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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 26th DAY OF JULY, 1981, AT CITY OF SYDNEY R.S.L. CLUB, 569 GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY, COMMENCING AT 2.00 P.M.

### BUSINESS

1. Read and confirm Minutes of 1980 Annual General Meeting.
2. Business arising.
3. Annual Report.
4. Balance Sheet and Financial Statement.
5. Election of Executive and Council 1981-82 term.
6. General Business.

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of the member. A proxy need not be a member. All proxies must be in the Hon. Secretary's hands not later than 48 hours before the time of the holding of the meeting. Only financial members are entitled to vote, accept nomination, or nominate others for positions on Council.

**REMINDER:** Many members' subscriptions remain overdue. Unfortunately, the cost of printing and posting this Journal precludes us from sending any further Journals to unfinancial members. If you are unfinancial and wish to remain on our mailing list, please forward your annual subscription without delay to:

The Hon. Treasurer,  
Cat Protection Society of N.S.W.  
PO Box A523  
SYDNEY SOUTH 2000

All subscriptions become due on 1st June each year.

IF YOU CAN PLACE A CAT OR KITTEN IN A GOOD HOME, PLEASE RING OUR WELFARE SERVICE - 'PHONE 51 1011.

**N.S.W. GOVERNMENT GRANT**  
**(See Inside)**

## NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL AND VOTING PROCEDURES

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of the member. A proxy need not be a member.

The instrument appointing a proxy to vote shall be deemed to confer authority to demand a poll. A demand by a person as proxy for a member shall be deemed to be the same as a demand by the member.

A Director of a Company shall give notice in writing to the Company if he is a Director of a Public Company, of the date when he attained or will attain the age of 72 years. A person of or over the age of 72 years may, by a resolution reciting the age of that person, being a resolution of which no shorter notice than that required to be given to the members of the Company of an Annual General Meeting has been duly given, passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of such members of the Company as being entitled so to do, vote in person or, when proxies are allowed, by proxy.

The election of office-bearers and other members of the Council shall take place in the following manner:-

- (a) Any two members of the Society shall be at liberty to nominate any other member to serve as an office-bearer or other member of the Council.
- (b) The nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member and his proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (c) A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers' and seconders' names, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the registered office of the Society for at least seven days immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates only. The order in which the names of the candidates appear on the Ballot Paper shall be decided by lot, and each member present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies.
- (e) The Ballot shall be conducted by a returning officer appointed by the members present and assisted by two or more scrutineers elected at such meeting.
- (f) In case there shall not be sufficient number of candidates nominated the Council shall fill up the remaining vacancies.

Any member seeking election to a position on the Council should ensure that his/her nomination be in a form similar to that as set out below:-

"We, the undersigned financial members of The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. hereby nominate . . . . . for the position of . . . . . \* at the election to be held at the Annual General Meeting of the said Society on Sunday, the 26th Day of July, 1981.

Proposer . . . . . Address . . . . .

Secunder . . . . . Address . . . . .

I, . . . . . of . . . . .  
Born . . . . . being a financial member of the said Society do hereby agree to such nomination, and if elected, agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association for the ensuing twelve months from such election.

Signed . . . . . Date . . . . .

\*President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Councillor.

## STATE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT

Fellow Members,

Once again another year has slipped by almost without notice. However, it would have been one of the busiest years, as far as the Council is concerned, since this Society was first formed.

First there was the establishment of our registered office at the Enmore premises, closely followed by the welding together of a welfare team and the setting up of our animal ambulance service. All this took a great deal of organising and it was often necessary to schedule extra meetings of Council to hash out the various options and courses of action in order to transact the mundane but very necessary business of the Society. The big news, of course, was the success in obtaining a grant from the N.S.W. State Government.

### State Government Grant:

Early this year Council prepared a submission which was duly forwarded to The Honourable R.F. Jackson, M.P., Minister for Youth and Community Services. This resulted in a meeting with Mr. Jackson's representative, Mr. Cashmere, and the executive members of the State Council in which all our books and records were presented to Mr. Cashmere for his inspection. The meeting was conducted in a cordial atmosphere with Mr. Cashmere giving courteous attention to our submissions and at the same time advising us on the correct guide-lines to follow.

Shortly following this meeting a press statement, dated Tuesday, 24th March, 1981, was released by the Ministry of Youth and Community Services:-

### GRANT TO CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY

A State Government grant of \$10,000 has been approved to the Cat Protection Society of New South Wales.

Details of the grant were announced today by the Minister for Youth and Community Services, Mr. Rex Jackson, who is responsible for animal welfare in the State. Mr. Jackson said the grant would assist the Society in purchasing a second ambulance unit for the collection of stray and wild cats in urban areas. "The grant will also enable the society to conduct work associated with the desexing of cats presented by people who are genuinely unable to meet the full cost of such operations" Mr. Jackson said.

Mr. Jackson added the Society was carrying out important work in helping to overcome the serious problem of domestic animal over-population.

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The following extracts are from Mr. Jackson's subsequent letter to the Society:-

"Mr. Cashmere has indicated to me the positive nature of the Cat Protection Society's activities, particularly the work associated with the desexing of cats and the newly introduced ambulance service.

You will be aware of the Government's firm commitment to achieving a solution for the serious problem of domestic animal over-population and it is most gratifying to hear of commendable work carried on by a group such as yours, with so little financial assistance from outside.

In recognition of the work undertaken by The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. I have pleasure in forwarding the attached cheque for \$10,000 which I would prefer to see used specifically for the desexing of needy persons' cats and ancilliary services, such as collection, care and (if necessary) humane destruction of animals.

I take this opportunity of congratulating your Society on its praiseworthy achievements since its inception in the 1950's. I wish your Executive and members continuing success for the future."

STATE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

Naturally, all Councillors were delighted at the good news of this official recognition of the Society's worth. A letter expressing our appreciation, signed by all Councillors, has been forwarded to Mr. Jackson.

The grant has enabled us to purchase another fully fitted-out ambulance which should be on the road and in action by the time this report is published. With the heavy demands on our welfare section the unit is sorely needed to help keep up with the work-load.

This second unit is a Datsun "Sunny" panel van, fitted with air-conditioning, plus all desirable safety features. Through the efforts of Vice-President, Mr. Luton, we were able to obtain this vehicle at a 10% fleet discount.

**Welfare Personnel and Statistical Analysis:**

During one short period in March it became necessary to discontinue accepting calls for aid in order to catch up with the back-log. To help overcome this problem we engaged two more welfare officers, one full-time, one part-time, both of whom were providing their own vehicles. This situation was not entirely satisfactory but, now, with the acquisition of our second ambulance, this problem is overcome.

