

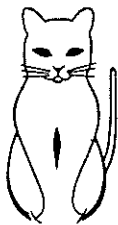
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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE ....

As predicted earlier, the effects of the Victorian Companion Animals Act are becoming evident and are a preview of things to come in our own State. Many of the irresponsible owners are being revealed as they hand in their unwanted 'pets' rather than pay the small registration fee and subsidised desexing fee. (One wonders what food they gave to their cats if cost is such a priority). Among other reasons given is that these owners were not prepared to accept the responsibility of abiding by the regulations such as night curfews. Although it is very sad to see such numbers of cats and kittens having to be euthanased, we expect that after the initial flood, most cats will then be owned by responsible and caring people who treat them with the respect and attention that is their due.

We, ourselves, are experiencing a continuing escalation of calls to take away owned animals as the media spreads the news of impending changes in NSW. This will continue well after the legislation comes into effect next year. As a result, our financial resources are being strained as never before with the growing requests for our services.

## WHERE THERE'S YOUR WILL - THERE WE HAVE A WAY!

I cannot stress too strongly to you, our members, how much the CPS is relying on being remembered in your wills in order to keep up with the current demand for our services and to be able to expand our activities for the benefit of neglected and abused cats in our communities. The cats of the present and the future will be depending on your generosity and compassion. So please, don't procrastinate - **see your solicitor NOW** - it may be later than you think!

On a lighter note - I know you are all enjoying reading the journals which our editor, Lee Wright, puts together in such a professional and original way. Lee is helped by those good folk who contribute interesting, amusing or educational articles. In respect to the latter category, I wish to specially thank Dr Kim Kendall, our regular veterinarian contributor. Kim enlivens the magazine with her informative articles but she is more than just a good author. Kim is on our books for subsidised desexing, she often holds CPS kittens for sale in her surgery, she aids us in many ways besides her writing contributions. But her contribution for this issue is even greater. Kim has approached the firms who handle the flea products she mentions and has gotten some well needed and generous donations from them. This money has been gratefully accepted to help with our welfare work and we are so thankful for Kim's constant support of the CPS. The society and the journal would be much poorer without her always generous assistance.

**Shirley Pikler**

## YOUR DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED TO HELP THOSE SO MUCH IN NEED

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## MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE

**Oooops - it's finally happened!**

For years we have struggled with rising costs and kept our subscription rates steady. Unfortunately, it now costs more to produce CAT AFFAIRS than pension membership.

**AS FROM 1 JANUARY 1997**

**REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS \$15.00**

**PENSIONER \$ 10.00 / JUNIOR \$ 5.00**

Life Governor and Life membership remain at current rates.

The good news is - ALL THOSE RENEWING BEFORE 1 JANUARY 1997 PAY THE CURRENT RATE.

The bad news is - Anyone who has not renewed by 15 October will no longer get CAT AFFAIRS.

**IF YOU ARE STILL UNFINANCIAL - PLEASE RENEW YOUR 1996-1997 MEMBERSHIP RIGHT NOW!!!**



## A G M

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**29 SEPTEMBER 1996**

**2:00 P.M. Sunday**

**The Cat Protection Society Offices**

**103 Enmore Road, Enmore NSW**

## GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR OP SHOP!! MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Members, your Op Shop is desperately in need of more volunteers. From a membership of over 1200, only 28 are working at the counter. Three others do the sorting and that is the really hard work. To roster two people in the shop on each of the 27 trading days in a month is impossible with so few. Some are having to work solo, and this can be hard going. They have to eat lunch while serving and they are lucky if they can get to the kitchen for a cuppa (and then there's the loo). We need to have two for comfort as well as for security. We all succumb to illness now and again and this cuts the numbers down further.

**We need volunteers. MEN AS WELL AS WOMEN, for every day of the week Monday to Saturday, Mondays and Wednesdays are the real problem days just now.**

There must be members who could help save our shop from being closed on some days. Perhaps you think that working in the Op Shop is not 'your cup of tea', or you may be living alone and uneasy about taking that first step. I was both of these once. But after my first 3 or 4 nervous days I was completely hooked and I now look forward to a couple of days a week. Why not come just for a day and see how you like it? Take that first step by ringing me to talk about it.

**CPS will suffer financially if the shop is closed so please, think of our lovely cats and**

**HELP SAVE OUR OP SHOP**

**Phone Grace Ayling on 9638 7364 (after 18 August).**





## THE SCRATCHING POST.

### PETER PEZAS, Punchbowl

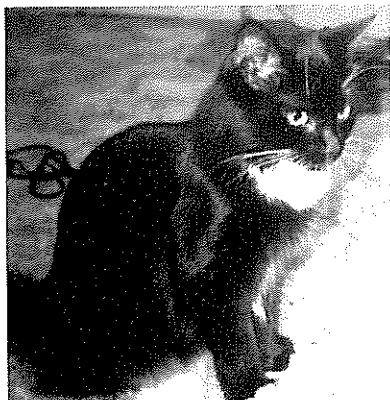
I was reading an article in an old Greek newspaper and came across a photo taken in Cambodia where the guerilla of Khmer Rouge were fighting. There is a human heart in everybody. The photo shows a fighter trying to save all his possessions, the main ones being a gun and a lovely tabby cat.

### MAUREEN NORTH, Casino

I read with interest about Cat Shops and I thought you might like to know about JUST CATS. This shop is in Melbourne and it puts out a mail order catalogue. Just Cats Gallery, 307 Toorak Road, South Yarra, Vic 3141. Phone (03) 827-0283 or 0080806884.

### SUSAN PASMIK

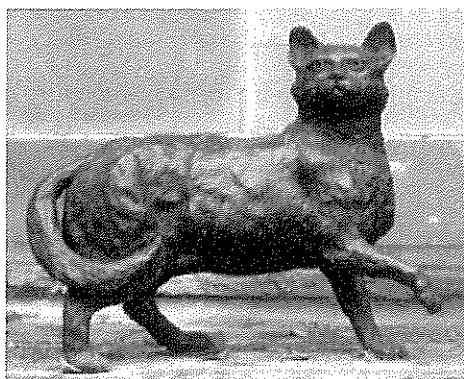
Toby and Heathcliff were purchased from you in December 1995 when they were approximately 3 months old. I want to thank you for two lovely cats. They are very happy and have a really good home.



### BRONZE STATUE IS THE CAT'S WHISKERS

A statue of Trim, Captain Matthew Flinders' beloved cat, was unveiled by Rear-Admiral David Campbell AM, RAN Flag Officer, at the State Library of NSW on 28 March. Trim now sits on the windowsill of the Mitchell Library behind the statue of Captain Flinders. Mr Paul Brunton, curator of

Manuscripts, said the manuscript account Flinders wrote about Trim gives a wonderful insight into the human side of this great navigator. 'Trim's statue with his master outside the Mitchell Library which holds Flinders' papers will be a source of constant delight'. Trim was born in the Southern Indian Ocean in 1799 and accompanied Captain Flinders on his journeys around the globe. Flinders and Trim circumnavigated Australia and on their return to France were imprisoned on the Isle of France where Trim vanished in 1804, some believe he may have been eaten by the French.



### LIVE PUSSIES at PUSS 'N POOCH

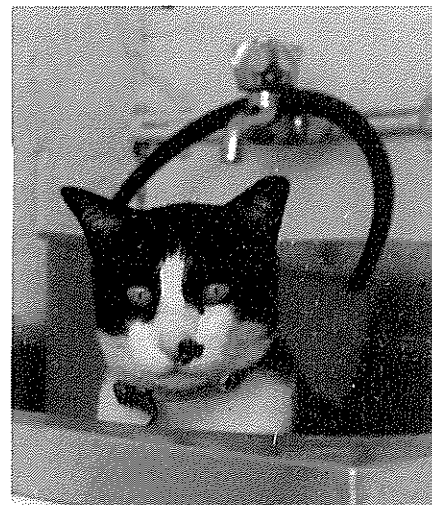
Puss 'n Pooch, the Balmain shop specialising in cat and dog gifts and cards (horses and cows are creeping in) has an exhibition once a month with pedigree cats on display, sponsored by Whiskas. The breeders/owners are on hand and happy to tell you about their breeds. Some of the cats already displayed are Siamese, Burmese, Devon and Cornish Rex. The cats are on show 10 am - 3 pm, the shop has a great selection of merchandise, Balmain Village is a super shopping area and one of Sydney's finest flea markets is on at the Village Church each Saturday. Even if you live far away it would make a great Saturday experience. The Cat Saturday's vary each month so phone Puss 'n Pooch for details. (02) 9810-5025. Balmain Village Arcade, 269 Darling St, Balmain.

### KERRIE BULLOCK (11 yrs), Ashmont

#### MISSY the MADAM

Madam Messy the Grub  
Drinks water from the tub  
Missy is her real name  
No, this is not a game.  
She messes up the mat  
She never leaves them flat.

She does go mad  
But she is not bad  
She runs around  
But she sleeps sound  
She is a lovely CAT  
She sleeps on the mat  
She is a lovely GIRL  
Just like a pearl



*What's a nice guy like me doing in a dive like this. 'Kenny' Cooper*

### SPECIAL GIFT IDEA

Donna P

Attached is a cheque towards the wonderful efforts of your volunteer and paid staff to help limit the suffering of cats. Half the amount comes from my friends, the other half from me.

Recently I gave a birthday party for myself and friends at my home to celebrate my 55th year. I asked those friends who insisted on bringing me a present to bring a \$5 donation to each of my charities. Not only did they do as requested but many donated double that, several gave \$20 each and one magnificently generous friend gave \$50 - making a total of \$180 in all. I have matched their donations dollar for dollar and then divided the total of \$360 equally between the Cat Protection Society, the Animal Welfare League and the Australian Association of Humane Research.

Thank you, and all the staff and members for their contribution to the betterment of cats and for your many achievements.

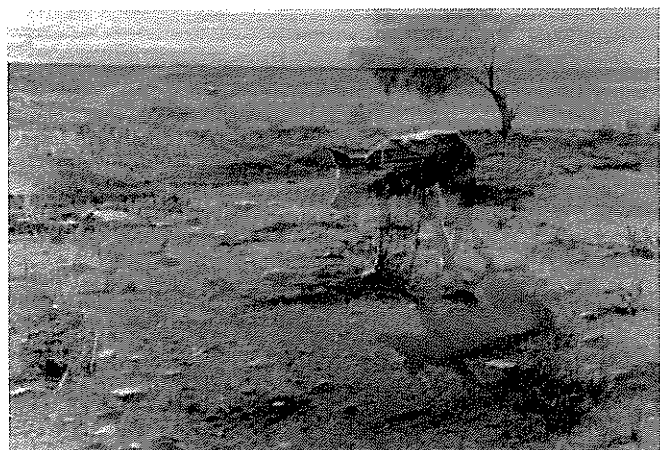
I thank all my dear and generous friends, as listed, for making these donations possible: - Yvonne, Judy and John, John H, Dotti, Kerry, Anna and Jo, Bonny, Bua, Ted and Aiden, Lorraine and Michael, Trish and Brian, Vickie, Carol, Sheila, Ann, Sal and Noel and Fuad.

# CATS BY CANDLELIGHT

Lyall McNeish

Diane draws cats. Beautifully. With light. Photography means 'drawing with light' and so with celebrated Australian animal photographer, Diane Cordaire, her canvas is photographic film on an easel that is her camera. Light is her paint so the splashes of light from her flashes, unleashed by her trigger finger, have to be perfectly positioned and their intensity (or 'candlepower') carefully calibrated to hit the subject (your cat!) and bring the memory of its image faithfully back to her lens.

