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# *Cat Affairs*



**MARGARET PROCTOR - CAT ARTIST**



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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE ....

MANY THANKS to all the kind members who have contributed so generously to our Cattery Appeal. As well, even more thanks for all the additional donations to help offset our welfare running costs. Our fund raising to date has exceeded our expectations and most of the thanks go to you, our very supportive members.

Since our last journal there have been some changes to our welfare staff. We lost the services of our CEO, Kathryn Williams, who is now working for Delta, an organisation that provides people in nursing homes and institutions with the joy and company that cats and dogs can bring. With Kathryn's enthusiasm and promotional skills, we know that she will derive much satisfaction and rewards from her new role.

Sue Matysek took over as Office Co-Ordinator. She has proven her ability by handling the office very competently during a bad period of staff illness and she is a many talented lady with a calm and pleasant manner, liked and respected by her colleagues.

Our previously all female staff has now been joined by a young man, Sean Anderson, who has adapted quickly to his new occupation and is carrying out his tasks with skill and compassion. We call Sean the 'gentle giant' as one of his interests is body building. Judith Levitt was hired as Sue's assistant and with her aptitude and friendly disposition, we consider ourselves very fortunate with our new roster of office staff.

Companion Animals Act. At the time of writing this Act is being debated in Parliament. Because of poor drafting, certain clauses have led to many protests from within the Parties, from animal welfare organisations and from the public. Therefore, it is taking longer than expected for the Act to be passed. In the meantime, the adverse publicity is giving the impression to the public that the Act is already law, resulting in more owners than usual handing in their cats to us. Unfortunately, we believe this trend will continue, for awhile at least.

Naturally, more work and pressure is being put on our welfare service and we will be appealing to the Government to recompense us for the additional staff and other overheads that will be needed if this Bill is passed.

**Can you help by spreading the word to people that they should wait to see what happens before they make drastic decisions to give away their cats because they think cat ownership will be too hard. After all, the Act is supposed to protect cats and we should give the politicians another chance to get it right.**

SHIRLEY PIKLER

**STOP PRESS:** Following the retirement of Shirley Pikler, Keith Edwards, formerly the CPS Vice President, has been appointed to be the new President of the Society. This took effect 28 July, 1998. We wish Keith well in his new venture and we thank Shirley for her many years of active involvement with the Society.

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# MARGARET PROCTOR 'CAT FACES'

Margaret is an extrovert with a warm and gracious smile and the talent to create some incredibly imaginative and resourceful pieces of art glorifying felines. Her stock in trade is her cat head brooches. They have striking jewel eyes and come relatively plain or decorated in a broad range of items that take the cat from the pyramids along the Nile to lusty boudoirs in Gay Paree - highlighting every feline's fancy for the exotic - and giving the wearer some very special art to flaunt.

Each of Margaret's pieces is hand made and lovingly finished. A couple of years ago Margaret expanded into soft sculpture and only someone who knows and loves and dotes on felines could so successfully capture the essential cat the way she does. Her latest 3-dimensional pieces (ie, the cover photo) are exquisitely formed and painted cats created from fabric and embellished with her genius. The cats can be factual or fanciful but they are superb in every detail. Margaret also 'cat-agorises' special characters and has a current fascination for things Egyptian with lots of wonderful cat mummies (some with kits) and this fantastic treatment of King Tut. He looks better this way, doesn't he!

Margaret Proctor is represented in shops and galleries and she is in Sydney each year for the **annual Australian Craft Show in late November**. This year the fair is being held at the Homebush site. Mark your calendars now - don't miss the opportunity to see one of Australia's most creative cat artists in person - as well as seeing a broad selection of her works of art, which are all for sale. Her work can also be seen at Up and Up Connection, Mid City Centre, Sydney; and Manly Wharf - 5 Star Collection.



# A G M

**The Annual General Meeting  
of the Cat Protection Society of NSW  
will be held at the Society's office at  
Sunday, 25 October 1998  
2 PM.**

There is plenty of on street parking. Bus and train details are noted in the Balance Sheet on page 1.

All members are invited to attend. The meeting lasts about 1.5 hours and refreshments are served at the conclusion.. The more members that take an active interest in our society - the better we can function.

We look forward to seeing YOU on the day.

## THE CATTERY APPEAL CONTINUES "The Cats That Need the Cattery" Fund Raising Appeal is still on

Many of you have generously donated to our appeal to raise sufficient funds to buy our own cattery. We want to be able to house more cats for adoption and combine the cattery with our welfare operations. Your donations are very much appreciated to help this long held dream come to fruition. On the back cover is the Cat Protection Society's 'ROLL OF HONOUR' listing those who have contributed to date. Your contributions are still welcome, large or modest.

### *"The Cats That Need the Cattery" Appeal*

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Please find my cheque with a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Hilda and Frisky York**, Millers Point  
I am sending you my poem, Me and My Maree. I like this one but of course I am biased. I can just see 'in my mind's eye' that poor little lost kitten. I was happy to see my poem about my cat Frisky in print and I thank you. A couple of my friends phoned to say they liked it and when I phoned for an appointment with my doctor his secretary remarked on it and I hadn't even known she was a member of the CPS. So as I say, I am very happy.

**Greta Fletcher**, Guildford

Your latest 'Cat Affairs' is a 'Bobby Dazzler'. It gets better every issue. I am happy to report that my feline companion, Tabitha, is 14 years old and is still a lovely girl. Mrs Nance Iredale will remember when she met Tabitha off the plane from Queensland when we returned to Guildford several years ago. Please give my regards to Sandy Moss. She saw Tabitha when she was a feral kitten. Good luck with the cattery. I wish I could do more for the CPS but I do not have a car and I have crippling arthritis and can't get around very well these days.

Bless you all and bless the pussies.

**FAY WICKENDEN**, Drummoyne

(Mother of George, the Winter Cover Boy)  
I am writing to say how thrilled we were to see George on the cover of the Winter magazine. He is posing more and more for his admiring public. I have requested additional copies to give to friends who should be members and will be using George's picture to encourage this. I have enclosed money for the magazines plus my donation for the new cattery. I have already included the CPS in my will so I know that the money will, at some time in the future, go to your wonderful work.

### A RESPONSIBLE THIEF?

A vet surgery reported a break and enter. Stolen - the surgery's computer and printer (luckily the data had been backed up!!), some petty cash AND 3 bags of kitten food and a 12 kg bag of kitty litter. Considering the PC was over 4 years old, definitely the greater value was in the cat goods.

### APOLOGIES to CONTRIBUTORS

Apologies to any and all who sent in articles and poems for this issue which have not been printed. Don't fret, the chances are 99.9% that they were received but I ran out of room. Next issue ---  
Lee Wright - Editor

### OUR CAT

Bettina Cummins, Berowra

Other cat  
has been up for hours -  
Prowling through the long grass  
Sniffing out the hidden mice  
Keeping a watchful eye on Next Door's  
Dog  
Catching falling autumn leaves  
Rolling in the catmint -  
But that's Other Cat.

Our Cat's sleeping -  
A rolled-up, black, cushion of fur  
on Someone's bed.



Photo by Frances Kaukercit

### URINE MARKING

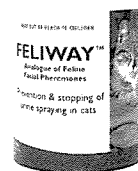
A natural thing for your cat to do,  
an easy thing for you to stop

introducing

## FELIWAY

Urine marking by cats has been a major problem for most cat owning, breeding and cattery households in Australia. Until recently behaviour modification, drug therapy or surgery has been used to treat this condition. It is a serious and concerning behaviour trait that affects cats of all breeds, both sexes and all ages.

Now there is a simple and easy solution for cat owners. Virbac Australia is proud to introduce **Feliway** into the Australian Animal Health market. **Feliway** is a new and unique product designed to stop and prevent cats from **Urine Marking**.



**Feliway** contains a synthetic version of cat pheromones in an easy to use spray format. The product is sprayed on the spots where cats currently Urine Mark and on any new or protruding objects in the house.

Because there are several reasons for Urine Marking and behaviour conditions in cats it is recommended that you contact a veterinary surgeon prior to the use of **Feliway** to ensure that **Feliway** is the best option for your treatment needs.

**Feliway** can also be used to settle and calm cats in unfamiliar surroundings such as cat shows, catteries, vet clinics and transport cages.

Further advice on the use of **Feliway** can be obtained from your veterinary surgery or by contacting Virbac directly on 1800 242 100.





## TAILS *Sue Matyssek*

You may be surprised to see a new face in the photo. In my new role as Office Coordinator, I hope I am able to give you a small taste of office life for us who work for your Cat Protection Society. I'll involve you in the type of issues we work with on a daily basis, from the workings of our welfare team (the integral core of our operations!) to our lobbying in Parliament. To this end, we also need feedback. We often receive wonderful notes of thanks from our members which certainly lift our spirits when we're dealing with tough issues. But if we are not dealing with the type of issues you would like to see us involved in, please let us know!

After a really hectic summer breeding season we are overjoyed to finally slip into the cooler months where we can again find homes for every healthy kitten that is handed to us. At this time, also due to the vastly diminished numbers of kits we are pleased that more buyers are considering our mature cats. It's a great feeling for us when we are able to rehome an adult cat that has lost its kitten appeal. Many of these cats that are brought to us as abandoned or unwanted strays seem to project so much simple trust in us as human beings and in our ability to protect them, that it is sometimes heartrendering.

I'm sure most of you would have taken great interest in the controversy that has been raging in the media regarding the new Companion Animals Bill. The office has been inundated with calls from concerned members and the public asking for our opinion on the legislation. At the time of writing, we are all waiting with bated breath as to whether this Bill will be passed in the Upper House and with what amendments. Cats are now the focus - for the first time.

Most humane thinking people were outraged at the inclusion of a clause in the Bill which stated that any person can injure or destroy a cat that is harming any person or animal or causing damage to property. Pressure applied from concerned animal welfare groups and the ensuing media debate has resulted in the wording of this controversial clause being amended.

Unfortunately the negative media attention which has been focussed on this Clause (although appropriately so) has obscured some of the more positive sides to this Bill. If this Bill is passed, at long last our cats will receive the same status as dogs within the community.

We advocate compulsory microchipping and registration since this will greatly improve our chances of reuniting lost cats with their owners. Microchipping is particularly important for cats since collars and tags alone are not permanent. Unfortunately we would dearly love to see compulsory microchipping and registration apply to all currently owned cats, not just to newly owned felines obtained after the Bill's inception. This type of 'half-hearted' legislation will only result in ongoing problems with identification of cats for years to come. We would rather endorse a phasing in period similar to that which will apply for dogs so that over a few short years all cats will ultimately be protected.

We have long argued the necessity for compulsory desexing (and now microchipping) of all companion cats (except those used in registered breeding). Unfortunately this Bill does not provide for compulsory desexing. However, there will be a price difference on registration

depending on whether the cat is desexed or not which, apart from all the other benefits, will make ownership of a desexed cat even more attractive.