It would be appropriate at this point to list the people and groups who make up our welfare force, and to give a statistical breakdown of what has been accomplished by them up to and including the final day of May, 1981 -

Mrs. Nancy Iredale, Vice-President and director of welfare, full-time honorary; Mrs. Sandra Siebert, chief welfare officer, full-time salaried, Miss Kyliid Warnock, full-time salaried; Mr. Josef Holman, part-time salaried; Mrs. Lena Larsen, part-time (office) salaried, part-time welfare honorary; Mrs. Celie Smith, part-time honorary; Mrs. Robin Warner, part-time honorary; Mrs. Beulah Harvey, part-time honorary; Miss Thea Dullo, part-time honorary; Woy Woy Group (Mrs. Dorothy Haines, organising Secretary, honorary); Wyong-Tuggerah Lakes Group (Mrs. Edith Duport, President, honorary).

**Statistics of work performed:**

<u>Desexing Vouchers</u> <u>Issued</u>	<u>Cats</u> <u>Desexed</u>	<u>Homes</u> <u>Found</u>	<u>Headquarters</u> <u>Jobs Completed</u>	<u>Cats</u> <u>Destroyed</u>
403	968	709	2922	2894

**Miscellaneous:** 4 dogs homes found; 15 dogs desexed; 10 dogs destroyed; 2 budgies homes found; 1 starving cat rescued from locked premises, 1 sheep rescued from starvation having been left without food and water for several days; 1 cat rescued with leg hooked through chain around neck; 1 very badly injured dog rescued.

These figures do not take into account the many dreadful cases of neglect, dumping and frightfully injured animals of various species with which our welfare personnel constantly contend. There have been several instances where our ambulance has been first on the scene and then called the R.S.P.C.A. to help complete the rescue mission. With the co-operation of the R.S.P.C.A. we are hoping to prosecute certain offenders where blatant neglect or cruelty has come to our notice.

Of the 3603 stray, dumped, injured, starved or unwanted cats picked up by the ambulance service, 709 found suitable homes which represents 19.7%. Advertisements for homes were placed every week and cats and kittens were housed at certain locations while awaiting homes. The fact must be faced, there will never be enough homes to go around; therefore, we must be reasonably content with 20%. As far as can be ascertained, this percentage compares very favourably with similar organisations in other States. At least it can be said that this Society is bearing its share of the unhappy burden and not, as was customary in the past, fobbing the onus onto other organisations.

STATE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

It is my very strong opinion that the establishment of an animal welfare and ambulance service was the best thing ever accomplished by this Society. It was the outstanding achievement of 1980-81 and considering that it has been in existence for much less than a year, and that suitable staff had to be found and trained, it has performed with distinction. The results are on the board and the books are open for inspection on request.

**A.S. Buchanan Trust Fund:**

In April, Mr. Buchanan informed the Council that he no longer had need of his provident trust fund. He further informed us that he wished to donate the whole of the trust to the Society. Ethically, we could not accept the money without first returning the full amount, including interest, to Mr. Buchanan and leaving the disposal of the funds entirely in his hands. Accordingly, we returned the full amount to Mr. Buchanan. Here is his reply:

"Dear Mrs. Bowles and Mrs. Graham,

I am banking the Society's cheque today, 21st April, 1981, and enclose my cheque for eight hundred and ninety-six dollars thirty-two cents for the General Fund of The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales, dated 28th April, 1981, to be used for the Ambulance Service of the Society.

I am delighted that the money will be used in this way.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Buchanan"

Mr. Buchanan did not wish any undue publicity; however, his generous gesture must be remarked upon. He now becomes a Life Governor of the Society.

**Pets in Units:**

During the year, life members, Mr. & Mrs. Wearne, sought help of the Council in that certain parties were harassing them in an effort to force them to get rid of their two pet cats. Our solicitor, Mr. Harris, was contacted about the matter and he took certain action which ended the persecution.

In such situations the Council is always prepared to help as long as the case is sound.

**Summary:**

Over the past few months a significant amount of progress has been accomplished. Summing up the year's activities, the main achievements would have been: the establishment and subsequent expansion of an animal welfare service combined with the purchase of two ambulances; the building of a competent and efficient welfare team of both honorary and salaried personnel; the successful application for a State Government grant; continued satisfactory management of the Opportunity Shop; establishment of our registered office, complete with answering service, at our Enmore headquarters; the transformation of the Journal into a more easy to read magazine which we hope will be of interest and help to members and by the power of the printed word, cause people generally to have a better understanding of animals; and the collating and publishing of statistical records which allows members to gauge for themselves what progress their Society is making.

**Finances:**

A glance at the balance sheet for the year will show that, although costly, the above operations have not taken the Society into the red and our position remains financially sound. This can be partially accounted for in the fact that the Treasurer, in a manner typical of the breed, kept a sharp and beady eye on all items of expenditure. It must be conceded also that our welfare operation did not operate for the full year but was commenced only at the end of September.

**Thank you:**

The year was not a sinecure; much hard work and effort was expended in ensuring the success of the various activities. Any credit that is due does not

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belong to any one or two persons, but to a large group of dedicated people who each in his or her own way contributed to the whole.

This report would not be complete without acknowledging that nothing could, or would have been accomplished, without the efforts of such people as Mrs. Iredale, director of welfare and all the aforementioned ladies who comprise the welfare section; President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Cozens, her able deputy Miss Tomkins, plus all those ladies who work in the shop to provide the where-withal to finance our projects; Mr. Cozens, who gets through a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work; and all the many others whose moral and financial support helped to keep the ball rolling.

Speaking personally as Chairman, I would particularly like to thank the two most important administrators on the Council; the Secretary and the Treasurer, without whose advice and support I could not have functioned. I would also like to thank all of Council for their contributions over the year and our solicitor, Mr. Chris Harris, whose advice we sought on several occasions.

### **Positions on Council:**

There now remains but one more item before closing off this annual report for 1980-81. You will notice in this issue of the Journal an article which explains the method for nominating for office, and voting procedures. All positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting and any financial member who feels they have something positive to offer and would like to serve on Council should not hesitate to seek nomination. It is not a closed shop and fresh ideas and talents are urgently required. Secretarial, book-keeping, business skills and experience are the requirements, plus a willingness to do a little leg-work. If new blood is not introduced, the Council must eventually deteriorate into a muddle of dodderers and all progress will inevitably wither on the vine. As President, I am prepared to step aside for any nominee who feels they can adequately fill this position and after six years on the Council it might be time to give someone else a go. I am sure our Secretary is prepared to accept late nominations. Whatever the result of the elections, I would hope that this Society continues to progress along the path that it has taken.

