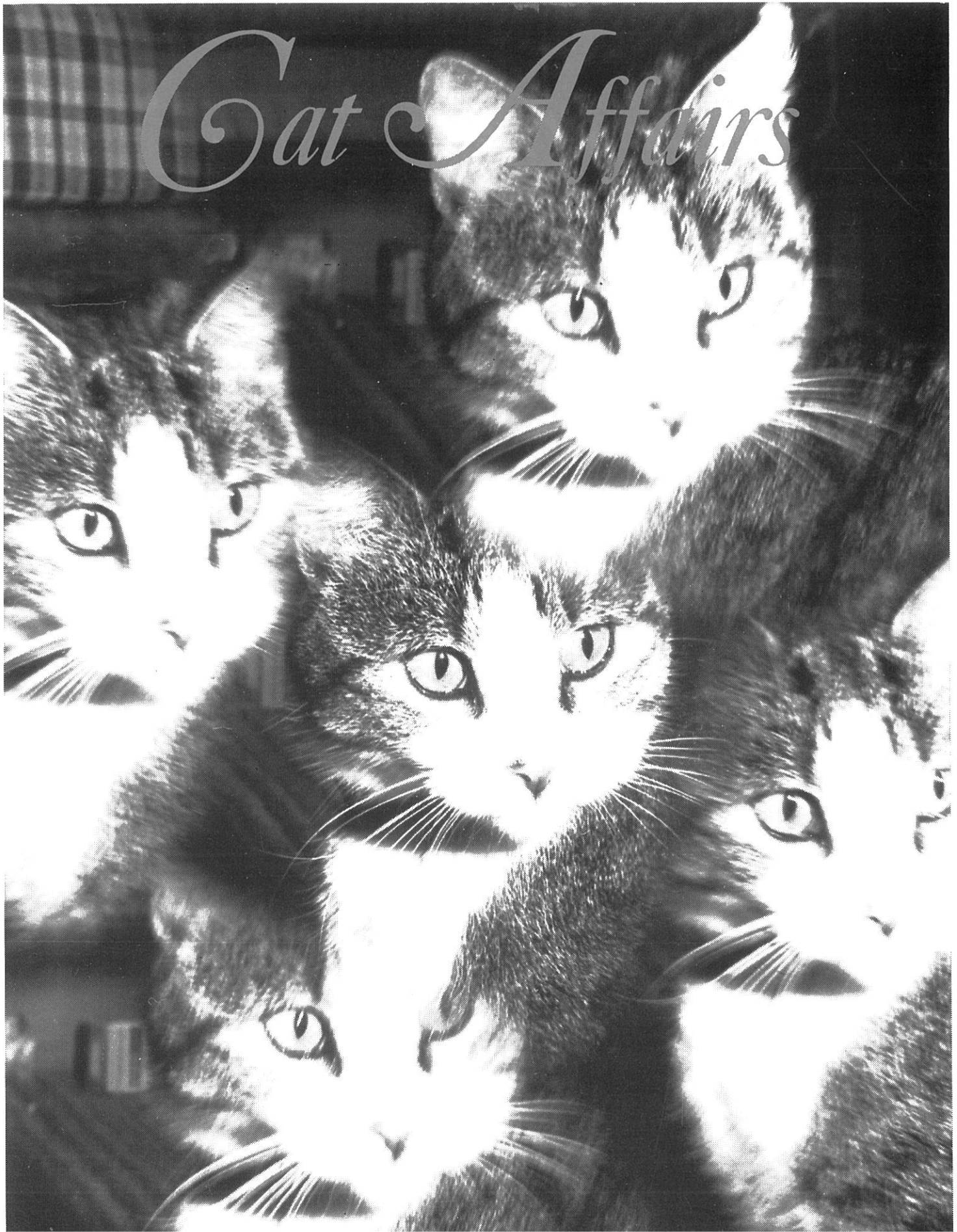


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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

There are many different aspects to the work of the Society. Clearly the most important is the work undertaken by our Welfare Officers helping cats in response to calls from the community. Finding homes for cats and kittens is also of great importance (members you can help here). The Society tries to give these cats every chance by ensuring they are in good health, desexed, vaccinated and microchipped before they leave our hands. Unfortunately, there are always more cats and kittens available for adoption than there are people wanting to care for them. Therefore, we have decided to try to increase the options available to us in finding homes. The first step was the decision to obtain our own cattery, but there are other plans being worked on as well. We believe that to succeed in our aim we have to talk to more members of the veterinary profession and to the pet industry and we are doing this. If we have more high quality outlets at which people can adopt our cats, then the chances of finding more homes will be increased. We are still searching for suitable premises for our cattery and one of the options we are considering is to purchase a veterinary practice so that we can combine cat sales and veterinary services at the one site.

Another aspect of our work is on the political level, for example in the development of the Companion Animals Act. We will continue this work through Cat Protection's membership of the Companion Animals Advisory Board. However, the effort goes beyond this as we talk directly with the Minister for Local Government concerning the Act, and with advisers from the Minister for Housing's office. The Department of Housing, with its many dwellings spread across the state, is a major landlord and Departmental housing is a source of many requests for help from us and uses a lot of our resources. We are seeking to develop a relationship with the Department with the aim of implementing a policy that ensures that Department of Housing tenants can enjoy the company of their cats, while considering the rights of their neighbours.

The Companion Animals Act has now been officially launched and the major theme of the launch is "*Chip In. So your pet can dial home.*" Microchipping, as you will all know, means your cat is identified for life and can be returned to you if she is lost, hurt or stolen. As far as cat owners are concerned, there are important new responsibilities under the Companion Animals Act. For the first time, any cat which is sold or given away, and all kittens (born after July 1), will have to be microchipped and lifetime registered. Existing cats who stay with their current owner do not have to be registered, but all owners should identify their cats either through microchipping, or by using a collar and tag. There is considerable variation in the price that veterinarians charge to implant microchips, so make some enquiries before you have your cat microchipped. Your Society provides a microchipping service at very competitive rates. Consider having your cat microchipped at your next visit to the vet. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the Act contact your local council or the Cat Protection Society office at Enmore.

We believe that a combination of our continued "hands on" activities, introduction of the new legislation, and our continued efforts to influence the community, government and industry will lead to a reduction in demand for our services and to a better future for the cats of NSW.

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BACK COVER: Allie Parsons, This adoptee's life is a very happy one!

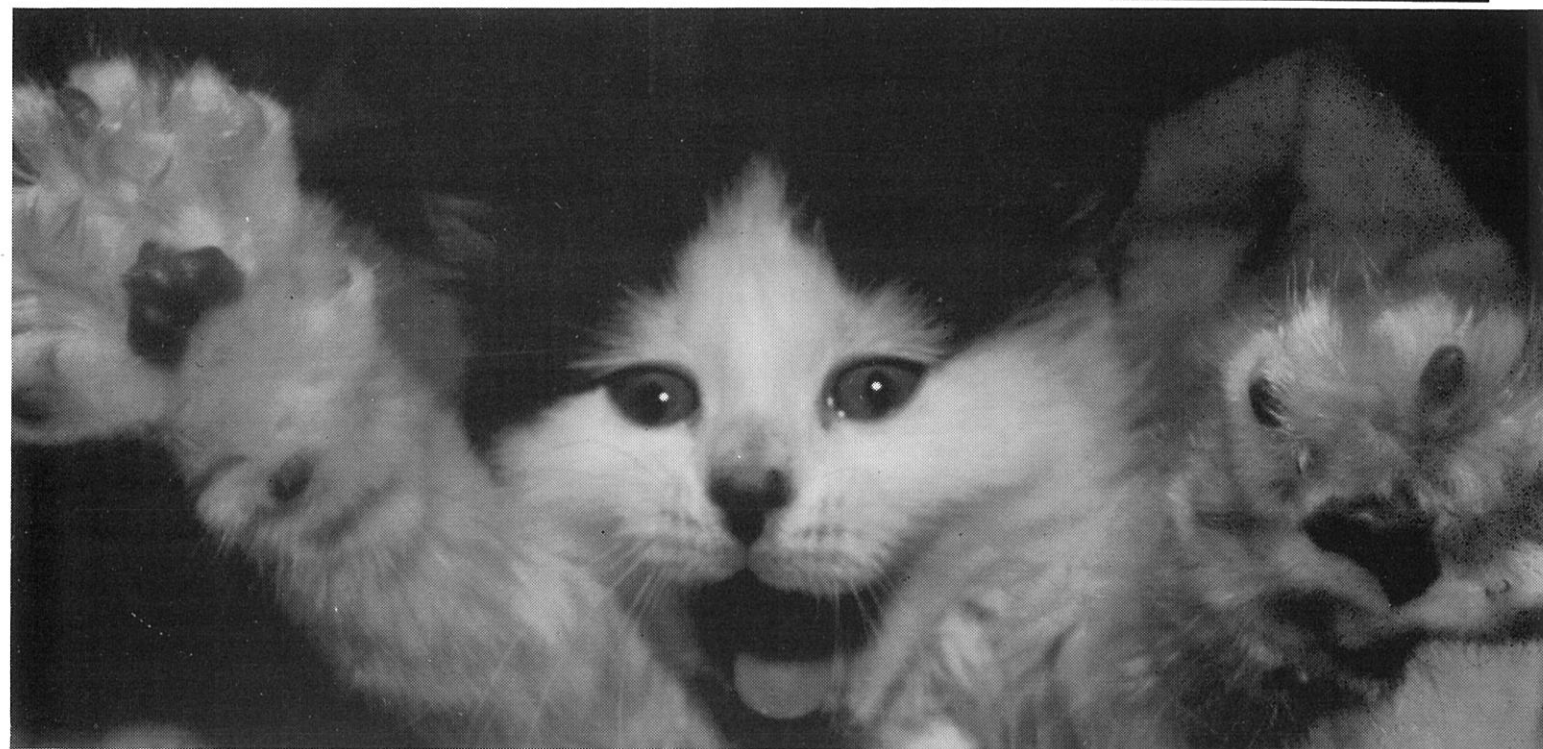
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PEG GAULEY

Honourable Life Member

Our constitution only allows us to have 15 Honourable Life Members, so it is an honour not lightly given. Peg Gauley certainly qualifies. Peg has been our volunteer welfare officer for many years in the Auburn area. As a local newspaper deliverer, Peg and her colleagues (most of them CPS members), see all the cat problems on their runs. Moreover, CPS office often asks her to do urgent and difficult jobs and she never refuses.

Peg has no car but – as she persuaded her colleagues to join CPS – so she persuades a friend to drive her to the Concord Animal Hospital with cages of all shapes and sizes of cats; wild, unwanted pets, surplus kittens. This happens every weekend and last year involved 220 cats in 93 jobs for CPS. On top of that, she persuaded many people to have their cats desexed. These cats she always picked up and returned. Peg is always cheerful – nothing is too much trouble. Of course she has a full quiver of cats AND dogs of her own. Peg is really an inspiration and certainly deserves our highest accolade



AGM



CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Society's office at 103 Enmore Road, Enmore NSW

SUNDAY - 26 SEPTEMBER - 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 the Society - the better we can function.

We look forward to seeing YOU on the day.



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

CPS MEMBER HONoured

Mrs Dolores Ball was recently bestowed with one of Australia's highest honours - an Order of Australia in the 1999 Australia Day awards.

As well as having been an active member and volunteer for the Cat Protection Society, Mrs Ball has also been active in human welfare. She realised that people who had kidney and pancreas transplants at the National Transplant Unit in Westmead Hospital needed to talk over their particular concerns with other people who had been through the same procedure. In 1990, Mrs Ball started a support group called RAPT (Renal & Pancreas Transplants). The group has now grown to over 100 members.

