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Honoured for her lifelong service to animals

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OUR NANCE AWARDED "ORDER OF AUSTRALIA" MEDAL.

Pet over population is a societal problem promulgated by people who either don't understand or don't care about the consequences of their pet's breeding habits, people who dispose of their pets as easily as yesterday's garbage. Those who will engineer the end of pet overpopulation and its subsequent animal suffering are the individuals in that same society who care about animals and are willing to act on their compassion. Betsy Sikora Siino

Mrs Nancy Iredale was recently named as a recipient of the "Order Of Australia" medal, for service to animal welfare, particularly through the "Cat Protection Society of New South Wales".

The Order Of Australia was instituted in 1975 as "an Australian Society of honour for the purpose of according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service".

Nance Iredale has been a councillor of the Cat Protection Society of NSW since 1980. Prior to 1980 Mrs Iredale had also performed a great deal of voluntary work as a private individual dedicated to the protection of cats (and dogs) within the local community.

Having the reputation of being a foremost authority on cats in NSW, Nance has also been a persistent campaigner for the passing of legislations to make it compulsory to desex all domestic cats and is also able to address the problem of feral cats in a realistic manner.

We can only hope that this award will prompt the relevant authorities to seek her input into matters relevant to cat control.



CONGRATULATIONS NANCE!

FROM THE EDITOR



Many thanks to all of you for your compliments on my first issue. Which brings me to an important subject - MEMBERSHIP. Subscriptions are due as of 1 June, 1994. It is still only \$10 which is a give away price for 3 magazines a year. You now have two issues

to see my style, I can't say it will get any better, but I can promise you that future issues will be just as good. I have a number of excellent special articles for upcoming issues plus all the usual features. Each edition should be educational and entertaining with more information and insight into cats. So send in your renewal, NOW, BEFORE YOU FORGET.



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our main goal for the current year has been to call for the banning of the sale of animals from pet shops and markets. The community should no longer tolerate the behaviour of many proprietors of these establishments who thumb their noses at a 'voluntary' code of ethics. Animals have the right to be respected and treated humanely, and not to be regarded as just another piece of merchandise to be exploited.

The Government (and this includes all past Governments) seems to have an aversion to passing laws to control people's behaviour, which is all very fine in principle, but - human nature being what it is - allowing an industry to control its own members doesn't work too well in practice. This is particularly so with pet shops and markets dealing in the sale of animals. The profits of the proprietors and their 'civil liberties' apparently are regarded as much more important than the wellbeing of the hapless animals under their control. Some years ago The Animal Welfare Advisory Council deliberated at great length over many months to formulate recommended legislation in this area and were led to believe that this would eventuate. However, self-regulation turned out to be the easy option for the Government.

We need your help! We have already send our protest letter to the Minister in charge of Animal Welfare. A trickle of letters won't change anything. What is needed is an avalanche! Please do your part by sending a letter too (even a short one is better than none). **Write to the Hon. Ian Causley, M.P., Minister for Agriculture & Fisheries, Level 17, Parkview, 157 Liverpool Street, Sydney NSW 2000.** To provide you with some of the facts to assist you with your letters, on page 23 is a well compiled Action Sheet, courtesy of Fund for Animals, on this urgent issue.

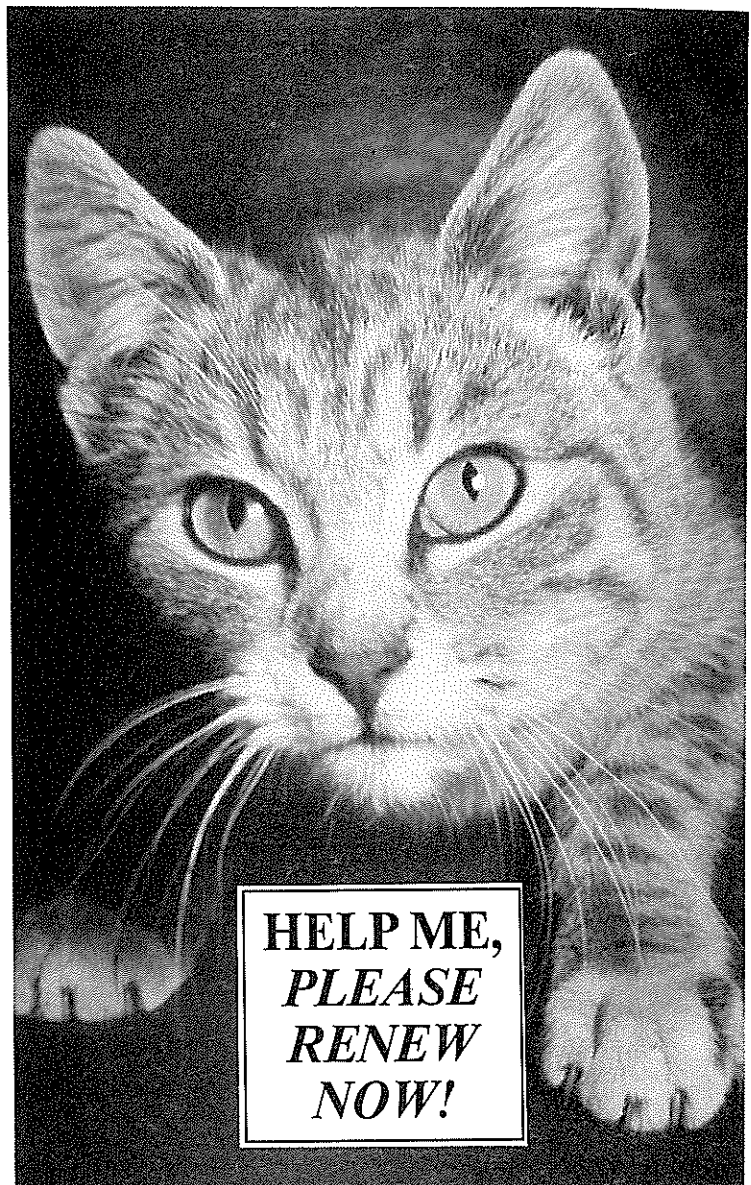
Our next Annual General Meeting will be held at our Enmore premises on Sunday, 2 October, commencing at 2:30 p.m. To those of you who have never attended our meetings, we invite you to come along. There are no long, boring speeches - and you can have your say, too. Refreshments will be provided and you will have the opportunity to meet some of your fellow members and get to know the faces behind the names. Hope to see many of you here on the day.

If people did not see cats and dogs as expendable property, they would not abandon, neglect and abuse them on the scale that causes such overpopulation. We must move ideas about the value of life one step further, so they extend to those animals who have become our closest companions. Susan Easterly

PAUL PARV - Cartoonist

It's a long way from Europe to the wilds of the Northern Territory but that's exactly where Paul Parv headed when he arrived in Australia as a post war migrant for a temporary stay which stretched into several decades. During six years in the north he worked for a government task force and with a group of equally inexperienced friends, taught himself to hunt buffalo and crocodile. That he survived to tell the tale is documented in his book 'Goodpella Tucker'.

From one jungle, Paul moved to another, the world of advertising. Today he is a freelance cartoonist living in Sydney with his novelist wife, Valerie, and Misty, their cat. Misty is officially recognised as their office manager and thinks nothing of sitting on valuable manuscripts and cartoon artwork if it gets him the attention he feels he is due. Paul is a member of the CPS and generously contributes cartoons (See Page 7).



**HELP ME,
PLEASE
RENEW
NOW!**

Your membership fee gives me a chance for a better life. Please send in your renewal today - a form is on page 20. Many thanks for caring enough to help me and my bretheren.



THE . S C R A T C H I N G P O S T.

FULL TIME CAT SITTER SEQUEL

Following the ad that appeared in the April issue, friends in another state have promised to take care of Mrs D's cats.

MABS FINCH, Winston Hills

As a lover of pedigree cats, I am also concerned for people caring for the welfare of cats everywhere so please accept my donation to your society. I found your journal full of very interesting reading and enjoyed the illustrations. I am not allowed to keep a cat and gave my cats to loving homes when I was forced to retire due to ill health. I still get Xmas cards from all of them and I got a photo from one last year who is now fifteen years old and still wanders through the garden and long grass and enjoys a good life. I wish I lived in Sydney again and could call in and see you but I am 88 and cannot travel. Regards and best wishes.

ISABEL JAMIESON

Enclosed is a donation towards the wonderful work being done by the society. Thank you kindly for the journal.

ROBIN DOUGLAS, Cherrybrook

I was delighted to read my piece about Kaysha in the April issue of Cat Affairs. Thank you for publishing it and the lovely photograph of her. Kaysha still gets on the roof from time to time and occasionally calls to test our devotion but she has found a dignified way of getting down safely and usually does so without help.

As a recent member I have no knowledge of the Society's attitude regarding pedigree or non-pedigree cats but I was pleased to read your editorial comment that you will embrace all. As a life long cat lover I have had both and loved them all. I have owned nine cats, including four pedigree, three

Siamese and one Burmese (Kayasha). As pets their needs are the same and the pleasure they give is no different. Each cat has a unique personality and I have found that breed is not the most significant determinant of this. My cats have included 'neurotic' Siamese and serene Siamese. I've had an hysterical moggie and placid moggies. Whatever their origin they are all dependent on our love and care. Cats of all kinds have never needed our support as much as they do now. Keep up the good work.

CAROL FRESHWATER, Avalon

I am sharing a photo of my two cats, Bruce and Max. Sadly, we lost beautiful Bruce to kidney disease on 5 April, 1994. He is survived by his brother, Max, who weighs in at 8 kilos. Max is a great comfort to us at this time but he is turning into a bit of a tyrant now that he's an only cat. I enclose a donation in honour of Bruce and for the pleasure he gave us.

ANETTE BARBER, Saddleir

You are doing a marvelous job, keep up the good work. Yes, I know that at times it is very tiring and sad but the happy, rewarding feeling one gets from working with cats makes it all worthwhile. I'm sure even the Goddess Bast looks down from above and gives her blessing.

Do you remember my sweet Tabitha, Xmas 1992's Most Beautiful Female? My darling Tab was tested FIV positive last August and, despite lots of TLC and vet treatment, her health rapidly declined and I had to make the heartbreaking decision to have her put down. Yes, I nursed her in my arms, kissed her and told her how much I loved her right to the end. It hurt so much and it still does but I am so glad I was with her. Thank you all for choosing my Tabitha as the most beautiful female. I remember when that issue of Cat Affairs came. I showed everyone and I still do. The keyring Tab won is now a pendant I wear around my neck in remembrance of her. It keeps her memory alive within me, I'll cherish it always. Thank you.

Master THOMAS & Mrs J. FENWICK Glebe

Enclosed is my 10 year old son Thomas' membership renewal and a \$5 donation from him from his pocket money because he loves his cat and your work so much.

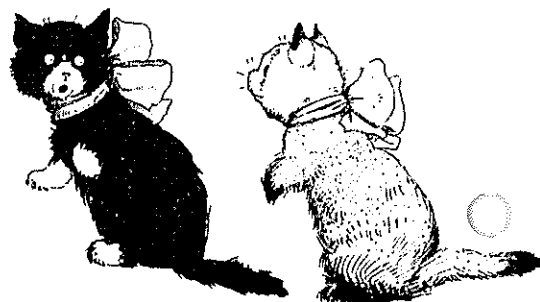
KITTY JENKINS, Pittsworth Qld

My dear 'Misty' passed away last August after 13 years of love and companionship. I have never been without a pussycat in all

my long live so now I have a gentleman cat named Timothy. He is silver grey with a cream tummy and strong black stripes of the tabby breed and very loveable. I do so enjoy Cat Affairs and look forward to each edition. Wishing you well and may God bless you for the work you are doing.

LANCE WALDRON, Lane Cove.

I am sending a donation in recognition of the excellent work your society does. Thank you for the friendly way you handle the cats. Our cat seems much happier now that he has no rival on the scene.



"Are you fixed?"

"Fixed?? I didn't know I was broken!"

LOVE

Ba Phillips

Night
and the light next door goes on.
She is humming, he drumming
his hard fingers on the bathroom door.
Then he takes up whistling
in accord with her.
They are very close to me
just air apart
and I can hear them smiling
from their young sweet hearts.

I go upstairs to my bower
where on the flower
bedspread marmalade bread-spread
lies Jack my cat
amongst roses, on his back.
He left his home for me
which is more than men usually
do, and has subsequently
made dough in my hair
ginger like his though not so fair.
Like the young lovers next door
we are a pair.
Would you understand I feel adored
because when I am tired and bored,
he purrs for me?
And when I say "Jack! Jack!"
he chirrups he replies he answers
back.

