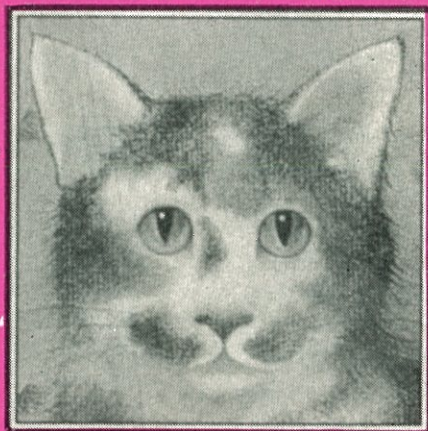


# Cat Affairs

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# President's Page

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A warm welcome to everyone once again!

As usual there's been a lot happening and the year has flown by. Look inside for details of the Annual General Meeting, and your invitation to our Christmas party which is always lots of fun. There is also the annual report setting out the figures for the year so you can see how we're going.

We can also report that we have been instrumental in promoting a couple of feline stars, from our cattery at Parkland! Next time you see the Whiskas milk commercial take a close look at the tabby cat - his name is Baxter and yes, he was discovered through us. Then there is Curio, another Tabby, who is featured in the cat and budgie commercial for a parcel pick up service. He too was discovered! What celebrities, don't you agree? Their stardom has given a great boost for tabby cats generally, and they are now top of the "most wanted" list. Unfortunately we don't get the performance fees for the T.V. tabbies as they found new homes before rocketing to stardom - but it certainly proves we have an eye for cats with winning personalities!

There's movement in the Opportunity Shop, as we're expanding by increasing the space available for goods for sale! It's very exciting, with the shop celebrating its first year in new premises by doing extremely well. Expanding can only mean it will do even better next year! A reminder though - we are down on goods for sale due, I guess, to the state of the economy. So clean out those cupboards and suitcases where we've all got all sorts of things. Ask your friends and relatives too. Don't forget we'll pick up if you need it.

Another new thing we're involved in is placing advertisements in telephone boxes in the St Mary's - Mt Druitt area (an area we see as very much in need of our services). Keep an eye out if you live there and let us know what you think! The more we can spread the word on what we can do for cats the better.

Memberships are also forging ahead - faster than ever in fact. This is partly due to the many members who are undertaking letter box drops for us. We really appreciate these efforts and have lots of leaflets still available if you would like to assist in your area. It can be very pleasant taking a walk while at the same time working for the welfare of cats.

All in all, I can report that our Society has never been in better shape and is weathering the storm of these difficult times by careful planning and re-assessment of all our activities. The year has whizzed by and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and the party, where you'll share your ideas and enjoy the company of fellow cat lovers.

LYN THOMAS

## Stop Press

### Visit The Sydney Pet Care Show in the Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour

The show is being held as a "Lead-in" to Pet Week on the weekend of September 28th and 29th. We'll be in booth 62, easy to find as you walk in... between the birds and the fish and in front of the reptiles!

Do bring the children. It's a huge show with lots of variety, and Darling Harbour has a vibrant atmosphere of its own. *We look forward to saying Hello.* Remember:

**Sat 28th & Sun 29th Sept**

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# NATIONAL PET WEEK IS COMING UP

(October 1 to 7)

With more and more medical research proving that pets are good for our health as well as loving companions, it's a pleasant thought to celebrate our relationship with each other during a PET WEEK.

The Australian Veterinary Association is playing a big part, together with Uncle Ben's Pet Care Information and Advisory Service, and naturally, animal welfare groups throughout the country.

In NSW, celebrations begin on October 1, a Tuesday, with an Information Day in Sydney's Martin Place. The main event is a huge Pet Party at lovely Parramatta Park on the following Friday, October 4, which is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals.

The Salvation Army will perform the Blessing of the Animals shortly after the party begins at 9.30am, then there are lots of things to see and do. If you have children in the family, do bring them along to see horse displays, goat milking, a demonstration of working animals, helicopters in action, and even a cat lapping competition! (Frankly, it's difficult to imagine a moggy lapping on command, but time will tell.)

The Cat Protection Society will have a table at both these major events, so please come along and say hello. If you feel energetic on the day, we would also appreciate some help in handing out leaflets about the Society and the need for cat desexing.

Also watch your local paper for special events in your own suburb - many vets are having an open day on October 3 - and perhaps prepare a special treat for your pussies during the week to say, "Thanks for everything."

**S:** As our main thrust during Pet Week, we'd like all members to make sure their cats wear a collar and identity disc. We have collars in soft suede, with an elastic insert, bell and disc, for only \$6.00 including postage. Colours are red, yellow, blue, grey and pink. Send in your cheque for \$6.00, with your colour choice, and we'll send a collar by return mail.

*Within that porch, across the way,  
I see two naked eyes this night;  
Two eyes that neither shut nor blink,  
Searching my face with a green light.*

*But cats to me are strange, so strange -  
I cannot sleep if one is near;  
And though I'm sure I see those eyes,  
I'm not so sure a body's there!*

W.H. Davies

## *To all members A Special Invitation*

*You are cordially invited to our  
Christmas Party,  
to be held on December 14,  
commencing at 2.30 pm.*

*As usual, the party will be held in our  
Welfare Office  
at 103 Enmore Road, Enmore,  
right opposite Enmore Theatre.  
Enmore Road is directly opposite  
Newtown Station,  
and we are just a short walk away.  
Or you can catch a 423, 426 or 428  
bus from the city,  
stopping outside the theatre.*

*There will be Christmas items for sale,  
lucky door prizes and a raffle.  
Refreshments will be served.*

*Would you please let Membership  
Secretary Beverley Walsh know if you  
will be coming in on 398 8148  
... and don't forget to bring your  
cat photos  
We do look forward  
to seeing you.*





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS



From John Fitzgerald,  
Campaign for The Abolition of Cruel Sports,  
No 5, Lower Coyne Street  
Callan  
CO KILKENNY  
IRELAND

Dear Friends,

Despite years of campaigning, the gruesome practice of live-hare-coursing continues to enjoy legal status in Ireland.

We are one of a number of groups campaigning for its abolition, and a Private Members' Bill is to be presented in the Dail (the Irish Parliament.)

It would be an enormous boost to its chances of success if the President of Ireland, Mrs Mary Robinson, were to express support for it. We therefore ask your Society and individual members to please consider sending a letter to the President, urging action to ban hare coursing in our country.

In case you do not know what is involved in this practice, let me explain that every year, thousands of hares are netted in the countryside for use in coursing events. The victims include pregnant female hares and leverets (baby hares.)

At a coursing event, each hare has to run for its life before two greyhounds. When a hare is caught, it suffers a prolonged and agonizing death.

Hares are not the only victims of the "Sport." Every coursing event is preceded by what is known as a bleeding session. Small animals such as rabbits, hares, cats and birds are fed LIVE to the greyhounds to whet their appetite for blood.

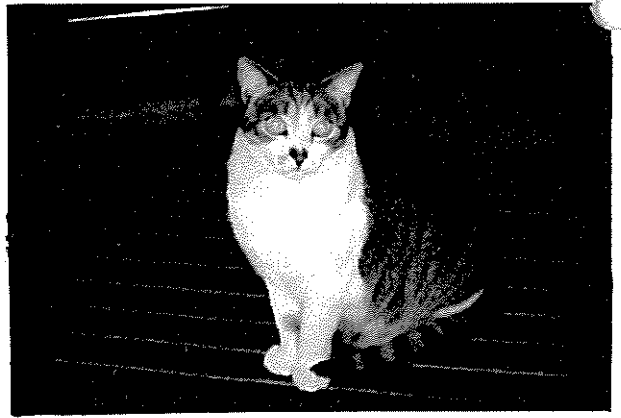
The victims are either dropped from sacks, in which case their legs have been broken in advance, or tied to wooden stakes for the hounds to savage them.

It is also common at a bleeding session for a trainer to bring along a litter of new-born kittens. The animals are placed in a transparent plastic bag. Having teased the dogs for a minute or two, the trainer shouts "KILL, KILL" and tosses the bag and its contents into the air. The bleeding of greyhounds is an integral part of hare coursing.

With your help, we hope to put an end to this barbarism. Please send your letters, postcards or petitions to:

Mrs Mary Robinson  
President of the Irish Republic  
Presidential Residence  
Phoenix Park  
DUBLIN 8  
Ireland

Ed's note: Sometimes the amount of cruelty to animals throughout the world seems overwhelming. But we must never give up trying to do something about it. The Society has written to Mrs Robinson, and we hope many of our members will also do so . . . as well as addressing the problems that face us in our own country.



Aphrodite, Goddess of Love.



From Ron Lloyd of Potts Point:

In the latest issue of "Cat Affairs" I enjoyed very much the article "Give A Cat A Name."

I'd like to add to the list the name of my little tabby.

She came into my life some four years ago, when I heard of a waif on death row in a vet's surgery. More out of curiosity than anything else I went to see her, a kitten of four weeks.

From the first sight, I knew I couldn't let her go. She has been my faithful companion ever since.

She really is a paradox, loving yet strongly independent, talkative yet quiet. When the weather is really bad she tends to stay by me, and in the middle of the night will tap me on the shoulder. As soon as I wake she'll climb into bed with me and snuggle up under my chin. She then proceeds to sing me to sleep with her purring.

My point is that with such a beautiful little companion, what more appropriate name could I give her than Aphrodite, after the Goddess of Love.



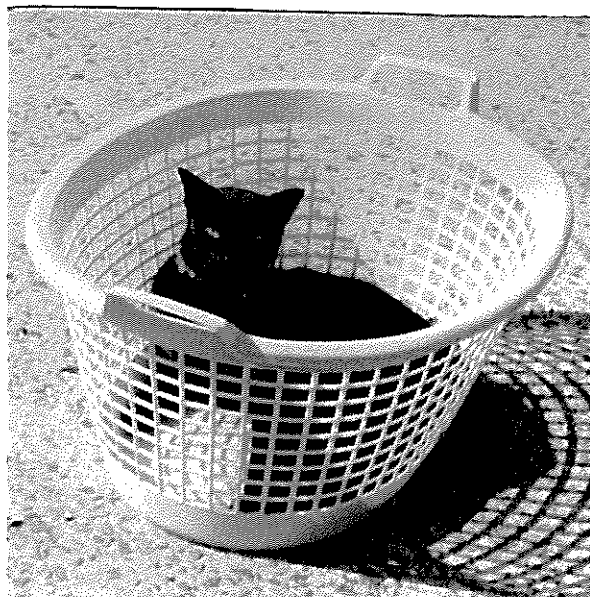
### From Judith Hodge of Balgowlah:

As a new member of the Society, my 5-year-old chocolate Burmese, Sebastian, has insisted that I send you this photo. Like most males he is quite vain.

I live in a ground floor unit and Sebby has his own cat door. What a boon! He comes and goes as he pleases, always announcing his arrival with a guttural miaow.

I am very fortunate in having a kind, "cat happy" neighbour, Mrs Orem, who looks after Sebby if I have to go away sometimes. She loves him. He is equally besotted with her and she makes sure he gets his full quota of cuddles while I am away.

Now a hint for protecting furniture from catty claws: As a small, big-eared kitten, Sebby convinced himself he was Tarzan. My chairs suffered badly until a few cakes of camphor placed behind the cushions did the trick! It's harmless, but cats (or Sebby, anyway) don't like the smell.



Sebastian Hodge waiting to be put out with the washing.



## **A wonderful fund raising idea! Search your cupboards for schoolgirl fiction.**

Do the names of authors Dorita Fairlie-Bruce, Elinor Brent-Dyer and Elsie J Oxenham mean anything to you?

Then listen to this exciting fund raising idea from CPS member Ann Mackie-Hunter:

Dear Editor,

I would like to pass on a suggestion that may raise some much needed funds for the Society.

Together with many others, I collect schoolgirl fiction from the 1920's to the 60's. I belong to a society for Elsie Oxenham, and run one for Elinor Brent-Dyer. Their books (depending on the titles) can fetch up to \$50.00 each from collectors.

I suggest you ask in the journal if members would look through their bookcases and cupboards for titles by these authors, and Dorita Fairlie-Bruce. As my contribution, I'll carry the cost of getting in touch with collectors and arranging the sales. All proceeds to the Society, of course!

The following list gives the titles of the "most wanted" books, but I would be pleased to assess any books by the authors mentioned.

