

Cat Affairs

*August
1993*



THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

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Patrons: Miss Ita Buttrose, O.B.E., Professor Charles Birch, F.A.A.,
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Office Bearers:

President: Mrs Shirley Pikler

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Honorary Secretary: Fred Price

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Mrs Megan Breust, Mrs June Chapman, Mrs Angelika Elliott, Mr Geoff Hall, Mrs Eileen Taylor.

Welfare Director: Mrs Nance Iredale

Assistant Welfare Director: Mrs Lena Larsen

Membership Secretary: Mrs Beverley Walsh

Opportunity Shop Co-ordinators: Miss Elizabeth Strachan, Mrs Eileen Taylor

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Mrs S. Cozens, Mrs E. Dupont, Mrs A. Gilham, Mr W. Graham, Mrs J. Graham, Mrs D. Haines,

Mrs B. Harvey, Mrs N. Iredale, Mrs L. Larsen, Mr G. Luton, Mrs T. Nelson, Mrs S. Pikler,

Mrs J. Taylor, Mr G. J. Thatcher, Miss Jo Tomkin.

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Mrs F. Best, Mrs L. Braby, Mrs M. Breust, Mrs I. Cheffings, DR. M. Cridland, Mrs J. Holdup, Mrs N. Iredale,

Mrs L. Loveday, Mrs B. Morrison, Miss V. Murdoch, Mrs J. Nelson, Mrs S. Pikler, Miss D. Silins,

Mrs S. Springfield, Mr G. Tiley, Mr W. Turner, Mrs S. Watson.

President's Page

Although we are still waiting patiently for some form of cat control legislation to be introduced in the State Parliament, we are at least seeing some activity at Local Government level. A large number of councils have made an effort to tackle the stray cat problem, and others are forming committees to consider their strategies in this area. For instance, Wyong Council are sending out to their rate payers a colourful, cartoon style brochure demonstrating the benefits and importance of desexing cats and dogs. We hope all councils will soon follow this fine example. Also, in conjunction with councils, the Australian Veterinary Association are giving talks in primary schools on responsible pet ownership. Whereas in the past most councils refused to concede that there was a problem, having put it in the "too hard basket", now they are being compelled to face it by the strength of the environmentalists' lobby. This, in turn, makes it that much harder for the politicians to ignore the pleas of the animal welfarists. Other countries have come to grips with suitable law enforcement measures. Why must we still lag behind? Would the politicians really lose that many votes by enacting legislation?

The above new initiatives, together with early desexing of dogs and cats before sale, should see a big drop in the numbers of stray and unwanted animals in our communities within the next few years.

Members will note from the enclosed Annual Statements that we have been able by careful pruning of expenses to make up the shortfall in last year's figures. Interest rates on our investments are still very low with no immediate relief in sight on that front. So, we are always very reliant on those kind folk who think ahead and remember our Society in their wills. Without their help we could not continue to exist, let alone be able to expand our services.



French Antiques for Cats

by

Angelika Elliott – Cat Lover
(Front & rear cover)

Being an antique dealer for many years specialising in French antiques and of course a great cat lover, I am always looking for the unusual piece of furniture.

Many years ago, at the Bastille Antique Fair in Paris, I came across a stand where a beautiful 18th century French Provincial painted corner cabinet was on display. The only unusual thing about it was that instead of a door it had an opening in the middle! When I asked the dealer what it was, he said it was a special corner cabinet built for cats! So it was not only beautiful but also for a cat to sleep in.

This is not the only special piece built for a cat - look at the front cover photograph from a book of miniature furniture. Yes, this amazing 18th century bed was built for a cat!

What a wonderful surprise it must have been when the cabinet maker delivered it to the owner. I wonder also how often the cat slept in it.

Have a look at the photograph of a 1720 French painting of a gentleman with his black and white cat in the background on the back cover. It looks as though he has surrounded himself with those things that were important to him: books, art, and his CAT!

I, as well, let my five cats enjoy all the French antiques in my home. They mostly prefer the armchairs. I guess comfort and not age is the most important thing to them as well as us.

A.E.

An urgent reminder! Renewals were due last 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 drop 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 this case, you don't need to renew until June of 1994, then it's every June as usual.

Thank you for your support. We couldn't do without it.



Je M' Accuse

(Literally: I accuse myself !)

Between the side-rails of a passing truck
the Hereford steers with their white eye-lashes look out
–heads down, their vague foreboding troubles me.

I do not want to know where they are going,
or what will happen to them when they get there.

All their lives were leading up to this
–even when they were younger, with their mothers,
nuzzling and trotting beside them in green paddocks,
younger too, was loading up their kinfolk,
and this has always been the way it was...

It is their silence does the greatest damage
–a silence broken only by the occasional
stutter of hooves along the wooden floorboards
at any sudden swerve or change of speed.

Such days are darkened for me, even though
a thousand economies should defend the case,
and God himself lean down from heaven to bless
this mighty slaughter-house we call the world
–in innocence and fear those white-lashed eyes
seem to accuse that, even turning away,
the guilt remains, deeper than genesis.

Bruce Dawe

Reprinted by Longman Cheshire "Sometime Gladness"; Collected Poems 1954-1992.

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Notice off Annual General Meeting and Nominations

The Annual General Meeting of The Cat Protection Society of NSW will be held on Sunday, October, 11, at the Society's premises, 103 Enmore Road, Enmore, commencing at 2.00pm

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

Light refreshments will be served after the close of the meeting. It is hoped to see new members as well as old friends among those attending.

AGENDA

1. Read and confirm Minutes of the 1992 Annual General Meeting.
2. Business Arising.
3. Annual Report.
4. Treasurer's Report — Audited accounts.
5. Election of Office Bearers and Councillors 1993-1994.
6. Appointment of Auditors.
7. General business.

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 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, 11, 1993
Signed.....

