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## Always Remembered

*In loving memory of my dear Tango, who departed from us seven years ago. - Nita Harvey*

*A donation in memory of my former neighbour and friend, Mrs Elsie Smith, who passed away in peace on March 14, 1992. - Mrs C Martin*

*A donation in loving memory of all my friends over the years, but especially lately:*

*Blddy-16, and Harnie-14, both rescued from Auburn Hospital many years ago . . . and in February of this year, my dear Twinkle, a Burmese who should not have died at the early age of six.*

*Tibby, a loved and loving companion for four of her twelve years, slipped away on 26th January, 1992, never to be forgotten.*

*- John Shayler*

*A donation in memory of our beautiful Cesca, who died May 7. She was the best.*

*N and M Lloyd (Darlinghurst)*

*In loving memory of the delightful Soots, who died on 24th October, 1991.*

*Simone, Elizabeth, Gwenda.*

*A donation in memory of our dear pussy, Sizko. He had to be put to sleep on Easter Sunday. He was 15 & a half years old and he had given us all his love. HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED. THE LAST SOUND HE MADE WAS A PURR.*

*Clara and Philip Harrison, and Patches, our other puss and Sizko's life-long friend.*



*In memory of my beloved cat Horlick, put to rest in February 1992, aged 18. Part of me went with you, sweet one.*

*Dot McDonald.*

*Still missing Ginger Pants, the Happy Warrior who was put to sleep aged 13, the victim of a hit and run motor accident at Umlina in February 1992.*

*Ginger Pants was a gentle, loving little cat who battled many physical ills but never knew fear. Once, as a huge dog confronted a neighbour's red setter, G.P. stepped bravely in between and broke it up. Then he escorted the setter back to his home gate, as we all tried to get our breath back! - Vale little mate, Dorothy Haines (Umlina)*

*A donation in loving memory of my darling Tiger, who sadly passed away on 1st August, 1991.*

*Aged 16 years, he came to me when he was a 4 weeks' old baby. We shared all those years together and he was loved by everyone who knew him - a true gentleman among cats. I miss him so very much. "The months will turn to years with each passing day. But cherished memories of him will always stay." - Annette Barber*

*A donation in Loving Memory of my faithful companion Bambi, put to sleep 12th March, 1992. Aged 11 Years.*

*- Elizabeth Strachan*

*A donation in memory of our old cat Smoky, who went to his "sleep" on 8th June, 1992, from kidney failure. He was aged 15 years and four months.*

*- Evelyn and Robin Parsons*

*Please accept a donation in memory of Timothy, who made his home for 12 years with Eileen and is sadly missed. He was great company and very much loved. Now Eileen lives alone she misses him all the time.*

*From Eileen's friend, Ethel Hardy*



## **ANNOUNCING NEW COUNCILLORS**

Acting President Shirley Pikler, and other Councillors, extend a warm welcome to four CPS members who joined Council this year by invitation.

First was Ms Lee Wright, then Mr Fred Price, Mr Geoff Hall and Mrs Megan Breust. Lee has been very active in helping us raise money and enrol members, Fred and Geoff have a wide knowledge of animal matters through their work with The Animal Welfare League, and Megan is a Life Governor of the Society.

The election of office bearers and Councillors for 1992-1993 will take place on October 4th, at our Annual General Meeting - please see the back cover of the magazine for details

## **Why You Didn't Receive A Copy Of "CAT AFFAIRS" Last June**

For several years, we have been printing four issues of "Cat Affairs" a year. They came out in March, June, September and December.

Before that, there were three issues a year, in April, August and December.

For financial reasons, State Council made a decision last March to revert to three issues. To put it very plainly, we couldn't justify the outlay on a fourth when we have to dip into capital to pay our vets. The recession has hit us very badly.

We realize that "Cat Affairs" is a link between members and the Society, but we are sure you will understand our predicament - and that the warm bond will be maintained with three issues a year.

So, your next "Cat Affairs" will be coming to you in December, and thank you for your understanding.

## **An Urgent Reminder! Membership Renewals Were Due Last June!**

Yes, our membership year runs from June to June.

There would have been a reminder in the June issue, except there wasn't one!

We thank those many members who remembered to send in their subscriptions anyway ... and to the rest, would you be kind enough to pop a cheque in the mail as soon as possible?

There's just one exception to the usual renewal procedure - for members who joined the Society between January and June of this year. In that case, you don't need to renew until June of 1993, then it's every June as usual.

Thank you for your support. We couldn't do without it. You'll find the necessary renewal form on page 21

## **Tribute To Jo Tomkin**

State Council is delighted to announce that Jo has accepted its invitation to become an Honorary Life Member of the Society.

Jo served on State Council for many years, including several years as a Vice President. She has been Membership Secretary and Editor of "Cat Affairs," bringing warmth as well as efficiency to both roles.

Hand in hand with the society's "business" activities, Jo has always found time to give to the Opportunity Shop. She has been and remains a devoted "back room girl," a first class organiser, and with Sybil Cozens worked tirelessly to make the shop a success from the start.

Honorary Life Membership is the highest honour the Society can bestow, and a fitting tribute to one who has contributed so much to its success and progress.

A Member asks:

# Why Do Cats Get So Much Blame?

I am very concerned - no, very angry ! - at the spread of anti-cat hysteria by people who obviously dislike cats.

The poor unfortunate cat who has to survive by itself - call it stray or feral, or abandoned - is being blamed for the death of every bird and animal in the bush.

There is such a lack of logic in their accusations. Why should an animal be blamed for trying to survive? Are lions and tigers called ruthless killers, with constant cries to exterminate them?

If a poor, starving cat catches a bit of food, of whatever kind, is it expected to walk away from it because it may be a "native" species? How absurd! In any case, there would be no carcass left to find, so where is the evidence - much less, proof of who or what has eaten it?

I would like to express my thoughts on what is actually causing the loss of birds and animals in bushland:

1. The greatest threat to all flora and fauna is man himself, with his traps, guns, chain saws and his dogs.
2. The domestic dog, many of whom still run uncontrolled in suburban streets, sometimes seriously attacks human beings. We all know that. It is something cats never do, but does anyone ever publically acknowledge the fact ?

But leaving attacks on humans aside, dogs also run freely in bushland and reserves, especially at night. Running in packs, they have wreaked havoc on our koalas and penguins, as documented on TV. So imagine the effect they may also be having on other animals? They have the same footprints as the fox, so of course, the fox is always blamed for any "killings."

3. Who kills birds? Well, large birds kill smaller birds and steal their eggs. Snakes and goannas do the same thing. But what happens if a few feathers are discovered, or a certain bird species seems to be dwindling? Yes, the cat gets the blame.

Does anyone ask if the bird's habitat is being disturbed by development, if plants it feeds on are dying off, if the water supply is polluted, if there may be a disease affecting the bird? There are so many causes for a change in the population of birds and animals .... why focus on the cat?

Summing up, why cannot conservationists and non-cat people thoroughly examine any dead bird or

animal to try and determine the cause of death, before making assumptions that a cat is responsible? Why can't they look at broader possibilities behind dwindling populations?

The hysteria and hatred being whipped up towards cats in general is encouraging the sadistic element in our society .... "hunters" who kill cats for the pleasure of it, while proclaiming they are doing us all a favour by "eradicating feral animals."

Indeed, not content with cats, they seem to have been given an open sesame to shoot pigs, goats, camels, horses, buffalo, foxes, rabbits etc. Mention the magic word "feral", and anything goes.

How easily they kill human beings these days.... what chance do the animals have?

Betty Scrivener

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Editor's Note: Betty's letter has raised an issue causing great concern to members of our Society and animal lovers in general.

There is no doubt that cats are becoming the focus of anti-cat agitators, who have managed to attract wide media coverage.

In the latest issue of "National Cat," psychologist Mary Lidden explores the question: "Why do certain segments of the population reveal this 'kill cats' mentality?"

She goes on to agree with Betty's point, that blaming ongoing losses of native wildlife primarily on cats is, in her words, "plain delusion."

She says that any intelligent observer is aware that continual destruction of native habitats under the tags of "progress" and "development" sounds the death knell for everything in its path.

So why do people hate cats with such venom, and feel so motivated to persecute them?

Mary Lidden quotes a famous UK animal writer, William Horwood, who says: "Where malevolence exists, excuses for persecution and cruelty will be found."

She says that behind the malevolence is a variety of atavistic fear. Cats have been linked with magic, soothsaying and many avenues of occult knowledge since they were elevated to the status of sacred

animals in Ancient Egypt.

Many individuals have deep subconscious fears about anyone or anything linked with the supernatural, and fear begets at best dislike, at worst hatred.

Added to that, there are undoubtedly certain features in the feline personality and presence which disconcert, even affront, particular human personality types.

So what do you do when you see a man on television wearing the entire skin of a tabby cat as a kind of Davy Crockett hat?

What do you do when letters to the Editor advise hunting cats with bows and arrows, and offering so much per scalp?

What do you do when, as Betty points out, cats are blamed for every reduction in the bird population?

I think the only answer is to write calm, sensible letters to the media concerned, pointing out the anomalies, and countering with all the facts at your disposal. Ask your friends to write in as well. A radio or TV station, a newspaper or magazine editor, may be able to toss a couple of letters in the wastepaper basket. Ten letters will cause some concern. Fifty letters will have an impact.

And meanwhile, let's remember that for every cat hater in the world there are dozens of US. Let's stop being the "silent majority" and speak out for our companions.



## ***Welfare & Treasurer's Report for the year ended May 30, 1992***

Dear Members

This year I thought I would combine my two reports, as they depend so much on one another.

It's been a hard worrying year. We have had many more requests for help with desexing costs, and at the same time the interest rates on our investments have gone down and down. Council has had many hard financial decisions to make, but always, we have decided we MUST meet the requests for help, even at the expense of inroads into our savings.

We have also helped a few disadvantaged people pay for the veterinary treatment of a beloved animal, until they could save the money. It's wonderful to tell you that without exception these fees have been repaid to us, sometimes at the cost of great hardship to the owners or friends of the little animals in need.

The surrender of owned cats to the Society has increased as a direct result of the economic situation. At the same time, one of the bright spots to report is a surprising increase in the number of homes found. Not a huge increase, but a happy one, as we had been expecting just the reverse...676 this year, 634 last year.

You will see an article from one of our members on these pages about cats getting all the blame for threatening native wild life. Certainly we have all been distressed to read, hear on radio or watch on TV the constant stream of seeming hatred towards cats coming from all directions.

It is obvious that cats aren't the cause for all our environmental problems. We have to ask, are they being made scapegoats to hide inefficiency in the management of our national parks? As the Editor said in her comment on the article, we urge ALL members to refute the ridiculous statements and claims being made about cats and their behaviour. Be calm and logical, but don't let a story pass without comment.

If cats continue to be presented as "mass murderers" and "thrill killers" there is no doubt some of our less intelligent humans will feel justified in venting their cruelty. We are already having more and more reports of missing cats.

Now I am happy to report the great support being given to us by an increasing number of cooperating vets. Without their help we would indeed be in trouble. Two of our staff of five Welfare Officers are on maternity leave, there are holidays falling due, and small illnesses crop up all the time. It would be impossible to continue with our usual pick up and delivery service in the circumstances, but we have managed to keep our clients happy by referring them directly to a vet. Of course, in emergencies we still pick up and return cats for desexing, but the referral system has meant our ambulances have been able to attend to stray and feral cats... the need for this service continues unabated. I should add that Julene King, a former Welfare Officer, is providing expert help in the field while the girls are away having babies, and young Tania Bridle is working in our office when she's not busy attending to the cats and dogs at Parkland Boarding Kennels.

Of course, throughout the year we have continued to lobby for compulsory desexing - and thank you all for your help in taking up petitions, they've really added weight to our efforts.

It does seem there is real hope that this year or next will bring in desexing and registration, perhaps curfews for cats (especially in areas close to bushland) and microchipping for permanent identification. All of these seem good measures to me - anything to make our cats safer, and encourage responsible ownership, must be progress.

