians are prepared to slice their fees for our organisation.

MEMBERSHIP. As advised in the last Newsletter (April) the proposition was placed before the well-attended General Meeting held on the 30th of that month that subscriptions be increased in each class as from the 1st July, 1978, as follows:-

LIFE MEMBER \$50 ANNUAL \$5 PENSIONER/JUNIOR \$2

Committee, faced with greatly increased costs in printing and postage of the Newsletter over the past four years, with no increase in dues to offset, submitted the proposal with great reluctance as it is realised that those who support our aims are also subject on all sides to ever-increasing financial pressure to make ends meet. However, those assembled took the matter in their stride and carried the question without dissent. Nevertheless, increasing fees is not always the answer as we can lose a few of the less enthusiastic members, and members are our life blood. They are the Society. But it is difficult to find another solution to the added burden in expense. The total figures for the year do not give the true picture against comparative numbers shown in the past. The real position is reflected in the increase in Life membership, with Annual lagging through many renewals arriving after the 30th June last - so they cannot be recorded for the year under review.

	30/6/74	Life 13	Annual 436	Junior 4	Total 453
	30/6/75	Life 21	Annual 647	Junior 10	Total 678
Members	30/6/76	Life 95	Annual 767	Junior 32	Total 894
	30/6/77	Life 171	Annual 795	Junior 33	Total 999
	30/6/78	Life 232	Annual 718	Junior 28	Total 978

GENERAL MEETINGS. Once again, the attendance figures at General meetings showed the great interest of members in the Society generally and their thirst for knowledge relative to progress in securing the Clinic and matters allied with that proposition. Of course, the highlight in the numbers of those assembled, was the A.G.M. held on Sunday, 25th September, 1977, when sixtyfive came together to throw their individual thought into the collective whole, so that Committee may gauge the overall opinion of those who elect the governing body. I derive much pleasure in meeting and greeting the many who think as I do and such gatherings are my only opportunity to do so. Your attendance at General meetings is the only yardstick by which I can assess your ideas and support for a policy which I feel is correct. I have no means of knowing your opposition to a given formula unless you attend and air your view. In fact, it is those who disagree with official policy who give stimulus to debate at General Meetings, and it is from those of diverse thought and outlook that we can perhaps learn of a different path to follow or refinements in how to cut corners in achieving our goal. So, please do make that effort to be present at the forthcoming A.G.M. as shown on the front cover of this Report.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEES. Each year I make this appeal for I firmly believe that the success or failure of any organisation depends on the knowledge, capacity, good judgement and, with us, the compassion of the elected members who formulate Society policy and guide its destiny - into the future. So, if you have experience in legal matters, publicity, fund raising or general business practice, do not wait to be nominated - offer your skill and it will be snapped up; for while sincerity of purpose is an excellent quality, it is out in the market place that we have to compete for that most essential of all the working tools -- money -- without that commodity we can accomplish very little. Large charities and big business pay for knowledge. We have that product among the members. Please attend the A.G.M. and offer it.

FUND RAISING. Stalls, raffles and functions have again been productive over the year with all proceeds going to the clinic fund. These activities have been reported as they occurred, in previous Newsletters, and more recent ones are mentioned by Mrs. Cozens in her column further on in this Newsletter. When giving names of those organising various functions etc. the reader should realise that behind each effort there were also the many kindly folk behind the scenes who contributed their share in many ways. Of course, any yearly Report emanating from Head Office would not be complete without giving mention to those fantastic "Girls" up Woy Woy way who seem to know every way known to man of extracting a dollar from out of the pocket. From the monthly reports they forward I just cannot keep up with the money manufacturing process. They continue, week by week, with stalls, raffles and other ways not known to man. However, the above resume proves my statement of the past - that, apart from Gordon Cozens, the LADIES earn the money while

the men ---- talk.

