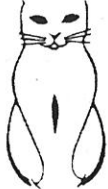


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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE . . .

CPS has had a fabulous year as we have rehomed more than twice as many cats this year as we did last year (see page 7). Improving the facilities for keeping and selling cats from the Enmore office has made a big difference. Opening our office on Saturday has also helped, as has working with a large number of Cat Adoption Centres. As well as that we have been able to employ extra staff to care for our cats while they await their new homes. Later in this issue you will meet Peta Edwards, no relation, who is our new cattery manager.

While on the topic of the cattery, we have been trying without success to find suitable premises for our new cattery. Because of the high cost of purchasing a suitable new site and potential difficulties with council approval for a cattery in any new area, we have changed our focus. Because of the success of extended hours of opening at Enmore we have looked at this site with new eyes and have decided that redevelopment of the site may be the most cost effective way to proceed. Therefore we have engaged a firm of architects to prepare some options for redevelopment. Consultations are at an early stage, but demolition of part of the existing building and rebuilding to provide much better facilities for caring for the cats is one option. I will keep you informed as we progress.

Another highly successful part of the year's activities has been *Operation Cat* where we work with local councils to provide affordable desexing of cats. Has your local council been part of *Operation Cat* yet? Why not write to your local council and ask them to contact CPS about becoming a part of this great scheme?

As part of my role on the Companion Animals Advisory Board, I have just completed a study into what is happening to dogs at council pounds. Large numbers of dogs continue to end up in pounds and in some areas more than 70% of all dogs entering a pound are euthanased. I don't yet have details of cat impounding rates, but indications are that the proportion of impounded cats being euthanased is even higher than that for dogs. Unfortunately, despite the requirements of the Companion Animals Act, most cats remain with no form of identification. If taken to a pound, these animals have little chance of being reunited with their owners.

Despite a lack of detailed statistics, it is obvious that in a few council areas large numbers of cats are being impounded. Sometimes this is because councils employ private contractors to pick up or trap "stray" cats. It appears such contractors are paid on the basis of the number of cats they take to the pound, and therefore there is an incentive to take more animals.

Councils would be better advised to put more time and resources into increasing their education programs, particularly those directed towards better management of cats. Top of the list should be desexing and identification of cats, and encouraging owners of cats to keep their cats indoors, especially at night.

I believe that we all should be looking towards our cats becoming *EnviroCats* as described by Robin Stewart in her wonderful book. Robin says an *Envirocat* is a loving and amusing indoor companion; safe from the number one killer, cars; enjoys the best of health; doesn't kill birds and wildlife; doesn't upset your neighbours by scratching up the garden; and doesn't come home with war wounds. Sounds good doesn't it? The challenge is there for us to make it happen!

**Keith Edwards**

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### VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR OPPORTUNITY SHOP

**COVER:** Mickey & Tiggy (Angelika Elliott)  
**CENTREFOLD:** Roscoe (Helen Rhodes)  
**BACK COVER:** Calico & Sister (Ingrid Smith)

# Our Cat



My daughter found a kitten  
Near death - just half alive  
About 2 days old with broken tail  
Not expected to survive.  
Its mother had deserted it  
A sickly ball of fur  
But when you picked it up  
It tried so hard to purr.  
Dad said "NO! Have it put down"  
So we rang the R.S.P.C.A.  
They couldn't come till next morn'  
Much to our dismay.  
We had to feed and bed him down  
And keep him overnight  
With weepy eyes and chalky legs  
He was a sorry sight.  
When the man came to collect him  
Our daughter cried, "NO - he's my pet."  
So we kept him and we nursed him  
And took him to the vet.  
It cost a packet for needles  
He was lacking in calcium  
So we fed him two hourly with  
eyedropper  
And for weeks looked after him.  
He became a most unusual cat  
At times quite meek and mild  
But when the "alley" came out in him  
He'd suddenly go quite wild.  
With his bent tail and rickety legs  
He had quite a unique run  
He'd play with wool and bits of string  
He was a ball of fun.  
He laddered my stockings and frayed  
the mats  
He destroyed my Christmas bush  
We wondered what name to call him  
So we settled on "Snagglepuss."  
"Snags" lived with us for 17 years  
Made dad's chair his personal bed  
He took over the house, lived the life  
of a king  
'till one day we found him dead.  
We laid him in a shoebox  
Trying not to cry was hard  
But in the end we all did  
And buried him in the yard.

by Nancy McDonald



## EDITORIAL

I would firstly like to thank everyone for their kind words of support and encouragement following my first effort on the Journal, it is very much appreciated. I also appreciate the very many contributions which have been sent in and whilst there are so many good ones, I can't possibly use them all but have tried to use as many as I can and particularly those who have not made it into recent Journals.

As I mentioned in the last Journal, I have loved cats ever since I can remember. I know why too. You see, it's genetic. My Mother has two passions: the colour purple and cats. She also has two daughters. Thankfully it is my younger sister who has taken my Mother's love of purple and turned it into an obsession, which left me with cats!

