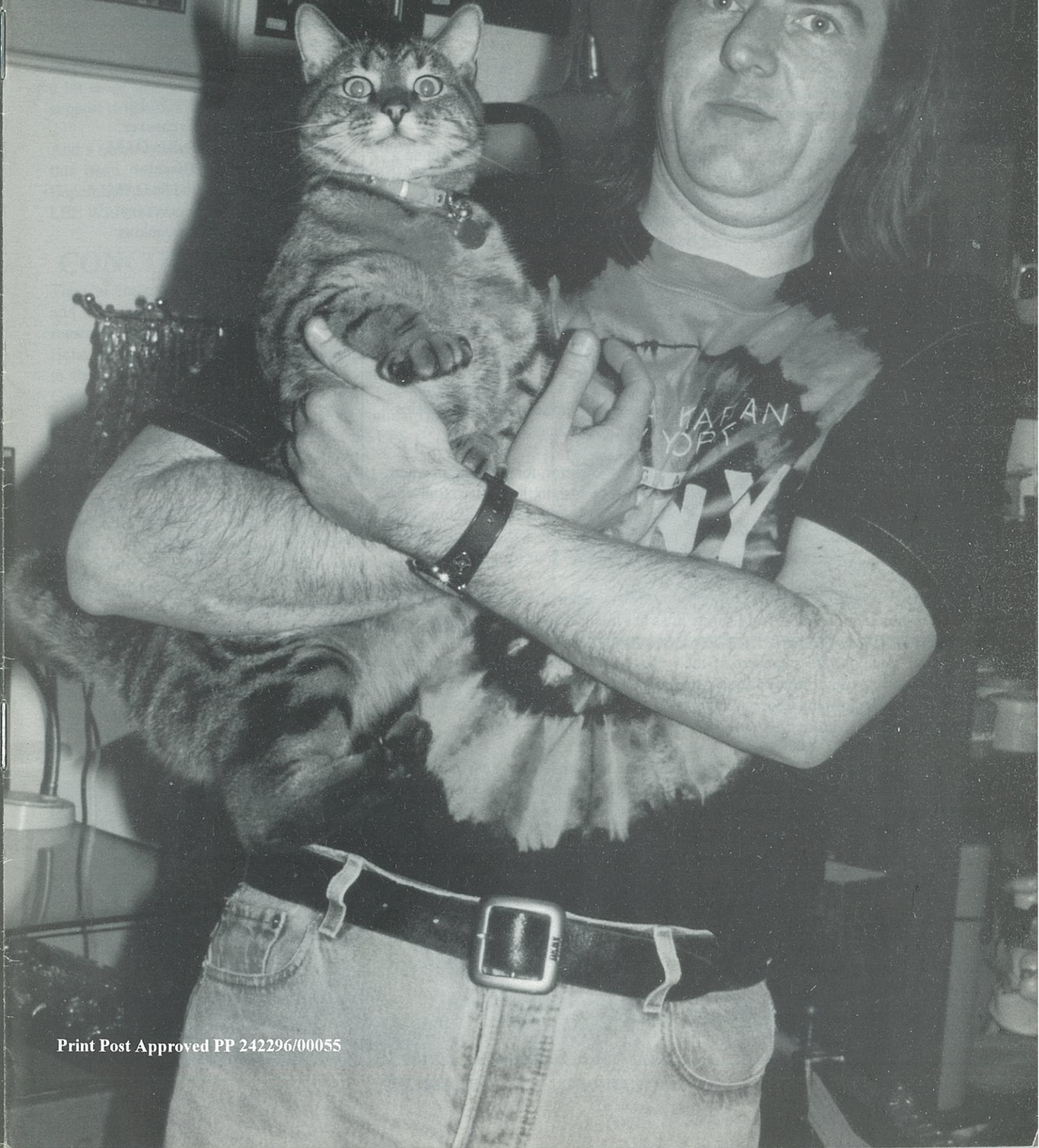


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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

ANNUAL REPORT 1997

The passing of another financial year is bringing us closer to our cherished goal of having our own cat boarding facilities instead of boarding them such a distance from our centre. With legacy receipts continuing to come in, we are now actively seeking new premises for our office and cattery combined. This is a complicated task; the chief obstacles being available funds, distance from the city, Council restrictions and neighbourhood acceptance of a cattery. We hope the coming year will see our long held goal become a reality.

The proposed Companion Animals Act is expected to go before Parliament in the current session and any news will appear in future journals.

We have exceeded the \$30,000 aim at the Opportunity Shop - the final revenue a pleasing \$31,069. We always require more volunteers. With a larger number of helpers we don't have to constantly rely on the regulars and we can limit the days the shop is closed due to staffing problems. We could do a lot better with shop revenue if we had enough volunteers to have longer trading hours? Please, won't you help us?

Our grateful thanks go to all the ladies and gentlemen who work for and with the shop; picking up goods, sorting, pricing, repairing, making, staffing. Their combined efforts have contributed to the nett takings. And special thanks to Grace Ayling, our shop co-ordinator, who prepares rosters, sorts, prices and supervises the overall activities.

Our Journal continues to draw praise for the informative and entertaining content. Thanks to Lee Wright, our editor, and to all our members who send in stories, poems, photos and clippings which go to make it such a good magazine.

The Council is indebted to Nance Iredale, our Welfare Director, for stepping in when there were several staff changes. One day Nance had to dash to the Eastern Suburbs on two emergencies, through peak Easter Show traffic, she got lost in Bondi Junction, ran out of petrol, had to climb under a house for one rescue and back through the traffic again. Thank you, Nance, for always putting the cats before your own comfort.

We are sorry to report that our Assistant Welfare Director, Lena Larsen, has not accepted re-nomination and we will sorely miss her in our day-to-day activities.

Finally, our thanks to all members of the welfare staff; CEO, Kathryn Williams; Administration Assistant, Sue Matysek; and to welfare officers; Sandy Moss, Tania Curran, Nicole Hadlow and Rebecca Tapp, for their enthusiasm and compassion in the performance of their duties.

Warmest Christmas greetings to all our members. May the New Year bring you happiness and peace and may you continue to support the efforts of the Cat Protection Society as we enter our 40th year in cat welfare. We would again appreciate Christmas donations to help us with the cats in our care and helping towards our cattery fund.

SHIRLEY PIKLER

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EDITORIAL

For 3 years you have been reading a general cat magazine. Kathryn Williams (the CEO) is now going to show you what the CPS is really about. Kathryn has her own column in each issue (Purrson to Purrson) and welfare features will appear regularly.

We often ask you for donations and you will see why. The CPS has many roles in cat welfare. In this issue is an ad that appeared in the Courier concerning subsidised desexing in the Marrickville area. This is one of the many CPS promotions in the greater Sydney area designed to reduce the feline over population. **Your welfare dollars are working!**

Animals are great soothers and comforters. A visit to a nursing home and the photo tells it all. Another CPS community venture. Your dollars help this community interaction as well as helping support the cats and kittens we rescue for rehoming. The CPS is a lot more than just a nice cat magazine - we appreciate your support in the past and look forward to it in the coming year.

And a quick apology for any irregularities in the presentation of this issue. A new PC program and it's 'learn as you go'. Hopefully I will be more au fait for the next.

LEE WRIGHT

CONCORD ANIMAL HOSPITAL

The Cat Protection Society would like to introduce Paul Waters and his staff at Concord Animal Hospital. Members will remember Paul in our Winter 1997 issue when he became an Honorary Life Member for his long standing and immense support to the Society. Members may not be aware that not only is Concord Animal Hospital a lifeline to our work by providing CPS with all our veterinary needs, but Concord Animal Hospital also homes many cats and kittens on behalf of the CPS.

Paul is supported by his dedicated staff which includes two veterinarians. On top of their extremely busy days, the staff manage to find the time to spend with the many prospective cat owners. This alone is taxing, albeit rewarding. The staff meet many wonderful people and get a thrill when a cat goes to a new home, but at the same time there are the difficult people who spend hours asking question after question and then leave. The Concord Animal Hospital has homed 303 cats and kittens last year.

The Cat Protection Society would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul, Alice, Debra, Liz, Rosemary, Ann and Renae for their support and dedication to cats and to the CPS.

left to right ...

Paul Waters, Alice Noe-Nordberg, Rosemary Fox, Liz Johnson, Debra Mangini.



LENA LARSEN

A Tribute

Lena Larsen has had a long and meritorious association with The Cat Protection Society and we are saddened to receive her resignation due to ill health. Lena has been a tower of strength in the welfare office and on Council for a number of years. Before Lena joined us she had been doing cat field work on her own at night in the Eastern Suburbs and later in the St George area when she moved to Rockdale.

Her expertise was invaluable in training our ambulance girls. Lena's other duties included records, telephone and dealing with the public in the office. She has been Membership Secretary as well as Assistant Welfare Officer. In addition to this wide range of administration functions, Lena worked regularly in the Opportunity Shop.

Many, many thanks, Lena, for your great support and untiring efforts. Enjoy your retirement.

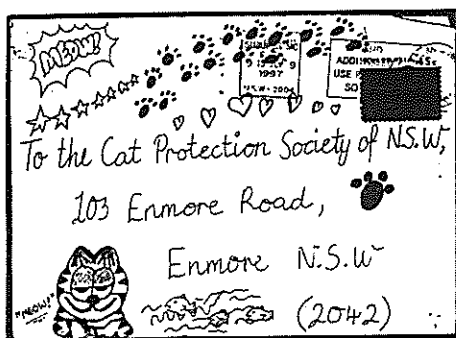
Shirley Pikler, President, on behalf of all who have worked with Lena





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

HARRIET LEVENSTON, Waverley
I was wondering if you would be so kind to put my true story that I wrote about my cat Bozz in your magazine. (Cat Tales, pg 6)



GLORIA J STIRRAT, Lugarno
I am always looking cat ornaments and my eye was caught by a window display at Westfield Hurstville called 'Lucky Lotteries'. They have a wonderful range of cat ornaments, wall plaques and cat novelty items so I thought I'd let your readers know. Also enclosed is a photo of our two little people, Cali and Mitzi, in the tunnel section of our version of a cat park. They were both obtained from Parkland Kennels when they were 4 months old.



THANK YOU to Dr & Mrs Miller from Mosman for giving a wonderful home to two Siamese boys surrendered at Concord Animal Hospital.

MICROCHIPS - WONDERFUL!!