NATURAL DIET FOR CATS

Bill Hood, B.V.Sc, Dip. Vet. Acupuncture

For millions of years cats have lived on a diet of raw meat, blood, bones, fat and offal. They are hunters and eat their prey fresh after catching it. They did not drink milk and did not eat cooked meat. It has only been in the 20th century, in particular the last 20 years, that the pet food industry has blossomed, providing cats with a pre-cooked diet of mainly canned meat or fish, or cat biscuits, most of which contain a high proportion of cereal which cats are not designed to eat.

Cooking food has been shown on numerous occasions to:

- * Destroy vitamins in the food, especially water soluble vitamins
- * Destroy proteins and fats by denaturing them
- * Destroy the natural enzymes in the food which aid in its digestion
- * Create indigestible components in the food

The pet food manufacturers try to make up for this by adding vitamins to the food. However, they cannot replace the denatured proteins and fats and they cannot replace the natural enzymes.

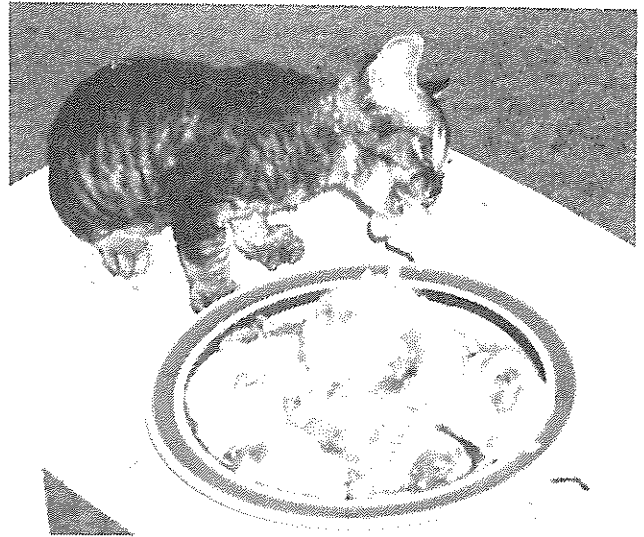
As long ago as the 1930s and 1940s, Francis M. Pottenger, M.D., ran a 10 year experiment on 900 cats, following them through from generation to generation. He fed part of his colony a diet of cooked meat, pasteurised milk and cod liver oil. He found that these animals developed a high incidence of allergies, sickness and skeletal deformities. Other abnormalities noticed were dermatitis, neurosis, abnormalities in neuromuscular coordination and behavioural abnormalities such as homosexuality, aggression and fear. Anatomical differences between the sexes became less apparent and the cats developed skeletal deformities. Each successive generation produced smaller litters of weaker, low birth-weight kittens. Eventually dead or no kittens were born and after three to four generations this group died out. Another group of cats Pottenger fed on the same diet, except that the meat was raw and the milk unpasteurised. These animals were healthy, had good skeletal structure and were normal in their behaviour. They produced healthy litters generation after generation.

Similar results have been demonstrated on thousands of laboratory animals. In India, Sir Robert McCarrison fed monkeys on their usual diet, but in cooked form. All of these animals developed colitis (inflammation of the colon) and also gastric and intestinal ulcers. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, zoo animals were commonly fed on diets of cooked restaurant scraps. Mortality and illness were very common until it was finally realised that the animals must be fed their natural diet of raw meat. Once a raw diet was implemented, the animals became healthier and the death rates dropped markedly.

DIET FOR CATS

The natural diet for domestic cats would be small rodents and birds. The best that we can do in our modern society would be to feed our cats as much raw food as possible such as:

* Raw meat - in big pieces with the fat left on. Cats have a fairly high fat requirement and for this reason it is better to feed beef or mutton rather than a lot of kangaroo meat which is very low in fat. It should be given in big pieces so that the cat has to spend time chewing it. This promotes dental health by massaging the gums.



* Raw chicken, bones and all. If a young kitten is trained to eat chicken wings or necks it maintains a beautiful set of healthy teeth all its life. Again it is the mechanical friction of chewing this food which dislodges plaque and tartar. Also, calcium is obtained by chewing raw bones. If cats are not introduced to raw chicken bones at an early age they can be difficult to convert over to them when they are older and experiencing dental problems. **Do not give cooked chicken bones as they become hard and brittle and can cause problems.** In 20 years of clinical practice I have never seen a raw chicken bone cause a single problem.

* Raw fish - bones and all

* Raw rabbit - bones and all

* Raw liver - an entire meal of it once every 2-3 weeks. Liver is very high in many vitamins. However, if given every day, a cat can develop vitamin A toxicity which can lead to arthritis.

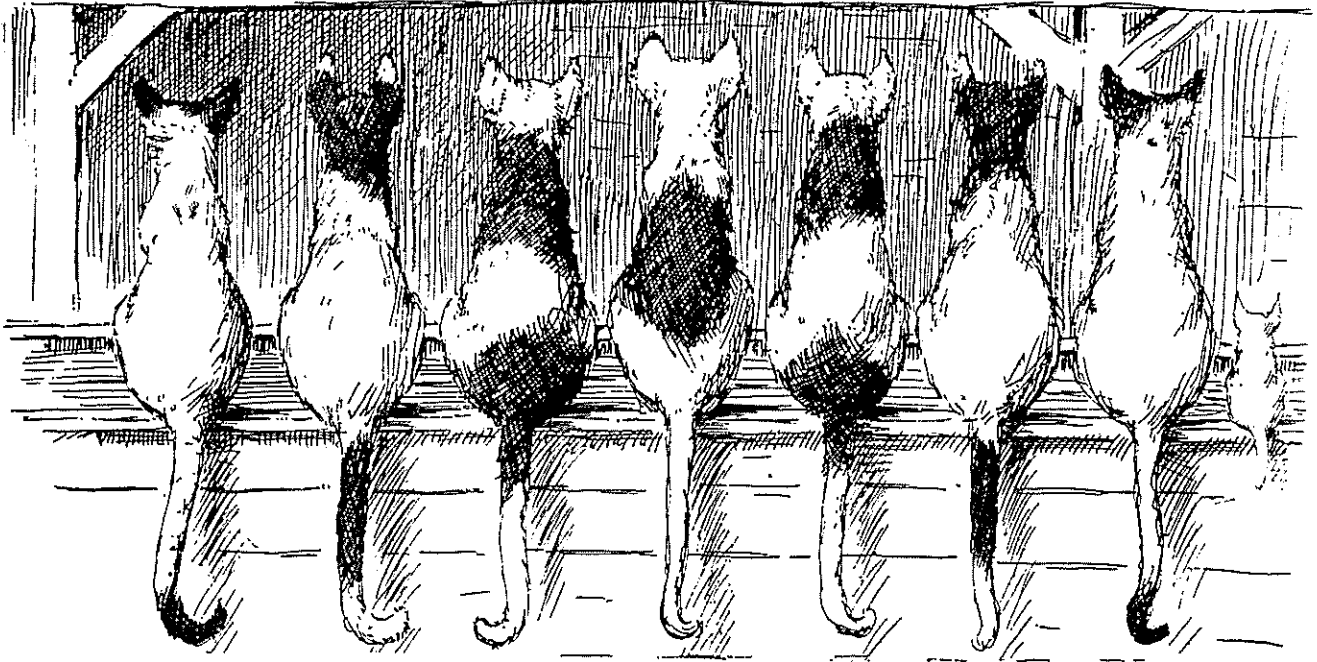
* Fresh water. Cats have no requirement for milk once they are weaned. Quite a significant number of them will develop diarrhea to milk due to the milk sugar lactose.

If cats are fed on a mainly raw diet which includes most of the above, they will normally live to a healthy old age and have no dental problems.

When the teeth accumulate plaque and tartar after eating an exclusive diet of either canned food, mince and/or biscuits, millions of bacteria thrive in the gums. They can then disseminate via the blood stream and lodge in other parts of the body such as the kidneys. This is why most of the older cats we see with kidney disease also have rotten teeth which are poisoning their whole body. The message is clear. Try to feed your cat as much raw food as possible. It is very easy to do if you start doing so when you first acquire your new kitten.



CAT TALES



'OUR CHARLIE'

Charlie, our handsome seven kilo desexed male ginger tabby cat is seven years old and had a very uncertain start in life. He was an unwanted kitten, abandoned then rescued and delivered to a Penrith veterinary clinic at 10-12 weeks of age at the time we contacted them looking for a kitten needing a home. Charlie has been with us ever since.

He has a great personality, quiet, affectionate and loves company. The only time he is noisy is when he wants to go outside or be fed. He has a routine, sleeping most of the day. But in the afternoon he likes to go for a walk around the back garden and insists that we accompany him. If we don't we are sometimes given a gentle nip on the ankle to persuade us to come outside with him. He loves the vegetable and herb gardens, chews the garlic chives and herbs and rolls around on the tomato plants. He is great company and only complains when we have to put him in a kennel when we go away on holidays. He plays up for the first couple of days and then settles down to being a good cat. He has a special chair at home and if someone is sitting on it he will sit and stare at them until they move, or he will promptly sit on their lap. We are pleased that we could give him a good home and he has paid us back in kind with his affection and company.

BARBARA DAHL, Springwood

THOMAS

I went to a garage sale 8 years ago. The owner was going to Scotland and needed a home for Thomas. I really didn't want another cat as I thought 3 cats was enough but I brought him home and that was that. He was a very intelligent cat and owned me. No matter how comfortable he was, as soon as I went to bed he would join me and had to sleep right next to my face. When I was having a bath he would sit on the toilet, watching me. He died last year but I will never forget him. I have had 15 cats in my 11 years in the mountains. Now I have 11, all desexed, and all of them unwanted by other people but loved by me. Thomas was Mr Personality in your photo competition in 1992.

Pauline Hampsey, Katoomba

THE WILL OF GOD?

Holidaying friends, stayed some days at a small village. They went to mass at the local catholic church and were amused to see a lovely cat dashing into the church each time the door opened. 'Each time' because each time she ran in she was determinedly picked up and ejected by the head layman. After the service my friend remarked to some local ladies that she must belong to the set up. She was told that the priest loved cats and this amusing incident was related to her. The present cat had had kittens before being fixed and one Sunday morning the priest swept into the pulpit, looking very

serious. His eyes and his pointing finger swept across his parishioners as he announced - loud and clear, 'There are STILL two kittens to find homes'. I'm sure they did find homes.

Name Unknown

WINK, C-FOR and TINY

Wink, part Siamese and a contented neutered male, has warned us several times of unwanted intruders (stray cats and roaming dogs). Several years ago we were renting a house with an open back yard. The young couple living several doors away had a German Shephard and they enjoyed telling their dog to attack our cats. On one occasion I was in the front with Wink. Although my back was turned I could hear this couple approaching my house but I ignored them and went inside. As I pulled the wire door shut I heard the woman murmur and looked up to see the dog going towards my cats. I returned to the porch as Wink got to his feet in a fighting position and attacked the dog's head. I got the hose, knowing that both animals despise water greatly. When the two wet animals finally separated, Wink had a slight trickle of blood on his front leg but the German Shephard had suffered a damaged ear, a split nose and sported a vast amount of scratches on his head and neck. The woman, realizing she was at fault, apologised greatly and from then on they walked the dog on a leash on the other side of the road.

Like Wink, C-For is a desexed male. We obtained him from a woman in the area who had a pregnant female dumped on her doorstep. When I went to enquire about the cat what I was about to see left a permanent smile every time I talked about it. The woman greeted me at the front door and escorted me up the driveway and around the back of the house. When I rounded the corner, there was 8 week old C-For, in a small spot of sun, curled up asleep on top of the woman's blue heeler dog. The woman's old dog was a female and had mothered all the kittens when the cat died. Somehow my instincts told me that C-for's character was far from any I'd seen. Now he is 6.5 years old and one of his traits is waiting to be invited in the front door and escorted to the bowl of biscuits. He will not eat any until he has been patted and has been spoken to. If he has to wait too long at the door he stretches and claws at it to make it rattle to get my attention.

TINY is a 15month old desexed female who is cocky, independent, talkative and very curious, always contented, straight forward and loves being underfoot. She was dumped on our doorstep a week after we moved here and I have never seen a cat so contented. The photo shows her assisting with themouse house we were building. As usual, she was in the middle of the activity. When we walk 100 metres to the shops she loves to come with us to see what we are doing.