Growing up, I was never satisfied with 'just' two cats (which we always had at any given time) and I thought that two cats were not nearly enough. Afterall, they had such a good home with us, why couldn't we offer a home to more cats? The fact that most people only had one or two cats (the standard reply when I asked about more cats) did not seem a good enough reason to me. My Father insisted two "rotten animal heads" as he would so often describe them, (particularly if they were naughty) were enough. Well I've made up for lost time now and couldn't imagine going back to having only two cats (now having 8). My parents still have their "two" and one of them is a CPS cat (who with my Father has formed a mutual admiration society) the other is a Siamese who follows my Mother around everywhere. Never one to give up though, and much to my parents' disdain, I am still trying to convince them to take another CPS cat (or two!!).

Now, back to this issue, the caption contest generated some great responses, see the winning entry (and others) on Page 16. I am afraid I have indulged myself yet again and have featured one of my girls - Catherine (a lovely, shy but ravenous tortie) on Page 11. However, she is not alone. As you will see, I have dedicated a whole page to showing off our members' beautiful cats. Please also have a look at our adorable profile on Page 20. Finally, please note that this year we will have for sale a CPS Christmas card and details of where to obtain these are on Page 6. The cards are also available by post. Just return the slip in this Journal to the office at Enmore (please note the additional postage charge for mailed packs). Hopefully the cards will prove to be a success and we can offer them in future years.

Suzanne Jenkins



## Contributors!

If you would like to send a contribution to the magazine you can E-mail me at my E-mail address:

Suzanne\_Jenkins@hotmail.com

or send contributions care of the Enmore office. Photographs are welcome but please remember to include your name and address on the back of the photo.

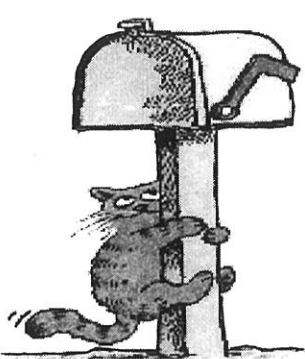
Just a word on photos. Only photos that are crystal clear can successfully be reproduced in the format of this Journal. Whilst so many lovely photos are sent in, some are not quite in focus and must be discounted. In addition to the focus issue, if you wish to submit a cover shot, please ensure two things, 1. that your photo is in portrait, not landscape (as the cover is obviously in portrait) and 2. that there is sufficient 'space' above the subject (presumably cat) to allow for the Cat Affairs, etc to be printed above as the actual photo is used as the 'background' (these two latter issues do not matter for centrefolds and/or back covers). So start snapping!



# The

# SCRATCHING

# Post



**Shirley Greenwood** of Burradoo, one of our Life Members, wrote to us with a donation of stamps and enquired whether we still need stamps. The answer is **YES**, please. We will gratefully accept any Australian and international stamps so please keep this in mind and send them in to the Enmore office.

To Cat Protection Society of NSW,

I hope you like getting news of your successes. Isaac arrived at my home in the summer of 1991. He was entire, skin and bone and a very stressed adult. You people delivered a trap, he was caught and picked up and taken to Fox Valley Animal Hospital for neutering, then delivered back to me. The poor boy suffered fits (epileptic like) for the first year but no more; and look at him now!



**ISACC IN HIS GARDEN**

... You people do a wonderful job and Isaac has you to thank for saving his life.

Best wishes from **Margaret Fisher** of Avalon Beach.

Sharon and Andrew Stapleton from Newtown lost their cat late last year. He was a 17 year old British Blue and had no collar. Elke Grimes found him in April and called us a CPS. She brought him into the office and he was scanned but had no microchip. Elke then took him home to care for him in the hope we could locate his owner. A look in our lost and found book found a near match and the Stapleton's were called. It was their cat. Lost for 4 months but now reunited with his owners.

Dear CPS,

Tammy last appeared (on page 20) of the March 1991 edition of the Journal. She has now lived in Canberra for 10 years and is now 16 years old. She did have quite a few 'human' friends in Sydney, who were members of CPS, or read the mag.

**Norma Gray** from Kippax in the ACT sends us this lovely photo of Tammy.



**Helen Rhodes** of Cabarita, wrote to us in the hope of getting her 'Roscoe' in the Journal as a cover/centrefold or back cover. As an 'incentive', she also made a generous donation to the Society and her Roscoe features as our centrefold. Not that we are open to bribery, but we're sure you'll agree that Roscoe is a worthy centrefold in his own right.

Helen tells us "My sister-in-law, Barbara Fox, (a member of our society with about 13 cats) works as a teacher at Penshurst Primary School. One day at lunchtime, a man asked some children if they would like a cat - of course they said yes. So he handed Roscoe over the fence to the children in a bird cage. He was about 12 weeks old at the time. The children naturally handed over Roscoe to their cat loving teacher, Barbara. Barbara couldn't take on Roscoe as she had a British shorthair cat that had just had kittens at home. So we became Roscoe's new family and we have had a very happy 6 years with him.

Honorary Life Member, **Shirley Pikler** wrote to us with the sad news that **Amelia Montgomery** passed away at the age of 90. Monty, as she liked to be called, had great compassion for all neglected animals, particularly cats.

In the 1970's and 80's she was an active member of the RSPCA Ladies Auxiliary and loved to work in their Opportunity Shop. She was also a volunteer up until a few years ago in the CPS Opportunity Shop.