By Elsie J Oxenham:

Girls of the Hamlet Club  
Maidlin Bears the Torch  
Maidlin to the Rescue  
Rosamund's Victory  
Biddy's Secret

Joy's New Adventure  
A Fiddler at the Abbey  
Rachel at the Abbey  
Guardians at the Abbey

By Elinor Brent-Dyer:

Any hard cover books, especially:

Joey goes to Oberland  
Chalet School Renunion  
Joey & Co in Tyrol  
A Future Chalet School  
Two Sams at the Chalet School  
Althea at the Chalet School  
Prefects at the Chalet School  
School by the River

By Dorita Fairlie-Bruce:

Nancy in the Sixth  
Mistress Mariner  
King's Curate  
The Bartle Bequest

Members who have any books by these authors can get in touch with you, then you can pass the names on to me.

Hope we come up with a good response . . . but even three or four "finds" would mean a substantial contribution to the Society's funds.

Ed's note: We thank Ann for this interesting and very different fund raising idea, and of course, are looking forward to hearing about lots of treasures in your book cupboards.



## A HAPPY MEMORY

By a former Welfare Officer with CPS

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In 1983, I had the honour of working for The Cat Protection Society. During the year there were many sad experiences, dealing with the never ending plight of wild and unwanted cats. But also during that time there were lovely moments, and one of these I would like to share:

Looking through my jobs for the day, I found I had to go to the cattery where already-desexed adults were waiting for homes, and pick up a tortoiseshell female of six months. Then I was to take her to an address in North Sydney, where her new owners were waiting for her. From memory, they were an older retired couple. They had not seen their new "baby," but wanted to give a little cat a good home.

Well, the tortoiseshell cried all the way in the van, and I was hoping the people would like her. As I carried the cage inside I noticed fresh newspaper on the kitchen floor, with brand new bowls full of food and milk.

Then I opened the cage, and out she jumped, no encouragement needed! The lady told me her name was already chosen - it was Julie. Next moment, before she could stroke Julie, the cat jumped up onto the china cabinet and all the ornaments and fine china started to shake and rattle!

I held my breath, terrified, and looked at the lady. To my absolute relief she was smiling adoringly at Julie. "That's all right dear," she told her, "you have a good look around. This is your home now."

In a wink, Julie was back on the ground and making a direct line for the food. She was a thin little thing, probably had a bad start in life. I said goodbye to her and departed.

Some months later I was stuck in a traffic jam in North Sydney and suddenly I realised I was outside the flat where I had left Julie. I looked up at the building, and sitting in the window, looking proud and content, was the tortoiseshell cat - no longer skinny, but about three times her original size!

Yes, it was really home that had been waiting for her, and what a lucky girl she was. It made my day!



From Rachel Deemer of Seven Hills:

I have just finished reading the article on Vivisection. I never realised such horrific medical research took place.

Thanks to "People Against Vivisection" I was able to see the video HIDDEN CRIMES, and strongly recommend other people to see it and realise what is happening to animals.

It has already been proven that animals are different to humans, so why do they have to put up with such butchery and savagery when it's not going to help fix our diseases?

Medical researchers sometimes claim they love animals. Well, if that's the case, how can they shock the nerve sensors of the brain, inject animals with AIDS and cancer cells, remove cats' brains . . . and that's only a few examples.

I strongly urge animal lovers who want to know about vivisection to contact People Against Vivisection. The address is PO Box 23, Blacktown, 2148, and the 'phone number is 688 1443



From Eva Constantinou of Enmore

Your article in the June issue about vivisection was informative, and all too true. Millions of animals suffer day and night, every day.

I ask each and every member of the Society: "What's the difference between these laboratory animals and our own pets?"

Look at your pet, reach out and stroke its fur. It will respond with affection and love . . . just like any tame, living, breathing creature, be it a cat, monkey, pig or whatever.

In the same way, it will feel pain and neglect. Can you picture its terror in a laboratory, where it is an "object" to be experimented on?

Vivisection is cruel, unnecessary, and can be dangerous to humans, because the results of animal experiments cannot simply be transferred to us.

Please, let us speak with one voice to help end this shameful practice. Write your own letter to our Society, and also get in touch with People Against Vivisection.

If we are true animal lovers, we cannot remain silent.



Edith and Tom.

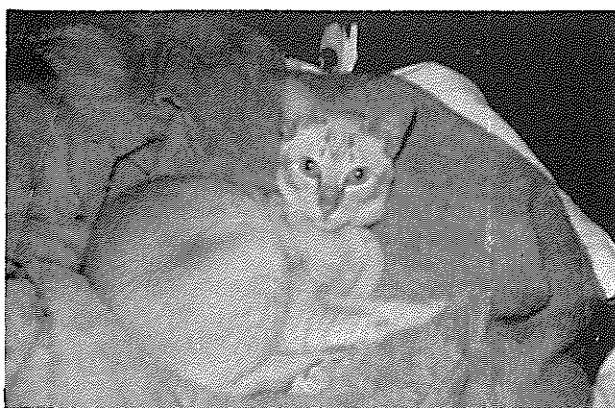


From Frances Kaukerei of Potts Point:

Enclosed is a photo of Edith and Tom. Of all the cat photographs I've taken, it's probably the one I treasure most.

For so many years, Edith has fed and generally looked after the endless number of stray cats in our area. She handles the inevitable harassment from people less sensitive to the plight of animals in need with a dignified tolerance and quiet firmness.

I admire her so much. She is loved by the cats she cares for. This picture seems to sum up the way cats and Edith feel about each other.



Wendy's ray of sunshine.



From Wendy Taylor of Cabramatta:

Here is a picture of my beautiful Phoebe, who came to me by chance through a friend after losing my brown Burmese.

Phoebe is a cream Tonkinese, and her name is derived from Phoebe, the Greek Sun God. Being gold in colour suits her - she is a little ray of sunshine in my life.

Of course, she is sometimes a whirlwind as well, creating havoc as she throws her toys willy nilly around the house and scruffs the mats.

Her favourite hideaway is under the doona, and she likes to help make the bed. Or rather, hinder, she thinks bed making is a special game I play just for her!

For a five year old, Phoebe still has the traits of a kitten.

Her latest trophy was a mouse, brought inside uninjured for a game. Thanks Phoebe, we now have a loose mouse in the house!

Still, she's a little possum, and she's won my heart. Truly my little ray of sunshine.



*In the middle of a world  
that has always been a bit mad,  
the cat walks with confidence.*

—ROSANNE AMBERSON

# Fur... Fur... Fur...

Fur comes in an infinite variety of colours, patterns and lengths. Often, it's one of the main reasons why we're attracted to a particular cat.

But apart from its aesthetic appeal, fur serves a number of functional purposes. And yes, there ARE some things we can do about fur that leaves its owner to settle on floors, furniture, and our best black trousers!

## What is fur?

Fur is made up of individual hairs that grow from tiny pits called follicles - just like human hair. Each follicle has blood and nerve supplies, and receives a supply of an oily secretion from a gland just below the surface of the skin. This natural oil forms a waterproof film on each hair, giving the cat's coat its lustrous shine. In addition, it contains a fatty substance which is converted by sunlight to vitamin D, so when the cat licks its fur it is also receiving a vital nutrient.

In most cats, there are two types of hairs. GUARD hairs form the main or top coat, and are generally thick, protecting the cat from the weather. Underneath the guard hairs are SECONDARY HAIRS which act as an insulating undercoat. The two types of hair work together throughout the seasons to protect the cat's skin and maintain a constant, even body temperature.

In summer, the fur becomes thinner, to allow air through to cool the cat's skin. In winter, tiny muscles at the roots of the guard hairs contract, causing the coat to fluff out. This traps a thick layer of warm air next to the skin, providing insulation. It's a very clever system of air conditioning, but no more than you would expect from this amazing feline.

Exceptions are breeds where genetic mutations have affected one or both types of hair. For example, the Cornish Rex lacks guard hairs completely, with its coat consisting entirely of soft, fine, tightly waved secondary hairs. The Sphynx or Hairless Cat doesn't even have secondary hairs, just a fine down covering its wrinkled skin. With such breeds, more care must be taken by the owner to provide an even temperature in the home. Some owners like to provide their cats with tiny sweaters!

## Now to the big, and sometimes vexed question: Why do cats shed their fur?

The answer is that each hair follicle has a period of growth, followed by a time of slower growth, and then a dormant period when the hair remains in place but is not growing at all.

When the follicle become active again, new hairs push out the old ones, causing shedding.

In the wild, follicle growth is triggered not so much by changes in temperature, but by the lengthening and shortening of daylight hours that signal a change of seasons. So in natural conditions, you would expect cats

to shed their fur primarily in spring and autumn.

However, domestic cats spend most of their time indoors, exposed to artificial patterns of light and more regulated temperatures. They still tend to shed more hair in spring and autumn, but on top of that, there is fairly continuous shedding throughout the year.

In addition, fur growth and shedding is affected by the length of a cat's hair, its age, and whether or not it has been desexed.

Both long and short hairs will shed heavily between the ages of six and ten months, when the soft, fluffy "baby coat" is replaced by adult fur. Naturally, because the fur of long haired cats can be three or four times longer than short hairs, it is shed in greater volume.

Finally, hormones have a great effect on fur during your cat's adolescence. Right up to the age of 18 months, hormone activity can result in marked changes to the colour, texture and growth of fur, and there will also be changes if your cat is desexed before or just around the onset of puberty.

In this case, the hormones that would have stimulated sexual function are redirected towards coat production. So a neutered cat's coat is likely to be longer and/or thicker than that of an entire cat in the same environment. In addition, because the desexed cat's hormones stay on an even keel throughout the year, its coat generally remains more stable. So to all the major arguments in favour of desexing, we can even add that the desexed cat will probably have a nicer coat!

## Now how can the owner distinguish between normal shedding, and what may be due to stress, dietary problems or illness?

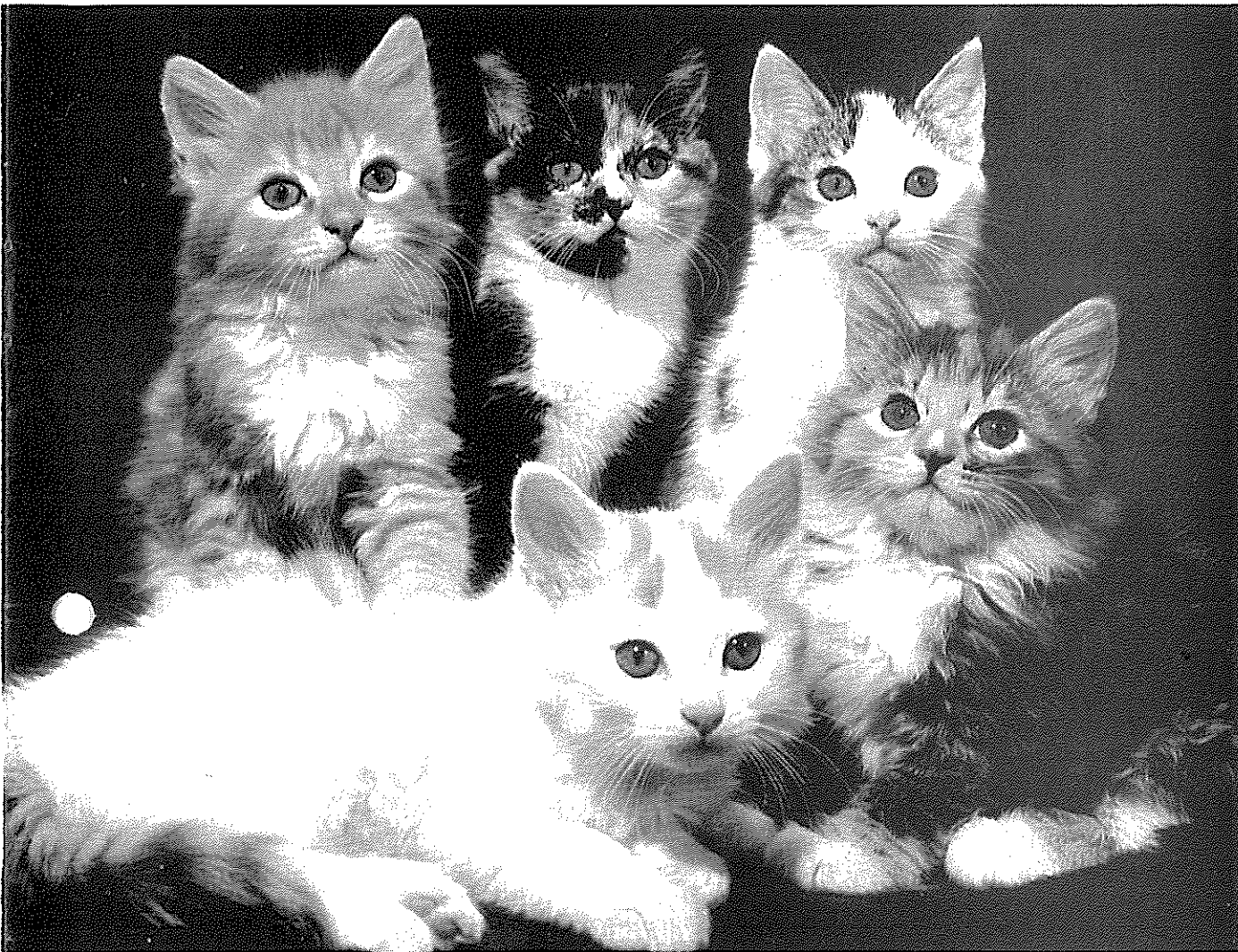
Well, it's pretty obvious. Even in the months when shedding is more substantial, the coat of a healthy cat will look healthy, shiny and "alive," especially after brushing. There is almost no mistaking the coat is in good condition. On the other hand, an unhealthy coat not only sheds more than usual (fur coming away profusely on your hand or brush), it has a lack lustre, unkempt look. It may also feel excessively dry or oily.