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# ❖ A Basket of Bliss! ❖

Jasper always comes outside with his owner Vera Sheard to hang up the washing, and she snapped this picture after he decided to curl up in the empty basket. As you see, he barely fits, and has to hang on to his tail so it won't droop over the side!

Talking of tails, Jasper is a pure-bred Manx, but missed out on the genetic combination that produces a Rumpy or a Stumpy. There is an interesting story to him as well - a reverse situation to taking a cat to live in a flat.

I know the story because I am a friend of Vera's, and was with her when she acquired Jasper.

Having lost her own beloved Manx, she responded to a newspaper advertisement asking for a good home for an adult neutered Manx, and I went along too.

Jasper lived in a tiny upstairs flat in a big block, and had never left the flat since kittenhood. He was now four years old. The owner produced a pedigree to prove he was a Manx despite the lovely plumey tail, and asked for quite a large sum to "hand him over."

She wasn't a good salesperson though. She told us Jasper was a fussy eater, rejected any show of affection, hid when visitors came, and spent most of his time sleeping inside a large plastic bag, his "toy."

Commonsense told us that it would be difficult for Jasper to adjust to a large house and garden, lots of visitors, and new owners.

But there was something about him - so quiet, and so beautiful, with faint apricot stripes on a creamy background.

So Vera took him on the long journey back from Sydney to Mollymook, and a totally new environment.

For the first few weeks, Jasper wouldn't go into the garden, or any rooms of the house except the kitchen. He didn't like being stroked, and backed away. He didn't make any sounds - no miaows, and certainly no purrs. But Vera and her husband Bert are patient and loving, and they talked constantly to Jasper. They let him adjust at his own pace, never pushing.

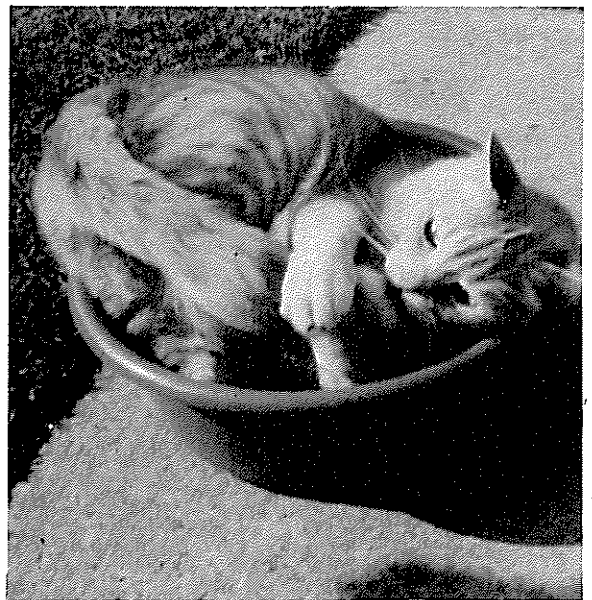
One day, Vera was hanging out the washing when there was a tiny miaow beside her - Jasper, sniffing the fresh air and finally deciding it was time to chat! From then on, progress was extraordinary. Jasper explored every room in the house, every shrub in the garden.

He was fascinated by the birds that come to feed there - sometimes 20 or 30 at a time. He just sat gently, watching, and has NEVER attempted to disturb them. He also made it clear he was ready for contact, rubbing against Vera's legs, jumping into Bert's lap. Today, three years later, he is one of the most affectionate cats you could meet, one of the most playful, with a ready greeting for every visitor. He also enjoys a variety of food, and has a wide vocabulary . . . with the emphasis on trills and purrs.

Also, he has never slept inside a plastic bag since he came to Mollymook. First he slept behind a cupboard in the kitchen. Now he sleeps all over the house, with a favourite chair in the sunroom.

The moral is, of course, the obvious one - love and respect a cat, and it will respond in kind.

- Julie Gorrick



*From the dawn of creation the cat has known his place, and he has kept it, practically untamed and unspoiled by man. Of all animals, he alone aspires to the Contemplative Life. He regards the wheel of existence from without, like the Buddha. There is no pretence of sympathy about the cat. He lives alone, aloft, sublime, in a wise passiveness.*

Andrew Lang

# **The Cat's Best Friend... A Fable**

The following tale is told among certain  
African tribes:



The cat, conscious of his dignity and importance, resolved to choose only the strongest and most powerful of creatures as his special friend.

Having seen a hare put to flight by a jackal, he became friendly with the jackal. He scorned the jackal when it was frightened by a leopard, only to see the leopard driven away by a lion.

The lion was frightened by a charging elephant, and the elephant was then killed and eaten by a man.

Satisfied that he had at last found "the Lord of Creation," whom no other living creature could conquer, the cat transferred his friendship to the man.

For many moons they hunted together, far from the man's home. Then one day the man returned to his house in the village. He entered, leaving the cat waiting for him outside in the sun.

Suddenly the cat heard a loud, shrill sound of anger from inside the hut. The "Lord of Creation" rushed out, followed by a volley of pots and pans, fruit and vegetables. The man kept on running.

Curious to see the powerful being who could put to ignominious flight the conqueror of all other creatures, the cat walked into the hut and saw - a woman.

Since that time, he has remained her very special friend.

## Cat Talk

Have you ever wondered why there are two words we use in English all the time for the one darling animal - "cat" and "puss?"

Well, it's the Romans who are responsible for "cat." The Latin word for cat is "cattus," and this travelled to England with the conqueror Julius Caesar, eventually becoming shortened to one syllable.

The Germans are responsible for "puss," derived from their word "puus" for cat. And from these two simple words have come more slang terms and phrases than a cat has kittens!

Let's take "puss" to begin with. From this we have sourpuss, drizzlepuss, picklepuss, glamour puss, and the cutely apt description, "pussyfooting around." A favourite children's game is "Puss In The Corner," and of course, there's the lovely tree, the pussy willow.

From cat, we have the following (and no doubt, lots more that don't spring to mind right away):

**Catwalk** - a narrow pathway

**Cat nap** - a brief sleep

**Cat call** - a derisive shout

**Copy cat** - an imitator

**Cat burglar** - a thief who scales heights

**Wild cat** - a fighter of unusual ability, who may scratch!

**Cat o' nine tails** - a whip with nine knotted lashes

**To fight like Kilkenny cats** - to fight until both are dead

**Letting the cat out of the bag** - revealing a secret

**Curiosity killed the cat** - being too curious is harmful

**Cat's paw** - a person used as a tool by another person

**The cat's whiskers!** - high praise, as in "he's the cat's whiskers!" (can also mean the fine wires in crystal wireless sets)

**See which way the cat jumps** - to wait until you're sure that public opinion is on your side

**Cat's cradle** - a game played with string knotted around the fingers

**Like a cat on a hot tin roof** - very nervous and jumpy

**Not enough room to swing a cat** - a small, pokey space

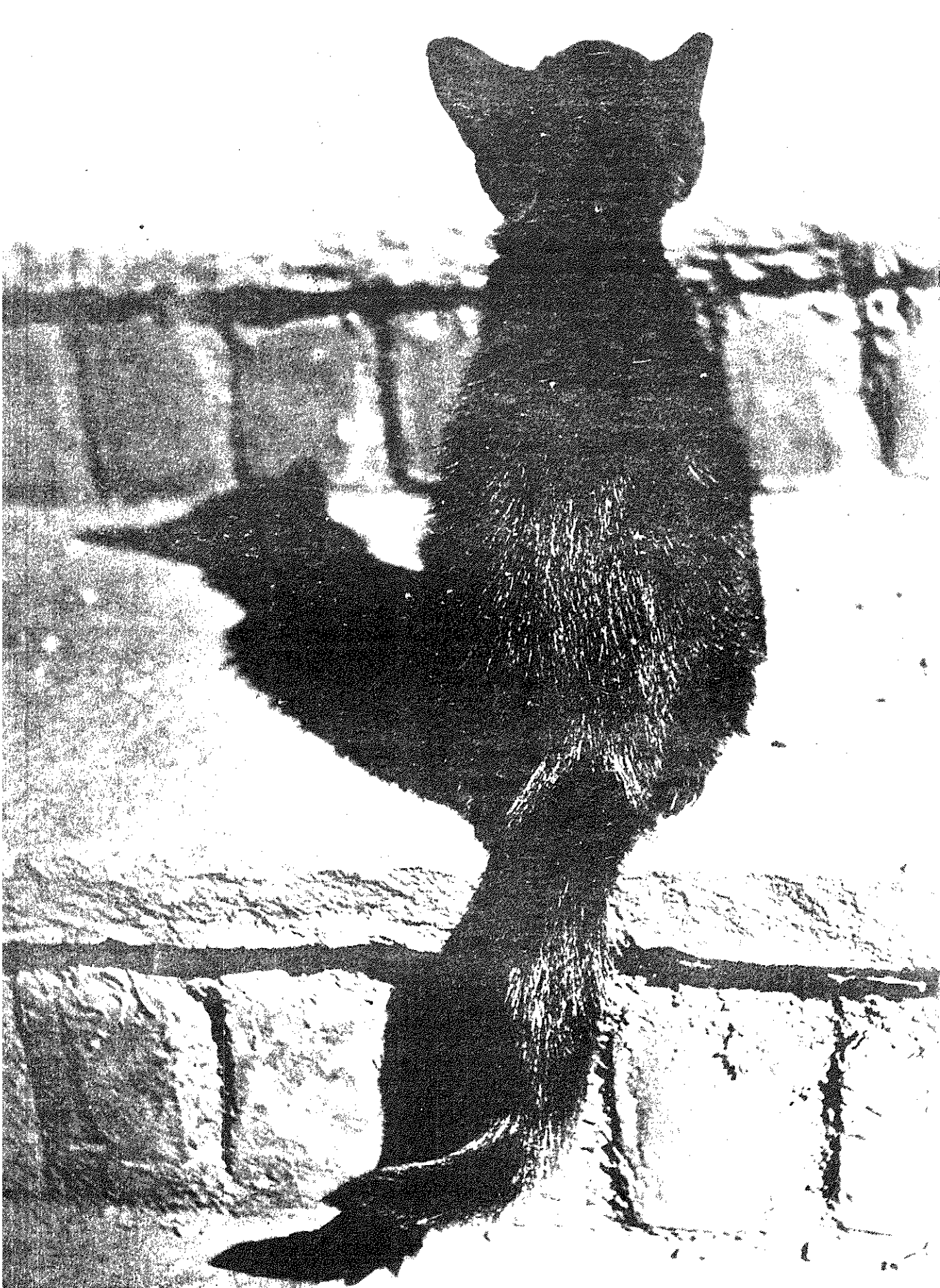
**Playing cat and mouse** - acting in a very teasing way, or sometimes deliberately trying to deceive

**Like the cat who ate the canary** - very satisfied and happy!

Isn't it interesting that one small animal has been the inspiration for so many additions to the language?

PS: If you think of any more phrases, please let me know - Editor.







# Finding Homes for Stray Cats . . .

## Some "Do it Yourself" Guidelines

If you discovered a stray cat on your doorstep today, what would you do?

If you are like many people, you would choose to take the cat to an animal welfare organisation - in Sydney, the RSPCA, The Animal Welfare League or our own Society. You would hope it would find a home.

But the sad truth is, the adoption rate for cats and kittens is frighteningly low. Tens of thousands of healthy adult cats and kittens are humanely euthanised each year because there are simply not enough homes to go round.

Take our own situation: We keep cats and kittens for re-homing at Parkland Boarding Kennels at Blacktown, but we can only board some 30 animals at a time. If the cattery is full, there is simply no way we can accept another cat or kitten, despite it being healthy and beautiful.

Even if there are places available, we have to be objective about deciding to send a cat or kitten to Parkland. For instance, if we already have several ginger kittens, the next ginger kitten to come along won't be selected, and so on.

Also, there is no magic formula to "finding homes." We advertise in three newspapers a week, then we must wait for people to come to us.