MRS HOULCROFT, Wentworthville



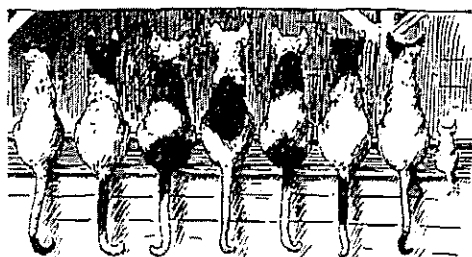
ACTRESSES AVERT DISASTER

If you saw a black blob that might be a cat by the roadway in the harbour tunnel this side of midnight, would you drive back to rescue it? Jennifer Dunne and Veronica Sweeney, North Shore actresses, were whizzing through the northbound tunnel just after 11:30 p.m. one evening when they spied a huddled black mass by the tunnel wall. Both women 'knew' it was a cat and that it was alive. Despite the late hour, there was no question of leaving the cat to its fate but it took them over half an hour to recross the harbour. Over thirty minutes to constantly wonder if the cat had since been killed. The light traffic of the first round had increased to a steady stream by the time they reentered the northbound lanes but Jennifer put the car into second gear and cruised at 15 kilometres an hour, searching the side for the cat. Just over halfway through they spotted their quarry, still frozen in the same spot, not even a curb to offer any semblance of safety.

As Jennifer stopped the car the tunnel maintenance truck pulled up behind, the driver wanted to know the nature of their trouble. Jenny prepared for a verbal battle to keep the car parked but the chap advised headquarters, "two ladies and a cat" and kept his truck parked behind their car as a buffer against the traffic. The mission almost had a tragic ending for as Veronica approached the kitten it fled across the lanes in terror, trying to get to the far side. The oncoming traffic drove it back toward the two women and in sheer terror it tried to climb the tunnel wall, only to fall to the roadbed where it froze. Veronica wasted no time in quickly scooping up the filthy mite and shoving it under her coat. Later at home, with both rescued and rescuer covered in grease and muck, the kitten was bathed, revealing a booted tabby boy. As if in gratitude for his rescue and a place to safely live his remaining eight lives, he is extremely affectionate and purrs at the slightest touch. His name? Oh so appropriately, Orpheus of the Underworld.

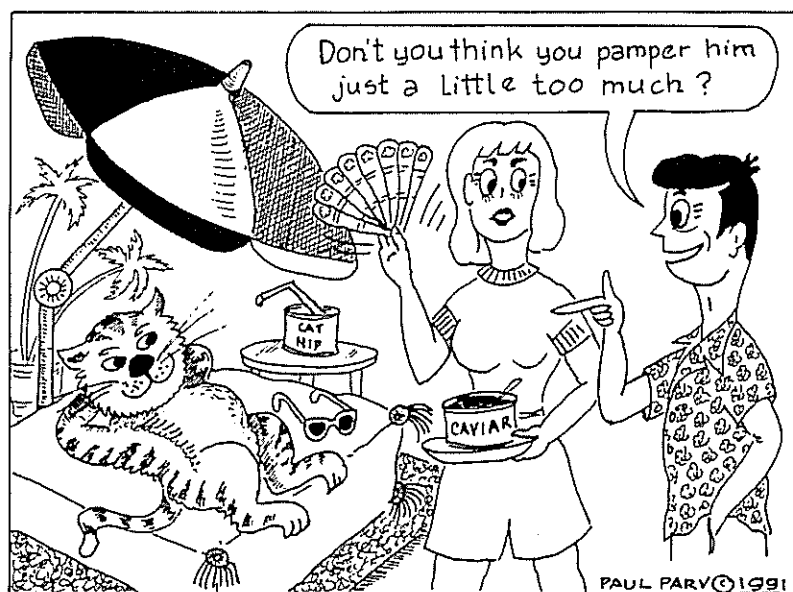
In a society where people dump the elderly in nursing homes and the children in front of the television, where does that leave the animals? Too many people missed the boat of responsible commitment.

Jan Need



CAT TALES COMPETITION

Two winning entries will be announced in the December issue. The prizes are a book on Susan Herbert's cat art (see Book Reviews on page 20 of this issue) and a pewter cat ornament. Each prize is valued at \$30 so get your entry in by October 7.



GRIEVING

Editorship takes me along some unexpected paths in the search for new and interesting articles. Such a recent contact is NALAG, The National Association for Loss and Grief (NSW) Inc. NALAG is a co-ordinating and educational body. They do not offer counselling services but recommend people to trained counsellors in a convenient suburb. NALAG's scope covers grief associated with death, terminal illness, disabilities, adoption trauma, chronic illness, suicide and disaster losses (they had a 3 page brochure out on 15 January on dealing with grief and losses occasioned by the bushfire disasters). Naturally grief associated with the loss of a pet is familiar to them.

GRIEVING FOR AN ANIMAL

Patsy Searle

Why is the intensity of grief following the death of an animal so often unexpected by the bereaved person and misunderstood and dismissed by people around them? My personal bereavement was very similar to that experienced by people I have talked with over the last few years, male and female, young and old, alone or in extended families, who have lost their animal. **Before we could properly grieve for our dead or lost animal, we had to confront the confusion and shock over the devastation we felt. Although we knew we loved our animal and that it played an important role in our lives, there was always the conditioning of our upbringing which created an expectation that we should feel about animals in a way different from the way we feel about humans, and so we were unprepared for such painful grief.** Likewise, the people around us who have difficulty understanding just what all the grief is about have not only had the conditioning of where animals fit into our lives and emotions, but also they have not had the wonderful experience of sharing their life with a special companion animal.

For the grieving person and for the people around them, it is essential to start at the beginning and understand and acknowledge the relationship between human and animal. Many of us are lucky enough to enjoy an enrichment to our lives by sharing our love, time and homes with an animal. They are regarded as important members of the family and they form close emotional bonds with their humans. This is true for people living alone with an animal or for people with a family of other humans and animals; for those with little interaction with other people or for those who lead busy, demanding lives.

A great deal of pleasure is gained by humans simply from the delight animals take in being alive and by spoiling and indulging them. This is reciprocated when the animals do things they think will please us. Humans and animals become very demanding and giving, the animal's personality develops and clear communication between human and animal grows. The closer the relationship becomes, the more the animal and human want to share with each other - outings, home or garden chores, nice things to eat. Special times are cherished as are lots of little rituals and activities.

In a demanding, fast changing and at times stressful, world, the constancy of the behaviour and mood of an animal is very reassuring and soothing, reviving the spirit

and the body. The animal is never critical, always loves us, no matter what our mood, and it always there for us. There is nothing like the excited loving welcome home given by an animal to make the day's cares fall away. The animal is very dependent upon us and takes up time, particularly in the mornings and evenings, needing loving personal attention as well as practical attention for its well being. However, who among us does not like to be needed, especially when we know our efforts are so enthusiastically appreciated. This wonderful animal on whom we depend for constancy and love and fun and sharing, one day dies or disappears and grief which is often unexpected in its intensity takes its place.

Only when the bereaved person knows the complex relationship they had with their animal is understood and acknowledged can they know their grief can also be acknowledged and understood. **Many people I speak to feel overwhelming relief just knowing someone understands how important the animal was in their lives and thus the intensity of their grief, and are reassured that they are not crazy or stupid. They are also relieved to know other people have similar relationships with their pets.**

Unfortunately bereaved people can try to suppress their grief because of messages from people around them that it is strange or unacceptable to feel the way they do when their grief is 'just for an animal'. These messages add to the confusion they experience in feeling so devastated after the death or loss of their animal when they handled the death of a human loved one without all the anguish suffered at the time of grieving. This seriously affects their working through their grief and they feel isolated, alone and in a great deal of pain. A bereaved person may have been feeling isolated for some time if they nursed their animal through an illness. All too frequently the nature of the animal's illness and resulting, sudden death or disappearance, is hard to come to terms with and without support and understanding at this stage, the bereaved can become 'stuck' on death and unable to move on in their grieving.

Particularly difficult and painful is the decision to euthanase one's animal and this can cause distress and anguish for some time after the animal's death. Doubts plague the grieving humans about whether it was the right time - too soon, not soon enough, did the animal suffer, did the animal know? These same doubts are there if the animal becomes fatally ill, again with concern that the correct action was taken in time, or that they should have been able to do something to stop the animal dying. If there is a way for bereaved people to punish themselves in their grief they will find it agonising over the role they played in their animal's death.

As well as recognising the relationship between the bereaved and his or her animal, it is necessary to appreciate the importance of all the favourite activities shared. **Because animals like a fairly constant routine, when they die or disappear, part of the human's daily routine is lost and as with any other major disruption to our daily lives, readjustment can be a lonely, difficult process.** Important also is acknowledging the bereaved's feeling of no longer being needed or appreciated.

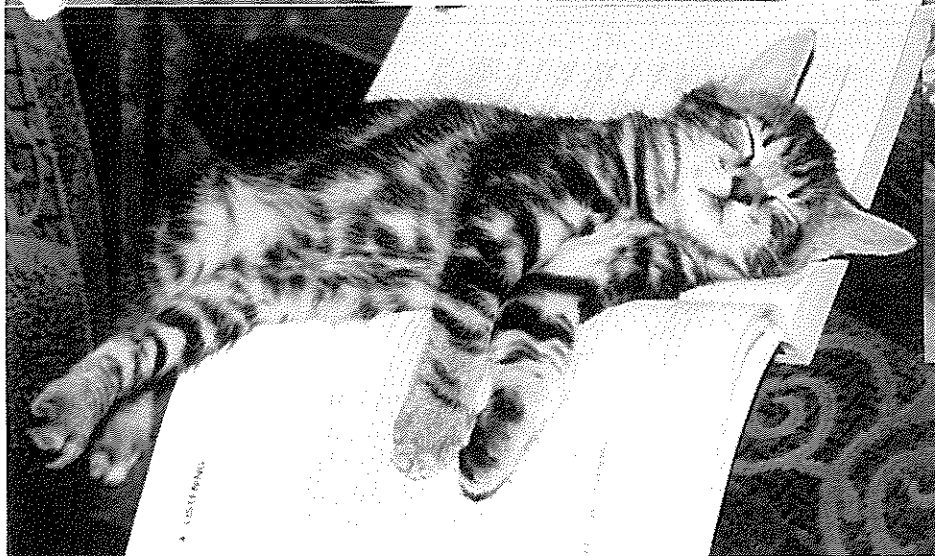
Every human is unique and no one ever thinks a lost loved one can be replaced by another, but we do expect to have enriching loving relationships with other people. The majority of people

I have spoken to who are grieving for their lost animal also have an added sense of loss, believing that they will never share such a special relationship again and the devastation of this loss is expressed often in the early stages of grief. To suggest too early that they could have again a loving, rewarding, fulfilling relationship with another animal risks minimising the importance of the lost animal. Healing is underway when the person starts to think about enjoying another relationship with an animal which indeed won't be the same but wonderfully different. We do get more than one chance to share our lives with a special animal.

NALAG can be contacted on 02 988-3376 if you or someone you know wishes to have a counsellor recommended.

"SLEEP

That knits up the ravelled sleeve of care" (Macbeth)



Top Left MICKEY, Angelika Elliott
Bottom WILLY, Sue Bartlett
Top Right HARRY, Nita Harvey
Bottom HANA, Nita Harvey.

"There are people who reshape the world by force or argument, but the cat just lies there, dozing, and the world quietly reshapes itself to suit his comfort and convenience"

Allen and Ivy Dodd.