Recently we had a very pretty tortoiseshell cat surrendered as a stray. She had been fed by concerned people for 3 weeks. She wasn't particularly pleasant and who could be surprised as she had been missing from her home for 10 months. This was revealed when she was scanned and found to have been microchipped! Her owners were delighted to be re-united. She wasn't very far from her home but was on the wrong side of a very busy highway.

So Members, have your animals micro-chipped. Concord Animal Hospital is micro-chipping at \$30 an animal during December for CPS members.
Nance Iredale, Director, CPS

GALLERY FUN

In a quiet side street in Glebe (with PLENTY of street parking) is the 'Inner City Clayworkers Gallery'. This co-operative has 12 women potters who staff it and stock it. The works vary from purely artistic to artistically utilitarian. Each month the exhibits change and many a time one (or more) of the artists produces cats or designs of cats. Yes, it is quite likely that you could visit on the few occasions that cats are absent. But I think that won't happen often - at least not by my experience. And, as advantageous as the parking availability, is the fact that the items are very well priced. August issue's feature artist, Sheila Meyer, and this issue's Janette Loughrey are exhibitors. If you like galleries, this is definitely one to visit on the corner of Darghan St and St Johns Road, Glebe. Wed-Sun, 10.30-6 pm.

SNOWDROP

Helen Finch

Have you come to save me?
very well!!
I'm teetering between earth and Hell.
I'll gladly take salvation
from wasted milk spills,
and garbage scraps,
be grateful for your arms.
But please
open up a little more,
so that I need not only love you
out of gratitude,
but sincerely,
and only
for yourself.
Let me reach your heart
become my companion,
devoted and true.
May I find a welcoming place,
no other creature has touched,
and do love me, oh so much!

This poem is about a deserted little white cat I found lying in a Redfern street in 1991. Unfortunately, I couldn't save it but it still holds special memories for me.

PETS AT PEACE

Just a short note to express my delight with the Spring issue of Cat Affairs. The article on my business would have to be one of the most professional copies to date and for this I would like to thank you.

I would like to offer a donation for each and every time one of your members use our service. Our service is not one that many like to discuss or even think about and due to this it is difficult for us to offer the many pet lovers our services when a pet passes away.

Pets At Peace is a local company offering burial or cremation services for household pets. Full details were on page 15 of the Spring 1997 issue or contact Pets at Peace on 1800 636797.

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On the differences between cats and dogs...
Turn both loose in a grocery store. Assume each eventually knock down something like a stack of canned goods at the end of an aisle.

The dog's response: (running away rapidly)
Oh Sugar! I did it again. Damn, damn, damn, they're gonna beat me, Oh damn, please legs, run like the wind!!!

The cat's response; (glancing over the shoulder, maintaining a slow pace)
No problem, they'll blame it on the dog!

PURRSON



Kathryn Williams, C.E.O

SEASONS GREETINGS, Members

Growing up in Newcastle I didn't realise what a wonderful up-bringing I had. Like most adolescents, I couldn't wait to leave home and move to the land of great opportunity, Sydney. I'm still trying to work out if it is Newcastle or my childhood that sheltered me from what the big world can really be.

When we had a pet, my mother's favourite being Corgie's, there was no question that the pet would be desexed. It was automatic. We had a big fenced backyard so she would never get pregnant but we did it for the dog's relief.

When I was about 7 I pleaded with my parents for a kitten. Thomas was a magnificent ginger and he was desexed as soon as possible. He never sprayed, we rarely needed to take him to the vet, he lived to 18 and Mum and I still miss him. My sisters have a beloved desexed cat each. It is so simple! No doubt our members have very treasured cat companions also.

I knew from the media that there was a so-called 'cat problem in Australia, but I had never experienced it and just could not believe that such a precious creature like my Thomas could be regarded as such. Well, unfortunately I now experience first hand that there is indeed a problem with cats, and that problem is people.

The answer is so easy, simply desex your cat. What is so hard about that? The money?? People will argue that it is expensive to desex, even at our substantially cheaper rate. Then those people need to consider whether they can afford a pet at all. The desexing is the cheapest part of pet ownership. What if the cat gets a cyst or a broken leg, how much will that cost to fix? Or maybe the cat will just go untreated.

No pet comes for free, but for some unknown reason that is what some people like to believe. Some organisations feel that free desexing is the answer. Maybe. This might work for a quick fix solution but it won't stop the hundreds of cats being mistreated and injured.

Do you know what we seldom see come through the door? Pedigrees. Why is that? They were purchased at a high price and are treated with respect. Why should the moggy be any different? They are all cats. I'm not suggesting moggies be bought at the price of a pedigree but a monetary value of some sort would surely earn them the respect they deserve. To some members of the community, something obtained for nothing commands the same in care, NOTHING! I believe even if we did desexing free there would still be people who are simply too irresponsible to do it.

Public education will play some part in correcting the situation, but I believe the public are largely aware of their responsibilities and choose to play dumb. While there's no legislation enforcing them, why bother? They'll just sit back and let the cat cop all the blame for the destruction of wildlife and continue to dump pregnant cats in the bush. What a charmed existence. With the support of the media, people are given the 'green light' to mistreat cats and be uncaring and irresponsible.

Our girls are out there on the road picking up or trapping sick and injured cats, cats that people would leave if we didn't come. They see some horrific injuries either by the hand of man, disease or plain stupidity. Free desexing will not stop this. For people who love cats, our welfare work is such emotional work. Our staff deal with prejudice and ignorance on a daily basis.

In the words of our former CEO, Bob Fitzpatrick, 'we are in a position to make a real difference'. Be assured that the CPS staff are totally dedicated to ease the pain and suffering of these magnificent creatures. I will introduce you to the staff in the next issue. As we have for the past 40 years, in the new year we will continue the outstanding work the Cat Protection Society of NSW achieves, and look for new ways of promoting awareness and responsible cat ownership.

Have a *purrfectly* wonderful Christmas and I look forward to talking to you in the forthcoming issues.

Yours purrrsonally, RW

TOTALLY WILD

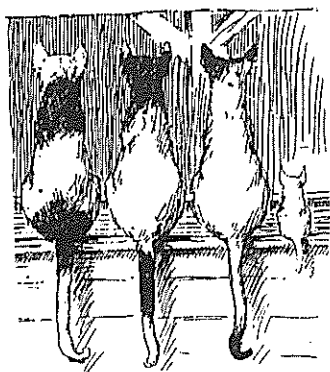
Totally Wonderful!

The Cat Protection Society will soon appear on the program, TOTALLY WILD (a children's program on Channel 10 at 4 pm weekdays). As this issue goes to press we don't have a screening date. The CPS has used this high profile exposure to show the benefits of giving an adult cat a home as it is harder to place mature cats than kittens. As cute as kittens are, they usually need little help in finding homes. But too often people pass over an adult and we are trying to encourage everyone to think about adult cats when they are looking for a companion. There are many delightful ones waiting for that second chance at happiness.

We thank Katrina Warren and her team for giving us the opportunity to promote this important issue, and for her care and compassion in the presentation. Watch for us in early 1998!!



Cat Tails



SLIP, SLOP, SLAP - EVEN FOR YOUR CAT

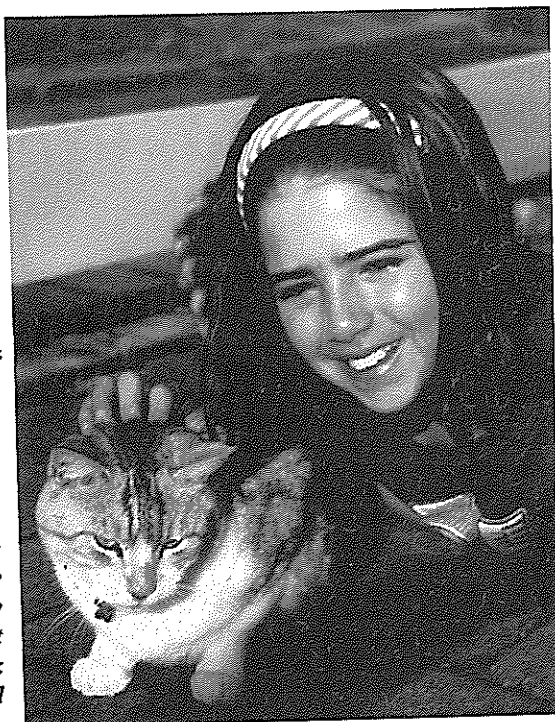
Harriet Levenston

Hi, My name is Harriet, I'm 10 years old, and I've been wanting a cat since I was 5 years old. The idea of getting a cat came to me when I was on a holiday in Port Macquarie. I was at the Big-Bull Animal Farm when I saw the most adorable kittens running around and playing with each other in the barn. I thought they were the most gorgeous animals I had ever seen. From that day forward I've always wanted a cat of my own!

In 1993 a lady found Bozz[🐾] lying on the road unconscious. She brought him to our local vet to see if they could fix up Bozz[🐾]'s broken leg and any other injuries. At this time, my Mum and Dad decided to go to our local vet to see if there were any cats who needed a good home. Luckily there were a few cats available, but of course, we all chose the beautiful grey 'n white tabby cat whom we now call Bozz[🐾]. He soon recovered from his injuries and started getting used to his new neighbourhood.

A few years later I noticed that Bozz[🐾]'s nose started looking dry, cracked and a sort of brown colour. So we took him to the vet to see what was wrong. The vet said that Bozz[🐾] might have cancer on his nose. The vet gave us some medicated tablets to give to Bozz[🐾] each day. We gave the tablets to Bozz[🐾] once a day, just as the vet had said. They helped Bozz[🐾]'s nose, but the thick crispy brown layer on his nose still didn't disappear. So we decided to rub zinc on Bozz[🐾]'s nose once a day. Slowly Bozz[🐾]'s nose healed and started looking like it should!

Now, when the weather gets hot, just to make sure, I still rub zinc on Bozz[🐾]'s nose. Anyway, the colour pink suits Bozz[🐾]. don't you think? [Ed: pity the black/white magazine does not do justice to this lovely silver tabby with his bright musk pink medicated nose.]



OP SHOP HUMOUR

Grace Ayling

I'm not going to ask for volunteers this time (although more are always needed, so if you can help, please phone me on 9638 7364), nor am I going to ask for 'Picker-Uppers', (but if you have a car and can spare a couple of hours now and again, to pick up goods from homes in your area and take them to the Op Shop in Enmore, then ring the same number and I'll pass your name on to the office.)