Another clause which has caused some concern is the one pertaining to nuisance cats. This certainly does not mean that if your cat goes to sit in the sun on your neighbour's property that you will be fined. Nuisance cats would generally apply to those cats that repeatedly make a lot of noise during the mating season, ie, undesexed cats, or those that are repeatedly attacking your cat, causing it injury. Nuisance cats will have to be determined by an authorised officer and a fine may apply as a maximum penalty.

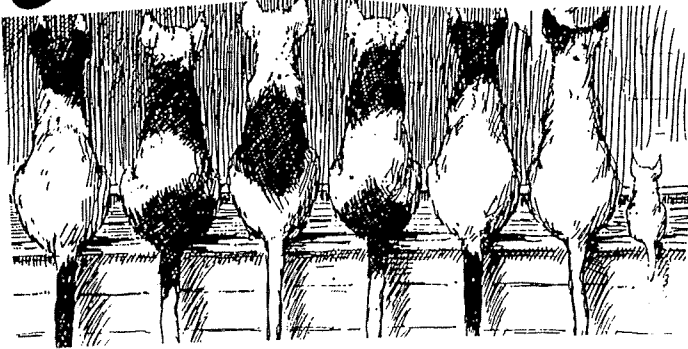
If this legislation is passed it will help us protect our cats by providing the framework for sensible legislation that will assist responsible cat owners and their cats in becoming 'good citizens'. Cats are not currently covered by any legislation which means that responsible cat owners are disadvantaged and the converse often applies to irresponsible owners. Having to pay extra for services that are not compulsory, like microchipping, disadvantages responsible cat owners. Our cats are disadvantaged by not being protected by any law.

What has been of real concern is the one-sided attitude that certain members of the media have taken, thinking, no doubt, that they have the best interests of our companion animals and particularly cats, at heart. Let us not let the media distort the real need out there for good workable legislation. Our cats need this Bill for their protection and we need it too as responsible pet owners.



*The CPS went to town and had a stall at the February fair in Victoria Park. We spread the word to many who had not heard of us. It was a very successful day.*

# Cat Tails



## A LOST CAT ★ A HAPPY ENDING (one of the few .....)

Sue Matysek

The telephone call was a fairly routine one – were we prepared to desex a female cat, get her clipped and have a vet look at her skin? She was a Persian with a fairly matted coat and a few skin lesions where a collar had been caught under her foreleg. After a call to our vet who does discounted desexings, I was able to tell the caller that we would be happy to do it.

Gemma brought in the cat as she had promised, a very thin black Persian with the most beautiful golden eyes and a very sore looking patch under one foreleg. I was gingerly placing her in a carry cage when Gemma told me her neighbour in Ultimo had been feeding the cat for a couple of weeks and she, herself, had taken over the cat's care just recently. It was then Gemma decided the cat needed to be desexed.

I scanned the Persian but there was no microchip. I reached for the Lost Cat Register and started flicking through the pages in the forlorn hope that someone had rung in with a similar description. Eureka!! A desexed male black Persian in good condition and wearing a leopard print collar had been lost in Ultimo. A quick check confirmed the cat was a male, definitely not in good condition - but hardly surprising since he had been missing over a month, and no collar. Gemma said that an unelastised collar had been removed by the neighbour who found the cat. A call to the neighbour and then the suspense of waiting until the neighbour found the collar and phoned back. It was a leopard skin print. Things were starting to look up. The clincher was when I rang the very excited owner who told me the cat's name was Midnight, Middy for short. When I said his name the cat suddenly looked straight at me with those gorgeous golden eyes and emitted a hopeful miaow. I told the owner I almost certainly had her cat but what was he doing wandering the streets of Ultimo when his owner lived in Maroubra?

The story unfolded when his owners came to claim him. His very curious nature was nearly his downfall - he had leapt into the back of a refrigerated truck at 3.30 am, which then travelled to Ultimo. When the back door was opened the terrified cat leapt out and ran off down the still dark streets. Despite a lengthy search no trace of the cat was found and considering his name, this was not surprising. His grieving owners put food out every night hoping he would emerge. Thankfully, he found his way to Gemma who brought him to us and helped us reunite one very relieved cat with his very relieved owners.

## A JOLLY GOOD READ

Betty Scrivener

Last year I was given a small book simply entitled 'Laura', written by Derek Tangye in 1966. Having enjoyed it so much, I searched for his other books, the seven I found are truly delightful.

Derek has written books about 'Minack', the little cottage he and his wife, Jeannie, found on a cliff in Cornwall. They then decided to leave behind the hectic life they were living in London and retire to a simple life without a telephone. They have never regretted their decision.

Derek's books are about the 'ups and downs' of growing vegetables and flowers to earn enough money to maintain their simple lifestyle with a succession of five cats, three donkeys and various birds over a period of about 40 years.

Derek was a cat hater when he married Jeannie (who then had a kitten named Monty). His complete turnabout to a great love for those five cats and all their other pets makes really enjoyable reading. His thorough knowledge of all their characteristics is so similar to my own experiences, I have smiled or laughed or felt very sad as he wrote about each arrival's life at Minack.

I strongly urge you to sample his books, beginning with 'A Gull on the Roof', and then 'A Cat in the Window', etc.

## RESCUED AND REHOMED

*Once again, thank you for your efforts in helping us rescue Mirabelle and Rose-France. I am enclosing Helen's letter about the cats.*

*Terry Goulden, Summer Hill*

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$100 which may cover the cost of the flu shots that you arranged for Alice and Rose to have or which you may prefer to use for welfare work.

The cats have settled in well and reorganised my life to suit their pleasure. I have followed your advice and give them their main meal for breakfast and a snack of biscuits or cat milk in the evening. They consume every scrap and set about convincing me that I really haven't fed them today, that the plates are left over from yesterday. So far I haven't fallen for their story.

I have changed Alice's name to Mirabelle, Belle for short. Rose's full name is now Rose-France in honour of a New Caledonian friend. As a teacher of French, I like my cats to have names that can be pronounced with ease by anglophone and francophone friends. Both cats answer to any tone of voice that implies food and affection. They like to keep a distance from one another but do go to sleep in the same chair. Belle is the boss but there are times when Rose gets fed up, turns the tables and gives chase.

We all visited the vet not long after they arrived in order to identify a lump in front of Belle's left back haunch. I was relieved of money and worry by the diagnosis of a lump of fat! So far my neighbours have ignored their presence except for the woman who has volunteered to feed them on the occasions that I am away overnight. These cats have not replaced the cat that I lost: they are part of a line of cats with whom I share my life. Their former owner must be very sad to have lost them. They are obviously

used to living in a house and are perfectly willing to scratch and jump on those items of furniture that are designated for their use. Thank you for entrusting them to me.  
Helen L

## OH MY DEAR BLUE

Kate Rowe

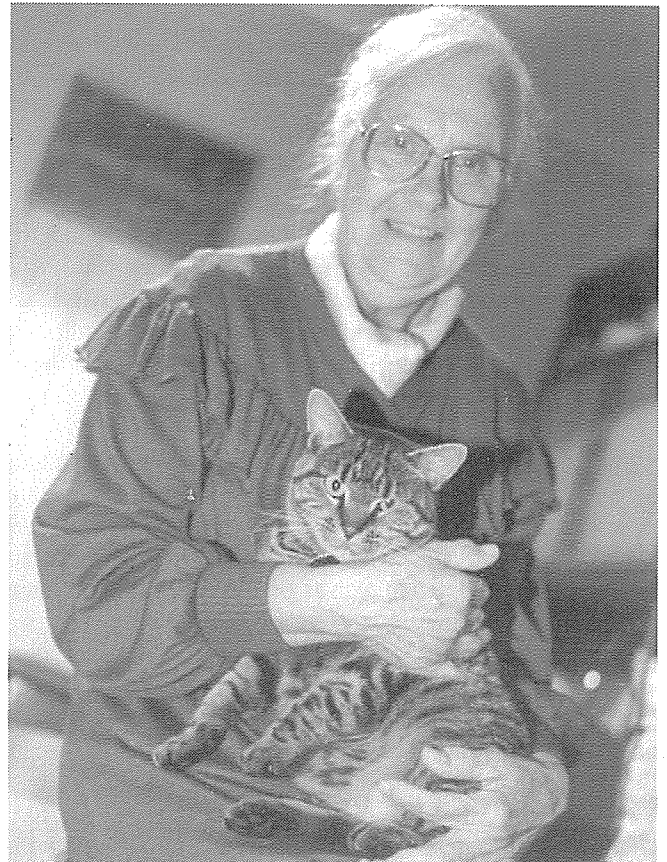
I love it when;  
you rub yourself against me,  
when you rub again if I don't take any notice of you,  
when you mould your warm body to mine, curling into my belly,  
when you stick your little pink tongue out,  
just enough to tantalise me,  
when you start your heavy breathing,  
even when you dribble down my t-shirt,  
When, in the morning, you nibble at my nose  
and,  
when you lick my bare skin,  
I know,  
That,  
It's time for your Whiskas.  
Now, after 14 years together,  
As, like lovers, we've seen each other  
grow older and looser,  
as we've grown to fit each other like gloves,  
as we've grown attached to each other  
like a pair of old socks or a favourite jumper,  
I realise that;  
Now, each day with you in my life is a gift,  
now, each day could be your last,  
now, each day I must prepare myself for your finale  
and, when that day arrives,  
I will miss your love and companionship terribly.  
Thank you Blue, for being you.



*Helen, Blue's owner, reported sadly that Blue died in June. May this printed tribute to her beloved cat ease her sorrow.*

## TWO AMAZING TAILS Edith Easton & Tommy

Edith Easton, long a member of the CPS, took one of our cats into her heart. Edith has been a tireless worker in our Op Shop since its inception in the late 70s and has had a life of giving herself in 'service'. She went into domestic work in England at 14 and worked as a parlourmaid in grand old houses in Southampton and Portsmouth. During the war she volunteered as an aircraft fitter - without the least idea what that entailed and ended up working as a semi-skilled fitter making Wellington bombers after 3 months training. Edith has been an active animal rights campaigner her whole life. Since the age of 30 years, she has espoused vegetarianism, been active in anti-fur and anti-circus campaigns and still walks in the Walk for the Animals every October.



(Photo: Lukas Matysek)

Tommy is up to about his fifth life. He was found wandering in the backyard of Dr Paul Waters, our vet at Concord Animal Hospital. He had been a stray for some time and was taken in by the Waters family after, of course, being desexed and vaccinated. The five family cats were very much against this new addition and finally Paul asked if the CPS could find him a home. Tommy lived for a few months at Parkland Boarding Kennels where a short cat spat gave him an injured ear. When Edith indicated to Nance Iredale, our Welfare Director, that she was ready for another cat, Nance immediately thought of Tommy. When told of his minor imperfection, Edith declared that she would love him all the more. We delivered Tommy and it was love at first sight!! Tommy is now happily installed in his new loving and caring home with Edith. Thank you Edith, for all your wonderful and ongoing work for the CPS. We hope to see you continue your 'service' for our feline friends for many years to come!