Bill Graham, President  
ON BEHALF OF STATE COUNCIL

### **BOOK REVIEW**

A VOICE FOR THE ANIMALS

HOW ANIMAL LIBERATION GREW IN AUSTRALIA

By Christine Townend

Published by Kangaroo Press. Price \$7.95

Christine Townend's book deals with the adventures, disappointments and humorous moments experienced by Animal Liberation in their attempts to lobby politicians and bureaucracy, and to bring to public awareness the unthinking brutality and unintentional cruelty of many intensive farming practices.

One of Animal Liberation's most trenchant critics is Ronald Anderson, publisher of Primary Industry News, who is involved in deer farming (as is John Laws). On pages 21-23 of the book the author describes the method of harvesting velvet antler from deer and why Animal Liberation feels it should be banned in Australia (as it is in Great Britain).

In Chapter 11, Mrs. Townend describes how the Australian Federation of Animal Societies was formed (C.P.S. is a member body) and goes on to explain the animal welfare policies of all the major political parties. On page 120 she sums up these policies and concludes with: "Although the Federation does not recommend a vote for any particular party, it is alarmed at the complacency implied by the response of the government and believes the policies of the Australian Democrats and the Australian Labor Party represent a better deal for animals".

On reading a book of this nature, one cannot say that one enjoyed it. However, I devoured it at one sitting; it held my interest completely and the more I read, the more I found myself in agreement with what the author had to say.

## BOOK REVIEW (Continued)

As a participant in 2 wars, although perhaps, onlooker would be a more apt and honest description, I am in entire accord with this passage from the book:- "To the third issue, that of disarmament, we also contribute in our very small way as part of the many men and women of goodwill calling for peace in the world, for we believe that until man has laid down his weapons against the animals, and against the environment, he cannot hope for a world without war. While we are brutalizing ourselves in the treatment of those who cannot defend themselves, we are perpetuating immorality, and until we begin to change our attitudes at all levels, and in all ways, we can scarcely hope for harmony".

## INTERVIEW

Following our reading of Mrs. Townend's book, we sought her out for an interview to which she graciously consented. We feel all members who share a concern for the rights of animals, will be interested in her replies to our questions.

**Us:** In a recent T.V. programme on deer farming, conducted by John Laws, much was made of the profits to be had from harvesting of deer velvet. Significantly, little was revealed about any cruelty involved in the process. Could you tell us a little about this operation and why you object to the practice?

**Christine:** Animal Liberation objects to deer farming because we feel that the deer is an extremely nervous animal which is subject to panic, thereby injuring or even killing itself. We believe the harvesting of velvet from deer involves unnecessary pain and suffering to the animal. In order to remove the antlers in velvet (the soft developing antler before it begins to harden into bone) the deer is given an anaesthetic and the antler sawn off. There is a large complement of sensory nerves in the growing antler, and the sensitivity of the velvet has been demonstrated by electro-stimulation. Removal of the growing antler from the deer involves the amputation of living tissue containing blood vessels, nerves, hair follicles and sebaceous glands.

**Us:** If harvesting of deer velvet should be outlawed, as we believe it is in England, would you still object to farming of deer for the table?

**Christine:** We would still object to the farming of deer for the table because there are already too many animals suffering needless cruelty for the production of dead flesh for food. This is an extremely uneconomic way to produce food. An acre of land will yield seven to ten times as much vegetable protein as animal protein.

**Us:** Some of your opponents could claim that it is hypocrisy to object to raising deer for meat when little objection is raised where other animals are concerned. However, I remember reading in one of your earlier books that one of your sons was turned off eating lamb chops after becoming aware of the cruelty inflicted upon sheep. Would you expand on this?

**Christine:** Animal Liberation is based on a book by a professor of philosophy, Peter Singer, and we follow his thesis that it is immoral to eat the dead flesh of non-human animals when cruelty is involved, because we are therefore contributing to that cruelty by encouraging it financially with our purchases. Animal Liberationists therefore boycott the eating of meat, hoping to affect producers' methods of treatment of animals by threatening to lessen consumption of meat.

**Us:** Let us talk a little now about the fairly recently formed Australian Federation of Animal Societies of which you are Honorary Secretary. Do you foresee this Federation growing in strength and influence, and what do you see as the immediate goals?

**Christine:** The Australian Federation was formed to lobby government on a federal level, to deal with issues such as live exports, tax deductibility for donations to animal welfare societies, and other matters about which all societies share mutual concern. The difficulties in formulating policies and bringing the whole thing together have been great because of distances, and because we have absolutely no money at all at the moment. Of the 35 or so societies which belong, only about eight could afford, or were prepared to pay \$40 per quarter to fund a secretary to send out press releases, answer correspondence, lobby

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parliamentarians, etc. Those on the committee are already working flat out for their own societies and it is unreasonable to expect them to perform mechanical tasks which require little brain-power, but much time.

We urgently need a full-time lobby in Canberra with an office and at least one person on the staff, co-ordinating all the animal welfare societies and dealing with press statements as they are issued, and visiting parliamentarians the moment they make, or do not make, proposals concerning animal welfare. Until we can be like overseas organisations (eg. the International Fund for Animals which uses helicopters, computers, paid executives, etc.) we can never compete against the professional lobbyists who speak for big business and the multi-nationals. We must become far more sophisticated, and we can only do this with money. The other ingredient - ideas - already exists in many minds. It is just waiting to be implemented properly.

**Us:** And in the long term?

**Christine:** In the long term I hope the Australian Federation will be a fully operational organisation of paid secretaries and executives with offices in several cities working full time for the interests of animals, giving speeches, press interviews, meeting politicians, writing letters, books, articles, preparing policy statements, circulating literature, etc., and acting on behalf of all the member societies who can feed their requests and information to the office.

**Us:** Do you know of any worthwhile achievements brought about by similar organisations in other countries?

**Christine:** An example of a worthwhile achievement was the coalition set up by Henry Spira which resulted in such pressure that Revlon agreed to research alternatives to the Draize Test (testing substances by dropping them in rabbits' eyes).

**Us:** In attempting to convince politicians, opponents and others, whose reactions may be hostile or indifferent to your cause, what approach do you generally adopt? Friendly persuasion or a rigid hard line attitude?

**Christine:** I don't believe that rigid hardline attitudes are successful because they only create divisions and walls between people. We must all be prepared to listen to the other side, even if we do not agree, and to concede, where necessary, perhaps forsaking a little of the victory we would like to win, in order to achieve anything at all. I think one little victory is more important than no victory at all, because it is by constructing a series of positive steps forward that a path is built.

**Us:** On a more personal level, with a young family to look after, it must often be hard to find the time to be so active in the field of animal rights. How do you manage?