Although she had limited financial means she gave generously to the animal welfare organizations of which she was a member. She will be remembered with affection by those who knew her.

Mrs Pikler and Betty Wipperman of Blakehurst made donations to the Society in memory of their friend.

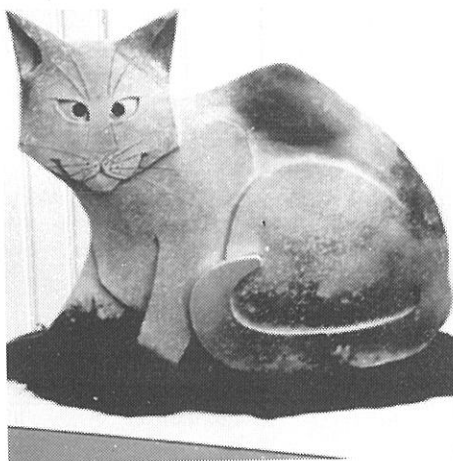
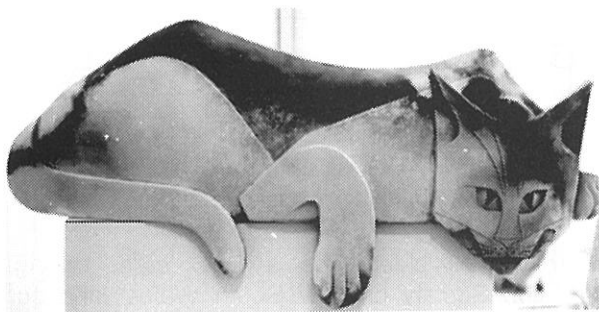


Naturally a trip to America and Canada would not be complete for me without noting as much cat art as I could. Several

galleries/shops were a bit suss about my request to photograph pieces (particularly since, despite the best intentions and plans, I perpetually overlooked tucking a copy of Cat Affairs in my handbag as my 'credentials').

Legends, a Gallery of American Artisans in Sonoma California, had no such reservations and I was made welcome in their atmospheric shop and allowed to photograph at will. Had it not been for size and weight... I would have loved one of Mary Duvey's cat masterpieces.

Mary Duvey's cheeky felines are made of a textured clay which has been rolled, cut and formed and then fired into the cheekiest, personality-plus pusses anyone would want to see. In her contemporary styling she has captured feline expressions and attitudes with total aplomb and empathy with her subjects. While her designs look simplistic, the detail and accurate feline body language clearly states her excellence in interpreting cats. Yes, you guessed it, I was impressed!! And had I had a car instead of a waiting plane, I would have owned one!!

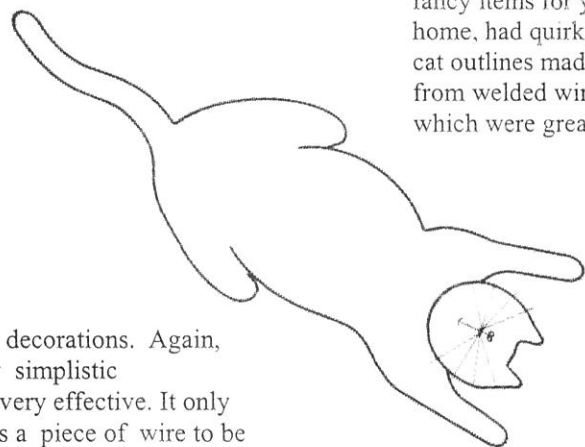


# AMERICAN CAT ART

At a cat show in Cincinnati, Ohio, I could not bypass Donna Bragg's well dressed doll-cats. Moulded and hand painted heads and paws were richly adorned in lace, silk, beads and suitable paraphernalia to complement the subject. The pirate cat was bedecked in colourful silks, beads and jewels and a feathered parrot jauntily rested on his arm. The effect was magnificent.



Another Sonoma, California store dealing in fun and fancy items for your home, had quirky cat outlines made from welded wire which were great



wall decorations. Again, very simplistic and very effective. It only takes a piece of wire to be artistic ... plus a great deal of talent and inspiration.

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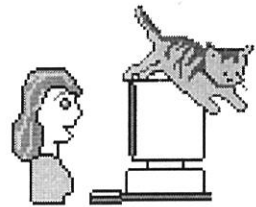
This is a list of phrases cat owners should get their naughty pets to write on a blackboard (a la Bart Simpson). If you could get them to write...