Mrs Ball has also been active in fundraising for the increased quality of patients lives (especially long term patients) at Westmead Hospital. Via concerts held through the Federal Association of Teachers of Dancing, raffles and stalls, a new verandah was built for the patient's enjoyment and computer equipment was bought.

Dolores Ball, we salute you on your achievements and your Order of Australia medal.



CAT MOVES

A soft thud pulls my gaze
To the book on the carpet.

Then upward.
Blue eyes lock

With the green-eyed guilt of the cat,
One paw suspended
In the space that stands
On the bookshelf.

Attempting nonchalance,
She casually steps down,

Sniffs the book
With great disinterest
And walks away
To another game.



GOTCHA!

Tiptoeing silently,
Or so I think
My cat gives me a little wink.
The game is now done,
The tiger has won

She, a more skilled huntress than I!

VALE - JESSIE TAYLOR

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Jessie Taylor, our president from 1965 to 1974. Jessie was a well known figure in the animal welfare world and her late husband, Jack, was president of the RSPCA of NSW for a number of years.

Jessie never allowed her physical handicap to deter her from doing all she could to improve the treatment of animals and give them a better chance in life. Jessie felt particular concern for the stray cats of Sydney and for this reason she joined the CPS and took over its leadership.

As well as caring for strays at her own residence and finding homes for them, she financially supported the work of other members of the Society who rescued and sheltered cats in their own areas. They were the pioneers who struggled to get our fledgling Society on a firm footing.

We acknowledge our debt to Jessie Taylor, whose compassion and devotion to her chosen work enable the CPS to keep financially afloat. We salute her memory and convey our condolences to her family.

LITERARY CATS

My cleverest cat asked me to send you this poem. They have given up dolomite and other similar litters for recycled newspaper products, and feel that these deserve commemoration in verse.

Julia Sinclair

ECO-CATS

by anany mouse cat

We used to be the cats that sat
on nothing else but Exelcat®,
For as any feline knows,
its feel is bliss between the toes.

But now with age has wisdom come,
and to a different beat we drum,
In short, we felt it would be fitter
if we espoused an eco-litter.

The pondering and solar thinking
drove us to the point of drinking (milk),
'til recycled paper caught our eyes
and brought ecstatic mewling cries,
so now we take our ease
on recycled bits of trees,
and if things are prolonged a bit,
we can read it as we sit.

Hooray! Hooray! for eco-litter,
that preserves our dwindling trees,
where up the bark we love to skitter,
to see the sights and shoot the breeze.



TAILS

Sue Matyssek

Congratulations to all the people who found homes and who gave homes to our cats and kittens over the last financial year. Last year was a near record (only 2 off the 96/97 record)) with 980 placements. Special thanks to Parklands Boarding Kennels manager, Annette Tomlinson, and her staff, who spend so much time on the phone and face to face with prospective 'parents'. And even more thanks for the work they put in to find loving, caring homes for our adult cats.

Also, many thanks to the staff at Concord Animal Hospital for their enthusiasm for our kitten adoptions and to Dr Paul Waters and Dr Alice Noe-Nordberg for their help and advice over the year with health problems relating to our charges. The kitten adoptions from Concord are certainly thriving.

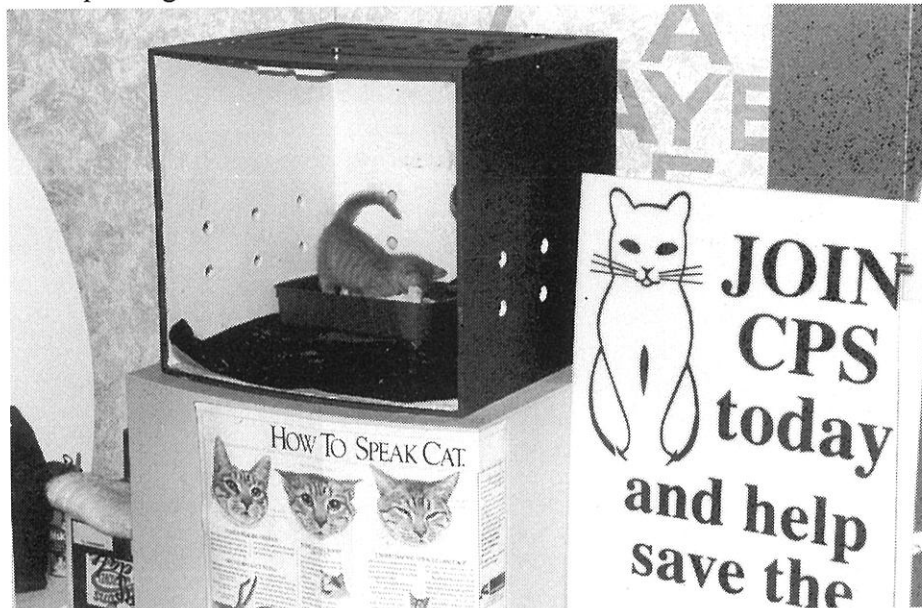
Congratulations and thanks to Dr Kim Kendall from East Chatswood Cat Clinic for taking on so many kittens and young adults over the year and finding homes for them.

Thanks to Dr Iain Bownes from Croydon Park Vet Clinic and Dr Steve Cooney from Maroubra Junction Vet Clinic, both of whom have recently started finding homes for CPS kittens. It is thanks to all these people that we are enjoying such great success in placements. In fact, this method is proving so successful that we are approaching our other co-operating vets to see if they are able to take on CPS kittens for adoption, particularly over the summer months when we are inundated with kittens.

Last, not never least, thanks to our office staff, Carina and Judith, for finding homes

for so many of the lovely adult cats that come to us, often badly in need of socialising and attention. It is wonderful to watch some of these cats blossom with confidence after a few days of care.

It was great to meet some of you at the Pet Expo at Homebush, which we attended courtesy of Bayer. We brought in a couple of our younger kittens every day over the 3 day event and spoke to many people about the work we do and the services we offer. People were particularly interested in our discounted micro-chipping scheme and fascinated by a sample chip embedded in resin. It really is very similar to the size and shape of a grain of rice!



The kittens stole the show and absolutely loved the attention and pats they received.

We were fortunate to be able to attend the Easter Show again this year. Thanks to one of our members, Ian Dunn, for his hard work in getting us there! Judith and Jenny represented the CPS on Kid's Day: Pat a Cat where Judith launched a colouring-in competition which has helped us gain more junior members. Turn to our Kid' Page on 17 to see who was the winner of that competition. Carina and I attended the following week and also had a successful day. We were thrilled to receive a healthy donation from the organiser which was gratefully accepted.

We are still having kittens surrendered to us over the winter months but the numbers are low and so we are easily able to guarantee homes for every healthy kitten given to us during this time. The adult adoptions are having their usual increase while kittens are scarce - which always gives us great pleasure.

This winter period is a good breathing space for the Society because it enables us to do more in the way of promoting responsible cat ownership and letting people know about our discounted desexing scheme.

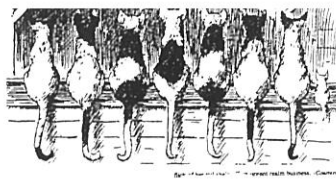
You, our members, can also help by 'spreading the word'. If anyone would like any promotional material such as membership forms, brochures, leaflets on Responsible Cat Ownership, including answers to such questions as "Why Desex?", "Why Microchip?", or further information on the Companion Animals Act, please contact the office.

If we can encourage more people to have their cats desexed before the cats start breeding, we will have less animals surrendered to us and we will more easily place those that do come in.

Certainly every cat and kitten born deserves a caring, responsible home and we will continue to do our utmost to work towards this goal.



"Cat litter, catnip toy, cat food—oh, dear! I forgot my food!"



Kay Houlcroft

MAKING SURE

We hear a lot about irresponsible cat ownership. Sometimes there is a gleam of hope

Dotti had a unit in Paddington with a courtyard ... and a cat. The cat wasn't hers but seemed to consider the quiet, leafy sanctuary her own. When she showed all signs of being 'in residence', Dotti started feeding her .. and thus acquired a lovely, vocal, personality plus tortie girl. The relationship was firmly established, even tho Dotti knew the cat was visiting someone else.

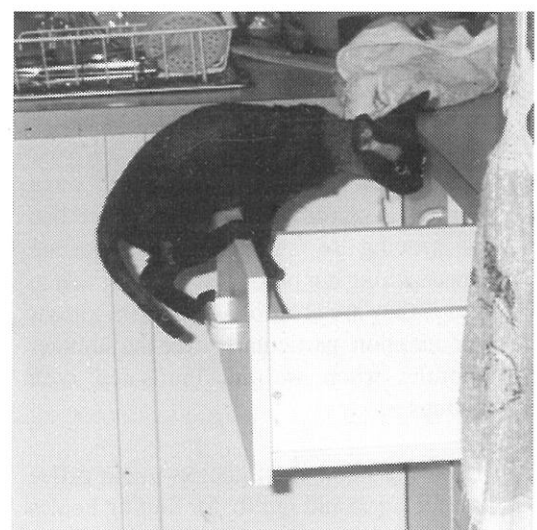
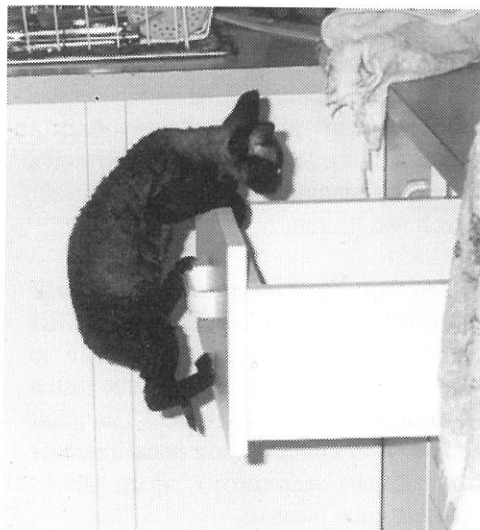
One day Dotti answered the front door to find a young girl standing there, showing a photograph of a tortie cat and asking if Dotti had seen the cat. Torn between her love for this creature and the knowledge that the cat must belong to someone else (she had been in good condition when she first turned up), Dotti faced the fact that she might lose the cat to its true owner but honestly acknowledged that yes, she had the cat.

But her trepidation was short lived. The lass explained that the cat had been theirs, the family knew it had moved to another home - tho it still visited them. They were moving away from the area and just wanted to be sure that the cat's new owner would look after it and care for it responsibly. Dotti was immediate in her assurances that Cindy (short for Cinderella) was indeed well loved and would always have a home with her. And she does.



When you're clever... you don't jump.

BBQT's talent for climbing was developed climbing up the horizontal handles on the 4 kitchen drawers. When she was older she'd climb up the cantilever laundry line when it was down. Happily, before she discovered it was an unblockable route to freedom - she stopped. In the past several years her skills have been limited to climbing up my clothes for her favourite possie on my shoulder, draped around my neck like a living fur stole.



LUCY

Brianna

I got Lucy when I was 4 years old. She came from the RSPCA. She got dumped by some cruel person. Lucy loves exciting things and her most lovable thing is sleeping. When I got her she was in a box and I decided to call her Lucy because my old friend looks like a cat. I adore my cat and I look after her very well. Lucy is black and fat and has cute little legs.

CAN ANYONE HELP???

The CPS office recently received a call from the Citizen Advocacy Eastside asking if we knew any cat lovers who lived in the Eastern Suburbs. Do we ever! The call was for one of their people who needs come help.

The Citizen Advocacy Eastside is a non-profit organisation which aims to defend the rights and interests of people who have an intellectual disability. They recruit and support caring, responsible citizens who would like to make a positive difference in the life of a person who may be lonely, at risk of exploitation or facing difficult life circumstances.