Instead, I thought I'd tell you three little stories from the Op shop which I hope you find entertaining.

Around lunchtime one day, a well dressed young man came into the shop, went straight to a basket of soft toys, picked up an item and brought it to the counter. He asked me if I knew what it was and I suggested a wriggly worm. "No", he said, "it's a baby Loch Ness monster". I then noticed the tiny hat on its head was tartan. He told me he had recently been to Loch Ness and these were sold there as souvenirs. He had bought two and was sorry that he had not bought a third for another little girl. He didn't dream that he'd ever see one in Sydney. Our little shop in Enmore provided a real treasure for him. Exit one very happy customer.

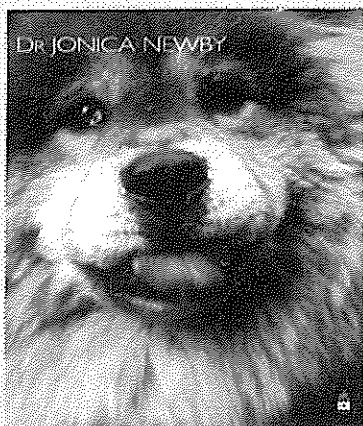
A sweet lady comes in now and again. She doesn't speak much English (about 3 words only, as far as I can tell). She will put a couple of belts on the counter and ask a one word question, "Leather?". I tell her that I don't think so. "Not leather?" No, its vinyl. Another day it was 2 pair of shoes and the same question, "Leather?" "Yes, this pair is leather, but not those". She buys the leather pair. I unpacked a dainty little pendant and placed it in the window with a \$6 price tag. Our sweet lady comes in and wants to see it. She examines it carefully, notices the little white stones, and then the one-word question, "Diamonds"?

A dog came in with her master in tow ... a young, naive man. Obviously the dog had recently had pups. He gave them away to "responsible owners". Was he intending to have his dog desexed? No, he doesn't believe in interfering with nature. I say that the dog is young and she will have a lot more pups and she's in for a hard life. He assures me the dog won't have any more pups. How come if she is not desexed? No problem, he assures me, 'I've invented a CHASTITY BELT for her'.

My tabby and white boss, Trixie, joins me in wishing you and your cats a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Whoops! I almost forgot. I'm not asking for donations either, but we always need lots of those, especially bric-a-brac, cookware, jewellery and books.

CAN YOU HELP???



THE PACT FOR SURVIVAL HUMANS AND THEIR ANIMAL COMPANIONS

THE PACT FOR SURVIVAL Humans and Their Animal Companions, Dr Jonica Newby, ABC Books, \$19.95.

Why is a book mainly on dogs being reviewed in Cat Affairs? Many of us are dual species owners and, more importantly, the 'Pact' between humans and their major animal mates concerns cats as well. The history of man's relationship with dogs has been more easily documented but cats also feature very strongly in the evolution of humans. In *Pact For Survival*, Dr Newby has written about the how, why's and necessity of pet integration into our lives and has spiced 'Pact' with a deft sense of humour that makes this fascinating subject very easily readable.

Why are dogs and cats so essential to us, both in the past and even more in our hectic present? Why is it that dogs are the product of human development and could not function without an interaction with humans? (Feral dogs subsist on the edge of a community - feral cats need no humanity at all). How did the wolf alter in type and personality to become the only forerunner of the modern dog in all its shapes and sizes? Why are cats so beloved, worshipped - and vilified throughout history?

Modern research is consistent in saying that pets are essential for our mental and physical health. A lot about this facet of pet ownership has appeared in the media but 'Pact' presents the facts more in depth and also presents a chilling direction that pet ownership is taking due to the refusal of contemporary planning bodies to include room for pets in current and future housing complexes.

'Pact' presents an opportunity to get a clear picture of the importance of dogs and cats from generations gone to generations to come. If you're interested in the welfare and future of pets, *Pact* is a good starting point to gain vital information on the past, present and future of our animals as it incorporates up-to-date research and interviews with some of the world's leading experts.

The Pact For Survival is an enthralling account of this immensely subtle and complex relationship between human, canine and feline. Highly recommended. ☺☺☺☺

Cover Story

'All Seasons Santa Claus' A 'Hard Case' Placer

If Santa Claus is the embodiment of cheer, good fellowship and happiness, then Gregory Bolton personifies St Nick's image. He doesn't slip down chimneys, guide reindeer or bring toys to children - but what he does do is far more important to the CPS.

The Cat Protection Society would like to extend a big thank you to Gregory Bolton. Gregory owns an off beat gifts and homewares shop next door to our office on Enmore Road. Gregory expressed an interest in getting a tabby cat - but he wanted to take on a 'hard case', a cat we would have difficulty finding a home. After a couple of months we finally found what we thought Gregory was looking for. We presented him with a 2-3 year old tabby who had been surrendered to the office by some people whose neighbours had moved away and left the cat behind.

After a slight show of reservation Gregory took him and named him Brian. Office staff and friends of Gregory's could not believe the immediate bond between Gregory and Brian. The comment is often passed that they 'were made for each other'. Brian helps Gregory with the success of his business by lazing in Gregory's shop window to the delight of the customers when they realise there's a real cat in the midst of all the stock. Brian is now famous to customers and shopkeepers alike on Enmore Road.

Riding on Brian's success, Gregory has found homes for another six 'hard case' tabbies, all whom have fitted into their new homes perfectly. Gregory says he likes full tabbies because 'they are strong and live forever and they're unpolluted from interbreeding'. Gregory has a real talent for choosing just the right cat for friends and acquaintances. We thank him sincerely for all the support he has given to the Cat Protection Society and we thank him on behalf of six happily homed 'Hard-to-Placers' who are sharing the true meaning of Christmas by getting and giving so much love.

♡ CAUGHT ♡

Ann Davis

I found them on the bed
heads close together
bodies curled in sleep
at seventeen
she was too young
too old
to scold
and I quietly left the room
grateful for the innocence
of this woman-child
who defied my rules
yet still preferred
the company of her cat.

Kersti Seksel

Animal Behaviour Consultant

A behaviour problem is really when the pain of owning a pet starts to outweigh the pleasure of owning it.

I am a veterinarian and a registered animal behaviour consultant. The way animals behave has always interested me. I felt it was important to be involved in this area when I was working in England. It was there my interest was really stimulated, and perhaps fueled, as it was there that I discovered that the most common reason puppies under 1 year of age die, was not because they were run over, or died of disease, but they were euthanased due to behaviour problems. In fact, the average age of dogs and cats in Australia is 3.5 years, which is well below their biological potential. I felt there should be something that could be done.

Currently I work in companion animal practice so most cases I see involve dogs and cats that present with a range of problems from aggression to obsessive compulsive disorders. Other animals that behaviourists see can include horses, pigs, birds and dolphins.

A behaviour problem is really when the pain of owning a pet starts to outweigh the pleasure of owning it. Many behaviour problems are normal behaviours that are socially unacceptable and irritating to their owners, while others may be potentially dangerous, either to people, other animals or to the pet itself.

The most common behaviour problems we see in cats are aggression and elimination problems.

Cats are usually thought to be the cleanest of animals so most owners find it distressing, and unacceptable, when their cat starts to urinate indoors (not in its litter tray), spray on the furniture or defaecate in the middle of the carpet.

Elimination problems are the most common behavioural problem reported in cats and often the most responsive to therapy. In 1992 Dr Judith Blackshaw reported that 33% of the behavioural referrals to The University of Queensland Companion Animal Practice involved inappropriate elimination. Of these 32% involved urine spraying, 32% urination, 10% defaecation while 19% both urination and defaecation.

While inappropriate elimination is not a dangerous problem like aggression, it can be life threatening to the cat. As this behaviour is socially unacceptable to the owner it may mean euthanasia for the cat. Both males and females, desexed and entire, have been reported to exhibit elimination problems and it is seen in all breeds and age groups. It can often be seen as a response to anxiety. Aggression towards people or other cats is the second most common behavioural problem reported. In fact, 80% of cats are reported to hiss at each other and 70% will occasionally fight with each other while 25% of cats growl or hiss periodically at people.

There are many types of aggression recognised in cats ranging from redirected aggression, irritable aggression to territorial aggression, predatory, play, fear, inter-male and redirected aggression. This classification is based on the apparent purpose of the aggression and the target of the aggression. Some types are more easily treated than others as aggression involves a multitude of factors.

Aggression of any sort is always a very serious problem and consideration of the risks involved in keeping aggressive cats must be made, especially where the elderly or children are involved. Safety is the first priority. There are many reasons for aggression and it takes time and effort to resolve with no guarantees that the behaviour will become acceptable or totally resolved, but most cats do improve significantly with treatment.

One of the most common questions asked is 'how do I introduce a new cat into a household with an existing cat?'

It is important to remember that just because you may want a new kitten or another cat - it does not mean the resident cat wants one. It may be very happy being 'an only child'. You may see the new kitten as cute and desirable, however the resident cat may perceive it to be an intruder. It takes time to introduce two cats to ensure the minimum of problems. Even then the two cats may learn to tolerate each other, and share territory, but never be great friends and groom or sleep with each other.

It is important to introduce the cats to each other slowly and in a very positive light. It is never a good idea to just let them loose together and see what happens or to let them sort it out if there is a confrontation. Initially separate the cats. One should have the run of the house, the other should be confined to one room. The cats will then be able to smell and hear each other but not see or interact. Each day rotate the rooms until each cat has been in every room. You will need to provide each cat with a litter tray.

If there has been no sign of hissing or growling during this period, then the cats should be introduced to each other at feeding time. Place them both in separate cages at either end of the room and provide them with something very tasty, preferably something they only get as a special treat. Feed them 5-6 small meals a day. Over a period of days and feeding periods, gradually move the two cages closer and closer together, always making sure no hissing or growling occurs. One at a time the cats should then be let out under supervision and as long as no growling or hissing occurs they can gradually interact for longer periods of time. It's important thing to take things slowly. If you go too fast too soon you may well undo all the good work you have done. After all, isn't a few weeks of patience worth years of pleasure!

Punishment is not an effective way of changing behaviour in people, dogs or cats and if an already anxious animal gets into more trouble it can only increase anxiety. The most effective reprimands are those that appear to be unconnected with you.

On the whole, punishment in cats tends to be ineffective, especially when the motivation is particularly high or the cat is very anxious.

Sometimes a cat showing aggression to another cat needs to be medicated with anti-anxiety medication to help resolve the problem.