**Christine:** Well, I don't quite know how to answer that one.

**Us:** Never mind. We read somewhere that you have a vegetarian dog. Is this so?

**Christine:** I have had a vegetarian dog; dogs come and go in this house as we find homes for stray animals we have adopted, from time to time. Some dogs do not like vegetarian food (beans, milk, grains, cereals, fruit etc.,) and so will not thrive on it.

**Us:** Finally, Christine, what are some of the changes you would like to see brought about, or laws made, for the better protection of animals?

**Christine:** There are so many changes to the laws that are needed that it is difficult for me to list them all in this brief interview. Perhaps 3 of the most essential would be animals used in experiments to suffer no pain; live exports for food prohibited, and behavioural needs of animals to be taken into account which would bring a halt to all intensive production.

**Us:** Oh, one more question. Do you feel that people generally are becoming more aware of the rights of animals, and are societies such as we have been



talking about, exercising some influence in changing people's attitudes?

**Christine:** I am certain that through changing circumstances and the growing awareness of the public, animal rights/welfare will surge ahead and the eighties will be known as the decade in which animals at last began to be seriously considered by the public as sentient beings which suffer pain and feel emotions much as we do.

**Us:** Thank you very much for this interview, Christine. We are sure our readers will be interested in what you have to say when the article appears in our July Journal.

The Editor

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR VEHICLE HITS AN ANIMAL

If a stray dog or cat runs onto the road and you can't avoid a collision, your responsibilities under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act are clear.

The driver of a vehicle that injures an animal must try to alleviate its suffering. If it's a domestic pet, wearing an identity disc, the driver must report the accident to the owner. If there's no identification, the driver must report it to the police.

There is a \$1000 fine and/or 6 months gaol for failure to comply.

What can a driver do to help an animal that has been hit?

He should attempt to move it to the side of the road. If it's a large animal such as a cow or horse, he should set up a hazard warning for other motorists.

He should then attempt to contact the owner or, failing that, the local police. If there is a veterinary surgeon nearby, he should take the animal to the vet for first aid treatment. The driver should explain to the vet what has happened, and leave the animal with the vet who can then contact the R.S.P.C.A.

In country areas where the motorist may not be aware of the location of vets or the R.S.P.C.A., it's best to contact the police and let them handle the matter.

In Sydney, the R.S.P.C.A. number is 709-5433. If a cat is involved and it is a matter that can be handled by our ambulance, then the number to ring is 51-1011.

## NEWS FROM CANADA

The following information comes from the Ontario Humane Society. It is of particular interest insofar as it clearly demonstrates that despite the establishment of low cost desexing clinics and public education programmes, the number of domestic animals which have to be destroyed each year is still increasing.

However, it offers some hope in that research is under way to find a chemical solution to the problem. In the meantime, as the article points out, societies such as ours are forced to destroy far more animals than we can hope to find suitable homes for.

"Every year, because they are unwanted by the public, hundreds of thousands of healthy dogs and cats are killed in animal pounds, humane society shelters, and veterinary hospitals.

The pounds and shelters that have this unpleasant task to perform do not breed animals. These animals are bred by the general public

NEWS FROM CANADA (Continued)

mainly because people believe, mistakenly, that there is a profit in breeding pet animals, or because the owners are not prepared to control their animals to prevent casual matings.

Spaying and neutering is a surgical procedure which can only be performed by qualified veterinarians using up-to-date surgical facilities and techniques. There are no "short cut" techniques or inexpensive procedures to prevent an animal from breeding.

At this time, surgical spaying and neutering is the only procedure available.

Humane societies and municipalities operate a number of "spay or neuter clinics" where animal owners can have their animals spayed or neutered either at cost, or less than the normal fee charged by a private veterinary practice. Each year, these clinics spay or neuter approximately 50-60,000 dogs and cats. The number of animals neutered varies considerably because the process is mainly voluntary.

In many municipalities, dog licence fees have been set at a high figure to provide a financial inducement to have dogs spayed or neutered. No such encouragement is available for cat owners since cats are not licenced in Canada.

In addition, a growing campaign has been organized by the humane movement to bring to the attention of the public the tragic reality of the present situation in the hope that this sorry story will persuade more owners to accept their responsibilities and have their animals spayed or neutered in order to prevent them breeding. In spite of the public education program, in spite of the operation of spay/neuter clinics, in spite of dog licence differential rates, the number of dogs and cats that have to be killed every year continues to increase.

For many years the humane movement has realized that the best solution to the problem is to develop a chemical which, when injected into the animal, will prevent that animal from breeding either temporarily or, ideally, permanently.

No such drug or chemical is available today.

There are drugs, usually pills, which can be administered to prevent an animal from breeding temporarily but generally have to be administered frequently or even daily. The drawback of a pill administered daily is that only responsible animal owners would do this, and they don't allow their animals to run free.

The Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada and the Ontario Humane Society has financed basic research into a possible solution to the problem by making a grant to Professor Andrew Fraser and his associates at the Western Veterinary College, University of Saskatchewan. This work is now complete. The result was sufficiently positive to encourage further research to be done. For various reasons, it was decided to move the research from Saskatoon to the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph.

A five-year project has now been approved, and the estimated project cost will be approximately \$300,000 spread over five years.

A team of scientists at the Ontario Veterinary College, headed by Dr. Clifford Barker, will be responsible for the next phase of the research. The Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada and the Ontario Humane Society have agreed to be responsible for raising the funds to make research possible.

Pet food companies, veterinary associations, humane societies, kennel clubs and the general public are being asked to support this long overdue research by making as generous a donation as possible. Unless a chemical sterilizing agent is found, (and one which can be administered easily and cheaply) pounds, shelters and hospitals will continue to be faced with the unpleasant task of killing hundreds of thousands of healthy animals every year.

## WOY WOY DISTRICT BRANCH REPORT 1980 - 81

That was a year that was! Our big colourful street sign and picture; our cat embossed tee-shirts and our weekly advertisements certainly brought us before the public.

Our never-ending battle against animal dumping, the heartache with euthanasia, was largely counterbalanced by the wonderful generosity and support of local folk. Really big, unwavering support on stalls and raffle efforts coupled with a community acknowledgement that we have come to be regarded as a worthwhile need in the Shire - And now our batteries are charged for 1981-82.

### Deputation:

Through the good offices of a Shire Councillor, we finally prevailed upon the Gosford City Council to receive a deputation from us. Although the Council could not promise anything in the way of a desexing facility, they did award us a grant of \$500. They also arranged to assist us by having their pound ranger collect all cats and transport them to the Erina dog and cat pound in instances advised by us.