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A look at the lighter side  
of being owned by pets

## [xxx] is not a bed!

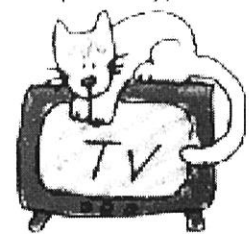
Any book/paper my human is reading;  
The bathtub; Anything lying on the floor that  
wasn't there 5 minutes ago;  
The box full of printer paper  
(especially when the printer is  
running!);  
The cake for the wedding  
shower;  
The car; The clean clothes



basket; The computer keyboard;  
The crystal bowl from the people's wedding; The  
electric organ; The external disk drive; The  
grate over the floor furnace; The inside of the  
antique radio; Inside  
the neighbour's car  
(the window down is  
NOT an invitation);  
My human's sock  
drawer; The mouse



pad; My human's head;  
My human's face; My next-door neighbour's  
Corvette; Neatly stacked papers or magazines;  
The neighbour's  
flowerbed; Piano  
strings; The  
kitchen bench;  
The printer  
output tray; The  
sink;  
The stove; The top of the TV (your tail blocks  
the picture); The other cat sound asleep in the cat



basket.  
The clean clothes just out of  
the dryer;

**I recognise that  
the [xxx] has a  
right to exist:**

Belt; Fringe on the bathroom rug;  
Fuzzy toilet seat; The house  
plant; Human's toes; Baby;  
Human; Blue Wrens  
outside; Teddy bear; Poodle  
in the house; The dog; The  
wool my human is knitting  
with; My human's shoelaces; The other cat.



## SAY NO TO NATIVE ANIMALS AS PETS

The push is on by the pet industry to legalise owning native animals as pets. Such a move is totally unacceptable on animal welfare and conservation grounds.

Write to the Premier, Mr Bob Carr and to the Minister for the Environment, Mr Bob Debus at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000 calling for the protection of native animals from being made part of the pet industry.

Some of the many reasons you may want to list are:

- people don't properly look after current pet species such as dogs and cats;
- once the novelty of a new "fad" pet wears off, the animal may be dumped causing welfare and environmental concerns;
- the welfare of native animals held as pets cannot be guaranteed as there is inadequate information on how to properly care for native animals in the domestic situation;
- legalising native animals as pets will lead to further exploitation of wild populations of animals as they may be caught for sale into the pet market.

## CPS XMAS CARD

**This year, for the first time, we will be  
offering to our members a CPS Xmas card.**

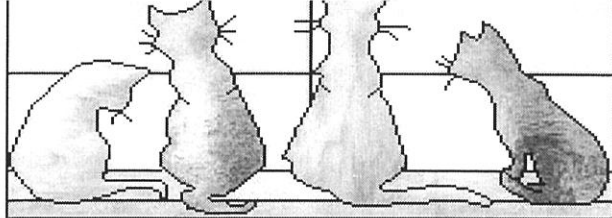
The card will clearly be a CPS card, having "Cat Protection Society of New South Wales" and our logo printed on the back. The card will be along the lines of the one depicted below (although the actual card will have a 'real' cat and a Xmas theme on the cover).

If you would like to purchase Xmas cards, packs of 10 will be available for \$10, if collected from 103 Enmore Road or the Op Shop. If you would like the cards mailed to you, please return the slip in this Journal with your payment to the Enmore Office (an additional \$2 will be charged to cover postage of mailed cards). Cards will be available from the end of September.



Front Cover

Inside Message



# OFFICE TAILS



## Congratulations!!!

**I am very pleased to announce record adoptions for the last financial year. Nearly 2000 cats and kittens were rehomed through the Cat Protection Society.** This represents an increase over the previous year by over 100%!

Well, what have we been doing right? Supplying kittens to Cat Adoption Centres since October last year has certainly been one factor. Congratulations to all those Cat Adoption Centres that have rehomed CPS kittens. We look forward to a productive relationship with you all again this year. The second most important factor would be the growth of adoptions (both adults and kittens) from our Enmore office. I mentioned in the last journal that we were trialing Saturday opening. Opening on Saturdays has proven so successful that we are now considering Sunday opening as well. People in the area and surrounding suburbs are getting to know Cat Protection at Enmore as THE place to adopt a companion cat. We pride ourselves on having the most adorable cats around, OK we might be biased, but our cats and kittens here know they are well-loved and we know each and every one of them deserves a caring, responsible home. If you don't believe the hype I'm giving these cats come and see for yourself!

A big thankyou to Concord Animal Hospital for placing so many CPS kittens last year. We are indebted to the vets and staff at Concord for their enthusiasm in finding new homes.

Many of you will know that Parkland Boarding Kennels was sold earlier this year and unfortunately have had to cease operations. This was a big loss to us since they have

been an important source of CPS adult cat adoptions for a number of years. Our cats and kittens have now been taken on by Glenhaven Boarding Cattery who are located on Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven (north-western Sydney). Julie and Adrian Schulz have a wealth of experience in caring for cats and have been operating as a cattery for over 10 years. They are wonderful hosts who are now providing CPS cats and kittens with exceptional care as they wait for adoption. Their phone number is 9894-0788.



### Welcome!

We were sorry to lose Judith Levitt recently who decided to resign after two years with us. In her place, a warm welcome to Lynda O'Grady who is our new Admin Assistant/Memberships Officer. Lynda comes from a publishing/marketing background so we are looking forward to using her skills in making Cat Protection and our cats better known.