Election of Office Bearers & 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

.....
for the position of.....
at the election to be held at the Annual General Meeting on October 11, 1993.

Proposer.....
Address.....
Seconder.....
Address.....

I..... name of nominee.....

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

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

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 candidate's 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.

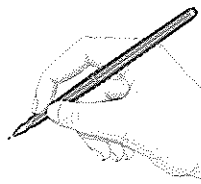
3. If necessary, ballot lists shall be prepared containing only the names of the candidates. The order in which the candidate's names appear on the ballot paper shall be decided by lot. Each member present at the Annual General Meeting, or his/her appointed proxy, shall be entitled to vote for any number 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.





Correspondence

June Holdup, Life Governor, on feral cats

“It’s all in the name put out by the hysterical hype of the media.

If they were to call it, more correctly, cats who have been abandoned and dumped by inconsiderate and uncaring humans the emphasis is changed and the blame comes to where it belongs.

The cats do what every other living thing does in similar circumstances – tries to survive the best they can.

The current ‘double speak’ fad reaches everywhere.

Try ‘ethnic cleansing’, sounds much more acceptable, even jolly, whereas ‘mass murder’ or even ‘genocide’ puts the whole picture in a different perspective.

I was speaking to a lady, just recently, who blamed the feral cats and wild dogs for eliminating the natural wildlife from Queensland’s Gold Coast!!

The massive concrete and glass developments there and subsequent loss of habitat had nothing to do with it. She was quite adamant about it.

The picture she painted had great bands of marauding cats and dogs wandering around at night killing hundreds of birds and other creatures.

With some people you just can’t win.

Responsible ownership and desexing has to be the message to help solve the dumped cat problem. Certainly *not* a bounty on feral cats.

My three are brought inside at night for their own protection.

Now let me share with you a much happier story.

The late summer, early autumn thunder storms were getting to be a regular afternoon happening here in April but this particular Friday, it was a real beauty. Hail, rain, lightning – deep, loud thunderclaps –the works!

I had, of course, brought my three cats inside – Teake is particularly unimpressed by thunder.

The telegraph pole outside my back door was struck with a truly tremendous noise and flash and plunged us into a black-out lasting nearly five hours.

Then came the high pitched screaming from downstairs. Eerie and frightening.

Upon investigation, it was not Teake giving vent to his feelings, my first thought.

On a window ledge, outside, in the pouring rain, was a baby brush-tail possum. (My roof is home for four or five separate nests).

My guess, is the noise startled her and she panicked and fell from the roof.

I brought the tiny thing inside – she fitted into my hand with her tail wrapped around my wrist.

Eventually, after drying and calming her, I put her in a nest of paper on a high shelf near a part open louvre window in my sewing room where she promptly went back to sleep.

About 4.30 am next morning, just as darkness was losing its sting, I was woken by loud possum-coughing type noises coming from the sewing room.

There, outside the window, clambering along, was a very big female possum trying to squeeze her way inside between the louvres.

But, did baby possum want to go out – not on your life!



When I tried to put her out she turned and ran up my arm and hid in the folds of my dressing gown, whimpering.

But when mother possum got her head in through the louvre window I was able to get baby nose to nose and after a couple of sniffs, recognition dawned and the little one scrambled out and buried herself in mother's fur.

Mother possum immediately sat down in a corner of the window ledge – turned the baby upside down and proceeded to thoroughly clean every inch of her.

And baby just loved it.

After about twenty minutes she packed up and took off home with baby clinging to her fur and trying to get into her pouch.

I went back to bed a very happy foster mother, stiff and cold but smiling. Walt Disney, eat your heart out!!!”

The sour and the sweet!

*June is correct, of course.
If the media took the trouble to research the 'news' they print instead of slanting the story in an endeavour to titillate and titivate, they may not sell as many newspapers but they would be seen as responsible and respected citizens and not as clowns purveying tripe to a gullible few.*

If the bureaucracy spent less time in 'Empire Building', came down from their 'Ivory Towers' and listened to the 'man-in-the-street' we may get legislation based on fact and not fairy-tale.

As for politicians –

Let the wise respond.....

Nowhere are prejudices more mistaken for truth, passion for reason and invective for documentation than in politics.

That is a realm, peopled only by villains or heroes, in which everything is black or white and grey is a forbidden colour.

John Mason Brown

or

If experience teaches us anything at all, it teaches us this: that a good politician, under democracy, is quite as unthinkable as an honest burglar.

H. L. Mencken

*Authority intoxicates,
It makes base sorts of magistrates.*

*The fumes of it invade the brain
And make man haughty, proud
and vain.*

*But how much charm is shown in
the sweet of it:*

Emerson wrote,

There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behaviour, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us!

Why didn't Noah swat those two flies when he had the chance?

A thought for the young.
A pat on the back develops character – if administered often enough, young enough and low enough.

We are all manufacturers in a way – making good, making trouble or making excuses.

To be loved is to pass away, to love is to endure.



C. P. S. & THE VETERINARY PROFESSION

In 1985 I first became aware of some of the negative animal welfare policies of the Australian Veterinary Association (NSW Division), (AVA).

Then I found myself, as an accepted animal welfarist, called before meetings of the AVA, badgered, shouted at and accused of aiding in the destruction of the financial viability of the veterinary profession.

It was a position of total confrontation on their part (the executives, not the rank and file) and amused tolerance on mine.

I know of no veterinary practice that has become insolvent from its connection with the welfare societies.

Now, in 1993, little appears to have changed.

Their "Newsletter" still publishes occasional articles decrying the welfare societies' role in achieving cheap desexing.

Their June 1993 issue suggests that Vets "are **entrapped** into discount schemes".

"Entrapped?".

I suggest that members of the profession, whether members of the AVA or not, have considerably more intelligence, humanity and business acumen (not mutually exclusive terms amongst vets) than the editors of their "Newsletter" believe.