Diane is about to shoot John's brown Burmese, Francois. She has agreed to offer some tips to readers that will enhance their own cat photography. She is well qualified to do so. Diane is NSW's premier photographer of professional cat portfolios. She started with human subjects in 1987 when she established 'Page 2' studios. Her work has opened the doors of stardom for many of today's famous faces.



A trip through outback Australia in 1993 was a cause for pause and a chance for reflection on her life's direction. At Ayers Rock she captured the famous 'Ghost Dingo' photograph and with it the essence of the Australian outback - a dingo drifting mirage-like across the parched landscape. Other animals excited her notions of form and colour and, returning to Sydney, she set up 'Our Best Friend' mobile photography studio that is a regular feature at cat and dog shows. 'I took to animal photography like a cat to cooked chicken', she quips.

Two years ago Diane made her talents available to regular pet owners and now operates 'Our Best Friend Pet Expo' at shopping centres throughout Sydney. She has photographed most breeds of cat and dog; also snakes, horses, ferrets, rabbits, camels, birds and tigers (inside the cage!). Exceptional work sees its way into the 'Diane Cordaire Originals' range of greeting cards.

At her Carlingford studios we see the artist in action. "Props can add interest, value and colour but don't make the scene too busy". Diane has an interesting array of old wares including ewer and basin, boxes, tuell and gramophone. She selects some thick rope which she tosses creatively onto the posing stage.

A colourful range of pull-down backdrops are used to enhance the colour of the cat's coat. "Use your good dress sense to select a background with a colour that will compliment the coat". Grey backgrounds will enhance hair definition while maroon suits a wide variety of coat colours.

Natural environments like the garden can look great but watch for shadows and also for picket fences, poles or plants which appear 'to grow' out of their bodies.

Correct lighting is the key to the technical quality of a print. Diane's lighting (\$5,000 worth!) ensures consistent results but a good quality flash will suffice in most cases. A flash close to the lens may produce 'red-eye'. Indoor photography requires a lot of light, especially for darker coated cats. Turning on indoor lights or lamps will help.

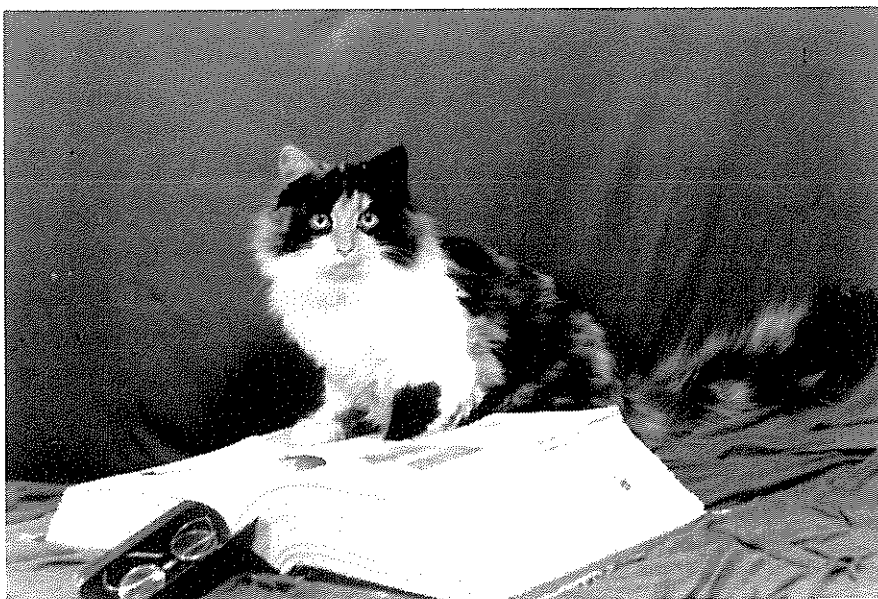
Sunlight is a powerful and natural light but shadows appear harsh and can make a cat's body look 'broken'. A 'fill-in' flash may help. Never photograph around midday when the sun is high in the sky.

Modern 'point-and-shoot' cameras generally produce good results but with little control of how much of the scene is in focus. While your cat should always be the point of focus, a larger aperture (a smaller 'f' number) will produce a sharper background. You will need to compensate for the extra light by a faster shutter speed. Diane often sets her aperture to 'f8' at 1/125 second.

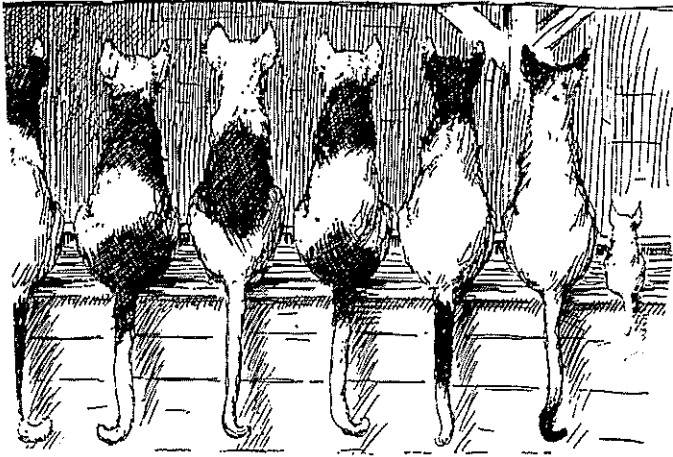
"OK John, put Francois on the stage now, good ... just pet him to settle him". John Flood breeds beautiful Burmese and, like others in the business, uses Diane exclusively to design portfolios for him. The champion on the posing stage looks relaxed as Diane begins to speak to him in her special language. "Talk to your cat or use noises to attract it's attention and encourage some expression from it". "Take your hand away, John. Don't stand in that light. OK".

Francois moves around and into a position that Diane likes. Flash! And again Flash! And voila, another potential Diane Cordaire Original.

"Practice is the final ingredient for making memorable moggie moments". Alternately, call OUR BEST FRIEND PHOTOGRAPHY, on (02) 9871-5516 or 0418 215-137. Session cost is \$15 by appointment (at time of publication).



# CAT TALES



## SASHA

Karlene Dimbrowsky

I am the proud owner of Sasha, a beautiful blue-cream tortoiseshell who, 3 years ago, was a tiny bundle of fleas adopted from Parkland. I thought that I had the prettiest and smartest cat in Australia (like all new mothers) but now I am really starting to wonder!!!!

Sasha has everything a cat could possibly want or need. From the time I adopted her I bought everything a cat should have. The scratching post with catnip toy was disdainfully ignored and the beautiful Japanese tatami screen, given to us as a wedding present, was calmly and methodically clawed to shreds, despite many firm 'NO's'! and frequent sprays of 'Get off my Garden'. I dread to think of the money I have spent on velvet and diamante collars which have progressively been lost.

Last year for Christmas I bought her a 'Pussy Palace' which is a cat-sized tent with a hole in the front. I placed lots of comfy cushions inside and made it as snug and inviting as possible. She went in once when it was brand new, had a sniff around and hasn't used it since! She still insists on squeezing her 4 kg body into a 228 2ply tissue box with the top cut off!!

Last Christmas I nagged my husband into buying a cat flap for our flyscreen door so that she may come and go as she pleases without climbing the screen and meowing for us to open it all the time. It was \$40 and my husband begrudgingly paid for it and installed it. She still climbs the screen and meows very loudly, despite repeated attempts at a) pushing her through the flap b) holding a dried fish on one side of the door to coax her in. The only way she will use it is if we sit on one side and hold the flap open for her which sort of defeats the purpose - doesn't it??

I bought her the "GoCat Cat Cafe" as advertised on TV. The instructions on the side stated that 'cats are naturally curious and will instinctively work out how to use the cafe' (by pressing their paw on a chute making the GoCats fall into the feeder tray). Well, not this little blue cream tortie!! She sits there and waits for me to top it up!!

I really knew I had failed as a mother the other day when I was sitting down with my husband trying to justify Sasha's unused Xmas presents when the little streetwise tabby from next door jumped straight through the cat flap over to the GoCat Cat Cafe, had a bit of a feed and then jumped back out the flap again!!

## MY LORD AND MISTRESS

Neville Bonner AO

My controller's name is Gidgee. Came the day when this insidious four-legged, furry dictator arrived at my home - then, curled on a bread and butter plate, there'd be space to spare. She arrived to appease my German Shep who mourned the loss of her feline mate of many years.

From the very start this tiny dictator, though loving to Zeph the dog, treated me, in the main, with utter disdain. She quickly displayed snarling, scratching and hissing. But hang on: isn't there a pattern forming? How come at breakfast this tortoiseshell-and-white boss turns kittenish and cute? Opp! She's on the table. Poor hygiene, to say nothing of the condition of my morning newspapers.

In the evening, how delicately she coils and curls and flirts. On the way to her dinner I pick up my controller for cuddles and kisses. As I ask, "Does Daddy's little girl want her dinner?" I'm sure I hear one or two or three of my adult sons laughing their heads off. When cats take over the world, I'm safe!

## A CHANGED LIFESTYLE - IN 3 PARTS

Judeth Materna

### MY SEPARATIST, MARXIST, FEMINIST CAT, part 1

I'm living with a separatist, Marxist, feminist cat. She has changed my life forever. I once had a quiet disorganised and solitary life. Now I get awoken at 0630 hours and get told bedtime is 2230 hours. No consulting on my part - just DO IT!! If I stay out later and - Heaven Forbid!! - overnight - I get greeted with complaints and a 'please explain' - no written notes accepted but a diatribe about relationships, understanding of sisterhood and the obligations to significant others and dependent family members.

My diet of vegetables, fruit and red wine has now been organised around raw steak, raw chicken and fresh water. My market trolley will never be the same! I now spend more time grooming her than I do myself - all in the interests of my furniture she tells me.

The friendly neighbourhood neuters have been subjected to a territorial war and I get lectures on associating with an 'alien' species that has no understanding of a gender defined house. The point has been clawed into my person - a cattoo, so to speak. The sports pages of the daily paper get a cursory shredding before they are reduced to a paper ball. Feet-ball seems more the game than football and water sports are relegated to the kitty litter tray.

The proletariat haven't a chance in this house - now all tasks are shared. Bed making (she 'straightens' the bottom sheet), dishwashing (she cleans her plate - no washing necessary), clothes laundry (she cleans her own). As for flowers - well - why have vases of them when they look better lying on the cabinet! I'm the bread winner (proletariat) for the intelligentsia (her). Despite her pedigree (titled) being better than mine (working class) our politics are 'liberal' and we have a fine and accepting relationship.

### THE HARRIDAN FROM HELL, part 2

It was a dark, stormy, moonless night, the wind moaned along the corridor between the unit blocks scattering dried rustling leaves in it's wake. I did what any city bound human on a 'nothing-on-TV' night would do .. collected the cat and had an early night. Comfortable and warm, we were both soon fast asleep. Suddenly I was groggily

awake, bolt upright and half levitated off the bed as the tail end of an unearthly and agonised scream shattered the deepest sleep. There I was, trying to find the lamp switch, untangling feet from the sheets, struggling into a robe, calling sotto voce 'Chatz, Chatz, what is it, here puss, what's wrong?' (Lord - what IS the time?) I bumbled from room to room, turning on lights - no sign of the cat.

Panic, terror and dread.

Again the unearthly scream, louder, longer, filled with anger and trailing off into a cough and a choke. Where **is** she?