These symptoms may signal a diet lacking in proper nutrients, some kind of allergy, or the onset of illness. Therefore, any time you notice a marked change in the condition of your cat's coat, a trip to the vet is indicated.

## Caring for the cat's coat should become a habit.

Your fastidious puss will wash himself every day, but some help from you is also necessary. Grooming removes broken and detached hairs that might otherwise irritate his skin, encourages new growth, and cuts down on the amount of hair puss ingests as he washes himself. Brushing and combing also helps to distribute natural oils and stimulate skin circulation, promoting healthier skin and hair.





Fur comes in an infinite variety of colours and textures.

For long haired cats, choose a comb with teeth widely spaced, so you don't pull out new fur growth. Comb gently, and be very patient with knots. With short hairs, a fine comb is probably all that's required, plus an occasional buff with a chamois or a very lightly dampened cloth. (Tip: When you have to leave your cat at a cattery, make sure to inquire if it will be groomed regularly.)

**Finally, how do you cope with cat hairs on the furniture, floor and YOU?**

Regular grooming will certainly cut down on the amount of cat hairs loose in your home, but even with short haired cats, the problem remains.

Looking at the broad picture, if you intend a cat or cats to be part of your life forever, it's sensible to think in terms of "defensive furnishings." This means that as far as possible you choose floor surfaces, colours and fabrics that will minimize the visibility of shed fur and make cleaning up as easy as possible.

For example, a floor with a hard surface such as wood, vinyl or tiles can be vacuumed, mopped or swept up

easily. Fur can't work its way into the surface, and those occasional, "little accidents" can also be whisked away quickly, leaving no trace behind.

If choosing carpet, it makes good sense to go for one with short pile and heavy density (more strands of fibre per centimetre.) These qualities give the carpet a harder surface texture, with fur more likely to remain on the surface than work its way into the pile. And naturally, carpets that are soil and stain resistant give added protection.

To minimise the visibility of cat fur and dirt, select a medium range colour such as grey-blue or brown-beige. Very dark or very light or very bright colours seem to show up every cat hair.

When it comes to furniture, "easy clean" is really the most practical choice - surfaces you can quickly wipe over, like wood or vinyl or cane. But of course, you can't sacrifice aesthetic appeal altogether! If you want a lovely upholstered chair or sofa, look again for the medium-range colours or a floral or pattern. Zip-off washable covers are a plus, otherwise the fabric you choose should be sturdy enough to vacuum. (Next page, please.)

Of course, it's rarely possible to furnish a house or flat in one go, and it may sound a little weird to keep your cats in mind when you do go shopping for furniture. But the suggestions outlined will certainly cut down on the need for constant brushing and vacuuming. As one cat lover says, "I've learned that with cats, my house must be clean enough to be sanitary, but dirty enough to be liveable!"

As for clothing, a good clothes brush backed up by a lint brush will soon have you looking spick and span if you're expecting visitors. Or you can even apply the rules for furnishing to your own clothes: medium colours, and subtle patterns that won't show the fur!

Certainly, wearing black pants when you're nursing a white cat (or vice versa) is asking for trouble! But when you hear that contented purr, and see the look of bliss on that furry face, a little trouble is undoubtedly worth it.



### MORE TIPS ON GROOMING

When your cat reaches adolescence, and gets its "grown up" fur, you may find that the good grooming habits you have already started in kittenhood need to be intensified. This is especially so with a long haired cat, whom it may be necessary to comb twice a day. To begin a grooming session, rake your fingers through the cat's hair all over its body. You will be able to feel any matted fur this way. The mats must be dealt with as soon as possible. They never go away by themselves, and left untreated they just get bigger and bigger.

Gently separate the hairs in the mat with your fingernails or the tip of the comb. Begin at the edges and work towards the centre, then comb out the hair with a coarse-tooth comb. When the mats have been dealt with, comb the whole body, including the ruff, armpits, groin and belly. Comb slowly and carefully, being alert to snarls. Fast combing is more likely to just gloss over the coat, leaving snarls in the thick fur below. Also make sure your comb is long enough to comb right through the layers of fur, not just the top hairs.

After going through the coat with a coarse-tooth comb to remove most of the loose hair, go over it again with a medium tooth comb. (In short haired cats, a medium or fine tooth comb is sufficient, but be just as careful to comb all parts of the body.)



*The cat is a dilettante in fur* - Theophile Gautier



# The cat who came back

By Phyl Schott

I was backing out my car when I noticed on the road, further down, a grey and red "splodge."

I stopped the car, ran down the road, and saw that the poor dead cat was my adored Sam.

Crying and hysterical, I banged on a neighbour's door, begging her to come and look.

"Yes dear," she said, "it's Sam all right. Now, you go inside and I'll bury him for you. Where will it be... in the rose garden?"

I just nodded. I couldn't speak. My dear neighbour was wonderful. She came out with a plastic bag and a shovel, then carried out the interment in my garden. Afterwards she sat me down with cups of tea and plied me with aspirins.

All the next day I was inconsolable. I found myself just about to prepare Sam's grilled steak for dinner, then realised he was no longer there. The next night was the same. In the mornings, I woke up and looked out the window in the bedroom, expecting him to come through the curtains and sit on the small table, as he always did.

On the third morning, who should part the curtains and make an entry but Sam !!!

He was certainly the worse for wear, looking as if he had walked many miles... but it was certainly Sam.

I could think of only one solution to the mystery. Some neighbours had had a cat like Sam in colouring. They told me they were moving, they must have loaded Sam into the van and left their own cat here!

Clever Sam obviously jumped off somewhere en route, and it was their cat sleeping its last sleep in my rose garden.

Anyway, Sam had his breakfast, then slept all day. He was completely exhausted, and I had to wash him to get rid of the grease and grime.

And God bless his darling old heart, he is at the foot of my bed now (it's cold outside), 12 years old, and as brave and loving as ever.

Ed's note: Since Mrs Schott sent us this story, darling Sam has had to be put to sleep. His story is especially close to our hearts, as he was one of "our" cats. Sam certainly had a wonderful home with Phyl all those years, and we thank her for sharing this story with us.

# Notice of Annual General Meeting and Nominations

**The Annual General Meeting of The Cat Protection Society of NSW will be held on  
Sunday, October 13, at the Society's premises, 103 Enmore Road, Enmore,  
commencing at 2.00p.m.**

All members are cordially invited to attend. If coming by car, the nearest cross street is Phillip Street, and the premises are opposite the Enmore Theatre. By train, come to Newtown station, cross King Street, and walk straight up Enmore Road. Buses 423, 426, and 428 pass our door, proceeding from Circular Quay through the city and Broadway to City Road, then up King Street and into Enmore Road.

Refreshments will be served after close of the meeting, and it is hoped to see new members as well as old friends among those attending.

## BUSINESS

1. Read and confirm Minutes of the 1990 Annual General Meeting.
2. Business arising.
3. Annual Report.
4. Balance sheet and financial statement-Treasurer's report.
5. Election of office bearers and Councillors, 1991 - 1992 term.
6. Appointment of auditors.
7. General business and discussion - question time.

## VOTING AND PROXY VOTING

Only financial members are entitled to vote, accept nomination, or nominate others for positions on Council.

However, a member entitled to vote and unable to attend the meeting may arrange for a proxy vote in his/her place. A proxy need not be a member, and unless otherwise instructed may vote as he or she thinks fit.

If you wish to appoint a proxy to attend in your place, the following form must be completed and returned to The Cat Protection Society no later than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.

I .....

of .....

being a financial member of The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales

appoint .....

of .....

to vote on my behalf at The Annual General Meeting to be held on October 13, 1991

Signed .....

## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COUNCILLORS

A President, two Vice Presidents and a Treasurer, together with eight other state Councillors, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Each person seeking nomination must be nominated by two financial members, and the nomination must be set out in the following manner:

## NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned financial members of The Cat Protection Society of NSW, hereby nominate

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for the position of .....  
at the election to be held at the Annual General Meeting of the said Society on, Sunday, October 13, 1991.

Proposer .....

Address .....

Seconder .....

Address .....

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I, .....  
name of nominee

of .....

Born .....being 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 12 months from such election.

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

The election shall take place in the following manner:

1. The completed nomination shall be lodged with the Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.

2. A list of candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the names of proposers and seconders, 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.

3. If necessary, ballot lists shall be prepared containing only the names of the candidates. The order in which the candidates' names appear on the ballot paper shall be decided by lot. Each member present at the Annual General Meeting, or his/her appointed proxy, shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates, not exceeding the number of vacancies.

4. 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.

5. In case there shall not be sufficient number of candidates nominated, the elected Council shall fill up the remaining vacancies.

6. In accordance with section 226 of the Companies (NSW) Code, a member aged 72 years or over at the date of the Annual General Meeting may be elected as an office bearer or Councillor of the Society provided his/her age is recited, and he/she receives 75% or more of the votes.

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## Would you be prepared to serve on an Animal Ethics Committee?

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*This is a question of great  
importance to every member.*

Late last year, the NSW Government passed legislation requiring all scientific establishments in NSW which use animals to have an Animal Care and Ethics Committee (ACEC).

There are some 200 such establishments in NSW, a figure which may surprise many people who think that only universities use animals. Multiply 200 by the number of animals used, and you can understand the enormous amount of experimentation taking place.

The Government says each ACEC must comprise at least four people and represent the following categories:

1. A veterinarian. 2. An animal researcher. 3. An animal welfare representative. 4. An independent person.

Matters involving Ethics Committees will be administered by The Animal Research Review Panel, a statutory body under the auspices of The Animal Welfare Branch of the NSW Government.

The Animal Welfare Branch has asked the RSPCA and The Animal Societies Federation (NSW) to help in compiling a register of animal welfare representatives who would be prepared to serve on Ethics Committees.

They point out that it may be some considerable time in the future before the bulk of committees are set up. The new legislation has set new standards for the operation of scientific establishments, and many will have to change their constitutions to comply with such standards. Indeed, the president of ASF, Cheryl Forrest-Smith, believes it may be at least three years before the groundwork has been laid for the establishment of a large proportion of committees.

Be that as it may, the way the system will work is this:

1. A scientific establishment may approach the Animal Research Review Panel asking if they can recommend a suitable animal welfare representative.

2. The Review Panel will contact the RSPCA and/or The Animal Societies Federation to see if they have someone with the appropriate background to serve on that particular committee.

3. The person nominated will in turn be contacted by the Review Panel.

Criteria used in choosing committee members will naturally include a genuine, demonstrated commitment to animal welfare. It will be the role of the animal welfare representative to be, in effect, a "watch dog" for the animals . . . to ask questions, make suggestions, and in

total, work towards making the scientific establishment more accountable.

*But will committees serve the  
long-term interests of animals?*

The dilemma for people opposed to animal experimentation is whether it really is in the interests of animals themselves to serve on such committees.

Professor Peter Singer, a well known animal liberationist, has this to say about the dilemma:

"Can they" (Animal Ethics Committees) really be an effective safeguard against animals suffering under experimentation? Or is their main function to be smokescreen between the public and the experimenters? Are our criticisms of experiments now always going to be answered with the smooth retort, 'These experiments were approved by our Ethics Committee, so there can't be any problems.'

Professor Singer goes on to point out that animal welfare representatives serving on committees will see themselves as advocates for animals, just as researchers may see themselves as advocates for experimentation. But he adds:

"Here lies the seeds of another dilemma for animal liberationists. If we serve on ACEC's we will not often be able to get our way. As long as we are in a minority on such committees we will not always be able to prevent experiments which we believe to be unjustified.

"Are we then in a position of condoning experimentation, of allowing ourselves and our organisations to be used as a means of legitimising the experiments? But if we refuse to serve on ACEC's are we passing up the best chance for generations of actually influencing the way which research is carried out?

