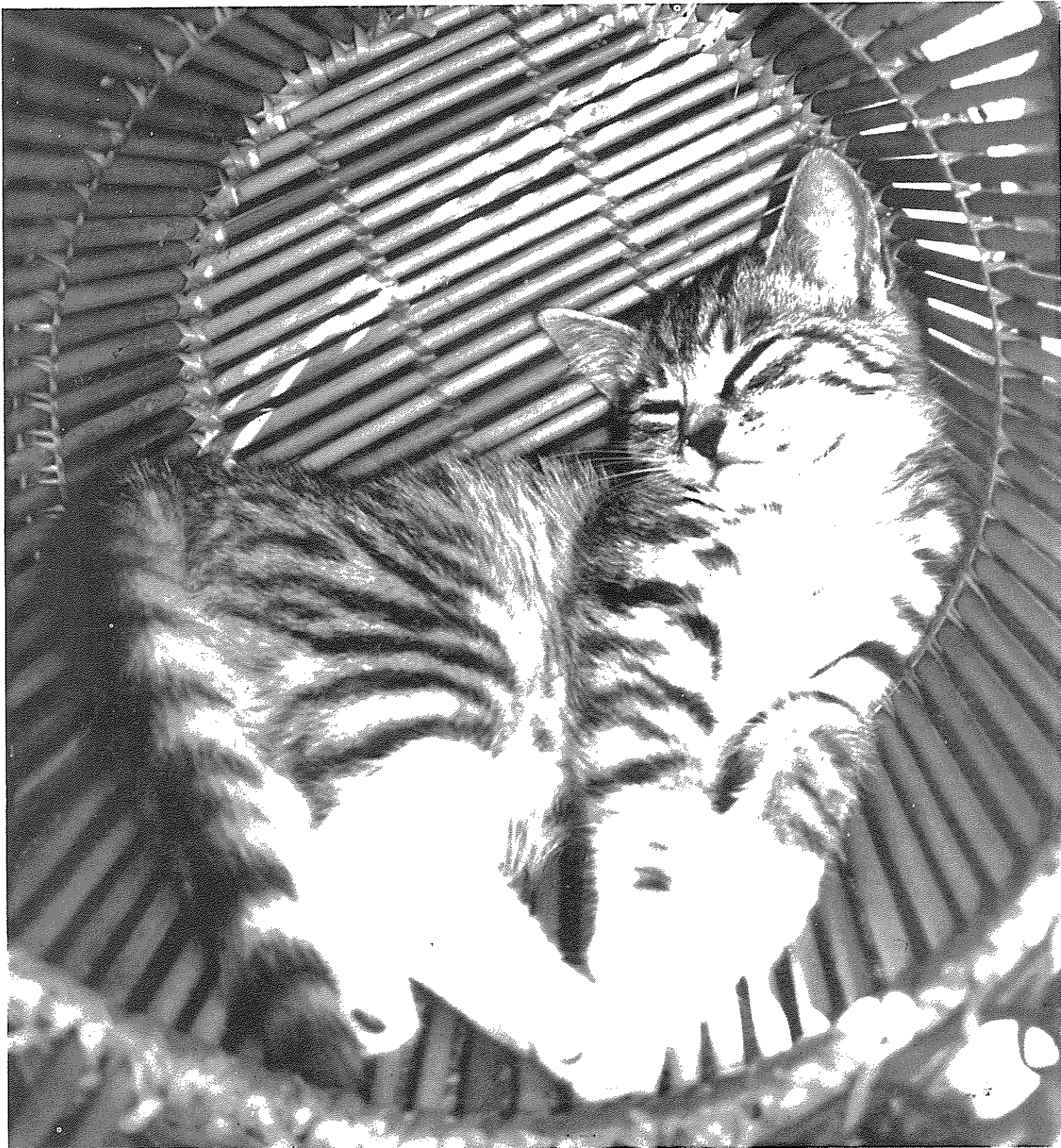


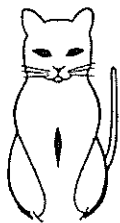
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As another Government takes the helm in NSW we await with renewed hope, mixed with a sprinkling of scepticism (having had our hopes dashed by so many previous Governments), to see if it will follow in the footsteps of the Victorian Government which recently passed cat control legislation. By the time you read this Journal we expect to have talked with the new Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Richard Amery, M.P., whose portfolio embraces Animal Welfare.

At the end of May we were delighted to be visited by Dr Carole Webb, Executive Director of The Cat Protection Society of Victoria, who was accompanied by their treasurer, Mr Brian Parry. We were very interested to hear about their work, policies and experiences and especially about the changes taking place in Victoria following the passing of the Domestic Animals Act late last year. This Act gives cats protection under the law and sets out requirements for responsible ownership. The aim is to responsibly manage domestic cats and to reduce the unowned cat population. Cats will have a legal status for the first time.

Although this legislation will take about a year to implement, moves are already underway in local councils to have pet cats registered, desexed and provided with identification in the form of collar and tag or, preferably, micro chip. Like ourselves, the Cat Protection Society in Victoria will not sell any cats unless they are desexed, and they have had excellent results with the early desexing of kittens who recover very quickly. Early desexing is also gaining favour with the veterinary profession with ever increasing numbers of vets adopting this practice. We now dare to feel optimistic that eventually nearly every healthy, tame, homeless cat may be able to find a good home.

Councils throughout the Sydney metropolitan area are beginning to frame their own regulations to curb the indiscriminate breeding of cats and dogs, as well as other pets. For example, Hurstville Council recently adopted animal codes limiting the number of pets and livestock per property. Although their code restricts the number of cats to two without Council permission, they intend to be flexible with responsible owners. Naturally, they will be relying on complaints from neighbours, or other interested parties, to discover the irresponsible owners.

A big step forward in our campaign to reduce the numbers of unwanted cats in the community has been the early desexing of kittens which means that no cat or kitten is sold to the public undesexed. As other animal welfare organisations are now following this action, we trust that we will soon see a dramatic drop in the number of abandoned cats and litters picked up or brought into our welfare office. Also, we now microchip each cat before sale. This involves the vet implanting a tiny disc in the scruff of the neck with a syringe, a quick and relatively painless procedure. The disc has the cat's own identification number so that should the cat ever get lost, a vet or animal welfare agency has only to use a scanner to identify the owner and have the animal returned.

**Our building at 103 Enmore Road is in urgent need of repair. This will be a costly job which will seriously deplete our resources. Added to the low level of legacies received in the year ended 31 May, 1995, we are having to dip into our investment capital to continue our operations. So we appeal to all our members to be as generous as possible with donations and to remember the Society when making Wills in order that we will not have to cut down on the help we can give the neglected moggies in this huge city.**

Shirley Pikler.

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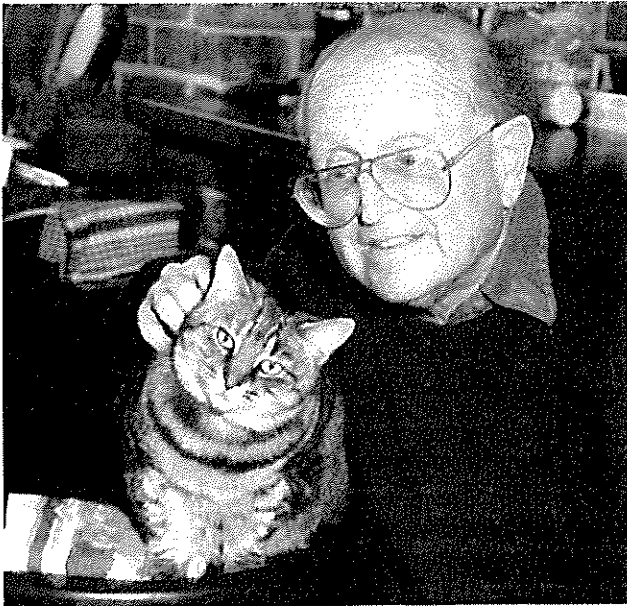
Please renew your membership immediately so you continue to receive CAT AFFAIRS. Due to the high costs of producing and posting the magazine, we can no longer send out issues to unfinancial members.

Keep the good work going! Rejoin now. Membership is still only \$10. A renewal form is on the back of the AGM notice.

## LIFE GOVERNORS

The CPS is pleased to welcome two new members to the ranks of Life Governor. Life Governor's are caring people who donate \$1,000 or more to the CPS to help further their work with cats. In this issue we are honouring Dr John Hirshman and Olive Graham will be featured in the December issue.

Dr John Hirshman has an impressive list of credits to his name. He is a Dr of International Health and a Visiting Fellow in Intl Health at the University of NSW. He was Humanist of the Year in 1992 and has been honoured with the Order of Australia for his work in international health, specialising in health in developing countries. Capping an impressive number of achievements, he is a dedicated cat lover and put a bit of extra cash to work in the best way by joining CPS's Life Governors. John has always loved cats and feels they are superb companions and very special.



He and his wife, Lydia, have two cats. Madeleine was adopted from a neighbour who had rescued her from an attempted drowning. With such a rocky start to her life she was initially shy and difficult but unlimited amounts of TLC and caring gradually convinced her that some humans are great and she became outgoing and affectionate. Her mate is Oscar, a seal point Siamese, who was adopted after the death of John's sister. After the initial adjustment to a new lifestyle, Oscar has become a beloved family member. John belongs to Madeleine and Lydia is Oscar's preferred property.

We welcome all members who want to upgrade their life membership to Life Governor or become a Life Governor. Your donations are always needed and we are eager to welcome you to the ranks.

## WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP?

The December issue will feature Responsible Pet Ownership? What does that mean to you? In 100 words or less, write a piece on the responsibilities of owning cats. The top 5 entries will receive a prize and will be published. All entries must be in by 30 September. Send your entry to RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP, CPS, 103 Enmore Road, Enmore 2042.

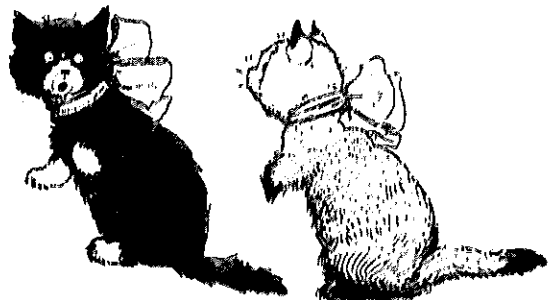
## OWN A WHISKER OF HISTORY

Cats feature in Australian history and one of the most notable ones is TRIM, the companion to Matthew Flinders during his exile in Mauritius between 1803 and 1810. To honour this famous feline, the State Library of NSW plans to commission a lifelike bronze sculpture of Trim to be placed on the windowsill behind the statue of his master on the facade of the Mitchell Wing, State Library of NSW. If you would like to contribute, send your tax deductible cheque payable to the State Library of NSW, to: Finance Branch (Trim the Cat), State Library of NSW, Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000.

**SKIRT HANGERS** The Op Shop needs the clip hangers that hold skirts and slacks. If anyone has any they can spare please drop them off at the Op Shop.

## AGM October 2pm

The Cat Protection Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on October at 2pm at 103 Enmore Rd Enmore. Refer to insert for full details.



My whole life is ruined ... I went to a fashion show last night  
.. And wearing fur is OUT!



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

### WINIFRED LEOPOLD, Emu Plains

I so enjoy getting Cat Affairs. The cartoons and various stories and interesting advice are great. I would like a word of praise for the book reviews page. From its source I received a Christmas gift, "Why Cats Paint". It is a delightful book, so readable and interesting facts about cats with beautiful colour plates supporting the stories. A strange fact is that the book sold out, much to the book seller's amazement. Could Cat Affairs have had anything to do with that? There must be a lot of happy cat owners around.

Unfortunately I can't get my cats interested in painting so I guess they will remain backyard no(cat)hoppers. I do a couple of days a month in the op shop and even after 10 years I enjoy it as much as the first day. I can recommend the job to anyone anxious to help the society. I look forward to the next publication with pleasure.

### ANNE CAROLAN, Middle Cove

This photo was sent from relatives in Switzerland. The cats are good climbers, getting themselves in and out of the beds with care. I'm afraid my 5 great lumps would not be able to cope. Apparently my relatives cannot have moggies as cat leukemia is rife over there. I thought some very clever members might like to grab this idea and make one for their cats.

### MARILYN STRANG, Hornsby

Many thanks for your wonderful magazine and for printing the Remembrance of my Sebastion in your December issue. I have unfortunately lost another very precious member of my family and include a donation and an eulogy to Tosca.

### FOSTER MUM

Frances Kaukerei, whose cat photographs regularly feature in Cat Affairs, also plays an even more important role in the CPS. She is foster mother to kits too young to be adopted. A life as a surrogate mum is not all kisses and cuddles - along with the joy of promoting the healthy, happy growth of a tribe of up to 10 infants and sharing constant affection and companionship, is the daily chore of never ending feeding and litter tray changes. Frances finds the joys repay the work and enjoys her guardianship. Her mothering ensures the kits are fully socialised with people and animals and familiar with house living. It makes them far easier to adopt and far better companions, maintaining the CPS's fine record for cat care.