WOY WOY DISTRICT GROUP. It was my real pleasure, together with Vice-President, Mr. W. Graham, to attend and enjoy the hospitality of those ladies who represent our Society on the Central Coast, at their A.G.M. held on Sunday, 15th July last. The degree of enthusiasm, dedication and devotion of these kindly people is of the same excellent standard as when they commenced eighteen months ago. In her report for the year Mrs. Kathleen Robinson stated that income of \$1129 from stalls, raffles and donations, reduced by \$798 in expenditure, left a healthy balance of \$503 at bank to commence the new financial year. She stressed appreciation to her Committee and supporters as a whole, with particular reference to Eric Haines for gifts, to Doris Jackson with her Kitty Clinic, Gwen Arnold as Treasurer, Dorothy Haines as Secretary and Lindy Coop as Transport officer, and would like to see new members to lighten the load on these willing workers.

In her report as Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Haines gave the information that 34 cats had been desexed, homes found for 48, 9 further kittens treated and rehabilitated for adoption, and that many homeless cats had been caught; that the major gift of the year of \$200 from Mr. and Mrs. Incoll of Long Jetty towards a Clinic had inspired the branch; and that she was still hopeful of groups being formed at Gosford and Wyong within the Shire - areas in which there is no help for the unwanted feline.

If you live up thataway - please help these girls with goods for stalls and raffles and lend that thing at the end of your arm - give a HAND -- which you can deliver to Dorothy at 73 Mount Ettalong Rd., Umina Beach 2257.

ANIMAL SOCIETIES FEDERATION, N.S.W. During the year the World League for Protection of Animals (Mrs. Madeline Oriolo, President) and Animal Liberation (Christine Townend, Secretary) as co-convenors, conveyed an invitation to all registered charitable animal welfare groups in the Sydney region to a meeting on the 10th March, 1978, with the object of forming a federation to speak as one united voice. Some thirtyseven representatives attended from ten organisations, with the gathering electing a steering committee to draw up a constitution. Committee met on four occasions, and gave some sixteen hours of their time, to complete this work which will be presented for critical, or otherwise, debate at a further meeting to be held on FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1978, in the Board Room, YWCA, 189 Liverpool Street, Sydney - at 6.15 P.M.

APPRECIATION. In writing a Report for a charity such as the C.P.S. (an organisation in which so many folk from all walks of life give of their time to the detriment of their personal obligations, make that extra effort for a cause they believe in, and donate hard earned money which very often could make their own life easier) is a task which is the most difficult in the whole resume. So many people spring to mind and so many names flash to memory. But, in giving a name where does one

commence and then call a halt? How does one select names from the multitude - from the lady who gave us \$600 for the Clinic to the pensioner who sent 93 cents, down to the child with eleven cents; the many field workers, the lass who saves us untold dollars with photocopies; the list would be endless. So, all I can say in all sincerity is - THANK YOU FOR GIVING - and hope that this message reaches each and everyone of you.

The foregoing Report compiled for Committee by
R.K. Carberry

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

In our time we have heard or known of many occasions when creatures of the same, or even different species, have been capable of demonstrating that affection towards one another. We once knew of a cat, canary and dog who were devoted to each other. On cold winter evenings the cat and dog would snuggle up together by the fire, with the canary nestled comfortably between the cat's paws. Such demonstrations are always touching, but they become singularly more so when the love/devotion, call it what you will, is directed towards we of the human-kind.

Most readers would have seen the recent newspaper article which featured a story about a cat who, allegedly, returned to his home in Victoria after having become lost in Queensland. We would also suppose that most people are aware of many stories told of cats returning home over long distances. In fact, many scientific studies have been carried out by animal behaviourists in regard to homing ability, and the explanation given is that they may possess an unusual sensitivity to the geo-magnetic field of the earth which enables them to keep a type of compass fix on their home region, regardless of distance or direction. It seems reasonable to accept this theory but let us not kid ourselves; it is not necessarily a proof of affection, but more likely a longing for familiar surroundings which urges the cat back to his old home. But, and here's the rub - what of the well documented and proven cases of cats who have travelled great distances over strange terrain to find owners who have left them behind? Some of you may have seen the film or read the book, "The Incredible Journey", fiction, which describes a 250 mile Odyssey through the Canadian wild by two dogs and a Siamese cat. Not possible you say? Then consider "POOH" who travelled from Newman, Georgia, to Wellford, South Carolina, a distance of 200 miles, to find his people. "Chat Beau" found his family in Texarkana, Texas, after they moved from Lafayette. "Smokey", a Persian, walked 417 miles between Tulsa, Oklahoma and Memphis, Tennessee, in 12 months, just to find his beloved humans. "Sugar" trailed her family from Anderson, California, to Gage, Oklahoma, 1500 miles in 14 months. These cats were not seeking familiar places or homes but beloved people.