"If, by being a member of an ACEC, one can actually save animals from suffering, it seems to me right to be on the committee. Total abolition of animal experimentation may be our long term goal; the animals in laboratories now, however, cannot wait for the goal to be achieved."

Professor Singer therefore concludes that it is appropriate for animal welfare representatives to serve on the committee. His conclusion is not agreed with by PAV (People Against Vivisection.)

Faith van Eyck of PAV believes that Animal Ethics Committees will serve the cause of experimenters, as they legitimise their experiments. Legislation will entrench experimentation further into law, giving scientific credibility. PAV puts the question:

"How can you be ethical about something which is unethical?"



PAV argues that members of animal welfare organisations should NOT serve on so-called ethics committees because by doing so they give the public the impression that the animals are being looked after.

As Faith van Eyck says, "Why are we talking about reducing suffering? At what point is suffering acceptable?"

At the same time, she says the question of animal experimentation can no longer be viewed in moral and philosophical terms alone, if public perception is to change. Saying animals have "rights," or graphically describing horrific experiments, has done very little to influence opinion in the past.

The best way to convince the public that animal experiments must stop is to show them that these experiments ARE NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HUMANS. Using animals as "models" for man is scientifically unreliable and inherently dangerous.

Therefore, in PAV'S view, serving on a committee reviewing experiments is counter-productive to the whole cause of anti-vivisection.



## Pen Friends' Column

Combine your love of cats and interest in writing letters by choosing a pen friend who is a member of our Society. There are two new pen friends here, plus a resume of those who have already appeared.



Hi! I'm a recent member of the Society. I love writing to people as much as I love cats, and would be happy to write to people of any age, anywhere. I am 18 years old and my hobbies include reading, bushwalking and listening to music. I am also very interested in natural medicine and am currently studying towards a Diploma in Naturopathy, while working as a receptionist. I look forward to hearing from, you! - JOANNE



I think it would be most interesting to correspond with someone who would obviously be as besotted with cats as I am. I am a 49-year young widow, no children. Apart from cats I am interested in hi-fi, most music, tenpin bowling, and go to movies when I can. I am currently President of a car club, but find that cats take up more of my time than cars. I'm not complaining by any means - I still like cars - but cats come first with me. I look forward to replying to your letters. - CAPRICORN

That said, it is up to each individual member to make their own decision about applying to serve on an ethics committee. If you decide in favour, you will need to feel confident about expressing your views in company with a veterinarian and animal researcher, and no doubt in many instances you will need a strong stomach.

Applications should be made directly to Ms Cheryl Forrest-Smith, President of The Animal Societies Federation (NSW), C/ - PO Box 291, Strawberry Hills, 2012. In writing to Ms Smith you are asked to outline past experience in animal welfare matters, any special field of interest, (eg, cats, horses, rats, monkeys, dogs) and whether or not you are prepared to travel to country areas. On average, Ms Forrest-Smith expects committees to meet about four times a year.

If in due course you are allocated to a committee, we hope you will let the Society know. We also will appreciate it if you report back to us with your observations, so we can share them with other members.

Meanwhile, if you care to write with your views on ethics committees, I will publish them in December "Cat Affairs."

Julie Gorrick - Editor



**PISCES:** Is a musician, and gravitates towards classical music. Main interests are gardening, psychology, medicine, cooking and enjoying good movies. Loves travelling when possible. 50 years old, with a teen-age daughter.



**FELIX:** Would especially like to write to people living in units or retirement villages, who now cannot have a cat. Lives alone, and enjoys gardening, photography, travel, theatre, reading. Collects plates and music boxes.

**KATZCHEN:** Interests and hobbies are cats, cats, cats! Collects thimbles, dolls and teddy bears, loves to travel. Is keen on genealogy, lives in the country.



**BABS:** Interested in writing to older people, who are perhaps confined to home a lot, or those in hospitals or nursing homes. Looking forward to sharing stories about pets. Loves reading, writing, and gardens. Has a cat with a glossy, black velvet coat.

**NOTE:** To get in touch with a pen friend, write her name on a stamped envelope and forward it in another envelope addressed to the Editor, "Cat Affairs," 103 Enmore Road, Enmore, 2042.



## Always Remembered

A small donation in fond memory of our dear friend  
and work colleague.  
Sadly missed by all who knew him. A true friend to us all.  
"Safe Trip, Loui"  
From Brookvale Drivers  
Brookvale Bus Depot  
State Transit Authority of NSW

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A donation in loving memory of our darling Stumpy who  
died in April aged 18 years

From Mrs E Gosling and Mrs C Brennan

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*A donation in memory of Junie, Pattie, Tits, Fatso,  
Charlie and Peter. God has them in His keeping. We have  
them in our hearts for always.*

*From Avis, Frank and Sadie.*

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*A donation in memory of Chloe. We only "owned" you for  
three days, but we knew you were a lovely cat. You came  
with your 10-weeks-old son Jack. Your people were leaving  
... we thought we would do the right thing, so we took you  
to the vet to have your "op." We had hoped to give you a  
comfortable life, but things weren't meant to be and you  
died on June 6, 1991, from complications. We were all so  
very sad and very sorry. The children find it very difficult to  
understand.*

*S, B, L, and C Jacques.*

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A donation in memory of my dearest boy, Fluffy.

Mrs M Trefoni

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In remembrance of our dear Bonnie, who came to us as  
a tiny stray kitten and soon became a loved member of  
our family. Died March 13, 1991 aged 18 years. Dona-  
tion enclosed.

B. Bell

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*A donation in loving memory of Peter.*

*Miss S. Levitt*

A donation in memory of a beautiful and loving cat,  
Pete, who died on 17th July, 1989. Greatly missed by  
Wendy Irish.

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*A memorial donation to my darling Sam, who developed  
a nasty skin complaint and had to be put to sleep yester-  
day.*

*I am inconsolate. Sam was my baby and loving compan-  
ion. I thank you good people for introducing us to one  
another.*

*Phyl Schott*

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A donation in loving memory of Gini and Suni.

Mrs A. Bell.

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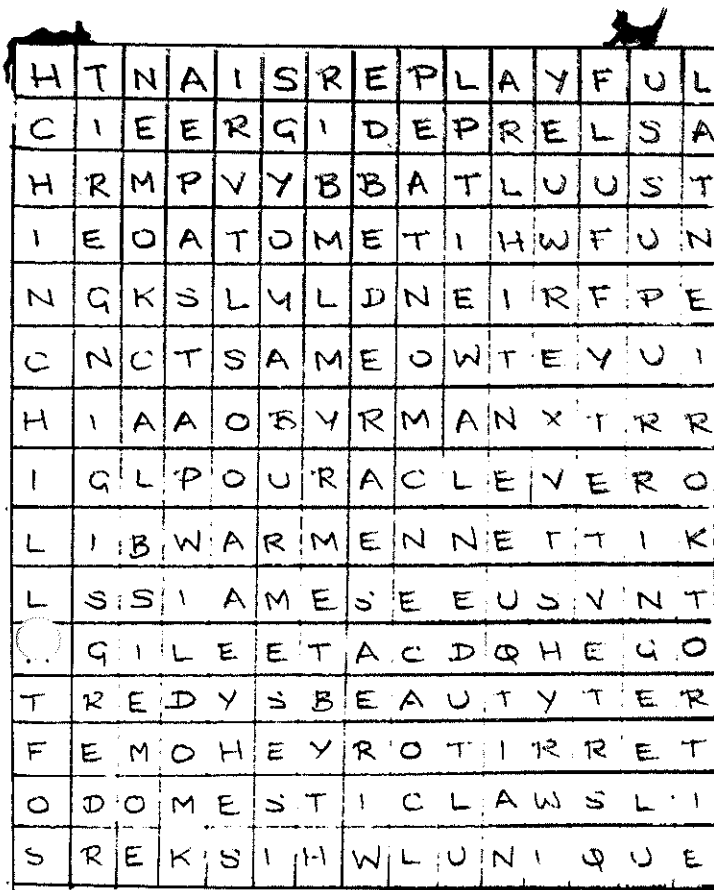
*A donation in memory of Jasper, who gave us four years  
of great joy. Dearly loved and sadly missed by  
Helena and John.*

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### This is Etna:

Now a handsome 2 and a half years old, this striking  
tabby was only a baby when Penny Ferguson found her.  
Her tail was damaged, as if caught in a door or trodden  
on, and had to be cleaned up and stitched. She shares  
Penny's home on the South Coast with Dolly, and from  
Penny's comprehensive answer to our Questionnaire,  
they lead blissful lives.



©NATALIE MILLS '41, "FOR EMMA"

## WORDSEARCH

This Wordsearch was composed by Natalie Mills in honour of her cat Emma.

To play, find the words in the puzzle and cross them out with a straight line. Words go up and down as well as across, and some letters are used more than once. When you have found all the words, the left over letters give you the name of a lovely breed of cat.

Agile	Home	Siamese
Beauty	Kitten	Sly
Black	Love	Soft
Burmese	Manx	Tabby
Cat	Meow	Territory
Chinchilla	Oriental	Tom
Claws	Pat	Tortie
Clever	Pedigree	Unique
Crossbreed	Persian	Vet
Domestic	Pet	Warm
Feline	Playful	Whiskers
Fluffy	Purring	White
Friendly	Queen	Wild
Fun	Rex	
Fur		
Ginger		
Himalayan		

Hidden Breed:



Thanks to member Paul Parv for this oh-so-true cartoon

# WARNING: Rat Poison

## Warfarin Poisoning in Cats

By Alice Noe-Nordberg BVSc

Our readers, I am sure, are well aware of the fascination which mice and rats hold for cats, but how many of you are aware that this could be a potentially dangerous attraction?

Pesticides containing the poison Warfarin are a most successful means of controlling the rodent population. However, these poisons also pose a very real threat to curious felines. Cats can become poisoned by catching and consuming rodents rendered weak by Warfarin, or by ingesting baits intended for rats and mice.

Warfarin interferes with the normal clotting process of blood by inducing a deficiency in Vitamin K. It also damages tiny blood vessels and enables blood to leak into surrounding tissues.

Altered mechanisms of blood clotting may have varied manifestations. In acute poisonings, the cat may be found dead with little or no previous signs. In the chronic condition the poison acts slowly over a period of about a week.

Normal muscle movement as the cat walks, runs or jumps can be enough to initiate blood leakage from damaged vessels. Bleeding continues because normal clotting procedures no longer exist.

Clinical signs relate to massive bleeding in any location in the body. This uncontrolled bleeding may be external, through apparently insignificant wounds, or internal into body cavities, joints, or even the spinal cord.

There may be a bloody discharge from the mouth, nose or anus, bruising under the skin and gums, blood in the faeces or urine.

This blood loss leads to anaemia (low level of red blood cells) and the affected cat will become weak and extremely listless due to inadequate oxygen supply to the tissues.

Veterinary treatment for Warfarin poisoning comes in two forms. The first situation is where an owner suspects that the cat has very recently ingested either bait or a poisoned rodent. Vomiting is induced to prevent the Warfarin from entering the blood stream from the stomach or intestines, and Vitamin K therapy is instituted.

Treatment of a cat already exhibiting signs of toxicity is a considerably more difficult and often heartbreaking task, as the injured blood vessels can not be mended. Blood transfusions are usually required in severe cases

and prolonged Vitamin K therapy is necessary. Absolute confinement is essential to prevent further bleeding.

Unfortunately Warfarin is not exclusively toxic to rodents, and due to its ready availability to the general public, baits are not always secure from family pets.

I recommend alternative methods of rodent control in areas where there are cats. Or, if Warfarin must be used, great care must be taken to ensure that baits are placed where cats cannot reach them. Even so, rodents that have eaten Warfarin can leave the "safe place" and can be caught and eaten by cats. It's a grave risk to take.

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Ed's note: Obviously, if you see your cat playing with a rat or mouse you have to make sure it's not eaten. Take the cat away, and remove the rodent. You should also check with neighbours to see if they're using Warfarin, and point out the dangers.

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*Cats know how to obtain food without labor,  
shelter without confinement, and love without  
penalties.*

W. L. GEORGE



## VERY TASTY!

Sitting in pot plants is a favourite pastime of Onions, who belongs to new member Cris Johnson. How did she get the name Onions? Cris says it's because her mother is a "silly Sausage!"



## *A Special Appeal:* *Can you help our Op Shop?*

For years, our Opportunity Shop has provided the Society with an excellent source of income to help carry out its welfare work.

People have been very kind in donating goods, so we have always had well stocked shelves and clothing racks.