### MELINDA SEYSAN, Frenchs Forest

I was very pleased to join CPS and thrilled to receive CAT AFFAIRS. I love reading stories of other people's cats, the book reviews, etc. I'm glad, too, to be part of a Society doing so much for cats, and particularly encouraging the very necessary desexing of cats - thereby helping avoid an excess of kittens. Let's go for quality of cat life - not quantity! When my budget will allow - I'll happily become a Life Member of CPS - hoping that will be one way to repay the immeasurable amount of love I have had from cats throughout my life.



### JOAN HAUB, West Wyalong

I was interested to read your article on shows in the April Cat Affairs. I have seen 'Sooty', the Birman/Chinchilla cross at two shows and he's a really lovely cat. I recently showed my little cream domestic and she got Best Spay in her second show. There was just as much excitement, believe me, as when Jia Chus ben Hur had his wins!

### FOREVER MINE

Melinda Seysan

I come home to you,  
and though the hour is late,  
just as I knew you would be  
you are there.

Lovingly, caringly, you greet me  
unaware of the frustrations

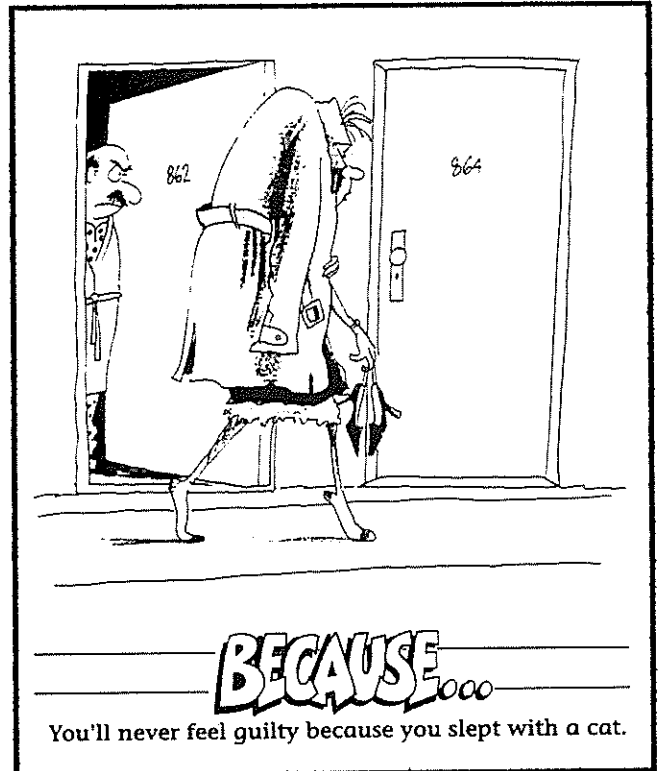
I have harboured this working day.  
Unconscious of my bedraggled  
appearance  
or the fine creases etched  
into my time-sodden makeup.

Your first look at me is of love.  
Your first utterance is of happiness.  
Your first touch is of warmth  
and my tensions melt away.

I need not explain myself to you  
nor hide my eccentricities from you.  
The music plays just as I left it,  
we share the same taste.  
Feline and mentor - together for life.

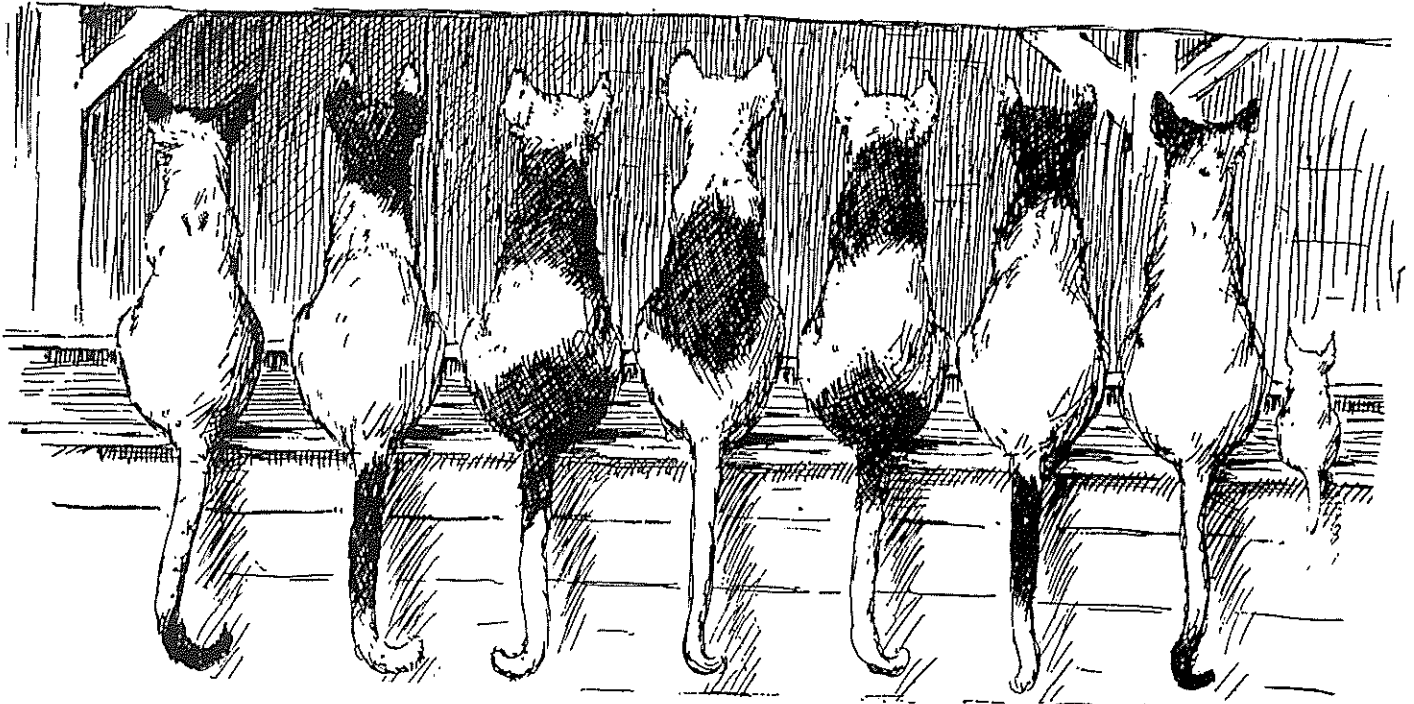


# CATS *Are Better Than* MEN



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# CATTALES



## THE CAT WHO COULD TELL TIME

Rachel Z Ikins

There once was a little cat named Sophie. She had gray and white hair, earmuffs and a funny curlicue tail. She was the queen of a household of twenty cats, five dogs and two humans. She ruled benignly with an iron paw but preferred to stare an offender down or someone uppity into submission with her smiling emerald eyes. I never knew a cat could smile until I met Sophie. Sophie smiles a lot.

Her daily overseeing duties include making sure the other cats are fed, that there is enough water in the water bowls and that litter boxes are changed promptly. She reminds her humans with imperative chirps to do their jobs. Sophia has a lover, Theodore, who adores her and bores her. Sophie likes to sleep under the covers. Sophie likes to crawl inside your shirt. But Sophie has a secret. She knows how to tell time. And like Winnie the Pooh who knew time by honey, Sophie can figure it out by cheese. She is addicted to tasty Cheddar cheese. We don't need a whistle or a clock to tell us when twelve noon strikes for that is High Cheese. About half an hour before Cheese Sophie starts a dance from the butcher block to the table to the stool to the counter to the refrigerator to the shoulder. The dance is accompanied by the cheese song which goes something like this:

*"It's a quarter to cheese  
if you please  
my people are starving  
for cheese that's just marvy;  
so, hurry it up - we wish to sup."*

Then it's 'ten till cheese' and '8 minutes until cheese' and 'five' and you get the drift. She isn't selfish. Being queen means looking after all and she makes sure everyone gets their share. If it's half past cheese and none has been forthcoming she really becomes annoyed. But once the magic time has come and with it the magic food, peace reigns over Sophie's little kingdom. She gets the last bite because she's so important than with a

flick of her tail she's off on urgent realm business. (Courtesy 'Devon Rex Newsletter, Dec 1994')

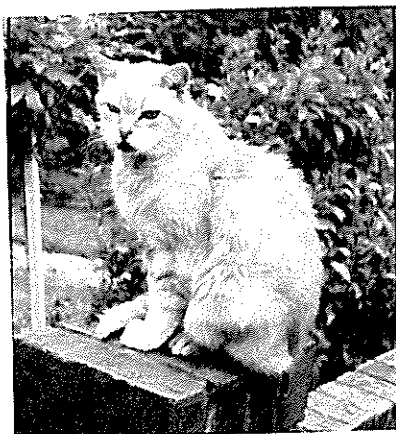
## FLOWERY FELINES

Yvonne Farrow, Roseville

In 1978 my ginger cat, Kellogs, died and I wanted to get another ginger female as Kellogs had an extraordinary personality that I thought must be peculiar to ginger females. It was nearly impossible to get one at that time and then I got a call from Nance Iredale. She had a ginger female - but the catch was - the queen had two kittens to young to leave Mum. It was decided that I took them all and could give the tortoiseshell back when she was old enough. Well, of course, having had them, I could not give one back and today I still have the 3. Honey, the mother, will be 18 soon and her 2 kittens will be 17 this October.

Honey has been a real delight and has this amazing habit of bringing me flowers from all around the neighbourhood, mainly camellias and hibiscus. I first noticed Honey coming up the road with what I thought was blood all over her face. I was out of the car in a flash to find it was a big red hibiscus she was bringing from the golf course. One day I counted 15 hibiscus all up and down the street as she does not always manage to get them all home. I have not been able to find the camellia bushes that she visits as we get every possible variety. We also get the dead ones from underneath the trees. One of my daughter's jobs for her pocket money was to pick up Honey's flowers. The dead ones used to fall apart when she dropped them and we could get 10 a day. I would find them in the hall, bedroom and kitchen, in her feed bowl, on the kitchen bench, not to mention the ones left at the door. After all these years we have never managed to get a clear photo of Honey with a flower because as soon as she sees you, she drops it and purrs.

Amazing as it seems, about 7 or 8 years ago Jaffa, the tortoiseshell kitten, started doing the same thing. However, she only brings camellias and only from the next door garden. So we get about 8 weeks of full on flowers on our back step, and then



nothing else until the next camellia season. Now Honey is slowing down and I only get an occasional flower, probably once a week, if I'm lucky - just letting us know she's still around. Every day I think how lucky I am to still have my lovely cats after all these years. Much to my husband's horror I recently acquired 2 Turkish Vans as I think I am preparing myself for the inevitable, as I could never replace the original three.

## THE LAST CAT

Melinda Seysan

My mother bought us 'Benji', part Russian Blue, and 'Yashmac' tabby, when we were children. They both lived till 17, purring to the end. When I left home I got my own cat 'Tammy', a silver tabby, a wonderful companion who even moved to Queensland and back with me. When I returned to Sydney I was unable to find a unit to rent that would allow a cat so my parents took Tammy. She became a sister to Suki, the black cat that my father found on a street corner. Tammy and Suki were soon joined by Meg, a ginger cat I found sheltering and in very bad condition under the flat I was renting. With much love and vet care she survived and moved in with my parents. 'Meg', said my mother, 'will be the last cat!'

A couple of years later my brother moved back to Sydney and home to live with my parents again. He brought Zoe with him, a Burmese that he had bought from a Qld pound. My brother eventually moved out of home again but Zoe was quite settled and wanted to stay. 'Zoe', said my mother, "will be the last cat".

I moved once more and this time to a place that allowed cats. Amber, a Persian named for her beautiful amber eyes, was soon living with me, giving constant love and affection. She gladly accepted my husband when I married. He, in return, was pleased to have a pet for the first time in his life. I did tell him that Amber would be 'the last cat'. I happily spend time when I can at the Fund for Animals shelter at Terrey Hills, caring for their many needy cats and kittens. One day I brought home Crystal, a Himalayan who needed a home, and who loves us and her 'sister', Amber. Weekly my husband now reminds me, as I head for Terrey Hills, 'Remember', he says, "Crystal is the last cat!".

## TRIBUTE TO ULYASHA

Joan Haub

I saw you in a pet show, a kitten with Birman markings and a white blaze on one side of your face making you look like a cheeky clown. You practically leapt out of the cage and I could almost hear you saying 'buy me and get me out of here'. Who was I to refuse your plea? I called you my little 'No Name' cat until I thought up a name for you. You grew into a lively, wilful and boisterous girl who would skip and dance your way

everywhere - when you were not perched in some precarious spot or looking down from the top of a door or the curtain rod.

Those blue cornflower eyes always seemed to be calculating some mischief. You once got shut in the fridge while trying to steal milk. When closed doors began to open I contemplated ghosts - until I finally saw you jump up, hit the door handle and open it! You had a thing about roses, snatching them from vases and shredding them.

You grew into a pretty and much admired girl - too admired it seems, as I was later to find out. Then you were stolen or let out while boarding - I'll never know what happened. You must have sensed danger and tried to hard not to be caught. Normally a happy girl, you growled and hissed when caged to leave. On my return you were gone with no goodbyes. Why didn't I listen when you tried to warn me. I've tried so hard to find you but to no avail. It's hard to believe I won't hear you hit the cat flap at a hundred miles an hour and then skid to a stop at your food bowl. What a sombre Christmas. The cat flap is always open, hoping you may escape and come home - a rose is by your picture. Yashie, my beautiful girl, life in this now quiet and tidy house is not the same without you.