They currently have a request to find an advocate for a woman with an intellectual disability in her fifties with a love of cats. She is friendly and sociable and would love an advocate to socialise and have a friendship with. They would prefer someone who lives in the Eastern Suburbs.

If you think you might like to be an advocate, please contact Kate Milner or Amanda Schulze on 9386 1277.

STORIES FROM THE ROAD

A call we received in the office was a familiar story: a couple in Colyton had been feeding a tame stray for the last 3 weeks. When Sandy attended the job she routinely scanned the cat, which was fortunately microchipped. The owners were, of course, ecstatic to be reunited with their darling cat which they had adopted from an animal shelter. Luckily the cat had been microchipped. It had been missing 6-8 weeks and the owners had despaired of every finding it again since other cats in the street had disappeared at the

same time. As to what happened to the cat - well, that will always remain a mystery.

A more bizarre story, but one with a happy ending: a cat that had been living under a house in Liverpool was picked up by the CPS. This cat was also very fortunate to carry a microchip and the owner told us the cat had been lost 4 months ago at Prestons. The last thing the owner heard of the cat's whereabouts was that a neighbour had seen it in the jaws of a dog running down the street. Another one of those stories where we will never know the truth.

These are just snippets of the type of jobs the CPS gets called to every day. Despite the happy endings in these episodes, the majority of cats aren't identified. Despite the efforts of the welfare officers and the administration staff to locate the owners, the cats are never reunited. Just a simple microchip that can be inserted in seconds, even a collar and tag, would help greatly in the identification game. Even if you 'know' your cat 'never' wanders, or keep it indoors all the time, it is surprising, and saddening, how often even these cats get out, get lost and never can be reunited due to lack of identification



DESEXED CAT CLUB OF AUSTRALASIA 1999 TWILIGHT CAT SHOW

The Committee cordially invites CPS members to show their mixed breed cats in the DOMESTIC CAT SECTION

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1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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New exhibitors are warmly welcomed and will be shown the simple procedures involved in benching their cat(s). Cat shows offer the chance to talk cat endlessly to cat lovers, see the pedigree breeds, watch how a cat show functions and show your beloved feline companion.

All exhibits must be desexed and vaccinated



BOARDING

L U E S

Dr Kim Kendall, BcBS, MRCVS

The ANNUAL BOARDING CRISIS is upon us - make your cat's holiday arrangements NOW while there's a choice.

WHAT EVERY OWNER NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT BOARDING THEIR CAT —

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FLEA &

FOOD PROBLEMS

Cats have become a much more integral part of our families in recent times and the level of care and affection lavished on them now approaches that given to children and friends of the human variety.

In the same way getting a baby-sitter became more acceptable, even essential, to a parental evening out, so providing secure care for cats (and dogs!) has increased in popularity. Plus, probably your neighbour or friend is going to be away at the same

time as you are, and so will be unavailable for 'food and litter tray' duties. Hence the Rise and Rise of Boarding Catteries.

Of course, your feline friends would prefer that you NEVER went away, but everyone has other obligations so the occasional absence is unavoidable.

So how do you select a good cattery?

Word of mouth and inspection, as with anything.

What do you look for?

Clean, quiet, or-free premises with the cats being extrovert in the main (i.e., not huddling in the back corners - though there are always some wallflowers). If the owner shows you through and talks to the cats on the way, you can be pretty sure they are feline-focused!

How much room does a cat need?

Studies show that cats, given complete free choice, in the wild, will spend 85% of their time asleep - more than 20 hours a day. Cats actually only move from comfy spot to comfy spot to continue snoozing, especially once they are past kittenhood; so the accommodations need to be big enough for that plus food and litter requirements, and as long as the cat is 'entertained' and has some interaction, then they are happy. The other thing to bear in mind is that your cat will behave differently in a cattery than at home. They are smart and adaptable (amazingly so!) And even timid and aggressive cats will usually calm down and start to enjoy the company of the cattery people. They rarely get used to other cats, so mixing cats is not a good idea (but it depends on space).

What about Flu??

This is the biggest problem in catteries, because vaccinations cannot stop the cat from getting flu. In the same way as with human flu vaccinations, it can only stop cats from dying from the flu, and usually shortens a bout of it to two or three days sneezing or sore throat instead of two weeks of pure misery. The second problem is that most cats, especially purebred ones, get the flu viruses from their mothers at about 6 weeks of age, and retain them for life, with the virus re-emerging when the cat is stressed (in the same way as cold sores around the mouth recur for us). And boarding is 'stress' - any change initiated by others is unwelcome to your average feline dictator! So cats frequently sneeze a day or two after entering a cattery - too early for a 'new' flu infection, and most likely their own virus popping up again.

Does this mean vaccination is unnecessary?

No, it is still essential in order to reduce any suffering to a minimum. The third agony of flu for catteries is the ease with which it is spread. One touch of one nose to another is ample to spread the virus - whether there is a human hand as intermediary, or a bowl or litter tray or cloth. Bleach kills the virus - but cats are very sensitive to bleach too! It is a difficult juggling act, and I know it is not always possible to protect cats from flu (especially their own viruses!), but careful cleaning keeps most cats disease free. If your cat comes back with the flu, think of the number of colds kids get at kindy - it's the way of the world, but the cats shouldn't be dirty or skinny - good nursing gets results.

What about fleas?

It is now possible to prevent a cat from getting fleas at a cattery. Bear in mind that fleas find cats the 'purrfect' host, and they used to be hard to control. Many 'fleas from boarding' were, in fact, the reservoir of fleas that waited to hatch in the house while you were all away, so suddenly 3 weeks worth of fleas leapt on your pet when it entered the house. Fleas hatch in less than half a second once the cat or dog breathes on the cocoon! Or the vibrations of your walk overexcites them as well! However, now with **Frontline** or **Advantage** applied either before going to boarding or on the pet's return, those bothersome biting bugs won't cause any more problems!

What about food?

Any good boarding establishment will feed whatever the cat usually likes. If it is barramundi or sliced fillet mignon, you will need to take your own supply, but it will be given to your pet. However, most catteries use premium foods these days, as it means the cats go home looking in prime condition.

And toys or towels?

Well, everyone tries to be helpful, but often the cats put their toys and towels in the litter tray and it can be hard to keep track once they go into the wash! However, small items are usually OK, but remember to ask for them with the cat - the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry!

Always look at where your feline companion will stay prior to your departure - you have to be happy that your cat will thrive while you are away (of course they will miss you, but they are the ultimate believers in 'making the most of wherever you are'!).

FUNKY

SHOCKS!

UNIQUE

hand painted & printed Australian cotton socks

Cathlin Gaia

I am a devoted animal lover with a special attachment to elephants and cats.

I make my living by creating and selling 'SHOCK SOCKS', a unique and fun approach to footwear as wearable art. What began as an urge to wear more colourful socks has blossomed into a full time pursuit as I found myself constantly being commissioned to make more pairs once people had seen the fabulous socks I had made for myself. I have since branched out with other times including baseball caps, shirts and other clothing items.

All of my work is done on the highest quality Australian made cotton which I then decorate by hand, using fabric paint or by screen printing - or a combination of both. They are heat set which makes them completely machine washable. There is an extensive range of designs and I also do one-off customised designs for people who want something unique.

I paint lots of animals, as well as other subjects, but one of my favourites is cats and I depict them in all sorts of ways; running, sleeping, sitting or playing. They may be realistic or very simplistic in style. I have even done portraits where I have copied a photo of an especially loved companion onto a pair of socks.

the delightful seaside town of Yamba on the north coast of NSW, and it is small enough so that you can get to know the cat population of your district quite well.

If you would like to know more about SHOCK SOCKS, you can ring me on 02 6646 2993, or write to me at PO Box 9, Yamba NSW 2464. To say 'hello' in person, I will be at Sydney later this year at the AUSTRALIAN CRAFT SHOW at the Homebush Olympic Site from November 24 to 28. My Sydney outlets include Reetz Boutique, Strand Arcade, Sydney; The Australian Conservation Foundation Shop, 33 George Street, Sydney; The Wilderness Society Shop, Centrepoint, Sydney; the Byron Bay Hut Company, 70 Campbell Parade, Bondi Beach and Australian Craftworks, 127 George Street, The Rocks, Sydney. For outlets in Queensland and Victoria, please contact me.



Although my work is extremely time consuming, I thoroughly love what I do and enjoy it immensely. My work lasts for years, it is very functional and brings a lot of joy to those who choose it and those who receive it. To me, that is very important.

For several years I shared my life with the most incredible and lovable cat I have ever known. She was a silver Manx called Fetish and she gave me immeasurable pleasure and who, I feel, really elevated the quality of my life. She was very affectionate, gorgeous to look at and highly vocal. We went through the good and the bad times together. She was no angel, though, and had a mean, bitchy side to her that made me love her even more. I miss her terribly. Sometimes when I am out walking, I see one of her brothers or sisters or other relatives and I do a double take as they are all very similar. You see, I live in



A cat's paw is a multi functional appendage. Well renowned for being furnished with a finely honed set of retractable claws, the pads are instrumental in helping radiate excess heat and cool the cat and also have special scent glands that leave an olfactory footprint.

Anyone who has ever cuddled an affectionate cat knows that their dainty paws can pat your face as gently as a baby's breath and yet contain concealed weaponry that can be utilised instantaneously if they are threatened. How does a cat control this ability? And why do all cats, except the cheetah, have retractable claws whereas other hunters, like canines, do not? The answer lies with the cat's hunting style and choice of prey.

Almost all cats are solitary, mostly nocturnal hunters whose prey has excellent hearing and reflexes. When stalking, the cat's eyes, adapted for seeing in low light, allow it to track its prey while long, sensitive whiskers help it avoid brushing against any noisy obstacles. Sheathed claws also help the cat stalk noiselessly. After it completes its final leap, the cat uses its claws to tightly hang onto its prey. The cheetah, on the other hand, simply outruns its prey. Retractable claws would be a disadvantage for the cheetah - it needs its claws for traction.

A cat is so built that it can keep its claws sheathed most of the time yet instantly extend them when required. The mechanism that allows a cat's claws to extend and retract is a marvel in engineering. The claw is anchored to two smaller bones that are 'folded' next to each other. When a cat wants to extend its claws, it tightens a tendon that unfolds the two small bones into a straight line. These bones push the claw forward and downward. The same motion also spreads the toes, making the foot more than twice as broad and a formidable weapon.

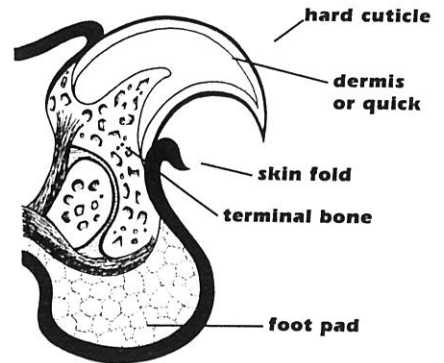
A cat's retractable claws are the most easily noticed feature of the feline foot, but a cat's paw actually does much more. If the cat becomes too warm, the capillary network in its footpads helps radiate excess heat and cool the cat. The network really kicks into high gear if the cat becomes nervous or excited. The same thing happens to people; that's where the expressions 'cold sweats' and 'sweaty palms' come from. The next time you take your cat to the veterinarian, look for moist footprints on the examination table.