### Finances:

Our raffle efforts over the year have doubled due to those raffling wizards, Mabel Rafe and Carrie Almond. As a consequence of this and the Council grant, we have a credit balance of \$1,070.00.

### Welfare Cases dealt with over the year: -

<u>Cats desexed</u>	<u>Homes found</u>	<u>Cats destroyed</u>	<u>Contacts/ Jobs completed</u>	<u>Misc. Treatments</u>
102	139	37	685	47

### Tributes to:

That wonderful welfare worker and fund raiser, Edith Duport, President of the Tuggerah Lakes-Wyong auxiliary. This lady has arranged many desexings, found scores of homes and generally achieved miracles in a very trying first year. Molly Kentwell, who recently suffered the bereavement of her mother. Molly and her family have now moved to Queensland. Our grateful thanks go to her for the strenuous work she put into the formation of the auxiliary.

A very big thank you to Mrs. Sybil Cozens and her clever girls; those wonderful goods sent up to us made our task in fund raising, quite often, a "piece of cake".

Last but certainly not least, a big thank you to all members of committee and observers for their support and efforts throughout the year.

Dorothy Haines - Honorary Organising Secretary

## TUGGERAH LAKES/WYONG BRANCH 1980 - 81 REPORT

**Committee:** President, E. Duport, Hon. Treasurer: E. Watsford  
Hon. Secretary; E. Rogers, Members; G. Cummings, N. Kelly,  
L. Kelly, M. Minniss, M. Finch, R. Mumsford.

<u>Cats Desexed</u>	<u>Cats Destroyed</u>	<u>Homes Found</u>
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A number of cats were boarded free by members to cut down costs. Boarding fees of \$215.50 plus veterinary attention was subsidised by donations from people adopting cats and kittens - and those unloading them. All cats found good homes.

We now pay few boarding fees as M. Minniss, M. Finch and E. Duport care for cats and kittens until homes are found. Feline enteritis needles were paid for in several instances; always recommended by us at an early stage in the animals' life.

We wish to express our gratitude to all our wonderful helpers and supporters - The Entrance "Advocate Guardian"; 2GO radio station; all members who have helped over the year.

It is now over a year since our branch came into being and if we of Tuggerah Lakes/Wyong have done some good for animals, then we will do even more in our second year.

Edith Duport, Branch President

#### **FUND RAISING AFFAIRS - By Sybil Cozens (Auxiliary President)**

The Ladies Auxiliary once again thanks those generous people who constantly give their unwanted articles to the opportunity shop and all who give their time in manufacturing goods of all kinds. Our plea: "Please don't rest on your laurels".

#### **Bus Tours:**

Owing to the poor response we cannot go ahead with this proposal. We need a guaranteed 50 people to make a trip pay.

#### **Fund Raising:**

Once again I appeal to members to organise their own private functions or raffles. Some of you are already doing this very successfully. The Woy Woy Branch is fantastic in this regard. If 10 people organised something and raised \$50 each, that would be \$500 extra for desexing and welfare work. I hope you give it some thought.

#### **Open day at Enmore:**

Date - Sunday 11th October, 2.30 - 5.00 p.m. To get to 103 Enmore Road by bus, catch Nos. 423, 426 or 448 in Pitt Street. These buses go through Central Railway and along Enmore Road. Our shop is almost opposite the Greek cinema. If travelling by train, it is 2 blocks from Newtown Station.

Afternoon tea will be available for \$1.00 and the shop will be open for sale and reception of goods. The welfare officers will be on hand to answer queries and demonstrate the welfare operation.

#### **Beauty Without Cruelty:**

From 1st June, these products have been available in the Op shop. A sample range is on display so come and buy or pick up a brochure.

#### **Opportunity Shop 1980 - 81 Trading:**

Income from this source amounted to \$15,438.41. Of this \$15,000 was returned to general funds of the Society. The total amount raised since the shop was opened on 3/9/79, totals \$25,000 plus \$112.00 in shop raffles.

#### **WELFARE "TAILS" By Nancy Iredale**

Most of us are meticulous in seeing that our worldly goods are disposed of in the manner we wish - but what about our pets? Some members may be surprised that my choice for my three Purr Persons will be for them to be put down. My lovely old grey "Lame Lady" has seen enough trauma in her life - anyway, I may outlast her now that she is growing old. My loving, but extremely nervous, chocolate point would panic completely if taken from his familiar haunts - after all, he has once nearly died of fretting when his last owner abandoned him. My huge ginger wilful male - can I find a home so understanding that he will be pardoned when he, on very rare occasions, when denied an open back door, backs up to some delicate fabric with quivering tail, saying "And how do you like that?"

All this preamble is to talk about "Panther" whose Mum and then his Dad died, leaving him outside an old, empty house to be fed by a neighbour because nobody in the family would take him, nor would they give the order to have him put down. "Panther" is nine years old; he lives at Mosman. For six weeks he cried

WELFARE "TAILS" (Continued)

almost constantly to get into his house to see what had happened. The neighbour who feeds him is given \$2.50 per week by the family; she doesn't like cats, but I suspect she is becoming fond of "Panther". He is beginning to settle down now but the house where he lives is empty and will eventually be pulled down.

It seems that a far happier solution for "Panther" right at the start would have been a loving, one way trip to the Vet. Please make sure that you have foolproof arrangements made for your loved ones. Of course, we have promised to take "Panther" and try for a home if he can settle, when he has to be moved from his present spot.

We were told of some cats which had been abandoned in the outer Western Suburbs. We arrived to find two Mums and babies, dad and a couple of brothers and sisters. Well, that was easy. All were white and there was no problem in finding homes for them. The other occupants of the backyard were less usual; a lovely portly hen with ten fluffy baby chicks, a huge rooster, two Rhode Island red hens, several black fowls, a magnificent bantam rooster and some bantam hens. Sandra and I were able to catch some but we had to enlist the aid of my husband as the rooster was a bit scary. The bantams were given away and the other fowls have joined the Iredale fowls. Apparently a single woman parent of about 40 had a very sudden heart attack, leaving two small children. The grandparents had to come from the country to pick up the children.

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Called to catch a wild, injured mum with new-born babies, we walked into a suburban yard and picked up a lame, grey bundle to cries of "put her down - she will scratch you to pieces". We asked where her babies were and were told not to approach them or she would attack us. Well, you get used to stupid people when you are a welfare worker; so we took mum and babies (no money - because "they are not ours"). Mum was very lame from an old injury and really not home material but we were hand-rearing five mites at the time, so we said if she will accept these babies we'll keep her for the time being. Of course she adopted them and believe it or not, twenty others. She just loved kittens and she stayed in my kitten house for the rest of the season. I counted 25 she let feed from her; some maybe only once as it took them a couple of days to find she was willing and then perhaps they were gone to a new home. Now she is a very matronly seven or so years old, very lame. She doesn't like kittens much. Her name is "Starehe" which means freedom from want and hunger.