You may doubt the above examples but they were all authenticated by two

scientists, J.B. Rhine and Sara Feather, of Duke University's parapsychology laboratory. Rhine and Feather describe the ability of these cats to find their people in country where the cats had never been before as "psi - trailing".

These small creatures were not motivated by hunger, nor sex, but devotion. Long periods in the wilderness, suffering hardship and hunger, could not break the bond of Love, that commodity which is, and always has been, the most important to man and other animals.

Those of you who have read this far are probably wondering what is the point? Well, dropping the editorial plural for a moment, when researching on the ways of cats I came upon the above cat facts. They touched my heart as they may touch yours. I believe they offer convincing proof that species other than ourselves have feelings similar to our own, which is a further reason why we should continue to do what we do to alleviate the misery which is the lot of so many animals. Misery which we have caused.

For example, recently we were made well aware, per the media, of the unfortunate situation where a woman, out of pity, and without sufficient resources, was attempting to give succour to several hundred dogs. Nowhere in all the sensation-seeking articles and interviews did there appear to be a voice raised in execration of those responsible for dumping so many of those dogs in the first place. An attitude of condescending amusement or incredulity was the order of the day until Mrs. Littauer's excellent letter appeared in the Saturday Herald of the 27th May in which she so succinctly described her views in regard to where the blame should lay. And that, friends, is the point to ponder.

Obituary - In memory of Mrs. Gwen Burnell. A donation in lieu of flowers from Mrs. Len Bowman and Mr. Bernie Hollingsworth.

In Memoriam - "Georgeous Bubba" Steadman, whose short life on earth has ever been a radiant expression of love - and in appreciation of and gratitude for the privilege of knowing him. 1.5.78. Always, Auntie Ada.

Inserted by Mrs. A. Taylor

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Remembering "Possum" who passed away on 25.2.78, aged 8 years. Sadly missed, she now sleeps where she loved to play - on the river bank. In loving memory of "Possum" from her feline friend "Pretty".

Inserted by Mrs. E. Duport.

"Socksy" aged 15½ years and "Mr. Pitt Street" aged 15 years. Both gave us great joy and were truly loved. We miss them so much.

Inserted by Sir Kenneth and Lady Anderson.

In memory of the many loved pussies who have been our companions over the years, especially "Peter" 15 years, and "Mandy", 10 years. Still sadly missed by us and "Roger", our sole surviving pet.

Inserted by Mr. & Mrs. Hesse.

DOWN MEMORY LANE (Continued)

Darling "Noo-nee-nay", a Cat whose love saved my life.

"Old Tommy Tomkins", so courageous in sickness.

"Little yellow Bird", a victim of Chlordane.

"Cooee-Jumbuck", dear sheep dog mate.

Inserted by Miss M. Harris.

In memory of "Tibby", a beloved brown Burmese. Died 3 years ago.

Inserted by Mrs. A. Baird.

In memory of our beautiful "Felix". Died suddenly 19.4.78.

A tribute to his everlasting memory.

Inserted by Betty and Frank Incoll.

In memory of a pet without price - "Salome" 6.7.77.

Everloving and beloved.

Inserted by Mrs. G.M. Thompson.

Remembering "Nicky Haines" who left us in June, 1978. Fourteen years

of unswerving devotion.

Inserted by Eric and Dorothy Haines.

In memory of "Julius Caesar". Sadly missed. He had such lovable ways.

Died 2 years ago.

Inserted by Mrs. I.M. Ryan

In Fond Memory of "Sandra" and "Goldy" . Inserted by Mrs. Littauer.

It is our sad task to report the passing of "Pretty", the cat whose story appears elsewhere in this Journal. Recently we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Duport and they informed us that "Pretty" had an infected tooth removed. She did not survive the operation and died on the 10th July. A quarter century is a long time and we sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Duport on the loss of their dear old friend. On their behalf and in fellow feeling for all contributors to "Memory Lane" we offer the following lines. Ed.

Housemate, I can think you still
Bounding to the window sill,
Over which I vaguely see
Your small mound beneath the tree,
Showing in the autumn shade
That you moulder where you played.