LIFE. BE IN IT

1993 CAT OF THE YEAR AWARD

'Life. Be In It' conducted a national competition to search for 'Australia's Pet Cat of The Year'. It was not a 'cutest' contest but the organisers were looking for cats who had appreciably improved their owner's lives. Wilma Bedford, 'Life. Be In It. Pet Play Co-ordinator, said, "Scientific research has shown time and time again that pets are good for your health. A great deal of research has been done to show the many benefits pets have on our lives. A study by the Baker Medical Research Institute showed that owning a cat can reduce the risk of heart disease because they significantly lower blood pressure and stress levels which reduces the risk of heart disease. It has been proven that pets make us feel safer and more loved. They also increase our playfulness because they allow us to express our affections. This competition sought to celebrate the fact that cats are an important part of the family. We wanted people to tell us how their pet cat enriched their lives. We also wanted to remind people, through this competition, that pets are a commitment and must not be taken lightly - they are a part of the family and must be treated accordingly"

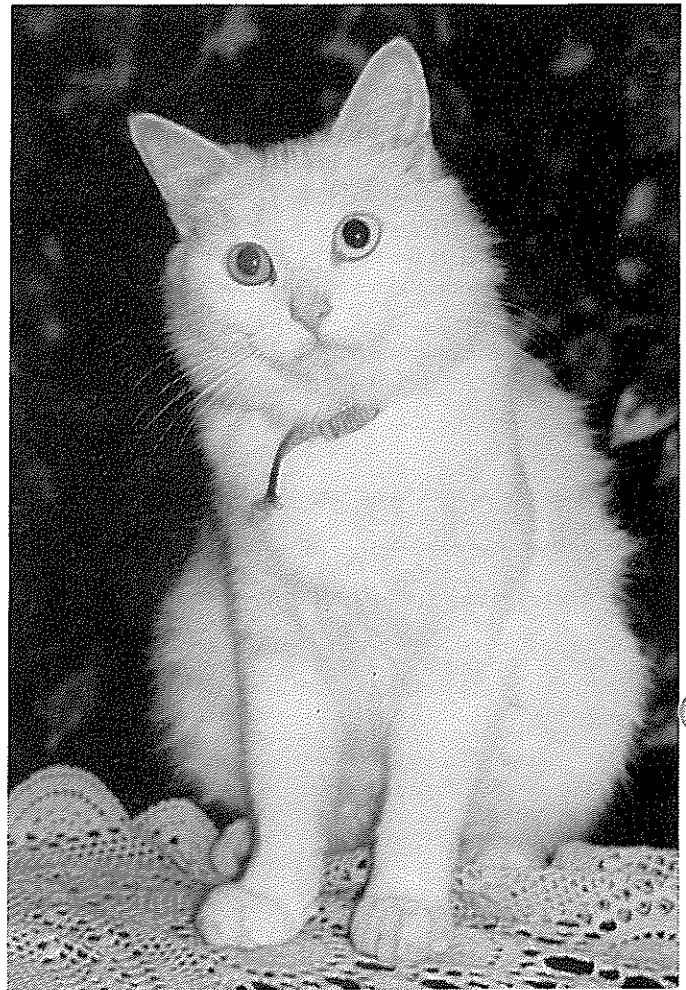
LEIGH SAVES FIVE LIVES

BARBARA SMITH, Wentworthville NSW

In August 1993, Leigh came into my daughters' room and started jumping on their dressing table, knocking things off. Typical teenagers, Alana and Annette just woke up and put the cat outside their room and went back to sleep. Leigh then came into my bedroom and jumped all over the bed at about 2:45 am. I took her downstairs to put her out and smelled a plastic type smell. I realized there was an electrical fire. I saw smoke around the ceiling so I turned the power off. My husband, Ross, was at work and by the time I got everyone out the fire was licking the base of the floorboards. My son, Anthony, put out the fire and he suffered minor burns to his hands. He was also the one most in danger from the fire as it was directly under his bedroom door and his windows were locked. The fumes were so toxic it was over an hour before we could get back into the house.

Fortunately only \$1,000 worth of damage was done and because of Leigh's warning we didn't even have to call the fire brigade. We escaped safe and sound and we have Leigh to thank for that. I will never know if Leigh deliberately woke me or if it was coincidental but she had never knocked things off the twins' dressing table and she usually slept with the girls or Jeremy and had never tried to get on my bed before. I do know that had the fire taken hold the boys would never have escaped from their rooms and the girls and myself would have been in grave trouble.

Leigh is the daughter of a cat we owned who was killed by a car. Another of our kittens won a prize on 'Australia's Funniest Home Video Show' and a lot of our friends now call me 'The Cat Woman of Wentworthville'. We are a cat loving family and we are planning to go to Parkland to get a CPS kitten to replace Leigh's mother.



"LEIGH" - NSW CAT OF THE YEAR

(EQUAL) RUNNER UP - NSW

RHONDA A DENHAM, North Mead,

Cuddles has more than improved my life. He IS my life. Over the past seventeen years he has been my best friend, shared in my secret hopes, dreams and wishes. He has seen me through a divorce, another marriage and then becoming a widow. Cuddles is more human than feline and just as moody. Although the years are starting to show on him he is my Cat of the Century and I can't imagine being without him.

EQUAL) RUNNER UP - NSW

SANDRA M LOGG, Page

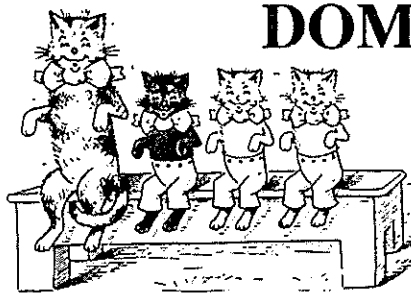
Crooning, stroking, silly love talk, playing, caring, responsibility, unabashed affection and mutual love resulted in smiles and joyous times for my family. These were tragically lacking until I brought Billy-Ray home. We needed 'something wonderful' in our lives - and fast! Billy-Ray started the healing process: our family now has hope.

STATE WINNER - VICTORIA

OVERALL NATIONAL WINNER

JAN BRASHER, Camperdown VIC

I think the cat at our Nursing Home qualifies to be considered for the Pet Cat of the Year because he has improved the quality of life of not just one person, but the majority of the elderly residents in Merindah Lodge Nursing Home.. Those who don't move, stretch out a trembling hand to stroke him. A miaow or rub against a frail old leg brings joy to an otherwise unresponsive face. Some who won't usually speak will whisper softly to the cat. The confused are calmed by a warm furry body on their knee.



DOMESTICS ON THE BENCH

The RAS Cat Control of NSW has done it! They now allow domestic cats to be shown in cat shows. What for, you say? For a very good reason. Showing cats promotes responsible cat ownership. You can only show a domestic that is healthy and desexed. Prime condition and excellent temperament are major parts of the requirements. Because domestics come in such a wonderful range of shapes and colours they cannot be held to the type of standards that pedigree cats face. But they can and are judged on appearance and temperament. The following is the Domestic Standard.

DOMESTIC EXHIBITS

Domestic cats are unpedigreed cats of indeterminate origin to which no specific type or coat standard is applicable, excellent temperament and top physical condition are the paramount requirements. Cats should be in proportion and be well balanced, coat pattern and colour together and eye colour should compliment each other and the overall cat should be visually appealing.

CONDITION:

Excellent health with good bone structure and firm muscles. Battle scars permissible.

CLEANLINESS:

The overall picture should be one of health and vitality with no evidence of fleas or flea dirt - the eyes should be clear and bright with no evidence of discharge of any sort.

QUALITY OF COAT:

The coat should be healthy and shiny indicating prime condition. Longhair and semi-longhair coats should be silky and soft, shorthair coats should be firm and glossy.

TEMPERAMENT:

Should be aimable allowing easy handling at all times.

APPEARANCE:

Coat colour and markings should combine to give an overall pleasing appearance, the facial expression should be bright eyed and alert - the cat should show no signs of shyness and should show an interest in its surroundings.

SCALE OF POINTS:

Condition/20, Cleanliness/20, Quality of Coat/20, Temperament/20, Appearance/20 Total 100

This section will be judged by licenced cat Judges

CLASSES:

Neutered male kitten 10 weeks to 9 months of age (approx).

Spayed female kitten 10 weeks to 9 months of age (approx).

Neutered male cat over 9 months of age (approx).

Spayed female cat over 9 months of age (approx).

In addition cat clubs may have up to four miscellaneous classes such as 'longest tail; most appealing, etc.

CAT SHOWS

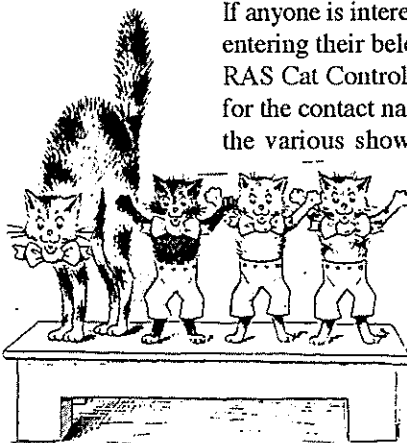
Cat shows are not expensive. They are good fun and a wonderful way to meet other cat people. No matter what breed of cat people own - they ALL love talking about cats. When

you get down to the 'furry-purry' of it, it is the cat that counts, not the pedigree. Exhibitors need to have a secure carry cage as no cat will be allowed in or out of the show hall unless it is safely contained. Plain white, totally unadorned show curtains and a similarly covered cushion are necessary. Other extras that most exhibitors put into their show bags are a small litter tray and soft litter (many halls do not allow the clay type as it damages the polished floors) and food and water (don't forget the can opener). There is a small class fee and benching fee to cover the show costs but the colourful sash or citation make it well worth while.

If anyone is interested in joining the fun and entering their beloved moggies, contact the RAS Cat Control, (02) 331-9135, and ask for the contact name and phone numbers of the various show secretaries who will be

having domestic exhibits benched at their shows.

You know your cat is wonderful --- wouldn't it be great to have ribbons to show your friends that others think the same? See you at a show soon.



PEG GAULEY - SUPER CAT LADY

Nance Iredale

The Cat Protection Society is very lucky to have Peg Gauley as a member. She's a true cat lady! Peg was one of my first clients in the early 1970's when, along with Robin Warner, we operated as Cat Relief. Our first undertaking was a dumped and very frightened mum and kittens at Auburn. It was an awkward and somewhat dangerous place for cats so Peg was asked to watch our catching cages carefully, which of course she did.

From then on there was no stopping Peg. With cages Cat Relief gave her she continued to pick up strays and cajole various cat owners to drive her to Concord Animal Hospital almost every weekend. She arranges for desexing through us and takes in lots of cats and kittens (and dogs) when they are brought to her door. She has a holding cage in her front room where she holds surrendered animals until we or her friends can transport them in the right direction. Auburn and surrounds must be a much happier place for cats because of Peg.

Peg and some other ladies from Auburn deliver the local paper and some years ago they put in a joint effort to get new members for CPS by delivering information on the Cat Protection Society with the papers. It was a great success and most of those members are still with us.

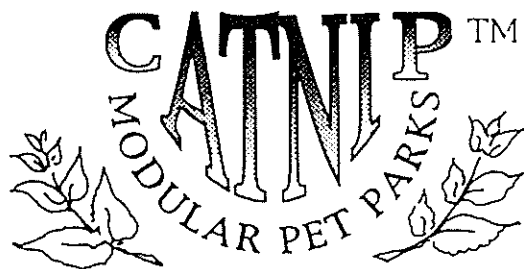
Peg often rings and to say, "Sorry to worry you, darling, but". She's never a worry. She has all the information we need to undertake the few jobs she can't manage herself.

We salute you, Peg!





Bright Eyes
by: Stephen Smyth
Courtesy: RAS Cat Control



With increasing council restrictions on free ranging cats, not to mention the death and injury rate to 'runabouts', new ways are being created to give your cat an optimal lifestyle in the great outdoors while restricting its freedom to a controlled area with more interest than the conventional cattery cage. Catnip Modular Pet Parks could be the perfect answer for many cat owners.

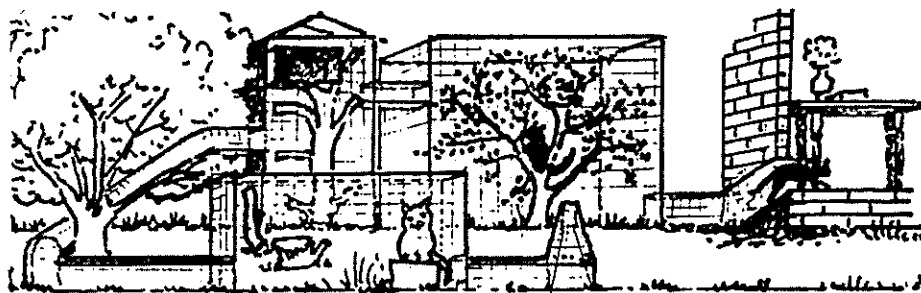
The modular animal park offers a solution to the security of small domestic animals in urban settings and ensures the safety of native animals while allowing your cat an unusual play area. In our minds caged animals are trapped animals and today's forward thinking zoos reflect changing views by making their animals secure in natural habitats that do not look like cages. So why should we look to a conventional cat run?

Modular Cat Parks- a series of 'cages' joined by tunnels and ultimately to a cat door in a house, shed, or other sleeping quarters - have a growing list of advantages to both cats and owners as the modules are applied to each new situation. Infinitely versatile in their design, layout, and capacity to 'disappear' into a well landscaped backyard, they appeal to a cat's curiosity and their instinct to cross their territory by specific routes. The amount of virtual space available to the cat far exceeds the actual ground space required and the Kit Modules are completely collapsible, light, attractive and can be erected in minutes.