In fiscal year 1992 this Society entrapped members of the veterinary profession into accepting **\$179,473.90 in fees** and were pleased to pay this sum.

Our Society, I suggest, has a far greater harmonious relationship with Vets., on a day-to-day basis, than the Association has.



The average veterinary practitioner, as we know him/her is a dedicated, hard-working professional who devotes far more than 38 hours a week in pursuing their occupation with skill and competence and is entitled to earn an income commensurate with his/her skill and competence.

Without exception we find "our" vets practical people who have more social conscience than most and who are in a unique position to undo the stupidities of their fellow human beings who have created what is euphemistically called "the cat problem".

On our part, we pursue with all zeal our endeavours to bring pet owners into the compass of vets, firstly for desexing and then for the ongoing care needed for the quality of life we wish for all animals.

One of the major objectives of your Society is to educate the public in responsible pet ownership, endeavouring to have the public accept their responsibilities in caring for their pets and forcing them to accept that they do have more intellect than "puss" and therefore should accept the responsibility for their reproduction.

In summary, long may our alliance with members of the profession continue and phooey to the AVA.





On Legacy Cats

We read in the May 1993 edition of *National Cat* that the RSPCA is instigating a 'unique' scheme to provide care for cats on the decease of their owners.

If the reporter has it right, the programme will 'rely on people making provisions in their will to provide ongoing care for their animals'.

We question the term 'unique'. The N. S. W. Animal Welfare League has had such a scheme operating at West Hoxton for many years, though I do not believe that there is a positive stipulation that the League requires remembrance in the will.

The Cat Protection Society has a somewhat different philosophy.

We strongly urge owners to make provision for the care of their animals with relatives or friends before the need arises.

Many of us have relatives and friends who we positively know will care for our animals upon our demise, of course, many of us do not.

A viable and recommended alternative is to make provision with family, friends or a welfare society to have their animals humanely put down upon their death.

We are aware of cases where the family have agreed to accept responsibility for their parent's animals but when the time arrived their lifestyle was such that puss, being badly treated or ignored, soon reverted to a near feral state.

We sincerely question the quality of life achievable, either in a caged or colony situation, for an indeterminate and perhaps lengthy time.

Surely the objective we should strive for, ourselves and our animals, is quality of life, not quantity of life.

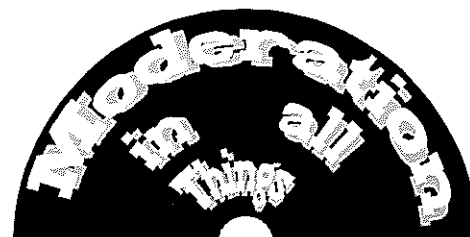
Science guessing again?

Dietary fibre is thought to help reduce diseases such as arteriosclerosis, colon cancer and diverticulitis by binding harmful substances in the gut. However, nutrition minerals may also be bound, according to Dutch researchers. They found that rats fed 15% or 30% oat bran had high excretion levels of calcium and magnesium. Raw oat bran influenced excretion more strongly than baked oat bran. "The study is not expected to affect human dietary requirements, because human intake is much less than 15%".

I wonder who determined the scientific basis for the assumptions that

- Rats and humans are synonymous terms in this area of experimentation, and
- No human intake includes more than 15% of dietary fibre.

While the scientists continue to change their minds as often as we change our litter trays we would do well to remember that our lives, comfort and well-being are enhanced by following the concepts of:



THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. submit herewith the balance sheet as at 31 May 1993 and the income and expenditure statement for the financial year then ended. In order to comply with the provisions of the Corporations Law, the directors report as follows:

The names and particulars of the directors of the company in office on the day this report is made out are:

Name	Particulars
Mrs M Breust	Nursing sister and director of the Society for one year.
Mrs J Chapman	Retired Red Cross Library assistant and director of the Society for five years.
Mrs A Elliott	Importer of French antiques and director of the Society for two years.
Mr G Hall	Auctioneer and director of the Society for one year.
Mrs N Iredale	Retired company secretary and director of the Society for ten years.
Mrs E Larsen	Retired welfare officer and director of the Society for six years.
Mrs S Pikler	Retired stenographer and director of the Society for eight years.
Mr F Price	Retired builder and director of the Society for one year.
Mrs E. Taylor	Retired teacher and director of the Society for one year.
Mrs B. Walsh	Retired stenographer and director of the Society for eight years.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activities in the course of the financial year were the 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 company's surplus for the financial year was \$16,441.

DIVIDENDS

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

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

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

CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

During the financial year there was no significant change in the company's state of affairs other than that referred to in the accounts or notes thereto.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There has not been any matter of circumstance, other than that 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 company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in financial years after the financial year.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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



DIRECTOR'S BENEFITS

During or since the financial year, no director of the company 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 company or an entity that the company controlled, or a body corporate that was related to the company, 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 Corporations Law.

On behalf of the Directors

Signed at Enmore, N.S.W.
Dated: 28.7.93

N. Iredale, Director
E. Larsen, Director

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. for the financial year ended 31 May 1993 as set out on pages 4 to 13. The company's directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements 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 company.

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 examinations, 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 company's financial position and the results 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 of N.S.W. are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the company's state of affairs as at 31 May 1993 and of its surplus 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 Corporations Law; and
- (c) in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.

LOWER RUSSELL & FARR
Chartered Accountants

(Sgd) T J Zammit
Partner

SIGNED AT ST MARYS this 2nd of August.



THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 1993

	NOTE	1993	1992
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		5,477	40
Receivables	3	58,068	14,666
Investments	4	522,896	552,685
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>586,441</u>	<u>567,391</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	5	290,428	285,748
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>876,869</u>	<u>853,139</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & borrowing	6	17,925	16,810
Provisions	7	13,540	7,365
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>31,465</u>	<u>24,176</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>31,465</u>	<u>24,176</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>845,405</u>	<u>828,964</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Reserves	8	184,398	184,398
Accumulated funds		661,007	644,566
		<u>845,405</u>	<u>828,964</u>

All totals rounded off.

**STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1993**

In the directors' opinion:

- (a) The attached income and expenditure statement of the company gives a true and fair view of the company's surplus for the financial year ended 31 May 1993;
- (b) The attached Balance Sheet of the company gives a true and fair view of the company's state of affairs as at 31 May 1993; and
- (c) There are, when this statement is made out, reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

On behalf of the Directors

N. Iredale, Director

E. Larsen, Director

Signed at Enmore, N.S.W. Dated 28 7 1993



THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1993

	1993	1992
<u>INCOME</u>		
Appeals - welfare	125,962	197,537
- general	13,822	11,322
Fund raising	624	2,635
Government grant	0	11,000
Goods for resale net of trading	0	2,390
Interest	32,908	50,120
Journal advertising	90	347
Memberships to C.P.S.	12,771	11,076
Money boxes	831	1,456
Opportunity shop	24,263	27,366
Pets in memoriam	355	1,150
Recovery of stolen/damaged traps	75	70
Sales cats	16,566	21,493
	<hr/> 228,268	<hr/> 337,962
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Advertising	4,577	5,745
Ambulance supplies	525	581
Auditors remuneration	2,085	2,195
Bank charges	(54)	(79)
Boarding fees	30,100	30,035
Cleaning	1,259	0
Collars & tags - net of trading	321	983
Depreciation - general	12,504	14,657
- buildings	4,000	4,000
Electricity 714	874	
General expenses	981	722
Insurance	4,165	3,097
Journal - "Cat Affairs"	12,926	10,065
Loss - short bankings	126	0
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,436	0
Motor vehicle expenses	21,402	27,780
Postage	1,083	1,393
Printing & Stationery	2,104	2,643
Property expenses	2,598	2,902
Provided for annual leave	5,820	(3,331)
Provided for long service leave	354	357
Repairs & maintenance	655	713
Staff amenities	290	352
Subscriptions & memberships	622	394
Superannuation	3,000	0
Telephone	4,418	5,252
Trade waste disposal	101	290
Veterinary expenses	126,395	179,474
Wages & salaries	70,620	125,024
	<hr/> 315,126	<hr/> 416,119
	<hr/> (86,859)	<hr/> (78,157)



**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1993**

Brought forward	(86,859)	(78157)
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>		
Insurance recovery	422	808
Legacies	102,878	28,257
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	16,441	(49,092)
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the financial year	644,566	693,658
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	661,007	644,566

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1993**

	1993	
	INFLOWS	
	NOTE (OUTFLOWS)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Appeals	139,784	
Legacies	102,878	
Memberships	12,771	
Opportunity Shop	24,263	
Sales - cats	16,566	
Payments to suppliers and employees	(338,137)	
Interest received	38,124	
Other items	2,397	
Net cash provided by operating activities	15(b)	(1,354)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(32,120)	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	9,500	
Net cash used in or from investing activities		(22,260)
NET DECREASE IN CASH HELD		(23,974)
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		549,765
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	15(A)	525,791

Notes to and forming part of the accounts are included on pages 8 to 13.





WE CARE FOR WILDLIFE

WHY WE CARE FOR WILDLIFE

WIRES deals with the three major groups of protected native animals—the reptiles, birds and mammals of Australia.

There is a tremendous seasonal variation in wildlife activity throughout the year. The majority of calls are received by **WIRES** during the spring and summer months, when bird and flying fox breeding takes place and reptiles are active.

Some 20,000 requests to assist sick, injured, orphaned or displaced animals are received by **WIRES** each year, with **10,000 calls in Sydney** alone. Most problems encountered by wildlife can be attributed either directly or non-directly to the presence of humans. For this reason alone, we have a responsibility to rescue and care for these animals and, more importantly, to be aware of how we can protect wildlife by preventing these problems from occurring in the first place.

CAUSES OF INJURY TO WILDLIFE

WIRES regularly receives animals for which the cause of injury is simply not known. In fact, during the period July 1 1991 to June 30 1992, more than half (52.1%) of all animals taken into care in Sydney had 'unknown' listed as the cause of injury.

1. DOMESTIC CAT AND DOG ATTACK

Of the known causes of injury to wildlife, cat attacks accounted for the highest percentage (15.2%). Of these, about 60% died or had to be euthanased. A total of 68 different species were affected.

Dog attack accounted for 5.8% of injuries, while suspected animal attack accounted for nearly 10%.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

KEEP YOUR DOG OR CAT INSIDE AT NIGHT

Most of our native mammals are nocturnal and therefore more vulnerable during the night. Small mammals, such as Ringtail Possums and Sugar Gliders are particularly vulnerable, but even the larger Brushtail Possums can die from infections caused by bacteria from cats' claws — Dogs should either be tied up or kept inside at night, so that they can't attack the larger mammals. Even tree-dwelling mammals, such as Brushtail Possums, spend some time on the ground where they can fall victim to dog attack.

CONTROL YOUR DOG OR CAT DURING THE DAYTIME.

Cats will seek out animals during the day once they have located their nests or roosting sites.

Wrap a strip of metal or even a plastic drink bottle split down the middle around the branches leading to a bird's nest to make it inaccessible to your cat.

Dogs often grab hold of passing Bluetongue Lizards and 'play' with them by tossing them in the air. Train your dog not to harm wildlife.

Never let your pet chase wildlife for fun. Many animals may die purely from the stress of being chased, even if they are not caught. Kangaroos and Wallabies are particularly vulnerable.

BELL YOUR CAT.



Collars with bells attached are available from pet shops, or make your own. (They are stocked by CPS. Ed) The noise produced will warn birds when your cat is approaching.