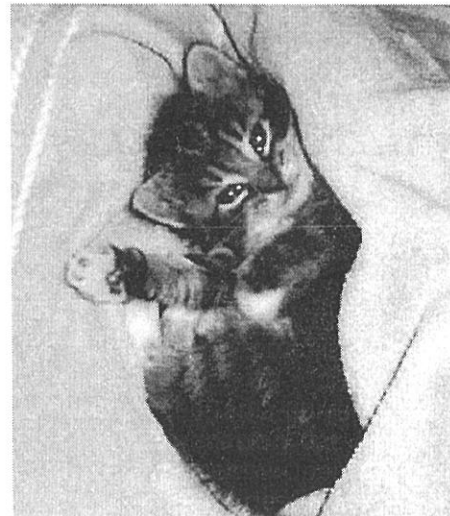
Since we had so many cats moving in and out of our Enmore Cattery we decided we needed someone who was dedicated to their care. To this end we appointed Peta Edwards as our new Cattery Manager. Peta's extensive vet nursing experience has proven to be just what we needed. Our cats and kittens are now under her expert eye and her enthusiasm in improving their care while they are with us means our cats are happier and healthier.

Later in this journal, Peta will be asking for volunteers to help us open on Sundays. If you can and are committed to finding homes for cats and kittens please contact her.

Did any of you see us on Animal Hospital? Two of our welfare officers Jenny Saba and Carina Bentos starred in a difficult cat rescue which had a happy ending. Once they retrieved the cat from its high perch, they scanned the cat and up popped a microchip number. The owner was contacted and reunited with her beloved cat that very day. Another good lesson in the importance of microchipping.

**Operation Cat**, our joint local Council/CPS desexing and microchipping scheme is keeping us busy. Parramatta Council and welfare officer Tania Curran held a series of 5 **Operation Cat** days. To date we have held 9 Operation Cat days and desexed and microchipped 81 cats. This is just the beginning.

Help us spread the word at the beginning of the summer season to have people desex their cats before their first litter. That means no later than 4 months of age for a female and no later than 5 months for a male. If your local vet won't desex at that age call us and we will endeavour to find a vet that will. I read an article recently that said for every cat and kitten that finds a home, 8 cats will be euthanased. We detest the idea of euthanasia as a form of cat control when cheap desexing is so readily available.



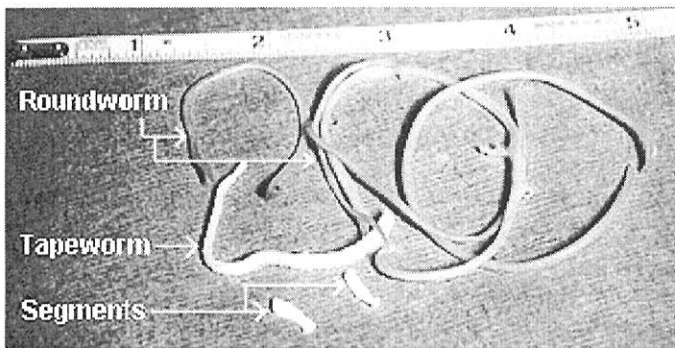


# What About Worms?

Well, worms will always be with us! And I guess there are actually four classes of 'worms' - intestinal worms, lungworm, heartworm and 'ringworm'. Hands up who knows the difference!?

**Ringworm** is actually a fungus (yes, as per mushrooms and toadstools), and it lives normally in the soil as spores. Cats often dig up these spores during 'toilet duties', and carry them on their coat. These spores do not cause damage unless the cat is either immunodeficient (ie. unable to reject infection, such as happens when cats are young, pregnant, have Feline Aids or Feline Leukaemia Virus, or some other major problem). If the spores do start to multiply, they start as an infection in a few hair follicles, weakening the hairshaft, and then spread from here. Hence the loss of hair, and the circular arrangement common to fungi (the so-called 'fairy ring' of toadstools). Most kittens and children get ringworm at some point, develop an immunity, and never have another problem with it.

**Intestinal worms** also come in a couple of subvarieties. **Roundworm** is passed directly from mother to kitten in the milk - a very efficient method of transfer you'll agree! It also means that most cats get enough worms to last their lifetime from this source. The immature worms in the mother's milk encyst in the kitten's body, and restart development later (especially during pregnancy - aren't parasites clever little things!).



**Hookworm** on the other hand, have to spend some time 'outdoors' before becoming infective, so the eggs in the faeces have to hang around for a week or so, develop into larvae and then re-enter the cat either directly by being eaten (or more likely licked off the coat) or by skin penetration. Both varieties of these worms cause most problems in young cats, especially in crowded, unhygienic environments. **Tapeworms** have

to pass through another species or animal before they can develop (called an intermediate host). In city areas, the main tapeworm, is *Dipylidium Caninum* which uses the flea as the intermediate host. So if you see little 'grains of rice' in your cat's toilet area, think fleas first! In country areas or where rabbits are a significant food source, then *Taenia spp.* are more common.



**Lungworms** cause chronic irritation of the respiratory system, usually manifested as coughing. The infection is picked up by hunting cats when they eat slugs and snails. It is easier to treat lungworm than asthma or allergic bronchitis, so checking a coughing cat

(especially a young hunter) for lungworm via examination of faeces or X-raying the chest is always worthwhile.



**Heartworm** is really designated as a low key problem in dogs. It is transmitted by mosquitoes (much the same as malaria is) and in dogs, causes very little problem until there are either large numbers of worms or a small heart size causes crowding of the worms. The worms 'hide out' in a dog by fooling its immune system into thinking it is 'just another bit of dog' (for those who are interested in these things, the heartworm is covered in pseudo-dog antigens so the immune system does not react to them). However, this 'trick' 'does not work in cats, and in fact causes a strong allergic reaction in the cat's heart and lungs. In fact, the death of the worm can cause a shock reaction called 'anaphylaxis' which very promptly kills the cat. Hence this is one of those diseases you want to prevent not treat.