A few minutes and a few square metres - it's an unexpected solution to a problem which is as old as the history of the domestication of the cat. The size and complexity of the 'park' can be suited to the age, size and personality of the cat, growing with it. New sections can be added gradually so cost is spread

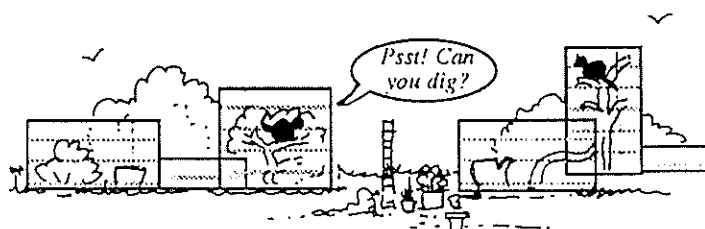
over months or years. A well designed Modular Park will provide many metres of running track for the animal and movement in all directions. It meets our demands for adequate freedom of movement for any caged animal while bringing the use of a cage into the range of possibility for people with small backyards and limited finances.

The Modular park can provide 1) various length tunnels between modules. 2) tunnels that can run under, over or along fences or buildings 3) vertical climbing facilities 4) medium or large size modules that can be placed over a small lopped, sturdy tree or bush with adequate diameter branches for climbing



5) access to areas providing sun, shade and shelter from rain or wind 6) a high box for neighbourhood viewing 6) conveniently located for owner to watch via a house window 7) sufficient doors to allow owner access to ill or recalcitrant cats 8) access to sleeping quarters or the home via a cat door.

For more information and price lists contact Borage Home Industries, c/- Post Office, Pomonal, Victoria 3381 or fax (053) 566-328



Anthea Nicholls, the developer of Modular Pet Parks, is a highly qualified university graduate with extensive work experience both in Australia and overseas. She ended up happily settled in a small Victorian town trying unsuccessfully to earn a living writing, publishing, and doing crafts. During this period she built a pet park for her cat, Lotte, and wrote an article about it. Lotte's park was an instant success so Anthea delved more into cats and realized that what Lotte had other cats desperately needed and so this business was born.



TABBY QUIZ

Everyone knows tabby cats so it shouldn't be any problem to answer these questions on tabbies.

- 1) There are three tabby patterns, name them.
- 2) What are the spots on a tabby belly called?
- 3) Where do the two thumbprints appear on every tabby?
- 4) What are the markings on the throat called?
- 5) What is the name for the stripes a tabby wears?
- 6) What insect flies along the spine of a classic tabby?
- 7) What letter of the alphabet does a tabby wear?
- 8) And where is it worn?
- 9) What pedigree breeds produce tabby patterns?
- 10) What commodity provided the name 'Tabby'?



MALI

Frances Kaukerei

Frances got Mali from the CPS and Cat Affairs is featuring Mali as a representative of all the cats and kittens the CPS places. The April issue told of Mali's kittenhood and now Frances relates Mali's adolescence.

It had always been my intention to train Mali to walk with harness and leash. We live in a unit and I wanted to give her the opportunity to occasionally set paws on Mother Earth in safety. I decided to take a holiday to combine getting to know Mali with a visit to my father who lives near Batemans Bay - a beautiful, peaceful setting to train Mali. I was surprised how quickly she accepted the harness and I soon felt the time was right to attach the leash. Again, very little resistance. Mind you, I was very patient and careful never to pull her by the leash, she could choose where she wanted to go.

Next step, the great outdoors. Because she possesses a fearless nature she was able to enjoy this new experience in safety. From the backyard we progressed to spending time at a duck pond, the beach, a picnic by the lake and visiting friend's homes. Wherever we went, she was eager to get out of her cage



to explore, but it was always close by, serving as a safe retreat should something startle her. When we returned to Sydney we continued to visit friends and I found quiet parks which we also visit.

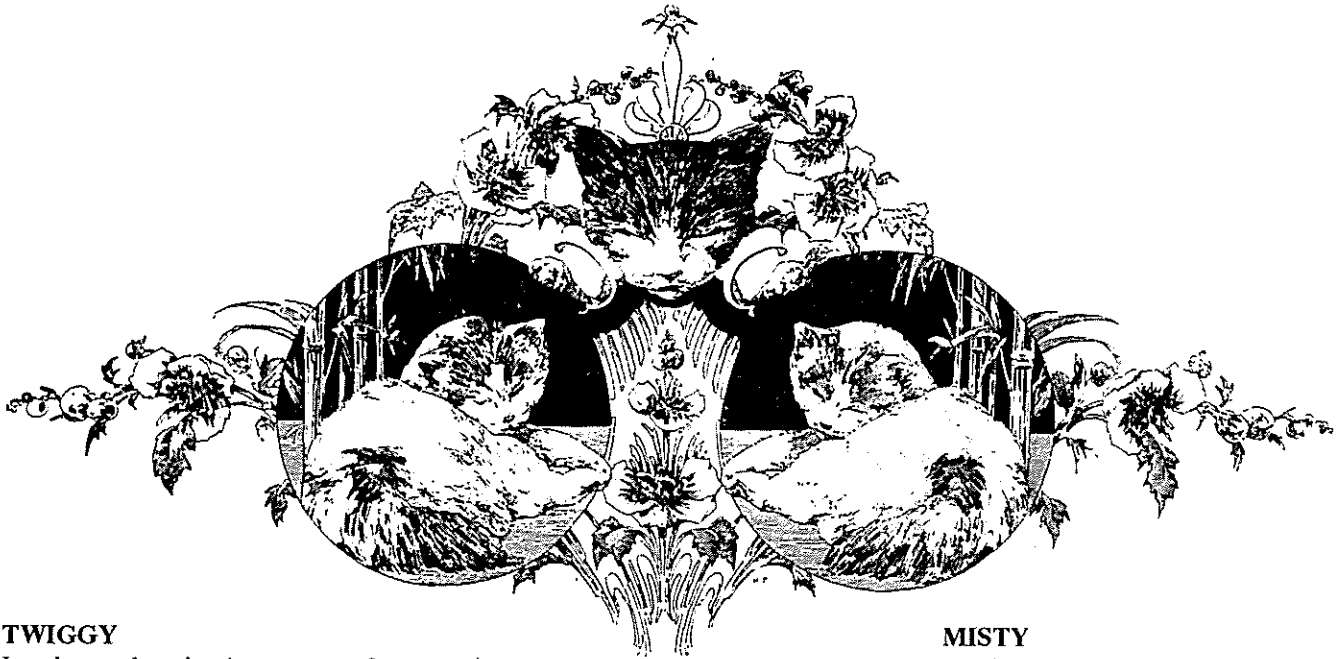
Her interest in watching me wash dishes and prepare meals has not diminished and she now helps with bedmaking and paperwork - oh how she likes to help with paperwork. Curious how with all this help nothing actually gets done faster. Do you remember her party trick mentioned in the last issue, leaping to my shoulder? She still does it but she has now progressed to climbing trees (from human trunk to tree trunk). She races up a tree as far as her lead allows then rapidly descends monkey style. I'm thankful her fearless nature allows us a way of life we both take pleasure in.

From the very beginning I have made vegetables, spaghetti and rice a part of Mali's diet. I noticed Mali taking an interest in my salad preparation and found what she was attracted to - avocado. I thought, no, but this cat enjoys her daily share. Mali has grown from a cute kitten to a gawky teenager, skittish and over-energised, to the young cat of 5.5 months she is now with a generous fluffy tail. We both worked really hard on this. I watched that very ordinary little tail anxiously and asked, begged and demanded, "Mali, I want you to work on that tail". Well, I'm pleased with the effort she put into it. We are now working on voluminous tufts on her face and a splendid ruff. Many thanks to the CPS. First they gave me Harry and we had 17 years together. Harry died early last year and I was left with such precious memories that I felt I may not be able to give another cat the love it deserves. but then the CPS found Mali. Twice very, very lucky me! Mali is good therapy for me, very effective and less expensive than the real thing. There is much laughing and shouts of glee in our home. My father thought her name was O'Malley because I was (still am) forever crying 'Oh, Mali'.

Answers

1) mackerel, classic (or blotched), spotted 2) buttons 3) tops of the ears 4) necklaces 5) tiger stripes 6) butterfly 7) M 8) forehead 9) Orientals, Colourpoints, Persian, Exotic, British, Scottish folds, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, Maine Coon, Manx 10) cloth

IN REMEMBRANCE



TWIGGY

I enclose a donation in memory of my Twiggy who was with me for seventeen years. I miss my friend and know my life will never be the same again
Susette Fleming, Five Dock

AMBER

In memory of my dear companion Amber, who left me on 19 February, 1994. She will never be forgotten.
John Shayler

THOMAS

My donation is in memory of my beloved cat Thomas who died 21 April, 1993 of a heart condition.
Paulene Hampsey, Katoomba

TANGO

Always in my thoughts.
Nita Harvey

NIKKI

This donation is for my beloved Nikki who chose me when he had been deserted and then gave me over 18 years of companionship of the very best kind. He passed away in his 19th year.

Shirley Wood

BEAUTIFUL BRUCE

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Big furry paws

A plume of tail

Long curly whiskers

And a soft, soft wail

Mr Purrfect of the smiling face

Who could ever take your place.

We'll miss you always, Bruce.

Carol & Colin & your brother, Max

Carol Freshwater, Avalon



MISTY

My dear Misty passed away last August after 13 years of love and companionship. In her memory I enclose a donation.
Kitty Jenkins, Pittsworth Qld

ANNIE

In loving memory of my darling "Annie" - my best friend and companion for the past ten years. She tried so hard to overcome her illness to no avail and she was put to sleep on 20 April, 1994. I will never forget her gentleness and loyalty. She is now at rest with her sister and brothers in the garden she loved so much.
Enid Brown, Carlton NSW

TAB, SOOT, TESS

In loving memory of my cats, Tab, Soot and Tess who gave me 23 years of the most delightful companionship, joy and happiness that one could ever hope to experience. Betty Scrivener, Castle Hill



LIFE GOVERNOR PROFILES

Life Governors are generous hearted patrons who have donated a minimum of \$1,000 to the Cat Protection Society to help the CPS continue their work. To honour these special people Cat Affairs is continuing our profiles on the society's Life Governors.

GEORGE TILEY of Beverly Hills is a cat lover who tripped the light fantastic on stages of the world in grand opera and musicals. George was a principle tenor with the English company, Sadler Wells, and he sang with Joan Sutherland in the early days. But opera salaries were starvation rations in those days and George appeared in musicals as well. He and his wife always loved cats and when they returned to Australia they got their first of a number of cats and membership in the CPS. George is now in his mid seventies and his last cat, Cassie, passed away March 1994. He and his wife got her from the RSPCA as an adult and she proved an excellent companion for his wheelchair bound wife and later Cassie and George became inseparable. George has been an animal lover all his life and supports other animal charities. There was a definite glow of pride in his voice when he described 'his' sponsorship plaque by the Red Panda at Taronga Zoo. But although George no longer has his own cat, he has become a surrogate father to a neighbour's cat who visits him daily.

VERA MURDOCK of Point Clare has been a member of the CPS for years. She was happy to contribute the necessary funds, not to become a Life Governor, but to help the cats she loves so much. As she stated so well, 'They're part of our world and deserve our help and care.' Vera also understands fully why the ancient Egyptians worshipped cats and she is delighted to help them as 'they have so enriched my life'. Vera was owned by dumped cats, they found her and she kindly took them in and looked after them. While Vera was never an opera singer, she did name one of her cats Aida because she sang so beautifully.

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MARION CRIDLAND of Edgecliff has been with the CPS for 'decades' because this organisation does such good work. She is very fortunate in that her strata title units allow pets and she is able to keep her beloved cat, Tasman. Tasman is a ginger and white 7-year old, quite a gregarious cat who loves catching lizards but never hurts them. He catches them and carries them up five floors to present them to 'Mum' who then carefully takes them and returns them to the garden. Marion supports other animal charities and is very strong in her feelings that the anti-cat crusade is using manipulated statistics to crucify cats.

FLO BEST of Waverton heard about the CPS from friends and knew Sybil Cozens. She missed being a founding member by a whisker but has always been devoted to the CPS. For many years she was a counsellor and she now works regularly in the Op Shop and collects goods as well. Flo is a constant knitter and for years she bought wool, made crafts and clothes and sold them, all proceeds going to the CPS. Her cat, Tjinta, is a dark brown, handsome cat and owes her life to Flo's caring. Flo saw her in a cage at the CPS office and it was love at first sight. She had been surrendered a couple of times and Flo had numerous traumas with her but Flo was determined to work out the problems and for her perserverance she got a lovely companion.