Thomas Hardy - "Last words to a Dumb Friend".

"Snapper" - Early this year a country member reported to us that a cat with collar and leash attached and answering to the name "Snapper" was lost by a young couple touring the country. The cat had been recovered by this member after the owners had moved on and we were asked to attempt to locate them. Mrs. Bowles, our Hon. Secretary, placed ads in Sydney papers which brought forth a response from a "gentleman" who, on being informed that "Snapper" was being cared for in the country, disclaimed all further interest or ownership. We are pleased to report

that "Snapper's" finder, (a sister of the member concerned) had become very fond of him in the meantime and now has given him a permanent home.

Toxicity Testing on Live Animals - (Extract from a pamphlet issued by The Australian Association for Humane Research. P.O. Box 356 Broadway, New South Wales. 2007)

The LD 50 (lethal dose 50) test is an acute toxicity test (I.E. a single dose, short term effect) to determine what dose rate of a particular substance kills half a population of animals. It is a routine procedure in the toxicity testing of drugs, food additives, agricultural chemicals etc. and accounts for the torture and death of a substantial number of animals. In some cases, the animals are killed not by the toxic effects of the substance being tested but by the rupturing of major organs as a side-effect of force feeding.

Dr. Andrew Rowan (Scientific Administrator, Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments):

"The animal method is not only disliked by everyone, including the technicians who have to do the experiment, but it is also unscientific". Members may register their protest by cutting out the coupon printed below and posting to:

The Hon. Ralph J. Hunt,
Minister for Health,
Parliament House,
Canberra, A.C.T...2600

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I protest at the continued use of live animals for toxicity testing. I urge you immediately to:

- (1) Lift legislation requiring LD 50 Testing overseas of imported products;
- (2) Phase out the use of the LD 50 Test for toxicity testing;
- (3) Provide funds to help researchers develop alternatives to the LD 50 Test;
- (4) Ban all LD 50 testing of non-toxic substances.

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FUND RAISING - RAFFLES ETC. As Chairperson of the Raffles Sub-Committee I bring to your notice our present raffle which will be drawn at the General Meeting in November:

1st Prize: Opal pendant (blue)
2nd Prize: Cream hand Crocheted Cloth
3rd Prize: Book - "The love of Cats" by Christine Metcalf.

If you would like to sell a book of tickets please contact me on 427-3828 or Mrs. Sybil Cozens, Cat Protection Society, P.O. Box A523, Sydney South, 2000, and I will forward it. It is my intention to have one major raffle each year plus small ones at the General Meetings. I have had some beautiful things donated for raffles in recent months which now prompts a thought. If there is anyone who would like to run a small raffle (minimum value of tickets sold \$15) amongst their own friends or groups please contact me for books of tickets and prizes. I will arrange for these to be delivered. I have on hand 2 Surf towels, set of cup, saucer and plate (2), Baby Doll (large), stationery, Clown Doll, small rayon cloth and serviettes, from which to choose. I feel some of our Country Members will want to help in this way. All proceeds from raffles will go into the Desexing Clinic Fund.

Raffle: "The All Colour Book of Cats" by Elizabeth Towe & Christine McAlf, raffled by Len Bowman, was won by Coline James, 4 Wylmar Ave., Cronulla. \$34.00 towards the good work.

Mention must be made of the following members for recent donations - thanks to Mrs. J. Anthony, Miss B. Strachan and Mrs. E. Littauer, plus many others who prefer to remain anonymous.

Street Stalls:- Councillor Mrs. E. Parrish, M.B.E. staged her annual effort with the stall at Hornsby when Lillian Haines again came to the fore, and a sum in excess of \$62 was raised.

Miss Coralie Edwards held a street stall at Mittagong during April and raised \$66.00. Coralie made many of the goods herself and this effort followed her contributions to the stock of the stall held by Mrs. Shirley Bowles last December.

Mrs. Ruth Clarke of Brighton-Le-Sands organised goods for a stall at The Trash and Treasure Market at Hillsdale in May. She added to the proceeds from this stall by selling hand-made articles among her friends and co-workers. Ruth's mother and friends helped her to make these goods and thus contributed to the overall total of \$116.00. Thank you, ladies!