Today, in the recession, fewer goods are coming in. It's quite understandable. People can't afford to give away clothes as they used to, or household items. Everyone is "making do."

The consequence is, we are finding it difficult to stock the shop. And we need the help of each and every member.

Below is a list of things we sell in the shop. Would you be kind enough to go through your wardrobe and cupboards and tool shed and garage, and see if you have anything at all to spare? Would you also ask friends and neighbours and colleagues if they can help?

If you have transport, and can bring goods to the shop, that would be wonderful. The address is 87 Enmore Road, Enmore, just a few blocks from Newtown Station. Monday to Friday, the best time for making a delivery is between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm. On Saturday mornings you can deliver between 9.30 and 11.30 am.

If it's not possible to call, we can arrange to have goods picked up. Please ring Jo Tomkin on 713 8576, or the Welfare Office on 51 1011, and we'll organise a day to suit you.

Thank you.

### *Any of the following would be most welcome*

Kitchenware  
Magazines  
China  
Glassware  
Cutlery

Books  
Fancywork  
Records  
Paintings

D'Oyleys  
Crocery  
Cushions  
Curtains

### *Clothing of all sorts for Men, Women and Children.*

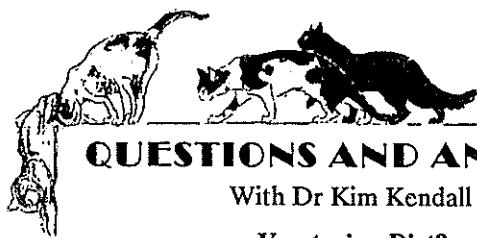
Jewellery  
Suitcases  
Lamps and Shades  
Sheets  
Blankets - Towels  
Tablecloths

Garden Implements  
Workshop Tools  
Sporting Equipment  
Small electrical goods  
in working order  
Cameras in working order

Ornaments  
Pot Plants  
Rugs  
Umbrellas  
Craft work of all kinds  
Toys, puzzles

*P.S: The shop is staffed by volunteers, and new volunteers are always received with open arms! You can sell in the shop (always with one other person) or take part in working bees "behind the scenes." Even one day a month would be appreciated, so please give Jo Tomkin a call on 713 8576 if you can spare a little time in the shop itself.*

*STOP PRESS:* We also urgently need skirt and trouser hangers - the ones with clips. Any spares in your wardrobe would be most appreciated.



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

With Dr Kim Kendall

### Vegetarian Diet?

**Q:** *I have recently become a vegetarian, and now have an aversion to touching meat, or even opening a can of cat food. My question is, can I bring up my kitten (now aged 12 weeks) on a vegetarian diet? I am prepared to include cheese and eggs.*

*Lillian (Gosford)*

**A:** The short answer is NO. Your kitten will go blind, develop heart trouble and be unable to digest food properly if you persist with a vegetarian diet. Cats have evolved as strict carnivores, and require an extremely high level of taurine, which only comes from meat and other animal products, in their daily diet.

Their digestive tract is neither large enough for, nor suited to the prolonged digestion required to get nutrients from even a well-balanced human vegetarian diet. Eggs and cheese aren't good enough.

Clams and mussels (the actual creatures, not their juices) are very rich in taurine, and a diet could probably be devised to take care of that. However, cats also require some very specialised fats that only come from animals, and supplementing these would be a formidable expense. Using gloves and opening tins of cat food . . . plus some dried food now and then . . . is the only viable alternative if you wish to keep a cat. If you insist on a vegetarian diet, you can have for your companion a dog, a rat or a human.

### Wool Sucking

**Q:** *My 12 year old desexed male cat has a peculiar habit. In winter, when I bring out a hand-knitted patchwork rug for the sofa, he spends a lot of time kneading the rug with his front legs while he sucks a piece of it in his mouth. It looks very odd. Should I try to stop him, and what do you suggest?*

*Pamela (Hurstville)*

This habit, called wool sucking, is common. It is usually much more intense as well - ALL wool is sucked, ALL year round! It often occurs in kittens weaned very early who usually grow out of it, and Siamese. In Siamese, it seems to be a genetically inherited tendency, and they don't outgrow the habit. Is your cat a Siamese or part-Siamese by any chance?

## Oh Cat of my Heart...

### *A Tribute to Mugsy*

Oh cat of my heart, I loved you the moment I saw you and it was sheer delight when you came home with me. Trials, trauma and illness, together we fought them and won and our bonding was complete and intense. You were the perfect cat for me and we shared a mutual love affair. You, my adorable gentle cat with not a whit of meanness in your nature; your zest for life, your sense of humour, your cheekiness filled my days with happiness.

Joy was burying my nose in your plush velvety coat. Oh the clean warm scent of you, the silky softness of your fur against my face, the happy bubblings of a purr rising from silence to sound. Joy was watching you striding through my life, thick pantaloons of curls on your back legs, coat lavish with waves, gleaming with life and health.

Your tail danced, eloquent in its movements, speaking silent words of love as it balleted back and forth. Ears, great bat ears that captured my words of love and sent them to eyes glistening with expectations of loving. I see you still, cantilevered at a gravity defying angle from the table's edge, stretching out for yet another caress. And always I had time to hold you, to cuddle all that love to my heart.

Your body, solid and chunky, but weightless on my chest under the covers. You would lie with your neck stretched out, face near mine, gentle sighs of breathing caressing me. I would wake and feel joy just looking at your serene face, hands happy to pause from sleep to stroke your coat, content strong within me just from the closeness of you. Awake or asleep you were my delight. Triumph and tragedy were sweeter or easier with you in my arms.

I held you at the vet that final hour. I laid you to rest in the garden afterward, hands shaking with grief at the finality of my actions, a spray of flowers and tears featherlight on your side. Soil gently laid over you until you were gone from my sight, from my touch. Now only memories accompany me. Dear dear cat of my heart, I wanted nothing more than to love you throughout your natural lifespan, to lose you only when your sight was dim and your step was slow. Not so soon and in the prime of your life when we had so much still to share.

The others know you are gone. They gather round to console me but there is scant comfort in their presence. I love them no less than I did before but never did I love them so deeply as you, cat of my heart. Days are empty, tears rise unbidden, my grief clinging to me as memories of you constantly invade my thoughts.

Oh Cat of My Heart, why did it have to be?

Lee Wright

Anyway, if he is 12 years old and does not get constipated from ingesting the fibres, and only does it in the winter anyway, I really don't see the point in making a huge effort to stop him. It is a very difficult habit to break, and so well established at his age that it would be a significant disruption to both of you to call a halt now.

### Feeding Offal

**Q:** *I have four adult cats, and they all enjoy a meal of offal now and then. Once a week I give them calf or lamb's liver, and every second week or so they also have kidneys or heart as one meal of the day. Other cat owners I know say that offal is not good for them. Your opinion, please.*

*Eva (Lalor Park)*

**A:** Liver once a week is fine. Nearly anything now and then is unlikely to be harmful. Liver is very rich in vitamin A, however, and a prolonged excess of that leads to painful bone and joint deformities, even death - so you can see what I mean by "now and then." (Early Antarctic explorers accidentally poisoned their dogs by feeding them seal livers, which have similar high levels of vitamin A).

The other problem with offal relates rather more to getting assorted worms from uncooked offal. Consider cooking it, and also be regular with your worming programme.



Lee and Mugsy. He had to have an eye removed because of damage in kittenhood. Turning somersaults on his ear was a favourite party trick. Of all the cats in Lee's life Mugsy was the one special one.

A special word about heart:

Heart is a muscle, and as such has an imbalance of calcium to phosphorus. A diet based only on muscle meat, with no balancing supplements, will result in brittle bones, breaking and deforming the cat permanently.

So remember, variety is the keynote. Cats do not automatically select a good diet for themselves. Early training and an exposure to an assortment of foods leads to less trouble in the long run.

### Making Friends

**Q:** This may sound odd to a scientific person, but I have a theory that cats with the same colour coat tend to get on especially well together. I had two black cats once who were inseparable, but they ignored the ginger cat in the household. Likewise, I have a friend with three grey tabbies (not from the same litter) who play together all the time, but they seem to resent the tortoiseshell cat.

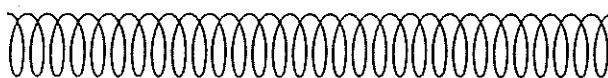
Do you think there could be something to my theory, or am I just fantasising?

*Keith (Lindfield)*

**A:** First, a note on cats' vision:

Cats' eyes are designed to help them hunt in the night, so they are able to see in one tenth of the light necessary for human vision. This means that their retina - the light sensitive portion of the eye, equivalent to the film in the camera - has a greater proportion of the nerve ends called rods. These function very well in dim light, and are arranged in a pattern that allows them to detect movement very efficiently. The nerve ends which detect colour are called cones, are in small numbers, and are useful only in bright light. There seems to be controversy over whether cats can see in colour, but it is certainly not an acute sense. Colour differentiation is therefore not likely to be an important criteria in forming feline friendships.

Cats probably select their "best friends" on body language, smell and some vocal messages. It is interesting to note that they outgrow their family relationships by the age of five to six months, when brothers will mate with sisters, sons with mothers etc, and establish relationships independently from then on. A tension-filled or frightening first meeting will influence the relationship between two cats for quite a long time, which is why introductions should be made cautiously. It is probably your friend's tortoiseshell sending out "leave me alone" signals which deters the other cats from approaching her. So they have formed a social bond together.





# Time to think about Christmas!



## Cards

We have a limited amount of last year's lovely tabby cards left. Order in packs of five - with a Christmas message inside, or plain. \$3.00 per pack, including postage.

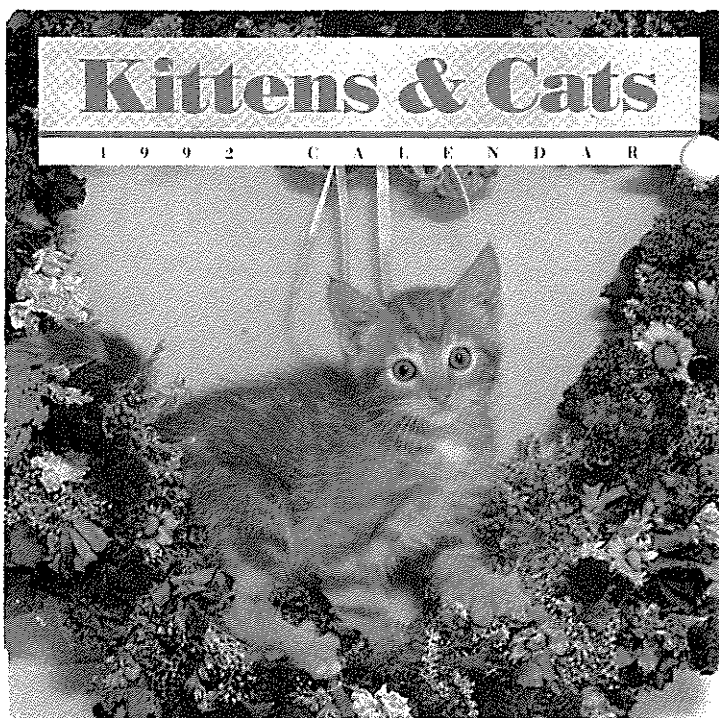
## Bookmarks

A choice of two designs - ginger kitten with a tassel, or Merry Christmas cat, with a tab. \$2.50 each, including postage. Note: Kitten book mark matches calendar below.



## Adorable Calendar

A book-size calendar with 12 irresistible photographs. The perfect "little gift." Only \$5.50, including postage.