DESEX YOUR DOG OR CAT

This reduces the number of unwanted pets. Dispose of any unwanted pets in a responsible way. Dumped cats, if they survive and turn feral, will consume large numbers of native animals.

2. MOTOR VEHICLES

Although motor vehicles account for 13.3% of known causes, suspected motor vehicle accidents (eg. a bird with concussion found lying beside the road) also make up a large percentage.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Keep a cardboard box (with lid) and towel in the boot of your car. If you find an injured animal whilst travelling, pick it up with the towel and put it in the box. Handling the animal this way will lessen the trauma or damage to you and the animal.

ALWAYS STOP AND CHECK ANIMALS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

An animal may appear to be dead but may only be unconscious or stunned.

Marsupials (pouched mammals) should be checked even if obviously dead in case there is a live young in the pouch or nearby. Possums and gliders, macropods (kangaroos and wallabies) wombats and koalas should all be checked.

DRIVE CAREFULLY AND BE AWARE OF WILDLIFE.

Many animals feed at dawn and dusk, when light is poor and long shadows are cast, making visibility difficult. Many of our mammals, including flying foxes and insectivorous bats, and even some birds (eg. Owls and Tawny Frogmouths) are nocturnal. Therefore special care should be taken when driving at night when visibility is greatly reduced and animals may be stunned by car headlights.

It is also important to drive carefully through known or likely wildlife habitat, eg. particularly bushy areas.

ATTACH A GAME WARNING SYSTEM TO YOUR VEHICLE.

The system consists of a pair of easy-to-attach self-adhesive whistles which emit a wind activated, high frequency sound to alert animals to your approach. These inexpensive devices can be purchased through the NSW distributor, Lauren Van Dyke, P.O. Box 212, Terrey Hills. NSW 2084. Fax (02 449 9039. Mobile 018 166 027.

3. UNSUITABLE ENVIRONMENT.

Animals which need relocating after being found in an unsuitable environment accounted for 11.5% of animals rescued. Many of these were unwelcome or even dangerous visitors, such as snakes and other reptiles. Most were probably victims of habitat disturbance or destruction of one kind or another. 2.1% of animals came in as a confirmed direct consequence of habitat loss, such as tree felling or excavation.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Use caution when felling trees, clearing bush or disturbing any area that may provide habitat for wildlife. Dead trees may look unattractive to you but may be home for birds, possums and gliders and even insectivorous bats.

CREATE WILDLIFE HABITAT in your garden or your street by growing native plants.

IF YOU FIND A SNAKE IN YOUR HOUSE OR YARD, do not attempt to kill it. You could get bitten! Try and keep an eye on it and call **WIRES**. Most snakes are merely passing through and will not stay around for long.

4. BABY BIRDS FALLEN FROM THE NEST.

During the spring and summer months, a large number of the calls received by **WIRES** concern young birds that have either fallen from the nest or have left the nest naturally, but are in a vulnerable situation while they 'learn the ropes'. These situations account for 8.5% of calls.

Unnecessary or incorrect human intervention at this stage can cause long-term problems. Ultimately, any animal has a better chance of survival in the wild if it is raised by its natural parents in its own environment. Therefore,

babies should not be removed from their parents unless absolutely necessary.

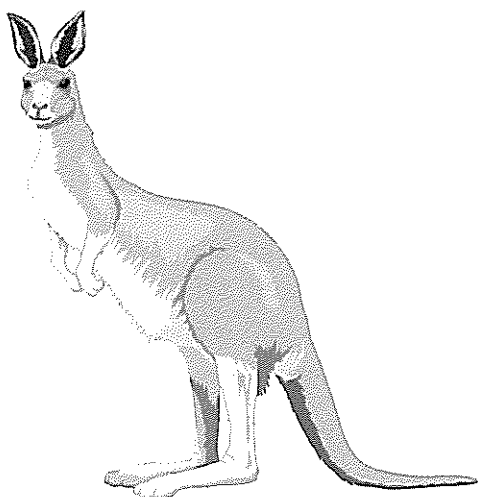
WHAT YOU CAN DO

Remove dogs, cats and people from the area if a young bird is on the ground. If the parents are around and the young bird is healthy and uninjured, let them deal with the situation.



Babies that are obviously out of the nest prematurely should be placed back in the original nest if accessible. If this is not possible an artificial nest can be made using a plastic ice cream container. Put a couple of holes in the bottom of the container so that rain water can drain out and attach it firmly to a branch or fork in the tree. If the bird continues to hop out of the container, let it do so.

5. DISEASE. 7.5% of animals seen by **WIRES** are suffering from some kind of illness. Skin diseases such as stress dermatitis are common in Brushtail Possums, whilst wombats may be found suffering from mange. Sulphur-crested Cockatoos suffer from beak and feather rot, which in its later stages, renders the bird almost featherless. Many other animals come in obviously ill and die before the disease can be identified. Runner Rainbow Lorikeets suffering from feather loss account for 1% of animals.



An increasing amount of animals appear to be affected by the stresses of urban living. The continuing depletion of the natural environment means more competition for food and nesting sites which can lead to stress-induced disease.

The common habit of artificially feeding wildlife also contributes to disease, either directly, as disease is passed via the food from one bird to the next, or indirectly, as the birds' immune systems are weakened by a continually inadequate diet.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

DO NOT ARTIFICIALLY FEED WILDLIFE!
Leave as much habitat as possible for wildlife in your garden and create more by planting native trees, shrubs and ground covers.

6. COLLISIONS WITH WINDOWS OR BUILDINGS.

Invisible window panes play havoc with unsuspecting birds in flight and account for 5.3% of injured animals.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Birds can be deterred from collisions by placing something visible in front of the offending window or building. Plants will break the flight path and reflections in the window, which seem to attract so many birds, can be lessened by awnings or coating the window with a substance or covering to render them non-reflective.