Each Monday morning, after the weekend, we wait to hear the adoption figures from Parkland, hoping they will be good. If 10 kittens found new homes, that means there are places for 10 more kittens! Sometimes the news is good, sometimes depressing.

The simple facts are these: Last year we found homes for 677 animals, but had to euthanise 5,406. The figures from the Animal Welfare League and the RSPCA are proportionately greater.

So, what **SHOULD** you do when you find a stray cat on the door step?

Well, if you bring it to an animal welfare organisation, you are certainly ensuring that it will have, at worst, a painless death. That is better than trying to survive on the street, vulnerable to disease, attack and starvation.

But there is another option which is worth considering if you have the financial resources, the time and

patience. That is, to try and find a good home for the cat through your own efforts.

Here is a step by step guide which reflects the time and care we take in selecting responsible owners for our own Parkland cats.



### 1. *Do Everything You Can To Make Sure the Cat Is Indeed Lost.*

You should do this in any case before you take the cat to an animal organisation. Ask your neighbours for several blocks around, ring the local vets and animal welfare agencies, put up signs in shop windows, place "Found" ads in newspapers. Also check the newspapers daily for "Lost" advertisements. If there is no response in three or four days you can safely assume the cat is homeless.

### 2. *Advertise for a Home.*

First, if you are unsure about the cat's sex, age or condition, take it to a vet for an examination. Be guided by his judgement as to the cat's suitability for re-homing in terms of age, health and temperament.

Naturally, the best home would be with a trusted family member, friend or neighbour, if you decide not to keep the cat yourself. If this avenue proves fruitless, try posting notices at your work or in vet clinics, pet supply shops and corner stores.

Notices should be neat and eye catching, with a photograph of the cat if possible.

**DO NOT PUT YOUR ADDRESS ON THE NOTICE, JUST A 'PHONE NUMBER.** Giving only a 'phone number allows you to screen callers.

Brief, informative ads placed in daily papers and local papers can sometimes produce results. **NEVER ADVERTISE A "FREE CAT," IN EITHER NOTICES OR ADVERTISEMENTS.** "Free cat" can encourage undesirable pet owners, such as those unable to provide proper veterinary care, or those who would dispose of the animal to a research facility, or even sadists. The notice or advertisement could say something like this:

"GOOD HOME WANTED FOR "MUFFINS"

Muffins is an all-black neutered male cat with green eyes. He is approximately 3 years old, very affectionate, gets on well with dogs and children. Please ring 999000 for further details.

### 3. Conduct Interviews

A potential owner's response to questions over the 'phone will determine whether you want to set up an appointment for them to meet the cat. Suggested questions include the following:

"Have you had a cat before?" (If the answer is "yes," ask what happened to it, how old it was and so on.)

"Do you believe in desexing?" (This question applies if not desexed, and of course, the answer has to be "Yes.")

"Will you have the cat vaccinated each year?"

"Are you allowed to have a cat where you live?"

"Will the cat be an indoor or outdoor cat?" (It would be undesirable for the cat to live totally outdoors, it should at least be brought safely inside at night.)

"Do the people you live with like the thought of getting a cat?"

"Do you have any other animals?" (Judge for yourself whether you want the cat to cohabit with a large number of other cats, or dogs)

"If the cat has a bad accident, would you be prepared to pay the vet bills?"

If you are satisfied with the answers to your questions, set up a specific time for the person to come and meet the cat. Then observe the interaction between them. Trust your intuition. You are under no obligation to let the cat go, and can always say there are more people to interview and you'll be in touch later.

When you feel confident about someone, tell him/her everything you have learned about the cat. Clearly state any conditions you may require, such as having the cat desexed by a certain date, being kept indoors overnight, having a varied diet etc.

If the cat needs desexing, you should make a note of the date and follow it up with the new owner. (Ask for identification, to make sure the address is correct. Yes, you can never be too careful!)

### 4. Following Up.

The written agreement used by our own Society can work well for an individual trying to place a cat. This agreement includes a description of the cat, the date of new ownership, the amount paid, all conditions to be met, and the signature of the new owner and yourself.

It also includes the date the cat is due to be desexed, if this is appropriate.

Whether or not you make a charge for the cat is up to you. Perhaps you will wish to reclaim the cost of initial vaccinations, for instance. Let your intuition be the guide here. You don't want to lose an excellent prospective owner.

It is also suggested that you maintain contact with the new owner - at least for a few weeks - to make sure everything is going smoothly, and cat and owner have adjusted to each other.

Finding a good home for a stray cat takes work and time, not to say financial outlay in most cases, and is not to be undertaken without serious thought.

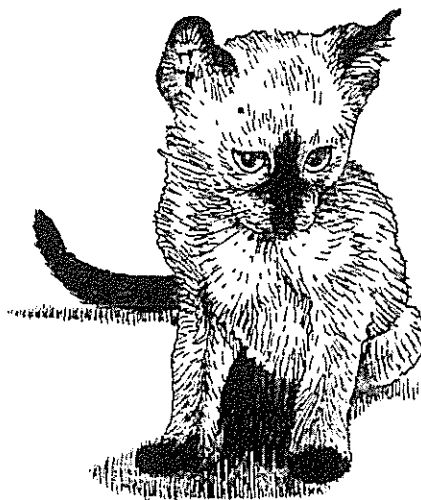
It is also necessary to be objective, not to let emotion put you in an impossible situation.

For example, it is easier to find a home for a beguiling kitten than for an older cat. If the stray is five years or more, it will be extremely difficult. It is easier to find a home for a kitten or young cat with unusual or beautiful colouring, for a pure bred or cross-bred cat, or one with long fur.

Don't let yourself be caught in the heartbreaking situation of trying to find a home for a cat that, in the light of clear reason, doesn't have much of a chance.

But if you do decide to go ahead, and find that good home, the sense of achievement - and the knowledge that one little animal has been saved - will certainly make it all worth while.

Editor



# What Does It Mean To Be a CPS Member?

First of all, it means you care about our organization, our objectives, and mainly, the welfare of cats.

You are our Goodwill Ambassador. You can spread the word about the vital importance of cat desexing, so unwanted kittens are not brought into the world. You can help educate people in the proper care of cats.... like not leaving them out at night, planning their care at holiday times.

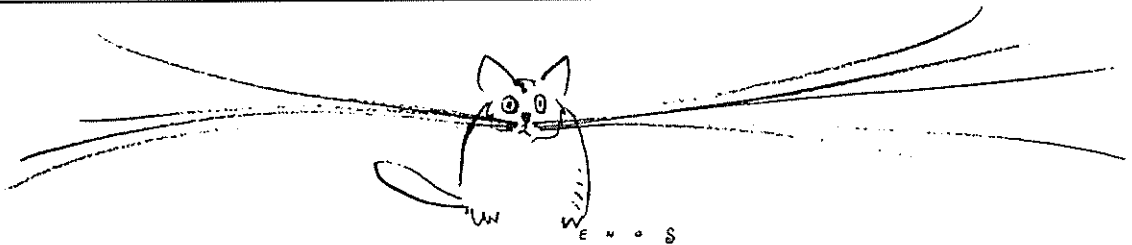
You can lobby politicians to help support legislation for compulsory desexing of cats. You can encourage friends and colleagues to join the Society, for there is strength in numbers. You can volunteer your services to the Op Shop - even one day a month would really help.

You can teach the children in your life to be gentle and caring towards animals, all animals - and of course, your own example is the best instruction.

Never underestimate the power of "word of mouth" and good example. Just by joining the Society you demonstrate that you truly care about cats, and in turn we couldn't carry on without the ongoing support and encouragement of our members.

Now, a gentle reminder that subscriptions are due this month. There is a form on page 21. Would you be kind enough to fill it in, and mail it today? Our subscription year runs from June to June. The exception is, if you joined the Society between January and the end of May. If that is the case, your next subscription is not due until June of 1993.

Thank you, dear members, one and all.



## Rats! Foiled Again by those Cunning Rodents

The following article from a London newspaper was sent to us by veterinarian Kim Kendall, who is currently living and working in England. As Kim commented, "Why haven't they thought about cats? They have the patience required even for neophobic rats!" See what you think.

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First came the resilient super rat, immune to poison. Now the nervous rodent, who refuses to swallow baits, is boosting Britain's vermin plague.

Government scientists identified for the first time today a new breed of "neophobic" rodent, which fears the new and out-of-place.

This means poison placed on food traps in London's crumbling sewers goes untouched by rats, because they recognise it is not part of the normal scenery.

Experts say the emergence of a new, bait-shy breed of rat is evidence that rodents have developed a new weapon in their fight for survival. And with an estimated one rodent for every human in the country, that is quite a worry!

A spokesman for the British Pest Controllers' Association said: "We killed off the super resilient rat by putting down stronger poisons. Now they won't even touch the bait within the confines of their nests, we are having to rethink our strategy."

The neophobic rat was first reported in London towards the end of last year. Now similar reports are coming in from other major cities.

The spokesman added, "It seems that this vermin has an innate sense of self preservation, which adapts to its conditions. It is able to survive whatever we throw at it."

Now the country's leading scientists at The Ministry of Agriculture and chemical companies are working on the problem. The Health Minister has also announced a national survey of the rat population, involving 250 environmental health authorities.

Meanwhile, the rats are laughing!

## More About Mr Moggs . . .

A couple of years ago I wrote about my senior cat, Mr Moggs, and his intelligence. Mr Moggs can open my heavy front door with ease, has let me in when I locked myself outside, forecasts every move I make, and is eerily attuned to my moods.

Several members have asked for more about Mr Moggs. The following stories are completely true - not even embellished a little bit!

When Mr Moggs was about one year old, I had to get a carpenter in to do some minor repairs. As he walked through the door, he at once saw a large black and white cat peering at him, and became alarmed. "I can't stand cats," he said. "That one looks dangerous to me. Get him out of here, or I won't be able to work."

I shut a disgruntled Mr Moggs in my bedroom, and the carpenter set about his work. He had a large, bald head, which bobbed up and down under the staircase of my small terrace house.

He continued to mutter to himself, "Can't stand cats. That big feller looks a bad one. Horrible things, cats." I was annoyed, and felt like telling him to go away, but the job he was doing was small, and I would have to pay him appearance money anyway.

Then something told me to look up the stairs. My bedroom door, right at the top of the stairs, was open. Mr Moggs, who must have opened it, was now halfway down the stairs, his lemon-yellow eyes glittering, and fixed on the carpenter.

With a bound, he jumped through a space between the railings and right on to the carpenter's bald head. The carpenter screamed. Mr Moggs clung fast, his claws firmly fixed in the shiny pate.

I screamed. Mr Moggs yowled. The carpenter ran round and round the living room, Mr Moggs riding his head like a rodeo rider on a bucking steer. Blood started trickling down the carpenter's face. He was terrified to try and wrench Mr Moggs away, fearing the claws would dig in deeper.

"STOP IT, STOP IT MR MOGGS," I yelled. "He's sorry. He's sorry." Instantly Mr Moggs let go and jumped off. In a shake he was back in my bedroom. I was left with the bloodstained, terrified carpenter.



I ended up driving him to St Vincent's Hospital for a tetanus injection and giving him quite a large sum of money to compensate for his physical and mental injuries. I also offered to pay double rates if he would finish the work he started, but he said he would never set foot inside my house again. (Years later I met him in the street wearing a toupee, because he said the scars were so unsightly.)

Well, that's one story about Mr Moggs. Another, in a slightly similar vein, concerns a friend of mine (and also a member of Cat Protection) called Valerie.

One night, Valerie and I were relaxing after dinner at my place. Mr Moggs was relaxing close by, regarding us with what I thought was a benevolent expression.

Valerie looked at him hard for a few seconds, then said to me "You know, I've always thought Mr Moggs looks a lot like Hitler." (I admit he has the same haircut, and a similar moustache.)

There was a slight growl from the cat thus described. "There," said Valerie, "he even sounds like Hitler."