Anguish.

I tripped over the rug, found the lounge room light switch and flooded the room with light. No Chatz! What **has** happened?

Anxiety

A faint movement of the drapes which I pulled apart to find Chatz with her ears back, back arched, tail plumed, teeth bared. Outside the window was a shadow of dappled colour - one of the local friendly neuters paying a visit and screamed at by the "Haridan from Hell" - my stridently feminist, separatist cat. Human films by Spielberg could not have done it better. The time? 2:30 am. The neighbours? Well, I chose not to think about their reactions. When my pulse dropped to 110 I proceeded to tell her what I thought of her politics and nocturnal diatribe. What did she do? Sashayed back to bed and settled in with a hearty purr and a tabby smirk.

### NO part 3


Educationists tell us that the learning curve of life reaches a peak in adolescence, plateaus in adulthood then falls away in older life. Until recently I'd not have disagreed with that theory. But having lately become the a la carte dietician and affection 'blotter' for an adult female cat, my learning curve has taken a middle age upward surge. As any school teacher or behaviourist will tell you, the most expressive word in English (and possible any other language) is an implacable ...NO. My new companion has perfected 'No' in almost as many ways of expression as could be imagined.

There is, for example, the Silent No. This is best expressed from the top shelf of the glass room divider when disturbance of the cat threatens precious crystal and large pottery vases. There she sits and slinks (a very rotund slink) between objects d'art if I wave a broom or a spray bottle in her direction. No amount of threats, cajoling and pleading disturb her serenity as she benignly looks at me, opens her mouth in a stifled yawn and silently "Nooooo's" at my frustration.

Then there is the strident, diva-at-her-operatic-best at 3 am when a neighbourhood neuter decides to visit at her lounge room window. Needless to say the feline diva is still in full throat and her well practised high C Noooo is only bettered by her, spitting hissing No!

The forlorn No is uttered whenever it is obvious I am going out. This No is heart rendering, pitiful and no amount of petting, or inducements of extra crunchies lessens its plaintive wail. This is a cat that even manages a No when being stroked and petted. The rumbling purred No emitted whenever the petting pattern is altered or stopped is quite expressive.

I've saved the best No for last. This is the 'what is this?' No when the Gourmet Delight isn't gourmet to this feline gourmand. This is the No that is accompanied by glares, haughty sniffs, ear twitches, a statuesque position and finally a stiff-legged, tail swishing stomp away to take up a position on the other side of the gas fire where she can glare 'No's' at me in hurtful silence for the hours until bedtime. Miraculously the distained food disappears overnight to a decidedly fishy purr in the morning when we prepare for a day of new expressions of, you guessed it, NO.



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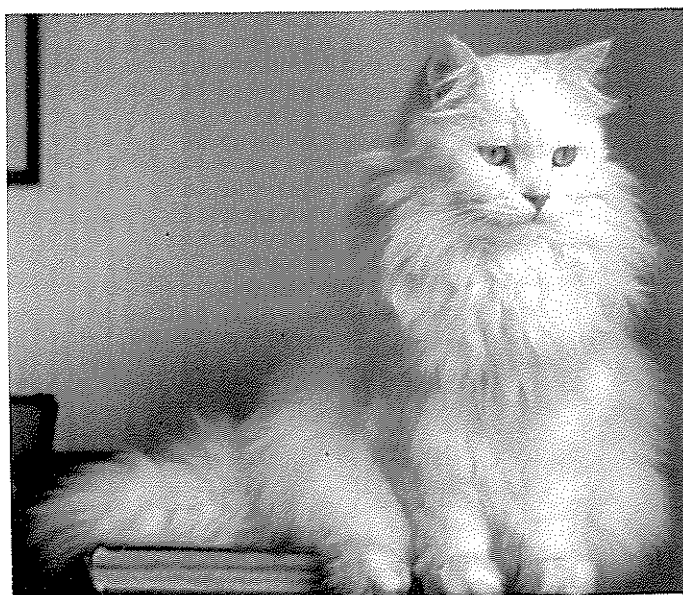
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William S Burroughs



**TOBY** Photo: Frances Kaukerei



# The WHYS and WHEREFORES of the VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL of the UNIVERSITY of SYDNEY

**The Veterinary Teaching Hospital** of the University of Sydney is the largest veterinary clinic in NSW, employing approximately 25 veterinarians. It is situated on Parramatta Road, on the left hand side as you travel towards Parramatta, the entrance being the third gate on the left after the Footbridge Theatre.

**The Veterinary Teaching Hospital** fulfils a number of roles. First and foremost, it is the mechanism by which veterinary students in the last two years of the veterinary science course get first hand experience treating sick animals under appropriate supervision. Secondly, it provides a first opinion clinic for anyone who wishes to avail themselves of the services. Thirdly, it functions as a referral centre for the diagnosis and treatment of difficult or complex cases. Finally, it provides the mechanism through which outstanding young veterinarians train to become specialists in various sub-disciplines.

The hospital in most respects is just like a very large suburban veterinary practice, and the things which make it special are not readily apparent from the client's initial perspective of the waiting room or consultation cubicles. Clients enter a waiting room and provide pertinent details to the office staff. Even though consultations are by appointment only usually there is a delay before the start of the consultation because of the unpredictable and complex nature of many of the cases that are seen. Usually patients and their owners are first attended by veterinary students, who obtain relevant details about the animal's illness, and carry out a preliminary examination. These procedures are then repeated by an experienced veterinarian, and depending on the nature of the problem either treatment is dispensed, or the animal admitted for diagnostic investigations, medical treatment or surgery, as appropriate. If possible, cats are examined in enclosed consulting cubicles which provide greater security for feline patients.

There are two main strengths of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital: its staff, and its level of equipment. The 25 veterinarians include **11 specialists registered with the Veterinary Surgeons Board of N.S.W.** in sub disciplines including surgery, radiology, ultrasonography, oncology, anaesthesiology, clinical pathology and cat medicine. On staff are a number of talented young veterinary residents, who, after several years in practice, have elected to train to become specialists. **The Veterinary Teaching Hospital** is arguably the best equipped veterinary clinic in NSW with on-site access to a sophisticated *radiology unit, fluoroscopy (moving X-ray images), intensive care facilities, video-endoscopy, electro diagnostic testing, blood pressure monitoring and colour-flow ultrasound.* **The Diagnostic Services Laboratory** of the Department of Veterinary Pathology provides comprehensive laboratory support for all facets of the hospital's activities, including a number of services available in no other veterinary pathology laboratory in the state.

*Video-endoscopy* (which allows telescope-like images of the insides of organs such as the stomach, windpipe and bowel to be obtained non-invasively), *electro diagnostic equipment* (used to test sight, hearing, nerve and muscle (function) and a *state-of-the-art ultrasound* machine (which illustrates blood flow in colour) are all unavailable at any other veterinary hospital in our state. As well as these facilities, we have access to other specialised procedures such

as *CT scans* and *MR imaging* through colleagues at nearby human

hospitals. We also have facilities for treating cats with hyperthyroidism using small doses of radioactive iodine. When warranted, 24 hour observation of critically ill animals in our intensive care ward is provided.

In some respects we have a different approach to small animal medicine and surgery compared to suburban veterinary hospitals, in that we have a '**team approach**' to the management of cases. This means we call on the expertise of a number of different veterinarians in the management of an individual animal's problems. For example, a very sick cat presented after (say) being hit by a car may be first seen by a 'generalist' who initially examines the animal, consults with the owner and formulates the initial diagnostic plan. The cat could well be anaesthetised by a veterinary anaesthetist, have X-rays taken and interpreted by a veterinary radiologist and have broken bones fixed by a specialist surgeon.

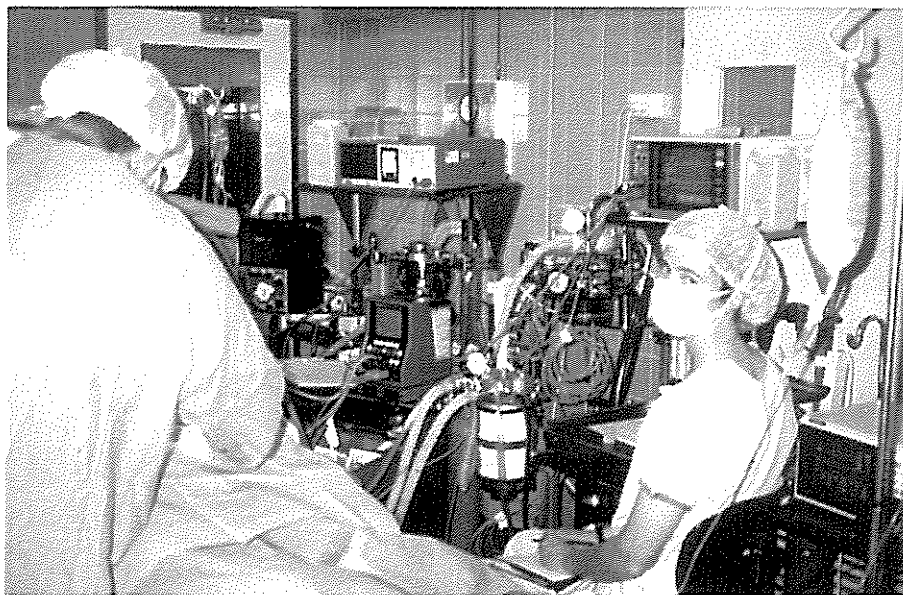


**Richard Malik with one of his good mates**

Cats are especially well catered for at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. There are 4 registered cat specialists available for consultation in the hospital, including Dr Richard Malik, one of two vets in Australia to have passed the examination of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Cat Medicine. Richard's salary is largely paid by the Postgraduate Foundation in Veterinary Science, which received a generous bequest from the estate of Ms Valentine Charlton to support research and teaching concerned specifically with disease condition of cats.

A cat specialist is available for consultation for at least 4 days of the





**Part of the complex equipment used in the surgical theatres**

week throughout the entire year. Cats are catered for separately in the hospital, accommodated in a separate cat ward, and many items of expensive equipment throughout the hospital have options or modifications made so they are specially suited for cats. Generally speaking, costs for treating cat diseases are reduced in comparison to charges for treating equivalent diseases in dogs.

Some clients are concerned that animals admitted to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital are subjected to experimentation. This is certainly not the case. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital is subject to the same checks and guidelines as any other veterinary hospital under the Veterinary Surgeons Act, and work is done either by registered veterinary surgeons or students working under close supervision. However, it is true that new, novel or state-of-the-art diagnostic or treatment regimens are regularly trialed or

developed in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, although this is in no way different to what occurs in equivalent human teaching hospitals.

Clinical research conducted in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and the Faculty of Veterinary Science over the last 20 years has resulted in a number of important discoveries concerning cat diseases in Australia. The viruses used to make the first "cat flu" vaccine were isolated in our Department of Veterinary Pathology by Associate Professor Daria Love, well known to many long time members of the Cat Protection

Society. Important cat diseases including cat fight abscesses, pyothorax, bleeding in Devon Rex cats, periodontitis, hypokalaemic muscle weakness in Burmese cats, and "spasticity" (myopathy) in Devon Rex cats were all first described or definitively characterised in our hospital. Currently, we are researching a number of important cat diseases including diabetes mellitus ("sugar diabetes"), hyperthyroidism, cryptococcosis, feline blood groups, mycobacterial diseases, new plastic surgery techniques for cats, bartonellosis and lymphosarcoma (cancer of the lymph glands).