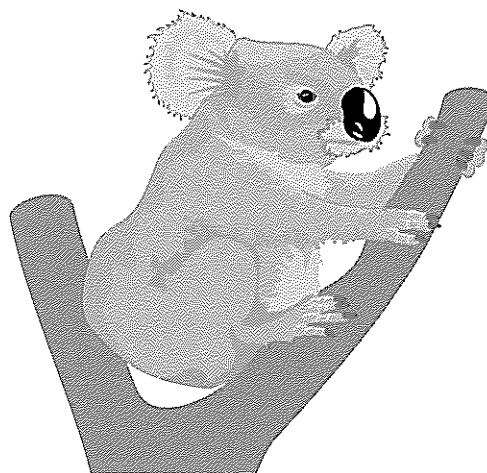
7. LITTER AND POLLUTION.

Rubbish dumping can have a devastating impact on wildlife, as anyone who has seen an entangled bird hanging upside down 20 metres up a tree will attest to. Entanglement in fishing line and hooks, string and so on account for 3.2% of animals, whilst pollution affects almost 1%.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Never leave litter lying around. You'd be surprised what animals are capable of getting entangled in. If you see litter lying around that you think may endanger wildlife, put it in a bin. Talk to people you see littering about the potential impact on wildlife.

REPORT ANY EXAMPLES OF POLLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.



CONCLUSION

The aforementioned article gives some indication of the devastating human impact on wildlife, but it is by no means a complete picture. The remaining 15% of causes of injury are mainly comprised of naturally-occurring hazards, such as fighting in the wild, weather conditions, migration and old age, although weapons, electrocution on power lines and unwanted or escaped native pets (cockatoos) make up the remaining small percentage of human-caused wildlife problems.

It is up to each and every one of us to do what we can to help restore the balance of nature and to protect the wildlife that we as Australians are so lucky to have.



The Opportunity Shop.

Let's consider the Op Shop at 87 Enmore Road, just down from the welfare office, where there is enough energy generated to maintain a small power station.

First of all we have a convoy of private cars whose owners pick up goods from all over Sydney. Lots of us find donated goods on our verandahs and at our front doors which we then deliver to the sorting-room of the Shop. Sometimes this area is so chock-a-block that it is hard to find room and we feel sort of weak (no pun intended) contemplating the sorter's job.

However, at least once and mostly twice weekly, the sorters move in under the efficient direction of Elizabeth Strachan and Eileen Taylor. These ladies are assisted by a dedicated crew of sorters, pricers and – let's face it – throw-outers. Whilst we say in our requests for goods that we can sell anything except large furniture, there are some goods that are, well, pretty awful. In fact, some plastic bags are opened, smelt, looked at briefly and the contents don't even make the Smith Family bin.

We do have a Smith Family bin in the backyard which we fill with rejects, some of the clothes are good but soiled and even the raggy ones can be sold for commercial use.

The SORTERS assess the clothing and price the novelty items. The clothes are put on racks to be taken into the shop as needed. Clothes are PRICED as follows – dresses \$2.50, blouses \$2.00, slacks \$2.00, men's shirts \$2.50, trousers xxxx, jumpers xxxx and just go on the racks not having to be individually ticketed. We do have a rack for extra good clothing and there all items are individually tagged.

Lots of china and kitchen ware has to be WASHED and some of our ladies take home good clothing to be washed.

We also have one lady who really enjoys washing and SPRUCING UP soft toys. See the photos of the pink panther being made look respectable (her husband is a volunteer salesman and they have lots of cats).

We have a STAMPLADY who collects and takes the stamps into town and she is helped by two STAMP TRIMMERS who neatly cut out the stamps. Rosemary is a vet nurse at Concord Animal Hospital and is helped by her mum.

We have a BOOK LADY who selects the books we keep and straightens up the shelves. For instance a pornographic book lying in the most prominent position on the shelves – obviously by a joker – was quickly consigned to the Otto. None of us got the opportunity of a glimpse.

We have several ladies who specialise in SWEEPING and DUSTING on their days in the shop and some re-arrange and CLEAN the window display.

We have a SHOE LADY who prices and matches the shoes.

We have a ROSTER LADY in Eileen Taylor who arranges the roster for two months at a time and spends hours juggling and re-arranging it. Things like Doctor's appointments, minding grand-children, flu, etc would try anyone's patience, but not our Eileen. If all else fails, Eileen fills in.

We have a SECOND HAND DEALER who calls in most days and gives us advice but also buys. When he makes a purchase we all sigh and think we priced that too low, but it's all profit.

At the end of summer and winter we have sales and this means a busy time. Goods are selected for throw out prices and all prices are reduced. This goes on for a month and during that time goods for the next season are gradually introduced into the shop. At the end of the sale, goods are



assessed, not whether they will still be in fashion next season, but if they are worth packing away and storing for six months. Smith Family and an institution for handicapped people receive a lot of the left overs but many bags of good clothing are packed away. As almost all our volunteers are retirees, this is pretty tiring work for them.

A great help to us is young Timo, a member who puts locks on loos, sells our electrical goods for us, turns on switches which we are too scared to touch and generally helps out whenever we send out an S.O.S.

Timo makes our third male volunteer along with Norman and John. We'd like to have more men, as long as like our three, they can swap good "cat" stories.

Six days each week we have two salespersons on duty and they are the ones who have the funny and sometimes irritating experiences. For instance:

The welfare office was rung "there are two ladies about to have a fisticuff". One was a smallish European Lady and the other a very large Island Lady and they were really shaping up for hostilities. Mousing soothing words, we urged the European Lady to the door where she stood and shrieked "why don't you go back where you came from". We thought that was cute until there was a rush of heavy feet. The littler lady beat a hasty retreat and peace reigned once more.

Then there was the very expensive frock hanging in the front of the special rack.