The growl grew louder, and I could see the benevolent expression had changed alarmingly. Mr Moggs' ears were beginning to flatten, and his upper lip was tightening. There was a twitch starting at the end of his tail.

"Please don't say anything else, Val," I said, "he doesn't like being talked about."

"Oh come on," she replied, "he doesn't know I'm comparing him to Hitler."



At that, Mr Moggs launched himself into her lap like a cannonball and dug his claws through her tweed skirt and stockings, just touching the flesh. "Get him off," said Valerie, "this is ridiculous."

Well of course, there was no way I could get Mr Moggs away without ripping Valerie's legs. So there sat Mr Moggs for another 45 minutes, showing the most extraordinary muscular control by maintaining exactly the same pressure with his claws - not enough to pierce the skin, but enough to make any movement dangerous.

Meanwhile, we chatted on about a host of inconsequential things, Valerie bravely trying to ignore the immovable object on her lap.

When he finally hopped off, her legs were numb, and I had to call her a taxi. Since then, she has often recounted the story to others, but if Mr Moggs is in the room when she is telling it, she spells out the name H-I-T-L-E-R.

A third story involves my youngest cat, William. Growing up, William hero-worshipped Mr Moggs. He followed him everywhere, vainly trying to scramble up the elm tree after him, balancing behind him on the paling fence, snuggling against him to go to sleep. He especially liked watching from his baby height Mr Moggs open my front door. One day William was big enough to reach the door handle himself, or almost so. He kept jumping up on tiptoe, waving one paw in the air and miraculously expecting the door to open. I said to Mr Moggs, smiling superciliously at William's efforts, "Well, don't just sit there. Show him how to open the door."

Mr Moggs went to the door, but instead of pulling the big brass handle down, inserting the other paw behind the heavy door and levering it open - synchronising the movements perfectly - he just batted away at the bunch of keys, jangling them furiously.

Bad Mr Moggs. He deliberately deceived William. Now my darling tabby spends fruitless minutes - sometimes several times a day - jangling the keys and waiting for the door to open. I have tried to show him the correct technique myself, but he doesn't believe me. He thinks anything Mr Moggs demonstrates has to be perfect.

So, that's the kind of cat Mr Moggs is. And of course, I can't imagine life without him.

- Julie Gorrick



## FIGHTING BACK

The following letter was published in the Blue Mountains Gazette in June this year, following a rash of stories accusing cats of being the main predators of wild life in the mountains. A similar letter was published in the Penrith Press. Please add your voice to ours, by writing as individuals. - J.G.

**Sir - We have been following your stories regarding the control of cats in the Blue Mountains, and wish to make a few observations:**

First, while many claims are made about the damage to wildlife by feral and domestic cats, nobody is being asked to produce definitive evidence that the cat is the major culprit it is painted.

For example, WIRES says that 337 out of 2088 animals injured in the Blue Mountains over 12 months were attacked by cats.

Assuming the figure of 337 is correct, this means some seven injuries a week caused by cats - not a fearsome figure given the huge area involved.

But more importantly, what happened to the remaining 1,751 animals, the major proportion? Who attacked them? Was it dogs, foxes, humans, lizards, larger birds? Has anyone tried to find out?

Clearly there are many reasons why wildlife is vulnerable - not only from other animals and humans, but from disruption or destruction of their natural habitats.

It is very curious, therefore, to see the cat being singled out as such a huge threat - almost as if cats are being used as a smokescreen to divert attention from other factors.

For instance, what of the continued granting of licences to the NSW Forestry Commission to take or kill endangered species during its logging operations in State Forests? 40 separate licences were renewed only this month by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, but where was the outcry?

As a Society we have worked hard for many years to promote responsible cat ownership (including keeping cats inside at night) and the compulsory registration and desexing of cats.

We have been motivated by love and concern for a beautiful companion animal and also, respect for our native fauna. In that regard we have frequently urged National Parks and Wildlife to start the humane control of feral cats, but without success.

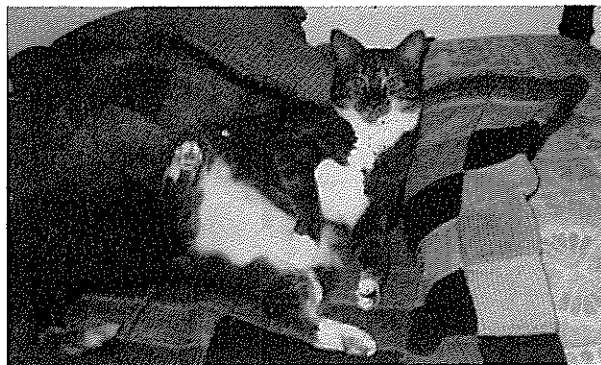
Now we see the community being divided into cat haters and cat lovers, with the green light being given to those people who think all cats should be exterminated. It is no coincidence that since the "anti cat" campaign began some six months ago, we are receiving more and more reports of missing pet cats.

We suggest that it is time for responsible media and responsible members of the public to start asking questions before they accept the proposition that cats are "mass murderers" decimating our wildlife.

Ask for genuine facts and figures. Ask those who manage our parks and forests to produce their record of conservation achievement to date, and to outline their plans for the future. Blaming the cat is not good enough.

Julie Gorrick  
The Cat Protection Society of NSW

# Meet A Very Happy Flat Cat!



My vet says I'm in tip-top condition, and that's certainly the way I feel! - Kiri

*Following our article in the last issue on keeping a cat in a flat, we've had lots of cats telling us how happily they live indoors. Here is the story of Kiri, who lives in Wollstonecraft with Robin Tyler.*



My name is Kiri and I am a three year old, marmalade and white, indoor cat. I was seven weeks and one day old when I came to live with Robin, my owner, in her third floor home unit. I have only ever been outside the front door in a carry basket for my infrequent trips to my kindly vet. I am not even allowed out on to the balcony, as I believe my predecessor used to walk on top of the railing, which did nothing for Robin's nervous system. Robin had a screen door to the balcony and screens on all the windows installed, so now I can sit and view the scenery, keep an eye on the neighbours, etc., but can't get out!



My name is Robin and I own the above mentioned Kiri, and prior to that, little black Mandy, who was an indoor cat for 14 years.

As Kiri mentioned, I have had my unit "cat proofed" with screens. A neighbour's young cat fell from a balcony railing onto the driveway. It survived, but its legs were subsequently "bowed" by landing on its very young and pliable leg bones. I am fortunate in having my own laundry where I can keep a litter tray, although I do know people who have a tray in their bathroom, and, as obviously a responsible owner keeps them clean, this does not appear to present a problem.

When each of my cats was tiny, to about six months old, they slept at night in my spare bedroom in a cat basket and neither of them made a peep until they heard me moving about in the morning. I used to put a "night light" in a power point about a foot from the floor in the room, and this gave a nice warm glow. When they were about six months old, they both decided, quite firmly, that in future they were going to sleep with me. This did not worry me in the least as I actually sleep better knowing they are safe on my bed!

I have only been away for two or three nights at a time since I have had Kiri, but I am fortunate in having a very good neighbour who will come in twice a day to feed her and keep her company for a while. I boarded Mandy several times but finding an indoor cattery is a problem. Most are indoor/outdoor and I would not be happy about boarding a "hot house plant" in one. My vet says Kiri is in tip-top condition. Coat glorious, clear eyes, strong teeth and nails and very alert.

I think possibly the greatest selling point of having an indoor cat is they tend to become somewhat more "humanised" than their outdoor counterparts. Kiri is intensely interested in everything I do, trots around with me all the time (even to the bathroom!), checks out cupboards as the doors are opened, sits on the vanity table when I put on make-up (pushing the odd lipstick onto the floor), loves unpacking the supermarket bags and generally has a wonderful time.

I am at work all day, but as far as I can tell, she does not appear to mind. She has plenty of toys and these are obviously used. She prefers a strip of plastic or suchlike, to her more elaborate and expensive toys - like all youngsters, I suppose. She is nearly always at the front door when I come home and she is always absolutely delighted to see me.

I feel the advantages are boundless in having an indoor cat and have long since put any fears for their comfort at rest. They are a constant and warm companion in this uncertain world of ours, and although they perhaps demand a little more "quality time" as their whole life revolves around you, that's no hardship when the reward is having such a loyal and devoted friend as "The Indoor Cat".

ROBIN AND KIRI TYLER

# Another Happy "Flat Cat!"

Isis came to live with me "illegally," two years ago. I decided to take the risk and it has worked. My agent knows about her, and is understanding.

We live on the top floor of a two-storey block, which has two balconies. My mother and I made a structure to prevent Isis going on to the adjoining balcony. On our own balcony we have lots of plants, including a very big one. She enjoys playing out here in her "jungle". Birds also come to sit on the balcony railing, so there's scope for pretend hunting activities. In the summer, she has great fun with moths. Oh, and there's also a pot of grass on the balcony for her to nibble on.

Isis was six weeks old when I brought her home. I made a decision that if she really wanted to get out of the flat I would let her, under supervision, and deal with the consequences. Fortunately, that didn't happen. She has never shown the slightest interest in leaving the flat.

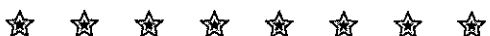
Here she reigns supreme in her little world, with one very happy cat and one very happy person sharing their lives together.

Dawn Atkinson



**Ed's note:** The point is, it shouldn't be illegal to have a cat in a flat! Challenge these archaic rules. Show our "Charter of responsible cat ownership" (published in the last issue of "Cat Affairs") to your local estate agents.

Point out that a responsible cat owner makes a responsible tenant, and is likely to be a long-term one.



## A Tribute

to the late

**W. Gordon Cozens**

*Honorary Life Member,  
Cat Protection Society of NSW*

*"One of nature's truly gentle gentlemen."*

*All who knew will mourn his passing remembering him as a kind and compassionate man who gave unstintingly of himself to any cause assisting creatures in need.*

*An engineer by profession, he chose to become general hand, odd job man and courier / carrier for The Cat Protection Society Opportunity Shop and for many years, carried out the most menial tasks with good cheer and a willing heart. His good deeds are legend although, modestly, he never sought recognition.*

*Without the selfless dedication of Gordon and his wife, Sybil, the Op Shop would not have prospered to become the success it is today.*

*The world is poorer for his passing, and our feline friends have lost a true champion.*

*Our thought and prayers are with Sybil.*

Vale, Gordon

From an Old Friend Beulah Harvey.



"I'm glad we never had children—they dominate every aspect of your life."

# How the Tabby got its Name!

Our dear, familiar tabby is reputed to have acquired its name from Attabiah, a part of old Baghdad where a special black and white silk with a "watered" pattern effect was woven. The silk was known in England as "tabbi-silk," and looked like the striped and swirled markings of certain cats. Hence, the tabby cat!

Incidentally, there are two basic tabby patterns, the Blotched or Marbled (also called the Classic Pattern) and the Mackerel.

The Marbled tabby has blotches on either side of the body, with rings around it. There are also rings around the legs, and usually, broad stripes running down the spine.

The Mackerel tabby has narrow stripes or rings running around the body from broad stripes on the spine ... the effect is a little like the mackerel fish, hence the name.

The one thing all tabbies have in common is the distinctive capital "M" on the forehead (does it stand

for Magical, Mystical, Marvellous or just MMMMMMMMMmmmm?) Dark tabbies also have the eyeliner around the eyes, giving their gaze a startling directness.