Your veterinarian will be able to advise on the most suitable treatment options or refer you to a behaviour consultant.



DR **Kersti Seksel**

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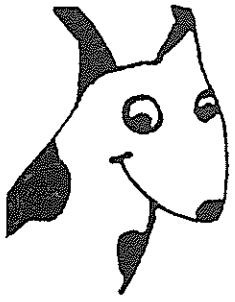
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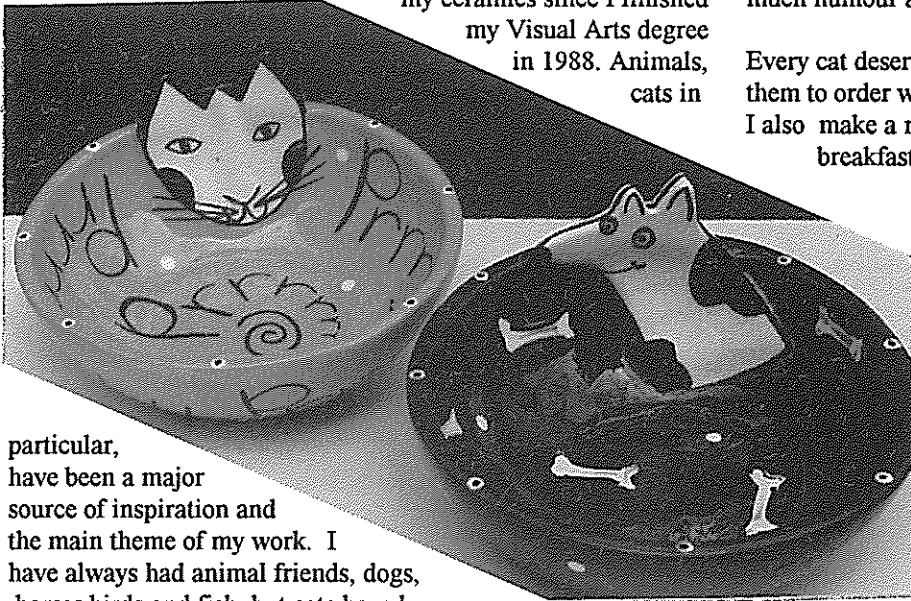
Murf, is enjoying her 'Single cat' status and she provides me with much humour and inspiration.

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Cats know how to live the good life and enjoy themselves - they don't take any nonsense! When I'm feeling down or stressed out I try to make my life more cat-like. Then I realise the important things are the simple things; the pleasures of sleeping, eating, playing. I draw inspiration from this for my work and my life.

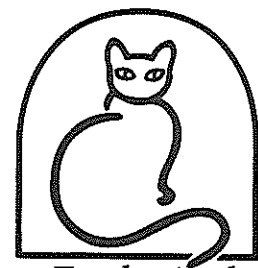
particular, have been a major source of inspiration and the main theme of my work. I have always had animal friends, dogs, horses birds and fish, but cats have been continually by my side, on my lap, in my bed!

I started making a few cat bowls and plates for my own pussies to use about 8 years ago and since then I haven't stopped making them - the demand for them has been incredible. Cats are continually posing, therefore they make great subjects. Cats are sleek, sensual, fluid and often humorous. The main model for my work has been Larny, my dear black and white cat who passed away recently. My other cat, Miss



You can find my work at **PUSS 'N POOCH GALLERY**, 269-271 Darling St, Balmain, AD163, 92 glebe Point Rd, Glebe, **EAST CHATSWOOD CAT CLINIC**, 346 Penshurst St, Willoughby or contact me directly: Tracie Bertram, 43 Bryant St, Tighes Hill, Newcastle 2297 049 696-657.

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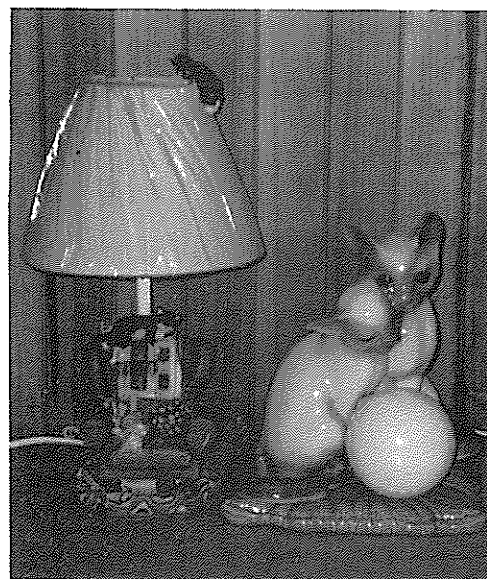
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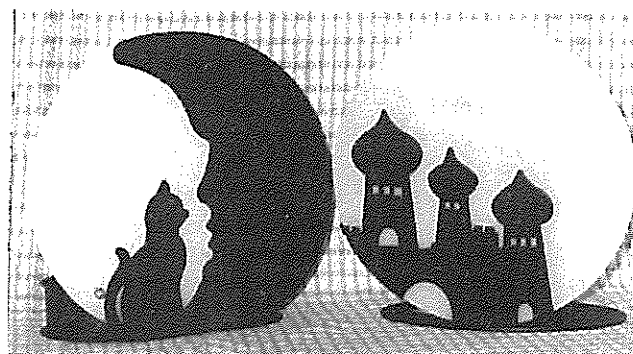


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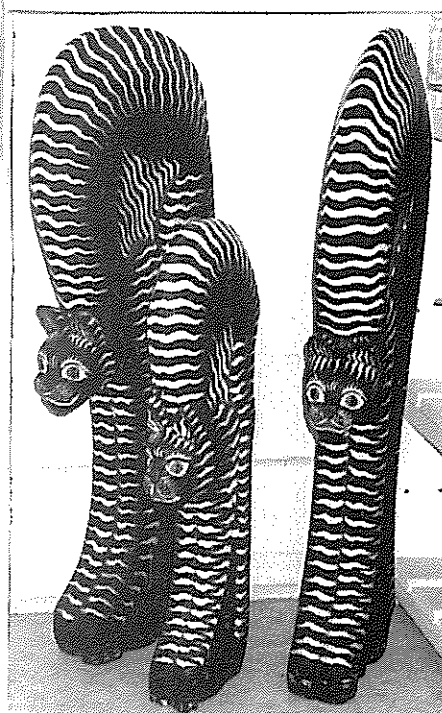
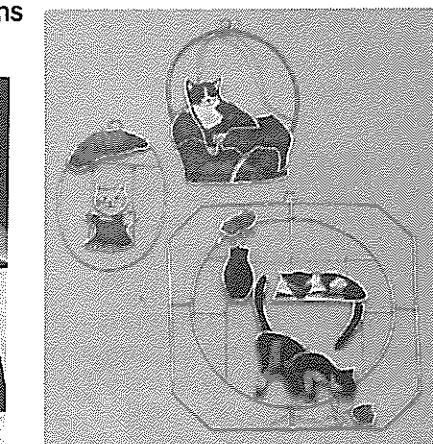
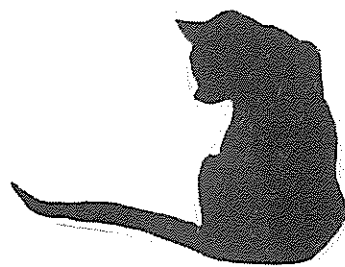


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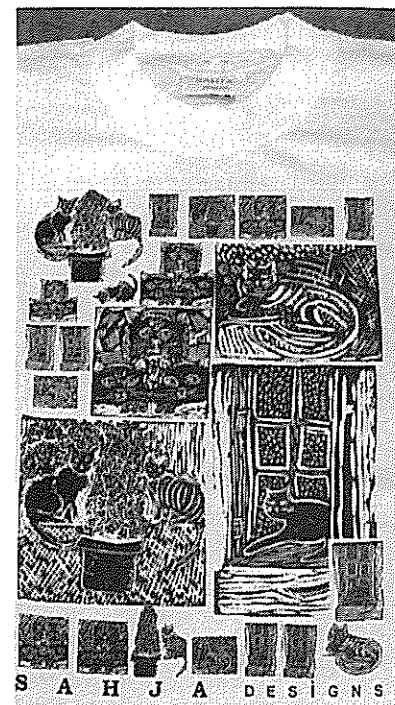
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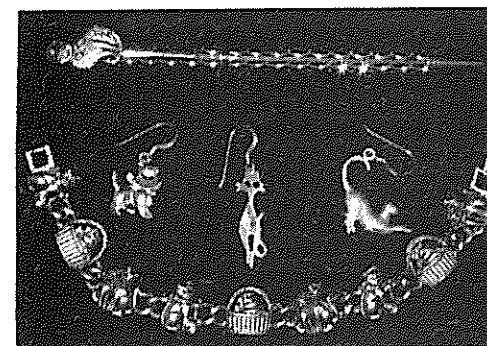
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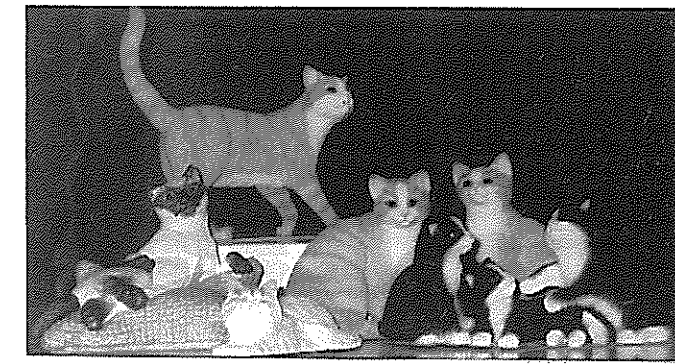
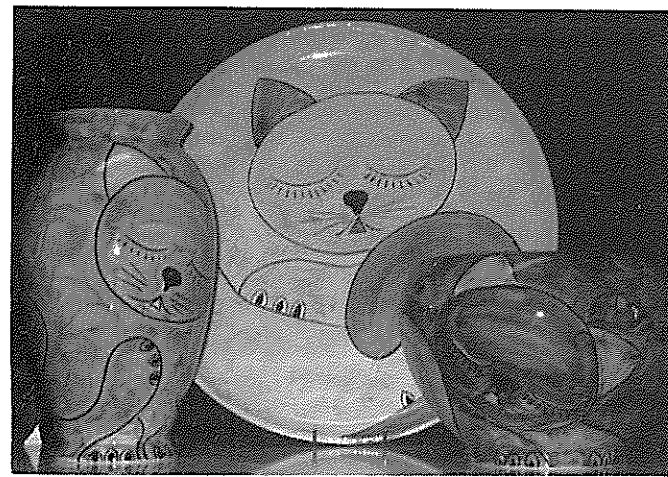