# CAT GOT THE SNUFFLES ???

## TRY ACUPUNCTURE

**Pam Short, BVSc (Hons), Dep Vet Clin Studs, IVAS Cert**

Since the 1970s, acupuncture has been increasingly used as an adjunct to conventional western techniques of human medicine. Similarly, acupuncture techniques are now available to veterinarians for the treatment of a variety of ailments in animals of all shapes and sizes. I've now been using acupuncture for almost half of the twenty years that I've been a veterinarian. In my case, it is a complement to my more conventional practice rather than a replacement for the usual day-to-day veterinary procedures.

When I first started using acupuncture in my practice, I utilised it mainly as a treatment for musculoskeletal and spinal conditions - slipped disks, arthritis, sore muscles and the like. As I became more familiar with the results I could expect from acupuncture, I began to use it for a range of other conditions, often with remarkable success in problems which are otherwise very recalcitrant to conventional treatments. One of these conditions is chronic feline rhinitis/sinusitis complex - or the "snuffles" as it is known to all cat owners and breeders.

The snuffly cat is renowned among veterinarians as being a tough patient to treat. Often what we are presented with is just a cat who, since having a bout of the flu as a kitten, is prone to frequent respiratory infections. There are some individuals however who, if they are not on medication such as antibiotics and decongestants almost continually, are in a state of perpetual misery, with sneezing, runny nose, lack of appetite and what looks for all the world like a giant headache. Apart from the inconvenience to the owner of having to give medication continually, there is a very strong risk in these cats of developing bacterial resistance because of the long term use of antibiotics.

Such a pussy cat in my own practice is 'Victoria', a tortoiseshell moggy who is now 11 years old. Victoria had had a fairly uneventful medical history, and had been routinely given her annual vaccinations against enteritis, flu and leukaemia. In January 1996 Victoria presented to us with a 4 month history of coughing once every few days. In the 3 or 4 days prior to her coming to see us on this occasion, the cough had become much more severe and she had also started sneezing. Her nose was blocked up, her lymph nodes were enlarged and she looked generally stuffed up and miserable. She also had a heart murmur, so in view of her age we ran some tests on her. Her blood count was normal, she showed no sign of heartworm, she was not hyperthyroid and her chest x-rays showed nothing other than slight heart enlargement and minor lung congestion. She was put on a course of antibiotics and decongestants, and also some long term medication for her heart.

Initially she showed a response to the medication, but in April she

was at the surgery again. Despite being on the heart medication, she had continued to have severe sneezing, congestion and also occasional coughing; she again went onto antibiotics and decongestants. These would be only moderately effective, and as soon as the drugs were withdrawn she would redevelop severe signs. Between May 1996 and February 1997 she had no fewer than 14 courses of antibiotics, but the severe symptoms would return again and again.

At the end of February, we tried acupuncture for the first time. When she came into the surgery she was extremely snuffly and blocked up, with a very profuse nasal discharge. In all, Victoria had acupuncture treatments on February 26, March 8, March 14 and March 21. She showed little change after the first treatment, but after the second she had begun to improve and was virtually normal after the third. Victoria returned to being a happy, normal cat with no respiratory problems whatever and she regained the friskiness she had exhibited as a kitten. Her owners were delighted, simply describing the results as "a miracle". At the time of writing, it is 14 months since Victoria's course of acupuncture and, to date, she has shown absolutely no signs of the snuffles recurring. It is doubtful that we will get any recurrence in future, but if there is one, I'm quite confident that acupuncture will get things under control again.

So just what is this miracle treatment? Acupuncture is the insertion of fine needles into specific points of the body to result in specific physiological effects; sometimes the needles themselves are replaced by stimulation with heat or another form of energy such as a laser. It began to be practised in China around 4000 to 5000 years ago. There are a total of 365 acupuncture points which are on the surface of the body and are available to be treated; each one has a specific and defined function, depending on the response of the body.

Western science has established that acupuncture has an effect both on the body's bio-electric current and on its release of the body's natural pain controllers, endorphins. Probably a combination of the two are involved in acupuncture's effects.

The Chinese explanation of the way that acupuncture works involves the concept of Qi (pronounced 'chee'), or energy that flows through the body in channels called meridians. Disease is a result of an imbalance in this system, and the insertion of needles at special locations along the meridians restores balance. The utilisation of acupuncture involves a wholistic approach to medicine; the concept of balance and harmony is all-important. One of the major benefits of acupuncture is its safety. It is free from the side-effects of drugs. It is a 'gentle' therapy, aiming at the establishment of homeostasis or balance in the system.

I usually perform acupuncture without anaesthesia or tranquilisation, and on an outpatient basis so that the owner can remain with the animal throughout. The treatment regime varies with the nature of the problem being addressed, but typically a course might consist of three or four treatments at intervals of a week. Each treatment lasts for between 10 and 30 minutes. There is no undue discomfort or pain when the needles are inserted. Often there is a powerful calming effect and feeling of well-being about 10 minutes after the needles are in place, due to the release of natural endorphins in the body.

I've found acupuncture to be a tremendous additional tool in fighting injury and disease in both dogs and cats, and there have been innumerable cases where it has achieved cures in what have otherwise appeared to be hopeless cases.

Not all animals and not all conditions are suitable for treatment with acupuncture. It should be administered after a proper diagnosis has been made, and with a proper knowledge of anatomy. For this reason I believe it is important that animal acupuncture be performed by veterinarians who have been trained in acupuncture techniques. There are now around 140 veterinarians in Australia who have been certificated by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. The name of the closest to you can be acquired from the secretary of the Australian Veterinary Acupuncture Association, whose number is available through the Australian Veterinary Association.

**Pam Short, Gladesville Veterinary Hospital, 449 Victoria Road, Gladesville, NSW. (02) 9817 5758**

#### PAW-NOTE - First Hand Experience:

Take one sneezing cat, add 2 courses of antibiotics only to have the sneezing resume immediately after the medication stopped. Just into the third course I thought this was silly - this wasn't a cold I was fighting - there was something else wrong.

Luckily a friend had just had her cat treated for a spinal problem so I phoned the practitioner and described Zario's symptoms. The vet could not guarantee a result but advised that we would know by the first treatment if acupuncture would work. There was a modest improvement. By the next treatment he was much better and after 6 visits the sneezing stopped. The problem? A food allergy. After 18 months of trouble free life, the symptoms are starting again and he is back for another term of treatments. But it certainly beats medication.

His first acupuncturist used a laser treatment but he has since retired. Now Pam Short has the task of putting Zario to rights. Before the first visit I was not happy about having needles instead of laser and I was even less happy as they were inserted. But I was the only one worried, the procedure bothered Zario not at all. And even when he had to lie with needles sticking out of various bodily parts, he gave no indication of distress. His only movement was to carefully put his needled head into the security of my arm and he quietly stayed there until the treatment was finished and the needles removed. Pam advised that even cranky cats are easy to handle and seem to have so problems with the treatment.

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# PUSS-CATS

## and THEIR SUN SIGNS

Jackie Wilson, astrologer

In every cat, there is the same as what's in every human. They just express it cat-style. However, the planets influence every living thing on this planet - from the plants and their growth to the seas and their rise and fall. Pussies are not exempt from this law of the universe.

### THE ARIES CAT (March 21 - April 20)

This cat will let you know he's home. Meow! I'm here, drop everything you're doing! Seeing as Aries rules the head, you'll probably have more than your share of vet visits for head bumps, eye infections and ear mites. (From fighting warrior-style, of course!) But deep down, this cat will love lap-times, beg to be scratched, pull the hairbrush you're holding down towards his own head. He'll drool in ecstasy over your long brushing sessions. But if you enjoy quiet nights, this is not the cat for you. He loves to prowl, to conquer, to mate (whether or not he's desexed, it makes no difference, he still thinks he has to) and to come in and out during the early morning hours. Best to either get a cat flap on your door, lead the same lifestyle, or open a window, because you cannot ignore him. He just won't have it.

### THE TAURUS CAT (April 21 - May 22)

You must be a homebody and you must buy lots of fresh meats for this little goodie. They start out skinny in life (think Michelle Pfeiffer) and turn into lard-bums (think Orson Welles). However, this puss will not leave your side. For days. They even walk with you to the bathroom because you provide comfort for them. They cannot stand to leave the bed in winter and will be your permanent loll-about when it gets cold. Get this cat desexed unless he/she will have a few gorgeous kittens for you to have forever. Don't even think about getting rid of the babes. Mum cat will thank you for letting her be an Earth mum. After all, that's what she feels she was made for!

### THE GEMINI CAT (May 23 - June 21)

This one you're going to love. Talk about *wild-mannered*. (And yes, if they could talk they would). But they are content with other forms of strangely human communication. This cat, from day one, lets you know that they watch your every move, that they simply don't fall for that phoney little whistle from the kitchen. But

it's not meal time. I can't eat. Puss uses his/her paws for everything, including eating, drinking, playing and getting into people things. Don't leave your keyboard uncovered unless you want a letter typed out, cat style. This puss is afraid of no one, of nothing and wants to be involved in your conversations, being extremely dexterous, and understands nothing if not the tone of your voice. Usually meaning play time or walkies. Don't underestimate this cat and its nervous, well-hidden disposition. You'll never forget it.

### THE CANCER CAT (June 22 - July 21)

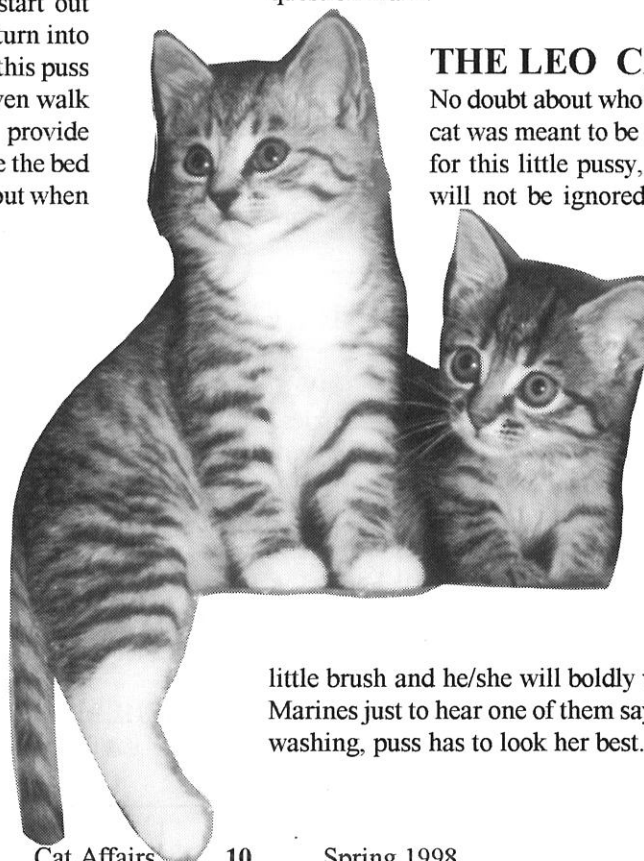
Once upon a time there was a cat who was afraid of everything for the first few years. Well, this is one. The Christmas tree, the model train, the new baby. She will run and hide until everything, and I mean everything, is scoped out. Loving, she is. Just don't live near a busy highway as every honking horn and every train that passes will cause her to become hysterical with fright. A nice quiet place in the country, with no other pets, is what she wants. Did I mention food? This cat will become so fat with comforting, mind-numbing food that you will not recognise her in a few years. She may look different, but her terrible insecurities will haunt her in the night. She dreams of famines, of droughts, of her favourite ham scraps just disappearing forever. Talk about a walking question mark!