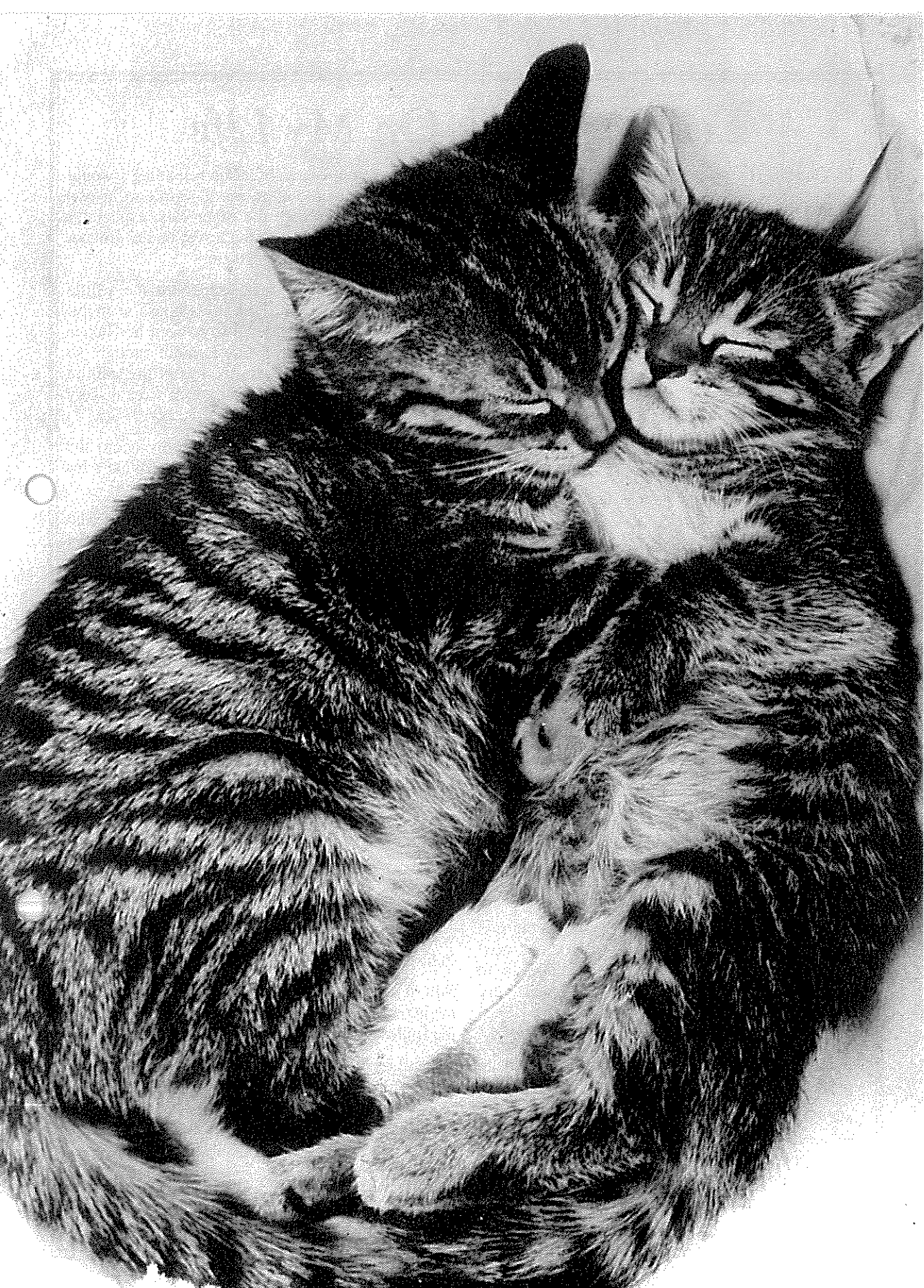
The majority of moggie tabbies have dark stripes or swirls on a grey background, with a fair sprinkling of ginger tabbies (dark ginger markings on paler ginger.) The silver tabby moggie is rarer, and very striking ... dark markings on a bright silver background.

Tabbies are also found among pure breeds now, including Orientals ... and of course, Australia's own pure breed, the Spotted Mist, has a part-tabby ancestry.

When white is combined with tabby markings, as it often is in Moggy World, the results can be delightful. White throats and feet are common, or sometimes a basically white cat will have tabby patches.

The photo opposite shows sleepy mackerel tabby moggie kittens.





# Looking Back On My Life

By Queenie Haines of Umina (Central Coast)

A long time ago, across the water from where I live now, two cats were great friends in the lovely tropical place called Empire Bay.

One was a boy, one was a girl. The boy was a handsome, tawny-haired, fluffy chap, and the girl (yes, it was me!) enjoyed his serenading on summer evenings. Oh, those nights in the moonlight.

But the friendship had to end when my human family moved to a place where pets aren't allowed. On a wet Saturday night they drove me to my new home in Umina, where a kind lady had agreed to take me in. Her name was Dorothy, and she already had a lot of other cats living there . . . in fact, her home was known thereabouts as the "South Pacific Cats' Retirement Village!"

Anyway, I was very lucky. I met no hostility from the other feline residents, and the atmosphere was lovely: a big garden with lots of trees to climb, good food, and plenty of kind words.

My only problem was that I seemed to be putting on weight very quickly, and I felt even sleepier than usual. Then one morning, you'll never guess what arrived in my basket - four roly poly, squirming little creatures, who looked a bit like me . . . and a lot like the boy I used to know in Empire Bay. They were all fluffy, and their fur was a lovely tawny colour with copper stripes. Also, Dorothy told me, they were all boys!

Well, the next weeks were hectic, trying to keep up with the four of them. There was a creek at the bottom of the garden, and I was always worried that one of them might fall in. At the same time, I was very proud when Dorothy's visitors made a big fuss of them, and also said what a good mother I was! Dorothy told me, in fact, that wonderful homes were waiting for every one of them. She seemed very pleased about that, so I was pleased as well.

I suppose they were about eight weeks old when Dorothy put me in a basket and took me for a ride to a place called a "Vet Hospital."

I stayed that day and that night, and really don't remember very much about it, except I was feeling hungry and had a very sound sleep. When Dorothy took me home, I soon let her know that breakfast was needed in a hurry!

So life went on. I thought in the beginning I would miss those four little imps, but it wasn't so. It was great fun playing with the other cats, especially when the breeze stirred up the leaves on the ground, and we all joined in chasing them.

There's just one thing that disappoints me a little bit. I'd like to sleep in Dorothy's house at night, with the two cats who've always been her house cats. But she says two inside is quite enough, so when it's time for bed I join the rest of the gang in the "Cats' Caravan" in the garden. It's really very comfortable, our own little house.

Then as each new day begins, Dorothy opens the door and we tear down the steps to ask "What's for breakfast?"

At one stage, there was a friend of Dorothy's who said she'd like to adopt me, and take me to her own home. Her name is Mabel, and she's as mad about cats as Dorothy is. But she moved to a place where "rules are rules" and I couldn't join her. So now she "sponsors" me, just like some people sponsor animals at Taronga Park Zoo, and I'm always the first one asked to sit on her lap when she comes to visit Dorothy.

I've heard them say I'm very beautiful. They talk about my green eyes, and the orange and black markings on my back and my spotless white front. Perhaps that's why they forgive me for being a "butter pincher!"

Yes, I confess, I cannot resist butter. I am helplessly drawn to it. If there's a butter dish on the table I sense it from far away, and I'm soon on the table licking madly before they catch me! Then there's a great fuss, and the butter is thrown away - what a waste - and the dish is washed, and I'm put outside in disgrace.

Still, it doesn't last for long. In fact, I can hear them having a bit of a laugh behind the door at "Queenie the Butter Pincher."

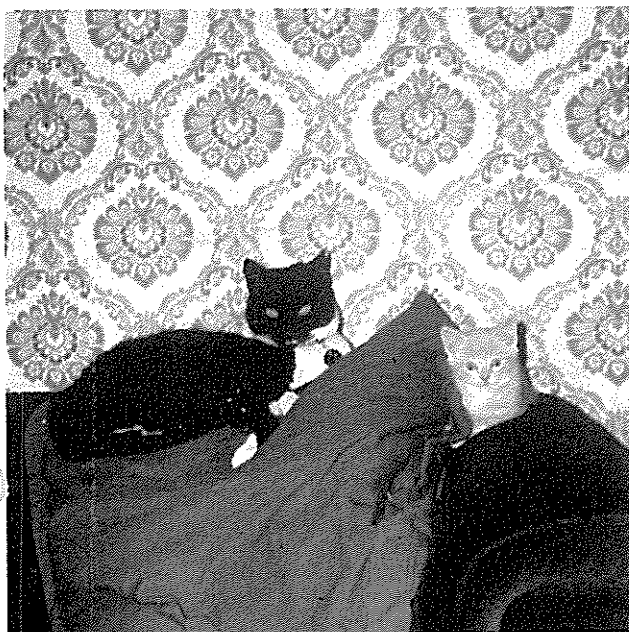
Sometimes I think back to the times when I was a young girl being serenaded in the moonlight. I wonder what happened to the tawny-haired boy. But that was all long ago and far away, and all things considered, I think I'm a very lucky woman.

Don't you?

Queenie



## Meet the Walsh Cats !



**Ed's note:** The "obese" feline photographed here with champagne kitten Woody Walsh is Henrietta, and there is a special story to be told about her.

Henrietta and Woody live with State Councillor Beverley Walsh and her husband Jack. At 7 and a half, Henrietta is a stately matron who has never wandered . . . until a couple of months ago.

She was home one moment, and gone the next. Beverley and Jack were distraught. They walked the streets, questioned residents for blocks around, went out at night with torches, put notices everywhere, . . . not even a sighting of a plump black and white cat., Henrietta, who had never left home before, was missing for 14 days. Then, on the fifteenth, a neighbour from two doors away came running up. "I think your cat's at our place. We've locked her in the living room. Come and see."

Yes, it was Henrietta ... thin now, and covered with soot. But alive.

And so the story emerged:

Henrietta had been living in the chimney at the neighbour's house! They had heard scrabbling noises now and then, and thought the culprit was a possum.

There were little paw prints in the bath sometimes,

The Staff of the Cat Protection Society of NSW

Dear Ladies,

I would like to thank you for the speed and efficiency with which you processed my application for a home.

In retrospect, perhaps with a little too much speed - you might recall that I had requested a waterfront. But never mind, the food is good even if the location leaves a lot to be desired. And yes, you also neglected to mention the place was already inhabited by some, might I say, "obese" felines. But not to worry, I have found constant and unrelentless biting of the ankles keeps them out of the house. The yard I will attend to when the weather clears up.

I also detected an air of hostility here, when, through no fault of my own, I managed to smash a tasteless vase. But believe me, the decor has improved with its demise.

Anyway, thank you again, and I have enclosed a photo of myself with one of the obese.

Love  
Woodrow Walsh ("Woody")  
Randwick

and the dogs' dried food had been disappearing.

Every night they had waited in the living room near the fireplace, with towels wrapped around their arms in case the possum came down the chimney.

Each day they went to work, locking the house up securely so there was no escape. That morning, the neighbour had been just about to ring a pest control company when there was a scuffling noise in the living room - and there was a cat. She knew from Beverley that Henrietta was missing, so she banged the door shut and ran to tell her the news.

The enormous mystery is how Henrietta got up the chimney in the first place. She was on the ground floor of a three-storey terrace, and could not have fallen through the chimney at roof level. Neither was there any way of getting in through a door or window during the day.

And so the mystery remains. But at least, clever Henrietta had the initiative to sneak out of the chimney at night, to lick a few drops of water from the bath and scrounge some dried dog food. Then up the chimney again all day!

Yes, she soon regained her lost weight, has not strayed again, and just gives an enigmatic smile whenever the word "chimney" is mentioned!

# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS

*A warm welcome to all who joined the Society in February, March, April, May and June. We hope you'll be with us for many years to come.*

Mrs V Clarke of Kirribilli \* Mrs N Forde of Lane Cove \* J and C Harper of Paddington \* Miss M Harvey of Bexley North \* Ms M Kounalaki of Newtown \* Miss M Lyons of Lawson \* Ms C Malins of Strathfield West \* Mrs FJ Meadem of Hurstville Park \* Miss H Patterson of South Coogee \* Ms C Priest of Cabramatta \* Mrs D Temple-Watts of Cairns \* Mrs G Williams of Macquarie Fields \* Ms E Wilson of Balmain \* Miss J Woods of North Ryde \* Miss S Crowe of Cudal \* Mrs G Mace of East Gosford \* Ms S Brine of Kensington Park, SA \* Mrs M Diehm of Yagoona \* Ms G Green of Lakemba \* Mrs A John of Greenacre \* Mrs M Killan of Waverley \* Mr B King of Sydney \* Ms K Linn-Gilman of Katoomba \* Ms E Lipton of St Ives \* Ms L Stevenson of Punchbowl \* Mrs S Tickle of Port Elliott SA \* Mr R Vincent of Rozelle \* Ms E Vito of Katoomba \* Miss E Vogl of Potts Point \* Mrs A Wayne of Plympton SA \* Miss C Wilson of Newtown \* Ms J Dawson of Randwick \* Mrs P Denton of Fairfield \* Mrs L Haines of Avoca Beach \* Ms P Hampsey of Katoomba \* Mrs M Harnett of Beverly Hills \* Mrs J Harris of Artamon \* Ms J Lee of Crows Nest \* Ms M Kovac of Summer Hill \* Ms F McInnes of Woollahere \* Mr D Miranda of Strathfield \* Miss K Valentine of Hurstville \* Ms E Zarins of Padstow \* Ms A Barber of Sadlier \* Mrs P Bell of Croydon \* Mrs D Bostock of Enfield \* Mr B Burne of Surry Hills \* Mrs K Carragher of Mooney \* Ms S Clark of Kariang \* Mrs M Gerrard of Castle Hill \* Mrs L Judd of Chittaway Point \* Dr R

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## Passing on your Love

***After you have provided for the needs of your family and others, you may wish to consider helping the animals you love.***

***A bequest to our Society will go solely towards the welfare of cats.***

***Anything can be bequeathed including cash, shares, art objects and real estate. Or perhaps you may decide to establish a Life Interest, which names an individual as income beneficiary, with the capital of the Estate passing to the Society upon his or her death.***

***In talking to your solicitor or trustee company, the full registered name of the Society is The Cat Protection Society of New South Wales, and the receipt of the treasurer of the Society is sufficient discharge to your executors.***

***By helping us, your love for animals will continue to be expressed beyond your lifetime***





**Please don't forget to renew  
your membership**

**MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM**

To The Secretary, Cat Protection Society of NSW,  
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**Membership**

I/We apply for membership or renewal of membership for the year commencing June, 1992.  
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Life membership - \$250.00 Annual membership - \$10.00

Pensioner membership - \$5.00 Pension Number .....

Junior membership (16 and under) - \$5.00 Junior Date of Birth .....

Enclosed is a 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 a 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 .....

**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

# Enter our photo contest...

As you know, we keep our cats and kittens for re-homing at Parkland Boarding Kennels at Blacktown.

To find good homes, we advertise in three papers every week, but advertising costs have risen dramatically in the past months.

You can help pay for advertising, by sending photos of your cat/s with \$1.00 or more for each photo submitted. Naturally you may send as many photos as you wish ... the more the better as far as our Parkland cats are concerned!

## CATEGORIES

There will be prizes for

- ★ MOST BEAUTIFUL FEMALE CAT
- ★ MOST HANDSOME MALE CAT
- ★ MISS PERSONALITY GIRL
- ★ MR PERSONALITY BOY
- ★ MOST IRRESISTIBLE CAT
- ★ BEST FRIENDS (PICTURES OF MORE THAN ONE CAT TOGETHER, OR CAT/S WITH OWNER)

## PRIZES

We'd love to be able to announce what they are, but as this issue of "Cat Affairs" goes to press they haven't been decided on. Rest assured the prizes will be appropriate and attractive, and of course, each winning picture will be published in the magazine.

## WHEN TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS ...

1. Black and white film is fine, as we reproduce in black and white. Colour also reproduces well if there is not too much detail involved.
2. Aim for close-ups of your cat, so we can see the expression
3. Send just the print, a negative is not necessary.
4. If you wish photos returned, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

and help our Parkland cats at the same time!



## ENCLOSE THIS ENTRY FORM WITH YOUR PICTURES AND LOTS OF LUCK!

To Photo Contest, Cat Protection Society of NSW, 103 Enmore Road, Enmore, 2042.

I am enclosing pictures of my cat/cats in the following categories:

Most beautiful female .....(Cat's name & age)  
Most handsome male .....(Cat's name & age)  
Miss Personality girl.....(Cat's name & age)  
Mr Personality boy.....(Cat's name & age)  
Best Friends (More than 1 cat, or cat with owner.)

.....Cats' names and ages, owner's name

I enclose a cheque/money order in the amount of \$....., being \$1.00 for each entry submitted

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: You have until October 31 to send entries. Winners will be notified by mail, and their names and winning pictures will be published in the December issue of "Cat Affairs."

# How a kitten brought Bobby back to life

We all know now that cats are wonderful therapists. Having a cat around is good for our physical and mental health!

Sometimes, a cat's influence goes beyond this, performing a seeming miracle. The following true account is from the book "A Celebration of Cats," by Roger A Caras, published by Robson Books Limited, London.



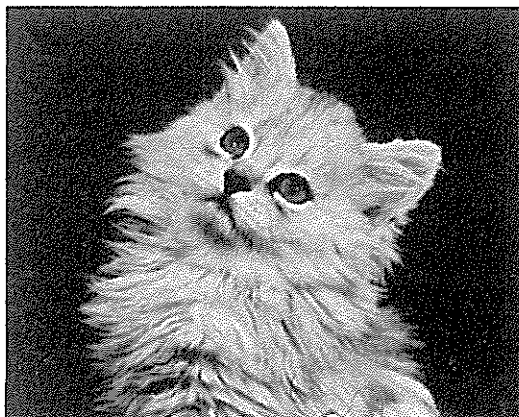
One of the most poignant stories of a cat and its role relationship to a human that I ever heard came about as the result of a near-tragic mystery.

Friends of ours in a suburb of Boston have only one child who survived infancy. Never was a child more wanted, more adored than Bobby. He was handsome and bright and cheerful and had just about everything a boy could want as he entered his teen-age years. Then, slowly at first but at an ever increasing rate, Bobby entered a world of dark shadows and overwhelming melancholy. His work went from worse to terrible at school, and his friends fell away one at a time. The boy was lonely, apparently frightened, and a pall of gloom seemed to have settled over him. He was being drawn down by an inexorable and as yet unidentified force.

Bobby's parents realised that help was needed, and the boy was placed under the care of a psychiatrist. School and interaction with his peers were now out of the question. But even with constant care and drug therapy the boy unaccountably continued to regress. He was approaching a catatonic state with the likelihood that his still unexplained downhill slide might never be reversed.

At fourteen Bobby could not feed himself nor see to his own toilet. In another two months he stopped talking and entered a six-month-long tunnel of darkness and silence. Halfway through that darkest period the therapists ceased getting eye movement from him. He was frozen inside his own mind, and the specialists who came through had no explanation and held little hope.

The only glimmer is that Bobby would respond slightly in special circumstances. He would move his eyes when shown a picture of a cat. He would not talk, even in a grunt, there was no facial expression, but he would move his eyes when pictures of cats



were passed before his face.

At one point in his childhood he had had a pet cat, and it was decided that bringing in a live cat might make a difference now.

On a day well planned in advance, with his doctors and parents watching from behind a one-way window, a technician brought Bobby into a small examining room, seated him like the automaton he was in a straight wooden chair, then put a kitten on his lap.

After a few moments Bobby tipped his head forward and looked down at the cat. Several minutes later he raised his hand in a voluntary action that had had no parallel for months, hesitated, and then petted the cat. Some time later he tipped his head to the side, and this time there was a flicker of expression - not quite a smile, but something of recognition and reaction. His parents, standing behind the trick glass with Bobby's doctor, hugged each other and wept. After more than an hour alone with the cat, Bobby talked to it. His voice was flat, his speech monosyllabic - but this was an amazing giant step forward.

For nearly two and a half months, Bobby's therapy consisted of daily sessions with the kitten. Then he was able to talk to his doctor.

Today, Bobby is in prep school. No one knows anything more about the dreadful thing that caused his severe regression and his near-fatal plunge into a well of lonely despair. He took, I am sure, ten years off his parents' lives and he is in the medical literature. The last I heard of Bobby was that the school waived one of its most rigid rules. Bobby was allowed to bring a pet to live in his dormitory with him. It was, I believe, the cat he had met as a kitten.

# Collar This Idea!

If your cat lives totally indoors it doesn't need a collar.

But if it goes out and about at times, a simple collar with your name and address or phone number on it is most desirable.

In the first place, the cat is identified as belonging to someone. More importantly, if the cat strays or becomes involved in an accident, contact can be made with you and the cat returned.

You can buy a collar from CPS for \$6.00. It is made of soft suede with an elastic insert, and comes complete with disc and bell.

Also, a very simple and safe collar is easily made at home.

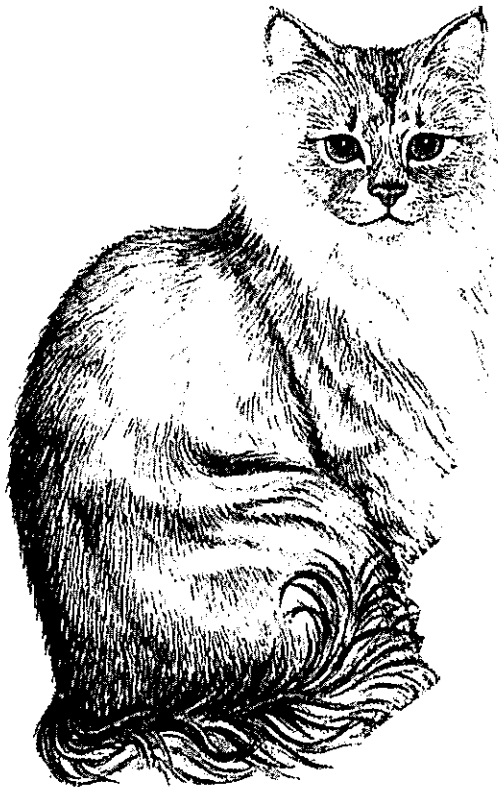
Just take a length of 7mm (1/4in) flat elastic. Measure a piece to provide a comfortable length around the cat's neck, with a 1cm (1/2 in) overlap. Join the ends together with a short piece of adhesive plaster.

Stretch the completed collar over a small book to give a firm surface for writing, and write the details with a ballpoint pen.

The collar will easily stretch to release the cat's head, if it should get caught in the branch of a tree or something similar. For extra safety, the elastic will pull out from the plaster with a little more pressure.

In fact, the cat may return from time to time without the collar, but it is easily and inexpensively replaced. Don't forget to remove it (or any collar) at night, when the cat is inside until morning. Then he can include the neck area in his washing and brushing routine.

Incidentally, some people say it's unnatural for a cat to wear a collar, and this is true. But only a very few cats seem to object to it, particularly if the collar is introduced in kittenhood. And the advantages of wearing a collar when outside certainly outweigh a few minor objections from Miss Pampered Puss!



## The Retired Cat

A Poet's Cat, sedate and grave  
As poet well could wish to have,  
Was much addicted to inquire  
For nooks to which she might retire,  
And where, secure as mouse in chink,  
She might repose, or sit and think.  
I know not where she caught the trick;  
Nature perhaps herself had cast her  
in such a mold *philosophic*,  
Or else she learned it of her master.  
Sometimes ascending, debonair,  
An apple tree or lofty pear,  
Lodged with convenience in the fork,  
She watched the gardener at his work;  
Sometimes her ease and solace sought  
in an old empty watering-pot,  
There wanting nothing save a fan  
To seem some nymph in her seag, *Appareled* in exactest sort,  
And ready to be borne to court.

William Cowper



# ***Naming the Baby***

We have twice published lists of suggested names for the new kitten, but here's another approach you might like to consider for finding an appropriate name: First think of categories, then choose names that fit.