Because the Veterinary Teaching Hospital functions like any other veterinary hospital and receives no financial support from the state or federal governments, costs for procedures are generally comparable to those charged in suburban clinics. This, however, usually represents good value given the superior equipment and expertise available.

**Clients wishing to use the Veterinary Teaching Hospital as their regular veterinary clinic can make an appointment by ringing our telephonist on 02 351-3437. In cases where a second opinion or referral consultation is desired, a letter outlining the prior management of the case is required from the animal's normal veterinarian.**



**A young kitten receiving nebulisation as one part of the treatment of her severe pneumonia.**



**A patient receiving subcutaneous fluids for the treatment of a severe fungal disease**

# A HEALTHY FELINE DIET

Dr Barbara Fougere, Bsc BVMS (Hons)  
Professional Services Manager, WHISKAS

When cats came in from the wild to grace our lives, the one stipulation in the exchange was that we provide the food. We try our best to oblige, but sometimes our cats' fastidiousness can be perplexing. And even if we can get them to eat our offerings, we are not always sure if we are doing the right thing by them.

Obviously the best nutrition in the world is of no value if it doesn't end up inside your cat. It is important then, that the food is palatable (your cat loves it!), or at least acceptable ("OK... if there's nothing else"! ) More importantly we need to be sure that we are providing a complete and balanced diet.

Cats have very short jaws and 30 sharp teeth designed for tearing and cutting rather than grinding. They have very short digestive tracts to absorb fats and proteins. From these features we know that cats are designed to be flesh eaters. It's no wonder they enjoy meat, chicken and fish.

However, although meat is essential, cats cannot live by meat alone. In the wild little creatures are eaten; fur, feathers, skin, bones, guts, liver, heart and all. **While in the wild this diet can meet survival needs, life is short and survival means lasting long enough to reproduce. The high ideal of nutritional research today is to provide the very best nutrition that supports our domesticated companions into old age.**

"You are what you eat" is as true for cats as it is for humans. Because cats can't tell us what they need, cat owners must educate themselves about the proper ingredients of a healthy feline diet and provide them consistently.

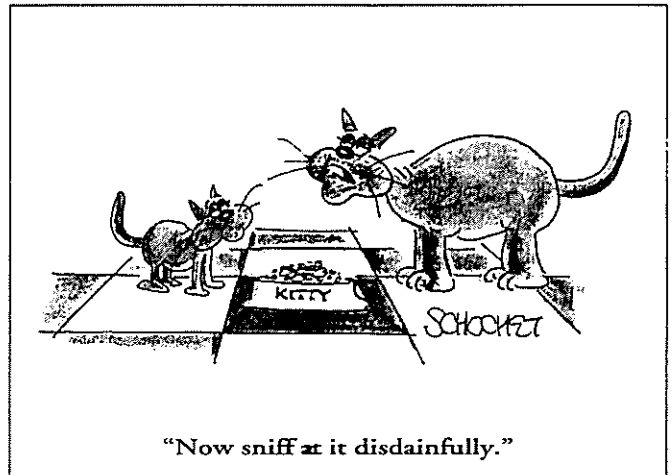
An American ad has a close up photograph showing only the side whorls of a classic tabby with the caption: **"For best results store in a small, furry container".**

## There are 6 building blocks of proper nutrition.

**The most essential nutrient of all is water.** While cats do have a marked ability to concentrate their urine and therefore conserve water, they still need a fresh supply every day. Water can also come in the form of moisture in fresh meats, canned foods, but very little is derived from dry foods. So if your cat doesn't appear to be drinking very much water, it may be that he is getting a lot of his needs from the foods you feed. It is also one of the reasons you must always supply fresh water when you supply dry bickies.

**Cats require two to three times more protein than dogs.** Cats rely on proteins for more than hair, muscle and bone; they also convert protein to energy. This means that they are not able to store proteins all that well and so must have a supply each day. If the diet is lacking in protein symptoms will include a poor appetite, low weight, a poor coat and in kittens, poor growth. Anyone who has ever been to third world countries on their travels will recognize extreme forms of this deficiency in cats, where they are stunted, have coarse dry coats and are very thin.

You might think that fats should be kept to a minimum in a cat's diet, particularly as we are constantly told that our own diets are too high in fats. Well, **many cats don't get enough fats in their diet!** Increased susceptibility to infections, slow healing wounds and flaky, greasy coats are just some of the signs you cat may not be getting enough. If you feed a lot of pet mince, particularly roo mince, and not much else, there is a high risk of fat deficiency. Leave the fat on, or feed a complete food. Another culprit may be poor quality dry foods. You get what you pay for and fat is a more expensive item to incorporate into dry cat foods.



**Carbohydrates** are derived from plants, and while not essential, do provide energy and fibre. In the wild these would be obtained from the gut contents of their prey. Carbohydrates such as rice and maize are often incorporated into canned and dry foods. Some dry foods have a high carbohydrate content, mainly from cereals. Occasionally cats on cereal based dry foods (as opposed to meat based dry foods) can be intolerant of the starch content and may have loose stools. Simply changing them to a meat based dry food will overcome this problem.

**Vitamins** fall into two groups. Water soluble ones such as Vitamin B and C which are not stored and must be replaced daily; and fat soluble vitamins such as A, D, E and K. Over supplementing with the latter can lead to toxicities because they are stored in fats. Feeding too much liver in the diet can typically cause toxicity over a long period of time, as the Vitamin A builds up in fat.

**Minerals** are perhaps the most difficult nutrients to balance. Too much or too little of these can also be harmful. One of the most common mistakes in home made diets is to supplement meat with calcium and assume that the diet is balanced. Often there are other mineral deficiencies and fatty acid deficiencies, especially if the meat is lean.

## Another American cat food ad copy .....

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## So what do you feed a cat in the ideal situation?

What we want is a food which our cat will eat, so it has to be acceptable. But we really want our cats to love it, so it should be palatable. We want a food which is safe, free from parasites such as toxoplasmosis (found in raw meat), and free from bacteria such as

salmonella. Preferably we want foods which have been tested for their nutritional content as well as their ability to be digested and used by our cats. So our first option is the range of canned and dry foods available in supermarkets and other outlets.

How do you tell if the food has been tested? Look for a statement on the can that the food is complete and balanced. If it says that it should be fed with other foods it is not complete. However, it might make a suitable treat once or twice a week. Generally the better quality brands are the best to feed. They are usually backed with extensive research and development before being sold. Many of the cheaper brands are simply ingredients to fill a can without thought for the nutritional requirements of cats. All fish canned food are an example of this. They may look great, and be very tasty, but they contain excesses of calcium and magnesium and are often deficient in fat and fatty acids.

Canned foods on the whole are very palatable and provide a lot of variety. They generally contain the same sorts of ingredients as a wild cat would eat - meat, feather meal, liver, heart, kidneys, cereals, crushed bones, etc and, because they are sterilised by the canning process, they are very safe to feed. The only disadvantage is that, like all cooked foods, the diet is soft, so additional dental hygiene needs to be addressed.

Dry foods vary in quality. Generally the more meat the better. Check to see whether the diet is complete and balanced on the packet. Always provide fresh water and, if possible, combine with canned foods and/or home made foods for textural variety. Many people think their cats are 'addicted' to dry foods. Cats love the crunchy texture and concentrated form of food. Because the food doesn't have much water in it, the natural concentration of salt is higher and cats love the salty taste. The crunchiness helps with dental hygiene but should not be relied on. Bickies are about 30% effective in keeping teeth clean. A combination of canned and dry food is a good basis for a diet. The addition of raw chicken wings or necks, or rabbit twice a week, will aid in keeping the teeth healthy as well as providing some behavioural enrichment.

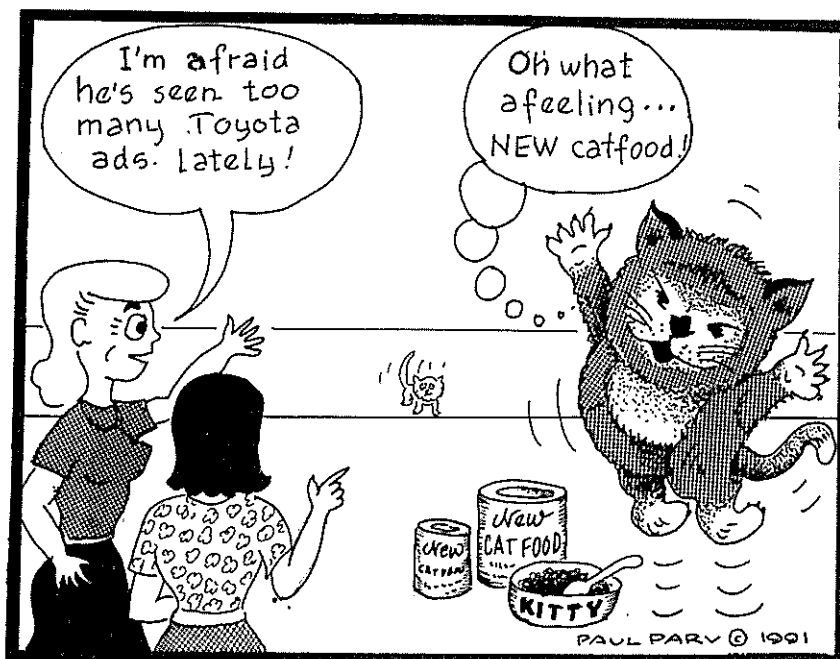
Home cooked foods are suitable too, but obviously more difficult to balance consistently. Here it is very important to vary the ingredients of the diet on a daily basis. The diet should consist of different types of meat, leaving the fat on. Include different types of cereals - only in small amounts. A weekly inclusion of liver to the diet for vitamin A, and other organ meats such as kidney and heart should be added. A vitamin tablet daily, crushed over the food will help. Do not cook the vitamins as they can be destroyed by cooking. Feed raw chicken wings and necks or similar three to four times a week to provide the calcium that the meat is deficient in. A home made diet is obviously more time consuming to prepare, and another option is to combine a home cooked diet with prepared pet foods.

Table scraps are not suitable foods to base a diet on. Particularly if you want the best for your cat. Table scraps or leftovers are not balanced, often they are overcooked, and occasionally dangerous. There has been more than one cat that became anaemic due to eating too much garlic and onion covered in delicious gravy. However, in moderation table scraps should be viewed as a treat. A little piece of cheese, egg, salmon or bacon rind will not hurt.

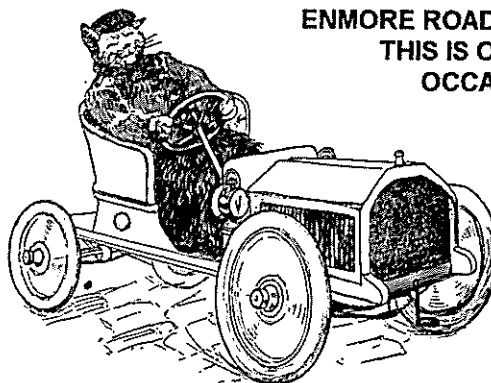
The ideal way to assess whether the diet is appropriate for your cat is to have a veterinary check up once a year - with vaccinations. A healthy weight, coat and condition are good indicators of providing good nutrition. The teeth should also be checked as both home cooked and prepared pet foods do not replace the fur, feathers and bones that natural prey would provide. Some animals do not need additional dental hygiene such as chicken wings or teeth cleans. Ask your vet for advice that is relevant to your cat.