Your broken hearted Mum.

## HOMESICK CAT

Wilma Eichler

Paw sore Gribouille is a cat who knows there is no place like home. When his owners gave him away to a soldier who took him from his native France to Germany the 2 year old feline had other ideas. Homesick Gribouille vanished from his new territory and in an incredible feat took two years and 1000 kilometres to find his way back to his family who had orphaned him. The owners, who thought Gribouille had made a new life for himself in Stuttgart, were amazed to find him peering from his perch in a garden tree. Grinning Gribouille was weary and sore - but feeling like the cat's whiskers to be home

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# CAT CRAFT

If you're not a Michelangelo or Picasso, what can you do to emblazon your clothes or home with cats? There are ideas galore for glorifying cats in stitches, paints, fabric, paper, and few require expensive equipment or reams of talent. Much of today's craft world is geared to people who have never attempted to be creative because they are convinced they aren't. Modern technology and inspiration have put much on the market that anyone can tackle and produce a fine result. With the parameters of 'easy and inexpensive crafts with cat motifs', I entered the March Stitches & Craft Show.

## ONE STEP DÉCOUPAGE

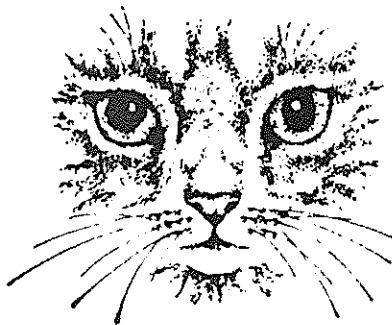
This has to be a winner on all counts. Materials are inexpensive,



leftovers can be used in normal day-to-day living and the finished product is outstanding. Découpage is the process of layering pieces of paper over a board or an object and affixing with glue to make a picture. It can be as simple or talented as you want. In this instance you are glorifying a cat stature. Materials

are 1 unglazed china cat (\$7-\$18), 1 piece of printed rice paper (\$2.45), 1 bottle of PVA glue (\$2.40) and a brush (\$1). You cut or gently tear the rice paper into small pieces, brush glue on a small area of the statue, put a piece of rice paper over the spot and brush over with glue. The entire cat is done in this manner. The glue dries to the touch in 20 minutes, hardens overnight and gives a clear finish. If you want a shiny finish than get a can of spray lacquer! The finished cat can be washed (but not soaked!) and will be a bright decoration in your home or cheer up a friend as a gift. One word of warning ... this could become addictive! Jow's Hobby Ceramics, 77 Love Street, Cessnock 2325 (049) 911 812 run a mail order business. You can also find supplies at china painting shops and newsagents. (Note: prices are approximate at time of printing.)

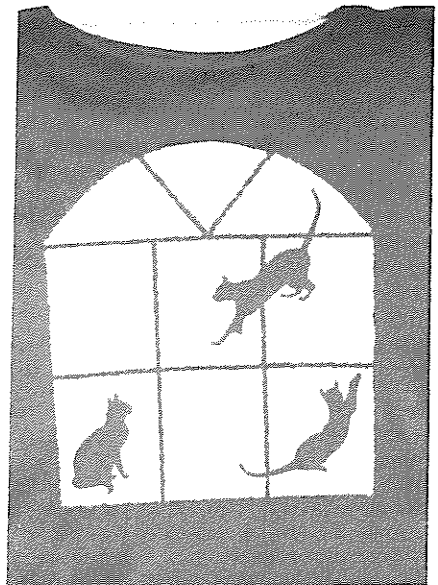
**STAMP ART** is a craft that is becoming quite popular. Make your own stationery, cards and wrapping paper. There is a wide range of stamp designs available as well as an amazing range of coloured and multi-coloured stamp pads and additives to make the designs multi coloured, embossed or



glittery. Special scissors let you cut decorative edges. New enhancements are coming out all the time and there is no limit to what you can do with stamps. A word of caution, what is cheap is not necessarily good. You can buy stamps at prices well below those you see in the stamp specialist shops - and for good reason. The stamp may not be as finely cut but, more importantly, the sponge pad between the stamp and the wooden block is usually quite thin which means, even with the greatest care, you print the block outline as well as the design you want. Not a pretty sight. Art Stamps Australia at 342 Military Rd, Cremorne has an excellent range and also gives classes.

**FABRIC PAINTING** Turn a Target T Shirt into a Double Bay Designer item. You can't paint a cat, you say? Go to your newsagent and pick a wrapping paper with a nice cat motif,

carefully cut the cats out, secure it to your T Shirt with a light adhesive spray glue and work your design around it. In 'Midnight Cats' the window opening was cut out of paper and fixed to the dark T-shirt. Narrow masking tape was used to make the window bars and the cats were cut out from wrapping paper. No need to draw a thing. The night sky was painted on the fabric with Phoenix Acrylic Flat range, mixed into

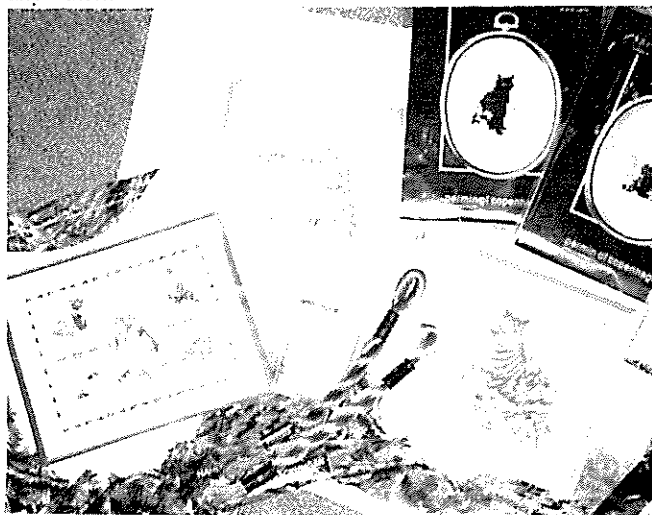


Phoenix Pearliser for soft pearl tints. The paint was brushed onto the fabric with downward strokes until the entire area in the window was complete. When the pattern pieces were removed a wonderful design of three cats silhouetted in a window appeared. Phoenix Fabric Paints are a cold cure formulation so they do not require heat setting. They are Australian made and available through a network of Phoenix instructors. Phoenix Fabric Art, 31 Chiltern Court, Nambour Qld. Ring (074) 41 2336 or Tom Duffy on 045 66 4493 for local suppliers and instructors.

**FOLK ART PAINTING** can be as complex or simple as your prefer. Cat door stops come in two designs, a cheeky Fat Cat and a sleek Siamese. The cats are made from craft wood and cost about \$20 plus about \$5 for paint. Paint cost will be higher if you use many colours for a more naturalistic cat. You can paint a fun cat, a Tuxedo Cat in immaculate Black and White, or use a bit more artistry to create a tabby with tabby marking and fur lines - you can be so basic that you paint a plain cat and buy two of the moveable eyes from a button place and glue them on. However you decorate your doorstep it will bring fun and pride working on it and joy when your friends note your artistic ability. Two nice doorstep cats are available from Elsa's Folk Art Studio, 12 Myrtle St, Normanhurst (02) 484 5447. You can select your own and take advantage of her classes or buy by mail order.



**NEEDLEWORK** Cats have appeared in needlework since women first began stitching and there are cat designs galore in any media. You can buy preprinted canvas for needlework or cross stitch or work from a graph. These are a few of the many cat kits available. Works range from 2" x 2" up to much a grander scale and the range of designs can be chosen to suit children, the elderly, beginners as well as the very experienced. Stadia Handicrafts, 87 Elizabeth St, Paddington. Stadia also has a very nice range of boutique cat buttons that can liven up any outfit.



**TRI CHEM FABRIC PAINTING** Hey, cats are now welcome everywhere! That's right, cats can now be taken to shops, theatres, restaurants. Humans who take their furry friends around with them are regarded as real cool.

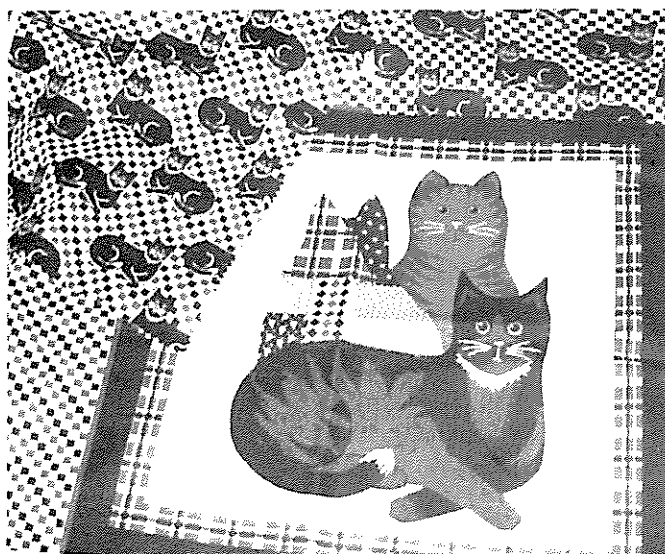


How? Well, apparently it's very easy. All humans have to do is paint up an easy iron cat transfer on a top, shirt or garment, using the world's leading brand of fabric and craft paints. Just imagine how beaut they can look with one of us draped around their shoulder or chest - no wonder so many are giving this craze a go. Tri-Chem's extensive range of oil and acrylic paints are non-toxic and come in small tubes which are as easy to use as holding a pencil. That's why even humans can't get it wrong. Mind you, some back off because they think they're not artistic - as if fabric painting was a big deal. They should try pussy footing along the fence or running up a tree. From what I hear, those who have done it are as happy as if they just finished off

a tuna lunch!

There are a lot of transfers to choose from - Kitten and the Rose, Back and Front Cats, Egyptian Cat Motifs, Cat and Paws Stencil. **Tri-Chem** (a Sydney factory with 9 charismatic cats looking after it) is offering a special **20% discount to all Cat Affairs readers on all the fashion transfers, plus a free lesson. (Offer ends 30 October)** Just get your human to ring the office on (02) 606 6963 for details. Now even humans can look like Top Cats - just ring Tri-Chem. It's almost too good to be true.

**FELINE FANCIES** Fabrics are being imported with cat designs so if you sew you can make skirts, blouses and dresses with cat print fabrics. Simplicity Patterns have a new range of Feature Cat and co-ordinated prints called Feline Fancies. You can splash the feature around pillows, curtains, clothes or other decorative items, highlighting it with the varied companion prints available. The design can be quilted, beaded, whatever takes your fancy to make it totally you. Cut the 3 cats out and sew them to a top and use the fabric painting to create your own background. Save yourself a lot of sewing time and use the motifs as major design panels in a quilt and quilt the joining pieces. Feline Fancies is 100% cotton, 115 cm wide, approx \$14 metre and contact Simplicity Patterns 02 774 5855 for your nearest stockist.



**BUTTONS** For those of you who still insist you are not creative and you simply cannot do all these wonderful things. phone Terrie's for your nearest stockist on these charming cat buttons. Sew 3 buttons on a T-shirt (shoulder/neck/shoulder) for a fun effect or clip off existing buttons on a plain blouse and sew one of these on instead. Terrie's Button Specialist 008 805 307 (free call), and 'All Buttons Great and Small', King St, Newtown.



**The Stitches & Craft Show - 17-20 August, Rosehill Racecourse Function Centre. Adults \$9, Concessions \$5**

# CAT MART

## MULCH MAT

A handy new product on the market that is a boon to gardeners, can also be a boon to cat lovers. Does your cat dig up or use your pot plants for it's toilet? If so, go to your garden centre or hardware and get some Mulch Mats. Mulch Mats fertilize correctly, cut watering by 75% and eliminate 99% of weeds. All plant groups are catered for by the 4 specially developed, environmentally friendly, fertilizers impregnated in each mat. This product is effective for standing or hanging pots and you can get it by the metre to lay in the garden. It is also effective in protecting roots from heat or cold. It is available in a variety of circular pot sizes and resembles the old style carpet underfelt with a hole in the centre and a cut from the hole to the outside edge. It is placed around the stem of the plant and provides a covering for the soil, making it hard for a cat to dig in the dirt. Prices vary according to size but will cost around \$4 for 3 x 100 - 300 mm Mulch Mats.



## MULCH MAT™

### WIN A MULCH MAT

In 50 words or less, prose or poetry, why does your cat need a mulch mat?

Post entries to MULCH MAT CONTEST, CPS, 103 Enmore Rd, Enmore NSW 2042.

All entries must be received by 15 October. Judge's decision is final. Winner's will be published in December Cat Affairs.