A cat's paws offer a surprise when it comes to identification. Humans have fingerprints,

distinctive whorls on fingers that uniquely apply to us. Cats have a type of fingerprints too, but don't bother to dust for them. A cat uses special scent glands located in the pads to leave an olfactory paw print as distinctive as a human fingerprint. Have you every seen your cat lazily slide its paws down or across something? Your cat is labelling the object with a distinctive scent name-tag. Kittens can be trained to use a scratching post by gently rubbing their paws on the post every day for a few days. Then instinct takes over and draws the kitten back to renew its mark.

What are claws?

A cat's claws are layers of hard, horny tissue with a layer of blood vessels and nerves in the centre. Growing out from the centre, the claw's outer layer must be removed periodically. To best remove the outer layer on the front claws, a cat needs to dig its claws in up to the base in something and pull downward. Unfortunately, some of the best materials for this activity are synthetic fabrics like those that cover many lounges and chairs. Any loosely woven fabric with strong horizontal and vertical reinforcing fibres is perfect for a cat's pedicure.



Keep this preference in mind when choosing a scratching post or the material to cover one. Never choose a material made up of a smooth, dense knit. Your cat must be able to sink its claws in deep and pull hard to strip off the claws' dull outer layers. A dense knit material will only allow the claws to slide over the surface without accomplishing anything. If you find shredded nail castings near the base of the scratching pole, you can be assured you have chosen the right material.

A cat's claw is razor sharp when it is new but will lose its edge through normal use. In addition to removing the old layers from its claws, a cat periodically sharpens the points. For this activity, nearly any hard surface will do. Some owners provide their cat with two scratching posts, one covered with carpet to remove the old nails and the other made of a log nailed firmly to a base for sharpening the claws.

An older cat may require special considerations for claw maintenance. Pulling off the tough, outer claw layers takes a certain amount of strength and stamina; an older cat may not have much of either. However, if the claws are not maintained properly, they will grow longer until eventually they become caught in something and are torn off. Worse still, the claw may grow back into the foot and result in a painful ingrown nail. To avoid problems, regularly check an older cat's claws and ask your veterinarian's advice if the claws look as though they need attention.

Velvety and smooth one moment, bristling sharp and dangerous the next, a cat's paw fulfils many roles. Paws equip a cat with a cooling system, a marking pencil, tools, weapons and tree climbing apparatus - all in one amazing package.

PAWS AWHILE

A TALE OF MAX-BOND

Diana Groves

I work at Sydney Institute of Technology. In late January, on a wet and soggy day, I did a course for the Technofest Staff Development program. Afterwards, as I left the administration building, I saw a cat and was shocked by his condition – so pitifully thin, just skin and bone. He approached me, meowing for food. There was nothing much I could do then, but next day I phoned the Cat Protection Society.

However, other forces were at work. When I returned to work in mid February, the various 'cat people' who worked at TAFE had also seen puss, got together and decided that they wanted him to be the new TAFE cat (the previous cat, after twelve years of service, had been put down when he got cancer). To this end they began bombarding the Campus Manager with emails and nearly drove him to distraction. They also had the School of Vet Science thoroughly check over and vaccinate puss.

Those who saw him then cannot recognise him now as the same cat – although he remains thin. He is being fed twice a day by the Security people, who are there around the clock. He's been given a name; a double-barrelled one, Max-Bond. He also has a red collar and tag. Several of us contribute to his upkeep; I take in a tin of cat food every week, talk to him and stroke his fur that no longer stands on end with malnutrition. I am confident that he will continue to prosper.

It is difficult to describe Max - he is simply a plain cat – brown with a hint of tabby, his best feature is his lovely golden eyes. He can't tell us about his prior existence, but judging by his condition, so pitifully thin with runny eyes and front fangs broken, it had been a wretched one. Now he has a wicker basket for sleeping, food twice a day, and a garden in which to sun himself in warm weather. I can honestly say Max-Bond appears quite content and has even put on just a little flesh between bone and skin. Should you wish to meet him, Max can be found most days around the Gatehouse, Mary Ann Street, Ultimo. If he is not in evidence, the Security personnel generally know his whereabouts.



The cat has 32 muscles in his ears.

SQUATTERS

Brian Dashwood

A cat flap is a heavenly thing, especially when your little darling wants out in the middle of the night - but it can prove irritating when a stray decides to try its luck through the magic portal. This happened to us when an emaciated tortie took the opportunity of dashing to our cat's leftovers and wolfing them down in record time. After several more platefuls disappeared at the same rate, I decided that enough was enough and put the cat and one last meal out on the back patio. After a few minutes I checked and the cat had gone without quite finishing what was on offer.

I should mention that our cat flap is situated between our garage and the laundry. To reach it, a cat has to first squeeze under a partially raised garage door. Knowing this, I thought our feline intruder might be coming round for another go and walked through to the garage. No cat, thank goodness! But yet, wait a minute - where was that growl coming from? After using a torch to penetrate all the odd corners of our (habitually) untidy garage, I located our friend tight up in one corner under some boxes which afforded a small space to hide in. By now, of course, those of you who are educated in the way of a cat's reproductive cycle will not be surprised to know that also tucked up nice and warm with her were 3 kittens. You may not be surprised at this - but I was amazed!!

At this point I tried to comfort the mother with a judicious pat but, not knowing the ways of new mothers (either feline or any other sort), I was rewarded with a very painful bite on my hand. Being ever forgiving (my reward will presumably be in heaven), I put down some milk and withdrew to metaphorically lick my wounds. When my wife came home we both had another surreptitious look with the aid of the torch and the reception we got convinced us that the Medicare rebate would not adequately cover the damage likely to occur if we tried to move her - so we left her there.

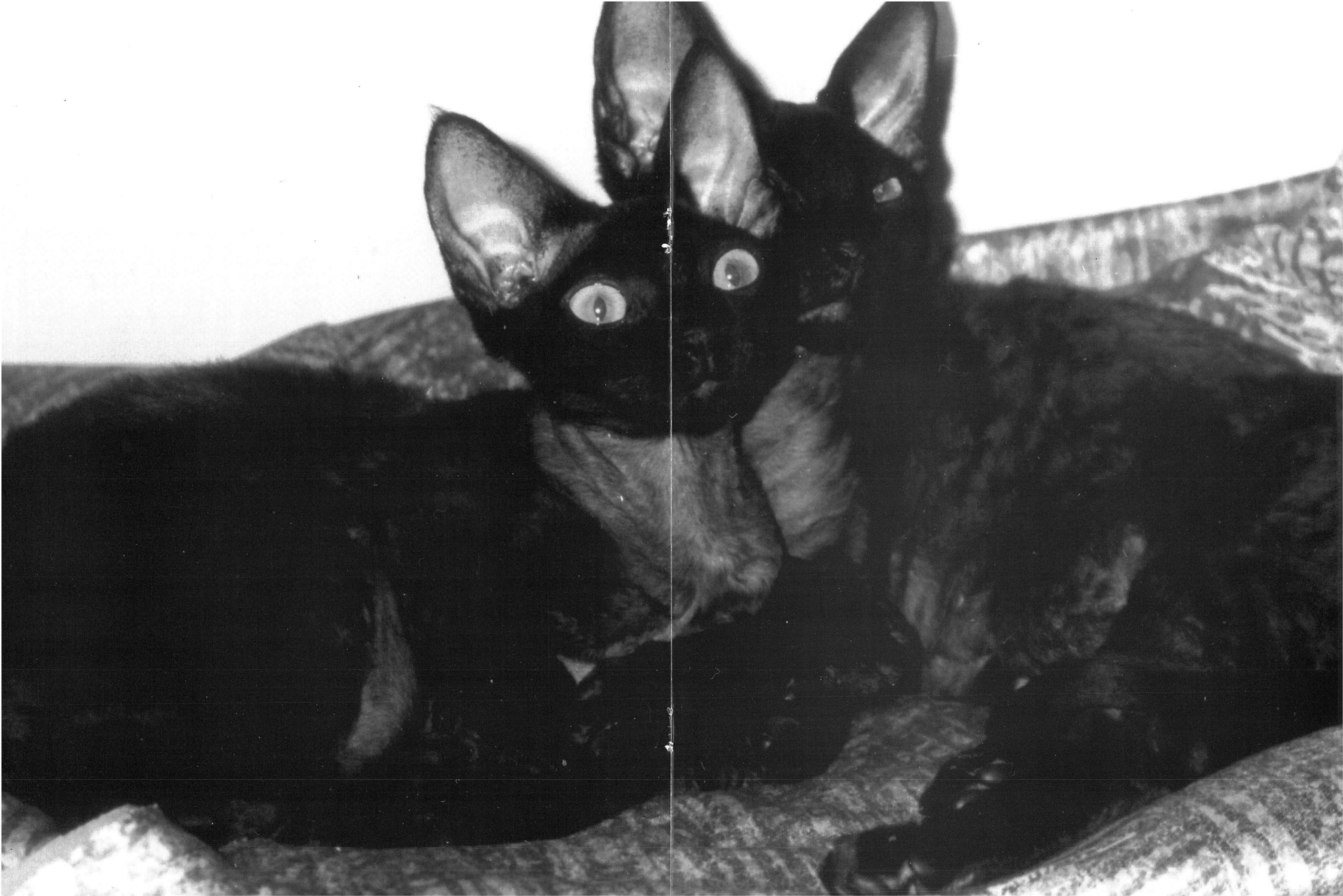
Over the next days we left food out and, like magic, it disappeared. Finally, one day, the mother actually came out as we opened the door to put the food down. Mind you, this was a mixed blessing because, for no reason at all (that I could fathom, anyway), she attacked my hand again. Just to show you that I don't bear grudges, I did nothing physical to her but I hope that she didn't mind a bit of bad language.

At time progressed, Mum got more trusting (apart from one smooching session around my leg which turned into a scar-forming bite) and then came the magic day when the kittens began to explore outside their box-defined corner. It was very interesting to see how their learning processes were operating and developing but, for us, crunch time was rapidly approaching.

My wife was adamant that she, in empathy with our own very territorial 6 year old cat, did NOT want 4 more cats in the house. For myself, while I could see her point of view, I thought maybe we could accommodate at least some of them but I don't often win, especially when my wife is right in the first place.

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Pussy cats purr, big cats roar, neither can do the other.



Remembrance



PEARL

Pearl was black and white, a stray with three kittens. We desexed her and found homes for her kittens but Pearl stayed on. She had a favourite frangipani tree that she used to climb. Pearl passed away on May 8, 1999, aged 17 years. She is loved and missed.

Betty and Heather Bell

MACIUSZEK

Maciusek of bold personality and great courage and pride. His loyal, unconditional friendship graced my life for almost 10 years. He died tragically on February 9, 1999.

A Prayer for Animals

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, Thy creatures. We pray especially for all that are suffering in any way; for all in captivity or ill treated and for those that must be put to death.