**"MEMORY LANE"**

A donation to Cat's Home account in memory of our beloved "Misty", who had to be put to sleep on 17/2/81, because of cancer. Our lives are the richer for her 15 years of devoted companionship and we could never forget her.

Inserted by S.V. & M. Wyllie

P.S. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Graham and his Council on their rapid achievements.

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A donation in memory of Jessie, Jimmy, Blackie and Fuzzy.

Inserted by Miss Margaret Wilson

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Readers will recall in the last issue we remarked on the longevity of "Ginger Askin" and "Ginger Bowman". (Both about 19 years old). We regret to now report that by a sad coincidence, both "gingers" long innings have ended.

A donation in memory of Ginger Bowman, born 1962, died 1981. From a very tiny kitten he was a very special companion over those many years.

Inserted by Leonore Bowman

### IN MEMORIUM

A donation in memory of Helen Tyes, a cat lady of Balmain. The cat world lost this wonderful friend to animals one year ago. (April, 1980).

Inserted by Patricia Healey

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor  
The Cat Protection Society  
SYDNEY

Dear Sir,

I cannot remember a time of my life when our family were not helping animals - the cat and dog population. Although not a family with money, we somehow managed to meet the cost of a Vet by all putting in our share. Our reward was finding a good home for the animal.

Later on in my life, Mrs. Taylor was a great help and that is how I joined the Cat Protection Society.

I do enjoy the journal, although it makes me sad at times to note how little people have learned about the needs of animals and compassion for them.

When a family decides to take a cat or dog into the home, they should be prepared to desex etc the animal and take care of it, but this is not always s

I keep up a regular correspondence with the Minister responsible for animal welfare be it a Liberal or Labor Government - I send them paper clippings regarding cruelty, need for desexing etc., and have come to the conclusion that both Liberal and Labor politicians are afraid to bring in compulsory desexing - for political reasons - but of course it is the only answer to bring the cat and dog population under control and GIVE DIGNITY TO ANIMALS.

It seems to me with people living in home units and older people going into retirement villages, there is not the wish or demand for animals and young families are just not interested in animals once they are past the kitten and puppy stage - all very sad but true.

My daughter has three dogs and one cat, all growing old now, all were strays - female of course, discarded when a female dog or cat needs help, i.e. just at the desexing and needles stage. The cat was only a six weeks old kitten dumped one cold, wet, wintry Easter night.

I am sending you snaps, which do not have to be returned, as I would like to show you how these discarded animals have responded to loving care to take their place as valued members of the family, some stories have a happy ending.

Wishing you success in all your good work, as where would discarded animals be without people like you.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs. N. Thompson

(Thank you for your kind words of encouragement, Mrs. Thompson. All members of the Council enjoyed the snaps you sent us. The Ed.)

Dear Mr. Graham,

To be included in the Journal

Having just read your lengthy journal, and noting with pleasure the prominence on the front page in which you place your request for homes for cats and kittens, I was most dismayed when phoning 51-1011 last week to hear the usual recorded voice announce we were closed for business for one month owing to pressure of work etc. etc. At the time I was a voluntary helper in the Opportunity Shop, and the request came from a person who was wanting a kitten and had been sent to us at the shop. There was no notification, alternative phone number, or direction of any kind left for the helpers. Being very busy

at the time (my co-worker having to take off to the bank), I had to make about four or five calls to end up with what I considered a rather negative solution. Prior to this unfortunate episode, I had assured the lady of good healthy kittens etc. - feeling I was helping to place one more feline - but was I?

In analysing the figures compiled by the ambulance staff and agreeing that an excellent job is being done to eliminate the suffering of felines, are we not in doing just that concentrating on eliminating the felines, rather than de-sexing them. Somewhere, along the line, I feel we have lost the ideals that started this society - and I feel saddened by it.

Yours faithfully,

Life Member - C.P.S.

Mavis Bethke

(Although this member is not constructive in her criticism, she is of course entitled to air her opinions in this forum. However, let it be clearly understood by any person attempting, for whatever motives, to undermine the wonderful work of the welfare section, that at no time was it closed for business as claimed in this letter. During one short period, due to shortage of staff and only one ambulance (at that time), it became necessary to accept no further calls for help until the heavy back-log of work could be caught up. Callers were advised that if their's was an emergency situation, to contact R.S.P.C.A. etc. The ambulance was never out of action. - With regard to the original aims, Mrs. Bethke appears to be badly misinformed. We have rectified this by forwarding her a copy of the original document. Furthermore, it is firm policy that auxiliary members do not interfere with the running of the welfare section any more than welfare personnel are encouraged to sell goods in the shop. Nuff said. The Ed.)

Dear Shirley,

Find enclosed cheque for help with ambulance. They have been helping in Marrickville. It's nice to know that help is there now I can no longer do it.

Thanks sincerely,

Agnes Gillham

(This letter is from a long-time honorary life member who understands what it is all about. Thank you for your remarks, Madam. The Ed.)

Dear Journal Editor,

I was most interested to read the article stating that some commercial tinned foods are not quite sufficient for cats' nutritional needs. I would dearly like to know the name of the brand referred to, although I do understand you could not print it at the time.

I have always given my cats a varied diet (indeed they do get bored with the same old stuff and turn up their noses at it). Quite apart from tinned food, I have always fed them mince and boiled fish, including a share of our chicken and meat joints, and small pieces of lightly-cooked liver, in fact, acquaintances who 'don't understand' have said they eat better than they do. On the subject of dried foods, I have never yet owned a cat that liked it, the exception being one that did just tolerate Purina Dairy Dinner, but that doesn't seem to be available these days for some reason. I have tried it as it is and soaked in milk or water, but to no avail, and I have had to give away the remainder. I have no cats at the moment (the last one having met an untimely end) but am putting out food for a half-grown stray which suddenly appeared in the neighbourhood, and even that one won't touch any dry food, even though it was starving to start with - it is a bit of a puzzle!

I am trying to win the confidence of the stray cat so that I can take it in and have it desexed, but have had no luck so far - it will come into the house (through a hole in the door) when we're abed (we've heard and found signs of this ) but when we try and talk to it it runs off, though not as fast as it used to. Do you or any members have any tips on this subject? It has obviously not had any contact with people much as it always shies away - I suspect it was born

in a field to a stray mother or something of that nature. My husband suggested cutting off its escape route when it comes in and keeping it in long enough to get used to us, but I am not sure if this is a good idea or not, as it might go frantic, but on the other hand I would not like it to continue to stray about getting pregnant (if it's a queen) and producing more strays! I do feel that something ought to be done pretty soon before that happens, but just don't know what!