### THE LEO CAT (July 22 - August 20)

No doubt about who's king of the beasts here. This cat was meant to be a lion! If you don't have time for this little pussy, don't bother to get him. He will not be ignored. But if you want affection,

w a r m t h   a n d  
possessiveness, this is the cat you want. They are naturally warm by nature, but get their feelings hurt quite easily if you play too rough. Being dignified, it is beneath them to get down to rough and tumble playing, seeing as they find it offensive. However, they do like to scratch. When you have company, give this cat a

little brush and he/she will boldly walk in front of a room full of Marines just to hear one of them say "How pretty she is". Always washing, puss has to look her best.





## THE VIRGO CAT (August 21 - September 23)

Puss will not sleep in a messy house. He/she simply won't sleep on your bed either. They need their own space, preferably with another cat for company. Moggy wants dinner in the bowl at the same time every night or else she/he will look terribly confused. What happened to my routine? They say. Well, this is one pussy that loves to know when/why/where/who and it better be explained now. Or else. Or else what? They won't leave, but they'll cold-shoulder you better than anyone you know, and it'll take months of coaxing. But don't be too attentive with this cat - they like to be left alone to ponder the elements. In a world full of chaos, the one thing they can count on is their own sense of order.

## THE LIBRA CAT (September 24 - October 21)

Oh, my, pretty little pussy. She must be a pretty little pussy or else she will turn into a fat little pussy! No exercise, no diets, no restrictions. Just lots of food, treats (a must) plenty of mirrors and brushes. As a rule, this cat will be good looking. She will be spoiled. But on top of everything else, she will be fluffy. Maybe fat, but certainly fluffy. Lap sitters? Not really. Contemplaters? Sometimes. Movers and Shakers? Not at all. Loyal? Not necessarily. The thing about this cat is that she's not really anything strong. No real inclinations, just there. Food? Oh, I'll eat anything, really. Brush time? Ok ...

## THE SCORPIO

**CAT** (October 22 - November 21)

You'll know if you have a cat like this in the house. They will be hiding most of the time, but not from anything. They are hiding to hide. They love a good mystery. Just spelling out something for them is no good. Don't even try to teach them a lesson by 'rubbing their nose in it'. They'll take off, but not before leaving you a going away present, the kind they made themselves. When this cat likes you, she/he likes you. Drop your chlorine-soaked cossies on the floor and they'll love you for life. There must be something about this potentially deadly gas because rolling in its odour makes them very happy. Must be the love of dangerous things. Just watch the sewing basket.

## THE SAGITTARIUS CAT

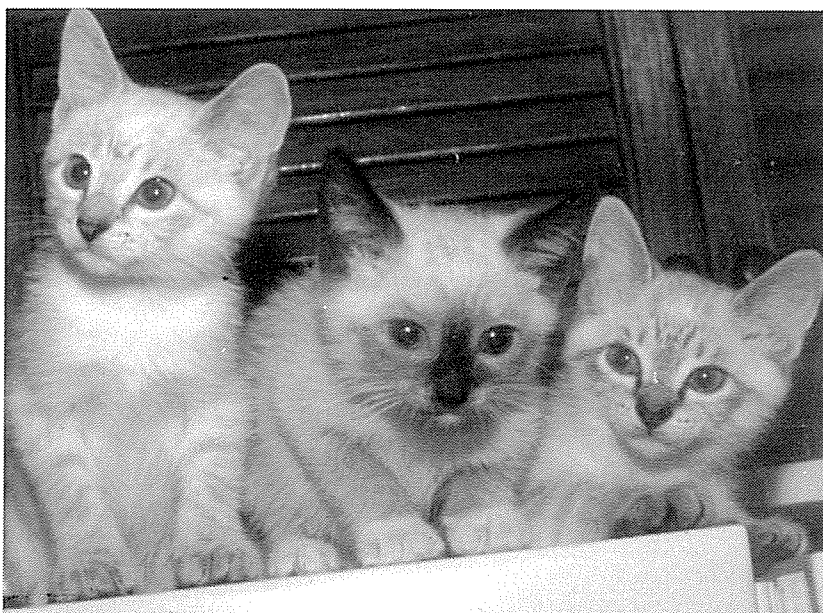
(November 22 - December 20)

Well, if you are going to expect a lot of love and devotion, forget it. If you are looking for just another member of the family in your growing brood of pussies, this is the cat for you. They have to have a full house, or else it's just not on. Meowing, cuddling, travelling together ... all a part of this puss' make up. You will go frantic after two weeks of missing this big cat, but they mean no harm - it is something they do, this wandering. Exploring new

cats, territories, foods, cats ... Buy the way, this one will eat just about anything, drag just about anything home (for you, of course) and get into all kinds of good-natured mischief. Let him have his way or else he may (will) never come home again. But only *after* he has extracted all the food he can get out of you.

## THE CAPRICORN CAT (December 21 - January 20)

One devoted meow-mix. Or rather, you are devoted to them. They take this responsibility very seriously. Let's see ... you are my owner, but I am your cat. No one leaves to go anywhere. I'm sorry to say, but this cat does not like to travel. He/she hates leaving the safety and comfort of their own little area. On the bright side, and also because he/she never likes to leave home, this cat will most likely live to a ripe old age. Probably deaf, drooling and heater-bound, he/she won't let you down, staying till the last possible minute in your life. If you plan on moving, let puss sniff out the new joint before the big day. Like for five years before you move in. You just may give them a heart attack if you move too fast for his/her tastes.



## T H E AQUARIUS

**CAT** (January 21 - February 19)

Yeah, right. Cat? Is it really supposed to do that? Or is it ill? Is it Ok? No, it's just eccentric, and will always be. But bugs that aren't really there and ghosties that roll puss over into your face in the middle of the night are a part of this one's ways. There is nothing this cat will do normally, except maybe ignore you, play with all the other cats in the neighbourhood, and come

home any damn time he/she pleases. Food? Picky, picky, picky. Only this, please. At least they are good tempered, rarely bite or scratch and never poo in the house. They have quirky ways about their own spaces. For people who don't fawn over a pet every day (definitely not for older folk), this may be the one for you. When you giggle over their funnies, you'll appreciate their enormous sense of independence. In other words, LEAVE ME ALONE!

## THE PISCES CAT (February 20 - March 20)

A cat for people who love cats. Sensitive, quiet, intuitive and loving, this heat seeking missile will dive straight under the covers at night just to avoid being alone in the other room with the big bad boogeyman. The world is very huge to her, and she takes years to actually get to know it, you and all the in-laws. In fact, she loves children and hates other pets, feeling left out and unloved if there is another animal to split up the love. (I told you she/he was sensitive). They will love to show off their coats, stretch, and head for their favourite spot under the tree. With sleepy eyes, this cat will hang around forever. Water sports and water watching are also a favourite.





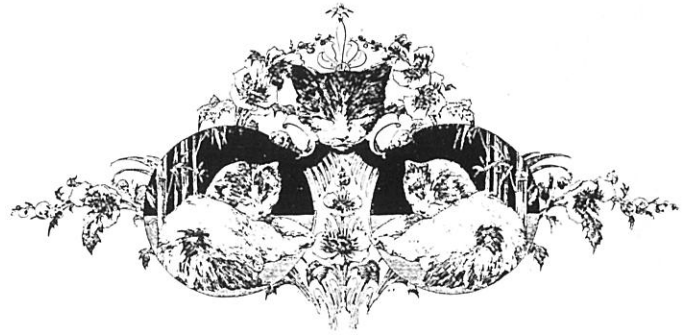
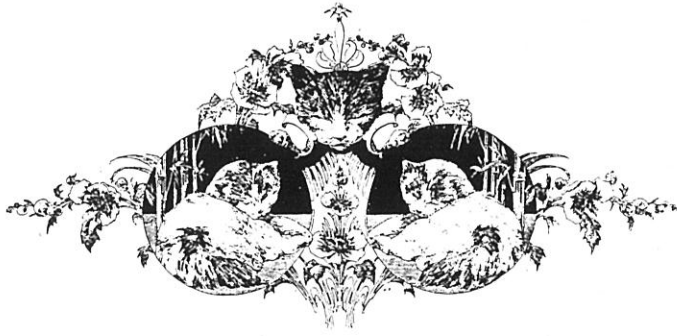
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# REMEMBRANCE



## YVONNE HOWARTH

Given in loving memory of Yvonne Howarth - an extraordinary woman whom it was a privilege to know; a talented artist and teacher, a devoted wife and mother, a generous and scintillating friend, and a loving mistress to all her many furry companions, especially the late Andrew. Never to be forgotten by John, Sharlene, Cate, Johnnie and Caroline Proctor.

## WIN JAMES

In loving memory of Win James who passed away 15 January, 1998. She cared for stray cats all her life. She never refused care to any cat she found around Auburn and late of Bowral. Jean Ferris, Conjola

## JENNY HUME

Jenny Hume passed away in December 1997. Jenny was a loving, caring lady who was a real animal lover and a wonderful 'Mum' to her cat companion 'Penny'. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Margaret Waddell, North Epping

## MARION DUNN

Marion Dunn died in February 1998 after a long struggle with cancer. Marion was instrumental in the success of the Desexed Cat Club of Australasia, a tireless worker for the promotion of desexed cats and a great boon to the CPS. For the past several years Marion, and her husband Ian, have ensured that the CPS had free stall space at the annual Desexed Show which helped bring in welcome welfare dollars for our Society.

The Society pays tribute to Marion Dunn, a person who was always keen on the welfare of cats and she was also, first and foremost, a very gracious woman.

## DAVE, TRUDY, LULU, GERRY

In memory of our much loved and missed black and white cat friends.

Ms C Ford

## GINGER

JC Furner

Gentle friend of eighteen years  
He lies sleeping with the rainbow angel.  
Green leaves cover his resting place  
Long time companion - faithful cat  
Who travelled many places with me  
And outlasted all the wild ones.

He went to sleep, peacefully, on my lap  
in the warm sun.

But he waited for his friend of later years  
before he left.

We miss his strident cry and the warmth  
on our laps.

Sleep well Ginger (Puddy Boy)  
in your mountain garden.

## TINKER

My friend's Sandy and Mae Macrae have just lost their cat, Tinker, at the grand old age of 18. She was a much loved companion always to be found basking in the sun in their front garden.

Carol Freshwater

## FONZIE

In memory of Fonzie, the coolest cat who died aged 19 years. We miss you.