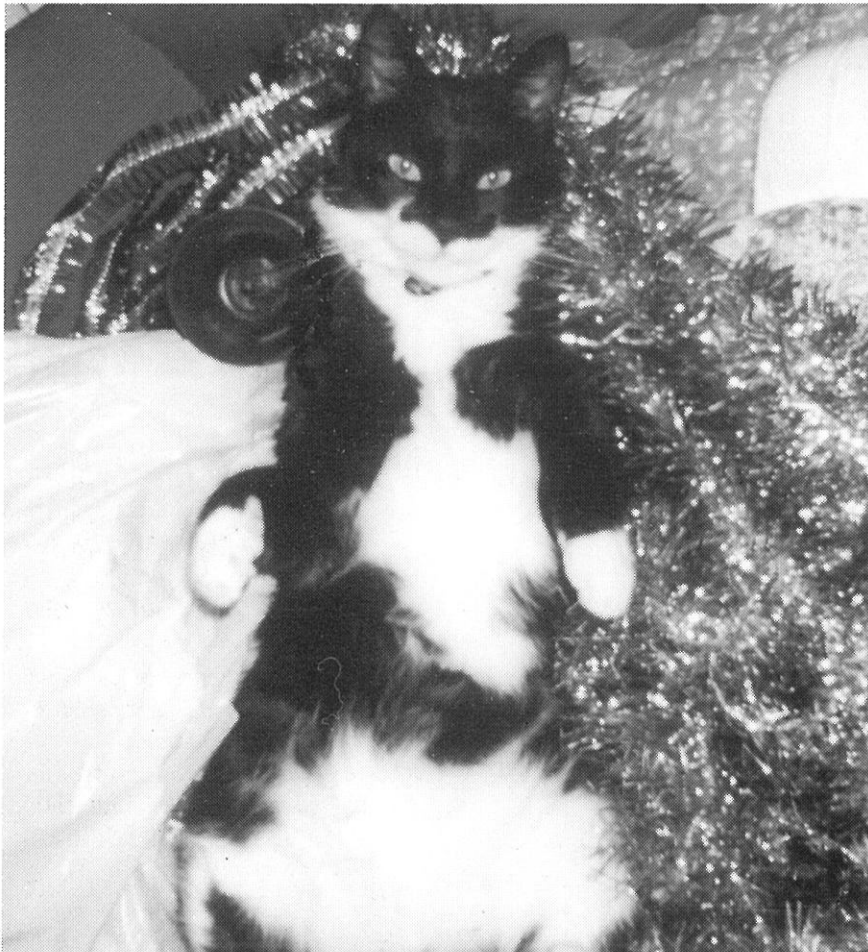
We entreat for them Thy mercy and pity; and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands and kindly words.

*From God of a Hundred Names
by Victor Gollancz*

SYLVESTER ALVIN

So sadly missed. His demise by heart failure 51/5/1999 being so sudden and unexpected Aged 7 years.

The Minter Family, Alexandria



MISTY

22 February, 1996: Your memories still live in my heart and we all miss you.

Rachael Konrad.

PRINCESS and GINGER

I would be grateful if you could print the two poems as a memoriam to my two beautiful cats, whom I had to part with 3 years ago. Princess and Ginger were such wonderful companions to me while I lived in my own home and whom I now miss so very much.

Miss Vera Flatley

EPITAPH TO TIPSY

L Mitcham

I laid him down gently on a cushion of clay,
So different from the one on which he would lay.
I covered him over with soft moist earth,
And lastly replaced the fresh green turf.

A small wooden cross with his name on a plaque.
There never was a more lovely cat.
A tabby he was with a clean white breast,
The rest of his coat always looked its best.

Ask for a handshake he would always comply,
By lifting his paw and closing his eyes.
For a good tummy rub he would lay on his back,
Hold your hand with his paw but never would scratch

I would drive off to town to get food for his plate.
And when I returned he would be at the gate.
Roll over, purr, then spring up a tree.
So many cute antics just to welcome me.

Tipsy - quite rare - he knew well his name,
Whenever I called him, he always came.

But alas, his green eyes grew very dim,
He also quite quickly became very thin.
Much pain he suffered, and so for the best,
I thought it was kinder to put him to rest.

And so my devoted friend has gone,
No more his fine coat shall I touch,
Grieving, I wonder if it is so wrong,
To love a cat so much.

I laid him gently on a cushion of clay,
A tear fell upon him as rigid he lay;
I covered him over with soft moist earth,
And lastly replaced the fresh green turf.

WHISKERS

Beliefs

Brazilian natives traditionally implanted slivers of straw into their noses in patterns vividly reminiscent of feline whiskers.

One primitive culture tattoos whiskers across their faces.

Many in the Far East believe that singeing or plucking a dead tiger's whiskers deprives the cat's spirit of its navigation ability so it cannot return to wreck havoc on its killers.

Removing the whiskers prevents the soul of a man-eater from passing to another killer.

Malaysian natives used to believe that a single tiger whisker, ground up into food, would kill a man.

In Indochina, a whisker placed in a shoot of bamboo condemns your chosen enemy to an agonising death.

India – tiger whiskers – burned, rubbed into a powder and mixed with food is a remedy for impotence.

England – shaving off a cat's whiskers deprives it of its sense of smell.

An old belief – whiskers extend to the exact width of a cat's body, allowing it to judge whether it can fit through tight openings.

Facts

Whiskers are extensions of the skin rather than 'exotic' hairs.

Each whisker is an intricate receptor designed to detect even the most minute alterations in the surrounding environment; tiny movements, air currents, slight changes in air pressure, temperature or wind direction.

Each whisker is a specialised hair, thick and stiffened at the base and tapering to dainty fineness at the tip.

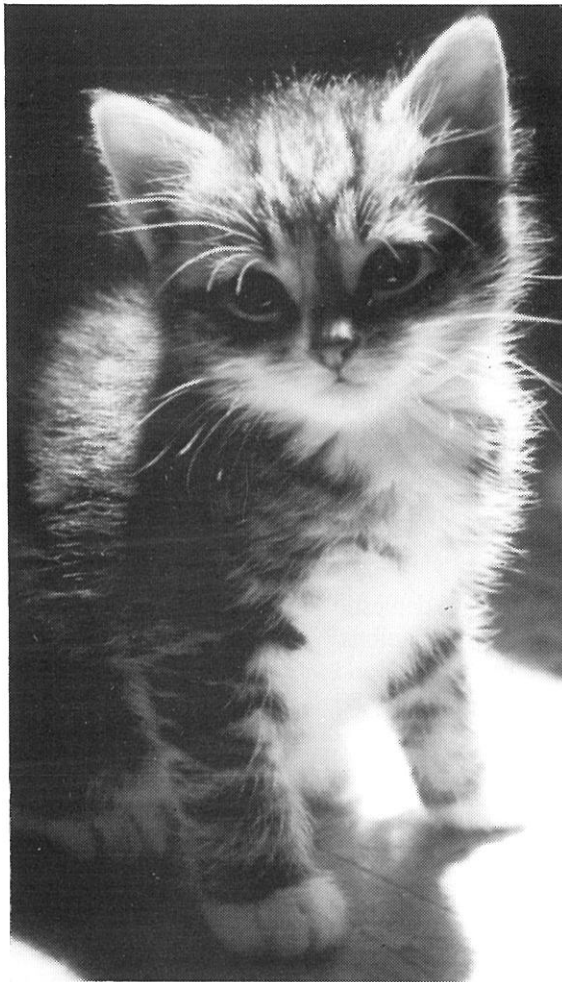
(Photo: Frances Kaukerei)

A domestic cat's whiskers are twice as thick as its guard hairs.

Whiskers are shed periodically and take several months to grow back.

Many cats dislike having their whiskers handled, particularly against the direction of growth.

Each whisker extends 3 times deeper into the skin than a guard hair. The follicles lie in a bed richly supplied with blood vessels and an extensive network of nerve endings.



Whiskers are connected to the arrector muscles which allow the magical movements a cat can achieve with them.

The whiskers on a cat's muzzle are just the most prominent whiskers on a feline. Others are:

- Tufted genal vibrissae are located high on the outer edges of the cheeks

- Superciliary vibrissae arch above the cat's eyes, often considered eyebrows
- Carpal hairs are clustered on the back of the front legs
- Interramal vibrissae grow on the underside of the chin

These whiskers, while not true whiskers, are well endowed with enhanced sensitivity.

- Mystacials are deployed across the muzzle in four horizontal rows, with approximately 12 whiskers on each side. The strongest and thickest are in the two middle rows.
- The top two rows can be moved independently of the bottom two rows.
- Cats blind from birth grow whiskers that are measurably longer and thicker than sighted cats. They fan and swivel these whiskers more vigorously and persistently.
- Cats deprived of their whiskers can navigate speedily and kill consistently only in the light.
- Whiskers are an indispensable aid to visual abilities
- A number of species sport two-tone whiskers with the distinctive pattern of whisker spots as individual as human fingerprints.

Purpose

- Whiskers aid a cat in slipping through narrow spaces, judging the area available.
- Whiskers help a cat avoid eye damage; potential danger to the eyes graze the whiskers first, triggering an instantaneous protective blink.
- In dim light the whiskers' sensitivity allow the cat to maintain a comprehensive image of the surrounds without having to stop and look.
- Species with the longest whiskers live in habitats with dense cover.
- Cheetahs, sprinters rather than nocturnal stalkers, have fewer whiskers than other cats.
- Whiskers help a cat kill its prey by enabling the teeth to strike the right spot at the back of the neck. Cats with short or no whiskers are poorer hunters, particularly in dim light.

PURRSPECTIVES

ON WELFARE MATTERS

For every kitten brought into the world and adopted into a good home, it is estimated that eight other cats will die unwanted.

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

A novel concept is put forth by those who believe we should spay and neuter irresponsible pet owners before they breed more irresponsible pet owners.

Most pet owners do not read pet related publications.

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

Two major obstacles to eliminating pet overpopulation may be summed up in two words: irresponsibility and ignorance. Parents who want their children to 'experience the miracle of life' happily allow the breeding of domestic animals without a thought as to the placement of the offspring; and macho men who believe it is a crime to neuter any male animal have no thought for the misery they are promoting.

Caring for a pet carries the same responsibility as raising a child. Unfortunately a lot of people don't want to take the time, spend the money or care enough to think of the consequences of their irresponsibility.

JUST A CAT

The word 'just' doesn't belong to a description of your domestic long or short haired cat. Domestic cats are wonderful companions, beautiful in their own right, the source of all pedigreed breeds and always amazing in the diversity of their type, colour and adaptability.

SAFETY ISSUES

Have you considered the dangers of leaving eskies open and accessible to your cat? One owner found her cat trapped inside an eskie that had been left open to dry out. Apparently the cat had dropped its toy in the eskie, popped in to get it and the lid had fallen, trapping the cat. She was in there for a number of hours and when finally released was a vet case of shattered nerves, high temperature and bodily damage where she had chewed herself and damaged her claws trying to get out. No matter how careful owners can be to ensure a cat-safe house, cats, like kids, can find the safety loophole so vigilance is always necessary.

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The cat is a contradiction. No other animal has developed such an intimate relationship with man, while demanding and getting such independence.



SQUATTERS

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In this regard Nature took a hand when one of the kits died. Don't ask me why, but it looked as if the mother gave up on it and by the time we had worked out what was going on we were too late to help. But at least there was one less to sort out.

My wife and I had a 'deep and meaningful' about what we should do with our feline family and maybe it was the wine I was plying her with, but she agreed that we should try and keep the kittens but attempt to find a home for the mother. Mum's guardian angel must have still been looking after her because a friend of ours had just moved into a new house and wanted an adult cat for company. We took her over and within minutes she had settled in and never gave us a second glance. Privately I was a little peeved that she had dismissed us so summarily but, on balance, I was happy that she had found a happy, stable home at last.

So we have the kittens and they are attempting to integrate with our own cat but they are finding it an uphill battle. I would very much like a copy of a 'Dictionary of Adult Cat Swearing', if there is one in print. They also hide when my daughter plays the piano but this may indicate that they are kittens with a mature sense of musical appreciation!

As you may have realised by now, we haven't admitted to giving the kittens any names. This was done initially because we thought that if we didn't name them then they would be easier to get rid of without too much heartache. But that didn't work, did it? We have tried a few unofficial names such as 'Fred' and 'Ginger', or 'Gray' and 'Ginger' (for obvious coloured reasons) and I even suggested 'Piddle' and 'Pooh', but my wife insisted that she wasn't going to call them in using those names. So for the moment, they are known as Frankie and Lara because they remind us of some friends of ours - but that is another story and probably a libellous one at that.