### Cats give us a lifetime of love and companionship. We must determine how best to repay that love.

Feeding them good quality dry bickies, canned food or home cooked foods and supplementing them with chicken wings will mean that you are providing them with good nutrition and dental hygiene. Good nutrition depends upon finding foods that are not only complete and balanced but are also palatable. Sometimes feeding your cat well means depriving him of his favourite food (such as pet mince) and changing his diet to one which is acceptable but better for him. After all, your cat depends on you to provide for all his needs so that you can share a healthy and long life together.



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# REMEMBERANCE



Some griefs never heal; they glaze over with the thinnest scab, so easily cracked by a chance odour,  
a word, a waifish memory from God knows where. *Ruth Parks*

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## NARELLE REIDY

8 April 1996

She was an energetic and caring person who will be sadly missed by her family and friends - her cheerful advice and dedicated care will be a great loss to the animal community too.

Judy & Trevor McMann, Bolton Point

In memory of Narelle, a dear friend.

Jan Sheehan & Sylvia Coles, Grays Point  
Mr & Mrs P Browning, Galston  
Mr & Mrs Charlton, Oyster Bay

Narelle was a wonderful caring animal lover and a dear friend of mine and many others. Her last request in lieu of flowers was for donations to the CPS. I am an animal person myself and with great love, in the memory of Narelle, please accept this donation.

Leisa Preel, Oyster Bay

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## NEVILLE

In memory of Neville, Nov 1993 - October 17, 1995

CA Offord, Macquarie Fields

## IN MEMORIUM

In early 1995 we had ? Kipper and a gentle female, Missy. They just disappeared, never to be found. Beloved Tiger had to be put to sleep as did Cassie, both very old. Along came Gidget who had 4 babies which we desexed. Long legged Cookie was killed by a car. We loved them and miss them all. They are still remembered. We still have 6 spoiled moggies, Black Jenny, 11; Muffy, 10;

Gidget, 4; her babies Columbia and Athena; and Majenta.

Gloria Reynolds, Kingswood.

## MISTY

You know I always loved you  
But I wasn't the only one  
And doing what I had to do,  
Hurt me more than anyone will know.  
You gave me 9 years of happiness and love  
And it's so hard to let go.  
Words cannot describe how my heart aches  
Nothing really eases the pain  
But I know you're up there watching me,  
You will remain in my heart till the day I join you

I know you are looking down on me  
Wondering why I cry to much.  
All your pain and suffering is gone  
But mine lingers on.  
Oh my dear Misty, help ease my pain.  
As being without you isn't the same.  
Rachael Deemer, Toongabbie.

## TOFFEE

Our beloved boy Toffee, 18 years, went to his rest on 14 Feb 1996. We miss you Toff.  
Margaret Stevens, Moorebank

## MAX and GUINEA

Max sadly was only with us for a short time. Thank you to the wonderful people who took him to Randwick Vet Hospital after he was hit by a car. They were able to contact us because he had a CPS tag on! And in memory of my dear tortiseshell cat, GUINEA, who died tragically some years ago at the age of 15.

Stephanie Jacques, Bondi Junction

## FAREWELL FURRY FRIEND

He came to our house to ask the way,

This lean and hungry stray,  
Searching for love and a place to rest;  
A loving welcome ended his quest.

Timid and wary - he had suffered harsh  
hands -

Till affection and kind words a cat  
understands

(Together with nourishment twice a day)  
Gave a new image to this former stray.

We called him Walter, a name to express  
The dignity of his gentleness.

Had he known many summers?

Who could answer this?

False youth of content waned to drowsy  
bliss.

As five summers passed, one autumn day,

In quiet sleep he slipped away,  
We miss his friendship and praise the day  
Walter called at our house to ask the way.

Mona Wilkinson, Lavington

*Epitaph on a tombstone.*

I've had a good life.  
I've known a few good people  
And many wonderful cats.

## SNOWFLAKE

In loving memory of our darling cat.  
'Flake', you were the light of our lives and we miss you.

Edna & Diane Groves, Greenacre

# EXPOS EXPOS EXPOS

In the last several years Sydney has seen a burgeoning of specialist Expos which cover a wide variety of interests. For dedicated cat lovers there are quite a number that cater for our tastes.

For art lovers and those who want something a bit different there is the annual ART AND CRAFT FAIR normally held late November at the RAS Showgrounds. For a nominal admission price you can wander around a large selection representing the works of a wide variety of artists and craft persons. Cats are popular motifs and can be found in handmade stationery, on ceramic art, in jewellery and on clothes or in pictures or wall sculptures. It all depends on the selection of artists which varies

from year to year. Whether you spend time catching up on what our artists are doing or happily spend - it is a beautiful exhibition with prices for everyone's pocket.

For people who enjoy doing their own crafts the STITCHES AND CRAFT SHOWS are well worth attending. The exhibitors are becoming more numerous and the selection is fantastic. While many familiar names are represented, many of the exhibitors only do the trade fairs and have crafts and/or designs that you will not find in shops. Also, one or two hours walking around the extensive exhibition area will cover more ground than a year of dedicated shopping in conventional shops. Each stall is operated by the people who actually produce the products so you have an on-the-spot opportunity to talk to the professionals, pick their brains for hints and learn new skills. There are free and fee workshops and it would not be difficult to spend an entire day or more depending on your dedication to handiwork. And the cat designs increase each year - that selection alone is well worth the admission.

For another day long fun spree the PET EXPOS are great fun. A wide variety of entertainment is provided for anyone with an interest in any type of domestic animal - plus a few snakes, lizards and other oddities. You can talk to vets, see new products in food, veterinary and care lines, watch a cat show, talk to dog and cat breeders, see llamas and alpacas, horses, working dogs, go on a camel ride. There is a wide range of products for sale and a whole lot of fun to be had for a small admission fee. Get professional advice on grooming, find some interesting pet knick knacks, learn how the Australian Quarantine Service works and what it takes to import animals - the items of interest are endless. Well, they probably last longer than your feet will!

Another venue for Pet Expos is the large shopping centres. These massive merchandise emporiums seek constantly to bring more business through their doors and offering free entertainment is a great way to get the people. Animal people, interested in promoting responsible pet ownership, are having phenomenal success organising these mall exhibitions. One such organiser is this month's feature photographer, Diane Cordaire, who does the Diane Cordaire Pet Expos. Diane sees this type of exhibition as a win/win situation for the malls and the shoppers. She not only ensures the best of

domestic pets are on view, but even goes for the more exotica in the form of circus animals. . Along with the animals there are vets, representatives from the major pet food companies, dog handlers, displays from a reptile farm, and much more. The shopper can talk to anyone, get information on specific animal breeds from their breeders, learn better ways of caring for their pets - and it is all free. Presuming one can resist the temptation to buy pet items.

The main point of these Pet Expos is to improve every owner's knowledge of their pet and to bring the need for responsible pet ownership to the fore. Major animal welfare groups are also present at many of these expos and they provide care information as well as graphic illustrations of what irresponsible owners do.

So the next time you see an Expo advertised - mark your diary and come along and join the fun. The venues are well chosen to allow plenty of room to see the exhibits with good access for disabled people so there's no excuse to miss them.

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*HER PURRING ROSE LIKE A HYMN TO HOME*



# Flea lash! acts!

## - or what's new on the flea control front

Dr Kim Kendall BVS, MRCVS

For those with a short attention span or squeamishness about fleas, this first bit is a roundup of the new products and methods of flea control. For those with a fascination for the fiendish survival mechanisms of fleas, the later parts deal with the new information on flea biology which has allowed more successful control than has previously been possible. Most of the following products are available only through vets because they are sophisticated and some discussion of their use is required.

In a nutshell, flea control requires suppression or eradication of FLEA EGGS. The fleas themselves are only the tip of the iceberg in the flea population stakes. The earliest revolution in flea control was the fogger bombs with Insect Growth Regulators (**SIPHOTROL** (R) from Bayer arrived about 6 years ago), which nullified your indoor flea egg population, and whose imitators now inhabit local supermarket shelves. If you take the time to sweat the preparation, and use the correct number of bombs, these are still very effective.

**PROGRAM**(R), from Ciba-Geigy, was the next revolution where flea eggs were neutralised right inside the flea. The paste, or tablet for dogs, is fed with food (an important point to remember is the stomach must be full for total absorption) and the flea is sterilised when it bites. All animals in the house must be treated for this to be effective, as one animal can drop many fertile flea eggs on its own. But it means you never get fleas hopping on you in the house, and only those carried indoors need to be dealt with, either by flea comb or other method of killing adult fleas. Program (R) is especially effective if cats rarely or never go out. Once the cycle is broken the house will remain flea free until the next time the cat goes out. It is the only way to go if the cat won't wear a collar.

Now there are **OVITROL FLEA EGG COLLARS** (R) from Bayer which **STERILISES THE FLEA EGGS ON THE CAT**. The collars lasts 6 months and is very effective, again especially for keeping fleas out of the house. Simple to use, tolerated by most cats and owners, and you only have to think about it twice a year!!! Totally non-toxic as well. The only extra you need is a fine-toothed metal flea comb (and it has to be fine) to help catch the adult fleas (though your cat will

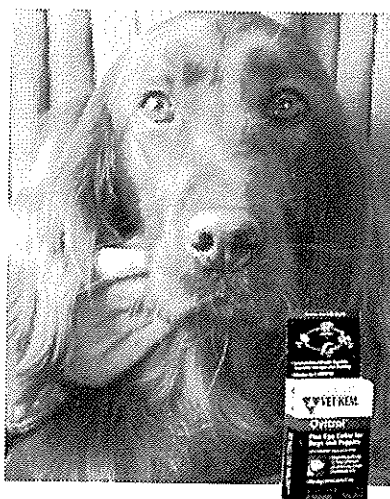
catch about 50 per day) and act as part of your 'social grooming' duties as a cat friend.

And the best news so far is **FRONTLINE** (R) from Rhone-Merieux. This spray product kills all the fleas on your cat for 4 - 10 weeks, whether the cat collected them from inside or outside. It has revolutionised life for flea-allergic cats, and made life more pleasant for flea-phobic owners. However, the fly-in-the-ointment is the method of application. The chemical is non-toxic but is dissolved in rubbing alcohol and has to be sprayed evenly over the cat in sufficient quantities to make the cat wet. It is all the things cats loathe - strong smelling (all cats salivate while the stuff is being put on), it is a 'rain-type' of squirter and has to be rubbed in. Some cats have to be sedated to do it. (I charge 'danger money' for us to apply the cat's own Frontline onto it, but we can do a good job in the clinic where it is regularly impossible for owners to do it at home.

Once on, the effects are spectacular and prolonged. Even better is the news that Frontline will soon arrive in a new format that will be much easier to apply. But that won't be until 1997! Frontline is the only

Advertisement

## Unfortunately, fleas love them too.



Fleas are frustrating for owners and pets. At some time every pet owner will need to use some kind of flea control - collars, powders or sprays.

Fleas have earned their reputation as annoying pests, especially in Australia's warm, summer conditions, when plague proportions are common.

Adult fleas are about 1.5 to 4.0mm long and have strong claws for clinging onto your pet. An adult female can lay several hundred eggs in her lifetime. Eggs are laid on your pet and can fall off in any area they frequent. In the warm summer months it can take as little as 18 days for the eggs to develop to adult fleas.

One of the most revolutionary developments in flea control is the Insect Growth Regulator (IGR), which unlike other treatments, actually stops the next generation of adult fleas from developing.