Jill Hamill

## REMEMBRANCE

### ✱ MESSAGES ✱

The Remembrance column honours member's beloved cats and, very often, very special friends. A donation of any size will ensure your tribute is noted. The funds the Society gets from this page help our welfare work.

Some people would rather do more than send flowers. A message and a donation to the Society can comfort grieving relatives who read the eulogies, both by the message and the knowledge that their special friend is still around helping animals who need a hand. We are happy to send a complimentary copy of the appropriate issue to the relatives if you send their address with your donation and eulogy.

*Time spent with cats  
Is never wasted*

*Collette*



**Tinker Macrae>>>**



# ME and MY MAREE©

Hilda York

I was just a little kitten  
When dumped in a back street lane  
I soon saw a space in a nearby fence  
So crawled under when it started to rain

I hid in a sheltered corner  
Until a lady opened her door  
She said, "Oh you poor little kitten,  
But we don't want anymore!"

I felt so sad and lonely  
And my spirits began to sink  
then she said, "I'll give you to Maree,  
She likes cats so she'll give you a drink."

So I was dropped unceremoniously  
Over her neighbour's back fence  
It was such a long way to the ground  
Doesn't anyone have any sense?!

For I was just a tiny kitten  
but I tried hard to land on my feet,  
And I really hoped that Maree  
Would be happy a kitten to keep.

It seems Maree was out shopping  
But now she was once again home,  
So I miaowed and miaowed quite loudly  
Ran to her and made myself known.

I knew by Maree's expression  
That she would be kind to me,  
She cuddled me and I purred so loudly  
For I knew I'd be loved by Maree.

No longer am I a kitten  
I'm now a fully grown cat,  
Of course I still live with Maree  
And we often have little chats.

Maree talks to me and I answer  
With a twitch or a wave of my tail,  
She bought me a lovely scratch pole  
On which I sharpen my nails.

I'm such a lucky cat  
For Maree sees that I'm well fed,  
In wintertime I'm so cosy  
Curled up on Maree's bed.

I always have a bowl of clean water,  
What more does a pussy cat need?  
Just to know that there is so much love  
Between me and my Maree.

*A lady awoke one morning and discovered her dog was not moving. She raced him to the vet but the vet said he was dead. The woman begged and pleaded for him to do something to revive her pet. The vet paused in thought, then left the room and came back carrying a cat. He put the cat on the floor, the cat walked over to the dog, sniffed it all over, then turned and walked out of the room. "Well, that confirms it", said the vet, "the dog is definitely dead". The woman finally conceded that nothing would help her pet and asked for the bill.*

*"That will be \$330", said the vet.  
"WHAT, what did you do that cost \$330?"  
"Well", said the vet, "\$30 for the office visit and \$300 for the cat scan".*

## BOOK REVIEWS

Lee Wright

### The CATS of VENICE

Shin Otani, distributed by Peribo, \$24.95  
Everyone wants to do a book on cat photographs - and many do it wonderfully well. This is one of those. For armchair travellers and cat lovers this not so large but ever so warm book takes you on a feline tour through the streets of Venice via 70+ colour photographs.. It is a book of intimate shots and superb scenes. If you have been to Venice and want to relive the thrill, or if you are an armchair traveller this might be your only opportunity to see this most famous of cities, coupled with a plethora of friendly felines. This is a very delightful book that covers two of life's pleasures in one sitting, cats and canals, architectural and animal beauty. This book is most definitely worth getting or giving and is nicely priced as an added bonus. ☺☺☺☺

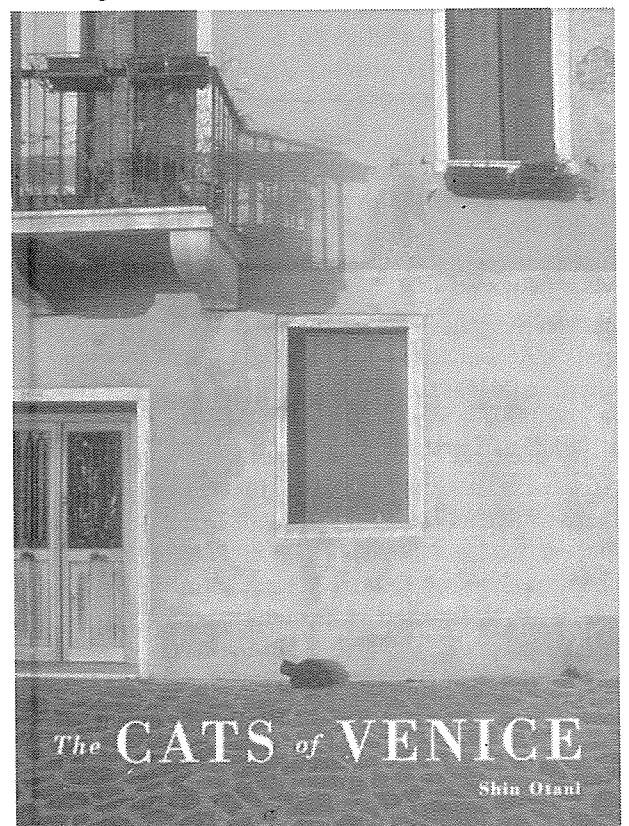
### CATS AS CATS CAN

Tomi Ungerer, distributed by Peribo, \$22.95. This IS cute!! Tomi Ungerer is a renowned illustrator of children's books and she puts her talents to work in this tongue-in-cheek book of amusing cat sketches and drawings. Tomi has a great sense of humour and a great sense of art and it combines well in this delightful look at ingenious and cleverly designed cats. Sure to brighten your day. ☺☺☺☺☺



### LIVING WITH CATS

Dr Hugh Wirth, Lothian Books, \$19.95  
This is a general cat care book which introduces new owners to facets of feline personality, care and health. Personally, I found it's content too generalised. Some of the photos of pedigree cats are superb (the Aby, for instance). The Siamese gives you no idea of the current look of the breed and what is labelled a Himalayan is actually a black Persian. ☺



# PET SHOP PUSSIES

Krista

Cassars Pet & Grooming Centre

In the last issue there were concerns about pet shops selling kittens and cats. I am the manager of Cassars's Pet and Grooming Centre, Blacktown, and I would like to introduce you to my pet shop and the way I run things.

Many boxes of cats have been left at the front and back door of my shop, from only a couple of days old to adults. Some of these have been starving, covered in fleas and in such a state of distress that it is hard to imagine. We have taken all of these felines in immediately. They are given a general health check as I have had several years of veterinary nursing experience. Babes are bottle fed until they are about 4 weeks. All of our staff participate in feeding, cleaning and loving each and every one. Older kittens and cats are taken to our local vet the same day for vaccination, worming and a full health check.

My background in dealing with cats comes from my vet nursing which covers a lot of adventures. The most exciting was the opportunity to hand raise a jaguar cub from 4 hours to 6 months old. Returning Leeroy was one of the hardest things that I have ever had to do but I was then asked to raise two Siberian tiger cubs, Cloe and Zoe.

The cruelty to animals that I have come across while nursing made me realize how important it is for an animal to be in the right house for the right reasons and my way of helping ensure that was to become a pet shop manager. So I did!!

People come in and out of pet shops all day, dreaming of what they would like to buy and when someone decides to buy a kitten, their approach is often, "I would like to buy that very small, cute little kitten, please". My reply is, "Yes, he is lovely, but do you know what is involved in having a cat: desexing, feeding, grooming, etc." Most people give me a funny look because I am very up front, and then I remind them that people do not choose cats, they choose you! The right cat for you will be the one who would like to be with you the most, not which one is prettier. Kittens grow into cats and do not stay small for long.

Just because people have the money for an animal does not necessarily mean they can buy it. If I feel that the animal would not suit their lifestyle I will refuse the sale and suggest something more suitable. I would rather miss the sale than live with myself knowing that an animal went to a non-suitable home just because of a dollar sign.

All our animals are treated like they are our very own. After all, they are ours until they are adopted. Great care is taken to ensure that every cat and kitten is safe, well and very happy. The way we do this is by giving them clean blankets in baskets, toys, litter trays which are disinfected twice daily, and a scratching post. We regularly handle and love each one as we like our cats to be smoochers, the way a well loved cat should be.

We used to offer people a 10% discount on desexing but I was only reasonably happy with the success rate. So I tried again. I wanted

to sell only desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and wormed cats and kits to help stop this horribly cruel and callous 'kitten season' that comes every year. Last year I sold 657 kittens with the discount vouchers and approximately 40% were desexed. But what about the 60% that were not? How many kittens would be produced from those animals for the next kitten season? So I decided to go the next step myself.

With many thanks to the CPS, who contacted many vets on my behalf, I finally found a terrific vet who was willing to assist and thought that my idea was great. This vet surgery is the Mt Druitt Veterinary Hospital with Dr Stewart and Dr Thomas and their nurses, Kerry and Louise. I found their enthusiasm to help was beyond reproach and many thanks go to them, as this would not be possible to do without their co-operation. They gave us excellent prices so we could have all our cats and kits desexed and still be able to sell them at reasonable prices.

My hope is to set a standard for other pet shops and, hopefully, more will follow our example and only sell desexed cats and kittens. Just think, if we only sell half the amount of kittens that are desexed this year - what a difference that will make on the quantity of unwanted kittens next kitten season.

Not all pet shops cater for their animals in the way we do, but there are not many bad pet shops either. I have found that most people who work in pet shops are in that position because they have devoted their lives to animals. Unfortunately, some of them are not in a position to be able to refuse the sales and the managers do not encourage it either! People do not seem to understand that pet shops are under the toughest rules and regulations and are checked on by authorities regularly. A code of practice is in force and must be followed by all pet shops.

Some people are led to believe that people own pet shops because of the money. Well that is the funniest thing that I have ever heard! One thing is for sure, don't own a pet shop if you want to make money! Animals cost you more than you make, it is purely a love job, and more people should realise this fact! Animals in pet shops have 24 hour care, are closely monitored, constantly cleaned, exercised, bathed, played with and fed extremely well.

People often ask 'what happens to the young animals that don't find homes?'. Well in my shop nothing, they stay here until they are adopted. We do not take them to a pound or anywhere else. After all, they are all our babies, no matter how big or small. We have only ever been unable to find a suitable home for one bull mastiff cross ridgeback called Lady. What happened to her? Well, she went to our farm and has been there ever since.

I hope that this has given you a chance to see what goes on in my shop and really make you realize how much time, love, affection and especially work, goes into running a pet shop. It is certainly not easy, that's for sure. But we do it because we love all animals and accepting responsibilities such as finding suitable homes for animals and selling them desexed and microchipped is a part of our contribution to the animals of the world. Pet shops should be setting the example for all pet owners.

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# CAT WHISPERING

## Is it for you and your cat?

Lynn Overhill - Animal Communicator

Cat whispering? Is that like horse whispering? A cat would look pretty funny with a bridle, stirrups and a saddle ... Have you seen the movie and wondered? Is it possible with your cat?