ALLEY CAT KIDS

Hi Kids!!! Welcome to your page. I hope you all had a great time during the Easter holidays...it was great to meet so many of you at the CPS stand at the Easter Show in Homebush Bay. We are now coming to the end of another busy kitten season. The CPS found homes for lots of cats and kittens but it is very important to have your pet desexed to reduce the

Have you read...

amount of unwanted cats and kittens in the future.

"The Paw Thing"

is a side splitting story about how a cat got the name Singenpoo. Follow the hilarious adventures of Scott and Singenpoo as they try to persuade mean Major Mac into keeping the cat, and the funny situations they find themselves in as they try to rid the town of mice.

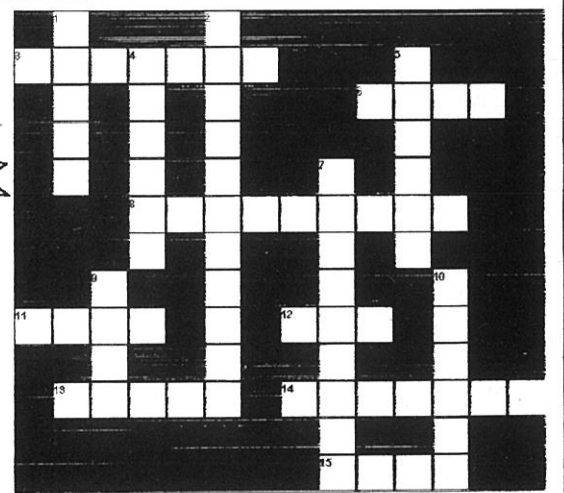


THE PAW THING

PAUL JENNINGS

DID YOU KNOW ..

From July 1st 1999 the new Companion Animals Act begins. This means it will be compulsory for your kitten or cat to be permanently identified. Do this by having your pet microchipped by a vet or a registered microchipping organisation. The Cat Protection Society can help you with meeting the requirements of the new Act. Please call the office on 95197201 for further details.



The winner of the Easter Show colouring competition is **Stephanie Lea**.

Thanks to every one who entered !!!!

For a chance to win a copy of 101 Pet Jokes, get your funny bone working and send in the funniest cat joke you can think of.

Post your entry in by October 31st 1999.

ACROSS

3. Longhaired cat
6. Jungle king
8. A cat has
11. Desexed female cat
12. ___ & Jerry
13. Scratch with
14. Fastest cat
15. Happy cat sound

DOWN

1. Wild domestic cat
2. Its raining.....
4. Egyptian statue
5. Young cat
7. Lifetime I.D.
9. Warns birds
10. Group of kittens

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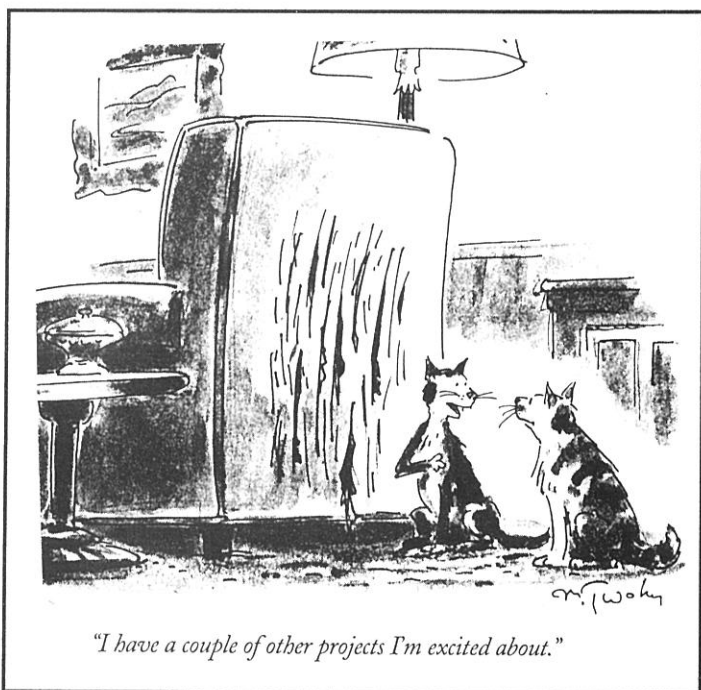


Up to SCRATCH

What's the most offensive thing your cat does?

More than likely, of all those damnable feline traits that you have learned to live with, the one you can most do without is the scratching. Right?

So why do cats scratch? And why must they demonstrate their abilities on our household items?? Destructive scratching is so widespread that an entire industry has emerged, both to offer the cat other items to vent its genetic impulses on as well as to repair the ravages of its handiwork. Scratching is a serious problem in some homes but it can be modified if approached properly.



Basically, scratching is an instinctive behaviour. Watching both feral and outdoor cats quickly proves that cats are very territorial and make other cats aware of their presence by leaving visual and scent markings. To achieve these signposts of habitation, cats spray urine, rub their heads, mouths and tails on objects to leave scent marks and also mark their territory by scratching trees, posts, edges of buildings or other conspicuous objects in their environment. It is the same as our billboards, although on a lower level. Advertising, pure and simple.

Scratching may have other functions as well. Many cats will exhibit scratching behaviour after awakening from sleep so it could warm up and limber muscles and get them toned for the upcoming action – be it benign or dangerous, fight or flight. Scratching also functions to remove the dead outer layers of nail formation from the claws, sharpening and honing them to provide

the vital protection and weapons a hunting cat needs to capture its prey or defend itself.

Some animal behaviouralists currently believe that the primary function of scratching is communication and stretching and claw conditioning are only secondary functions. Why? Well claws can be kept in condition by tooth work. We have all watched, fascinated, while our cat seemingly tried to rip the claw off its foot in what is only a feline manicure. Most cats use this method to condition their back claws. Cats that have been declawed seem able to adequately stretch tight muscles by stretching without scratching.

And cats will work over the same trees or posts again and again, leaving the surfaces visibly worn (or the upholstery in ever increasing tatters). If the impulse to scratch originated purely from a need to stretch or condition, a cat would scratch wherever it had the urge, not just in a few noted spots. And researchers have noted that cats tend to scratch/mark more in the presence of other cats or after spraying an object.

While we all can admire the sight of a cat scratching a tree or post – few of us share the same delight when we come across puss shredding the arm of the lounge. So how can an owner stop or prevent this type of damage?

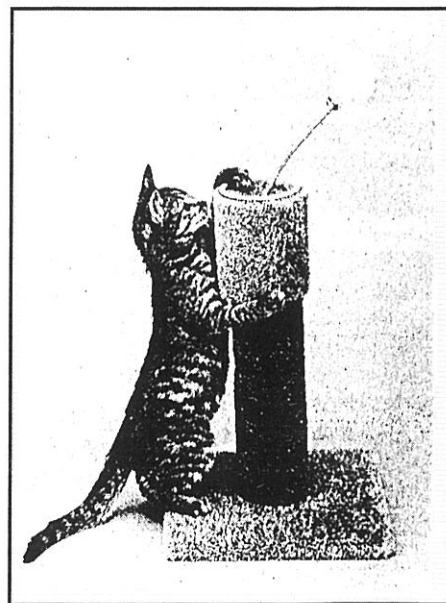
One of the easiest alternatives is to supply the cat with an alternate and acceptable area to scratch – hence the ever growing market in an incredible variety of scratch posts. These range from a simplistic carpet or sisal covered post to elaborate structures with multi-level perches and housing – all designed to offer the cat a virtual in-house playground away from the velvet or tapestry delights of furniture.

Because scratching is a natural and instinctive behaviour, it is almost impossible to stop entirely or prevent. You can reduce or eliminate destruction of property by encouraging your cat to scratch a designated scratching post or similar object.

The structure, texture and location of the post are critical to getting the cat to use it.

It should be upright and strong and stable enough that it will not tip when the cat is working it over. Carefully observe your cat to see what sort of surface it prefers. Some cats prefer horizontal surfaces to vertical and you can either put a post on its side or try to get one that is made to be placed horizontally.

When choosing an upright post, select one with a scratching surface that extends a foot or more above the base. The size of the cat



should determine the minimum size of the post. Cats seem to prefer flat boards or posts with corners or edges that also can be scratched. If your cat prefers horizontal scratching, offer a board that is 15-20 centimetres wide and at least 40 centimetres long. Be sure that it is sturdy enough so that it won't move around.

Texture is critical to a cat's acceptance of the scratching object. They vary in their preferences but generally tend to prefer loosely woven fabrics with a vertical weave that is easy to shred. Studies have shown that they have a strong preference for scratching surfaces that are already quite shredded and worn. This makes sense when you think about the fact that a major function of scratching is to leave a highly visible mark. So don't look awry at a pole with the covering in tatters. If the cat is still using it leave it until the cat's interest wanes. Then consider getting a new one. The least preferred material is a tightly woven, nubby fabric which tends to catch the claws and doesn't allow for easy shredding.

One cat owner tied up a carpet remnant, bottom side outwards and temporarily left it in the hallway. She quickly discovered that the resident cat thought this the greatest scratching area to be found and repeatedly attacked it. Happy to have the feline frenzy redirected from the furniture, the owner left the carpet piece in the hall and when it became too bedraggled, she cut off the badly damaged section, unrolled and retied the remainder, easily solving her in-house scratching problems.

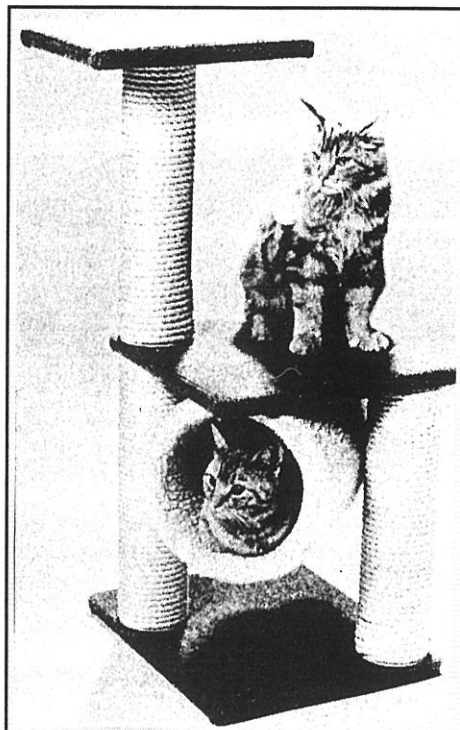
The location of a scratching post is very important to the cat's use and has to be carefully considered. Cats like to scratch shortly after they wake up so placing a post near their sleeping area is a good start. Cats want to scratch in conspicuous areas so tucking a scratch pole away in a seldom used corner will not produce the desired result. If it is easily accessible in a well trafficked area the behaviour modification is more easily achieved. I have my 4' pole in the kitchen, well away from the food preparation area but just beside the major thoroughfare and it can be used as an observation post as well as an exercise area. Some owners suggest putting the scratch post in front of the object now being scratched to divert the cat's attention – but who wants a scratch pole in front of the chair arm?

Some cats seem to scratch posts as part of a ritual greeting so locating posts near doors may be helpful. As cats like to scratch in several areas, having several posts can help, particularly in multi-cat households.

You can modify inappropriate scratching with consistent, diligent attempts. The secret is not to try to change or prevent the behaviour but to change the preference for the location or surface for scratching. In general, preferences are most easily changed by making the new location or surface as attractive as possible while making the old location or surface – the damaged property – as unattractive as possible.

To deflect the cat's attention from inappropriate scratching areas, cover the area with something unpleasant to scratch, a plastic runner for the floor if the cat is attacking the carpet or nubby fabric if it is furniture. Sometimes it is helpful to attach clear sturdy, smooth plastic to the base of a lounge or chair to make the surface 'unscratchable'. It may not look the best but until you cat changes his location, it is better than shredded fabric.