Written by Mrs. Sybil Cozens, Committee.

COUNTRY BARBECUE:

Mrs. Coralie Edwards is organising a fund-raising Barbecue Lunch. The venue - Namoi Street, Hilltop (near Mittagong). Travel the Hume Highway to Picton, then take the lovely scenic route through Thirlmere and the hamlets of Buxton and Balmoral. Once arrived at Hilltop, cross the railway line and follow the signs to Namoi Street. From 12 noon onwards - a barbecue grill plus salads will be provided at \$4.00 per person. Wine will be available. DATE SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1978. It is requested that those interested make their bookings as soon as possible as accommodation is necessarily limited. Please 'phone Coralie on 789-1439.

"CENTRAL COAST CALLING!" - News from C.P.S. Woy Woy District Group
We came into being on December 4th, 1976, so we are eighteen months old.

Pussy cats and kits are still thick on the ground, needing our aid, and the general public is especially kind in backing up all our fund raising efforts. Our Treasurer tells us that well over \$1200 of the public's dollars has passed through our careful hands, and the following few figures of the Secretary's report to A.G.M. might be of interest:- 22 females and 5 male cats desexed, 5 euthanised; 11 cats and 37 kittens found good homes; 7 treatments (major) and numerous minor ones under Vets' instructions. 28 cat owners given advice and help with their problems. Numerous owners are carrying out the dxing op. at their own expense, and kittens placed in homes go on the understanding that females must be desexed as soon as necessary. We occasionally offer to bear some of the cost. Local radio station 2 GO Gosford has been most co-operative in aiding us to locate owners of found pussies, and in placing the most urgent moggies-in-need.

Something new (to us at any rate) was a fund-raising effort - a disco house collected over 50 of us on a free bus tour from Umina for a shopping tour to swinging Hornsby. We netted about \$50. Then we had a daring mid-winter street stall. Council bulldozers raced merrily back and forth flinging mud in all directions, which somewhat limited our takings, but the \$100 was very welcome, and kept our Treasurer happy.

We still pounce on every female cat which comes in our sights, with that "Dxing look" in our eyes. We still jog every possible elbow to have youngsters given F.E. needles.

We know space in your wonderful medium is at a premium, so we'll just sign off here. Thanks for reading it.

Kath, Dorothy, Gwen, Doris, Gladys, Zilla and Lindy. (Committee)
Dorothy G. Haines.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Our recently introduced "Letters to the Editor" column has drawn an enthusiastic response from several members. Quite a few expressed interest in the "Beauty without Cruelty" products, whilst others concentrated their remarks on the animal experiment feature. Regrettably, cannot print all letters received so, as previously explained, we shall concentrate on those, which we feel, contain the most interest to members generally.

Long lived cats. The following extract is from a letter sent in by Mrs. Duport, Chittaway Point:- "Pretty" was one of 3 kittens left on our doorstep in November, 1952. They were bush persians, 2 females and 1 male. At that time our home at Chittaway Point was only a week-ender, and we decided to come up here for a working holiday. Before going back to Sydney I arranged with the local milkman to feed them. He left them milk and tinned food in the morning and a friend fed them fresh meat at night. This is a flood area and the milkman, who had the run for 8 years, on numerous occasions waded through water waist deep to feed them. They had a big sunroom with a cat door for them to run in and

out. They were here 17 years seeing us only weekends and holidays, until I came here to live 7 years ago. "Pretty" is an unusual looking cat, has dark brown eyes, fawn and dark brown colouring. She is very bright, though getting frail and slightly deaf. She has no special diet, eats fish, liver, chuck steak, chicken and soup. In the morning she has 3 Kitty Zyme tablets, Farex in warm milk and drinks a lot of water with a teaspoon of Glucodin in it. The other female cat died aged 23; the male died at 16. "Whisky", one of Pretty's kittens, we took to Sydney about 11 years ago. A woman who lived in the flat next door to us was burnt to death. Whisky saved our lives and the lives of other tenants by meowing and hitting us on the face to wake us. He got a write-up in the paper.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. E. Duport.

My thanks to Mrs. Duport for her enormously interesting contribution. As for the gallant "Pretty", she obviously succeeded where the ancient Spanish explorers failed, and discovered the legendary "Fountain of Youth". "Pretty" also sent a donation in memory of her cat pal "Possum" Ed.)