### WHO AM I?

In my work as an "Animal Communicator", I speak to cats daily. Their owners ring to say that their feline's behaviour is not what it used to be (ie, the cat has begun urinating in the house, it won't come in at night, it appears depressed and cries loudly at 'nothing' or other problems). The next question is "Can you help?"

### WHAT DO I DO?

My role consists of arriving at their home and greeting the temporarily out-of-sorts feline. After sensing their initial emotional state in my own heart and body, I will ask their owner a few pertinent questions to begin our counselling session.

What comes forth in my mind is often a few words or phrases about how the cat is feeling and what has caused this pain or anger to occur. I will then "see" in my mind pictures of events, people, other animals or whatever the cat chooses to mentally/telepathically send me. They do this in order to explain, often in great detail, what their perception is of the situation. These pictures will come with a great deal of emotion and sometimes momentarily, physical discomfort, which I feel in my own body.

After a session like this, both the owner and the cat have a chance to explain each of their views. Many times a better understanding occurs as the owner recognises what could be done differently next time. Often the cat realises that the most important thing is that their owner loves them regardless of what incident has occurred.

### WHY I BECAME AN ANIMAL COMMUNICATOR

The main reason I became involved in this type of counselling work due to my love of animals and my affinity with them. All my life the emotions that an animal was feeling became mine for a moment or even much longer. It was the knowledge that these were their deepest feelings even though their body was relaxed and their actual behaviour was neutral. It felt to me to be an "inner truth". At the time I didn't know how I could understand them so well, however, the unconditional love which they would send me would make me want to spend as much time as possible in their company.

With my Bachelor of Science degree and 6 years experience working as a counsellor, I was able to negotiate a suitable arrangement with the two cat teachers, Bonnie and Jac, who lived next door. While I was practicing my medium/psychic skills and completing a Diploma in Remedial (Alternative) Therapies, I realised that I could combine my natural gifted skills with additional knowledge in order to help animals and their owners become closer and more in a spiritual union with each other.

### A CASE HISTORY

In recent years, Bonnie and Tiger Jac, the two cats owned by the caring and nurturing neighbour next door, allowed me to realise that they had their own feelings and thoughts. Bonnie was continually looking for someone to love and pet her although she was too frightened to allow others near her. She began by telling me of her fear of me and what I needed to do to reassure her that her presence in our yard was acceptable. Bonnie would often say to me "I missed you, I haven't seen you for a few days. Can you be nice to me now? Please scratch my fur and I will love you and let you be my friend." (Which was something quite special as she ran away from most people or animals). She would always be at the car door when we arrived home to tell me what happened during the day. "Stroke me and give me your love, please," she would request regularly.

The other half of this team was her housemate, Jac. We added the Tiger due to her stripes and her proud way of strolling. She was very defiant and her emotions often felt quite angry. When she chose to speak telepathically I would hear, "You never feed me or let me in your house. I don't like you!" And then she would walk into the house briefly to show that she could do what she wanted. Jac would then leave the house and sit in front of me with her back to me, refusing to continue our conversation.

### WHAT DID I LEARN BY SPEAKING TO CATS?

As I encountered more and more cat clients, I began to realise that many of the inherent problems experienced by domesticated cats are due to their frustration on having had many soul lifetimes as large forest/range cats like the lion, tiger, ocelot, puma and jaguar. In 1998, many feline souls have a much more limited choice of bodies to inhabit. When they reincarnate, they must work very hard to accept a very different life. Once most cats realise the luxuries of this new lifestyle, most are content to accept it. But there are always a few who simply cannot forget the past. For these cats, a compassionate approach and further research to develop an understanding of what their life might have been like will help enormously. Animals enjoy having a compatible relationship built on understanding, compassion and trust.

To some people, these thoughts may be contrary to popular accepted belief. However, once an owner is willing to initiate an alternative approach with their cat, then the cat will more than likely recognise their owner's willingness to change their attitude and to find a way to achieve a reconciliation. Often, the cat will immediately recognise that the love their owner has for them is more important than their original stand which only made them feel angry and disappointed.



## HOW TO BEGIN

Many individuals believe that they can communicate with their animal. However, they don't tell everyone for fear of ridicule. On sending a thought about food or a walk, an outing, many animals will come running long before their owner calls them. If the cat is unhappy, it will often sit and look at its owner, sending them very strong thoughts about what has caused this displeasure. Then, their facial features or body position or meows confirms this picture. It is important to recognise that the picture of words or emotions are often sent long before you recognise physical cues.

Telepathic communication is possible with all animals no matter what the species is or how much communication an animal may have had with humans (ie feral cats, wild animals). The important thing is the willingness to truly understand your cat without prejudice must be present before you can begin. The other critical element must be unconditional love (regardless of the annoyance).

All you need to do is to think of a few questions which may be puzzling you about your cat. Questions such as 'Are you happy?', "Why do you do ...x..?", "How do you feel about ..y..?". Write the questions down in a notebook as it will assist you in remembering what you wanted to know. You may be so amazed when your cat begins to tell you things that you then become distracted.

Plan an initial 5 minute session with your cat where you can sit with it in your lap or in its basket. By stroking, brushing or massaging them lightly, they will become quite relaxed and will be more likely to want to engage in communication with you in this way. Initially send them your love and acceptance. Then think about your appreciation for their existence. Thank them for choosing to spend their life and time with you and your family.

Pick your question and send your cat a mental picture (ie "what is your favourite food?"). Send a picture of their empty bowl. Then, let your mind go blank. The answer will come to you, often immediately. Begin to trust your initial reaction of feelings. Also, remember to listen to all that your cat has to say before you make a statement. By listening to each word, phrase or picture which you are sent, often all of these can be pieced together to represent an even greater message of devotion, appreciation, frustration, hesitation, fear, anger, or indeed, any other situation or emotion.

## CONCLUSION

With many people acquiring new skills, is it any wonder that animal communication is booming? Next time your cat wants to tell you something, relax your mind, clear it from the day to day clutter and see 'what's new' with your furry friend.

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## GOODBYE KATHRYN

It is with sadness that I report that Kathryn Williams left the CPS in March. Kathryn brought a professionalism and excitement to Enmore Road and enriched the Society with her input and personality. She was vitally interested in the welfare of cats and vitally concerned in keeping the membership up to date with important welfare issues, giving the readers an insight into what the CPS does and some of the problems and traumas that are encountered on a daily basis. She took responsible cat ownership to schools and aged care homes and other public venues and created a youthful and vibrant impression of cat lovers in the local media. She was devoted to her welfare work with the CPS.

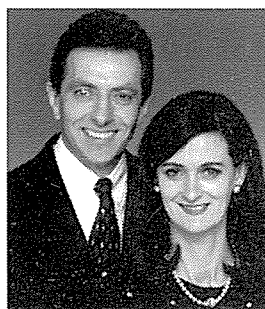
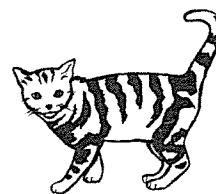
Her professionalism was evident in everything that she did, from dealing with staff and clients, interacting with the media, educating the Cat Affairs readers, and doing her utmost to rehome even more cats. She was desperately concerned with the plight of the mother cats who, tho lovely and loving, usually lost out to their kittens in the 'homing-stakes'. She wanted so much to increase their chances for finding homes. Kathryn greeted each day with a smile and an irrepressible spirit and was an asset to everyone she worked with. I feel that Kathryn deserves recognition for her efforts and achievements and public acknowledgment for her devoted contributions, above and beyond an 8 hour a day job, to the Cat Protection Society. And I for one, here and now give it to her as well as a big thank you for the pleasure of working with her, too short a time though it was.

LEE WRIGHT, Editor

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# Feature Artist SHAUNA KENDALL



My mum bought me watercolours when I was 3 and I've been creating ever since. I grew up on a large farm in Queensland. I was 8 when cats first came into my life. My dad found two female 'bush cat' kittens under some farm machinery. He brought these wild hissing fur balls into the house and I was mesmerised. Before long they became quiet and we had them fed and snuggled in some towels, their purring echoing off the sides of the cardboard box.

It wasn't long before one of the cats started to bulge. This prompted my Mum to take the other to the vet to be desexed. The mother-to-be, Little Mama, made a nest under my bunk bed which didn't go down well with Mum. We tried to put Little Mama into a beautifully furnished nesting box but it wasn't the same. Finally, on the big morning, Mum brought her out from under the bed one last time and I guess because Little Mama was so close to giving birth, she stayed in the box with Auntie Cat looking on.

Three beautiful and very different kittens were born. Annabella, a tortoiseshell, a white and grey male named Gnarlín 'My Darlin', and a silver tabby, Jake. I drew lots of pictures of them when I was young, portraying the different cat moods and personalities, sometimes just pages of nothing but eyes, everything from the sleepy hooded eyes to the hugely dilated 'I've got a dog on my tail' look. As I reflect back to when I was growing up, I see just how much of my days were filled with my cats. I had lots of other pets as well, but it was Jake and his family that touched me most.

Whenever I was feeling out of sorts one of the cats would find me and rub themselves on my legs, letting me know that everything would be okay. I could be working outside in the garden when I would hear very loud meowing coming from the other side of the house where Gnarl would be sleeping. Slowly he'd pick his way across the lawn through the prickly patch, shaking his feet as he went, and careful not to disturb the sleeping dogs. Sometimes I'd go for a long walk and on the last homeward kilometre all five cats would be darting out of the long grass onto the road, then back into the grass again, pouncing and ambushing each other. The Cats were always around.

I loved the fact they all had different personalities. Some ate fast, almost inhaling their food, some ate slowly and methodically. Some stayed lean and caught mice, some got a little large around the middle and would only run if forced. Some liked being vacuumed - others would be out the door at the mere sight. They especially loved it when my Mum would come home with

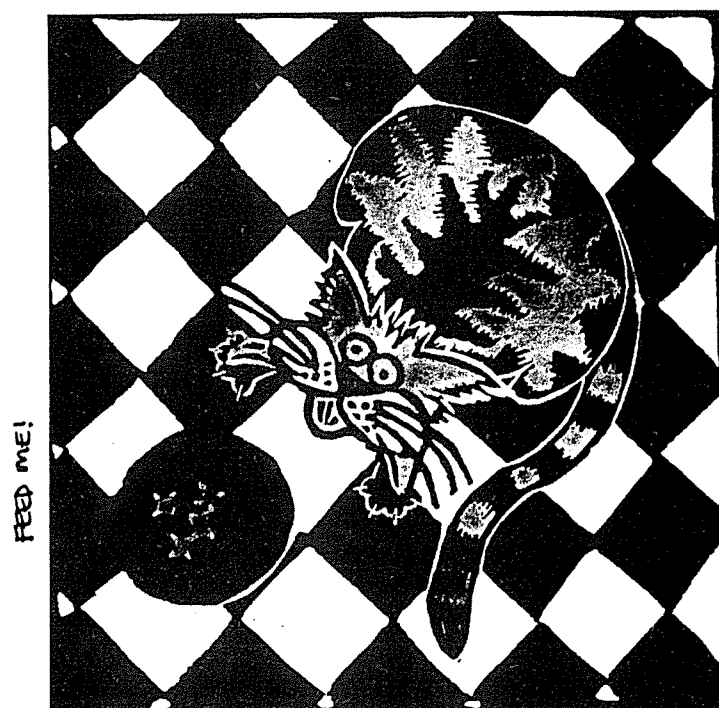
groceries and there would be all sorts of bags and boxes. Jake and Gnarl would put on a sort of cat rodeo. There was lots of chewing of cardboard, jumping in and out of boxes, skidding on bags across the floor, rolling around and being silly. My mother and I would be in stitches which spurred them on to further effort.