**5 Mulch Mats have been generously donated by Mulch Mat Products, NSW.**

IT'S WORTH  
SAVING  
WATER

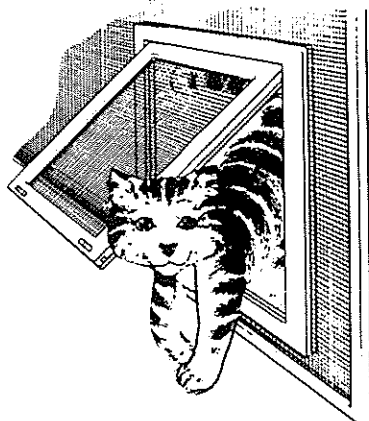


## MAC-PET SCREEN DOORS Unless

your pet lives strictly indoors or outdoors, you have had one of three choices: ignore your pet's scratches and replace your screen every few months; get up and open your screen door every time your pet wants to go in or out; or leave the door open and get a house full of insects. Now, a new doorway to convenience for Australian pet owners has opened!

mac-pet screen doors are proud to announce that they have secured the rights to exclusively import a pet screen door which 'purrfectly' suits our climate and life style. Manufactured in the USA by Borwick Innovations Inc, the screen door has proven to be a real blessing for thousands of pet owners. The door mounts directly into a door or window screen, accommodating the comings and going to a cat or dog (up to 13 kgs). Made of durable light weight plastic, the door measures 8 x 10 inches and can be installed in minutes.

The door incorporates several convenient features. Pre-installed



magnets prevent it from swinging in a strong breeze when not being used by the pet. Security locks may be closed from the inside to prevent the pet from using the door. mac-pet screen doors will be especially popular with senior citizens. Many older people, and even a lot of younger people, get tired of jumping up every minute to let their pets in and out of the house.

Pet screen doors may be obtained from mac-pet screen doors, PO Box 101, Cherrybrook, NSW 2126 (02) 899-5564.

## THE SOCIETY'S WINDOW



A young artist from the Enmore Design Centre worked up this wonderful cat design for the Welfare Office window. Pupils from the centre can create a theme for any business that is interested.

## DESEXED CAT SHOW

CPS members are invited to show their domestic cats at the  
**ALL BREEDS DESEXED CAT SHOW**  
Sunday 26 November at Rockdale.

The All Breeds Desexed Cat Club is the only cat club devoted exclusively to the welfare and showing of desexed cats. Both pedigrees and moggys will be present. Judging will commence at 10.15 am with Mrs Margaret Chaney judging the Household Pets section. She will be judging 'open style' to allow the public to watch and listen to her commentary on each cat and kitten.

The Club welcomes first time exhibitors wishing to show their beautiful desexed pets and all household pet exhibitors will be given a ribbon to mark their participation in the show. The CPS is donating several trophies to this section, including a Lesley Anne Ivory address book to the best CPS member's cat on show.

For further information and entry forms contact Marion Dunn (02) 53 6870 or Tina Teasdale (02) 520 3986. Entries must be received well in advance of the show date so make your enquiries now.

# CAT GROOMING

Carol Baker

So you have this lovely little furry ball of fluff that's cute and cuddly. Adorable, isn't it, the way it bites your fingers and plays with the brush. But wait! What's this one year down the track, a matted smelly bundle of hair that goes berserk if you show it a brush. Where did the cute kitten go?!

*Well, of course not all of the stories end up this way but you would be surprised how many turn up and need help.*

What to do to prevent this in the first place? Well DON'T allow your kitten to bite you when you brush and comb it! That may be cute, but an adult cat biting isn't! So be firm but gentle and be VERY PERSISTENT. This is going to take time but you will win if you try. Try to make each session short at first. After all, there won't be much to brush but you are getting your kitten into a habit of being brushed. Once you have established a routine and your cat is used to it, then you can pay more attention to the actual work that you're doing. Make sure you comb through all the cat, especially under the front legs and between the back legs. These are areas that get neglected because they are quite difficult to do. I say comb because that is your most important piece of equipment. With a comb you can get right to the skin and make sure all the knots are out. Brush afterwards to give a bloom to the coat.

**What to do if you have missed out on the kitten training stage and have a knotted cat?**

Either the vet or a GOOD groomer are quite likely your best answer. Please don't ever use scissors to cut knots away. You

can do untold damage as cat skin is very loose and delicate and I have seen cats with horrific slices from owners who tried to cut away the matts and sliced away part of the cat instead. If your cat is a real mess the best way is to get your vet or a groomer to clip the hair completely away. This can look very odd but it does let you start again and this time you should be able to keep it under control.

Have you cat professionally groomed about every 6 - 8 weeks if you can if you are having trouble with the coat. You can also have the areas under the tummy and under the back and front legs clipped off, this leaves the coat easier to deal with but doesn't spoil the appearance of your cat.

**What do you look for in a groomer?** Well, you are going to have to look long and hard because there are not too many of us around. A lot of salons will not handle cats or only will if they are sedated. I only do this as a last resort and EVERY cat gets one chance with me. Sometimes it helps if the owner stays and helps hold the cat. Be prepared to leave your cat for most of the day though, as I will give the cat a rest if it gets restless so this can add to the time required. My regulars don't take too long and I can usually give a time. Make sure that the premises are secure as cats are the world's best escapers. If you can, try to have a groomer recommended to you by someone who takes their cats there as this can be the best gauge.

I hope this has helped with a few knotty problems, good luck with your cats.

*Carol Baker is a professional dog and cat groomer and works at Meadow Mist Boarding Kennels in Marsden Park.*

## Are you sick and tired of having to get up and open your screen door every time your pet wants to go in or out?

Well, at last there's something to make your life a little easier - a door for your pet that fits right into the screen-door.

- No more scratched or torn screens
  - No insects
  - No screws or bolts
- Snaps into any door or window screen
  - A big 8" x 10" opening
- No more interruptions for you!



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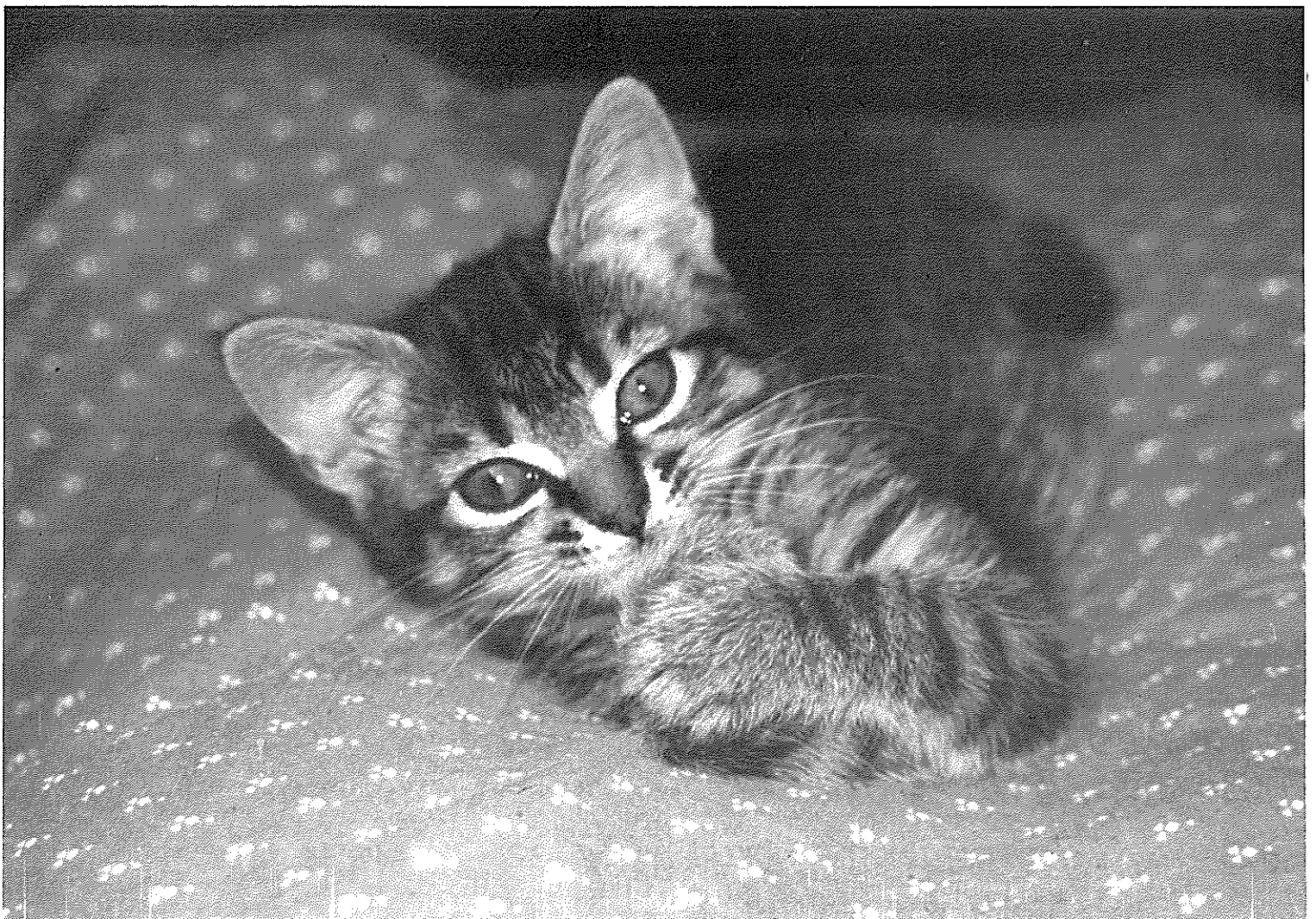
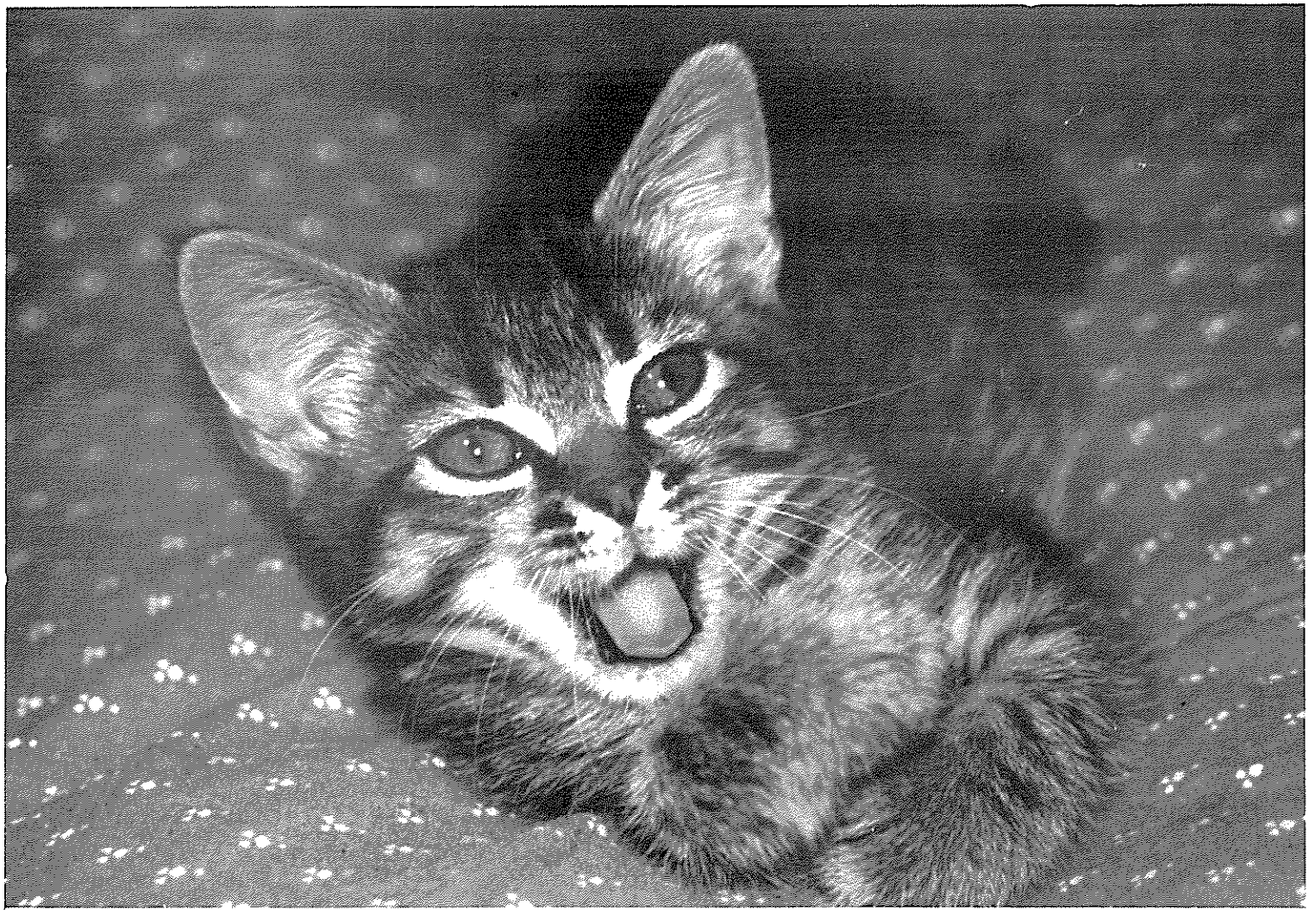
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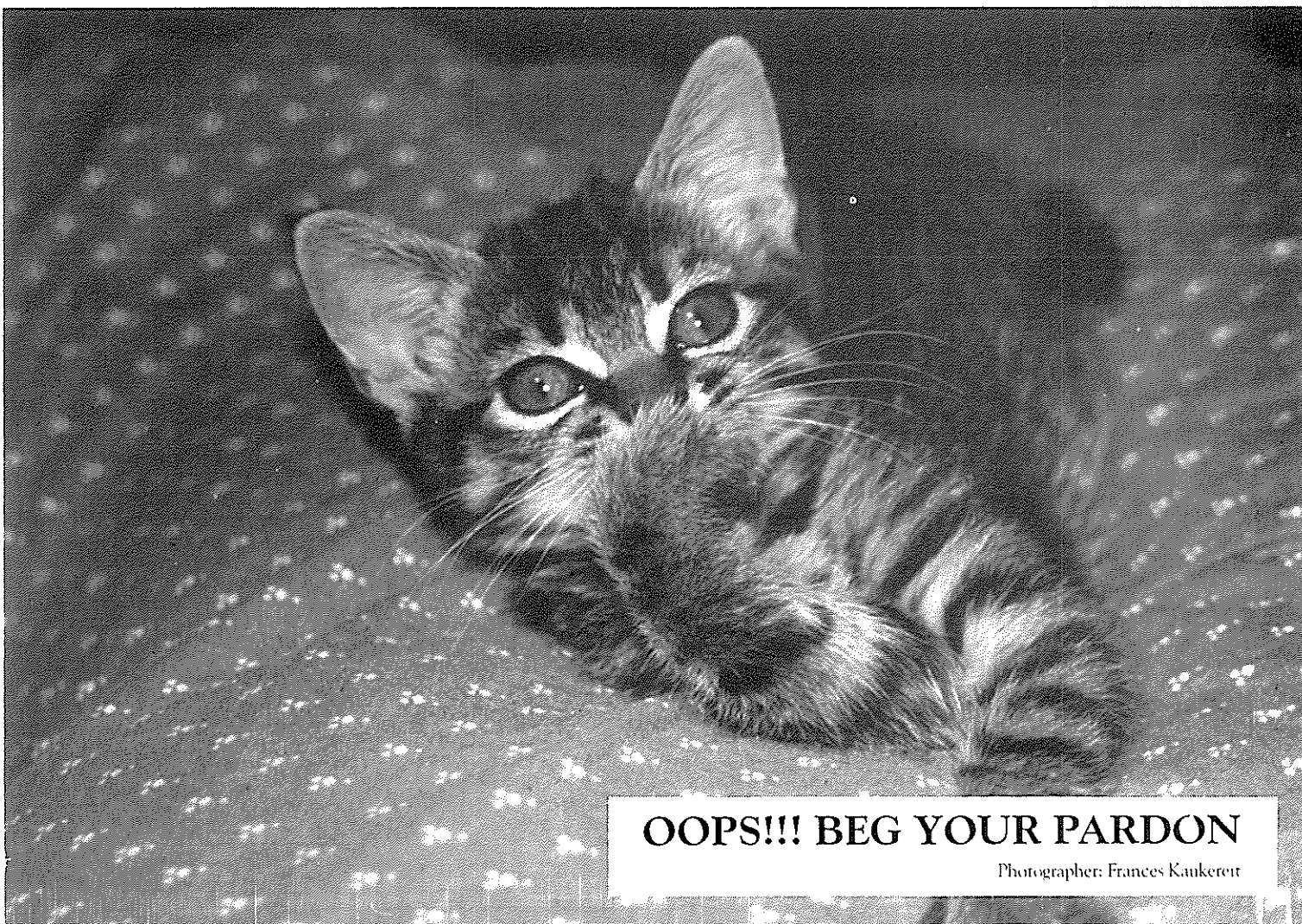
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**OOPS!!! BEG YOUR PARDON**