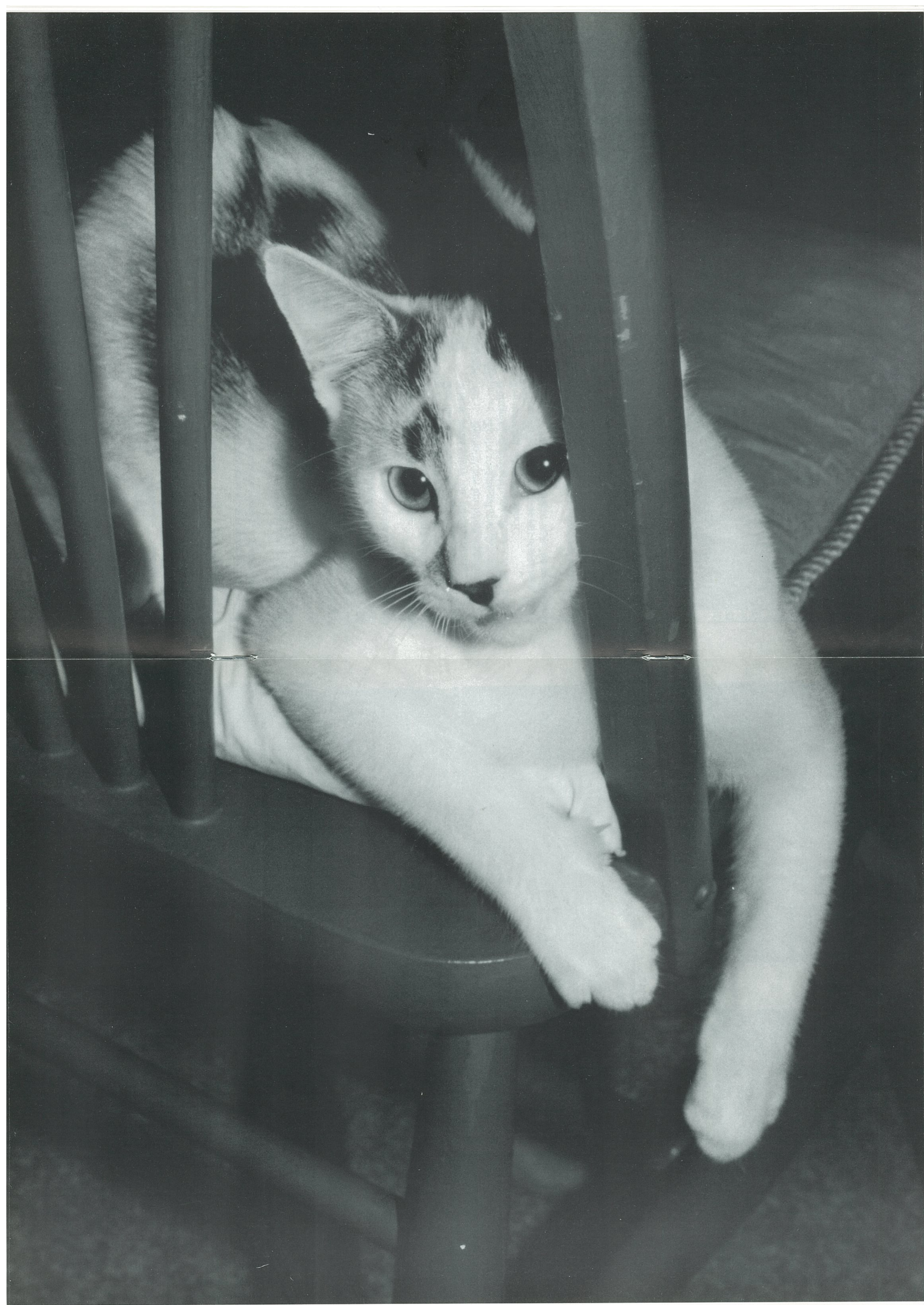
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REMEMBRANCE

VALE DOROTHY DULLO

It is with regret that we report the passing of Dorothea Dullo, age 86, in July 1997.

Miss Dullo served on the CPS Council from 1976-1982. She lived in Woollahra where, for many years, she carried out field work, rescuing stray cats in the Eastern suburbs. The cats were housed at her own premises until she was able to find other homes. Even when her health was failing, she still maintained her interest in helping strays whenever possible.

The Society pays tribute to her compassion, courage, selflessness and untiring efforts on behalf of neglected and homeless cats. May her acts of kindness to cats and to human beings long be remembered. Our condolences go to her family.



HEATHER CORNISH

In memory of Heather Cornish and the many cats she loved and spoiled during her 94 years.

E Parker, Birrong

MING

In loving memory of Ming, my seal point Siamese, who was put to sleep at 17 years - at rest in heaven with Lotah. Sadly missed by Koman and Socks.
Julian Miles, Strathfield

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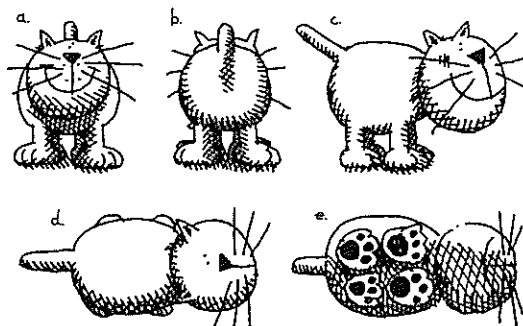
In memory of my darling Holly, aged 15 years, 9 months, at rest 18 June, 1997. A constant companion, missed more than words can convey.
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In this article we focus on the effect and treatment of stains caused by cat urine on your carpets

STAINS

By far the most serious problem people have with their cats relating to carpets are those caused by urine *you know, that foul smell you tracked down to behind the sofa!* Urine is a problem in two areas:-

- It will discolour many carpets permanently with the uric acid causing a yellow discolouration; and
- Initially an old urine stain will be black due to the stain picking up dirt and dust (*yes - even out of the air!*), but when cleaned it will leave a permanent light yellow stain.

A good carpet cleaner may be able to disguise the stain a little, but by and large it is permanent. Therefore, the sooner you treat the problem the more chance you have of minimising the damage. Unfortunately, cats being cats don't advertise the fact they have wet on your expensive wool carpet.

FIBRE TYPES

The three most common types of carpet fibres are wool, nylon & polypropylene and as you will see their reaction to urine varies greatly. For example:-

Wool is most affected as it is very absorbent. It will absorb up to 30% of its weight in moisture so it can be impossible to "extract" all the bacteria which causes the odour.

Nylon absorbs less (around 3%) but will still hold the bacteria and will also discolour with urine.

Polypropylene absorbs virtually nothing (.1 of 1%) and is the perfect choice of carpet for catteries or anywhere else where urine stains are expected to be a regular problem. It is an extruded carpet fibre - (basically like plastic) - and the colour is right through the fibre. It is commonly used in hospitals and housing commission homes and is very cheap to buy. Another benefit is that providing the backing of the carpet is also polypropylene, it can be cleaned with almost any common cleaning agent. However, it is not a "luxurious" carpet. Due to its tendency to crush it is usually used in low loop pile carpets.

ODOUR CONTROL

The Odour caused by urine is as a result of the bacteria it contains. This becomes "locked" into the fibre and will never be effectively treated if just extracted. It needs to be destroyed/neutralised as it will be reactivated with moisture (either out of the atmosphere or through cleaning).

Most carpet cleaners will say they can treat the odour with a deodoriser. If you are lucky, they will manage to mask the odour for a few hours - but the odour will be activated by humidity or moisture. Deodorisers are not the solution.

Odours must be first treated with a specific urine cleaning agent, then with an odour neutraliser/absorber which locks onto the cause of the odour and neutralises it. In severe cases the only option is to lift the carpet, remove and replace the underlay and treat the floor and backing of the carpet. This repair method may cost more, but it is the only way you can ensure the problem won't reoccur. There is no point in just treating the face fibres of the carpet if the urine has penetrated to the backing and onto the. In most cases a professional can treat the carpet backing and the floor without having to lift the carpet.

HANDY HINTS

It is not recommended to overwet the carpet by trying to "mop" up the mess with excessive water and detergents - this will damage the carpet causing "browning" stains.

The best initial treatment is done by simply blotting up the urine or scooping the solids, and then dabbing the stain with a damp white cloth. The carpet cleaner will do the rest!

It is very important never to use common disinfectant, domestos or spray'n'wipe etc on your carpets as they can cause permanent damage. Use only approved carpet treatments!

Another tip is that cats dislike the smell of citrus, so try spraying a citrus deodoriser around the cats favourite toilet area on your carpet to discourage it.

CONFUSED ?

If you live in the Sydney area and would like further information or advice, you may wish to contact us at:-

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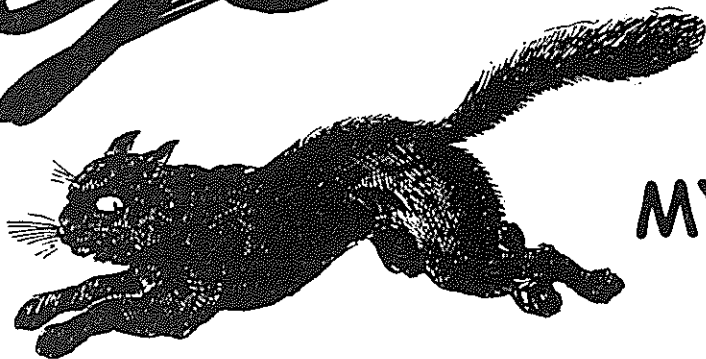
For other readers nationwide, we strongly recommend you contact the Australian Carpet Cleaners Institute (the foremost authority on carpet cleaning) on phone (043) 254 220. They will be able to provide you with the phone number of a Qualified technician in your area.

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MY SWEET TITUS

The story of my feral cat
Lynette Shanley

Eight years ago my 8 cats and I moved from the city to the mountains, a move I had looked forward to for some time. I was sure the cats would also appreciate the move. Within 2 weeks of moving into our new house I noticed a very beautiful champagne coloured cat hanging around our garden. He had worked out that where there were 8 cats there had to be food. He was extremely pretty but oh so skinny. He was skin and bones. Several times I took food out to him but he just hissed and snarled and took off. He was frightened of me.