Treatment for eczema. Mr. Buchanan of Beecroft writes -

Dear Editor,

It may interest other members who have cats affected by mange or eczema to know that these afflictions can definitely be controlled by the systematic use of 1 capsule per day of liquid Vitamin E, the true vitamin and not the synthetic Vitamin E Tablet sold at Health Food stores. My Cat, Bosette, aged 8 years, developed dreadful mange and eczema. I had no success from Pet Shop remedies and a Vet made no impression. She has regained her coat and has a minimum of scales around her neck. She was formerly plagued with scales on her spine, throat and hindquarters. I throw the capsule to the back of her throat each morning and do so as often as she rejects it. She is not smacked, scolded or frightened but spoken to quietly and eventually swallows the capsule. Do not let a cat suffering from eczema drink any milk. A.S. Buchanan.

(Note: If you wish to give readers the source, it is obtained from - Hilton International, Hilton House, 9 Ramsay St., Waitara, 2077.)

(Readers whose cats have an eczema problem may find Mr. Buchanan's advice well worth following. Thank you for your letter, Mr. Buchanan ... Ed.)

A contribution in poetic form, sent in by a member who prefers to remain anonymous, asks that we print it as a tribute to: "The kind souls who take care of office and factory cats all over Sydney". She adds, "This is an aspect of Cat Care which seldom gets mentioned and should, in my opinion, be encouraged". Regards, Mrs. G. - Bellevue Hill.

BUSINESS CAT

Business Cat, leaving the premises/Stepping out, dodging Nemesis
Fast dockside and warehouse/Past rich rat, and scared mouse

Do you know why you go? (Continued next page)

Is it street fights you're after/The bawdy cat laughter
The light-hearted sin.
Would you yowl on the back fence/And sniff the sweet incense
Of topped garbage bin?
Business Cat minding your career/Back at nine, remote, austere
Are you sure that your socks match/Your frosty white shirt patch
And your face is in place?
To retain your employment/Button up your enjoyment
Wipe off that grin.
Though they wonder and lecture/None can conjecture
Where you've been.

Anon.

(Rather reminds us of Mrs. Bowman's contribution "Cockney Cats" which features "Tiger of the Times".)

Many thanks to all who contributed to the column. We would remind a members that this is your forum, the place where you can speak your piece. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, queries, criticisms etc. and

Tho not liter'y chaps/We feel that perhaps
Poems such as business cat/Or somewhat similar to that
Or even nowhere near/Will find a welcome here.

(Apologies from the ed.)

All contributions to "Letters to the Editor" can be sent either to the Society Box No. or direct to W. Graham - 69 William St., Hornsby, 2077.

Book Review: "Animal Liberation" by Peter Singer, published by Paladin, recommended retail price \$5.60.

This book is not about pets, it is about equality, the equality of all living creatures. It is intended for people who are concerned about ending oppression and exploitation of animals wherever they occur. The author champions no particular species but contends that all animals are equal. (unlike "Animal Farm", where, according to the pigs, "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others".)

Singer hopes that his book will arouse anger and outrage, coupled with a determination to do something about inhumane practices which are described so vividly. He says, "You cannot write objectively about the experiments of the Nazi concentration camp "doctors" on those they considered "subhuman" without stirring emotions; and the same is true of a description of some of the experiments performed to-day on non-humans in laboratories in America, Britain and elsewhere."

This book reveals little known historic facts which illustrate Man's slow and reluctant progress towards recognising the rights of other animals; for example, in 1780, Immanuel Kant, in his lectures on ethics, told his students: So far as animals are concerned, we have no direct duties. Animals are not self-conscious, and are there merely as a means to an end. That end is Man. But in the same year that Kant gave these lectures, Jeremy Bentham in his "Introduction to the Principles of

Morals and Legislation" said, "The question is not, Can they reason? Can they talk? but Can they suffer?"