Photographer: Frances Kankeret

# IN REMEMBRANCE



## ZENA KENSEY

Farewell my dear friend Zena. I'll always remember you and our working bees  
Sybil Cozens

## ZENA KENSEY

Zena Kensey died 9 February. For many years she worked alongside Sybil and Gordon Cozens, collecting, sorting, repairing, etc., goods picked up for the opportunity shop. She was one of those 'unsung' heroes who was always there when the CPS needed her. Zena was nearly 83, and despite bad health for many years, battled on quietly to do whatever had to be done to keep the Op Shop stocked for the benefit of the Society's cat welfare work. Her devotion to cats and 'the cause' was well known and she will be missed by everyone who knew her

## MISS JOYCE ROE

She loved cats and often sent donations to help them.  
Edna Ball

## MINNIE

In memory of our beloved Minnie who left us at 6.5 years with skin cancer. You are terribly missed by us all.  
Angelika Elliott, Rose Bay

## TOSCA

Tosca belonged to my mum. Rosie Dawes, and was 7 when mum died. We were very lucky indeed to have Tosca adopt us. He was a blue Burmese. Our love for him was endless and he passed  
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away on 8/12/94.

*'What is it to cease breathing but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered. Life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one'.*

Marilyn Strang, Hornsby.

## THOMAS

In memory of Thomas who died 21 April 1993.

Paulene Williams.

## "TUCKER'S SONG"

(Courtesy of 'Barnum')

### THE COLOURS OF MY LIFE

The Colours of my life  
Were bountiful and Bold  
The purple glow of indigo  
The gleam of green and gold  
The splendor of a sunrise,  
The dazzle of a flame  
The glory of a rainbow.

### I PUT THEM ALL TO SHAME

No quiet browns and greys  
I took my days instead  
And filled them till they overflowed  
With rose and cherry red.  
And when my sunlit world  
Grew dark that day  
The colours of my life  
Left a shining light to light my way.

## FATS

Fats was with me for almost 14 years. She had diabetes the last 2 years of her life and she never complained. I miss her terribly and she will never be forgotten.  
Barbara Champion

## A PET'S PRAYER

*If it should be, that I grow frail and weak,  
And pain should keep me from my sleep,  
Then, you must do what must be done  
For this last battle can't be won.*

*You will be sad, I understand  
Don't let your grief then stay your hand,  
For this day, more than the rest,  
Your love and friendship stand the test.*

*We've had too many happy years,  
What is to come can hold no fears,  
You'd not want me to suffer, so,  
When the time comes, please let me go.*

*Take me where my needs they'll tend,  
Only, Stay with me to the end,  
And hold me firm and speak to me,  
Until my eyes no longer see.*

*I know, in time you will see,  
It is a kindness you do to me  
Although my tail its last has waved,  
From pain and suffering I've been saved.*

*Don't grieve it should be you,  
Who decides this thing to do,  
We've been so close, we two, these years,  
Don't let your heart hold any tears.  
Smile, for we walked together,*



*The necessity to suppress pet-loss grief for fear of adverse reaction is becoming a thing of the past. It is now strongly recognised by most people the role pets play in our lives and the strong grief and loss that occurs when they die or disappear. There are books on the subject, trained counsellors are available, and now The Australian Centre for Companion Animals in Society (ACCAS) has a Pet Loss Grief Support Hotline.*

## PET LOSS GRIEF HOT LINE

If you are struggling with your grief and you are not sure how to recover from your sad feelings, reach out - don't be alone with your grief - call (02) 746-1911 7pm-9pm. Whether your pet dies, is lost or stolen, or must be placed in a new home, the end of a special relationship with one's pet can be one of the most difficult times of our life. The people who staff the Hotline and Group understand this. These volunteers provide an outlet for people to express their feelings and concerns when faced with hard times involving their cherished animal companions because they have also experienced this grief on a personal level. It is their hope to comfort and give you compassionate support. It is envisioned that the Support Hotline and Support Group will become a pivotal source in providing the community with information concerning the nature of our relationships with companion animals.

### IT'S OKAY TO TRULY LOVE YOUR PET

Pets offer unconditional love and companionship in an increasingly hectic, mercenary and lonely society. It is perfectly normal to form strong emotional bonds with our pets. Equally, it is totally normal for any pet owner to experience intense grief when a much loved pet dies or is euthanased. No one should dismiss a pet as 'just an animal' or play down the very real sadness that occurs when we lose a pet. Even for people who share their lives with many animals, every so often an extra special one comes along. When we must face the loss of an extraordinary animal companion, we may be shocked to find ourselves experiencing intense grief. It might even be worrisome to have an overwhelming response to losing 'just an animal'.

First and foremost, GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION to have a reaction, whatever it is. Grief can occur before, during or after the loss of a loved one and can take many forms - numbness, anger, weepiness, hopelessness and more. Every loss is unique and every person grieves differently; no two losses are alike and grieving does not get any easier with experience. Without proper care and attention profound sadness and grief may last from a few weeks to many years. If a loss of this magnitude is new to you, you may feel as though you will never get over it and that you will be suffering forever. In every case, grief does not go away magically. Dealing with your loss and the passage of time are the two best healers.

### Classically there are 5 Stages to Grief:

1. **Shock/Denial.** It is a natural protective mechanism to initially deny the reality of death.
2. **Anger.** This may be directed internally or at others.

Blaming or accusing others or oneself allows a chance to focus on an issue other than the loss.

3. **Guilt.** This is the phase of questioning "what more could I/they have done?" "Could I have loved him or her better?"

4. **Depression.** This is the phase of true sadness as the reality of the loss is felt. Protracted and unresolved depression may require professional help to resolve.

5. **Acceptance.** This is the recovery stage when the death is more or less accepted. Fond memories occur and new emotional ties can be made.

### Recovery from Grief; Tips for Self Care

You need to take extra good care of yourself and take one day at a time.

Talk only with people you feel understand you.

Get plenty of rest

Even if you are not hungry, eat something nutritious.

Drinking alcohol or using other drugs can intensify feelings of depression.

Wash your face and brush your teeth: this will help you feel refreshed.

### Some Emotional and Practical Questions to Consider

When is it time to say goodbye

What specific arrangements to make for euthanasia

The feeling that losing a pet is like losing a member of the family

Extended grieving for an animal you lost some time ago

Why we often feel guilty at the death of our pets

How to talk to Children about pet loss

How to take care of your pet's remains

How you might memorialise your pet

Whether to bring another pet into your life

THE SUPPORT GROUP is a group of people who have come together because they have experienced pet loss themselves and recognise there is a need to have a support group to help others through their sadness and loss. They offer their concern, compassion and training in grief counselling and are led by a health professional. Anyone who is going through a difficult time over the loss of a beloved pet is welcome to come. There is no fee. The Group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9:00 pm at 27 Barker Road, Strathfield. (The Support Group does not meet during legal holidays).

**REMEMBER, grief is normal. You are normal, don't be too proud to ask for a bit of help.**

**(02) 746-1911.**





# HOME AND AWAY

## Boarding Options for Cats

For many of us the annual holiday is an event long looked forward to. Other's prefer to stay at home, often to ensure their cats enjoy year 'round care. But if you want to travel or circumstances necessitate a stay away from your feline family - what are your options to ensure your cats are looked after in the best manner possible? There was a time when you had few choices but today the pet care industry offers a varied mix of alternatives. The following represent a cross section of viable pet care. Check the yellow pages, local newspaper or talk to your vet about similar services in your particular area.

**FRIENDS** Stock the fridge and the wine cellar and invite a trusted friend to house sit and care for your cats. This is a good option for those who have friends that can take time from their own home and will accept the responsibility that looking after someone else's home and animals entails. It can save you a lot of money, it can also have serious drawbacks if something happens when you are away and your house sitter has to leave before your return. Don't look on this as merely a cheap way to look after the animals. If your friend is out of pocket because of increased transportation costs to work - you should cover that, as well as a nice 'thank you' present when you return.

But what if you don't want to impose on the chance that the friendship might be imperiled? Don't despair - there are plenty of avenues.



Parklands is associated with the Cat Protection Society, devoting a set amount of space to housing the CPS cats and kittens until they are adopted. Parklands is located at Parklea and has two cattery blocks that house cat boarders in spacious runs, fully roofed, with sunshine and views to interest their day. It is set among tall gums and willows in a rural setting. There is a qualified vet nurse on the premises and pick up and delivery can be arranged if required. Parklands Kennels, 469 Sunnyholt Rd, m Parklea 626 9333.



Everyone needs a holiday! But what to do with your pets while you spend those days at the beach or sightseeing. Call HOME ALONE PET CARE. Home Alone can offer a service second to none for residents of Sydney's Inner West. Not only will they feed and pamper your cat in your absence, they will look after your house, plants, mail and whatever else you may care to nominate. Even if you need to send your car off for service while you are away, Home Alone can organise it all!

Liz Scott, founder of Home Alone Pet Care, says that someone  
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from her organisation will visit your home as and whenever required to feed, brush, cuddle, pamper your Home Alone cat. The advantages with using Home Alone are that your cat enjoys its familiar environment, companion animals, usual diet, own bedding. Also, there is no need to go through every cat owner's nightmare - the trauma of transporting your cat to a destination foreign to the animal where it will inevitably be placed in a cage (often sharing the establishment with dogs) and left to wonder what it has done to deserve such punishment! Cats left at home are also less likely to contract disease.