Worms in their various forms will always be with us. Most of them only cause transient problems, and are especially liable to causing difficulties in young cats (we are all young once, not everyone gets to be old, so it is quite a good 'ploy' to infest the babies of a species!!). Regular 'prophylactic worming' (ie. medication after an infection is established but before a disease occurs) is usually enough to control intestinal worms. Ringworm isn't a worm anyway, but still treatment after infection is effective. Heartworm control requires prevention, and (along with vaccination and keeping your cat indoors), preventing heartworm is one of the few pro-active things you can do to keep your cat healthy, rather than trying to fix the problem after the event!

**Kim Kendall**  
**Chatswood Veterinary Clinic**



Nance Iredale's article in our last Journal generated quite a bit of interest. Whilst Nance's article dealt with generic terms to describe a particular coat colour or characteristic, we thought it might be an interesting exercise to publish the current top 20 boys/girls names for cats in Australia. Most people these days tend to take quite a bit of care when choosing a name for their new cat or dog.



## Australia's Top 20 Cat Names:

### Boys

- |            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. Oscar   | 11. Charlie   |
| 2. Max     | 12. Thomas    |
| 3. Sam     | 13. Toby      |
| 4. Simba   | 14. Oliver    |
| 5. Milo    | 15. Gizmo     |
| 6. Sooty   | 16. Sebastian |
| 7. Monty   | 17. Billy     |
| 8. Felix   | 18. Jasper    |
| 9. Jack    | 19. Tom       |
| 10. Casper | 20. Sylvester |

### Girls

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Misty  | 11. Muffin  |
| 2. Coco   | 12. Jessie  |
| 3. Chloe  | 13. Sophie  |
| 4. Lucy   | 14. Jasmine |
| 5. Missy  | 15. Sasha   |
| 6. Molly  | 16. Zoe     |
| 7. Cleo   | 17. Phoebe  |
| 8. Bella  | 18. Lily    |
| 9. Ginger | 19. Holly   |
| 10. Daisy | 20. Minnie  |

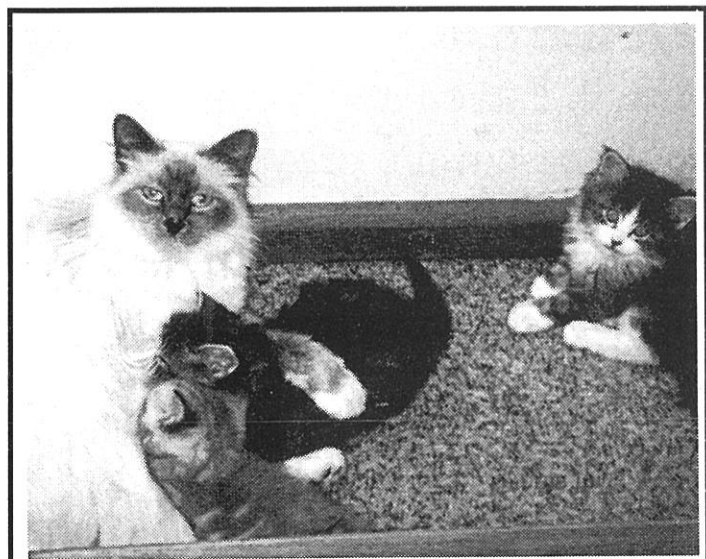
## A Family Affair

*Submitted by Ingrid Smith*

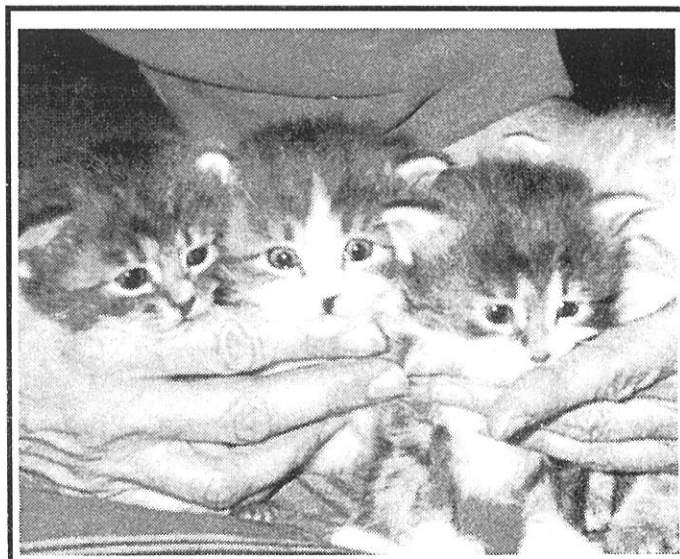
Shortly before Christmas I became partially crippled which means most of my days were spent hobbling between day bed, armchair and bed. Living on a small farm, we already had three cats who very capably performed their farm duties. All three were much loved and all three flatly refused to make even a partial transition to 'Mum's Indoor Cat' status.