The two sales ladies admired it from the counter from time to time. During a break in sales one said to the other "You sold the dress". But no, it had been whisked away. Their indignation knew no bounds. We suspect in our "dressing room", protected by an old fashioned shower curtain, clothes

are tried on and the old clothes put on top. (John Burnett, husband of our soft toy washer, has his own story about our dressing room).

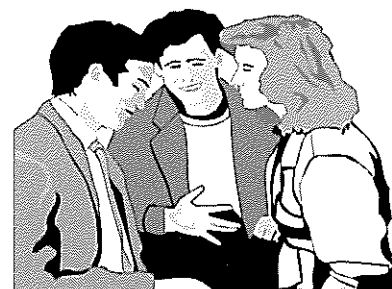
Recently, one of our most valued clients accidentally sustained a huge cut on her leg in the Shop and in a second it was bleeding profusely. The action taken was brilliant. A client applied the necessary pressure pad to the wound as a chair was provided, the ambulance was rung with a request for urgency, another client found out the circumstances under which the lady lived and rang a friend to make sure there would be help when she got home, we promised to take care of "Tom" if necessary. By this time the ambulance had arrived and a very sweet ambulance girl applied the correct dressing _ our lady went off to hospital on a stretcher.

She came back much later with 14 stitches and apologies for the inconvenience she had caused! Although it was a very nasty incident, the quick action, the concern and co-operation of just everyone was great to be part of. Our little client still calls in almost daily to look around and chat to our sales people.

At the end of the day, Lyn Edworthy, from the welfare office, adds up the money and the sales book and makes a quick dash to the bank.

Have I made you tired with all this activity?

So, to all the guys and dolls who make the Op-Shop work, we hope you have some fun, you realise that we are very grateful and THANK YOU.



The Story of Shy

by Dorothy M. Taylor

I first saw 'Shy' one dark winter night eleven years ago. A lanky, half-grown ginger and white kitten, he popped up like a jack-in-the-box on the cemetery wall opposite my home. As I stared in amazement his all-ginger brother appeared.

The kittens had come to share dinner with their parents, two grown cats that I had been feeding there. These two lovely 'moggies', one tortoiseshell, the other tabby, had belonged to my neighbour, an elderly lady. When she died her two cats ran in terror to the cemetery, hiding there during the day and creeping back to their home verandah at night. I fed them there until forbidden to do so by the old lady's son, a cat hater. For over two years I then intercepted them each evening with food on the cemetery wall, it being impossible to catch them as they were too timid.

Some time during this period two half-grown ginger and white kittens appeared on the wall and their tortoiseshell mother disappeared. I named one of the kittens 'Shy', the other 'Bo-Peep'.

Eventually, 'Tom', the tabby father, crossed the road to my front garden. Behind him trotted his two sons.

"Come on boys," I suppose he said to the kittens. "Let's go over and live with her. It'll be a lot more comfy!"

So, for a while the three lived in my garden. Unfortunately, they frequently darted back to the cemetery and were quite wild, never allowing me to touch them.

Tragedy struck one winter night and all three disappeared. A week later 'Tom' and the kitten I had named 'Shy' reappeared in my garden, the latter with a broken leg. I didn't realise that the leg was broken and of course it was impossible to catch him. I never saw my brother, 'Bo-Peep' again.

Fearing that I should be landed with a litter of kittens, (being unaware at the time that most ginger cats are male)

All went well with father and son living in my garden until one day I noticed 'Tom' acting suspiciously with 'Shy'. Fearing that I should be landed with a litter of kittens, (being unaware at the time that most ginger cats are male) I decided that at all costs I must catch them and have them neutered. 'Tom', having once been tame, was fairly easy to catch, but 'Shy', never having been handled, was a different matter.

After some thought I rigged an elaborate trick in the front hall, fixing a long string to the security door, which I left ajar, putting food just inside. I waited unseen until 'Shy' eventually crept in and began eating, then quickly pulled the string, trapping him in the hall. The next problem was to catch him as he was now in a great panic. After several futile attempts I managed this with a towel as he attempted to climb the wall. I popped the terrified cat into a waiting cage and left him for a night to calm down.

A visit to the vet established his male sex and he was duly neutered. The vet



also examined the broken leg and said that it was healing well and didn't require treatment.

In hindsight I realise that I should have kept 'Shy' indoors much longer after neutering, as I probably could have tamed him then. As it was, he continued to be wild for the next two or three years. I made a shelter for him under a tree but he seldom used it, so I was constantly concerned for him in bad weather.

picture circa 1989



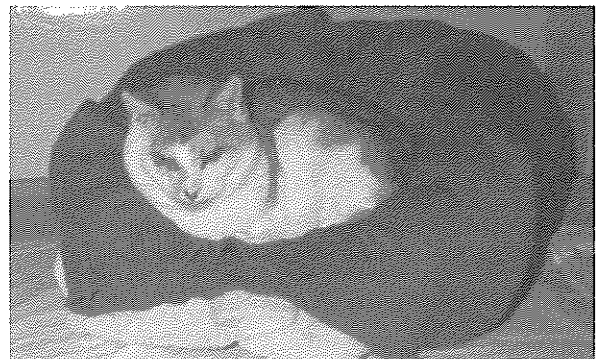
In time the fierce Australian summer sun wrought havoc with 'Shy's' face, causing skin cancer. Animals, as well as people are susceptible to this painful and disfiguring disease, white cats and ginger and white being particularly prone. In most cases the ear tips are affected but often lesions develop on the face. Particularly on noses or under the eyes. Black scabs constantly cover the pus-filled, bleeding sores.

'Shy' has just been treated for a second bout of skin cancer with radio therapy, this time under one eye and on his head. Three years ago he was treated for lesions on his face. These healed satisfactorily. However, even though he has lived indoors for the past three years, the skin cancers re-appeared. This is because of an initial change in the cells, the vet said.