# Which will you Order?

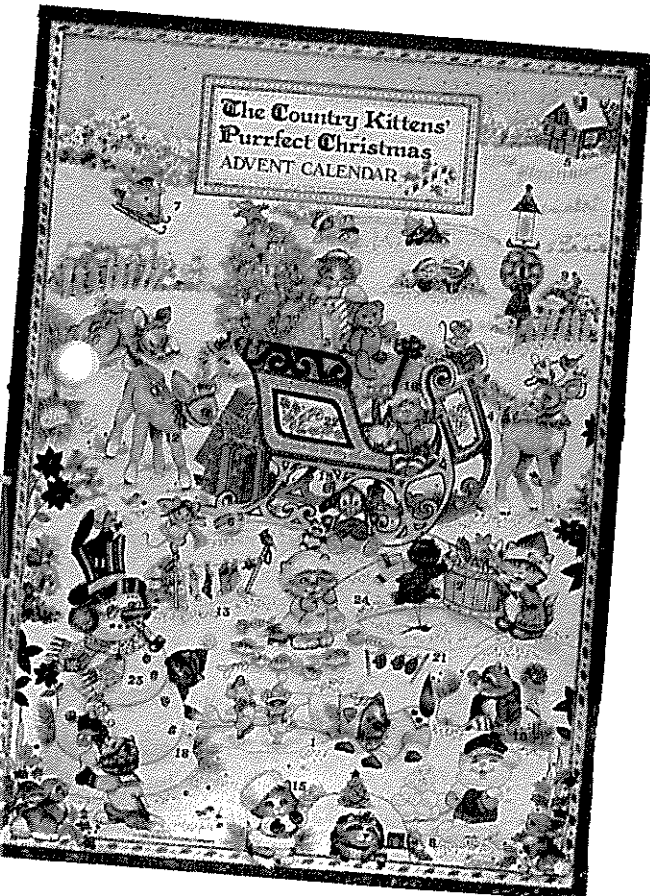
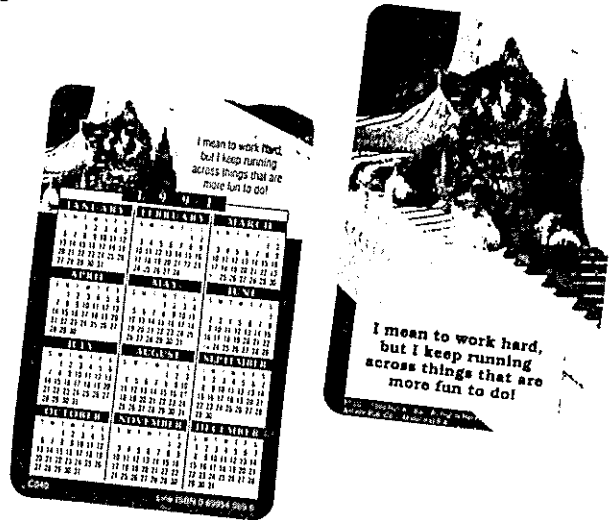
## Pocket/Wallet Calendar Card

Ginger kitten on the front, handy calendar on the back. Plasticised, and the same size as a credit card. Just \$1.75, including postage.

*Yes! All the items are  
in Beautiful full colour*

## Advent Calendar Featuring Kittens

Children adore it! For 25 days leading to Christmas, they open a little "window" to reveal a kitten beneath. Very much a family tradition, and \$5.50 including postage.



## ORDER FORM

To Christmas Orders,  
Cat Protection Society of NSW,  
103 Enmore Road, Enmore, 2042.  
Please send me the following:

Packs of cards, five cards in each pack, at \$3.00 per pack  
Total \$..... (please indicate whether you want  
packs with a Christmas greeting, or plain.)

Bookmarks, at \$2.50 each. Ginger kitten ( )  
Merry Christmas ( ). Total \$.....

Calendars, at \$5.50 each. Total \$.....

Pocket calendar cards, at \$1.75 each. Total \$.....

Advent calendars, at \$5.50 each. Total \$.....

I enclose a cheque/money order for the total amount.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

.....P/c:.....

Please note: Cheques should be crossed and made  
payable to The Cat Protection Society of NSW.

## The Cats' Mother

*Just around the corner  
At the end of the street  
Lives a funny woman  
Everyone should meet  
Middle-aged and plumpy  
She loves all her pets  
If you care to count them  
She has over twenty pussy cats!  
She loves them and feeds them  
Expenses are not funny  
But she doesn't mind that  
After all it's only money  
They come in all colours  
Black, white, brown and tabby  
Tortoiseshell and stripy  
And none of them looks shabby!  
It is a cat's haven here  
For each dumped one and stray  
No matter what may turn up  
It's never turned away  
Who is the cats' mother?  
How come I know and why?  
I'll tell you the secret  
The cats' mother - am I!*



## The right word is "Depression"

A recent U.S. study reported on cats suffering from depression. Some of the researchers originally shied away from using that word to describe the cats' symptoms, because they felt it attributed "human" characteristics to the cats - ie, it anthropomorphized them. They believed only humans could be depressed.

But at the end of the study there was general agreement that the symptoms equated exactly with the way depressed humans behaved, and it was the only word that would do.

They also discovered that the reasons the cats were depressed were much as the same as the reasons humans are depressed.

They had lost an animal companion or an owner, or had moved to a new home, or were threatened by an aggressive animal or human in their environment, or weren't receiving enough affection, or felt their position was usurped by a newcomer to the family.

Isn't it interesting that scientists had to work so hard to find out what we already know?

Of course cats can get depressed. Of course cats can feel happy. Of course cats can return the love we have for them.

Being sensitive to our own feelings gives us an insight into the feelings of our dear companions.

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The accompanying article, Cross species applicability of psychiatric diagnosis and treatment appeared in The British Medical Journal, December 23-30, 1989. Its author is senior registrar in psychiatry at Glanrhyd Hospital, Mid Glamorgan, Wales. It graphically describes the symptoms and treatment of a cat suffering from depression, and I am indebted to CPS member Norma Gray for sending it in. - Editor.



This is Ann, author of the poem "The Cats' Mother." She cares for over 20 cats, all desexed and all in wonderful condition.

# Cross species applicability of psychiatric diagnosis and treatment

Linda R Montague

The diagnostic problems caused by depressive pseudodementia are well recognised in humans. Little consideration, however, has been given to the possibility that such a syndrome may occur in other species. I report a case of depressive pseudodementia in a domestic cat

## Case report

The patient was a female tortoiseshell and white cat of unknown age but judged by experienced observers to be between 12 and 15. She came to the notice of the medical profession after the death of her 89 year old owner, being discovered living in conditions of squalor by the owner's general practitioner. There was clear evidence of self neglect as her fur was matted with filth and complete loss of previous house training skills was apparent. Both ears were infected and discharging. The general practitioner obtained custody of the cat and sought the advice of a veterinary practitioner, who successfully treated the ear infection. She remained withdrawn and self neglecting; washing behaviour was rarely observed, house training could not be re-established, and she spent most of her time crouched in a corner in the utility room of the doctor's home. Later she left the house and was found in a disused outside toilet, where she remained for some time, refusing food and water that were put down for her. The doctor thought that senile dementia was the likely diagnosis and that euthanasia was the only humane option.

The case came to my attention, and I thought that diagnostic and treatment options had not been exhausted and took the cat into my care for an intensive rehabilitation programme. The daily programme devised included intensive stroking and lengthy periods of being held on my lap; brushing of matted fur to encourage washing behaviour; small tempting meals and ample quantities of milk; occupational therapy with a catnip mouse and a length of string; and a regular toileting programme. Contact with other cats resident in my household provided role models and further stimulation.

The response to treatment was dramatic. One month after commencing the programme she was alert, sociable, and active. Her fur was clean and washing



*Patient after intensive rehabilitation programme*

behaviour was often observed. Difficulty remained in establishing house training because of episodic diarrhoea, but this was found to be secondary to overindulgence in milk drinking, and a rationing scheme successfully overcame the problem. She subsequently succeeded in establishing a dominant position in the household cat hierarchy and showed herself capable of learning new skills by mastering the use of the catflap.

## Comment

The apparent intractability of the cat's condition initially led to a diagnosis of dementia, but the response to intensive treatment showed a reversible condition. The preceding neglect by her dying owner and the subsequent bereavement may have been the precipitants of a reactive depression presenting as pseudodementia. As in elderly humans, social stimulation and encouragement of self care skills were important in restoring normal functioning. The maintenance of continence by regular toileting and avoidance of bowel disturbance also parallels the treatment of elderly human patients.

This case emphasises the importance of considering treatable causes in apparently demented patients, both human and feline, and also indicates that principles of rehabilitative treatment are applicable beyond the human species.



## *A Gem Indeed:*

This gorgeous jet black girl is Gemma, companion to Life Governor June Holdup and fellow felines Ahley and Teake.



## WELFARE REPORT

Activity in the welfare section this year has been more hectic than ever.

We always look forward each year to May through to October when there are few kittens around. This year has not been so kind to us, and it is only now - at the end of July - that we are having a break. The one or two kittens appearing each week are of course in great demand.

Our first full year in our updated premises has been a tremendous success, justifying the upheaval for the Op Shop.

Many animals are surrendered or brought in for desexing, thus making less work for our vans. Even so, we always have over 200 jobs outstanding. Our fourth van is seldom to be seen parked in the lane. Instead it is busily doing pickups and emergencies in nearby areas.

Our list of cooperating veterinary surgeons has grown, and our thanks to them is enormous. After all, they are not only invaluable but crucial to our operation. Our friends at Petersham Veterinary Hospital sorrowfully, but with great compassion - and sometimes anger - euthanise lots of emergency cases without charge.

Although we are doing many pick-ups of wild and nervous cats there are far fewer colonies of these pitiful creatures. National Parks and Wildlife may differ on their views in this, but then we don't work in their areas, unfortunately.

A new technique of identification, namely the microchip, is being introduced in some quarters. While we strongly agree with any standard form of identification and registration, we are waiting for this to become universally recognised and properly organised before we embrace it.

In the meantime, we do ask your vet to tattoo your cat's ear when being desexed. Quite often, we attempt unnecessarily to spey a cat for re-homing, only to find it has already been done. A tattoo alerts us immediately that there is no need. A plea, also, for you to spread the necessity of desexing.

All in all our figures for the year have been satisfactory, except for home finding. We continue to advertise, and in fact have increased our advertising. Ron and Shirley at Parkland Boarding Kennels are doing a great job - but then they love cats and kittens as much as we do.

Ron has recently extended our runs to include a play area with scratching poles, chairs, look-out seats, a tree trunk etc. The cats love it, and those who have been there a few weeks claim their special spots, just like ours. It's fun and a joy to watch them.

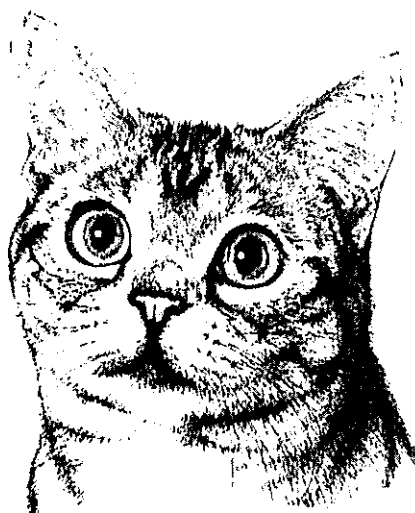
Finally, thanks to our Welfare Officers, about whom we constantly receive compliments, and of course Lena Larsen and June Chapman for their untiring efforts.

As usual at this time of the year we give our figures, which are:

Desexing: 4,153. Euthanasia: 5,547. Homes Found: 634. Jobs Completed: 5307.

Let's look forward to more homes found, more desexing, and less euthanasia in the coming year.

Nance Iredale  
Welfare Director



### "My Cat"

*You're lovable, playful, intelligent, bright,  
Sleepy by day and active by night,  
Gracefully beautiful.  
Impeccably groomed,  
No need for fine feather, expensive perfume.  
Sultry, provocative, seductive and more,  
You're the one that my heart will always adore,  
When the day has been bad and life feels flat,  
I return home to you . . .  
My darling cat.*

A delightful poem found on a tea towel by member Nona Wilkinson.

## Welcome New Members

The following members joined during the last part of April, May, June and July. We thank you for your interest and support, and hope you'll be with us for many years to come.,

Ms J Passfield of Turramurra South. Miss J Gilbert of Yagonna. Miss S McDermott of Summer Hill. Mr and Mrs Schwartz of Summer Hill. Mrs M Rode of Pennant Hills. Miss B Boulton of Wodonga. Miss R Boulton of Wodonga. Mr and Mrs Alexander of Balmain. Mr and Mrs Markezinis of Paddington. Ms J Skillings of Newtown. Mrs R Seach of Randwick. Miss N Cliffs of Higgins. Ms A Adamou of Tempe. Ms L Willison of Mosman. Mr M Wright of Lilyfield. Miss D Theaker of St Peters. Mrs S Icker of St Peters. Dr and Mrs Miller of Mosman. Ms K Hudson of Strathfield. Mrs L Godina Killara. Mr S Woods of Katoomba. Mrs E Taylor of Dulwich Hill. Ms P Moore of Oatley. Ms T Knight of Enmore. Ms R Farr of Waverton. Ms B Munday of Stanmore. Ms D North of Cammeray. Ms S Thompson of Strathfield. Ms I Hamilton-Smith of Heathcote. Mrs H Shalquist of Grafton. Mrs L MacGregor of Marrickville. Ms S Puchy of Epping. Ms M Crilley of Rydalmere. Ms L Wilson of Birrong. Mrs J Pederson of Regents Park. Mrs Delaney of Auburn. Mrs S Tooker of Auburn. Mrs M Riley of Auburn. Ms N Silva of Paddington. Mrs J Gerraghty of Waverley. M Ireland of Pymble. Ms J Maloney of Drummoine. Mrs B Hoske of Waverley. Master A and Miss C Gothard of Kareela.