It's all these elements I draw upon as I bring the cat images into my art. So far all the cats I have done have been in hand coloured lino prints because I find it lends itself so well to the way I see them in my mind. I like to distil the images down to a few lines and forms that suggest their mood. I am always anxious to see the first print from the press and even though I know what the facial expressions will be, there is always a magical element of surprise.

I also paint acrylics and oils of landscapes and my impressions of nature. These are usually large canvases and boards and are quite a different perspective altogether. I started printing the cats and other animals a few years ago because of a talk I had with my husband, Robert. I was telling him 'cat stories' and was showing him all their different moods and postures. He suggested with all the enthusiasm I had for cats I ought to somehow capture them. At first I balked at the idea because it didn't seem 'fine art' enough, and that people would laugh at my work (some did). However, I decided to go ahead anyway and print the first set of lino's. I entered them in a local show and, much to my surprise and delight, a cat loving art gallery manager wanted the prints for her gallery at Mt Tambourine, Qld. I haven't looked back since.

The prints have been so popular, we decided to diversify and put the cat and dog images into cards and gift wraps. We've called our business Barking Dog Designs because we wanted a name we couldn't take too seriously. We want to stay mindful of humour because business can be very serious sometimes and we need our furry friends to remind us to relax and have fun while we're at it.

Shauna Kendall's Barking Dog Original art works can be seen at the Hester Gallery, 355 King St, Newtown; Cards & gift wrap-T. Gang in Darlinghurst, House in Miranda Shopping Centre; Noo Noos, King St, Newtown; Nth Ryde RSL Gift Shop, Café Essen, Canberra; Country Pickins, Kangaroo Valley.





# 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 \$.....**

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## 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.**

## WE GO TO THE PUBLIC

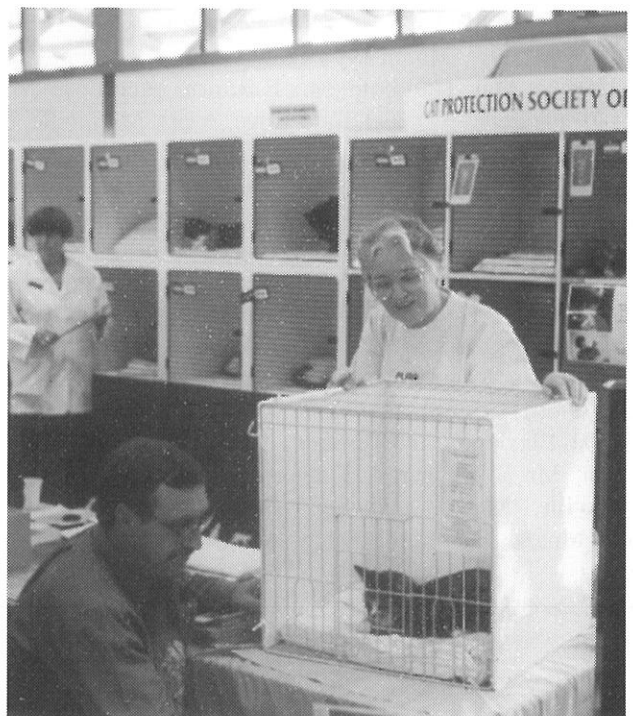
To widen our public identity, the CPS has scheduled several appearances at local events during 1998. The first was our day at the G&L Fair in February. We had a prominent stall, introduced ourselves to many people who had never heard of us and we promoted our activities, desexing and microchipping and ran a very successful raffle which netted about \$2,000 for the Society. Our stall, a scene of much activity throughout the day, is pictured on page 5.

Thanks to the generosity of the Desexed Cat Club of Australasia, we appeared on the 17 of April at the Royal Easter Show in the new cat pavilion at the Homebush site. Grace Ayling, Nicole Hadlow and Sue Matysek attended. It was a great day with lots of attention focussed on our cats up for adoption, two personality-plus adults (one pictured with his new owner and Grace Ayling), and two young desexed kittens who spent their time getting up to much mischief. The younger kittens caused much comment by their liveliness because they had only recently been desexed.

We offered a 'Show Special', a discounted desexing and microchipping package which interested many people and we also signed up new memberships. It was a very successful day with literally hundreds (thousands?) of people passing through the pavilion in order to see the impressive range of breeds on show, including our CPS moggies. **What a way to spread the word!**

**We are planning on being present at the Newtown Fair and the Glebe Street Fair, both in November. COME AND SEE US.**

**Grace Ayling, Chitchat and his new Dad at the Royal**



*You don't correct a cat. You only use reinforcement and operant conditioning. If the cat does something wrong you ignore it and if it does something right you reward it.*  
Steve Austin

# 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 1998.  
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) .....	

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## NEW MEMBERS

March 1998 - July 1998

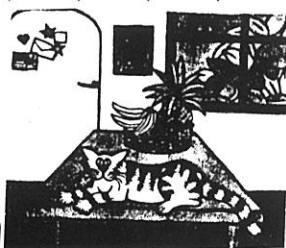
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A Selection of work by *Shauna Kendall*

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TAKE-THE STORM



# HILL'S SCIENCE DIET CAT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Kim Kendall (East Chatswood Cat Clinic), always on the look out for ways to promote cats, started a contest with the backing of Hill's Science Diet, to honour the felines in our lives. This year the contest was mainly focused at Kim's clients and their friends. Next year the Cat Protection Society is getting in on the fun and we will be offering Cat Affairs readers a chance to enter. But first, a rundown on the contest and this year's winners...

Many people are selected by their cat, rather than the other way around. This means that many owners have no real idea of their cat's Actual Birthday. So cats miss out on an annual gift giving event that they might otherwise benefit from. After some urging from some feline friends (via their owners, we admit), we chased down (on the Internet!!) an approximation of the date that Bastet, the Egyptian Cat Goddess of Fertility, was worshipped. This was the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere. So we declared an International Cat's Birthday so modern cats could have the same worshipful celebration as their ancestors, March First. However, there is now a hint of a Catholic Cats' Day, March 17<sup>th</sup> - yes, the same as St Pat - but for St Gertrude of Nivelles, patron saint of cats! Perhaps a 'name day' celebration as well as a birthday celebration!!

Hills recognised the importance of a cat celebration and offered a year's supply of Hills Science Diet (appropriate type - Kitten Growth, Adult Maintenance, Light or Senior) to the cat who did something a bit unselfish (even not eating the budgie or scratching the baby would do). There were many entries of the 'my cat is the most beautiful because it is mine' variety and very welcome they were to enter, we loved the pictures. But the outstanding candidates went 'above and beyond' the normal feline call of duty.

"Fester" Patterson, a 10 year old black moggy was the winner - he woke his humans when the bed was alight from a misplaced candle, endangering his own life to save his person's. He also 'keeps the peace' in a menagerie of cats, dogs, rabbits and a rat. His owner says he is 'an old soul with a wisdom beyond his years and his company enriches my life more and more each day.'

"Otis" Pryor was the most environmentally friendly. He has given up worrying birds and catching possums, despite living on the edge of the bush. We all know how hard it is to give up something you enjoy, but it did used to worry his people.

"Poppy" Green got a special mention because her owner persisted trying to find her after she escaped from a wire basket at the vet's. Notices were posted all around and the help of workers were enlisted in the industrial area where Poppy disappeared. She was sighted six weeks later and it took 2.5 weeks of daily visits and encouragement before Poppy rejoined her owner. "Never EVER Give UP".

"Marco" Morgan saved his owner's sanity. Despite being

desperately ill, he survived the HSC month keeping his young mistress' spirits up and then decided to keep going through her medical school years. He has surprised the vet and his family and is now into his second year med exams. "Meggsie" Wright allowed himself to be photographed in a most relaxed pose, just to show he trusts everybody. "Lucy" Anslow had the 'most beautiful' photograph win, while "Norman" Arnold and "Emerson" Stirzaker sent poems. "Pookie" Fox 'saved' a dog's life - and debated its worth!

Hills kindly donated consolation prizes so every entry won something delicious. Judges Nance Iredale, Kim Kendall and Debbie Low are looking forward to next year's entries (Deb wanted to do another one in 6 months it was so much fun!)

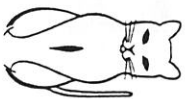
**So here's to a CELEBRATION OF CATS**  
Please, join us next year for the  
**INTERNATIONAL CAT OF THE YEAR AWARD.**  
Details in December Cat Affairs.



## FROM HAMLET'S CAT by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S CAT

To go outside, and there perchance to stay  
Or to remain within; that is the question:  
Whether 'tis better for a cat to suffer  
The cuffs and buffets of inclement weather  
That Nature rains on those who roam abroad,  
Or to nap upon a scrap of carpet.  
And so by dozing melt the solid hours  
That clog the clock's bright gears with sullen time  
And stall the dinner bell. To sit, to stare  
Outdoors, and by a stare to seem to state  
A wish to venture forth without delay,  
Then when the portal's opened up, to stand  
As if transfixed by doubt. To prowl; to sleep;  
To choose not knowing when we may once more  
Our readmittance gain: aye, there's the hairball;  
For if a paw were shaped to turn a knob  
Or work a lock or slip a window-catch  
And going out and coming in were made  
As simple as the breaking of a bowl,  
What cat would bear the household's petty plagues,  
The cook's well-practised kicks, the Butler's broom,  
The infant's careless pokes, the tickled ears,  
The trampled tail, and all the daily shocks  
That fur is heir to when, of his own free will,  
He might his exodus or entrance make  
With a mere mitten? Who would spaniels fear,  
Or strays trespassing from a neighbour's yard,  
But that the dread of our unheeded cries  
And scratches at a barricaded door  
No claw can open up, dispels our nerve  
And makes us rather bear our humans' faults  
Than run away to unguessed miseries?  
Thus caution doth make house cats of us all:  
And thus the bristling hair of resolution  
Is softened up with the pale brush of thought,  
And since our choices hinge on weighty things,  
We pause upon the threshold of decision.





# BROLL OF HONOUR



The Cat Protection Society of NSW salutes members who contributed so generously to our 'The Cats That Need The Cattery' Fund Raising Appeal.