The VetKem Ovitrol® Flea Egg Collar is the only collar that releases an IGR directly into your pet's coat, killing flea eggs as they are laid. The Collar works for six months and can be safely used on puppies and kittens from six weeks of age.

VetKem products are only available from vets so ask your vet about VetKem Ovitrol® Flea Egg Collars or phone **The VetKem Information Hotline on 1800 800 603** (9.00am to 4.00pm EST).



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So what is the new knowledge gleaned in the quest for flea control? The big one is that it is the cat flea which causes most of the problems in urban society (in Calcutta I believe it is the human flea..), and it does NOT behave the same as the rodent flea (which was originally studied for control of Bubonic Plague). In fact, it is about the opposite - it lives full time on the host (fur preferred, it is only a short term resident on humans) and will die within three days if it has had a blood meal. However, if it hasn't fed, it can live a year waiting for a tasty morsel to wander by, hence the 'leaping carpets' that erupt after an absence of a few weeks in flea infested houses.

The flea egg from the female flea is smooth (I have yet to discover where the male fits in to all this - I'm not sure that he does any biting), so the egg falls off wherever the cat wanders, and especially where it sleeps. The flea dirt (those little black commas on the bedding) is the food for the larva when it hatches (recycling at its best!!) And then it makes *a cocoon out of the carpet or bedding it is laid into* and so remains very hard to eliminate by physical means.

Flea eggs will wash out, cocoons won't but all are destroyed by heating to 70 degrees Celsius (hot wash). The cocoons are stimulated to hatch by the carbon dioxide of the cat's breath (conveniently at ground level!) And WHOOSH it is hatched and on to your cat in less than half a second!! Hence the 'outdoor flea population' problem. You can eliminate the eggs from your house but not from your garden. In the USA they have a nematode worm that destroys eggs in soil, anybody's flea eggs, but we are unlikely to see those here for a long time). And then the flea feeds and around you go again! Thus, the Ovitrol (R) Collar neutralises the flea eggs before they fall off, and Frontline (R) prevents the fleas from ever feeding again. Elegant in their simplicity, long awaited in their effectiveness.

Wait and see what the flea does next! They are extremely effective parasites and I can imagine only control is possible, not eradication!.

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# MUNCHKINS

**“... it is time to admit that deliberate selection for characteristics which inhibit full expression of freedoms and ease of living is a misuse of power ...”**

## **From the Editor:**

*Cat Affairs is primarily a magazine devoted to random bred domestic cats and pedigrees don't often feature in the pages. However, there is a new breed being promoted in America where a naturally occurring genetic mutation has been developed into a breed that is starting to gain recognition and acceptance in the American cat fancies. Genetic mutations have been the start of quite a number of breeds, the 4 curly Rex breeds, Cornish, Devon, Selkirk, La Perm; American Curls have ears that flip back; Scottish Folds have ears that rise a tiny bit and then flop on the head; Japanese Bobtails have a curly pom pom of a tail, a most distinctive feature in this very ancient breed. American Bobtails have a very short tail and American Wirehairs have a short coarse wiry coat.*

*These breeds have been popularised because each cat offers something different that cat lovers like but in each cat the 'feature' involves a visual aspect of the cat (coat, ears, tail) rather than an important structural element. Now there is a new genetic mutation that has changed the structural look of the cat which limits basic cat habits. This cat cannot leave paw prints on the kitchen counters - the legs are far too short for such feline leaps.*

*From both sides of the argument as to whether this mutation should have been established are opinions and information from an American breeder and an Australian vet. I invite all members to send in their comments on the Munchkins.*

## **THE MUNCHKIN**

Laura Mussetter  
Whisker City Cattery, Montana, USA

Lying down the Munchkin looks just about like any other cat. What a surprise when it stands up and moves around! The short little legs resemble that of a Dachshund or perhaps maybe a Ferret in a cat suit. Welcome to the Munchkin! One of the most unique breeds to come along in many years.

Short legged cats have been documented on several occasions throughout history but the present day Munchkins in the United States are all descended from one cat, Blackberry, who was found in Louisiana in the early 1980s. As Blackberry produced kittens it was noted that about half of her offspring exhibited the short legs characteristic of the breed. These adorable little cats are now called Munchkins.

Perhaps the most enjoyable part of owning a Munchkin is watching them run and play. The short little legs make them resemble a ferret or slinky toy as they move about. They also have the habit of regularly sitting up on their hind legs, reminding one of a kangaroo. Maybe they do this to get a better view?? Munchkins get along well with other animals and children. The Munchkin is generally friendly, sociable and self assured. They make excellent pets and their unique stature will surprise and delight many people who are unfamiliar with them.

The genetic mutation that caused the short legs is similar to that found in Dachshunds and Basset Hounds. It is a naturally occurring mutation and is **not** a deformity or dwarfism. Only the length of the long bones in the legs are altered. No other part of the bone structure or organs are affected. A cat has a more flexible spine than a dog so the spinal problems found in the short legged dog breeds have not been found in Munchkins.

Some Munchkins really appear to waddle when they move and are so short and bowlegged that they look like little bulldogs. If you want a pet quality Munchkin and you like this look then it's fine. If you're looking for a Breeder or Show quality cat it is **ABSOLUTELY NOT** all right! Excessive bowing of the legs and limited mobility (the bulldog strut or weasel waddle) is a **serious** fault. Usually limited mobility will go hand in hand with excessive bowing, the legs being so bowed and short that the animal has to swing it's body from side to side when walking. Munchkins that exhibit these undesirable traits should not be sold as show quality nor should they be used for breeding.

## **A BIT ABOUT MUNCHKINS**

Dr Kim Kendall, BVS, MRACVS

It seems very perverse for people to breed in a disability. If Eugenics for people is about selection away from chronic malformations and 'challenges to living' it is arguably unfair to select for them in other species, and that would seem to be the fate of the little Munchkin cat (not even a dignified name to adorn their person). Little legs and a great personality are the identifying features of this 'new' breed (although it has been around for more than 10 years).

Three-legged cats are in no way disabled and I've heard of two-legged cats who lead a fine life, so one cannot count misadventure in the same category. If we have learned nothing from seeing the problems of other 'chondrodysplastic' animals like the Dachshund and Pekinese with their severe back problems, and from the English Bull Dogs (great personality but hard to breathe and tough to move around), then it is time to admit that deliberate selection for characteristics which inhibit full expression of freedoms and ease of living is a misuse of power and a request that we go backwards a way. Even the Persians are being given back their noses to breathe with in the current show trends!

The Munchkin can jump - onto chairs, not windowsills or benches. How convenient! It has a great personality - whose cat doesn't? The Americans coined the term 'Co-Dependents' meaning people who need other people to need them, people who attach themselves to others who cannot cope with their lives and who then martyr themselves on someone else's fire. Perhaps the Munchkin is the living embodiment of this need for an animal that is totally dependant.

**If you can't improve on PURRFECT,  
LEAVE IT ALONE!**



# A MUNCHKIN INTERCHANGE

## Editor to Kim Kendall:

I obviously agree with you about the Munchkins but how right am I when I vigorously tout the Devon Rex and Cornish Rex and these cats, with their single coats, require heat supplement to live well. And I would dearly love to get my hands on a real Sphynx - to me these creatures are absolutely exquisite - but they definitely must have supplementary warmth and are totally dependant on humans. And if you say keep them in a warm climate they are then subject to sunburn and the cancerous consequences of that. And all three breeds have large and hairless ears which require fortnightly cleaning to stay in a good healthy condition. The Persian has long been a top international favourite and yet that cat would not survive without daily grooming with such a long and silky coat. If these breeds are not representative of co-dependency, what is?

LEE WRIGHT

## Kim Kendall to Editor:

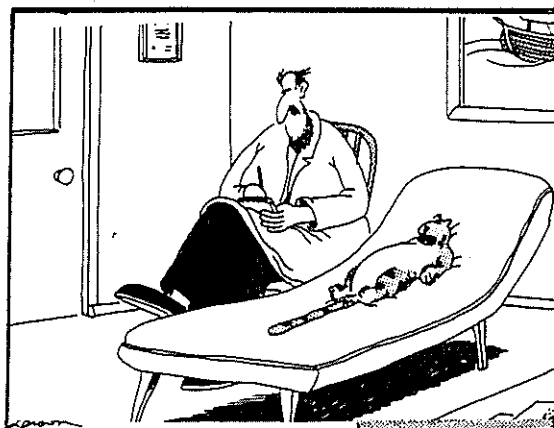
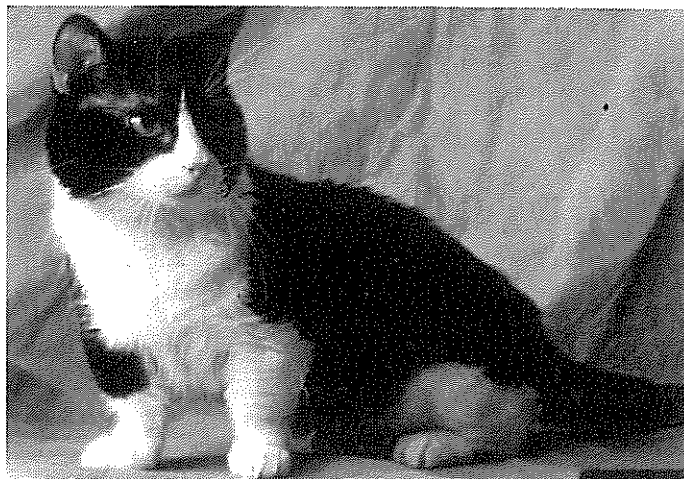
The essential difference that gets me about Munchkins is that no human intervention can make it's life catlike. I would be very pleased to never have to clip another Persian who has decided it doesn't enjoy grooming and I think the breeders have a lot to answer for with selecting for a very fine undercoat. That may win shows but it is hell for the other 99% of their progeny. But at least the hair can be cut short and the cat can go out (and they are very successful hunters too, which shows their deformed jaws aren't all that much of a setback). Now that noses are back in fashion and flu less endemic, the poor blighters can breathe.

And your other 'indoor, fine coated' Rex have an existence the equal of other domestic cats kept indoors. I see no reason to make the 'benchmark' for kept cats as the outdoors/self feeding stray-type situation. I'm sure no cat would prefer a knife edge living to one of cared-for adoration.

Presumably the Munchkin can hunt ferret-like, and play in their own way, but why stop at the Munchkin? Why not some warm furry legless beast with no teeth to fulfil some people's total needs? The cats have no choice, and if we're going to do the choosing, it shouldn't be for disability and even the Munchkin breeder admits that some versions have 'limited mobility'.

By the way, Persians shed their knots naturally as a mat after a period of time. Scottish Fold and American Curl ears are only socially debilitating, short tails have little bearing on survival and wirehair is only a CatAfro.

**If bendy short legs and a supple back is endearingly ferret-like, then why not get a ferret or a polecat? They are great pets and have evolved to be efficient with that shape.**



"I'm starting to feel dependent."



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**ALL BREEDS DESEXED CAT SHOW**  
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Judging will commence at 10:00 with Mrs Pat Andrews and Mrs Colleen Evenhuis judging the Household Pets Section. The Desexed Club welcomes first time exhibitors and the show secretaries are happy to supply all information you need to get your pet on the bench. It's a 'two ring' show - double the chance to win prizes!!! Join us!

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easy and a wonderful way to meet other cat lovers.