As well as caring for and pampering your pet, Home Alone offers a home security service. They will clear your mailbox, meet your garbage requirements, water your garden, turn lights off/on, move curtains, etc. to give your home that 'lived in' feel. Michael Rabbitt, Home Insurance Manager of NRMA Insurance, reports that about 70% of robberies happen when people are away from home. He says that the kind of services offered by Home Alone are the types of measures he would recommend to his customers. Home Alone carries a security licence which is subject to a comprehensive annual review by the NSW Police Dept.

Liz Scott says 'the fact that she has many happy cat owners who use the business on a continuing basis serves as a business reference and a guarantee of quality service by a professional team. Home Alone is only too pleased to provide references as required. So the next time you need to consider your pet care options, give Home Alone Pet Care a call and they will tailor a service to meet your specific requirements. Prices start from \$12.00 per home visit. (02) 564 3938 mobile 018 160363.



Unlike other forms of holiday pet care, The House Sitters service comes to you. Their staff consists entirely of responsible, active, retirees who actually come and live in your home while you're away. The major benefit is that your beloved cat is cared for in familiar surroundings - the 'comfort zone' - so the stress of missing you is minimised. In addition, The House Sitters take particular care to ensure that your cat's normal feeding and sleeping routine is followed. And most important of all, they provide real companionship for your cat, which helps reduce fretting and loneliness.

Naturally there are other benefits too. The House Sitters are on the premises between 18 - 24 hours every day, so your home receives the best possible security. And the house and garden receive daily care and attention.... just like the cats.

All of The House Sitters staff are carefully screened, and are legally bound to protect your privacy. They are covered by workers compensation, and are also insured.

When organising a House Sitter for you, some initial details of your requirements are taken over the phone in order to arrange the most suitable person or couple for you and your cats. One to two weeks before you leave a prospective House Sitter is brought to your home, giving you the opportunity to meet them



and familiarise them with your home, your pets and the routine involved in running your household.

Your House Sitter arrives an hour or two before your leave and cares for your pets until you return. The cost of this service is \$40 per day for any number of pets, with a 50% reduction after 28 days. The House Sitters are based at Chatswood and began to provide services on the North Shore in August 1993. Increasing demand has seen the service expand to cover all of Sydney and surrounding areas.. Information leaflets are available at most metropolitan vet practices or you can contact The House Sitters on (20) 410 9994 for more information.

There is an unique service available that will ensure that your cat is given lots of attention when you have to leave it behind to go away on holidays or business. It also provides peace of mind for that awkward time between houses when the removalists are treading everywhere and you need your cat to be out of the way of their size 11s. "DON'T FRET PET!" can arrange for your cat to stay in the home of a cat lover. It will, of course, be kept indoors for the duration of the stay so, if your cat is predominately an outdoor cat, this may not be the service for you.



'Don't Fret Pet!' has been providing this service for over a year and has many satisfied customers ; There is Wednesday who has stayed with Kim and Tim 3 times now. On arrival at their place, she has a quick sniff around to see what's new and then lies down in the middle of the floor and starts washing herself. She wakes Kim at 6 o'clock with a little pat on the cheek to let her know that she is hungry. And then there is Puss who stayed with Tim for 44 nights while waiting for her new home to be ready. Don't Fret Pet, Suite 227, 161 Military Rd Neutral Bay. (02) 953 6112

## BOARDING PRELIMINARIES

Carol Baker

Meadowmist Boarding Kennels and Cattery.

Well now you're all set for your holidays. Tickets and hotels booked, cases packed. Hang on! What about the cat? What are you going to do with puss for the duration? Well, one option is to board. Oh No! I hear you cry. Not one of those dreadfully smelly places with little cages. No! Not one of those. There are much more pleasant catteries around now that offer much better facilities for your cat. So take the time to go and visit BEFORE you need to use one.

## What basics should you look for?

Cleanliness above all else. No smelly dark cages. They should be well lit and airy. This is most important as a good air flow is paramount to keeping cats healthy. Make sure the cats can't sniff each other directly through the wire. This can be the way cat flu is passed on. The requirements for boarding a cat are that the cage should measure a minimum .9m x .9m x .9m so check

that they are big enough. By the way, this is not a large area.

Check that the litter trays seem to have been cleaned that day. Remember that a playful cat can make a terrible mess in no time flat but there is a difference between today's clean and last week's clean. Check to see that there is a clean water supply. Cats don't drink much but it must be clean. Check to see if the food is fresh. Ask what foods are available. Avoid places that only give dry foods to cats. This can have a bad effect over a long period.

## That's their end - now what do you need to do?

First, and most important, keep your cat's vaccination up to date, i.e., yearly, and keep the card where you can find it. Catteries are required to sight proof of vaccination and are within their rights to refuse admission if you can't provide it. Secondly, try to get your cat to eat a variety of foods. Some cats go quite strange over food and it can drive the cattery batty trying to get a reluctant eater started. Make sure that your cat is flea free before you take it for boarding as it is not fair to the other boarders if your cats starts them all itching. If your cat is on medication make sure you label it clearly and make sure your cat can be handled to take it. Nothing is worse than having to have a daily scratch and bite battle with a reluctant cat.

That's about all you have to do except make sure you book as far in advance as possible because the good places fill up fast at peak times. You'll find some catteries offer a lot more than the basics so if possible take a day to travel around and have a look. You might have to travel a fair distance to find the best place - but you cat's worth it, isn't it?

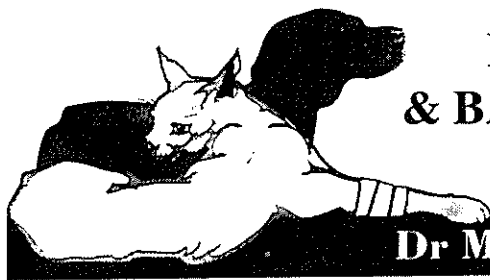


## MEADOWMIST



Meadowmist Boarding Kennels and Cattery offers 5 star accommodation for your cat during your absence. Each cat has an individual brick apartment 8 ft deep x 4' wide x 8.6' high. On the floor are the litter tray, food dish and water. Then a ramp leads to a platform where there is a heated pad and from there your cat can get out to his own private wired sun cage protected from the rain by the roof overhang. Meadowmist offers a wide range of foods from fresh meat through various cooked meat loaves, tinned meat and fish. We also have dry food and stock lams cat food. Meadowmist also has a unique cat play area that incorporates a fernery with ramps, ledges and scratching poles and offers a complete professional grooming service for cats. Meadowmist Boarding Kennels, Dromana Rd, Marsden Park Ph 02 627-2395.

*Whatever the option you choose - now is the time to select the best method for your lifestyle and budget and book accommodation for your pet BEFORE the rush is on. He who waits till the 12th hour - stays home! All pet services would be fully booked weeks before any major holiday so if Christmas is your time away from home - make reservations for your animals now.*



## HOMEOPATHY & BACH FLOWERS FOR PETS

**Dr Manuela E. Trueby**

Homoeopathy is a system of medical therapy that concentrates on the whole being - animal or person - by methods that are gentle and sympathetic to the body's needs. It developed from investigations carried out in the 18th century by a German physician, Dr Samuel Hahnemann, who discovered the basic principle of homoeopathy:

This principle is: 'Like is cured by Like' or *Similia Similibus Curantur*. Hahnemann noted certain similarities between symptoms produced by some diseases and by the drugs used to treat them. He experimented on himself with Peruvian Bark, which produced in him all the symptoms of malaria. On the other hand, Peruvian Bark (a source of quinine) was then used with some success to cure malaria. He followed up his original observations and experimented on his colleagues, and himself.

He formed this theory: A disease can be cured by whatever medicine produces similar symptoms when given to a healthy animal/person. Called The Law of Similars, its beauty is that the treatment provided goes with rather than against the body's own efforts to regain health. The specially prepared substances used as remedies in homoeopathy contain minute doses of herbs, minerals, animal products such as bee venom and cuttlefish ink, and various other products.

These substances are diluted so that only minuscule amounts actually enter a patient's body. Sometimes dilution is so extreme that it goes far beyond the point where the substance could act through molecular strength. While there is much debate how these greatly diluted substances actually do work, many homoeopaths believe that they carry information derived from the original material, while others believe magnetic forces come into play. Strange as it may seem, the higher the dilution, the more potent the remedy is.

We know a bee sting will cause a certain typical reaction, including swelling, fluid accumulation, redness of the skin, pain and soreness, that is accentuated by the application of heat or pressure. If a homoeopathically prepared dilute solution of bee venom is given to a person or animal with these symptoms - even if they are caused by something other than a bee sting - the condition will clear up. The essential feature is that there be close similarity between the remedy and the condition for it to work properly.

The medicinal effect is thought to be like this: When the body is disturbed (diseased) the symptoms manifested are its attempts to heal and restore balance. We know, for instance, that inflammation with redness, pain and swelling are primary defence tactics of the body. Therefore the affected part is particularly sensitive to the action of a matching remedy, which acts like a catalyst or booster to the self healing process. Standard drugs, by comparison, are generally used either to

take the place of normal body processes (hormonal drugs), inhibit body responses (painkillers, anti-inflammatory drugs, antihistamines) or weaken or kill bacteria or cancer cells (antibiotics, chemotherapy, radiation therapy). Homoeopaths, on the other hand, consider that the individual has only one disorder, which can create many symptoms and idiosyncratic characteristics. Therefore, only one remedy is administered at a time - the one thought to be the best catalyst for the body's total defence response.

Nowadays, homoeopathic treatment is widely used and recognised all over Europe (Britain's Royal family have long supported homoeopathy) and about every 4th German veterinary surgeon uses homoeopathic treatment complementary to western orthodox medicine.

### What can be treated with homoeopathy?

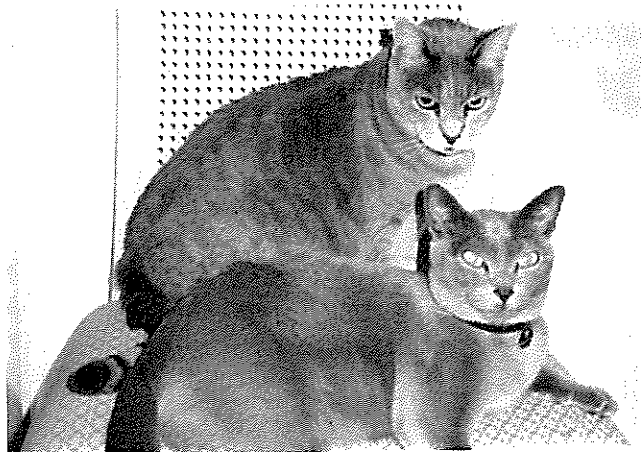
- Common infections (by boosting the immune system)
- allergies like dermatitis, eczema, asthma
- arthritis, incorrect bone metabolism
- intestinal problems like diarrhoea, flatulence
- liver and pancreas problems
- urinary tract infections and renal insufficiency
- upper respiratory tract infections
- convulsions and fits
- mental problems: aggression, anxiety and fear, hyperactivity, hyper sexuality, hysteria, spraying
- complaints of the old dog/cat (homoeopathy cannot rejuvenate the animal but most certainly improve the quality of life)
- travel sickness, vomitus
- sterility, when pathological causes are eliminated

Veterinary homoeopathy does not mean the end of common sense practices as fluid therapy, nutritional therapy, surgical therapy, animal nursing and management and can be used in conjunction with conventional therapy.

**There is no room for dogma in medicine if one is not to be guilty of neglect of one's duties to patients.**

Other therapies, too, can be brought in where considered helpful, e.g., Acupuncture, Herbalism, Osteopathy, Chiropractic, Magnetic, Ultrasonic and Electric therapy etc.

All may have a place from time to time and the byword of the ethical physician, whether human or veterinary, must be open mindedness



Margaret Paine's cats.



## BACH FLOWERS

**Dr Manuela E. Trueby**

Is it possible to treat mental and emotional problems with homoeopathy? YES, indeed. Whereas standard western medicine does not offer any treatment in this area - Homoeopathy and Bachflowers are invaluable in treating and curing mental and emotional imbalances.. The following are some examples for treating these 'Non-physical' problems with homoeopathy and Bachflowers.

- Animals who suffer grief after loss of owner, companion, change of house can be given Ignatia.
- Pets eager to please owners, urinates when owner approaches - Centaury
- Hyper sexuality - Impatiens
- Aggressive behaviour - Belladonna
- Destructive when left alone - Heather
- Pets demanding constant attention - Chicory
- Jealousy, aggression out of jealousy - Holly
- Exhaustion, stress before or after competition - Olive
- Shock, trauma, accident - Bach's Rescue Remedy

These are only some examples of possible treatments. There are more than 2000 remedies to choose from and the most successful treatment will be the one specifically chosen for your individual animal (breed, genetic and emotional disposition, specific and unique history) by a professional.  
*Balmain Village Veterinary Clinic, 11 Beattie St, Balmain*



### MY CAT

Audrey Walter

When I let him in the door  
Timothy stands inside and waits for me  
To touch his head.

A little meow is his greeting then.  
Accordingly he moves further into the room  
And continues with whatever he had in mind.