## ***Affectionate***

*Baby, Cuddles, Snugglepot,  
Honey, Pet, Kisses, Hugs, Angel*

## ***Food and Drink***

*Clover, Cinnamon, Brandy,  
Pavlova (for a white cat), Nutmeg, Spice,  
Pepper, Treacle, Carrots (for a ginger cat),  
Raisin (for a black cat).*

## ***Royal***

*Rex, King, Princess, Emperor, Queenie, Lord, Lady,  
Duke, Duchess, Count, Countess, Her Grace etc.*

## ***Mythical***

*Wotan, Thor, Hercules, Aphrodite,  
Pandora, Mercury, Cupid, Venus, Diana, Jason*

## ***Armed Forces***

*Colonel, General, Sergeant,  
Corporal, Captain, Commodore, Major etc.*

## ***Intellectual/Literary***

*Scarlett, Rhett, Aristotle, Sophocles,  
Euripides, Shakespeare, Wordsworth,  
Dickens, Kipling, Professor, Shelley etc.*

## ***Descriptive***

*Whiskers, Bouncer, Slinky, Satin, Downy, Tubby,  
Paddlepaws, Purry, Stripes, Spotty, Big Ears, Fluff*

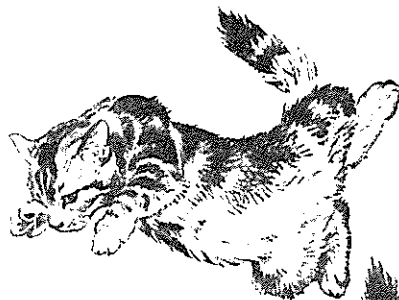
## ***Friends and Relatives***

*Grace, Mister Tom, Auntie Jane,  
Mrs Jones, Uncle Ned, Cousin Sam,  
Brother, Sister, Baby Bunting, Ms Barlow etc.*

## ***Have Fun!***

## **Balance**

The cat's sense of balance combined with its strong and supple body give it the ability to land on its feet if it falls awkwardly. In the pictures below you can see that the cat twists itself round in mid-air so that by the time it reaches the ground, it is the right way up once again. The flexibility of its legs and spine also mean that it usually lands without injury, because the impact is cushioned. Cats rarely break limbs in falls of this sort but they may sprain their muscles. If your cat has a fall and seems to have trouble walking, move it as little as you can, place it in a cardboard box and take it to the vet straight away, just to be on the safe side.





# Thank You for your Letters



## What a Great Idea!

In reference to the question regarding "Cats and Babies" in "Cat Affairs:"

I thought I would let other members know how we solved the problem of worrying about our cat going into the baby's room. We simply purchased a screen door from an Op Shop - it only cost \$15.00 - painted it, and put a hook lock on either side.

When it's hooked in place, it keeps the cat out, but it lets the fresh air in, and we can still hear the baby. It also keeps out flies and mosquitoes, which is a bonus.

Hope this simple idea will benefit all expectant mums and dads.

C. Shillam (Bankstown)

**Ed's note:** It IS a great idea! At the same time, it's important that the cat be introduced to baby, and feels at ease with him. The cat can be in the room under supervision, then taken out when it's time for baby to sleep, and the screen door hooked in place.



## At the Cat Exhibition

We went to Salisbury a little while ago to see a Cat Exhibition, and the cathedral. Learnt a few interesting things, too! For instance, a cat called Simon was given a medal for continuing to catch mice despite being wounded by gunfire on the Yangtze River in China. And Ginger, the cat who lived in Salisbury Cathedral Close, and used to help the stonemasons until his death a couple of years ago, has been commemorated in the new stained glass window installed last year.

He's also been buried in the Cathedral Close as well!

Also found out that it was around 1623 that it was first declared in law that a cat is a wild thing, and cannot be accused of trespass or its owner held responsible.

AND: purring is caused by rhythmic contractions of the diaphragm (the muscle which singers control for strength of voice), these contractions causing air to vibrate through special folds of tissue in the larynx, separate from the vocal cords. So the cat can miaow and purr at the same time! But even more interesting, all domestic cats, of all sizes, ages and sex, purr at EXACTLY the same frequency of 25 vibrations per minute! Count them! Also, the big cats (lion and tiger) DO purr also. But only on the outward breath and

only when very relaxed, which is why the purring is seldom heard.

The whole of the exhibition was fascinating, including an amazing assortment of "cat things" that people had collected, and filled their homes with.

With best wishes to all,

Kim Kendall (Essex, England)



## Collecting Memories

My little girls had a birthday party last week. As a special treat, I bought a can of "Sheba" for each of them, and turned it upside down on a plate. It's just the right shape to put a candle on!

My neighbour and I had a little party ourselves, and toasted the tabbies with a glass of wine and a chicken dinner.

They now wear bells, as they have caught several birds. They never kill them, just bring them through the cat door for me to admire. That leaves me with the problem of putting them back in the tree. So far they have all vanished, none the worse for their experience.

The girls still don't like raw meat or chicken, though sometimes they will eat a little cooked chicken. I used to think fussy eaters were due to silly owners, now I'm not so sure. Oh, they like a little cheese sometimes!

About your "Dyed In The Wool Cat Lover" column: I'd like to add, "If your blankets are covered with fur." I confess I still pick off little strands of ginger fur, which Marmaduke left behind. I also have quite a pile of long white whiskers, which Marmie and Tabby left about the house over the years.

When any loved one dies, all you have are photographs to look at. In the case of my cats, I have fur and whiskers as well. When you cannot stroke them any more, somehow it's a comfort of sorts to touch what was once part of them. (After all, many mothers save a lock of their babies' hair, don't they?)

Incidentally, do other members find their cats don't like perfume? When I wear it, and bend down to talk to my two, they make faces and move off.

Jenny Nelson (Strathfield)



# In case of EMERGENCY...

In the questionnaire which we ran some months ago, we asked readers if they had made provisions for their cat's welfare in case of an emergency. Many said yes, they had left instructions with their solicitor and family or friends.

In addition, we think it is a sensible idea to carry a card in your wallet giving necessary details, and also to tape one beside the telephone at home.

Here is an example of the type of card recommended. You are very welcome to copy it. It is helpful to give names of two carers in case one is away.

These details can be printed on plain white cardboard with a black pen. The card can be covered with plastic to keep it clean. Obviously, if you have more than four cats you will need to add their details.

The friends or relatives who have agreed to care for your cats should have a key to the house, so there is no delay in gaining access to the animals. They should also be aware of the cats' habits - ie, if they are usually to be found indoors or outdoors, what food they eat, their sleeping arrangements and so on. It is never too early to discuss these matters in detail. Planning ahead brings peace of mind.

## EMERGENCY CARD

In case of emergency, I have arranged for my cat /s to be cared for by the following people. Contact one of them immediately. Details of my cat /s are on the other side of this card.

Name.....Address.....  
.....Tel no:.....

Name.....Address.....  
.....Tel no:.....

If I should die, my Will contains instructions regarding my cats. Please contact my solicitor without delay, so arrangements can be made promptly.

Name.....Address.....  
.....Tel no:.....

## DETAILS OF CAT /S OWNED BY

Name.....Address.....  
.....Tel no:.....

1. Cat's name.....Sex.....Age.....

Description.....

2. Cat's name.....Sex.....Age.....

Description.....

3. Cat's name.....Sex.....Age.....

Description.....

4. Cat's name.....Sex.....Age.....

Description.....

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However, we have had some quite angry people ring up to protest against some of the proposals. For instance, regarding a curfew, they say that cats must be allowed their freedom - it is unnatural to keep them locked indoors at night.

Our answer is that, regardless of legislation, cats should be kept inside at night for their own safety. It's at night that they are especially vulnerable to dogs, cars and sadistic humans. Also, if a cat is a hunting type (and we recognize that not all cats are!) he is more likely to hunt at night. Keeping him inside demonstrates the owner's concern for our native fauna.

We have to remember that not all people think and feel as we do about cats, but we all have to live together in the community. Our felines will be safer and happier in the long run if we respect our neighbours' feelings and live in harmony.

Meanwhile it is pleasing to see local Councils at last taking some action to deal with cat problems. Ryde has always been a friend, and now we are working with Concord and Ashfield Councils. We also believe Lane Cove and Kur-ring-gai are becoming aware of the overpopulation issues. In the past we have frequently encountered impatience, and

sometimes even animosity, when we have talked to Councils about cats. Now it seems a real understanding is developing. We hope members will tune in to problems in their own municipalities, and let it be known that the Society is here for consultation and, if feasible, practical help.

Now it's time to say a sincere thank you to our Welfare Officers Sandy Moss, Lyn Edworthy and Tania Curran for their hard work through the year, to say thank you and congratulations to Kelly Lynch and Janelle Foyle on maternity leave, and very special thanks to indispensable volunteers in our welfare area, Lena Larsen and June Chapman. Julie Gorricks, our Administrator, also pitches in, in emergencies.

We are all trying hard, as I think the following figures for the year will demonstrate. As ever, the euthanasia figures are depressing, but let us all keep on hoping for the ultimate goal - a caring home for every cat. With compulsory desexing looking so close on the horizon, perhaps the goal is closer to reality than ever before.

## Figures for the Year

Jobs completed	5131	Desexing	4559
Euthanasia	5406	Homes Found	677

-Nance Iredale Welfare Director/ Honorary Treasurer

# A Cat Lover's Guide to Living Together

(abridged from "A Passion for Cats," a book produced by The Cats' Protection League of England and published by David and Charles.)



## \* Always treat a cat seriously.

Never laugh at a cat or risk the least touch of ridicule. Of course, you can talk arrant nonsense provided the tone of voice is right, and another human doesn't laugh at the cat and make it feel it is being ridiculed.

## \* Approach a strange cat gently.

When trying to make friends, adopt a receptive stance. Remember that a tall human being must seem pretty forbidding, so lower yourself closer to the cat's height. (Some cats will stretch up to reduce the distance.) Speak softly. Don't make jerky movements. Let the cat make the final approach. Discourage the owner from picking the cat up and placing it on your lap. Friendships that may have flowered are often cut short by such intervention.

## \* Look a cat straight in the eyes.

Which again often means crouching or allowing the cat on to the table. When you have its attention, show that you are relaxed by blinking - when the cat is also relaxed, it will show it by taking long blinks with you. Lick your lips as well. Of course, to be the cat's equal you would need to lick it, but licking your own lips shows you are willing, and will probably be repaid by the cat licking your fingers or kissing your nose.

## \* Help a new cat feel at home.

By lowering yourself all the way to the ground and curling into a semi-circle. Many cats will show their willingness to communicate by lying beside you on their back, tummy exposed. But don't assume this immediately gives you permission to tickle them. Take things gently.

## \* Remember that owners as well as cats are different.

Don't be too judgemental of others. The food and values of one home are rarely replicated in another. Conversely, don't take too much to heart what others may say of you and your cat. For example, if your cat is lonely for you while you are away on holidays or in hospital, would you prefer to hear it had been sulking or pining? "There's nothing I can do for it, it's just sulking," says one vet. While another says, "I'm afraid it's pining. It misses you, and will need a lot of loving when you go home."

## \* Take care how you train a kitten.

Try to imagine how your instructions will be understood. Thus, an owner presenting a new chair to

the kitten may stroke the fabric, talk with an appreciative voice about the beauty and function of the chair, and finally place the kitten on it with great aplomb. But forever after the kitten regards the chair as its very own, and resents the owner sitting on it! In another instance, a kitten is smacked when it tries to climb up the chimney, at the same time as another adult is playing the piano. From then on, the kitten looks frightened each time the piano plays.

## \* Try to avoid frustration for yourself and the cat.

Serve meals at regular times, keep the litter tray clean, always have fresh water available, "listen" to what the cat is trying to tell you about its needs.

Most cats need most attention to be let through those wretched human devices, doors. Much frustration is saved all round when the cat can make its own way in and out, either through a cat door or bars of the appropriate width apart on a window.