I am enclosing a donation to be put to whatever use you decide, as you are best able to judge what is needed most. Should you require any typing done or photocopying, please let me know, I can do it at home.

Yours sincerely,

Daphne McCallum

P.S. I notice your post office box No. is Sydney South, which is quite near where I work (in the T & G Tower). Does this mean there is someone nearby to whom I could take items for the shop?

(Thank you for your letter and your offer of help, Mrs. McCallum. The article on cat nutrition seems to have aroused a lot of interest. See further on "Nutrition and your Cat" in this issue. The Ed.)

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The Editor,  
Journal of the C.P.S. of N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Graham,

Here are a few thoughts which I would like to share with other members. They are not original, but may be of interest to other members who have not already thought about them.

Firstly, I read a good suggestion in the newsletter of the Fund for Animals, namely to shave a small patch off the back of cats whose coats may be desirable for the catnappers in their abominable trading in cat skins. This does not harm the cat but makes its coat useless for export.

Now that the Opportunity Shop is a going concern, would it be a good idea for it to sell Beauty Without Cruelty cosmetics? These are not widely available and the op shop would provide another avenue for their sale.

Some time ago now, there was a television segment featuring a kelpie pup left injured after a hit-run accident. One is certainly not going to change the nature of those callous enough to behave like that, but it is very easy for even well-meaning people to assume that because an animal continues to run to the footpath or beyond, after apparently being hit, it is not hurt. Even fatally injured animals are likely to continue running and it is imperative, if one thinks one has hit an animal, to stop and follow that animal and satisfy oneself that it is not hurt. If it is injured, the best action is to keep the animal carefully warm and take it to the nearest vet. He or she will phone the R.S.P.C.A. and they pay the vet for his services.

I am sure many other readers, like myself, followed with interest the letters to and from "Dr. Paul" in the now extinct T.V. Times. More than once he referred to a cat having a nervous breakdown due to the arrival of another cat in his/her home. One of the signs of this is excessive grooming.

I would like to reinforce what Dr. Paul said by describing an experience with one of my cats. Fuzzy was a part persian and was an old cat when I adopted a kitten which was dumped at my house. Fuzzy had, herself, been a stray and had a long history of infected gums, teeth and urinary tract. She was obviously hurt by the arrival of the kitten, even though she already shared home with 3 other cats. She engaged in excessive grooming but this was before the time of "Dr. Paul" and I did not relate it to the arrival of the kitten. I thought it was due to fleas and tried to treat it appropriately. When she became obviously unwell and unwilling to eat I took her to the vet who palpated her and felt a



"tumour". She had to be operated on and at first I was delighted to hear that the "tumour" turned out to be a hair ball which she would not have been able to shift herself. My joy, however, was short-lived because Fuzzy didn't survive the effects of the surgery and had to be put to sleep. She was an old cat with a history of ill-health but it was really the arrival of the kitten which triggered off the events leading to her death.

I think there are other lessons to be learnt from Fuzzy's case. She had, over the years, had all her teeth removed and so could not chew grass. I feel grass may have helped her to remove the swallowed hair. Hence, the need for regular combing of a cat who has had its teeth removed, and the need to provide grass for cats kept indoors.

I have seen the beneficial effect of Ovarid on a desexed male cat of mine who used to be very aggressive and savage towards one of my other cats, inflicting numerous abscesses on him. The Ovarid was prescribed for dermatitis in this particular cat and he has to remain on it permanently. As an added bonus he has lost all his aggression towards Joe, and now they live in peace and harmony. Ovarid has one drawback - it increases appetite!!!!

Finally, I would advise cat owners never to use any weed-killer containing diquat or paraquat, as many cats have been poisoned by these chemicals.

Please find enclosed a donation in memory of Jessie, Jimmy, Blackie and Fuzzy.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Wilson (Miss)

(Two of the ideas expressed in this member's letter had already been put in motion - see article this issue - "What to do if your vehicle hits an animal"; while Mrs. Cozens is arranging, if possible, to sell B.W.C. products in the 'op' shop. Thank you for your letter, Miss Wilson. I am sure many members will be interested in your various suggestions. The Ed.)

### NUTRITION AND YOUR CAT

It was our intention in this edition to discuss the issue of dried foods. In the meantime, however, we received a letter from one of our members, Mr. Andrei Ross, which expands considerably on the information contained in our earlier article on cat nutrition. As the article aroused considerable interest among the members, both in correspondence received and at the March General Meeting, we felt it more appropriate to the benefit of members, to print major extracts from Mr. Ross' letter. Mr. Ross, it should be added, is a veterinary surgeon who is one of several that co-operate with this Society in the matter of our desexing campaign.

"I was most interested in your article on CAT NUTRITION, and fully endorse the fact that cats should receive a varied diet in order to obtain sufficient levels of the basic nutrient requirements.

I should like, at this point, to detail some important facts re nutrition which may be of interest to you and members and friends of the Society: As you have pointed out in the article, the cat requires a balanced diet which should contain the 5 major groups of nutrients - Protein, Fats, Carbohydrates, Vitamins and Minerals. Let us deal with each individually.

**Protein:** The cat has a uniquely high protein requirement. Adult cats need at least 1.0 gm of protein per lb. body weight per day. Optimal diets for cats should contain at least 30% of the calories from protein. This amounts to 20% or more protein on a dry weight basis. For growing kittens this amount should be increased to 33% or more. Animal proteins are, in general, more suitable for cats than plant proteins.

**Fats:** As much as 60% of the calories in a cat's diet can come from fat. Too much fat, however, will ultimately produce obesity. Whatever the level of fat in the diet, it should contain not less than 1% linolenic acid or arachidonic acid. Fat has an important effect on the palatability of a cat's diet, and a small addition may materially improve a diet's acceptability.

**Carbohydrates:** Although carbohydrates may not be essential in the cat's diet, they offer a less expensive calorie source than fat. Starches must be cooked

## NUTRITION & YOUR CAT (Cont'd)

or they will be digested poorly. Carbohydrates are well tolerated by the cat, but will be poorly accepted unless incorporated into a diet properly formulated to appeal to the cat palate.