A homely black-striped tabby  
Born with the nobility and dignity,  
Gentleness and lovingness of his kind.  
Nothing loud about his valiant nature.  
Elegant movements and giving quiet companionship  
At all times. We are best friends.

My dear Timothy loves the blue chair.  
Maybe it is the blue roses that are scattered there.  
He curls into a neat circle now. I speak softly to him.  
He purrs contentedly. It is rest time.  
The radio plays quietly. Symphonically.  
Timothy always did appreciate Mozart.

## CATS

Rachael Z Ikens

Cats expand and contract.  
They flow into small spaces  
like liquid.

They accomodate.

Two cats  
or three

in a basket.

No matter.

There's always  
room for  
one more.

Cats are  
multidimensional.

*(Courtesy Devon Rex Newsletter, USA Dec 94)*

## TOGETHER

Rachael Z Ikens

Cats like conch shells  
beach upon my body.

I am a shell too,  
curled at both ends.

Do they echo me  
or I, them?

Through slitted eyes  
we doze.

We all have green eyes

Their ears glow

Pinkly translucent  
in the early morning  
sun.

*(Courtesy Devon Rex Newsletter, USA, Dec 94)*



Until I got humans of my  
own, I never realised  
how they all have their  
own different little  
characters.

## MY CAT SOX

Anne Coote

I had a cat called Sox  
Who was a little Fox  
Sometimes we would call him Max  
He was such an inquisitive cat.  
Sox wasn't one to sit on a mat  
He just liked to purr and eat  
Then he became beautiful and fat.  
One thing we remember about him  
He loved to have a chat.

If he was in a good mood he would let you have a pat.  
Sox had a wonderful personality  
He always had a cute expression on his face.  
Then they took him away  
Now our life is just one big open space.

# WHAT GOES IN HAS TO COME OUT

or 'what happens to the food I feed my cat before it gets to the litter tray?'

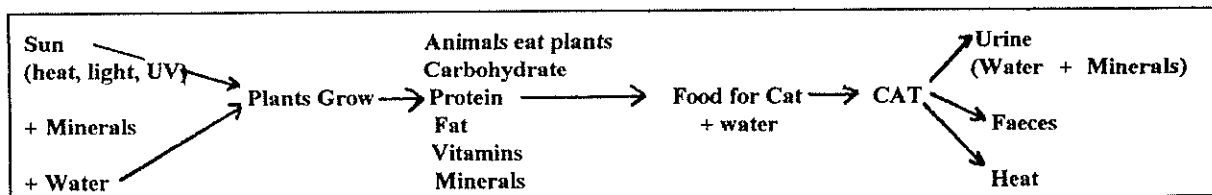
Kim Kendall BVS, MRACVS

Cats, like all living things, convert food to energy. The most simplistic definition of life involves only that, but our cats are much more complex. Another 'sound byte' definition is that all living things are solar-powered - which I think is a more obvious definition of life as our cats perceive it! So, we feed our cats, they sleep and play, and they use the litter tray. In order to keep the system working there are some pretty amazing things going on inside that coat, involving the intestines, the liver and the kidneys.

Food for cats has not always come packaged in tins or paper bags. It was clothed in fur, presented at body temperature, and required some effort to obtain. Ten mice a day is considered to be the ideal food ration for a cat, and their various body systems (teeth, eyes, ears, muscular co-ordination and digestive system) have evolved to acquire, consume, metabolise and excrete little rodents! However, this is not about the specifics of food requirements, it is about how the cat digests the food and the body systems involved in processing it thereafter.

A nutrient is any food constituent which helps support life and can have one or more of the following functions - they can form part of the body tissue itself, be involved in metabolism (the chemical reactions within the body), transport things throughout the body, regulate temperature, affect palatability or supply energy. Seems so simple. And there are actually only 6 groups of nutrients; water (the major one as it does all of the above jobs except supply energy); carbohydrates, fats and proteins (which provide energy and material to build body tissue); vitamins and minerals (which are used in the metabolic and chemical processes required by living organisms).

In fact, 50% - 80% of the food a cat eats is turned into energy, and that always ends up as heat -- either directly produced to keep the cat's body temperature at about 38.5C, or as play and activity which heats up the air! Diagrammatically the whole thing goes like this



So what goes in has to come out - and all of it to provide energy for playtime and purring!

The digestive processes are applied to the meal, starting with saliva in the mouth, acid in the stomach and enzymes in the small intestine. When these are finished with the food, it has been broken down into molecules small enough for the cells lining the intestine to absorb, and thence dissolve into the blood to be taken to the liver. So everything not absorbed by the small intestine is now waste material, and is carried on to the large intestine where bacteria live, where some of the remaining water is absorbed and thence into the litter tray or the garden as faeces.

Food molecules (amino acids, sugars, fats, vitamins and minerals) in the blood go to the liver directly in order to be filtered and processed. The liver has a very complex blood supply and defensive immune system in order to protect the rest of the body from the toxins and inappropriate substances which are also absorbed by the intestines. It also acts as the processing plant to apportion the amount of proteins, hormone structures, glucose and fat required for other organs in the body to function or repair themselves. The sum total of these metabolic processes, at the end of the line, convert carbohydrates and fats (even those that started as proteins elsewhere) into carbon dioxide and water. The CO<sub>2</sub> goes out via the lungs, and the water via the kidneys, taking along the leftover remnants of metabolism (such as urea, minerals and used water soluble vitamins) as urine. Other waste products are dissolved in the bile which the liver produces and exits via the bile duct into the small intestine and thence into the large intestine.

The energy released by these chemical processes is used by the cat in its day to day routine of organising her owner to feed her, let her out, find a sunny spot, etc. Never one to waste energy, the cat's liver can save the excess energy as fat and glycogen, stored in various parts of the body. The pad of fat in the groin is the equivalent of the camel's hump, because when the cat needs it, the liver converts the fat back into carbon dioxide, water and energy. No cat ever takes a chance on its next meal - no matter how devoted the owner, they always have a little stored away in case of a missed mealtime!!

The liver is the incoming filter, nutrient processor and elicitor. The kidneys are the outgoing filter and get rid of all the left overs which are water soluble. Rather than select the stuff it wants to get rid of, the kidney filters everything out of the blood except for the red blood cells and plasma proteins, then takes back what is wanted via a complex system of exchange

mechanisms. Occasionally it gets tricked, but mostly the kidneys do a great job, and produce a very concentrated urine (a reminder of the early evolution of the cats as desert creatures). Some cats are prone to cystitis (bladder inflammation), and there is considerable research going on in this area to determine why and what is the best way to prevent and treat it. Meanwhile, most cats have no problems with the strength and consistency of the urine they produce.

So now everything that went into the cat as nutrients has come out either as CO<sub>2</sub> from the lungs, or deposits in the litter tray or as the heat of activity of living (and cats really are good mini-radiators). Next time you see her sitting on the shelf in the pool of warmth remember - if you think the sun shies out of your cat, you're technically right!



## 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.

## ADOPTION CORNER

A small kitten, sold by the RSPCA to a family with two children, was surrendered to us because it was too nervous. It was spending most of its time under beds. We wondered if it could be placed in a home that was very 'cat friendly'. In the meantime we put it in a roomful of kits and cats where it went straight into an igloo type of basket. There it crouched, pretty scared.

Next day another cat was added to the mob. She had been pregnant but the litter was aborted during desexing. About ten minutes after her arrival she was found wrapped around the poor little mite in the igloo basket. There they stayed, coming out only for food and the litter tray. She allowed the kitten to suckle, even seemed to come between her new charge and anyone who came near. It was very moving. I guess she thought she had found her baby. We all wished they could be homed together but thought that was hoping for too much.

We were also caring for two litter mates for a lady who had wanted two related kittens. They were not yet old enough to go when she came to approve them. Melinda - she's a whiz at finding homes - showed her the 'igloo pair', told her the story and ... you guessed it!! The two were to be picked up from Concord Animal Hospital the next day and I happened to be there. Their new owner had a cat basket, so the kitten was put in while its adoptive mum was

taken for a final check of her stitches. When mum joined the youngster in the basket she wrapped herself around it.

I have never seen anything like it in many years of catting. There were a few wet eyes as they went off to their new home. Many thanks to the lady who gave them a home together - we hope you make a great threesome!

At Parklands I chanced upon a family trying to decide on which cat or kitten to buy. The family, Mum, Dad and 2 teenage boys, were all looking pretty miserable considering that they were there to buy something they all wanted. The problem was they couldn't agree and it looked as if nobody was about to give any ground. I asked if they were going for looks. "No, just a cat", said Dad, the most cheerful of the 4.

'Temperament?' I asked, 'because maybe I can help - I know them all.' 'No - we'll give a good home to any we take'. Then I began to feel miserable so I walked away. I had brought with me a pleasant little tabby and white girl which was being checked in (each cat has a card noting all of its known details). I didn't see it happen but was told that when this kitten was placed in the run the family cheered up and, in one voice, said that they would have it. They'll love her. She was a placid baby and has already proved she can bring the family happiness.

A black and white male kitten was surrendered at Concord Animal Hospital. From the way he reached through his cage to touch anyone



## 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 1995. (Note: All persons joining from January remain financial until June of the following year).

<b>Subscription</b>	\$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.....

who came near, it was clear he was a real personality. So he was desexed, immunised and microchipped. However, being somewhat over active, he did not find a home quickly. Anyone picking him up was given little nips - a bit much for young children.

Yet he did score one brownie point. When a mum and 2 boys came for a kitten we thought he would be just great. After watching him for a few minutes Mum decided to take 2 kittens instead of just 1 - the 2 he was playing with. She felt sorry for them! His energy seemed to be counting against him. We let him loose in the office to burn some of it off, but still more days went by without finding an owner. At last a lady came looking for a kitten for her husband. She already had a cat but it loved only her and her husband wanted one of his own. So she took the black and white boy. They called him Silver as it was their wedding anniversary, later they called to say how lovable he was. With an adult cat and owners around - he will have to tow the line!

## NEW MEMBERS

to June 1995

Miss C Barthofer, Adamstown Heights; Ms B Bowen, Chatswood; Ms T Bridle, Rooty Hill; Miss A Burnmah, Roseville; Miss L Charlton & Mrs K Charlton, Oyster Bay; Miss I Clark, Wentworthville; Mr T Collins, Chippendale; C Connors, Plumpton; Mrs A Cullen, Wahroonga;

Ms M Dale, Willoughby; Dr B Dashwood, Weston; Master L Davies, Killara; Mrs C Digger, Frenchs Forest; Mrs P Dillon, Strathfield; J Don, Killara; Mrs Y Farrow, Roseville; Mr R Fitzpatrick, Newtown; Mrs B Fitzgibbon, Miranda; Miss M Gee, Dee Why; Mr T Goulden, Summer Hill; Miss S Hall, Croydon Park; Mrs C Harding, Cherrybrook; Ms J Hart, Petersham; Ms A Harwood, Waverley; Mrs C Holmes, Rozelle; Mrs S Hawes, Balmain; Mrs P Hollywood, Lane Cove; Ms J Jamieson, Annandale; Ms B Jenkins, Terrigal; Miss P Jessop, Petersham; Miss P Kain, Petersham; Mr R Kent, Auburn; K&D Kuneman, Edgecliff; Miss E Kydd, Willoughby; Mrs MacMahn, St Ives; Mrs A McCormick, Cherrybrook; Mrs E McGhee, Greenacre; S Naylor, Alexandria; Miss S O'Donnell, Lane Cove; Mrs D Passmore, Enmore; Ms S Ray, Batemans Bay; Dr B Rich, Armidale; Ms J Roberts, Villawood; Miss N Roberts, Stanmore; Mr F Sanders, Macquarie Fields; Ms S Sheils, Erskineville; Mrs M Siefert, Annandale; Mrs V Steel, Strathfield; Ms K Taylor, Monterey; Mrs J Thompson, Beacon Hill; Mrs S Thompson, Strathfield; F Tuckey, Batemans Bay; Mrs M Walker, Wyoming; Mrs I Walsh, Randwick; Mrs Wells, Crows Nest; Mrs V Wilkinson, Nulkaba.



# NUDGE

Lee Wright

Gyllian was beside herself with anticipation as she waited at the shelter desk. At long last her parents had granted permission to get a kitten. Tim, the attendant on duty, took her along the corridor between cages of unhappy looking dogs and let her into the cat section. "We're low on kittens at the moment and they're all in the colony cage with the adult cats. It's not really kitten time but we have a good selection". Gyl looked around at the 20 or so cats spread out over the floor and fixtures. She crouched down in front of a pile of kittens and patted them but they were full and tired and did little more than blink before falling back asleep. Suddenly she was almost toppled by a strong nudge to her thigh. She recovered her balance and turned to confront a skinny, scarred cat that looked as though he had been through the wars. One front leg was bandaged and there were several partly healed sores on his back and sides. The edge of one ear was fringed and the other had a notch in it. He gazed steadfastly at Gyllian.