## STOP PRESS

### From the Central Coast

Central Coast Cat Care Inc had a bumper attendance at Annual General Meeting on July 17, when the following dedicated people shouldered the huge task of caring for cats in this extensive area:

President: Mrs June Brown. Vice-President: Mrs Dorothy Haines. Secretary: Mrs Sandra Eden. Treasurer: Mrs Lyn Campbell. Publicity Officers: Woy Woy Peninsula, Mrs Una Erickson. North, Ms Jenny Robinson. Welfare Officers: Northern area, Mrs Merlene Nichols and Ms Jenny Robinson. Woy Woy Peninsula, Mrs Lyn Campbell.

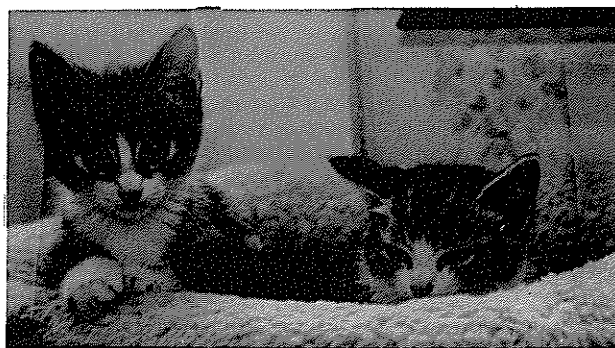
Opportunity Shop Committee: Coordinator, Mrs Una Erickson with Mrs June Brown and Mrs Lyn Campbell.

Publicity Officer: Mrs Sandra Eden.

And warmest regards to all in Sydney from all here.

P.S: And thanks to all on the Central Coast for the support you give to Cat Protection. - JG

Miss L Kerry of Matraville. Mrs D Harnett of Broadbeach. Mrs S Brennan of Beecroft. Miss R Carnegie of Cronulla. Mr P Clarke of Stanmore. Mr A Cremer of Enmore. Mrs A Foster of South Hurstville. Mrs G Clayton of Empire Bay. Mrs L Hodges of Auburn. Ms V King of Mortdale. Miss H Lawlis of Tascott. L Lawther of Peakhurst. Mr and Mrs R Norman of Marrickville. C Partridge of Caringbah. Ms D Spilsted of Panania. Miss B Wood of Winston Hills. Miss S Wood of Mosman. E Daniel of Sussex Inlet. V Howard of Mosman. Ms R Love of Balmain. N and P Sinclair of Baulkham Hills. Mrs P William of Marrickville. Mrs P Allen of Kincumber. Ms A Armstrong of Concord West. Mrs L Begley of North Balgowlah. Ms E Budek of Bondi. Miss D Coll of Enmore. Mrs M Davey of Copacabana. Miss C Eden of Kincumber. Ms C Evenhuis of North Ryde. Mr and Mrs D Farr of Gosford. Mrs A Gillespie of Wollstonecraft. Ms M Greenwood of Erskine Park. Mrs N Jessop-Smith of Berkshire Park. Mr C Elliott of Ourimbah. Mrs I Johnson of Katoomba. Mrs H Karagiannopoulos of Randwick. Mr M Kass of Randwick. L Keher of Blaxland. Ms J McLachlan of Kogarah. Ms J Neville of Merrylands. Mr S O'Bryan of Annandale. Mr and Mrs P Parv of Ashfield. Miss C Pennock of Summer Hill. Miss L Purcell of Hornsby. Ms K Phelps of North Sydney. Ms D Rodgers of Northmead. L Rowling of Five Dock. Mrs B Summers of Inverell.



### *Sister Sister*

These two sweet kittens are sisters, who live with Life Governor Jenny Nelson.

On the left is tortoiseshell Mitzy, very outgoing and into everything. On the right is silver tabby Tally, whose name comes from Paul Gallico's book "Tomasina." In the book, a little cat was called Talitha, which means "little girl." Tally is very gentle and spends lots of time on Jenny's knee.

They are resting in a beautifully padded bed at the top of their scratching post.



# My Top 12 Cat Tips

By Dorothy Haines

1. Stroking is good for you, as well as giving pleasure! Stroking a pet has been proved to reduce one's blood pressure, and can even reduce the risk of heart disease.

2. Don't neglect an outside cat. If your cat is rarely indoors, an owner may not pay regular attention to worming, de-fleaing, cleaning ears, and checking droppings for worms etc. TLC is necessary for all cats.

3. Your puss has a "little accident on the carpet?" White vinegar is good for cleaning up. If a stronger deodoriser is necessary, get "Nil Odor" from your chemist or vet.

4. Save up for possible vet bills. Get a special money box with your pet's name on it, and pop in a set amount each week, plus any spare change you can spare.

5. "Cats can live on rats and mice." Wrong! Puss won't eat either unless starving, and then may acquire tapeworms. Every cat needs good nourishing food. Real food!

6. Be careful with collars. A collar with a tag is a good idea, but the collar should be pliable and have an elastic insert. Don't use rigid leather or ribbon - a cat can get caught up, you know how adventurous they are.

7. Never give your cat aspirin or other analgesics. They are toxic to cats, and can have serious consequences.

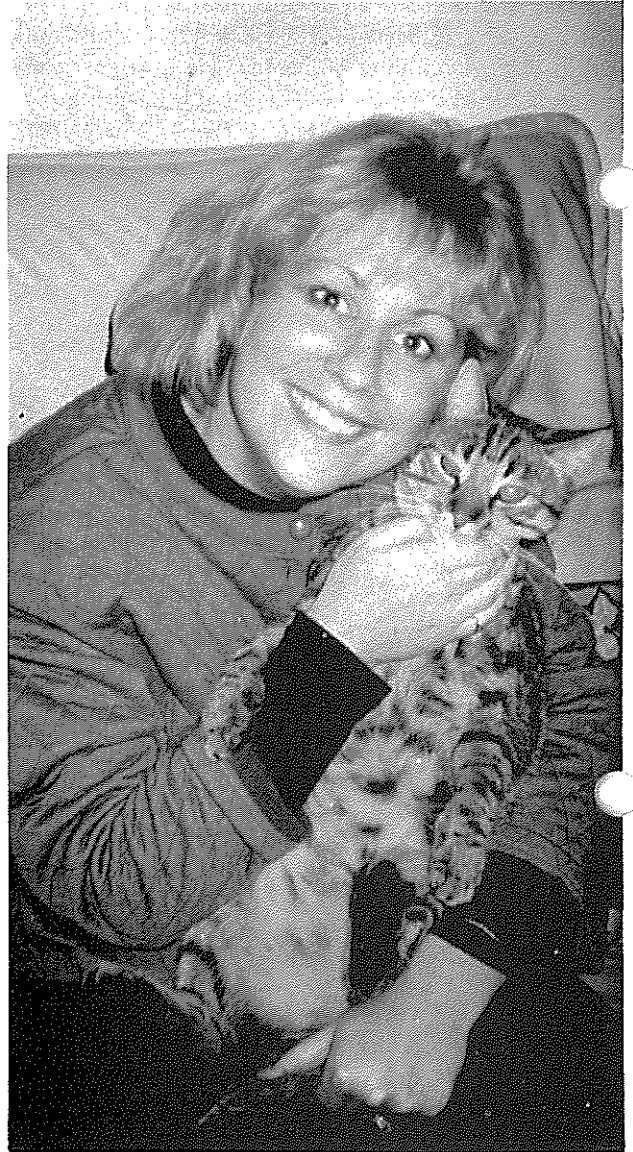
8. Don't use any disinfectant (eg Dettol) on wounds. The only exception is a weak solution (3%) peroxide, ALL others are toxic to cats. Don't use disinfectants near their sleeping quarters, either.

9. If paint spills or brushes on your cat, NEVER try to remove it with turps or any other solvent. This can cause very bad burning. Allow it to grow out, then trim off with scissors. If it's a water-based paint, wash with Sunlight soap or Johnson's "No Tears" shampoo.

10. Groom often to guard against fur balls. This is especially necessary in spring and autumn, due to heavy fur loss. NEVER give liquid paraffin for fur balls, see the vet if you are concerned.

11. If you see a tick, remove it at once. Use tweezers or your fingernails, as close to the cat's skin as possible. Don't worry if the head might be left in, and DON'T EVER use kerosene, turps or hot needles to try to kill the tick. If there are any symptoms of tick poisoning, go straight to the vet after the tick has been removed.

12. Be careful when choosing indoor plants. Dieffenbachia, philodendrons and many large-leaved ivies are VERY poisonous. Watch out your cat doesn't chew on them (The Poisons Information Centre in Sydney, phone: 692 6111, can give you a list of plants to avoid.)



## A Prisoner of Love

This fine specimen of a tabby was born in captivity at the Central Industrial Prison, located at Long Bay Jail. He is pictured with Sue Thomas, who was a former employee at the prison - not to be confused with an inmate!

## *An Apology and a Thank You from the Editor*

First, I must apologize for not publishing the answers to the questionnaire which appeared in our last issue. Over 100 members took the time and trouble to reply, and without a computer it has been a gargantuan task trying to collate the information. Also, I get sidetracked all the time by fascinating snippets, and lose my place!

Rather than rush with the collating, I am saving up the responses for our December issue. I'll also be able to use more space then, hopefully. This issue is packed with information that **MUST** go in.

I also want to apologize to members whose contributions may not have gone in this time, including other winners in our Story Contest. I try to keep a balance between fact, information and just plain entertainment, and that means saving up some wonderful contributions for the appropriate time.

Talking of the Story Contest, you remember that the main prize was a painting of the winner's cat. Well, Dawn Atkinson's lovely tabby Iris has now been painted by artist Lesley Hood, and superbly framed by a friend of the Society, Tim Robins.

Lesley has been a Councillor for the past year, and has regretfully had to resign for personal reasons. However, she is available to paint a portrait of YOUR cat (or yes, your dog!) if you wish, and if you saw her paintings of Isis you would certainly wish it. Her 'phone number is 909 2607. Next issue I hope to publish a photo of Dawn with the portrait of Isis. Dawn says it is so real she feels like stroking the fur!

Meanwhile, our warmest thanks to Lesley and Tim for producing a unique and wonderful prize.

- Julie Gorrick



## **Give a Cat a Name**

My fourteen year old moggie had died in tragic circumstances, and, bowed down with sorrow, I said, "that's it, I'm never going to have another cat." However, unknown to each other, two of my friends each offered me a kitten from their thoroughbred litters. It would have been ungracious to refuse such thoughtful gifts, so, reluctantly, I arranged to collect both kittens, a Siamese and a Russian Blue, on the same day, hoping to avoid the hierarchy problem.

All that day, the Russian Blue, half the size of the Siamese, belted poor Thai into corners, and when my son returned from school, he said, "The blue one's a bit aggro, isn't she?"

She was suppose to be Princess Anastasia Something or Other, but, "AGGRO" she remained. All my friends abhor the name, one even insisting on calling her "Agnes," but to me, the name has a beautiful sound, because, of all the beloved cats whose lives I have been privileged to share, Aggro is the most special, an extension of my spirit, a truly wonderful being. - Barbara Kuhn.

## **MISSING CATS**

Reports of missing cats continue to pour in. We apologize to all those people who couldn't get through to S.A.F.E. (Save Animals From Exploitation.) The new number for S.A.F.E. is 519 3724 . . . ask for Scott. Also, be sure to report details of your lost cat to your local Police Station and Neighbourhood Watch. And please, try to be aware of your cats' whereabouts at all times. The cats we are hearing about are loved, desexed pets who have never roamed before... and never return.