Radio therapy is expensive, costing several hundred dollars, but, apart from amputation of ear tips, it is the only successful treatment for skin cancer in animals. A biopsy is taken to confirm the condition, then the operation must be performed under anaesthetic by a veterinary specialist. The lesions can take many months to heal, leaving clean, bare skin on which no fur will grow.

'Shy' is now completely tame, after having lived in doors so long. He has become a lovely, affectionate cat, rather like a cuddly teddy bear. As I write he is curled up in his 'nest' singing a little pussy song. A far cry from the timid kitten I fed on the cemetery wall.

picture after radio therapy



Seed Snacks

Boil squash or pumpkin seeds in water for 15 mins. Then fry or bake in oil. Sprinkle with a dusting of salt, cumin, black pepper and a very small amount of chilli powder.

Soya beans can be treated the same way but the beans need to be soaked overnight and boiled for at least an hour or until tender. Then fry in oil and dust with the above mixture.



Skin Cancer

by Christopher Spurgeon MRCVS

Cancer of the skin and associated structures account for 15-20% of all cancers seen in cats. The most common age at which cats are presented with skin cancer is 12 years, although, it can occur at much younger ages.

The most common cancer is called squamous cell carcinoma (SCC). These usually occur in unpigmented (white/pink) or lightly pigmented skin. They are generally caused by exposure to ultraviolet light in the form of direct sunlight. Cats with lightly pigmented (white) ears and/or noses should be kept away from direct sunlight to reduce the risk of contracting the cancer. Alternatively, total sunblock cream should be applied regularly although this is usually groomed off quite quickly. Non-pigmented areas may be tattooed to reduce the risk of cancer but there is some doubt as to the safety of this technique in cats.

Common sights for SCC include the nose, eyelids, lips and pinnae (ear flaps). In the majority of cases the cancer is erosive which means that it eats into the surrounding tissue leaving a hole or erosion. If it affects the ear flap this is eaten away from the tip leaving a painful bleeding ear. Fortunately, SCC is normally slow to spread to other parts of the body so that treatment only involves removing or destroying one cancer. Surgical removal is employed for most SCC cases but in the case of the nose radiation treatment is the best option. This is a highly effective, safe and painless treatment for cats.

Most of the other skin tumours that cats can get are quick to spread around the body and are generally fatal. Any unusual lumps and bumps or ulcerated areas of skin should be examined by a veterinary surgeon as soon as they are noticed.



NEW MEMBERS

Barlow, Mrs R., Mascot, **Bayless**, Mr K.D., Yerrinbool, **Benner**, Mrs J.C., Bowral, **Crowley**, Mrs, Petersham, **Dart-Kelly**, Miss N., Double Bay, **Farmer**, Miss T., Point Clare, **Glavor**, Mr A., Strawberry Hills, **Greenaune**, Miss C., St. Marys, **Groves**, Mrs E. & Miss D., Greenacre, **Hadley**, Ms M., Lindfield, **Harrison**, Mrs K., Glebe, **Heyligers**, Mrs J., Campbelltown, **Johnstone**, Miss S. G., Seven Hills, **Kelly-Rogers**, Mrs V. F., Willoughby, **Kirkby**, Mr R. G., Double Bay, **McGrath**, Mrs K., Davidson, **McGreevy**, Ms C. F., Katoomba, **Mehlem**, T., Newtown, **Morrison**, Miss M.M., Hornsby, The Education Officer, **Mulawa Correctional Centre**, Ermington, **O'Connor**, Mrs T., Albury, **Richardson**, P., Blacktown, **Roberts**, Miss E.J., Koorinal, **Shaw**, Mrs J., Revesby, **Sinfield**, Miss A., Katoomba, **Taylor**, Miss D.M., Clovelly, **Taylor**, Mrs T., Sefton. **Thomas**, Miss S., Bondi. **Thomson**, Mrs A., Bundanoon, **Trenham-Old**, Mr D., Lindfield, **Turnham**, P.J., Cherrybrook, **Weelands**, Mrs L., Port Macquarie, **Willis**, Ms L., Springwood, **Wood**, Mrs J., Panania.

A very warm welcome to you all.

The playful kitten with its pretty little tigerish gambol is infinitely more amusing than half the people one is obliged to live with in the world.

Lady Sydney Morgan (1783-1859)

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

W. L. George

In Memorium

OUR SAMBO

This tribute is to Sambo, the cat we really loved,
For we felt this little fellow was sent from heaven above.
He really was a person, for he made his presence felt,
Even with cat-haters, their heart just had to melt.
We loved to see him trot up to folk with his funny little gait,
For we imagined he was saying, "How you going, mate?".
We got a lot of pleasure when we took him for a walk;
'Cause every time we met someone, he had to have his talk.
He was a very happy resident, he carried the Brentwood* Flag,
In fact he was so conscientious, he should have been in Brag**,
Perhaps we were a little "one-eyed" thinking he was a clever cat,
But I'm sure all who lived near us would all agree with that.
Sadly he's no longer with us, for he grew very sick and old,
But the memories we have of him are worth their weight in gold.



*Retirement Village. **Brentwood Resident's Activities Group.

Phyl Allen

To CPS

Please find enclosed a cheque to assist in
your spay/neuter programme, as we feel
that reducing the number of unloved
homeless would have had top priority
with my brother.

In memory of
Joseph George Trounsell
Greatly loved brother
and Uncle,
Always a friend to cats.

CHARL-ANN, JOHN, JOHNNIE & CATE

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We were saddened to hear of the passing
of Beulah Harvey of Eastlakes on 9.8.93.
Beulah was one of the Society's Council
members and an Honorary Life Member
since 1978.

She served as Honorary Treasurer for
many years and in spite of physical
handicaps and advancing age still carried
on helping in whatever way she could.
Her dedication will long be remembered.
A further tribute from her long-time
friend Mrs Cely Smith, a former State
Councillor of our Society will appear in
the next Journal.

Shirley Pikler