She gave him a casual pat and turned back to the kittens. Once again the cat head butted her. "Looks like Grumps has taken a shine to you, he usually ignores visitors, not really an outgoing cat". The cat belied this statement by putting his paws on Gyllian's shoulder and nudging her cheek. The cool nose felt funny and the whiskers tickled but she was not to be put off, she came for a kitten and she would get a kitten. He followed her around the enclosure as she looked at the other cats, gently nudging her leg anytime she stopped. "Take him, he likes you"; Tim encouraged, "Regular meals and love and he'll soon be looking better". Gyl wasn't convinced but somehow none of the kittens seemed to be what she wanted. She left, assuring Tim she would be back the next weekend.

Saturday came and so did Gyllian and so did Grumps. He heard her voice and materialised beside her to silently nudge her calf. The same thing happened. Gyl wooed the kittens and Grumps wooed her. Again she left without choosing a pet, not wanting to hurt his feelings by choosing another cat. It was a fortnight before she returned and she fell in love with a calico kitten in a separate cage. Tim took her name and number, the kitten had been bought in the day before with a cold and was not yet ready for adoption. She looked in the colony pen for Grumps but she couldn't see him. Her head stopped, had he been put down? "No", Tim replied, "a couple bought him yesterday, which was just as well because he could not have stayed in the colony much longer". Gyl could not explain the loss she felt.

Tuesday the shelter rang, Gyl's cat was back. "MY cat", Gyl asked incredulously when her mother relayed the message. "That's what the man said, tell Gyl her cat is back". Suddenly the calico kitten lost importance. She couldn't understand herself. She wanted a kitten, a small soft kitten full of kittenish antics and kitten play. She did not want an adult cat but she could not get the persistent cat out of her mind. She was at the shelter on Saturday as Tim unlocked the door. He smiled with relief at the sight of her and took her to the colony cage.

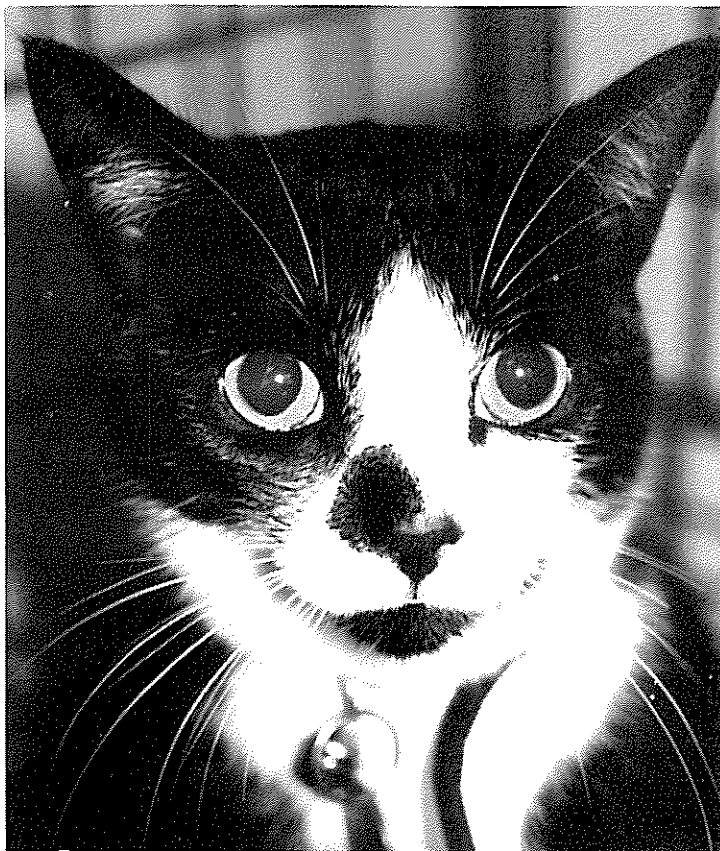
She scanned the cats and kittens but couldn't see him until Tim pointed him out, tucked away in a shadowy corner, back to the room, head buried as if in despair. "This is his last weekend",

Tim told her. "He would not settle with the family that took him and Monday he spat and scratched the woman. He was brought back the same day. We only kept him this long hoping you would come. He really seemed to fancy you". She nodded acknowledgement and approached the cat, talking softly. He ignored her greeting, not an ear twitched, not a ripple played over the dull and tattered coat. She moved a chair next to him and sat down. She talked nonsense and she talked love. She never told him he was handsome but she told him he would be. She spoke of sunny windowsills and regular meals, of lavish servings of love and nights cuddled together in bed. She described her home, the

bird filled trees, the garden blazing with sun and flowers, the warm heater in the winter.

She talked for half an hour and then stopped. The silence between them deepened. Then slowly, in pure cat manner, Grumps stretched, muscle by muscle, and turned. He sat upright, tail neatly tying his forelegs together, and studied her. He listened intently as she formally asked him to come home with her, to share her life as 'Nudge' in honour of his endearing habit of head butting. The ragged ears pricked at the sound. She repeated it again and he stretched to his feet and leaped lightly to her lap. He nudged her body repeatedly as if to acknowledge his approval of his new name, then circled and settled. Tim, making his umpteenth check on the two, noted with surprise the thunderous purr that was rumbling from the cat as he gently kneaded the girl's lap.

As Gyl carried Nudge to the adoption desk she passed a couple who stared at the girl and the cat. "Why don't you get a cute kitten, He's not at all handsome"? Gyl cuddled Nudge more firmly. "He will be", she replied, "He will be!"







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# MEMBERSHIP FORM

**The Cat Protection Society, 103 Enmore Road, Enmore NSW 2042**

Renewals are due NOW and this will be the final journal for unfinancial members. Please rejoin.

Subscription	\$1000.00	Life Governor	Pensioner Membership	\$5.00
	\$ 250.00	Life Membership	Junior Membership	\$5.00
	\$ 10.00	Annual Membership		

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Please cross cheques and make payable to THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pension Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a stamped, self addressed envelope if you require a receipt.

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## AGM NOTICE

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW**

**CORDIALLY INVITES ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD**

**SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1995, at 2 pm**

**103 Enmore Road, Enmore**

There is plenty of parking in front of our building. The closest train station is Newtown Station and a short 3 block walk to the office. Buses: 426 and 428 stop just across the street near the Enmore Theatre.

The AGM provides an opportunity to meet our officers and committee and to join us in a cup of tea and a chat after the meeting. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 8th.

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## THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W. DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. submit herewith the balance sheet as at 31 May, 1995 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:

MRS G AYLING: Retired shop assistant and director of the society for one year. The director has attended 4 of 5 meetings.

MRS J CHAPMAN: Retired Red Cross library assistant and director of the society for seven years. The director has attended 12 of 12 meetings.

MRS A ELLIOTT: Importer of French antiques and director of the society for four years. The director has attended 9 of 12 meetings.

MRS N IREDALE: Retired company secretary and director of the society for twelve years. The director has attended 12 of 12 meetings.

MS S JENKINS: Secretary and director of the society for one year. The director has attended 9 of 12 meetings.

MRS E LARSEN: Retired welfare officer and director of the society for eight years. The director has attended 11 of 12 meetings.

MRS S PIKLER: Retired stenographer and director of the society for ten years. The director has attended 12 of 12 meetings.

MS K STILES: Animal welfare consultant and director of the society for one year. The director has attended 5 of 9 meetings.

MISS E STRACHAN: Retired receptionist and director of the society for two years. The director has attended 11 of 12 meetings.

MRS B WALSH: Retired stenographer and director of the society for ten years. The director has attended 10 of 12 meetings.

MR G HALL resigned as director during 1994. During the financial year he attended 0 of 4 director's meetings held while he was a director.

MRS E TAYLOR resigned as a director during 1994. During the financial year she attended 5 of the 5 directors' meetings held while she was a director.

MR F PRICE resigned as a director during 1995. During the financial year he attended 6 of 12 director's meetings held while he was a director.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

## RESULTS

The net amount of the company's surplus for the financial year was \$2,046

## 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 THE 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 company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in financial years after the financial year..

## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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

## DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to section 310(2) of the Corporations Law. On behalf  
of the Directors: Signed at Enmore, N.S.W. 16 August 1995

N. Iredale, Director: \_\_\_\_\_ E. Larsen, Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### SCOPE

We have audited the financial statements of the Cat Protection Society of N.S.W. for the financial year ended 31 May 1995 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 financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examinations, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting 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 31 May 1995 and of its surplus and cash flows for the financial year ended on that date; and

(ii) the other matters required by Divisions 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements:

(b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law; and

© in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

LOWER RUSSEL & FARR Chartered Accountants \_\_\_\_\_ TJ ZAMMIT Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at Penrith this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 1995.

## STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

### FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

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 1995.

(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 1995; and

(c) There are, when this statement is made out, reasonable grounds to believe that the company is 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

Signed at Enmore, N.S.W, 16 August, 1995

N Iredale, Director \_\_\_\_\_ E Larsen, Director \_\_\_\_\_

### THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.S.W. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 1995

| CURRENT ASSETS                   | NOTE | 1994           | 1995           |
|----------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash                             |      | 42,903         | 25,714         |
| Receivables                      | 3    | 11,962         | 9,177          |
| Investments                      | 4    | 572,044        | 572,872        |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>      |      | <b>626,909</b> | <b>607,223</b> |
| <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>        |      |                |                |
| Property, plant & equipment      | 5    | 257,952        | 271,933        |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>  |      | <b>257,952</b> | <b>271,933</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>              |      | <b>884,862</b> | <b>879,156</b> |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>       |      |                |                |
| Creditors & borrowings           | 6    | 18,349         | 17,856         |
| Provisions                       | 7    | 13,171         | 10,364         |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |      | <b>31,520</b>  | <b>28,220</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>         |      | <b>31,520</b>  | <b>28,220</b>  |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                |      | <b>853,341</b> | <b>850,936</b> |
| <b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>             |      |                |                |
| Reserves                         | 8    | 184,398        | 184,398        |
| Accumulated Funds                |      | 668,943        | 666,538        |
|                                  |      | <b>853,341</b> | <b>850,936</b> |

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

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

|                                  | 1995           | 1994           |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                    |                |                |
| Donations - welfare              | 127,934        | 107,236        |
| - general                        | 20,577         | 10,624         |
| Fund raising                     | 420            | 276            |
| Government grant                 | 15,500         | 15,500         |
| Interest                         | 32,602         | 28,802         |
| Journal advertising              | 435            | 30             |
| Memberships to CPS               | 13,285         | 11,470         |
| Money boxes                      | 386            | 231            |
| Opportunity Shop                 | 29,374         | 27,399         |
| Pets in Memoriam                 | 1,100          | 940            |
| Recovery of stolen/damaged traps | 80             | 120            |
| Sales - cats                     | 27,162         | 20,419         |
|                                  | <b>268,855</b> | <b>223,047</b> |

|                                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>              |                 |                 |
| Advertising                     | 4,854           | 6,291           |
| Ambulance supplies              | 751             | 361             |
| Auditors remuneration           | 2,535           | 2,245           |
| Bank Charges                    | 584             | 674             |
| Boarding fees                   | 28,993          | 31,200          |
| Cleaning                        | 1,696           | 1,443           |
| Collars & tags - net of trading | 351             | 1,377           |
| Depreciation - general          | 12,021          | 14,495          |
| - buildings                     | 4,000           | 4,000           |
| Electricity                     | 494             | 471             |
| General Expenses                | 516             | 1,284           |
| Insurance                       | 4,595           | 3,756           |
| Journal - 'Cat Affairs'         | 9,925           | 12,300          |
| Legal Expenses                  | 250             | 0               |
| Motor vehicle expenses          | 18,115          | 18,181          |
| Postage                         | 1,407           | 696             |
| Printing & stationery           | 2,396           | 2,253           |
| Property expenses               | 2,443           | 2,372           |
| Provided for annual leave       | 2,444           | (3,642)         |
| Provided for long service leave | 363             | 467             |
| Repairs & maintenance           | 540             | 600             |
| Staff amenities                 | 320             | 348             |
| Subscriptions & memberships     | 1,397           | 520             |
| Superannuation                  | 3,318           | 1,873           |
| Telephone                       | 4,726           | 4,098           |
| Trade waste disposal            | 0               | (101)           |
| Veterinary expenses             | 136,429         | 114,181         |
| Wages & Salaries                | 85,813          | 74,645          |
|                                 | <u>331,275</u>  | <u>296,389</u>  |
|                                 | <u>(62,420)</u> | <u>(73,342)</u> |

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995**

|                                                               | 1994           | 1995           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>OTHER INCOME</b>                                           |                |                |
| Insurance recovery                                            | 0              | 674            |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets                            | 29             | 0              |
| Legacies                                                      | 64,797         | 78,199         |
|                                                               | <u>64,826</u>  | <u>78,873</u>  |
| <b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>                        | <u>2,406</u>   | <u>5,531</u>   |
| Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year      | 666,538        | 661,007        |
| <b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE<br/>FINANCIAL YEAR</b> | <u>668,943</u> | <u>666,538</u> |

A full set of financial statements is available at our office at 103 Enmore Road, Enmore 9.30 am - 4 pm

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## **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, 8 October, 1995, at the Society's premises, 103 Enmore Road, Enmore commencing at 2:00 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

1. Read and confirm Minutes of the 1994 Annual General Meeting
2. Business Arising
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report - Audited Accounts
5. Election of Office Bearers and Councillors 1995-1996
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 8th October, 1995.  
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 8 October, 1995.

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.*