I started putting food just outside the door and then went inside, closed the door and watched him from the laundry windows. He gulped the food down and then licked the bowl clean. Each time I increased the quantity of food and he always ate everything in the bowl. About a month later I noticed he licked the food instead of eating it, even though he was hungry. I realised I had to trap him and get him to a vet. For a day I refused to put food out so he would be so hungry he would enter the trap.

It worked. As I picked up the cage he hissed, snarled and went for my fingers. Everything I had heard about feral cats being vicious was true. It turned out his teeth were so bad all but one had to be removed. I also had him desexed.

The people next door said he had been hanging around for years, always looking for food. They informed me that they considered him to be so ugly they threw rocks at him to get rid of him. I told them he was beautiful and that I had taken responsibility for feeding him. I told them he was my cat.

I watched as his gums healed and watched as he put on some weight. With healthy food and regular meals he grew even more beautiful. It was hard to believe that such a beautiful cat had been an unloved cat.

A few weeks later he was limping. I had to trap him again - which was not easy. He remembered that I had trapped him and it took time and patience to get him the second time. This time he had an abscess on his paw pad.

Over the following months he started to come inside. He was

getting along with the other cats and he sometimes slept with them in the sun. He was enjoying feline company when he didn't have to compete for food.

One morning, as I turned on the bedside lamp, he ran from under the bed. This happened for several mornings. A woollen rug was placed under the bed and every night when all the lights were out and all was quiet he would creep through the cat door, go under the bed and curl up to sleep on the rug. This was his spot for the next eight years.

He soon started eating with my cats, curling up in front of the heater, coming and going in the house as he pleased - but never allowing me to get close to him. The time I accidentally cornered him he was ready to tear me apart.



I named him Titus, after Emperor Titus who also had fought many battles. I yearned to pick Titus up and stroke him, hold him and tell him I loved him. However, if I wanted him to stay where there was food and warmth I had to forget my own needs. I told him from a distance he was a loved cat.

We became a very happy household - as long as I didn't get close to Titus. Titus mellowed with the years, allowing me to lessen the gap, but getting close enough to pat him was a definite No. I accepted him into our house on his terms. It had to be that way.

Titus became playful, he started purring a lot and also became mischievous. His favourite mischief was to get the end of the toilet roll and run through the house dragging toilet paper behind him. With a full tummy and a warm place to sleep, he became a different cat.



I regret never being able to get close enough for a good photo. Whenever I had visitors he would sit at the back door and watch with the door covering half his face. The right side was concealed behind the door as he watched with his left eye only. He must have thought we couldn't see him. He became known as 'The Cat Who Only Shows Half His Face'.

More than 7 years later we moved to Portland. Titus was trapped again but it was obvious he remembered the previous trappings. While he was hissing and snarling I used a pill popper to give him a tranquiliser. Even dopey he was able to make his concerns heard. He tried to rip the cage apart. However, he soon settled into the house and reclaimed his spot under my bed. Life continued as before.

Then, 4-5 months later, I noticed he started to drink excessively and he was losing weight. The vet advised me to wait until he stopped eating or showed signs of pain. Being feral, he could not be treated with medication because I could not handle him or catch him regularly. I was angry over the position I was in. I wanted to help Titus but couldn't.

The day came when he only nibbled at breakfast and then went out and curled up on the ice covered grass. I tried to approach him but he ran to another part of the garden. I knew something was wrong. After lunch he came in bleeding from the mouth. It turned out he had cut his tongue but the bleeding would not stop and over the next hour he lost pools of blood. Eventually I was able to throw a heavy rug over him. I expected him to struggle but he didn't and he slept in the carry cage on the way to the vet. He was weak from loss of blood.

The vet advised the kindest thing to do was to put him to sleep. Titus plucked up all his courage and energy tried to attack the vet as the vet sedated him. For five minutes I hugged him, patted him, stroked him and told him close up how much he was loved. My needs were finally met but he was dying of a fatal blood disease and the vet soon euthanased him. I buried him in the garden he loved.

My relationship with Titus taught me a few things about feral cats.

- 1) Any relationship must be on their terms.
- 2) Trap them only when necessary. It becomes harder each time as they do remember the previous episodes.
- 3) If a feral animal develops an illness that needs constant medication you can't treat the illness. The kindest thing to do is to put the animal to sleep, regardless of it's age.
- 4) You will need to be content knowing that you did all you could, when you could. I know Titus died knowing he was loved and knowing what it was like to live The Good Life.

The cat's skeleton contains 230 bones, compared with 206 bones in man.

CARING & SHARING

Our Welfare Officers visited the Ella Community Centre at Haberfield. The Ella Community Centre is operated by the Uniting Church and provides a range of social and educational activities for residents with special needs such as the aged or disabled. The CPS visited on two occasions taking along some lovely adolescent cats for the elderly to hold. These residents are not able to have their own pets so they were delighted with the opportunity to hold and stroke the cats. Our staff had a great time talking to the residents about the Cat Protection Society and our aims. A good time was had by all, as the faces in the photos show. The Cat Protection Society wish the Ella Community Centre all the best in their work.



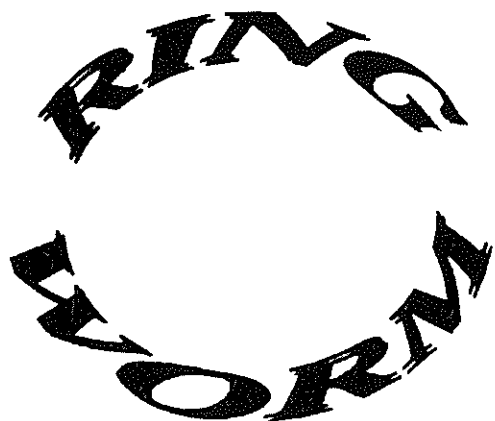
resident George Ashbury and a CPS kitten

MY VIEW FROM THE PATIO ©

A queisting bird picks at the cat's dish to flutter away when challenged.
Proud of having routed the enemy
a tiger stalks the yard.

Ann Davis





THE FACTS ABOUT THE FUNGUS

Dr Kim Kendall
BVSc, MRCVS

Skin diseases get everyone's attention - especially with cats as a glistening hair coat is their trademark of excellence. So how big of a problem is ringworm - is it only that we can see it that it bothers us?

There are actually several categories of Ringworm as a disease, ranging from 'self-limiting' (the cat fixes itself and treatment doesn't speed things up) right up to 'very severe, consider euthanasia'. The variety embodied within the disease is the result of a combination of genetics, environmental exposure and age-related immunity in each individual.

Is ringworm really a worm? No. It is fungus like mushrooms and toadstools, and the 'ring' shape occurs because it grows in the same way as a 'toadstool ring' - the fungus in the middle dies while the new strands grow around the edge. The redness (on people) is due to the skin's reaction to the Fungal irritation as the 'Fungal fingers' grow into the surface skin, and the spores (dormant 'eggs') develop in the hair shaft causing it to show us the typical bald patch lesion.

Ringworm in cats

The ringworm fungi (there are several species, the main one on cats being *Microsporum canis*) can all live in the environment. Spores from a horse's ringworm lived on a girth for 20 years! It is the survival of infectious elements in the environment which makes control or any attempt at elimination so difficult. Most cats have the ability to develop an immunity to the fungal invasion, and after their first bout (and it is usually a mild one), will rarely have the problem again. This is the normal situation, as otherwise cats would be getting infected every day if they dig in the garden!

Ringworm is usually only a problem in young cats, as their immunity is not fully developed, and they can have a fairly big problem if they are infected when very young. However they can usually cope after they have been treated and then it doesn't happen again. This is age-related immunity and is also a common variation of the problem, particularly in kittens stressed by being weaned too early, being in a heavily contaminated environment or coming in contact with an infected cat before their immune system can fight it off.

These are typically 'pet shop' or 'market' kittens, although it occasionally happens when kittens come from a single cat home. These will get better with treatment and are then unlikely to have a problem again, unless their immune system is assaulted (e.g. chemo therapy, FIV, FeLV, even pregnancy which is a special

state of immune incompetency). The biggest problem is in cats whose ability to fight the fungus for themselves is impaired. There are also 'carrier cats' who have no lesions on their body, but always have some of their hair infected and acting as a reservoir waiting to cause problems in other cats. These are typically longhaired cats, in a colony with an ongoing problem where nearly every kitten gets ringworm when it is young. So there is lots of environmental contamination, the stress of large numbers of cats living together, and a genetic inability to develop a ringworm-rejecting immunity. Many of these cats will get several infections over their lifetime, and some can become so debilitated that euthanasia is considered. This level of severity is rare even in longhair cats. In terms of a breeding cattery, however, regular outbreaks of ringworm are a big problem, and it can amount to being impossible to eliminate even with the most courageous attack (and no expense spared - and it can be very costly).

Ringworm in people

Yes, people do get ringworm from cats and dogs and the garden and other people and horses and cows Again, it is mostly children, pregnant ladies and those whose immune system is damaged. The response in people is the same - one episode results in fairly long term immunity, but in some individuals the fungus invades their hair and nail beds and creates a severe, ongoing medical catastrophe. It is because of this potential, especially for young children, that ringworm in cats needs to be taken seriously. Does it mean having no cats near children? No - children can get ringworm from other children at school (and give it to their cat!) And this is, in fact, a common scenario. It does mean that little bald patches, on kittens especially, should not be ignored, but there is no need to escalate the problem.

Treatment

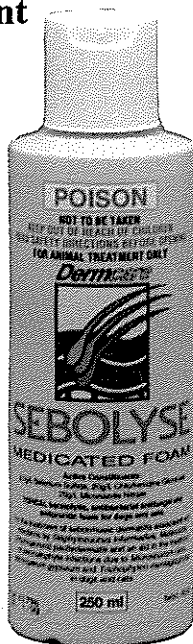
Fortunately, time has passed and there are now very effective treatments for ringworm. Creams and ointments are not much use on cats (it all goes into the cat too quickly to do much good). However, washing is an excellent treatment and even a preventative. The shampoo **Malaseb** has been developed by an Aussie veterinary dermatologist, and it solves several problems. The shampoo actually inactivates spores and kills the fungus on the cat's skin and hair, and helps to decontaminate the environment where the cat sleeps, etc. It works after only two washes where other 'surface' treatments (chlorhexidine, iodofors and chlorine-based washes) need 4-8 repetitions twice a week. In mild cases (one bald patch on foot or face) a couple of Malaseb washes is all that is needed, so that the human and feline family are protected. If the kitten is actually 'sick' with ringworm (which means fungus all over their body) then it needs to be washed and to have tablets that kill the fungus more deeply in the skin. If the cat has had several episodes of ringworm infection, then long term washing and intermittent use of tablets may keep it happy. (It is a lot of work to wash a longhair cat twice a week for 3-6 months, but devotion will do it!)