# BOOK REVIEWS

Lee Wright

## More Cats OF THE GREEK ISLANDS

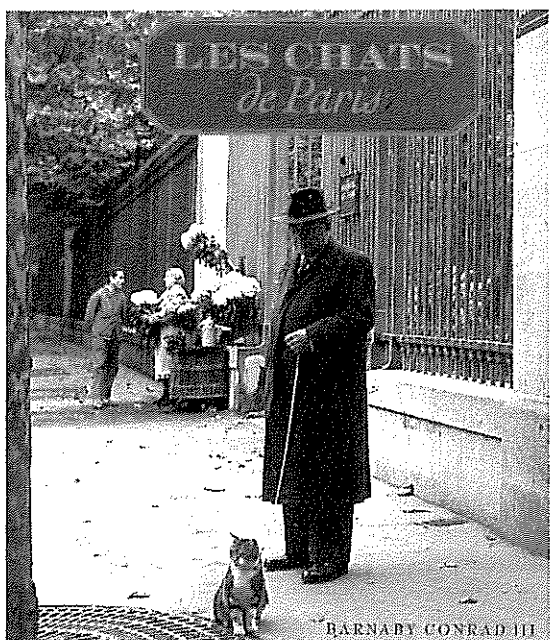


**MORE CATS OF THE GREEK ISLANDS** Hans Silvester, Thames & Hudson, HB, 137 colour photographs, RRP \$49.95.

If *Cats of the Greek Islands*, released last year, was a blockbuster, this latest book, **MORE CATS OF THE GREEK ISLANDS**, surpasses it. The photographs are breathtaking. Hans Silvester has captured the wild spirit of the felines as they range amongst some of the most beautiful scenery on earth. His photographs lovingly portray cats and also satisfy the most stringent 'art photography' lovers. These are not 'chocolate box' shots. Each photograph gets to the heart of Cat and it is a book every cat lover should have. ☺☺☺☺☺

**SHAKESPEARE CATS**, Susan Herbert, Thames & Hudson, HB, \$29.95. Here are illustrations of the Bard's renowned characters at their catty best. In this latest book from the easel of Susan Herbert, the artist has turned from 'catifying' fine art masterpieces to placing cats in great Shakespearean roles. 32 colourplates are matched by 32 pen and ink sketches in this book that glorifies the essential feline in all its Elizabethan glory. Susan Herbert's fans will find this new collection full of the charm, humour and sensitivity of her earlier books and new devotees will be enchanted.

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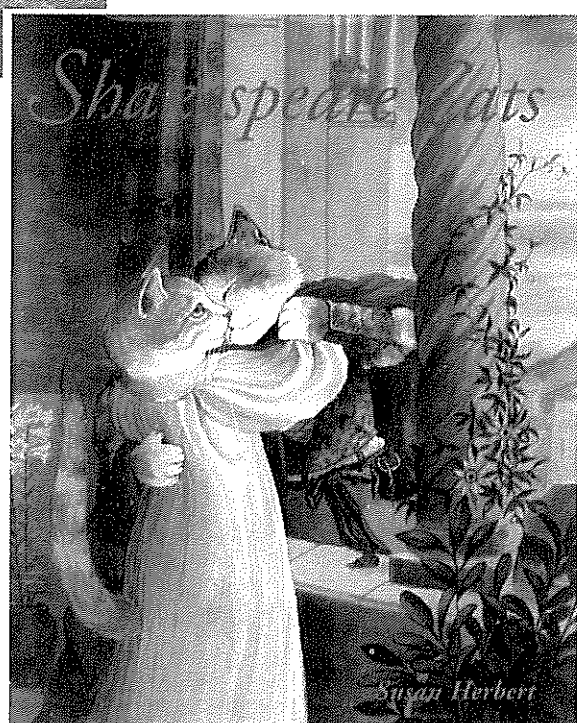


HANS SILVESTER

**LES CHATS de PARIS**, Barnaby Conrad III, Thames & Hudson, HB, 62 black / white photographs, \$29.95. This book shows cats in their deep involvement with people. Shop cats, pet cats, loved cats, cats as an intrinsic part of Paris. The photographs capture images of this great city in decades gone by and show how close

to the heart of Paris are cats. Cats have captured the imagination of the city for generations, providing lively subjects for photographers and writers. This irresistible collection of images shows cats who live close to the hearts of man.

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## DONATION FORM

The Membership Secretary

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

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

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms .....

Surname (Block letters)

Initials

Address .....

Suburb .....

Post Code .....

### FORM OF BEQUEST

**To persons who wish to assist our Society, 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 NSW, the registered office of which is 103 Enmore Road, Enmore, NSW 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 NSW 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 NSW, the registered office of which is 103 Enmore Road, Enmore, NSW 2042. And I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said The Cat Protection Society of NSW shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

**For further information on leaving a bequest to the Society please contact the Secretary on (02) 9557 1011.**

## NEW MEMBERS

February 1996 - June 1996

Miss MW Ashenden, Ettalong; Miss K Barry, Castle Hill; Miss E Beasley, Queanbeyan; Mrs C Bedding, Wattle Grove; Dr LJ Bennett, Croydon; Ms L Bentley, West Ryde; Ms LJ Collins, Oyster Bay; Miss N Cresswell, Bega; Ms S Crowe, Glebe; Mrs H & Mr K Edwards, Campbelltown; Miss K Erickson, Warrigal; Mrs M Evans, Panania; Miss R Gleeson, Seven Hills; Mrs L Grados, Kingsgrove; Miss K Gunderson, Parramatta; Dr K Heber, Auburn; Ms V Holland, Burwood; Mrs W Hyman, Lane Cove; Ms D Joyce, St Peters; Mrs T Kelly, Alexandria; Mrs Kosack, Elanora Hts; Miss P Lance, Mosman; Ms J Lardner-Smith, Terrigal; Mrs CM Lethbridge, Kincumber; Mrs L Lewis, Balmain; Mr MD Lewis, Malabar; Ms C Lucas, Auburn; Miss J Lyons, Carlingford; Mrs JF Macks, Condell Park; Ms A McNamara, Wyoming; Mr P Manno, Mascot; Mrs CA Marston, Griffith; MS M Middleton, Kurmond; Mr P Migliaccio, Enmore; Miss F Mitchell; Miss K Newman, Albion Park Rail; Miss CM Nolan, Marrickville; Mrs D Nolle, Oatley; Ms C O'Rourke, Canberra; Mrs JE Page, North Sydney; MS Pevine, Nth Parramatta; Misses A & A Phillips, Terrigal; Mrs M Pittman, Willoughby; Ms A Psiroukis, Marrickville; Ms J Scales, St Marys; Mrs J Singh, Kingsford; Miss CF Slee, Londonderry; Miss P Stafford, Lane Cove; Ms M Swain, Marrickville; Miss BA Symonds, Mosman; Ms S Tomat, E Lindfield; Miss A Tomlinson, Parklea; Miss K Ulm, Petersham; Ms Van Dal, Newtown; Miss CA Venus, Rozelle; Ms K Walden, Woodbine; Mrs D Weeden, Granville; Mrs A Weekes, Maianbar; Mrs H Wellings, Elanora Hts; Mrs R Willis, Dee Why; Miss J Woodworth, Newtown; Miss B Wright, Coffs Harbour; Ms M Young, Annandale; Miss TZ Zuklic, Potts Point.

## FAX MACHINE

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# MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

I/We apply for membership or renewal of membership of the Society for the year commencing June 1995.

All persons joining from January remain financial until June of the following year.

Subscription	\$1000.00	Life Governor	Pensioner Membership	\$5.00
	\$ 250.00	Life Membership	Junior Membership	\$5.00
	\$ 10.00	<b>Annual Membership</b>	(state birthday) .....	

**Enclosed find cheque/money order for membership \$ ..... + Donation ..... TOTAL \$.....**

Please cross cheques and make payable to THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY of NSW

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss SURNAME ..... Initials .....

Address: ..... Suburb: ..... Postcode .....

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

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

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

**If you have changed your address since becoming a member please fill in this section.**

Surname(block letters please) ..... Initials .....

New Address ..... Postcode .....

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

## FIRE HEROINE FLOODED WITH HOMES

Many of you read about the March exploit of the American moggy named 'Scarlett' who rescued her 5 kittens from a burning building and, with scorched paws and eyes swollen shut from the smoke, nose counted them to ensure all were safe. And wasn't it wonderful to read that the welfare agency looking after this previously unwanted mother and litter were inundated with calls to home them.

That is heartwarming - but I find it hard to accept that people would make the phones run hot to rescue one publicised cat when hundreds and thousands of cats are pining in shelters for homes. Are they any less worthy because they were not involved in such a rescue? Are they less deserving of homes because they never made the front pages?

At Parkland there are any number of cats and kittens who could be as brave, would be as brave - but fate has not put them on the firing line. They sit and pine, hoping each day will bring 'their' person into sight to take them home to a life of mutual loving and care.

**Won't YOU come out to Parkland and give a deserving cat or kitten a good home?**

The cat does not offer services. The cat offers itself. Of course he wants care and shelter. You don't buy love for nothing. Like all pure creatures, cats are practical.

William S Burroughs

## PAT-A-CAT-ATHON

Nance Iredale

We have had an urgent call from Annette, Parkland manager, asking for volunteers to come and help socialise - and maybe groom - our cats and kittens who are awaiting homes.

We have a selection of particularly friendly adults who just crave laps to sit on and legs to wind around. Parkland is a busy place and the ladies who run it anguish that they cannot spend more time with the cats.

Sometimes, too, a cat who has been chosen for homing because it is so friendly, is overwhelmed by communal living. As with humans, there are some who love the interaction with others and some who can't abide it. The latter should be the first to go to new homes but, in fact, they often have to wait many months.

For instance, we had a beautiful black Oriental who was a bit put out at finding herself in such low company. She became withdrawn and depressed and stayed at Parkland for quite awhile. She was featured in 2UE's 'Over the Fence'. Dr Peter Nicholl gave her a good description and she finally found just the right home.