**Vitamins:** The following vitamins are required in the cat's balanced diet.

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|------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1)  | Vit. A           | Daily dietary allowance | 1000 - 2000 i.u.             |
| (2)  | Vit. D           | " " "                   | 50 - 100 i.u.                |
| (3)  | Vit. K           | Trace only              |                              |
| (4)  | Vit. E           | Daily dietary allowance | 0.4 - 4.0 mg                 |
| (5)  | Vit. B1          | " " "                   | 0.2 - 1.0 mg                 |
| (6)  | Vit. B2          | " " "                   | 0.15 - 0.2 mg                |
| (7)  | Niacin           | " " "                   | 2.6 - 4.0 mg                 |
| (8)  | Vit. B6          | " " "                   | 0.2 - 0.3 mg                 |
| (9)  | Pantothenic Acid | " " "                   | 0.25 - 1.0 mg                |
| (10) | Biotin           | " " "                   | 0.1 mg                       |
| (11) | Choline          | " " "                   | 100 mg                       |
| (12) | Inositol         | " " "                   | 10 mg                        |
| (13) | Folic Acid       | )                       |                              |
| (14) | Vit. B12         | )                       | levels not determined        |
| (15) | Vit. C           |                         | not normally needed in diet. |

Most commercial cat foods are fortified with vitamins, making supplementation unnecessary. As you correctly point out in your article, too much vitamin supplementation can even be dangerous. However, supplementation is necessary in certain conditions of ill-health or change in physiological function e.g., during fever or lactation I recommend high levels of Vitamins B1, B2, Niacin and B6.

**Minerals:** The mineral requirements of the cat are generally less than those of the dog. Important minerals are listed with the recommended dietary levels in mg/day in brackets:

Sodium (20-30), Sodium Chloride (1500), Potassium (80-200), Calcium (200-400), Phosphorus (150-400), Magnesium (8-10), Iron (5), Copper (0.02), Iodine (0.01-0.02), Manganese (0.2), Zinc (0.25-0.3), Cobalt (0.16).

The rates of one mineral to another is as important as their dietary level. For example: Calcium : Phosphorus ratio 0.9-1.1.

Clients often wonder whether or not they are under or over-feeding their cats. Just as in humans, there are guidelines as to average daily calorie requirements for cats. A lot, of course, depends on the amount of exercise/activity the cat engages in (thus burning up calories in the form of energy). The following is a reasonable guide:

Kittens 1-10 weeks age: 50-200 cal/day. Young cats 10-30 weeks age: 200-325 cal/day. Adult tom: 400-500 cal/day. Adult queen: 300-400 cal/day.

Let us now briefly examine various types of commercially available cat foods.

(1) Canned Cat foods: These are available as either ration type of meat and meat by-product foods. The latter may contain only a single ingredient, such as liver or fish and with or without fortifying mineral and vitamin mixes. Others may contain the full range of animal by-products seen in dog foods. Canned cat foods contain approx. 75% water. Heat used in processing may destroy some of the vitamin potency in any canned food. However, canned foods are extremely palatable to the cat.

(2) Dry Cat Foods: Most dry cat foods contain between 7-9% water. The heat of

processing can destroy some nutrients. Furthermore, because of their processing limitations, some dry foods may contain too little essential fats. An essential husbandry practice for cats eating dry foods is to maintain a constant and plentiful water supply. The acceptability of dry cat foods ranges from very high to very low.

(3) Soft Moist Foods: These contain about 25% H<sub>2</sub>O and their nutrients are between 75 and 85% digestible by the cat. The inability to incorporate fat above certain levels may cause some of these foods to be marginal in energy for cats. Their acceptability is variable, but some are so palatable that their feeding must be restricted or the cat will become obese. Furthermore, they do not allow the cat to use its teeth properly - consequently cats ultimately suffer a build-up of tartar (plaque) on their teeth which invariably results in an inflammation and infection of the gums (gingivitis) - which, I might add, is difficult to treat successfully.

Contrary to popular opinion, cats are not "finicky" eaters. Healthy cats eat a variety of foods and with the same enthusiasm as any other animal. Being occasional feeders by nature, however, cats prefer to eat only about once every 24 hours. If fed more often, or continuously, they often become highly selective in what they eat. Odour, consistency, taste and learned dietary habits determine which food a cat selects. However, such things as noise, lights, food containers, the presence or absence of man or other animals, and disease will determine how much of that food the cat will eat.

Our own cats ("Snoopy" - a desexed female siamese, "Oopy" - male siamese kitten, "Miss Muffet" - a desexed black and white female, "Freddie", male tabby kitten who supervises the surgery) eat a vast variety of foods. They enjoy chicken, mince steak, fish, the occasional canned product, dry foods (mixed in with the above), vegetables - mainly carrots and peas, occasional eggs and cheese and plenty of milk and water - the siamese prefer water. I believe in supplementing young kittens with calcium - this is to ensure sturdy bones and teeth. In certain cases I recommend vitamin supplementation pento-vite drops or SA-37 tablets (excellent).

Hoping these comments have been of assistance,

Yours faithfully,

Andrei John Ross B.V. Sc."

(Some extracts from "Kennedy's Corner": The Australian 15.5.81)

### IT'S TRUE, CATS DO HAVE A FATAL CHARM

Cat fanciers will say they don't bite people but they do so, too. A friend of mine had a Siamese cat which bit him savagely on the buttock one morning when, in the grip of a hangover, he refused to wake up to say good morning.

He hurried to his doctor for an injection against psittacosis - which, of course, you catch from parrots. He was confused by pain, his hangover and the fact he had to psitt on the bite. He was the laughing stock of the surgery.

Cats are clever. Much more clever than dogs.

You never hear of a cat being trained to run around in the heat rounding up sheep or saving a family from fire or burglary, or trotting down to the shop for the newspaper.

Suggest such activities to a cat and it would look at you with loathing, as though you were mad, and go and sit on top of a fence in the sun - or in the best spot before the fire.

(Cat lovers note: Address your letters not to me but to the Editor. He likes cats).

BUZZ KENNEDY

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### CONTACT

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RING 51 1011.

Please do not ring this number on other matters as it is no longer connected with the "Op" shop. (If unanswered, leave message on answering service).

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MRS. COZENS

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### WARNING:

For those benevolent souls who choose to remember us in their Wills - make sure that you clearly state "The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales". Failure to include the words "of New South Wales" could, in all probability (as has happened to the R.S.P.C.A. of N.S.W.) result in your hard-earned money going into the Government's coffers instead! For any advice on the drawing up of Wills in our Society's favour (either whole or in part), the Chairman will be glad to help - 477-1316.

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**PLEA FROM THE HON. SECRETARY.** DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF POSTAGE AND ENVELOPES, IF MEMBERS SENDING IN THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS WISH TO RECEIVE A RECEIPT WOULD THEY PLEASE ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. OTHERWISE RECEIPTS ARE NOT SENT.



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Hon. Secretary,  
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