## \* Share and share alike.

When a cat lives with you, everything is equal. It is thus your fault if you leave a piece of steak on the bench while you answer the telephone - and come back to find it missing. And if there is a room where the cat is not welcome, it is your fault if you fail to shut the door and the cat comes in. Making a song and dance about the cat being out of bounds, or being "naughty," is likely to increase his curiosity.

## \* Enjoy your cat's age.

Everyone knows how quickly kittens turn into cats, but horizons continue to widen for many years, and there is much to be gained by looking ahead. Think of likely milestones, and plan for them. For instance, it could be traumatic to suddenly send an elderly cat, never parted from you before, to a cattery. Try to arrange for someone the cat already knows to live in and care for it. Your cat's habits will change as it grows older. Dignity may supplant playfulness. Enjoy the quiet times together. When it becomes difficult for him to jump on to a favourite perch, a helping hand is welcome. Never let a struggling cat catch you watching it. As the cat becomes less supple, privacy is increasingly important. Watch his taste in food, and give him what he enjoys. Above all, talk to your cat. He will not understand your words, but will deeply appreciate the sound of your voice, just as you enjoy his contented purr.

## \* Keep on photographing your cat.

Share your album with other cat lovers. When the time comes to grieve, do not be shy of showing your grief. Let nobody mock the bond that was between you and your departed friend. Love is love.

The financial statements as shown are not the statutory accounts as required by schedule 5 of the Corporations Law. These are available for perusal upon request at the office located at 103 Enmore Road, Enmore.

# **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1992**

The directors of the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. submit here with the balance sheet as at 31 May 1992 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 of the society in office on the day this report is made out are:

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mrs. J. Chapman | 5. Mrs. S. Pikler  |
| 2. Mrs. E. Elliott | 6. Miss E Strachan |
| 3. Mrs. N. Iredale | 7. Mrs. B. Walsh   |
| 4. Mrs. E. Larsen  | 8. Ms. L. Wright   |

## **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 \$49,091.71

## **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 Ladies Auxiliary of the society was dismantled by a resolution of the directors. This resulted in the proceeds from the opportunity shop being banked directly into the society's bank account and the assets of the Ladies Auxiliary being transferred to the Society at their net written down value. There was no other significant change in the society's state of affairs other than that referred to in the accounts or notes thereto.

## **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

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, or the affect, the society's state of affair 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' BENEFIT**

During or since the financial year, no director of the society has received or become entitled to receive a benefit because of a contract that the director or a firm of which the director is a member or an entity in which the director has a substantial financial interest made with the society or an entity that society, controlled, or a body corporate that was related to the society, when the contract was made or when the director received, or became entitled to receive the benefit.

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

On behalf of the Directors

N. Iredale  
Director

S. Pikler  
Director

Signed at Enmore N.S.W

Date: 22nd July 1992

## **AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st May 1992**

## **SCOPE**

We have audited the financial statement of the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W for the financial year ended 31 may 1992. The society's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statement and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of those financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the society. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included

examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the society's financial position and the result of its operations

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

## **AUDIT OPINION**

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Cat Protection Society N.S.W. are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of :
  - (i) the society's state of affairs as at 31 May 1992 and of the loss for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) the other matters required by Divisions 4, 4A and 4B of part 3.6 of the Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporation Law; and
- (c) in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.

Signed at St. Marys

Lower Russel & Farr  
Chartered Accountants

Date: 23nd July 1992

.....  
Teddy John Zammit  
Partner

## **DIRECTORS STATEMENT**

In the directors opinion:

- a. The attached 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 1992
  - b. The attached balance sheet of the society gives a true and fair view of the society's state of affairs as at 31st May 1992;and
  - c. There are, when this statement is made out, reasonable grounds to believe that the society will be able to pay its debts 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
- 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

S. Pikler  
Director

Signed at Enmore N.S.W

Date 22nd July 1992

## **PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1992**

LAST YEAR		THIS YEAR
	<b>INCOME</b>	
184608.40	Appeals - welfare	197536.57
13386.10	- general	11321.95
297.19	Journal advertising	347.39
19800.00	Opportunity shop	27366.11
11000.00	Government grant	11000.00
74398.95	Interest	50120.02
635.00	Pets in memoriam	1150.00
17016.00	Sales - Cats	21493.00
19536.50	Memberships to C.P.S.	11076.00
1322.91	Money boxes	1455.55
865.45	Fund raising	2634.92
256.00	Recovery of stolen / damaged traps	70.00
	Goods for resale - net of trading	2390.00
3285.08		
346407.58		337961.51
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
4442.15	Advertising	5745.25
587.68	Ambulance supplies	581.17
1925.00	Auditors' remuneration	2195.00



(384).00	Bank charges	(79.29)	40.00	Deposits - electricity	40.00
26575.00	Boarding fees	30035.00		- rent	2607.00
365.00	Collars & tags - net of trading	983.00		Branch balances - Ladies	
	Depreciation		15159.70	auxiliary	
16718.00	- General	14657.00	-----		-----
4000.00	- Buildings	4000.00	43583.04		14706.12
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20718.00		18657.00		<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	
458.65	Electricity	874.47		Land - at Directors' valuation	
1385.56	General expenses	722.23	70000.00	31/5/90	70000.00
2124.87	Insurance	3097.10		Building - at Directors'	
15089.96	Journal - 'Cat Affair'	10065.48	160000.00	valuation 31/5/90	160000.00
325.50	Loss - money stolen		4000.00	Less: Accumulated depreciation	8000.00
29360.96	Motor vehicle expenses	27779.75	-----	-----	-----
1602.74	Postage	1392.86	156000.00		152000.00
2215.25	Printing & stationery	2642.64		Shop fixtures and fittings - at	
6215.35	Property expenses	2902.38		cost	10554.00
(3066.17)	Provided for annual leave	(3330.89)		less : Accumulated depreciation	633.00
416.44	Provided for long service leave	356.55	-----	-----	-----
520.00	Repairs & maintenance	712.65	9218.10	Plant & equipment - at cost	9898.50
574.43	Staff amenities	351.77	4214.00	Less: Accumulated depreciation	5159.00
250.30	Subscriptions and memberships	394.47	-----	-----	-----
4875.12	Telephone	5252.19	5004.10		4739.50
60.00	Trade waste disposal	290.00	93749.95	Motor vehicles - at cost	93749.95
169251.88	Veterinary expenses	179473.90			52363.00
127912.89	Wages & salaries	125024.06	40347.00	Less: Accumulated depreciation	-----
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413802.56		416118.74	53402.95		41386.95
-----	-----	-----	10849.90	Office equipment - at cost	10849.90
(67394.98)		(78157.23)	2086.00	Less: Accumulated depreciation	3149.00
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			8763.90		7700.90

#### LAST YEAR

	<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
	Insurance recovery	808.43
	Net income / expenditure of	
2063.47	branches	
48627.43	Legacies	28257.09
1192.00	Profit on sale of fixed assets	
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51882.90		29065.52
	<b>OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS) BEFORE</b>	
(15512.08)	<b>INCOME TAX</b>	(49091.71)
	Accumulated funds at beginning	
709169.63	of year	693657.55
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	<b>UNAPPROPRIATED PROFIT /</b>	
	<b>(ACCUMULATED LOSS) AT 31st May</b>	
\$693657.55	1992	\$644565.84

These accounts should be read in conjunction with any attached Notes To The Accounts.

#### BALANCE SHEET as at 31st May 1992

<b>LAST YEAR</b>		<b>THIS YEAR</b>
	<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	
184398.00	Assets revaluation reserve	184398.00
693657.55	Unappropriated profit	644565.84
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878055.55		828963.84
	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
	Bank overdraft (unsecured)	71.45
	other creditors & accruals	
30043.57	(unsecured)	16738.67
3517.40	Provision for long service leave	3873.95
6822.37	Provision for annual leave	3491.48
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40383.34		24175.55
918438.89	<b>TOTAL FUNDS PROVIDED</b>	853139.39
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<b>LAST YEAR</b>		<b>THIS YEAR</b>
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
16461.01	Cash at bank	
	Cash on hand	40.00
1382.00	Other debtors	1382.00
10540.33	Accrued interest	10637.12

	<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	
	Deposits - at call	877.07
10064.82	Cash management account	20121.70
20691.61	Term Deposits	528797.81
548797.81	Shares - Pacific Dunlop Limited,	
	at market value (cost \$ nil)	2888.34
2130.66		-----

**TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED** 853139.39

#### LAST YEAR

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 1992

#### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### General System of Accounting underlying the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared using the historical cost convention, except for certain assets which are at valuation. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Corporation 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.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 1992**

	1992	1991
	\$	\$
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>		
2. The Operating loss includes the following items of revenue and expense:		
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Operating Revenue		
Appeals	208859	197995
Interest	50120	74399
Opportunity shop	27366	19800
Governments grants	11000	11000
Sales - cats	21493	17016
Membership	11076	19537
Legacies	28257	48627
Proceeds from the disposal of non-current assets		
Property, plant & equipment		21950
Transfers from provisions		
Employee entitlements		
Annual Leave	3331	3066
Other items	8856	7853
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>370358</b>	<b>421243</b>

**EXPENSES**

Depreciation		
Property, plant & equipment	2641	1924
Motor vehicles	12016	14794
Buildings	4000	4000
Transfers to provisions		
Employee entitlement	357	416
Long service leave		

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1992**

**REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Cat Protection Society of 1992 1991 N.S.W. during the year were :

Mrs. J. Chapman	Mrs. S. Pikler
Mrs. E. Elliot	Miss .E Strachan
Mrs. S. Forysth	Ms. L. Thomas
Ms . L. Hood	Ms. J. Tomkin
Mrs . N. Iredale	Mrs. B . Walsh
Mrs . E. Larsen	Ms . L. Wright
Dr. D. Love	

Aggregate income received, or due and receivable, by directors of the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. from the society and any related corporation in connection with the management of the society and any related corporation -----

The number of directors of the Society whose total remuneration from the society and related Corporations falls within the following bands:  
\$ 0 - \$ 9,999 13 12

**4. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS**

Amounts received, or due and receivable, by the auditors from the society and related

corporation for:

(a) Audit of the companys accounts	1770	1525
(b) Other services	425	400
	2195	1925

**CONTINGENT ASSETS**

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.

**6. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

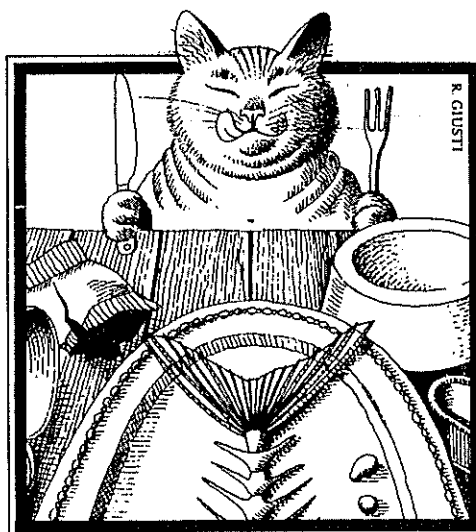
There are no contingent liabilities (1991 Nil) for amounts not provided for in the accounts.

**7. COMMITMENT FOR EXPENDITURE**

There are no commitment for expenditure (1991 Nil) for amounts not provided for in the accounts.

**8. LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Society was dismantled on 23 August 1991 by a resolution of the directors. This resulted in the proceeds from opportunity shop being banked directly into the society's bank account and the assets of the Ladies Auxiliary being transferred to the Society at their net written down value.



# Notice of Annual General Meeting and Nominations

The Annual General Meeting of The Cat Protection Society of NSW will be held on Sunday, October 4, 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 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 the 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 1991 Annual General Meeting.
2. Business Arising.
3. Annual Report.
4. Balance sheets and financial statements - Treasurer's report.
5. Election of the Office Bearers and Councillors 1992-1993 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 NSW  
appoint .....  
of .....  
to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on October 4, 1992.

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 on October 4, 1992

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 Memorandums and Articles of Association for the ensuing 12 months from such election.

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

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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