## ◆◆BRONZE ROLL of HONOUR◆◆

S Overnell,	Coozee	G&K Duvall	Norfolk Island	J Hodge	Balgowlah	AC&DE McIntyre	F Young	Berala
A Adamou	Tampe	J Eade	Hornsby Heights	J Holland	Cammeray	B McKillop	P Rogers	Darlinghurst
R Alexander	Brightwaters	E Easton	North Ryde	J Hollo	Maroubra	FV McKirdy	M Rods	Banksown
ME Andriotis	Dulwich Hill	J Edwards	Castle Cove	R Hornshaw	Tarntfield	AJ McLeish	F Rosenthal	East Ryde
D Battersby	K Bayless	L Ellis	Kincumber	Annandale	Annandale	M McMahon	O Roth	Kiama Heights
J Berdodot	Newtown	H Fetzner	West Wyalong	I Hughes	Hornsby Heights	M McStrimming	J Rowe	Peterham
N Beveridge	Concord	C Firth	Carrngbah	P Hughes	Macksville	S Miles	EJ Rudd	Watara
M&A Bolitho	Forestville	B Fitzgibbon	Miranda	E Humphrey	Lane Cove	R&J Miller	E Sadler	Kincumber
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D Brown	Granville	V Flatley	East Lismore	D Inkson	Cherrybrook	J Mitchell	L Schofield	Sans Souci
D Brown	Kurrajong	S Fleming	Wentworth Falls	C Irby	Gloucester	A Moline	Middle Cove	Beacon Hill
L Brown	Merrylands	D Fletcher	Vauchuse	W Irish	Cheltenham	TO Nasser	Cessnock	Redfern
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S Bunyon	Hurstville Grove	C Ford	St Peters	M Jones	Amcliffe	J Nix	Earlwood	M Smith
BT Burne	Darlinghurst	B Fortescue	Nth Curl Curl	N Jones	Ashfield	ED Nuttridge	Warwick Farm	M Stiles
J Butterworth	Annandale	B Freeman-Flood	B Fuz	P Kain	Patesham	T O'Farrell	Hunters Hill	J Stirling
J Cam	Annandale	B Fuz	Kincumber	V Kaskani	Homebush	V&M O'Hanlan	Leura	A Storey
A Callaghan	Ashfield	M Gardiner	Vauchuse	M Kaskani	Sprngwood	H O'Rourke	Tanworth	L Swan
BM Callum	Budarin	R Gardiner	Etina	M Kirwan	Merrylands	M Page	North Sydney	DM Taylor
D Carr	Five Dock	V Garret	Blackheath	F Kuschildgen	Baulkham Hills	M Page	Franchis Forest	N Temple
M Chambers	Castlecrag	E Garven	Blacktown	A Lennon	Lapstone	C Parker	Matraville	A Tonkin
S Clepy	Lane Cove	M Giddey	Neutral Bay	N Livermore	West Kogarah	J Pasfield	West Chatswood	R Tyler
J Clark	Ermingdon	P Godwin	Kareela	C Livingston	Armatton	E Pilger	Bondi Junction	R Varrier
D Callinan	Coledale	C Goldberg	Springwood	J Marks	Darlinghurst	E Pope	Berowra	K Vesk
P Collis	Neutral Bay	J Gosling	Esksine Park	S Lublow	Chatswood	W Pryor	Lakenba	M Waddell
H Cooke-Yarborough	Lindfield	M Greenwood	Greensacre	MJ Marshall	Strathfield	L Purcell	Chatswood	R&L Warren
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J Comish	Jannali	R Hughes	Mt Riverview	B Marshall	Glebe	E Raynsford	Kinggrove	D Wellfare
CJ Culverwell	Becley	B Guymer	Waverley	MJ Marshall	Carrara Qld	B Reuter	Belmore	M Wilson
N Dart-Kelly	Sartoga	A Harwood	Cammeray	N Martin	Forestville	J Robin	Mosman	G Wren
B Dahl	Double Bay	E Hawkins	Drummoyne	D McAvinue	Kinggrove	J Robinson	Forest Reefs	Bey Wright
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## ◆◆SILVER ROLL of HONOUR◆◆

M&A Bolitho	Forestville	T Goulden	Summer Hill	E Humphrey	Abbotsford	J McMin	Bolton Point	G Sturatt	D Silms Seaforth
J Cook	Castlecrag	M Gosling	St Ives	MR Kala	Woodford	C Montgomery	Bexley	EK Strachan	Tallai
M Cridland	Edgecliff	P Hair	Camden	M Marison	Turramurra	L Napier	Carlton	J Tonkin	Wyoming
J Dunlop	Dulwich Hill	J Harrison	Roseville	C McGlynn	Balgowlah Hts	G Packham	Leichhardt	W Turner	North Gosford
M Edwards	Abbotsford	M Healy	Lindfield	P McManus	Earlwood	M Pitman	Willoughby	R Varrier	Cronulla
PE Fletcher	North Sydney	G Hoberg	Riverstone	II McMaster	Five Dock	A Rennie	Baulkham Hills	IA Walsh	Nth Strathfield
G Godeny	Leichhardt								Oak Flats
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J Dawson	Randwick	CP Larequi	Gymea	M Paine	Clear Island Waters	P Scott	West Ryde	B Scrivener	Castle Hill
M Flaherty	Tumbi Umbi	R Lloyd-William	West Pymble					P de Renzie Waters	Concord West

# 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, 25 October, 1998, 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 on street parking available. 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 1997 Annual General Meeting
2. Business Arising
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report - Audited Accounts
5. Election of Office Bearers and Councillors 1998-1999
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, 25 October, 1998.  
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 25 October, 1998

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 1998 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	Attendance
MRS G AYLING	Retired shop assistant and dressmaker, director of the Society for 4 years.	11 of 12 meetings.
MR J BURNETT	Retired storeman and director of the Society for 3 years.	10 of 12 meetings.
MRS J CHAPMAN	Retired Red Cross library assistant & director of the Society for 10 years.	10 of 12 meetings.
MRS H DOCKRILL	Music teacher and director of the Society for 3 years.	5 of 12 meetings.
MRS A ELLIOTT	Importer of French antiques and director of the Society for 7 years.	7 of 12 meetings.
MRS N IREDALE	Retired company secretary and director of the Society for 15 years.	12 of 12 meetings.
MS S JENKINS	Secretary and director of the Society for 4 years.	9 of 12 meetings.
MRS S PIKLER	Retired stenographer and director of the Society for 13 years.	11 of 12 meetings.
MRS B WALSH	Retired stenographer and director of the Society for 12 years.	12 of 12 meetings.
MR K EDWARDS	Retired Soil Conservationist and Director of the Society for 2 years.	6 of 9 meetings.
MRS N HARVEY	Office Supervisor and Director of the Society for 1 year	6 of 8 meetings.

Mrs E Larsen resigned as director during 1997. During the financial year she attended 4 of the 4 directors' meetings held while she was a director.  
Ms K Field resigned as a director during 1998. During the financial year she attended 5 of the 10 directors meetings held while she was a director.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

### RESULTS

The net amount of the company's surplus for the financial year was \$103,617.

### DIVIDENDS

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

### REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

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

### CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

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

### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There has not been any matter or circumstance, other than that referred to in the 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

The Society is looking at establishing a cattery to home cats, eliminating the cost of existing boarding arrangements. A separate reserve has been established for this development. Apart from the point noted above, 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

The company has not, 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 1 Sept 1998.

Nance Iredale, Director \_\_\_\_\_ S Pikler, 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 1998 as set out on pages 5 to 15. The company's directors are responsible for 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 THEIR operations and THEIR 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 1998 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 RUSSELL & FARR, Chartered Accountants

TJ Zammit, Partner

Signed at Penrith this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1998

## **STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1998**

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, 1998.

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, 1998; 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 1 Sept 1998

N Iredale, Director \_\_\_\_\_ S Pikler, Director \_\_\_\_\_

## **THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 1998**

	NOTE	1998 \$	1997 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash		37,034	19,984
Inventories	4	1,719	0
Receivables	5	24,659	29,810
Investments	6	957,989	872,291
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>1,021,402</u>	<u>922,085</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant & equipment	7	328,019	343,891
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>328,019</u>	<u>343,891</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>1,349,421</u>	<u>1,265,976</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors & borrowings	8	11,967	37,345
Provisions	9	10,474	6,390
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>22,441</u>	<u>43,735</u>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	10	<u>9,774</u>	<u>8,653</u>
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>9,774</u>	<u>8,653</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>32,216</u>	<u>52,388</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,317,205</u>	<u>1,213,588</u>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>			
Reserves	10	304,628	264,398
Accumulated Funds		<u>1,012,577</u>	<u>949,190</u>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		<u>1,317,205</u>	<u>1,213,588</u>

Notes to and forming part of the accounts are included on pages 9 to 15

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1998**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
Donations - welfare	\$107,933	\$144,450
- general	12,970	15,484
Fund raising	1,818	0
Government Grant	15,500	15,500
Interest	57,294	47,420
Journal Advertising	712	268
Memberships to CPS	15,709	18,933
Money Boxes	516	724
Opportunity Shop	27,000	31,069
Pets in memoriam	205	783
Sales - cats	58,049	43,327
- merchandise	699	0
- T shirts	2,998	0
Sales - vet products	219	219
	<u>301,621</u>	<u>318,541</u>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
Advertising	\$6,148	\$5,004
Ambulance Supplies	1,343	639
Auditors remuneration	2,873	2,650
Bank Charges	971	591
Boarding Fees	33,696	31,642
Cleaning	1,318	1,368
Collars & tags - net of trading (325)		1,660
Computer expenses	100	190
Depreciation - general	13,071	15,801
- buildings	4,500	4,313
Electricity	597	671
General Expenses	833	1,829
Insurance	4,735	4,186
Journal 'Cat Affairs'	12,443	11,892
Legal expenses	1,000	0
Litter (net of trading)	981	361
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	273
Merchandise (net of stock)	499	0
Microchips	3,831	0
Motor vehicle expenses	23,723	26,327
Postage	588	1,136
Printing & stationery	2,891	2,379
Property expenses	3,706	3,842
Provided for annual leave	4,084	(4,438)
Provided for long service leave	1,121	1,265
Repairs & maintenance	1,364	310
Staff amenities	232	360
Subscriptions & memberships	900	250
Superannuation	8,403	7,772
T-shirts (net of stock)	1,972	0
Telephone	8,357	6,770
Veterinary expenses	147,184	159,365
Wages & salaries	137,710	133,150

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1998**

	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>		
OTHER INCOME	\$	\$	430,849	421,555
Cattery - General	12,121	0		
- Legacies	28,110	0	(129,228)	(103,014)
Insurance Recovery	2,240	0		
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	0	123		
Legacies	189,235	145,391		
Storage fees	1,140	0		
	<u>232,845</u>	<u>145,514</u>		
<b>ABNORMAL ITEMS</b>				
Legacies	<u>0</u>	<u>190,000</u>		
	0	0		
NET OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	103,617	232,500		
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the financial year	949,190	716,690		
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	<u>1,052,807</u>	<u>949,190</u>		
Aggregate of amount transferred to reserves	40,230	0		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>1,012,577</u>	<u>949,190</u>		