Cats can also damage furniture in other ways. Mild to severe scratches can result when a cat jumps from or lands on a surface such as bookcases, cabinets, cupboards. Climbing surfaces such as screen doors or curtains can cause havoc. Racing across smooth surfaces (such as antique furniture) can leave serious scratch marks as cats try to get traction by digging their claws in. This behaviour is not the same as scratching and needs to be approached differently to correct it.



To prevent damage inflicted when a cat climbs something, make that area inaccessible. If it is climbing to the top of a cabinet put something around the edge of the cabinet so it cannot get to the top. Cover counters, tables or the tops of speakers with plastic rug runners, pointy side up, creating an unpleasant surface for the cat to walk on. Sometimes investing in one of

the taller scratch posts that offer various carpeted shelves and levels will give the cat enough gymnastic variety that furniture is not necessary – or his need for it greatly diminished.

A cat does not modify its scratching patterns just because you bring a scratching post home.

While some cats adopt it immediately, others need encouragement to use it and there will always be a few that deign to touch something so much less appealing than your fine lounge.

But to introduce and encourage a cat to use a scratch post try some inventive methods. Use a toy to incite her to climb up the post to get it, thus learning the fun of it. You scratch it in front of the cat or gently hold the cat close to the pole, work the claws out of the pad and scratch them over pole. Always do this very gently so the cat is not hurt and not put off by the experience. Some owners rub catnip on the pole to attract the cat. A bit of a snack placed on each of the shelves to encourage the cat to climb up and get the feel of it is another good way.

Reward the cat's use of the scratch pole with praise, treats and petting. Punishing scratching behaviour is rarely successful in stopping it – giving the cat more of an aversion to the owner than to the object it is not supposed to be scratching. Often punishment only serves to stop the action when you are present – as well as making the cat fearful of the owner and disrupting the human/feline bond. If you catch your cat scratching inappropriately you can discourage it by squirting it with water from a hand held sprayer or with a sudden loud noise. But better

than a negative reinforcement is the positive action of making the new scratching post a fun and entertaining area of entertainment.

In Australia, declawing a cat is illegal but careful clipping of the cat's claws is not. Therefore, an owner can modify these instruments of destruction by removing the sharp points. Blunt claws do less damage – both to the furniture and to the people residing with the cat. Trim the claws once a fortnight, cutting just in front of the darker pink 'quick' area so you do not injure the cat. Merely hold the cat firmly, push your thumb gently into the centre of the pad to manually extend the claws and clip off the pale tips. Be sure to get the claw on the dewclaw. To get the most satisfactory clip it is better to invest in a pair of the specially designed guillotine type pet claw cutters as human nail clippers tend to fracture the nail.

One word of caution before clipping your cat's claws. If your cat is an outdoor cat you have to allow him his arsenal of protection. Indoor cats can be clipped regularly but you must ensure that they cannot get outside when they are so vulnerable.

When scratching gets to the bottom line it is important to remember that it is a basic feline activity.

If you want a cat in your life you have to be prepared to either take positive steps to minimize scratching damage, both in your choice of personal furniture and cat furniture, or be prepared to put up with some damage. Obviously if your taste runs to fine antiques upholstered in expensive tapestry fabric, you do not own cats. You cannot have both. But most cat owners have learned how to live with and cope with this aspect of the feline way and are prepared to have less than perfect furniture for the joy of loving such a wonderful being.



BOOK REVIEWS

Lee Wright

CATS ON JUDY, JoAnn Early Macken, illustrated by Judith DuFour Love, distributed by Peribo, hardback \$19.95.

This book is original, clever and very well illustrated .. one of those 'childrens' books that will suit all ages of cat lovers. Judy likes to sleep with cats, or the cats insist on sleeping with Judy. I am sure all cat lovers can find one or more of their own felines characterised in this delightful story written with a catchy rhyme, most especially in the end where all the cats occupy the entire bed and Judy looks on in amusement (and probably with cold feet). The script is concise, the illustrations are super and it is a sheer delight. I have never believed that all children's book are necessarily for the sole enjoyment of children and this is surely one of those for all ages. Well recommended.



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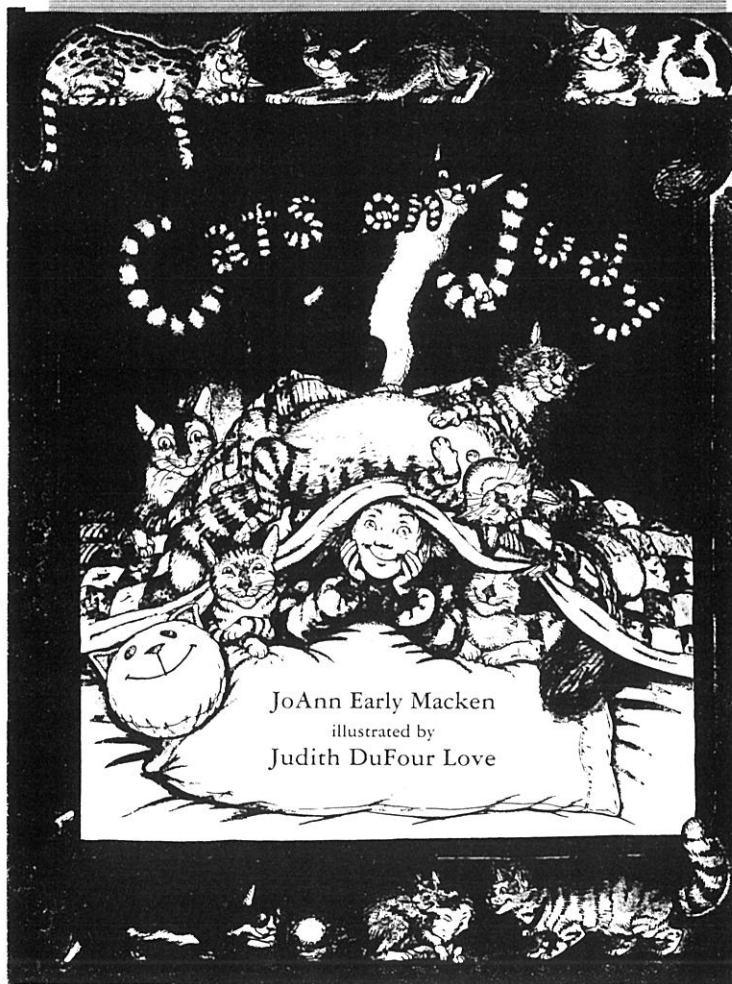
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DONATION FORM

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

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

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

.....
Surname (Block letters)

.....
Initials

Address Suburb Post Code.....

FORM OF BEQUEST

To persons who wish to assist our Society, the following forms of bequest are suggested:

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

I (insert full name and address) give and bequeath to Cat Protection Society of NSW, the registered office of which is 103 Enmore Road, Enmore, NSW 2042, the sum ofdollars (or a complete description of the asset).
I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said 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 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 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.

THANKS

A very heartfelt thank you to one of our long term members who has made a number of beautiful padded mats and patchwork blankets for our cats and kittens. Apart from making the cats and kittens look more desirable, they wash really well and are a real asset to the Society. Thanks so much for your wonderful effort.

IF ANYONE HAS ACCESS TO OFFCUTS OF WOOLLEN MATERIAL THAT CAN BE USED TO MAKE MORE MATS, PLEASE CONTACT SUE AT THE OFFICE.

A big thank you to Edith who crochets the most beautiful cat balls that we sell from the welfare office (apart from the odd one or two that escapes to the clutches of one of our delightful cats that is looking for a home (and comes equipped with its own ball!)).

9 LIVES

Why do cats have 9 lives?

A cat is a resilient and sturdy animal and its ability to get out of scraps and mishaps led people to believe that it had more than one life. In centuries gone by 9 was considered a lucky number because it was a 'trinity of trinities', and so suited the 'lucky' feline.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP NEWS & APPEALS

Grace Ayling

What a great start to the winter season! The word soon spread that we had greatly reduced the regular prices on our clothes and the shop was so busy. I thought we might sell all the warm garments before Easter. Thank you to the sales staff and the sorters, who do the hard work in the back room. And a special thank you to Pat Armstrong, Joan Ramsey and Barbara Kuhn who attack the premises every weekend and clean and tidy it so well. That is true dedication for you.

A big thank you to all those people who so enthusiastically put their hands up to volunteer their time and energy for your Society. I have contacted many of you regarding the Op Shop and will also contact other volunteers as opportunities arise to use your support to make CPS even better! Thank you again and if any new members wish to participate on a more active level, please contact the office.

The cats and kittens of CPS appreciate the wonderful help given to the Op Shop in so many ways. The money raised here is very important to their welfare. Please continue your generosity.

Cats are extremely farsighted. They are unable to focus clearly within 30 inches of an object.

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 1999.

All persons joining from January 2000 remain financial until June 2001.

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

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

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss SURNAME Initial

Address: Suburb: Postcode

Pension Number: Signature: Date

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

Surname(block letters please) Initials

New Address Postcode

Previous Address Postcode



NEW MEMBERS

February 1999 - May 1999

B&L Allsopp, Georges Hall; K Asplin, Engadine; R Badenhop, North Ryde; S Barrett, Lane Cove; P Benson, Bathurst; Mrs D Carlsund, Petersham; E Carter, Bilambil Heights; M Child, Bondi Junction; J Crane, Newtown; S Davey, Middle Dural; S Douglas, Annandale; Miss M Elford, Merrylands; Mr G Falls, Jerrabomberra Park; Mrs H Glixman, Rose Bay North; D Gundert, Ashfield; M Hagen, Higgins ACT; K Hall, Leichhardt; Miss A Harding, Leichhardt; A Hempel, Paddington; J Hills, Kensington; Mrs A Hutson, Lilyfield; Mr D Lambert, Neutral Bay; Mrs J Lang, Northmead; S Lea, Dean Park; J Lee, Hunters Hill; Mrs A Mears, Beechwood; MR Mooney, St Johns Park; Mrs K Morsley, Kotara; B Moulynox, Armidale; E Munton, Campsie; D Pearman, Birrong; A Raleigh, North Sydney; R Raleigh, Newmarket Qld; Ms K Sanford, Westmead; A Satchwell, Diamond Beach; T Smith, Greenacre; L Spaul, Kiama; K Staples, Sandy Point; Miss A Tebo, Bundeena; Mr S Vining-Brown, Hornsby; C Warner, Norah Head; D Williams, Terrey Hills; D Young, Northmead.



GLIMMERS OF HOPE

We hear lots of sad stories at CPS office but sometimes there are good ones. I'd like to tell you of two.

A ginger and white kitten, wearing a red collar, was brought into Concord Animal Hospital. It had been knocked by a car and had a 'bung' lip and was obviously lost. The rescuer asked if CPS would find a home if the owner wasn't found. Of course we said yes. He was restored to his owner a few days later. We wanted to have him desexed, etc, but were told 'later'. A couple of days after he had left, his rescuer, Mrs Thompson, presented us with a bag full of money, \$74 in fact, collected by her from the girls from Burwood High School. We were happy to give him free board and lodging but wasn't that nice?!

Visiting Concord Animal Hospital as I often do, I saw a very prim, contented, black and white kitten sitting in a cage. You know the type - perfect white bib and feet, looking a bit smug, in fact. When I commented on how cute she was, I was told her story. One of the hospital's good clients had a son working in Tasmania. This mite appeared at his office one day. His mates

had suggestions how to get rid of it but his mum had brought him up well. So 'Tassi' was airfreighted to Sydney to his mother. No wonder Tassie looked so pleased with herself. Not many strays - especially so young - can claim to have jetted to their new home.