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## CATS

*The really great thing about cats is their endless variety. One can pick a cat to fit almost any kind of decor, colour scheme, income, personality, mood. But under the fur, whatever colour it may be, there still lies, essentially unchanged, one of the world's free souls.*

- Eric Gurney

*The cat is never vulgar.*

- Carl Van Vechten

*A kitten is chiefly remarkable for rushing about like mad at nothing whatever, and generally stopping before it gets there.*

- Agnes Repplier



## *The Pet Care People*

### GOING AWAY? DON'T WORRY

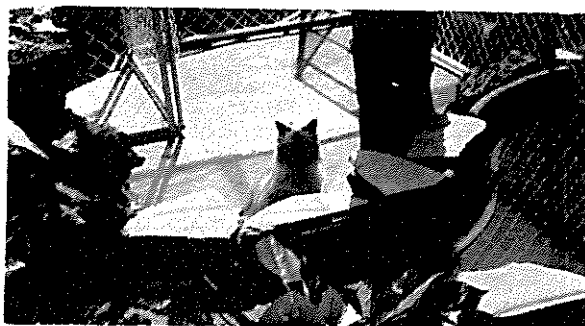
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# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1991

The Directors of The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. submit herewith the balance sheet as at 31 May 1991 and the profit and loss account for the financial year then ended. In order to comply with the provisions of the corporations law, the Directors report as follows:

The names of the Directors in office at the date of this report are:

Mrs. J. Chapman - For three years.  
Mrs. N. Iredale - For eight years.  
Mrs. E. Larsen - For four years.  
Dr. D. Love - For three years.  
Mrs. S. Pikler - For six years.  
Ms. L. Thomas - For five years.  
Ms. J. Tomkin - For seven years.  
Mrs. B. Walsh - For three years.  
Mrs. S. Forsyth - For two years.  
Ms. L. Hood - For one year.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Society's principal activities in the course of the financial year were: Desexing of felines and prevention of cruelty. During the financial year there was no significant change in the nature of those activities.

## RESULTS

The net amount of the Society's loss for the financial year was \$15,512.08.

## DIVIDENDS

The Society is a non-profit organisation and no dividends are issuable.

## REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

During the financial year the activities of the Society were confined to those activities shown above, resulting in the net loss as stated.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

During the financial year the Opportunity Shop moved to new premises, resulting in increased efficiency within the welfare section of the Society. However, the relocation also resulted in the Ladies' Auxiliary contribution being reduced in the current financial year due to the necessity of rent payments. The contribution should be maintained at this level in future years. There was no other significant change in the Society's state of affairs other than that referred to in the accounts or notes thereto.

## EVENTS SINCE BALANCE DATE

There has not been any matter or circumstance, other than referred to in the accounts or notes thereto, that has arisen since the end of the financial year, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the Society's operations, the results of those operations, or the Society's state of affairs in financial years after the financial year.

## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

It is the expectation of the Directors that the Society will continue with the activities described above with results similar to those of the past year.

## DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

During or since the financial year, no Director of the Society has received or become entitled to receive (because of a contract made by the company or a related body corporate with the Director, a firm of which the Director is a member, or a company in which the Director has a substantial financial interest) a benefit.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to section 310 (2) of the Corporations Law.

On behalf of the Directors

.....  
N. Iredale  
Director

.....  
L. Thomas  
Director

Signed at Enmore, N.S.W.

Date: 22nd August 1991.

## DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

31st MAY 1991

In the Directors' opinion:

- The accompanying profit and loss account of the Society gives a true and fair view of the Society's loss for the financial year ended 31st May 1991;
- The attached balance sheet of the Society gives a true and fair view of the Society's state of affairs as at the 31st May 1991, and;
- There are, when this statement is made out, reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Except as disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts, the Company's accounts have been made out in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The accounts have been properly prepared by a competent person.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors made pursuant to section 303 (2) of the Corporations Law.

On behalf of the Directors

.....  
N. Iredale  
Director

.....  
L. Thomas  
Director

Signed at Enmore, N.S.W.

Date: 22nd August 1991.

# PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1991

INCOME	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Appeals - welfare	184608.40	155534.51
- general	13386.10	14297.86
Journal advertising	297.19	776.80
Opportunity Shop	19800.00	30300.00
Government grant	11000.00	11000.00
Interest	74398.95	85410.01
Pets in memoriam	635.00	843.00
Sales - Cats	17016.00	15483.00
Memberships to C.P.S.	19536.50	6861.00
Money boxes	1322.91	1190.18
Fund Raising	865.45	2290.08
Recovery of stolen/damaged traps	256.00	
Goods for resale - net of trading	3285.08	
	<u>346407.58</u>	<u>323986.44</u>

EXPENDITURE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Advertising	4442.15	2869.10
Ambulance supplies	587.68	833.68
Auditors' remuneration	1925.00	2035.00
Bank Charges	(384.00)	287.70
Boarding fees	26575.00	26400.00
Cat boxes - net of trading		140.00
Collars & tags - net of trading	365.00	1357.74
Depreciation		
- General	16718.00	
- Buildings	4000.00	
	<u>20718.00</u>	<u>15376.00</u>
Electricity	458.65	772.43
General expenses	1385.56	898.98
Goods for resale - net of trading		418.48
Insurance	2124.87	2690.24
Journal - "Cat Affairs"	15089.96	7914.16
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		356.00
Loss - money stolen	325.50	255.00
Motor vehicle expenses	29360.96	24685.21
Postage	1602.74	1458.24
Printing & Stationery	2215.25	2270.23
Property expenses	6215.35	2323.64
Provided for annual leave	(3066.17)	3353.15
Provided for long service leave	416.44	533.53
Repairs & maintenance	520.00	
Staff amenities	574.43	292.07
Subscriptions and memberships	250.30	724.29
Telephone	4875.12	4098.07
Trade waste disposal	60.00	
Veterinary expenses	169251.88	151596.47
Wages & salaries	127912.89	111766.86
	<u>413802.56</u>	<u>365706.27</u>
	<u>(67394.98)</u>	<u>(41719.83)</u>

OTHER INCOME	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Insurance recovery		2425.44
Net income/expenditure of branches	2063.47	12492.93
Legacies	48627.43	109804.93
Profit on sale of fixed assets	1192.00	
	<u>51882.90</u>	<u>124723.30</u>

NET OPERATING PROFIT/ (LOSS)	(15512.08)	83003.47
Accumulated funds at beginning of year	709169.63	626166.16

UNAPPROPRIATED PROFIT/ (ACCUMULATED LOSS)		
AT 31st MAY 1991	693657.55	709169.63

# BALANCE SHEET as at 31st May 1991

CURRENT ASSETS	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Cash at bank	16461.01	
Other debtors	1382.00	1382.00
Accrued interest	10540.33	13757.40
Prepaid salaries		3028.11
Deposits - Electricity	40.00	40.00
Loan - Ladies Auxiliary		3400.00
Branch balances - Ladies Auxiliary	15159.70	13096.23
	<u>43583.04</u>	<u>34703.74</u>

FIXED ASSETS	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Land - at Directors' valuation 31/5/90	70,000.00	70,000.00
Buildings - at Directors' valuation 31/5/90	160000.00	160000.00
Less: Accumulated depreciation	4000.00	
	<u>156000.00</u>	<u>160000.00</u>
Plant & equipment - at cost	9218.10	8174.10
Less: Accumulated depreciation	4212.00	3364.00
	<u>5004.10</u>	<u>4810.10</u>
Motor vehicles - at cost	93749.95	93100.00
Less: Accumulated depreciation	40347.00	28656.00
	<u>53402.95</u>	<u>64453.95</u>
Office equipment - at cost	10849.90	10849.90
Less: Accumulated depreciation	2086.00	1012.00
	<u>8763.90</u>	<u>9837.90</u>
	<u>293170.95</u>	<u>309101.95</u>

INVESTMENTS	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Deposits at call	60064.82	72399.23
Cash management account	20691.61	
Term deposits	498797.81	498797.81
Shares - Pacific Dunlop Limited at market value (cost \$ nil)	2130.66	1903.23
	<u>581684.90</u>	<u>573100.27</u>

TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED	918438.89	916905.96
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MEMBER FUNDS	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Asset revaluation reserve	184398.00	184398.00
Unappropriated profit	693657.55	709169.63
	<u>878055.55</u>	<u>893567.63</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Bank overdraft		3260.14
Other creditors & accruals	30043.57	7088.69
Provision for long service leave	3517.40	3100.96
Provision for annual leave	6822.37	9888.54
	<u>40383.34</u>	<u>23338.33</u>

TOTAL FUNDS PROVIDED	918438.89	916905.96
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These accounts should be read in conjunction with any attached Notes To The Accounts.



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1991

## Summary of the accounting policies

### General System of Accounting underlying the Financial Statements

Except for certain assets which are separately stated at valuation, the accounts have been prepared in accordance with schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations, Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable accounting standards, and comply with other requirements of the law.

### Accounting Policies which have been significant in the Preparation and Presentation of the Accounts

#### (a) Investments

Investments are shown at cost or market value. Interest received is taken into income on an accruals basis. Dividend income only is taken into income as it is received.

#### (b) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on property, plant & equipment including freehold buildings but excluding land. Depreciation is calculated either on a straight line basis or diminishing value method so as to write off the net cost of each asset during its expected economic life.

#### (c) Income Tax

No tax is payable by the Society as it is exempt from income tax in accordance with Section 23 (g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

### Contingent Asset

The Society as a result of a bequeath by the late Marjorie Faith Barnard owns funds amounting to \$15,000 held in trust by Perpetual Trustees. These funds are to be held during the lifetime of the life tenant of the property held at 29 Sunshine Drive, Point Clare. These funds are to provide for any major repairs that may need to be carried out on the property. This is only a contingent liability as no major repairs are apparent at the present time. These funds and the property itself will vest with the Society on the death of the life tenant.

### LEGACIES ... Year ended 31/5/91

Constance Marie Chambers	32,000.00
Kelen Price	250.00
Elsie Jean Urquart	15,000.00
Aphra Lyal Barclay	500.00
Minnie Gullet Trust	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,400.00</b>

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1991

We have audited the attached accounts in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

# LADIES' AUXILIARY PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1991

INCOME	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Opportunity shop	41573.94	45307.08
Donations	248.27	455.23
Interest received	115.93	45.71
Sale - fixtures & fittings		145.00
	<b>41938.14</b>	<b>45953.02</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Advertising	20.00	
Bank charges	2.65	(8.70)
Cleaning	24.66	
Depreciation	650.00	252.00
Donations To		
The Cat Protection Society of NSW	19800.00	30300.00
Money boxes	246.07	304.10
	<b>20046.07</b>	<b>30604.10</b>
Electricity	497.94	
Insurance	100.00	
Legal Costs		
Re: lease of premises	825.15	
	<b>825.15</b>	
Materials	417.98	384.80
Postage, printing & Stationery	203.72	189.45
Rent	15774.00	1300.00
Repairs & maintenance	524.53	173.07
Staff amenities	44.64	71.24
Telephone	210.33	319.93
Waste disposal	533.00	174.20
	<b>39874.67</b>	<b>33460.09</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT/ (LOSS) BEFORE</b>		
Income tax	2063.47	12492.93
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank	1958.23	5701.07
Change float	40.00	40.00
Electrical installation	486.31	
Deposit - rent bond	2607.16	2607.16
	<b>5091.70</b>	<b>8348.23</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Shop fittings - at cost	10970.00	8400.00
Less: Accumulated depreciation	902.00	252.00
	<b>10068.00</b>	<b>8148.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED</b>	<b>15159.70</b>	<b>16496.23</b>
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Directors' statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law so as to give a true and fair view of:

- the state of affairs of the Society at 31st May, 1991 and of the loss of the Society for the year ended on that date;
- the other matters required by Division 4 of Part 3.6 of that law to be dealt with in the accounts;

and are in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable accounting standards, except as disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts.

Signed at St. Marys

LOWER, RUSSELL & FARR  
Chartered Accountants

Date: 25th August 1991

TEDDY JOHN ZAMMIT  
PARTNER

# MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

To The Secretary, Cat Protection Society of NSW,  
103 Enmore Road, ENMORE, 2042.

## Membership

I/We apply for membership or renewal of membership for the year commencing June, 1991.  
(Note: Those joining between January and June remain financial until June, 1992.)

### Subscription:

Life membership - \$250.00 Annual membership - \$10.00  
Pensioner Membership - \$5.00 Pension Number .....  
Junior membership (16 and under) - \$5.00  
Enclosed is cheque/money order for \$.....  
My name and address are given below.

## Donation

I/We would like to make a donation towards the humane work of the Society.

Enclosed is cheque/money order for \$.....

Please cross all cheques and make payable to  
**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW**

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss ..... Initials .....  
SURNAME, Block letters please.

Address: .....

Postcode: ..... Telephone: .....



## FORM OF BEQUEST

To those caring persons who may be disposed to assist our Society in its work, the following Form of Bequest is suggested:

I give and bequeath to "The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales," for the use and purpose of the said Society, the sum of ..... dollars, free of all death and estate duties, and the receipt of the treasurer of the said Society shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.

The Society, being a corporate body, can receive bequests of real estate as well as money.

## Change of Address Form

The Membership Secretary,  
The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W.  
103 Enmore Road, ENMORE, 2042.

(Please cut out and return  
to address shown)

If you have changed your address since applying for new membership or renewal, would you be kind enough to fill in this form

Surname ..... Initials .....  
(BLOCK LETTERS, PLEASE)

New Address .....

Postcode .....

Previous Address: .....

Thank you for your co-operation