My husband and daughter obtained Calico for me. Calico is half Burmese and one of a quartet of results when Mama Puss, Annastacia (full blood Burmese) had a romp one night with the local Tom.

A special mention and thanks to Skye Maclean who owns the whole family (minus Calico!) for allowing one of her beautiful girls to come and live with us. To our delight, Calico has been totally accepted by Wally, Buttercup and Thistledown. She prances in and out the cat door (which the other three will not touch) and soon lets me know if it has been left locked by accident.



Calico with Mum and siblings



Calico and clan

P.S. See Ingrid's Calico (and her sister) on the back cover

# WORD SEARCH

Find the hidden words below and circle the words. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, or backward.

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## Christmas Shopping Tour

Great  
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Gifts  
at discounted  
prices

Take the stress out of Christmas Shopping!! Join **The Cat Protection Society** for a Christmas Shopping trip with **Legend Shopping Tours**.

On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of November** we will be visiting outlets offering wholesale prices on Toys, Fashion, Shoes, Manchester, Underwear, Handbags, Gifts, China and much more...

4th November

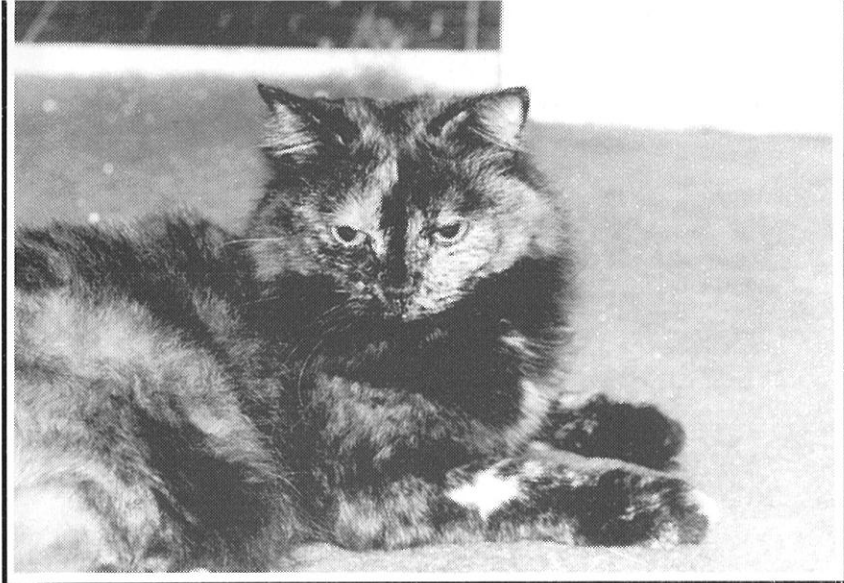
**The cost is \$30.80 per person**  
(Including GST). Lunch and morning and  
afternoon tea will be provided.

4th November

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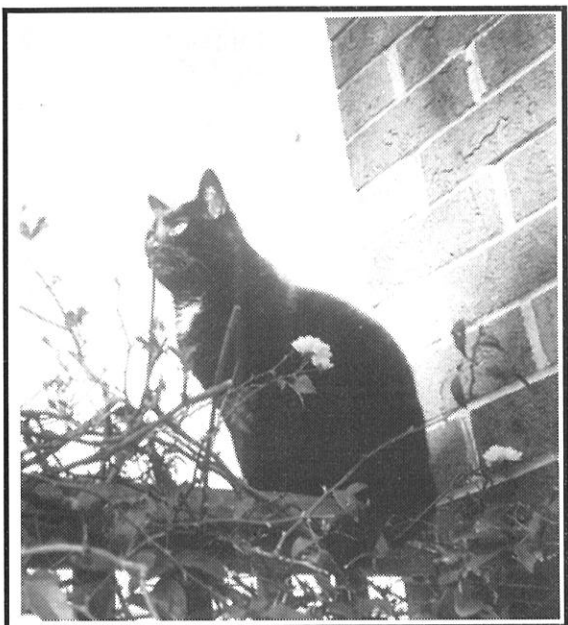