BILL TURNER of Cronulla is 91. He joined the CPS in the early 60s and was Vice President for over 10 years. Bill was instrumental in organising an RSPCA inspector and several helpers to help clean up the fish and produce markets in Haymarket when the feral cat population reached unmanageable proportions in the 60s. He has always had the interest of cats at heart and he and his wife befriended strays and dumped cats throughout their marriage. Bill's wife was ill for six years and their cat rarely left her side, constant in his companionship. The cat died three days after Bill's wife, faithful to the end. Bill still maintains an involvement with the CPS and helped trap a queen and five kittens that were existing in a Cronulla drain. He visited the St George Cat Show and was pleased to see the domestic cats 'back on the bench' with the 'professional' (pedigree) cats and feels that showing domestics helps promote responsible cat ownership.

JAMES CUMMINGS of Willoughby is our newest Life Governor, joining the line up of super carers in May 1994. With his next door neighbour, Mrs Briggs, Mr Cummings had been feeding some stray cats for quite a while. Their numbers increased alarmingly and their condition deteriorated and Mr Cummings and Mrs Briggs turned to the CPS for assistance. The cats were very interbred and many had sore eyes and cat flu. Mrs Briggs not only paid the CPS charge for this service but also gave a very generous donation. Mr Cummings was so impressed with Sandy's patience and gentle concern for his loved creatures that he donated \$1,000 and was delighted when he was given his Certificate as a CPS Life Governor.

Our Life Governor's come from many walks of life but they all have one major thing in common, a love and devotion to animals, particularly cats, and an eagerness to do that little bit more in helping others help the animals they care about.

We should spay and neuter irresponsible pet owners before they breed more irresponsible pet owners.

Jean Scott

BOOK REVIEWS

Lee Wright.



IMPRESSIONIST CATS

by Susan Herbert, publisher: Thames and Hudson, 1992, Hardcover, 32 colour plates, \$36.00

Susan Herbert, an artist with a wonderful sense of humour, a 'great master-ful' love of cats and the realisation of the inadequacies of many museum exhibits, has brought to the public eye what such artists as Manet, Monet, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Pissarro, Toulouse Lautrec, Degas, Cezanne and Renoir, were really trying to say. Conventions of their time dictated that cats were usually painted as incidental objects in a picture. Susan Herbert has righted this enormous wrong by placing cats in their proper sphere. This whimsical book is a must for cat lovers who also love impressionist art. 32 colour pictures of renowned impressionist paintings as they should have been painted with cats as the central objects will delight the readers.

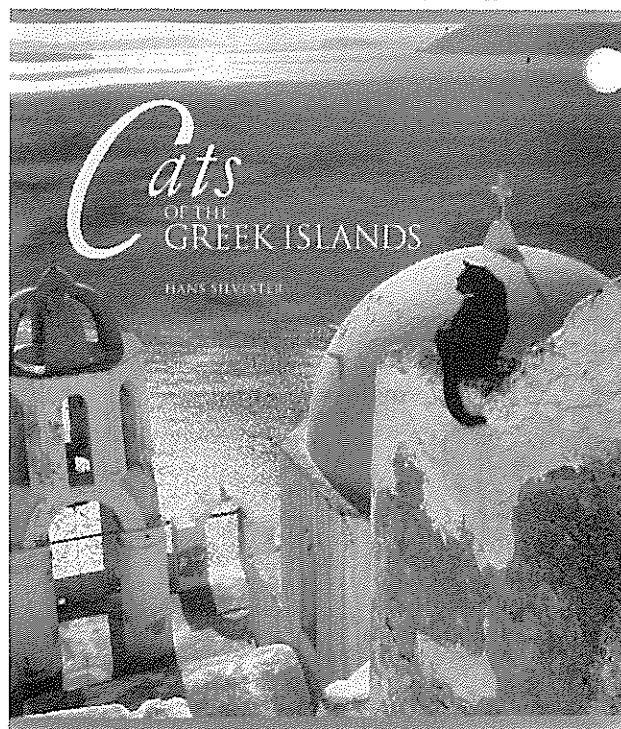
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CLAUDE
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(Madame
Monet and
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CATS OF THE GREEK ISLANDS

Hans Sylvester, Thames and Hudson, 1993 \$49.95 Hardcover, 150 colour photos

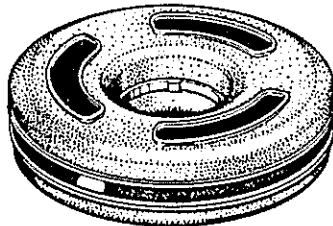
If there is a definitive book on cat photographs, this is it. There are no pretty studio shots or fancy cats within the covers. Hans Sylvester, a photographer of international renown, has spent three years lovingly photographing cats in their natural habitats on the incredibly photogenic Greek Isles and this book of his work is a blockbuster. Cats in all manner of natural postures and natural doings are captured on film against the dramatic and stunning backgrounds of Greek buildings and the ever present sea. Colours, patterns and cats are interwoven to show the viewer such an intimate portrayal of the Greek Islands that you can all but believe you are there. The photographer's love of cats comes through in every picture and the scope of his art is breathtaking. The pictures will instantly appeal to cat lovers and art lovers. Whether it is motherhood, mating, feeding, leaping, sunning, or loving life, each page is like turning a corner on a foreign shore and seeing some cat activity in that brief millisecond before the cat sees you and runs. Hans Sylvester has captured cats as we all would love to but never have the time or patience to be ready at that perfect moment. 'Cats of the Greek Islands' has my highest recommendation.



CAT MART

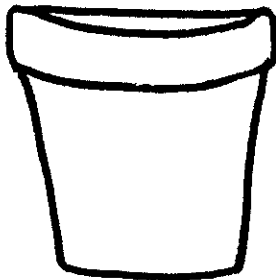
CAT TRACK by Dorskocil

Cat Track is an exciting pet toy from Dorskocil. The track is lined with evenly spaced openings providing your cat with many opportunities to paw at the spinning ball. It is imported by Kra-mar Pet supplies and available at all Petbarn outlets. For a retailer near you, contact Kra-mar on (02) 644-7400. Recommended retail: \$23.95.



TERRACOTTA VASE/MAGNET

Do you have a cat that chews your floral arrangements or do you not have flowers in the house for fear the vase will be knocked over by a playful feline? The answer is wonderful! A fridge magnet masquerades as half a terra cotta pot. The outside is natural, the inside is glazed, the magnet is very strong and it holds one or two blooms and a bit of greenery quite nicely - and well out of the way of trouble. Not only does this allow a welcome bit of fresh flowers in the house, but the \$5 price makes it an ideal gift as well. Available at Western Suburbs Garden Centre, Five Dock or phone Billabong Pottery on 008 810-307 (free call) for a retailer near you.



NIGHT SAFETY

Exelpet has launched a new and innovative product range designed to help keep us and our pets safe on the roads. EXELPET Night Safety Leads and collars are available from Woolworths supermarkets. They are made from strong polypropylene with reflective thread woven the length of the fabric. The collars and leads are ideal for those people who only have time to walk their dogs in the early morning or at night. The Night Safety lead serves to alert car drivers well in advance that pedestrians, both two and four legged, are up ahead. The lead works much the same way as reflectors do on bicycles. A vehicle's headlights lighting the reflective thread in the lead make it highly visible.

EXELPET has not overlooked cats and they are also marketing an adjustable Night Safety collar for cats, complete with bell and easy release clasp.

ARTIFICIAL NAILS

If you thought the Americans had thought of everything, if they hadn't before they have now ... cat nails. One of the leading brands is called Soft Paws and its purpose is to solve the problem of scratching damage. Soft Paws are soft, vinyl nail caps that are easily applied to a cat's newly trimmed nails. These nail caps cushion the effects of cat scratching yet allow the cat to stretch and retract its claws naturally.

The nails and the adhesive are non-toxic when set and dried because the materials are inert and are not absorbed if swallowed. The nail caps are humane and will cause the cat no discomfort when they are applied. If a cap falls off it can be replaced. The expected life is four to six weeks but this will vary depending on your cat's nail growth and his activity level. In order to cover

all sizes of felines, the caps come in four sizes, kitten, small, medium and large. One of the latest ads for this product has them in four fashion(?) colours.

I rather doubt the product is in Australia but it does seem to have two subtle catches in the ad; the length of tenure depends on nail growth and activity.

PURRSPECTIVES

KINKS

A kink is a thickening of a joint in the tail that develops when adjacent vertebrae fuse. Some cats develop kinked tails as a result of an injury. Kinked or bent tails may be inherited, particularly in Asian breeds. Careful breeding has eliminated most kinked tails in purebreds (it is a disqualifying fault in show cats) except for a breed such as the Japanese bobtail wherein the kinked and twisted tail is a main feature of the cat.

BUMS UP

Why do cats so often present their backsides to you, tails high, anus fully visible? You two are exchanging not only greetings - but scents. Various areas of the cat's body, including the lower back near the base of the tail, are richly supplied with glands that produce fatty secretions vital to cats. Two approaching cats recognise each other not only by sight but by the investigation of scent gland locations. Cats that already know each other or have no reason to be hostile toward one another usually greet with a nose-to-nose smelling ceremony followed by a round of anal sniffing. Maybe not your 'cup of tea' but quite a complimentary gesture from your family cat.

PERSONALITY

Cats have cat emotions, cat thoughts and cat behaviours. Living with humans causes some alterations in all of these, but the perspective remains very much that of a cat.

Allow your cat some freedom to be a real cat and you'll be rewarded many times over with special insights into his world. He'll follow his natural instincts and you'll learn a great deal about what it means to be a cat, any species of cat.



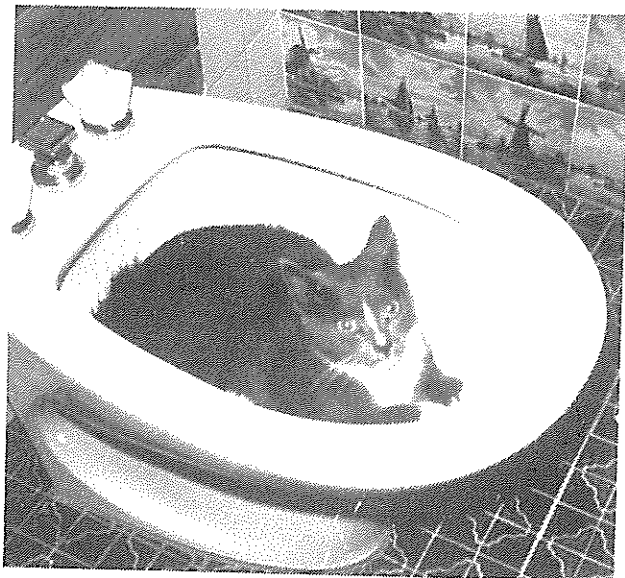
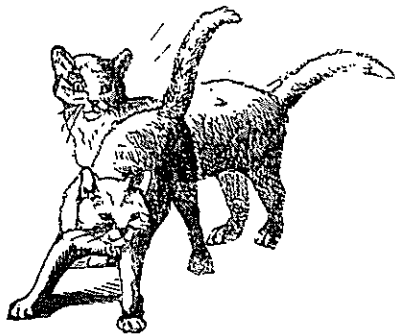
MY LITTLE DOLLY

P Ferguson.

In 1982 a work colleague returned from a holiday with a kitten, allegedly the progeny of a Chinchilla queen who was not fussy about pedigreed males. Why Shirley brought the kitten back is debatable; she said it was going to be put down and she saved it. But saved it for what? Shirley was a gregarious lady who worked all day and socialised half the night so the kitten was left to her own devices for long periods. She filled in the time by digging the potting mix out of the pot plants and shredding the curtains. When Shirley had to go into hospital for surgery I asked who was going to mind the kitten. She didn't know! So I offered to adopt it on the condition she had it vaccinated. Naturally I got it unvaccinated.

When I arrived home the other three cats sniffed around the carry box and it was clear the new miss was capable of looking after herself. I could hear her growling and hissing inside. When I let her out she was so tiny the other three cats looked at this bit of grey and white fluff in disbelief - surely this could not have been hissing and growling so loudly. She was so tiny that I did not realize how old she was, thinking it would be a further three months before desexing was necessary. Not so. I found her under the house calling and flirting with a visiting and mystified tom. A local vet desexed her immediately.

A friend asked her name and was scandalised when I said that she didn't have one yet. "Well, what do you call her?" "My little Dolly!" "Well", she said, "call her Dolly". And Dolly she became. Dolly was a very independent cat and remained small in size and big in personality. She took no nonsense from the other three cats in spite of her newly arrived status and her size. She eventually made friends with Limpy and Tiger but she and Sis were never friends. She learned quickly about litter and utilised the bidet for wees.