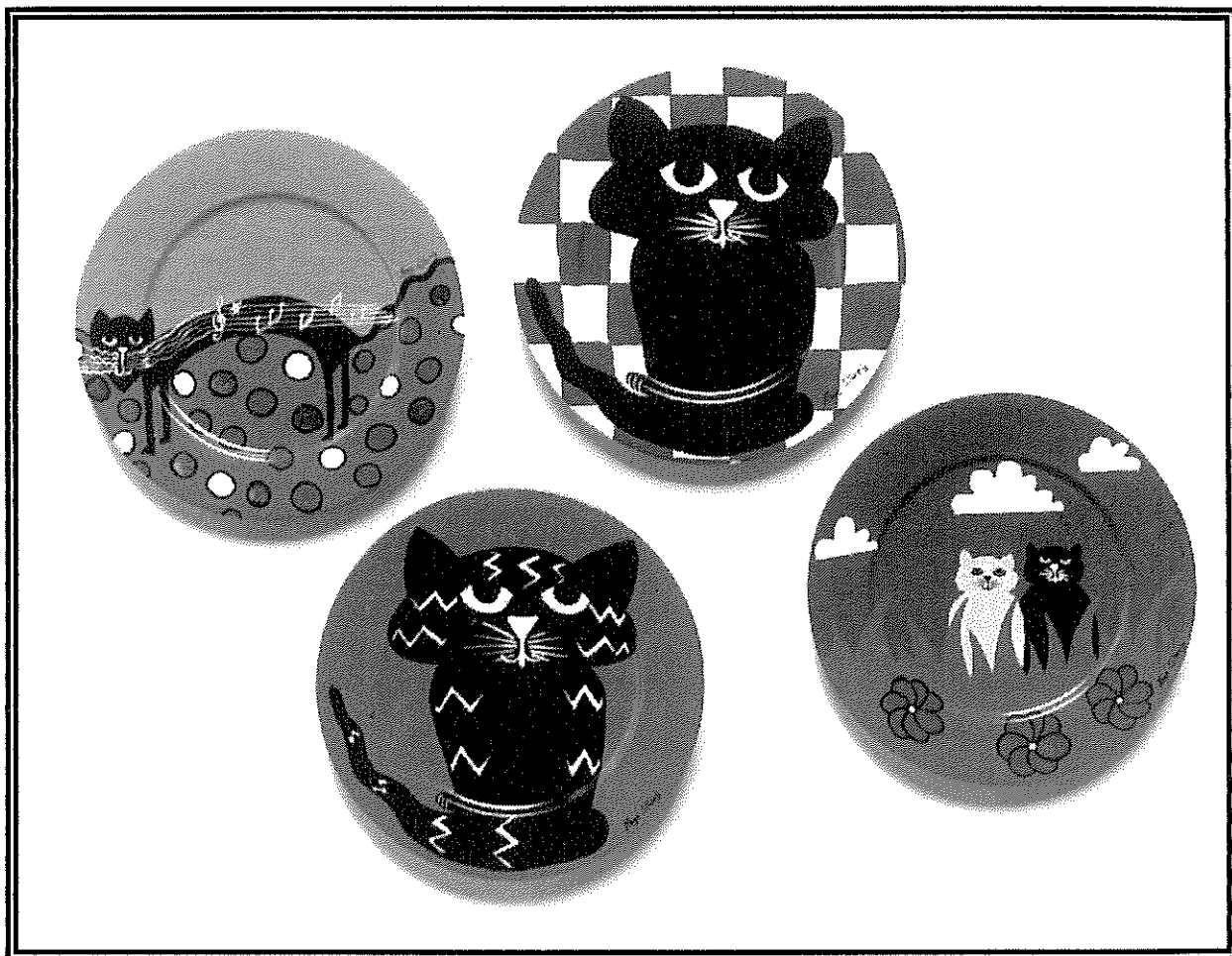
We are not looking for workers, but for cat lovers and comforters to sit and nurse and talk and socialise. It will be very valuable to us and rewarding for you. If you can help, please ring Annette on 626-9333.

**This is another way you can make your society more effective and caring.**

Kaye Gilhooly grew up in an artistic family where she was always encouraged to express herself through art. She exhibited her first pieces in a gallery at the age of 12 and went on to study art for 5 years. Kaye is not limited to one mode of expression, she has a wide ranging interest in creative works spanning textiles, print making, jewellery, paper mache and painting. Her particular flare is bright colours and she exploits this talent to the fullest. There are few pastels in her life - her work and her rooms resound with rich, vibrant reds, yellows, blues, purples - the colours of the rainbow and more.

As well as an artist of merit, Kaye is also an entrepreneur and has established a number of home run businesses that have done well. Two years ago she started concentrating on ceramics. Kaye's husband Paul came up with the name **"PLATE-A-PUSS PARK"**. Kaye and Paul checked out the local Sydney markets and decided that the Rocks Market in North George Street offered the best venue for Kaye's work. Determined to start with a good range of stock, Kaye and Paul worked flat out and painted 28 plates in one week to open their new venture. The motifs were stylised cats, flowers, pigs, cows, people and a Bondi Beach range. The cat plates were an unqualified success, the cheeky felines attracting steady patronage.

Kaye buys glazed china and paints on the designs with an acrylic enamel paint and bakes the ware in her home oven at 180c for 45 minutes. The 11" plates are mainly decorative as abrasives (silverware, scrubbing) could damage the designs. Some customers wanted to paint their own so Kaye started workshop classes in her Leichhardt studio. The one day classes teach beginner and intermediate



skills using a variety of finish techniques on the plates. All equipment and refreshments are supplied. Kaye also sells supplies and has created a number of kits of her most popular designs which have everything needed to paint a plate, including the plate, design and detailed instructions.

She runs 36-40 designs and alters some of the range every few weeks to keep it fresh and appealing. Certain patterns (like the blue checked cat) are too popular to drop.

Kaye has two adopted shelter cats who inspire many of her designs. She likes fun in life and finds cats humorous and idiosyncratic characters who give her great pleasure. It wasn't until she started selling the plates that she realised just how popular cats are with so many people.

**Kaye sells her work at the Rocks Market every Saturday and Sunday and she has started doing country markets. For more information on classes, kits and mail order phone Kaye Gilhooly on (02) 9564-5059 or her mobile 015-490-158. (And keep in mind - you have to see her work in colour to really appreciate its full charm!!) (One of Kaye's paintings is on the back cover).**





# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NOMINATIONS

All members are cordially invited to attend

## The Annual General Meeting of The Cat Protection Society of NSW

on Sunday, 29 September, 1996, at the Society's premises, 103 Enmore Road, Enmore, at 2:00 p.m.

**TRAVEL DIRECTIONS:** CAR, the nearest cross street is Phillip Street and we are opposite the Enmore Theatre. There is plenty of on street parking in the immediate area. TRAIN to Newtown Station, cross King St, go up Enmore Road. BUSES 423, 426 and 428 pass by our door, from Circular Quay through the city via Castlereagh St, Broadway to City Road, then King St and into Enmore Road. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting. We look forward to seeing new members as well as old friends attending.

### AGENDA

1. Read and confirm Minutes of the 1995 Annual General Meeting
2. Business Arising
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report - Audited Accounts
5. Election of Office Bearers and Councillors 1996-1997
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, written notification in the following format must be received by 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, 29 September, 1996.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND 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 29 September, 1996

Proposer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of nominee)  
of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; born \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, being a financial member of 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 candidates names in alphabetical order, with the names of proposers and seconders, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the registered office of the Society for at least seven days immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.
3. If necessary, ballot lists shall be prepared containing only the names of the candidates. The order in which the candidates names appear on the ballot paper shall be decided by lot. Each member present at the Annual General Meeting, or 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.



## THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW - DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of the Cat Protection Society of NSW submit herewith the balance sheet as at 31 May 1996 and the income and expenditure statement for the financial year then ended. In order to comply with the provisions of the Corporations Law, the directors report as follows:

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

Name	Particulars	
MRS G AYLING	Retired shop assistant and dressmaker, director of the Society for two years.	Attended 10 of 12 meetings.
MR J BURNETT	Retired storeman and director of the Society for one year.	Attended 5 of 5 meetings.
MRS J CHAPMAN	Retired Red Cross library assistant and director of the Society for eight years.	Attended 8 of 12 meetings.
MRS H DOCKRILL	Music teacher and director of the Society for on year.	Attended 2 of 3 meetings.
MRS A ELLIOTT	Importer of French antiques and director of the Society for five years.	Attended 11 of 12 meetings.
MRS N IREDALE	Retired company secretary and director of the Society for thirteen years.	Attended 12 of 12 meetings.
MS S JENKINS	Secretary and director of the Society for two years.	Attended 8 of 12 meetings.
MS B KUHN	Retired clerk and directory of the Society for one year.	Attended 3 of 5 meetings.
MRS E LARSEN	Retired. Welfare officer and director of the society for nine years.	Attended 11 of 12 meetings.
MRS S PIKLER	Retired stenographer and director of the Society for ten years.	Attended 10 of 12 meetings.
MRS B WALSH	Retired stenographer and director of the Society for ten years.	Attended 10 of 12 meetings.

Ms K Stiles resigned as a director during 1996. Attended 1 of 1 meeting, granted Leave of Absence due to ill health..

Mrs E Strachan resigned as a director during 1995. During the financial year she attended 2 of 4 meetings.

### 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 \$47,747.

### DIVIDENDS

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

### REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

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 accounts or notes thereto, that has arisen since the end of the financial year, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in financial years after the financial year.

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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

### INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

During the financial year the company paid a premium of \$1,078 in respect of a contract insuring the directors of the company (as shown above) against a liability incurred as such a director to the extent permitted by the Corporations Law.

The company has not otherwise, during or since the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the company or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

### 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 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, NSW. Dated 6 August, 1996.

Nance Iredale, Director \_\_\_\_\_ E Larsen, Director \_\_\_\_\_

## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW

### SCOPE

We have audited the financial statements of the Cat Protection Society of NSW for the financial year ended 31 May 1996 as set out on pages 5 to 15. 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 Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) 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 flow.

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 NSW 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 1996 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

c) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

LOWER RUSSEL & FARR, Chartered Accountants \_\_\_\_\_ TJ Zammit, Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at Penrith this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1996

#### STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1996

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, 1996

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, 1996; and

c) There are, when this statement is made out, reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

On behalf of the Directors

Signed at Enmore, NSW. Dated 6 August 1996

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

### THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 1996

	NOTE	1996 \$	1995 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		18,800	42,903
Receivables	4	26,508	11,962
Investments	5	607,074	572,044
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		652,383	626,909
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	6	368,978	257,952
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		368,978	257,952
TOTAL ASSETS		1,021,361	884,862
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & borrowings	7	22,056	18,349
Provisions	8	18,216	13,171
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		40,272	31,520
TOTAL LIABILITIES		42,272	31,520
NET ASSETS		981,088	853,341
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Reserves	9	264,398	184,398
Accumulated Funds		716,690	668,943
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		981,088	853,341

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW    INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1996**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
Donations - welfare	\$128,563	\$127,934	Advertising	\$6,066	\$4,854
- general	39,075	20,577	Ambulance Supplies	554	751
Fund raising	0	420	Auditors remuneration	2,545	2,535
Government Grant	15,500	15,500	Bank Charges	561	584
Interest	47,416	32,602	Boarding Fees	31,942	28,993
Journal Advertising	860	435	Cleaning	1,362	1,696
Memberships to CPS	16,670	13,285	Collars & tags - net of trading (150)		351
Money Boxes	535	386	Depreciation - general	10,246	12,021
Opportunity Shop (net of expenses)		27,143	- buildings	0	4,000
29,374			Electricity	419	494
Pets in memoriam	795	1,100	General Expenses	985	516
Recovery of lost/stolen traps	90	80	Insurance	5,396	4,595
Sales - cats	36,564	27,162	Journal 'Cat Affairs'	11,774	9,925
			Legal expenses	315	250
	<u>313,210</u>	<u>268,855</u>	Loss on disposal of fixed assets	841	0
			Motor vehicle expenses	21,910	18,115
			Postage	729	1,407
			Printing & stationery	1,414	2,396
			Property expenses	2,906	2,443
			Provided for annual leave	2,715	2,444
			Provided for long service leave	2,330	363
			Repairs & maintenance	1,227	540
			Staff amenities	352	320
			Subscriptions & memberships	495	1,397
			Superannuation	5,446	3,318
			Telephone	5,284	4,726
			Veterinary expenses	150,213	136,429
			Wages & salaries	110,783	85,813
				<u>378,658</u>	<u>331,275</u>
				<u>(65,447)</u>	<u>(62,420)</u>

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1996**

	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Insurance Recovery	1,591	0
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	0	29
Legacies	120,658	64,797
	<u>122,249</u>	<u>64,826</u>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>		
Building repairs & maintenance	9,055	0
	<u>47,747</u>	<u>2,406</u>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the financial year	668,943	666,538
	<u>716,690</u>	<u>668,943</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		

The above Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement does NOT form part of the Audited Financial Statements set out on pages 5 to 15.