Ringworm has been with us for millennia, and most of us - feline and human - have no problems with co-existing with the fungus, suffering neither disease or distress. However, the lives of a significant few can be disrupted and permanently damaged by a fungal invasion. Attention to hygiene and reducing stress are actually as important in managing this infection as medical treatment. Vigilance is warranted, but not vengeance - the cat is not always the primary link in the ringworm chain.

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HLS REVISITED

Melinda Page

I read your article on Hollow Leg Syndrome in Cats. Having been a cat owner for many years, I can relate to this Syndrome very well. As a child, I grew up with a cat named Yashmac who had HLS. Yashmac also had associated symptoms including "Spring Feet" which would cause him to suddenly land on the table during meals (often on one's plate) and "Sleep Eating Disorder" which caused him to dream about food and chew even while asleep.

The article failed to mention that HLS is also found in canines. This can be a very serious problem as dogs tend to be out with their owners more than cats and seem easily able to convince the public that they do not have HLS, but have not been fed this week. For readers who also own a dog and are concerned their dog might have HLS, it may be helpful to note the following symptoms.

- 1) Instant awakening from deep sleep/coma should anyone in the house approach the kitchen.
- 2) Basically untrainable, but has runs and sits perfectly in front of the microwave when the 'ready' bell sounds.
- 3) The usual vicious barking to protect owners from any visitors does not occur when the Pizza Deliverer arrives.
- 4) The ability to climb or stretch as never before as the cat's food bowl is placed higher and higher out of reach.

I hope this is of help to fellow readers, but I must warn you that as yet I have not found a cure.

CHARACTER CATS

JANETTE LOUGHREY Ceramic Artist

Janette Loughrey, a skilled ceramic artist, set out to create some comical, charismatic cats and succeeded brilliantly. Her cats are cheeky and the essence of all things feline, and her decorative borders on the large display plates clearly illustrate her talent.

Janette's skill is apparent in her painted wares and she also makes sleek burnt clay cats that embody the feline. Janette Loughrey exhibits at the INNER CITY CLAYWORKERS GALLERY on the corner of St Johns Road and Darghan Street, Glebe. She does a variety of work; plates, mugs, bowls, dishes, and statuary. Her wares are cast, thrown or slab built and range from earthy items (such as her range of garden prowling cat figures) to the sophistication of her cream/black and gold range of cast plates, mugs and brooches. Janette made this black and gold range for a 'feature artist' appearance at the Clayworkers Gallery.



Animals can offer us a way home. In their innocence and wisdom, in their connection to the earth and its most ancient rhythms, they show us a way back to a home they have never left.

As we observe the lives of the many creatures who live with and around us, what unfolds is an array of opportunities to learn about ourselves and our world, to grasp life's paradoxes, ironies and mysteries that surround and often confuse us. The messages can be as formidable and dramatic as animal imagery that aids us in healing disease, or as subtle and ordinary as a sleeping cat in the sun who offers the gentle reminder to 'slow down', relax, enjoy life'.

(*Animals as Teachers and Healers*, Susan Chemak McElroy)

BOOK REVIEWS

Lee Wright

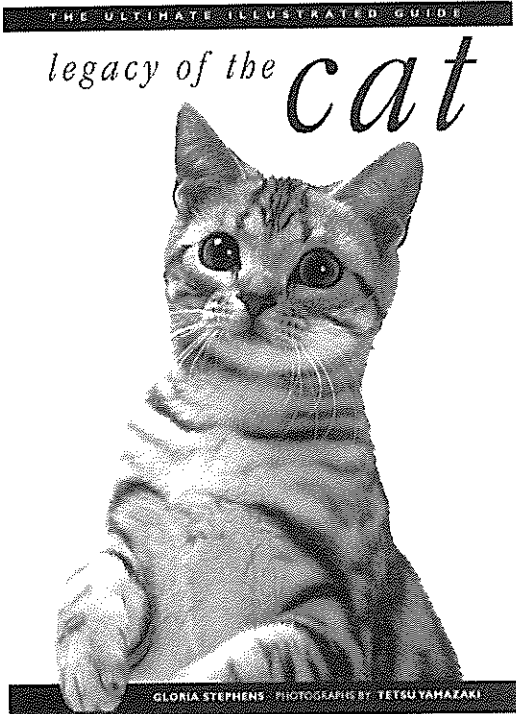
So many good books! What a wealth of Christmas choice in fact, fiction and fun. If you don't find what you want here - then check the shelves of your local book store. Indulge!! (Don't miss the review on page 7)

FAT CATS, distributed by Peribo \$24.95 is full of photos of the most gloriously fat felines imaginable, including the fattest cat in the world, Himmie from Cairns, Qld. Anyone with a cat with a penchant to 'paunch' will love this book. ☺☺☺☺

CATS IN LOVE distributed by Peribo, \$24.95 is a photo fest of cats in affectionate moments. This book has numerous short stories but it's the photos that star. The cover is wonderful but the two follow-on photos of the horse love-biting the cat (who is all but falling off the fence in ecstasy) are worth framing. We know love is out there - but this book proves it ☺☺☺☺

LEGACY OF THE CAT by Gloria Stephens, photos by Tetsu Yamazaki, distributed by Peribo \$29.95. This book is billed as 'the ultimate illustrated guide' and I concur. In my years of reviewing books (and I am addicted to looking up Devon Rex in

any cat book), this is only the second book I have come across that depicts pedigree cats of superb type. 'Legacy' has excellent colour and sketch illustrations of hair types, colours, body types, eyes, breed skeletal differences. It gives a short description of 37 breeds wonderfully illustrated plus a good

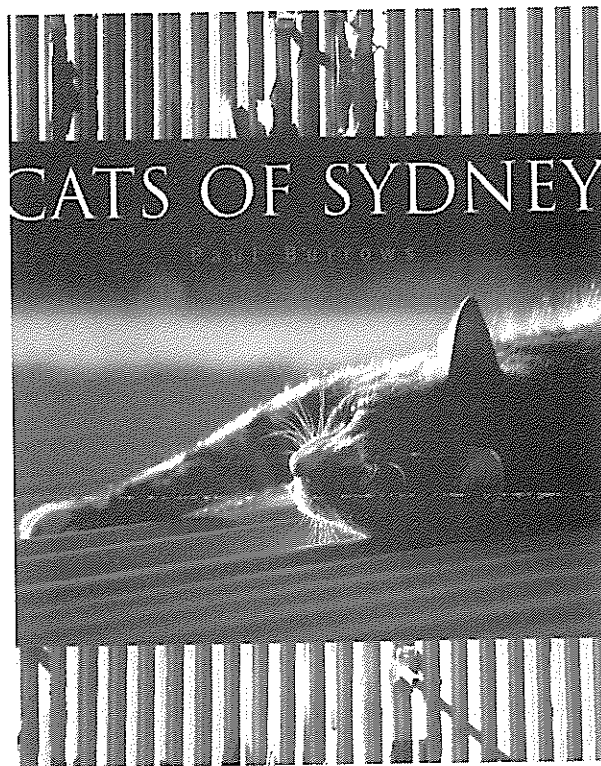


glossary of colour and type definitions. Using mainly photographs ably supported with excellent copy, it is an ideal book for a cat lover a bit more committed to felines than just 'happy-to-have-one about-the-house'. Well illustrated for learning. ☺☺☺☺

THE INDISPENSABLE CAT, Jean-Claude Soares, Peribo Books, \$19.95. This book presents an eye-catching selection of art, prose, poetry and photography celebrating our indispensable felines. Value for money is unsurpassed and it will delight anyone who loves cats and art. If you're looking for a present that looks and is a great deal more than the cost - this is it. ☺☺☺☺

CATS OF THE GREEK ISLANDS DAYBOOK Hans Silvester, Thames & Hudson, \$29.95. The definitive daybook for cat lovers. A working book of outstanding cat photos. ☺☺☺☺

CATS OF SYDNEY, Paul Burrows, Random House, \$45. 120 glorious colour photos of cats in all walks of life in Sydney. From swank suburbia, to housing commission, from street cats to aristo-cats, from supreme indulgence to a working life, a photo extravaganza reflecting the varied Australian life style of Sydney's cats throughout our magnificent city. ☺☺☺☺

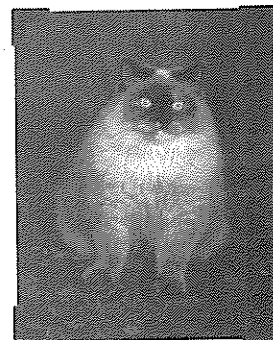


THE CHINESE SIAMESE CAT by Amy Tan & Gretchen Schields, Grolier Aust, \$23.95. The story tells how Siamese cats got their points. Its fun and the illustrations make this a book for the 7 - 77's. Certain to delight. ☺☺☺☺

KITTEN TALES, Sally Grindley & Kate Simpson, Grolier Australia, \$24.95. The youngsters will love this from the read-to-me age to learning to read and beyond. It tells of Mumcat and her family of 8 and the antics each of the kittens get up to. ☺☺☺☺

THE QUOTABLE FELINE, Peribo, \$29.95 A selection of 20 cards with 5 different cat photos in sepia is superbly boxed for presentation and use. Each card is blank inside and has a cat quote on the back. The illustrations have warmth and elegance and the price works out to \$1.50 per card (for which you would easily pay \$3-3.50 individually in a shop). Great value for keeping in touch.

The Quotable Feline



Illustrated by: Alice, (1971-74)
English poetry by: E. E. Cummings and J. Keats

SLEEPING IN THE SUN, Hans Silvester, Thames & Hudson \$49.95. This is the third release in what is now a series of photographic books on Cats of the Greek Islands by this world renowned feline photographer. For my money, this is the best out of the three but that is purely a personal choice as each book is great. This latest release catches most subjects doing what cats do so well, snoozing beautifully. You won't sleep while you're reading it - SO GET IT - you won't regret it. ☺☺☺☺

DONATION FORM

The Membership Secretary, The Cat Protection Society of NSW,
103 Enmore Road, ENMORE NSW 2042 Ph (02) 9557-1011, 9519-7201

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 ofdollars (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.