The first battles for legal rights for animals were fought in Britain. The first proposal for a law to prevent abuse of animals was a bill to prohibit the "sport" of bull baiting. It was introduced into the House of Commons in 1800. George Canning, the Foreign Secretary, described it as "absurd". The bill was defeated. In 1821 Richard Martin, M.P. proposed a law to prevent the ill-treatment of horses. When Alderman C. Smith suggested that protection should be given to asses, there were howls of laughter. When the Chairman repeated this proposal, the laughter was intensified. Another member said Martin would be legislating for dogs next, which caused a further roar of mirth, and a cry "And Cats!" sent the House into convulsions. This bill failed also, but in the following year Martin succeeded with a bill that made it an offence "wholly" to mistreat certain domestic animals. For the first time, cruelty to animals was a punishable offence. Martin and a number of other notable humanitarians formed a society to gather evidence and bring prosecutions.

So began the first animal welfare organisation, later to become the R.S.P.C.A.

Recent years have seen the growth of various "liberation" movements, Black Liberation, Gay Liberation, Womens Liberation, to mention a few. They have all made some gains so perhaps there is a chance yet for "Animal Liberation". With its vivid description of the atrocities that are still permitted to be practised on animals, this book may be too much to stomach for the squeamish, but for those people truly concerned about other animals - Read the book!!!

ADVERTISEMENT



CONTENTED CAT INN. Exclusive boarding accommodation for Cats only. Run by MEMBER, Mrs. D. Foster, the cattery is located at 1403 Old Northern Road, Glenorie (near Dural). Phone 652 1162. All cats are fed according to owners' instructions. Rates \$2.00 per day. Committee members, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Cozens, Mr. Graham and member, Mrs. Graham, have personally inspected this Cattery and were all impressed with the sunny, spacious and clean runs provided for cats fortunate enough to spend a holiday there. The cattery also has the endorsement of the Kuringai Animal Hospital.

MORE ON "BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY" As so many members expressed interest in the B.W.C. products, we propose in this issue to provide additional information relative to the above. In the April Newsletter B.W.C. was discussed and compared with, in our opinion, less desirable products. The following items listed below are some of the products which in no way involve cruelty to, or experimentation on animals:-

Helena Rubinstein - which includes their Skin Dew range, Bio Clear products, Silk Fashion mascara and eye kits.

Goya's - Colognes and fragrances for women, their bath oils and talcs and their men's Cedar range.

Mavala - Nail colours, hardeners, cuticle oil and Skol suntan cream.

Lloyd A. Cooper -Perfumes, deodorants and anti-perspirants(Double L label)

Biokosma - a range of products which include such items as Cucumber Milk Lotion, Verbena Milk Nourishing Cream, Lemon hand Cream and hair products made from apple blossom, rosemary and other herbs.

B.W.C. brings out its own range of soaps, toilet preparations and cosmetics made from oils and essences of plants and flowers. They are tested only on human volunteers. B.W.C. is a non profit making charitable fund and was founded in England in 1959 by Lady Dowding. Anyone wishing further information regarding these alternative cosmetics should contact - "The Working Group Against Animal Experiments", P.O. Box 356, Broadway, N.S.W.. 2007. B.W.C. products can also be obtained at True Health Aids, 443 George St., Sydney. Mr. Vince Russell, Proprietor, is a Life Member of the C.P.S. It should be noted that Australian cosmetic companies do not usually carry out research here but depend on experiments done by their parent companies in England, Europe or the U.S.A. Other commercial products approved by B.W.C. are:- Dorothy Gray/Satura, Elizabeth Arden, Harriet Hubbard Ayer, Rimmel. A new Life Member, Mrs. Robinson of Wilberforce, has written to us with regard to B.W.C. She says: "The Newsletter was of great interest. I passed it around to as many people as possible. We were all horrified at the cruelty dealt out by the Companies and all wondered what we could do. The first decision was never to buy any of their products. One wonders what else could be done to stop this never-ending cruelty". For starters, Mrs. Robinson, everybody receiving this Newsletter could cut out the coupon in this Newsletter and send to Mr. Hunt with as many signatures as possible attached. Secondly, we have provided a list of alternative products. For our part it is firm editorial policy to name, and go on naming, any Company with a proven record of cruelty, come what may. Ed.

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Animal Welfare - 798 6767 Mrs. Faulkner (6.00 - 7.30pm)
Desexing Vouchers - 427 3828 Mrs. Sybil Cozens (North Shore)