Early in Dolly's life a young couple renting next door acquired a bull terrier pup and a kitten. I ended up with the Rex kitten and the dog would have loved to live with us. He was always here, pushing his head through the cat door and watching us through the glass. I acquired a dog by default when Dolly was 11. The dog was roaming the streets and checking out my yard. Then she started coming by every day and eventually she would not go home. I heard from her former owner that Roxie had been very rough with their Russian Blue so I was vigilant, and so were the cats. After an initial wariness and being bowled over by the new dog when she had the temerity to smell its food bowl, Dolly soon put it in its place.

A year later a tribe of young people rented a house two doors away and they had a pit bull terrier and a cattle dog bitch, neither desexed or registered. There were no fences at the back of the properties and it was only a matter of time before their dogs started coming over to play with mine. One day Dolly walked out the cat door and sat on the little landing. I noticed the pit bull was in the yard and tried to shoo him away and get Dolly inside. She wouldn't come and I could not get her so I chased the dog away. When I went back to forceably bring Dolly inside it was too late, the pit bull had Dolly in his mouth. I rushed outside, picked up a shovel at the bottom of the stairs, shouting all the time. I hit the dog with the shovel and picked up Dolly. The dog jumped up to get the cat and knocked me over. I needed one arm to push myself up because of osteo in my knees and while I was struggling up he grabbed her again. Again I hit him with the shovel but it was too late for Dolly. We were at the vet clinic in ten minutes but her back was broken and the vet put her down immediately.

Dolly and I had twelve good years together - especially the last five when I no longer went to work - and I have a lot of happy memories but I still feel tearful as I write this and guilty that I might have let her down through negligence in the end. I don't blame the pit bull, but I do question why anyone in this day and age has an unregistered dog which is not confined within a large yard for its own safety, as well as that of other animals.



THE BEST

Annette Barber



Cats beautiful, cats graceful
cats loving, affectionate
From the prized pedigree
to the cherished family pet.
Cats adorable, cats playful
cats intelligent, unique
All with eyes that glow brightly
and coats that are sleek.
Cats regal, cats majestic
cats spiritual, divine,
Each one with its own personality
each one so very fine.
Cats cuddly, cats independent
cats mystical, serene
Of all Earth's creatures
They're the best I've seen.

DONATION FORM

The Membership Secretary
The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W.
103 Enmore Rd
ENMORE NSW 2042

I/We would like to make a donation to the Society.
Enclosed is a cheque/ money order/ for DONATION of \$.....

Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss

SURNAME (Block letters)

Initials

Address.....

Postcode.....

FORM OF BEQUEST

To those caring persons who may wish to assist our society in its work, the following forms of bequest are suggested:

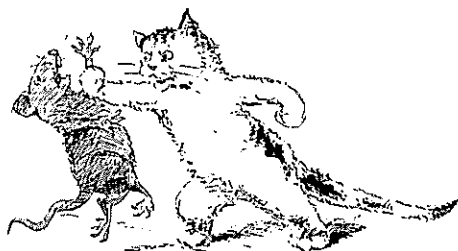
Where a specific amount of money or a specific asset is to be bequeathed the form would be:

I (insert full name and address) give and bequeath to the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W., the registered office of which is 103 Enmore Road, Enmore N.S.W. 2042, the sum of.....dollars (or a complete description of the asset). I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. shall be sufficient discharge for the legacy which is to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity.

Where a bequest involves the residue of an estate, the wording would be:

I, (insert full name and address) give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate to The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W., the registered office of which is 103 Enmore Road, Enmore N.S.W. 2042. And I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

For further information on leaving a bequest to the Society please contact the Secretary on (02) 557 1011.



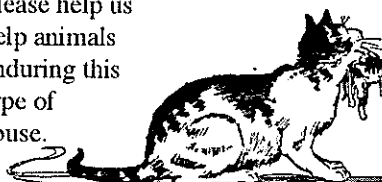
HELP US LOBBY

In the last Journal we asked for volunteer writers to help lobby on various issues that CPS considers important. The response has not been good. We wish to have pet shops and markets banned from selling any live creature. We depend on our members reporting any outlet of this type that is doing the wrong thing. Then we will notify each of our 'writer volunteers' by sending them letter formats, applicable addressees, and they will add weight to our argument by writing out a letter and sending it to the relevant authority.

There is another way you can help. If you see cases of cruelty and neglect in pet shops, DONT HARASS THE

SHOPKEEPER! Immediately ring the RSPCA, ask for an Inspector and report the matter to them. Hopefully they will go immediately and SEE FOR THEMSELVES the severity of the problem. If you alert the shopkeeper or demand to take the sick animal away you have RUINED THE EVIDENCE! On a recent Monday we were told someone had seen two dead kittens and three more frothing at the mouth in the window of a pet shop on Saturday and Sunday. Instead of ringing for an inspector, they anguished over the weekend and on Monday went to the shop and abused the owner who claimed the other three kittens were 'out back' and were being treated. This was a lost opportunity of having this shopkeeper prosecuted.

We need your help in reporting these matters and we will keep you advised of any developments via the Journal. Please help us help animals enduring this type of abuse.



NEW MEMBERS

L Adam, L Aldering, C Anderson,
R Ashcroft, L Asplet, P Augustus,
JM Berchdolt, H Bowers, R Brown,
M Burgess, C Carrick, G Chambers,
SE Costigan, J Cummings, L Daniels,
R Donovan, V Dore, R Douglas,
S Dunne, T Franks, J Fumer, K Galton,
BJ Gordon, S Helou, J Herrick,
S Higgins, J Hodgson, A Hook,
S Jenkins, M Johnstone, B Jones,
S Jenkins, A Karslake, J Kingston,
G Lentfer, D Leotta, W McCowage,
J Macrow, L McKee, L McLean,
P McManus, S Mathers, T Meyer,
B Morey, M Morton, M Nelson,
V O'Leary, J Phillips, B Pontey,
K Richardson, S Riddington,
S Ridgewill, B Rizzo-Smith,
I Robertson, S Robinson, D Schafer,
A Seymour, GHL Slip, B Smith,
A Smyth, S Snelling, MA Soria,
R Thome, J Twigg, E Walker, E Weine,
A Weine, F Wood, D Wyatt, R Wyatt,
D Vancampenhout, LA Ward,
I Zagoridis, K Zeitingner.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please cut out and return to address below)

THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. 103 Enmore Rd ENMORE NSW 2042

I/We apply for membership or renewal of membership of the Society for the year commencing June 1994. (Note: All persons joining from January remain financial until June of the following year).



Subscription	\$1000.00	Life Governor	\$ 10.00	Annual Membership
	\$250.00	Life Membership	\$ 5.00	Junior Membership
	\$ 5.00	Pensioner Membership	(State Birthdate).....	

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

Please cross cheques and make payable to: THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss SURNAME (Block Letters)..... Initials.....

Address..... Postcode.....

Pension Number..... Signature..... Date.....

Phone Number.....

Secretary's Note: Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you require a receipt.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

(Please cut out and return to address below)

THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

If you have changed your address since applying for membership or renewal, please fill in this form.

SURNAME (Block letters please)..... Initials.....

NEW ADDRESS..... Postcode.....

Previous Address..... Postcode.....

WELFARE REPORT

It was no surprise one morning to find a large plastic bag outside the office door. The surprise came when the bag was opened to find a box containing a large black rooster tied up with stockings. He came with a note saying 'please find my pet rooster a good home'. The poor old chap was put in our largest cage where he cockle-doodle-dooed all day while we frantically tried to find him a home. Nobody wanted him until Janelle, our welfare officer, persuaded a vet friend that he needed this lovely crower on his property.

I wish we could stop all this 'media hate' for cats. It is resulting in more than the usual cruelty. A kitten being used as a football, an injured cat used as a target for a stone throwing competition, dumpings everywhere, so many desexed cats being surrendered for weak reasons. The other day a young woman asked how much to castrate her cat, then how much to destroy him. When she was asked why she wanted both prices she said to see what was the cheapest. He was handed in later that day. We have taken in the little cat that was stoned. He is a gorgeous ginger and is still friendly and trusting, even after his horrible ordeal.

On the other hand we meet some lovely caring people. For instance, we discourage the keeping of unhandable cats even if they are desexed. Once they are trapped for desexing they are very hard to catch again so if they become ill there is a real problem in treating them. However, a very caring man had tried for years to catch a wild female who kept having kittens in his back yard. He always managed to take the kits away early

to tame and find homes for them but the mother would not be caught. Heavily pregnant again, she at last fell for his trap. He brought her in to be desexed and said she had become so much a part of his family he just could not have her put down - he expected to live in his present home for years. He knew she was well advanced in her pregnancy and knew it was a little risky to desex her but he wanted her desexed. She came through the operation satisfactorily, stayed a few extra days in hospital and was taken home to be fussed over - if she would permit those



OP SHOP NEEDS



VOLUNTEERS

The Opportunity Shop brings in constant revenue to the Society and it is vital to keep it staffed sufficiently and functioning well. We are once again low on volunteers and need more paws on deck. The work is easy, you are not required to stand on your feet for long periods, it is a nice way to meet and talk to all sorts of people and you are giving the society a great helping hand at the same time. We are happy to see you whenever you can work. We are flexible and we can roster you for however many days a month you are able to come in. Please phone the society's office between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm on 557-1011 or 519-7201 for more details.



PET SHOP ACTION

Courtesy of 'Fund for Animals'

In the hallowed halls of the Houses of State Parliament, a debate is occurring that is receiving very little media attention but is of great interest to animal lovers everywhere. This is a Stop Press report on it. We think it deserves urgent action.

Mr Sheddon, the member representing Bankstown, has repeatedly brought to the Parliament's attention the fact that in September 1993 regulations controlling pet shops were repealed and that these regulations were replaced by ...NOTHING. The pet shop industry is now a self-regulating body and as a result of this we receive complaints, other animal welfare organisations receive complaints, the Department of Consumer Affairs receives complaints.

You see, there is no consumer protection involved in buying animals from a pet shop, and there is little or no protection for the animal involved.

From the purely mercenary side of things, this is an industry with an annual turnover of hundreds of millions of dollars totally exempted from regulation. From the animal welfare side of it, this is an industry that is putting animals into homes, looking only at the dollar signs involved, not what's best for the animal or the family that's taking it on.

Every week we re-home animals purchased from pet shops which turn out to be larger, more boisterous, more active than the people who took them on thought they were going to be. We receive many calls from people complaining about some chains of pet shops and have seen with our own eyes sick animals for sale, sick animals in close proximity to healthy animals -which very shortly will become sick animals.

One instance that we checked out a local member of this pet shop chain had a Burmese kitten for sale for \$250. This kitten had received no vaccinations, it did not have papers to prove that it was a pedigree Burmese kitten, it was in a glass enclosure with two other cats who were lying quietly in the corner, their eyes gummed shut because they had what our staff considered to be the first signs of cat flu. On approaching the manager of the store we were informed they had been checked by a vet, they did not have cat flu but had conjunctivitis. Those of you who know anything about cat flu will understand that conjunctivitis is one of the first symptoms. We requested that these animals be separated. The manager said certainly, he would do so. The next day we sent an Animal Welfare League inspector down there to ensure it had been done. It had not.

To prosecute these pet shops under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act as it now stands is extremely difficult. Several attempts have been made to do so, especially when the pet shops don't even come up to their own self regulating guidelines. But often these cases are thrown out of court unless the animal can be shown dying in the shop. Or inspectors mount a 24 hour observation of the pet shop to prove the animals are sustaining stress.

Mr Sheddon keeps bringing to Parliament's attention the fact that pet shops aren't regulated and people are complaining about it. Mr Causley, Minister of Agriculture, is the Minister in charge of this area. He is responsible not only for the regulation of pet shops - if it is to occur - but also the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. This Act would enable us to prosecute pet shop owners for cruelty if it was strengthened and made more applicable to the needs of the animals, rather than to the needs of the people who want to be cruel to them. Mr Causley states that he has not received any complaints about pet shops or ill treatment of animals. He's read some media reports about it, but not had any great number of complaints.

So let's give him complaints about pet shops. I think it's time we act. I would like to see Mr Ian Causley up to his neck in letters of complaint about pet shops. So, how do we go about doing this? OK. Everybody knows somebody at some stage who's got a complaint about a pet shop. If you don't know someone, go visit a pet shop. You'll have a reason to complain very, very quickly. Especially certain chains which have a tendency to be more concerned about displaying the animals than the animals' needs for privacy, quiet and dark space to curl up in. Not to mention fresh air.

Now that you are angry, get information, and have your say about this disgusting farce.

PET SHOP ACTION

What can you do to help?