WELFARE AT WORK

This is the ad that appeared in the Inner West newspapers. The Cat Protection Society and the local council worked together during September to promote desexing and to minimise feral and stray cat populations by trapping and rehoming where possible. The CPS is always seeking co-operating councils to help more cat owners help reduce the feline over-population in Sydney.



MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL CATS

Council, with the assistance of The Cat Protection Society, is promoting a drive during the month of September in an effort to overcome some of the problems associated with cats.

During September householders are invited to ring the Society on 9557 1011 or 9519 7201 between 9.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday if they require any of the following services:-

- ◆ Unwanted cats and kittens will be picked up and as many as possible placed in new responsible homes
- ◆ Nervous and wild (feral) cats can be collected using special catching cages
- ◆ Subsidised de-sexing of cats will be carried out by qualified veterinary surgeons. A free pickup and return service will operate. N.B. Only the transport is free, the actual cost of de-sexing, whilst done at rates cheaper than normal, must be paid by the cats owners. The actual costs will be negotiated when the Welfare Officer calls to arrange the service required.

Council is concerned at the problems of spread of disease affecting both animals and humans caused by wild and neglected cats, and by the problems created by the usual Spring breeding explosion.

Unwanted kittens lead to many problems and Council is therefore anxious to support any desexing program.

Council fully supports the principle of de-sexing of all domestic animals excepting registered breeders.

Householders are urged to take advantage of the service now being provided - it has never been easier for you to do something to make your pet cat's life a happier and healthier one. You would also be doing your bit for community health.

R. Tracey
Manager, Waste Services

C. Nay
Acting General Manager

CUMBERLAND CLASSIFIEDS — 131 979

A LIFE OR DEATH SENTENCE?

This sign represents a typical scenario of a day in the life of the Cat Protection Society. The office received a call from a lady who wanted to remain anonymous. She reported that a family across the road had moved and left this sign on the telegraph pole outside. Fortunately our Welfare Officer, Sandy, was in the area and she went straight to the address. Sandy collected a mother and two kittens. This type of incident happens hundreds of times and no one rings us. No wonder there is a cat problem. As I stated in my column, it is NOT a cat problem, it's a PEOPLE problem! Irresponsibility is a terrible failing!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Cat Protection Society, 103 Enmore Road, Enmore NSW 2042. Ph 02 9557-1011

I/We apply for membership or renewal of membership of the Society for the year commencing June 1997.
All persons joining from January 1998 remain financial until June 1999.

Subscription	\$1000.00	Life Governor	Pensioner Membership	\$10.00
	\$ 250.00	Life Membership	Junior Membership	\$5.00
	\$ 15.00	Annual Membership	(state birthday)	

Enclosed find cheque/money order for membership \$ + Donation TOTALS.....
Please cross cheques and make payable to THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY of NSW

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss SURNAME Initial
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

NEW MEMBERS

JULY 1997 - OCTOBER 1997

E Barton, Woollahra; Mrs g Bell, Brighton-le-Sands; Mr N Booker, Strawberry Hills; J Bowen, Narrabeen; Mrs V Bower, North Bondi; Mrs D Carlsund, Petersham; Ms C Carter, Glebe; Miss K Champion, Gordon; Mr P Collis, Neutral Bay; B Daniels, Point Clare; MISS b Field, Orange; Ms J Foyle, Kewarra Beach; Mrs W Francis, North Curl Curl; Miss B Freeman-Flood, North Curl Curl; Ms L Funnell, Newtown; F Godney, Leichhardt; Miss P Godwin, Neutral Bay; Ms D Harris, Eastwood; Mrs J Harrison, Roseville; Mr P Hawkins, Paddington; Mr N Hogan, Sydney; Mr R Hornshaw, Tenterfield; Ms S Howard, Gympie; Miss P Hughes, Macksville; Mrs V Jones, Waterloo; Ms H Levenston, Waverley; Miss HR Marks, Newtown; Ms L Marshall, North Bondi; A Mather, Blakehurst; Mrs E McGhee, Lakemba; Ms S McIntyre, Granville; Ms S Miles, Beacon Hill; Miss J Nesbet, Artarmon; Miss A O'Meara, Manly West; Ms J O'Shannessy, Cordeaux Heights; Mrs A Paterson, Penrith; Miss B Phipps, Corrimal; Ms K Prince, Roseville; Mrs J Raby, Balgowlah; M Reid, North Bendigo; Miss J Riley, Rozelle; Mrs L Robinson, Doonside; Miss JM Roden, Woollahra; Mr J Roveen, Auburn; Ms M Saint, Enmore; Mrs B Sciacca, Padstow North; Mrs J Sinclair, Rozelle; Mr E Spicer, Darling Point; Mrs A Storey, Crows Nest; Mrs C Tedesco, Chatswood; Ms M Terry, Mortdale; Mrs L Turnbull, Carrs Park; Mrs D Von Wiederhold, Glebe; Mrs IA Walsh, Oak Flats; Mr P Weir, Double Bay; Mr C Wood, Haberfield; Mrs C Woods, Picnic Point; Miss I Young, Lane Cove.

SEASONAL PURRS TO YOU AND YOUR CATS



New Generation of Flea Control Kills Fleas by Contact

Bayer Australia Ltd has launched Advantage, a superior new generation of flea control for cats. Advantage is an adulticide that starts working almost immediately and kills 98-100% of existing fleas within 24 hours of application. Further flea infestation is prevented for up to 4 weeks, aided by the ability of Advantage to also control the larval stages of fleas in the cat's surroundings.

Pet owners will be happy that bathing, spraying or persuading pets to swallow a pill are no longer necessary. Just squeeze the handy tube as directed and it's all over for fleas. Advantage does not have to be absorbed into the bloodstream, rather, it is a topical solution that spreads on the surface of the skin, and will not stain or colour the pet's hair. Unlike some other flea control products, Advantage does not have to be given with food or on a full stomach. It is a pre-measured topical solution that can be applied quickly and easily by the pet owner by parting the hair on the back of the pet's head and placing the solution on the surface of the skin. The unique solution spreads at the hair root level aided by body movement, providing whole body coverage.

Advantage is available from your vet and comes in two tube sizes.

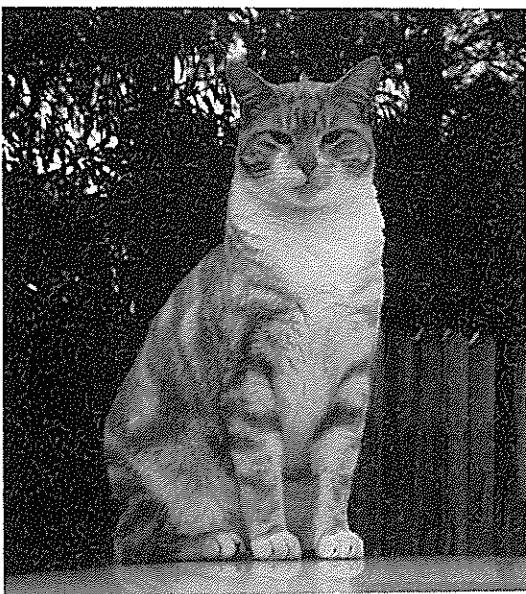
A CLINICAL VIEW OF LIFE

When his home became home to too many cats and he kept coming out on the bottom of the pecking order, the big red and white cat decided it was time to offer his services elsewhere. A 'cat scan' of the neighbourhood turned up several possibilities but the one with the most appeal offered an easily accessible brick courtyard with garden, an open door, and a host of friendly faces.

The first tentative saucer of milk for the poor stray soon developed into more care and attention and it wasn't long before he moved from the courtyard to the reception area of the Newtown Osteopathic Clinic, and then made it to the kitchen. Saucers of milk were accompanied by raw chicken wings (warmed first, thank you very much!) and it became an accepted fact that dinner was at 5:30 - but could be pushed back to 5 with a little more charm.

The only drawback? He never knows who he is, the names change thick and fast. First he was Ginge. No, not because he's ginger, but because of the gingivitis that Carol, the receptionist, and Liz, an osteopath, treated. He was dosed with herbs and treated with acupuncture, seldom has a sick cat had it so good.

The clients took to Ginge but many felt the name was over used. Ginge has a very courageous nature and will stand his ground (or usually his chair) to any dog that visits for osteopathic treatment, so the staff started calling him Leo. They even changed the name of their lotto syndicate to 'Leo's Girls'. However, the only time he responded to Leo was when he was fed chicken wings - so he became Wingboy. At 9am and 5pm you can find Wingboy sitting in front of the microwave - waiting for the warming wings. He miaows and if no one comes to the kitchen he goes downstairs and sits on top of the reception desk. He is a bulky cat so it is better to feed him and get him out of the way then to try to work around him. Ginge/Leo/Wingboy (plus a few other names) has it made! He has become , Newtown, HOME.



TRIM

The cat of Matthews Flinders

Cats have been loved from a very long time ago - and by a huge variety of people. I wrote this poem after seeing the fine statue of Trim, Captain Flinder's well-loved companion cat, at the Mitchell Library of the State Library of NSW.

TRIM ©

Dawn Bruce

Old Trim
stands poised,
one paw lifted,
caught in a moment,
lonely
for his master
the good Captain Flinders

Old Trim
dreams
of the fine scampers
aboard

Investigator.
He savours the taste
of fat furry creatures
tanged with salt spray,
remembers the sway
and swell
of wooden decks
rocking him
into deep slumber.

I reach out to pat
his long smooth back
but feel only the cold
bronze
of a statue.

CAFÉ TRIM

The State Library of NSW on Macquarie Street, Sydney, has opened a mobile café and honoured Australia's first cat hero by naming the café after Trim, Matthew Flinder's cat. (So much for all of you who thought it was a salad bar!)

The café will operate in the open air near Trim's statue from 9:30 am to 3 pm, Monday to Friday and during special events. With good cappuccino, delectable light snacks and sweets, as well as mementoes of Trim on sale as an extra incentive, now is the time for all cat lovers to pay our homage to this feline of renown and help support the library.

The café is situated to take advantage of shade trees and sun and offers a pleasant opportunity for relaxation in the middle of bustling Sydney.