In 1996 I drove to Goulburn to see a Devon kitten, chequebook in hand. But between the kitten and me was a mutual disregard. Margaret showed me the cattery, I held a stud and kittens but left alone. The only cat that I had really liked was the red stud. I just arrived home as Margaret rang, offering me Claude. I bulldozed her salesmanship with 'yes, yes, yes'. Claude was duly desexed and two months later I met her at Central station and took over ownership of Claude, now renamed Tzu (Teezoo). And so began

THE TAMING OF TZU

I have owned and loved this red boy for over 3 years. I love him dearly, he loves me almost as much and acknowledges the fact that not only am I 'Mum', but that I am important to him. But it wasn't always the case. I know from a lot of experience that Margaret's cats receive top love and care and are not abused. I also held and loved Claude at the cattery and he was outgoing and friendly. In his new home he was terrified beyond belief and only a wild grab at the right moment aborted his escape out the 3" opening at the top of a 5' sash window that first wild night. I could offer him no comfort, no security, no ease from the terrors that beset his soul.

For the first weeks he spent most of the time when I was home hiding in the under-the-house litter pen, appearing at intervals to sing long arias of loneliness, desertion and displacement. He came onto the bed from night two, but the slightest move from me and he bolted out of sight. Any move from me, at any time, and he bolted out of sight. Had I not known better, I would have assumed Tzu to be a badly abused cat. But his trauma was purely a result of the upheaval and his inability to cope with change.

Poor Margaret had to endure endless phone calls and letters detailing his reactions, victories and the inevitable setbacks. Often I despaired, but I never stopped trying. I allowed Tzu his space and his right to feel such great fear and endeavoured to ease it. And I have. The fact that so far it has taken over 3 years and we are not quite there is immaterial. The fact that he is adjusting and becoming addicted to my brand of loving is a prize worth having.

And what are victories?? One of the earliest was the night I inadvertently locked Tzu outside. When he realised both the litter pen door AND the backdoor were closed to him, even tho he had only been in reluctant residence for 4 weeks, he became irately vocal in a most enchanting manner. And as long as I stood WELL away from the door, he happily bolted in.

12 months after he arrived it was time for the 'yearlies'. I stalked, caught and gently put him in a carry cage. At the vet's he was examined and 'shot'. Once again at home, I put the basket in the hall and opened the lid. His head popped up, he looked around, he hopped out, he looked all around again and suddenly the body language was jaunty, something I had not seen before. He was home. He had been taken away again but he had come back to the same place. Security. The tail bannered above him as he marched down the hall. That was the start of major changes. It was a momentous occasion. I, silly me, was all but crying with joy.

But don't think changes were instantaneous. Adjustment was still a slog; victories followed by long months of plateaus followed by more victories. What's a victory? Being able to continually, slowly walk up to him, and, even tho he cringes, pet him and have him stay in the same spot.

One of the sweetest victories of all ... I came home from the first weekend away since he had been in the house .. a full year and a

half after he arrived. Come Sunday night I sank into my chair with a sigh of weary relief and Tzu popped up on the arm of the chair but did not lie on my lap as was his habit. Instead, he sat on the arm of the chair, deliberately put his two paws on my shoulder, looked straight into my eyes and purred his heart out. Oh boy, did he ever get cuddled. He finally acknowledged to all and sundry, and to himself, that I was Mum. He, for the first time, initiated a love-in. I relished it.

I have spent 3 years giving Tzu constant, unremitting love. In the last 6 months he has improved greatly. 98% of the time he is full of confidence, contentment, happiness and an obvious feeling of belonging. I've worked hard for the gains I have won but the prize has always been worth it. Right now Tzu has jumped on my desk, flaunting his body for caresses. He's between my arms and nudging my face - OH WHAT A VICTORY.

Tzu was probably a good stud cat - but let me tell you - his charms as a house cat, an in-the-arms cat, and an under-the-covers cat top his reproductive value. He has a rib rattling purr that resounds around the room even before I touch him. He's a joy and a delight. For over a year now the morning ritual is enacted. About 5:30 he stirs, the purr starts to reverberate and he comes up to my head. I hold up the covers and he pops under, drapes some part of himself on me and purrs his little heart out while he gets his head rubbed in the way he loves so much. This is such a change from the first 9 months when he would lie on the bed carefully distanced so that only the barest tip of my fingers could touch him.

He used to bolt off the bed at the slightest move from me, now I have to ease him off me, and get out of bed leaving a warm lump under the covers - (he's never been addicted to early risings on cool mornings).



I love watching him in the garden, enjoying the sun and playing among the plants. I love watching him play with Zario, rough and tumble, gentle and loving. I just love him and I am glad I have persevered through all the rough times, when his terror as so extreme because my life would not be the same without this extremely gentle, loving and charismatic cat.

LEE WRIGHT



The Annual General Meeting of The Cat Protection Society of NSW

on Sunday, 26 September, 1999, 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 1999 Annual General Meeting
2. Business Arising
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report - Audited Accounts
5. Election of Office Bearers and Councillors 1999-2000
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, 26 September, 1999.

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 26 September, 1999

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.

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 5 years.	9 of 12 meetings.
MR J BURNETT	Retired storeman and director of the Society for 4 years.	6 of 12 meetings.
MRS H DOCKRILL	Music teacher and director of the Society for 4 years.	10 of 12 meetings.
MR KEITH EDWARDS	Retired Soil Conservationist and director of the Society for 3 years.	11 of 12 meetings.
MRS A ELLIOTT	Importer of French antiques and director of the Society for 8 years.	10 of 12 meetings.
MS L FARMER	Was self employed and director of the Society for 1 year.	7 of 8 meetings.
MRS N HARVEY	Office Supervisor and director of the Society for 2 year	12 of 12 meetings.
MRS N IREDALE	Retired company secretary and director of the Society for 16 years.	12 of 12 meetings.
MS S JENKINS	Secretary and director of the Society for 5 years.	8 of 12 meetings.
MS L PENKLIS	Canteen Supervisor and director of the Society for 1 year.	6 of 8 meetings.
MRS B WALSH	Retired stenographer and director of the Society for 12 years.	10 of 12 meetings.

Mrs S Pikler resigned as director during 1998. During the financial year she attended 3 of the 4 directors' meetings held while she was a director.
Mrs J Chapman resigned as a director during 1998. During the financial year she attended 3 of 4 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 \$942,130.

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 the following significant changes occurred in the company's state of affairs:

Legacies \$724,761 Less: applicable income tax 0 = \$724,761.00

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

The company's operations are not subject to any particular and significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.

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 s.298(2) of the Corporations Law. On behalf of the directors. Signed at Enmore, NSW. Dated 27 August 1999. N Iredale, 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 1999 as set out on pages 5 to 16. 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

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 is in accordance with:

- a) the Corporations Law, including
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 May, 1999 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations; and
- b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

LOWER RUSSELL & FARR, Chartered Accountants _____ TJ Zammit, Partner _____

Signed at Penrith this 27 day of August 1999

DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1999

In the directors' opinion:

- a) The attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with accounting standards;
- b) The attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company.
- c) In the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Law; and
- c) In the director's opinion, there are 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 s.295(2) of the Corporations Law.

On behalf of the Directors N Iredale, Director _____ Signed at Enmore, NSW. Dated 27 August 1999

THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 1999

	NOTE	1999 \$	1998 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		15,883	37,034
Inventories	4	2,115	1,719
Receivables	5	49,158	24,659
Investments	6	1,864,902	957,989
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,932,059</u>	<u>1,021,402</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	7	350,221	328,019
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>350,221</u>	<u>328,019</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,282,281</u>	<u>1,349,421</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	8	4,343	11,967
Provisions	9	8,026	10,474
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>12,368</u>	<u>22,441</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	10	<u>10,577</u>	<u>9,774</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>10,577</u>	<u>9,774</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>22,946</u>	<u>32,216</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,259,335</u>	<u>1,317,205</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Reserves	11	518,757	304,628
Accumulated Funds		<u>1,740,578</u>	<u>1,012,577</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		<u>2,259,335</u>	<u>1,317,205</u>

Notes to and forming part of the accounts are included on pages 9 to 16

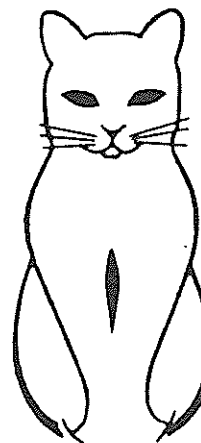
INCOME	1999	1998	EXPENDITURE	1999	1998
Donations - welfare	\$118,822	\$107,933	Advertising	\$5,778	\$6,148
- general	16,320	12,970	Ambulance Supplies	1,528	1,343
Fund raising	1,878	1,818	Auditors remuneration	2,800	2,873
Government Grant	15,500	15,500	Bank Charges	951	971
Interest	80,183	57,294	Boarding Fees	44,217	33,696
Memberships to CPS	16,267	15,709	Casual wages	91	0
Money Boxes	881	516	Cleaning	2,705	1,318
Opportunity Shop	23,393	27,000	Computer expenses	180	100
Pets in memoriam	40	205	Depreciation - general	14,278	13,071
Sales - cats	68,886	58,049	- buildings	4,500	4,500
- merchandise	5,379	699	Donation	1500	0
- T shirts	1,497	2,998	Electricity	624	597
Sales - vet products	32	219	General Expenses	2	121
Collars and tags (net of trading)	632	325	Insurance	5,311	4,735
	349,711	301,621	Journal 'Cat Affairs'	10,955	12,447
			Legal expenses	310	1,000
			Litter (net of trading)	1,179	981
			Merchandise (net of stock)	6,280	499
			Microchips	3,046	3,831
			Motor vehicle expenses	30,457	23,723
			Postage	1,122	588
			Printing & stationery	3,819	2,891
			Property expenses	3,206	3,706
			Provided for annual leave (2,449)		4,084
			Provided for long service leave	803	1,121
			Repairs & maintenance	204	1,364
			Staff amenities	1,988	232
			Subscriptions & memberships	818	900
			Superannuation	11,272	8,403
			T-shirts (net of stock)	154	1,972
			Telephone	11,709	8,350
			Veterinary expenses	177,346	147,184
			Wages & salaries	165,128	137,710

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	DR	CR
Working cheque account	36.00	
Shares - Pacific Dunlop		96.00
Stock on hand	396.47	
Accrued interest	24,498.94	
Accumulated depreciation (building)		4,500.00
Accumulated depreciation (MV)		10,681.00
Plant & equipment	1,304.28	
Accumulated depreciation (P&E)		1,122.00
Accumulated depreciation (Shop)		633.00
Office equipment	3,831.77	
Accumulated depreciation (OE)	7624.33	
Provision for long service leave		803.08
Provision for annual leave	2,448.70	
Cattery reserve		254,359.11
Retained earnings	233,895.70	
	\$ 274,036.19	\$ 274,036.19

CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1999

	1999	1998		
OTHER INCOME	\$	\$	511,812	430,849
Cattery - General	4,500	12,121	(162,101)	(129,228)
- Legacies	209,629	28,110		
Insurance Recovery	3,624	2,240		
Legacies	161,717	189,235		
Storage fees	0	1,140		
	379,470	232,845		
ABNORMAL ITEMS				
Legacies	724,761	0		
	724,761	0		
NET OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	942,130	103,617		
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the financial year	1,012,577	949,190		
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	1,954,707	1,052,807		
Aggregate of amount transferred to reserves	214,129	40,230		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	1,740,578	1,012,577		



The above Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement does NOT form part of the Audited