- 1) Tell your friends, workmates, acquaintances
- 2) Request a copy of the 'Guidelines for the care and management of animals in Pet Shops' from the NSW Dept of Agriculture, Locked Mail Bag 21, Orange NSW 2800 (Ph 063 913-100)
- 3) Visit your local pet shops. Is there anything there that disturbs you?

If so, write to:

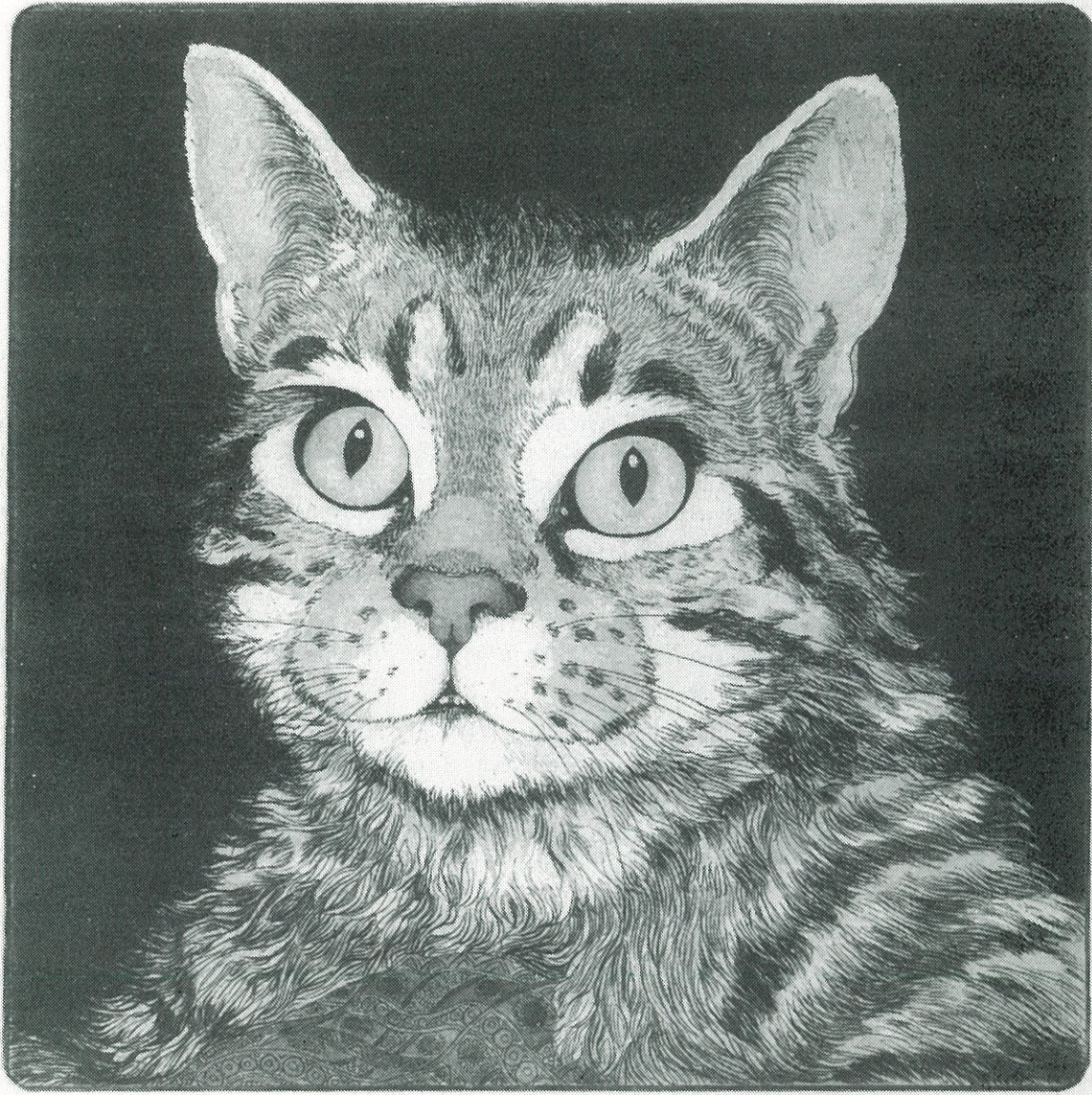
The Hon . Ian Causley,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries,
Level 17 Parkview, 157 Liverpool Street,
Sydney NSW 2000.

Let him know how you feel about self regulation of Pet Shops.

- 4) Send us a copy of your letter - we want to follow up letters with local members and the Department of Agriculture.
- 5) Call us if you want help, or if you have case histories of animals being rescued or bought in ill health from Pet Shops. The more proof we have the better our case.

FUND FOR ANIMALS (AUST) LTD, PO Box 126, Terrey Hills NSW 2084 Ph (02) 450-2122 Fax (02) 450-2483.

'RAPHAEL'
Hand coloured etching by
JANE STAPLEFORD



Jane Stapleford is a fine etcher and wildlife artist whose work is represented in public and private collections in England, Australia and the USA. She resides and works in Sydney. One morning she let her two cats out for a run and they returned for breakfast followed by a spitting, hissing kitten who made Jane's cat's food dish a regular meal stop. One morning Jane shut the door. Raphael became happily domesticated and willingly pays his board by modelling for Jane's superb etchings. He is a popular subject with her patrons. Jane has been commissioned to present designs to Kimberlery Clark for Kleenex packaging. Her work is available at the Leura Village Gallery in Leura and she will be at the 1994 Arts and Crafts Fair at the RAS Showgrounds, Paddington, from 25 November to 4 December.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS AND NOMINATIONS

All members are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of The Cat Protection Society of NSW which will be held on Sunday, 2 October, 1994, at the Society's premises, 103 Enmore Road, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Read and confirm Minutes of the 1993 Annual General Meeting
2. Business Arising
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report - Audited Accounts
5. Election of Office Bearers and Councillors 1994-1995
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 who is entitled to vote and unable to attend the meeting may arrange for a proxy vote in their 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 meeting time.

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 Sunday 2nd October, 1994.
Signed

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & COUNCILLORS

A President, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary together with seven 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 2 October, 1994.

Proposer

Address

Seconder

Address

I, (name of nominee) of

born (date) 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 preceeding 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 their 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.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

If coming by car, the nearest cross street is Philip 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. We look forward to seeing new members as well as old friends attending.

The directors of the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. submit herewith the balance sheet as at 31st May 1994 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 J Chapman Retired Red Cross library assistant and director of the society for six years. The director has attended 8 of 12 meetings.

Mrs A Elliott Importer of French antiques and director of the society for three years. The director has attended 10 of 12 meetings.

Mr G Hall Auctioneer and director of the society for two years. The directors has attended 4 of 12 meetings.

Mrs N Iredale Retired company secretary and director of the society for seven years. The director has attended 12 of 12 meetings.

Mrs E Larson Retired welfare officer and director of the society for seven years. The director has attended 9 of 12 meetings.

Mrs S Pikler Retired stenographer and director of the society for nine years. The director has attended 11 of 12 meetings.

Mr F Price Retired builder and director of the society for two years. The director has attended 9 of 12 meetings.

Mrs E Taylor Retired teacher and director of the society for two years. The director has attended 10 of 12 meetings.

Mrs B Walsh Retired stenographer and director of the society for nine years. The director has attended 10 of 12 meetings.

Miss E Strachan Retired receptionist and director of the society for one year. Has attended 7 of 12 meetings.

Mrs M Breust resigned as director during 1993. During the financial year she attended 1 of the 2 directors' meetings held while she was a director.

Mrs D Hancock resigned as director during 1994. During the financial year she attended 5 of the 6 directors' meetings held while she was a director.

The company's principal activities in the course of the financial year were the desexing of felines and prevention of cruelty. During the financial 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 \$5,531

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 or circumstance, other than that referred to in the account or notes thereto, that has arisen since the end of the financial year, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, 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.

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

N. Iredale
Director

E. Larson
Director

Signed at Enmore, N.S.W.
Dated: 9-8-1994.

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. for the financial year ended 31 May 1994 as set out on pages 5 to 14. 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 statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examinations, on a test basis, or evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting 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 and its cash flows.

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 May 31 1994 and of its surplus and cash flows for the financial year ended on that date; and

continued on back page.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

INCOME	1994	1993
	\$	\$
Appeals - Welfare	107,236	12,5962
Appeals - General	10,624	13,822
Fund Raising	276	624
Government Grant	15,500	0
Interest	28,802	32,908
Journal advertising	30	90
Membership to C.P.S.	11,470	12,771
Money Boxes	231	831
Opportunity Shop	27,399	24,263
Pets in memoriam	940	355
Recovery of stolen/traps	120	75
Sales - cats	20,419	16,566
	223,047	228,268

EXPENDITURE	1994	1993
Advertising	6,291	4,577
Ambulance Supplies	361	525
Auditors Remuneration	2,245	2,085
Bank Charges	674	(54)
Boarding fees	31,200	30,100
Cleaning	1,443	1,259
Collars & Tags - net Trading	1,377	321
Depreciation - general	14,495	12,504
Depreciation - buildings	4,000	4,000
Electricity	471	714
General expenses	1,284	981
Insurance	3,756	4,165
Journal - 'Cat Affairs'	12,300	12,926
Loss - short bankings	0	126
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	1,436
Motor vehicle expenses	18,181	21,402
Postage	696	1,083
Printing & Stationery	2,253	2,104
Property expenses	2,372	2,598
Provided for annual leave	(3,642)	5,820
Provided for long service leave	467	354
Repairs & Maintenance	600	655
Staff amenities	348	290
Subscriptions & Memberships	520	622
Superannuation	1,873	3,000
Telephone	4,098	4,418
Trade Waste disposal	(101)	101
Veterinary expenses	114,181	126,395
Wages & Salaries	74,645	70,620
	296,389	315,126
	(73,342)	(86,859)

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OTHER INCOME

Insurance recovery	674	422
Legacies	78,199	102,878
	78,873	103,299

NET OPERATING SURPLUS /

DEFECIT	5,531	16,441
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Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year	661,007	644,566
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ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	666,538	661,007 ✓
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CURRENT ASSET	NOTE	1994	1993
		\$	\$
Cash		25,174	5,477
Receivables	4	9,177	58,068
Investments	5	572,872	522,896
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		607,223	586,441
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & Equipment	6	271,933	290,428
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		271,933	290,428
TOTAL ASSETS		879,156	876,869
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & borrowings	7	17,856	17,925
Provisions	8	10,364	13,540
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		28,220	31,465
TOTAL LIABILITIES		28,220	31,465
NET ASSETS		850,936	845,405
MEMBER FUNDS			
Reserves	9	184,398	184,398
Accumulated Funds		666,538	661,007
TOTAL MEMBER FUNDS		850,936	845,405

Notes to and forming part of the accounts are included on Pages 9 to 14.

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	NOTE	1994	1993
		Inflows	Inflows
		Outflows	Outflows
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Appeals		117,860	139,783
Legacies		128,199	52,878
Memberships		11,470	12,771
Opportunity Shop		27,399	24,263
Sales - Cats		20,419	16,566
Government Grants		15,500	0
Payment to suppliers & Employees		(281,001)	(288,137)
Interest received		27,693	38,125
Other items		2,271	2,397
Net cash provided by operating activities	16 (b)	69,810	(1,354)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant & equipment		0	(32,120)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		0	9,500
Net cash used in or from investing activities		0	(22,620)
NET DECREASE IN CASH HELD		69,810	(23,974)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR		525,792	549,766
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	16 (a)	595,602	525,792

Notes to and forming part of the accounts are included on pages 9 to 14.

The above Detailed Income & Expenditure Statement does NOT form part of the Audited Financial Statements set out on Pages 5 to 14.

- (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 applicable Accounting Standards.
- SIGNED AT ST MARYS this _____ day of _____ 1994.

LOWER RUSSELL & FARR
Chartered Accountants
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T J ZAMMIT
Partner.

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W. STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

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 1994;
- (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 1994; 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. Larson
Director

Signed at Enmore, N.S.W.
Dated 9.8.1994

MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. 103 Enmore Rd ENMORE NSW 2042

I/We apply for membership or renewal of membership of the Society for the year commencing June 1994. (Note: All persons joining from January remain financial until June of the following year).

Subscription	\$1000.00	Life Governor	\$ 10.00	Annual Membership
	\$ 250.00	Life Membership	\$ 5.00	Junior Membership
	\$ 5.00	Pensioner Membership	(State Birthdate).....	

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

Please cross cheques and make payable to: THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss SURNAME (Block Letters)..... Initials.....

Address..... Postcode.....

Pension Number..... Signature..... Date.....

Phone Number.....

Secretary's Note: Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you require a receipt.

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