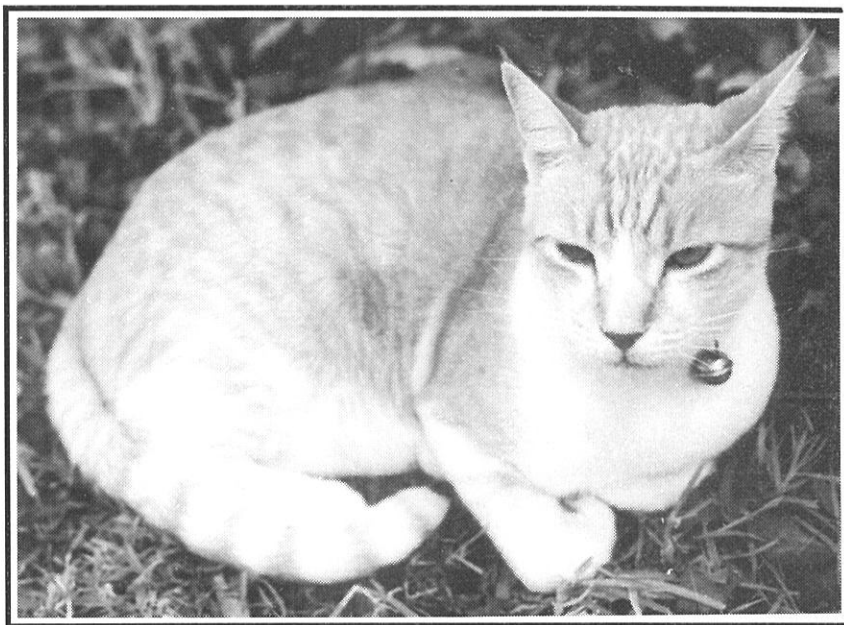
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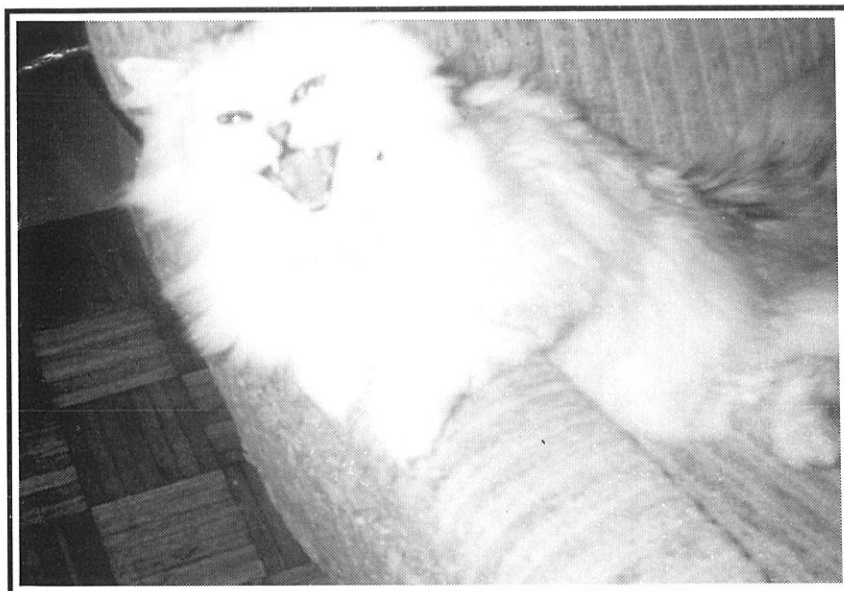
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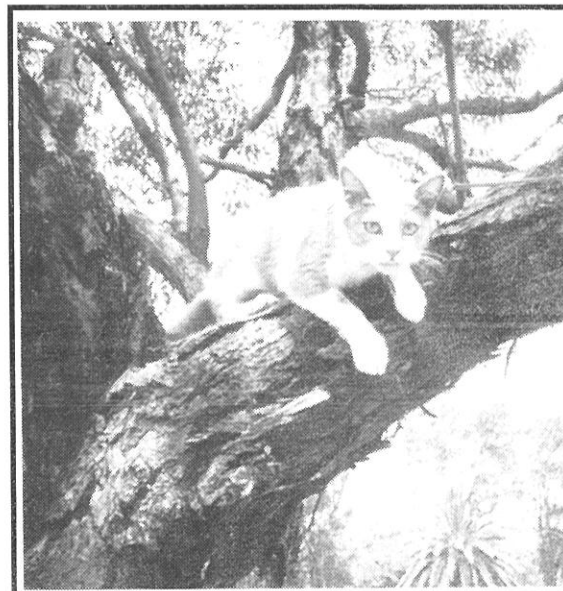
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Charlie (Barbara Dahl)



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Misty (Barbara Munday)







# In Memorium



*May the memories  
of your precious cat  
soften the sadness  
in your heart*

Mrs Margaret Shaw of Petersham sent a donation in memory of a dear cat, Kisha, who died in March, aged 12, following a short illness. Kisha was a neighbour's cat who took up residence in Mrs Shaw's garden by day whilst his owners were at work and sharing himself, Kisha returned home to be with his owners by night.

## BBQT (Black Beauty Cutie)

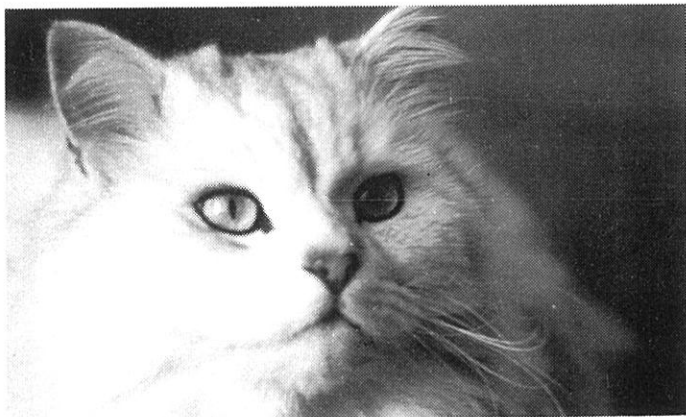
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If tears could build a staircase and heartache build a lane.  
I'd walk the path to heaven, and bring you home again.  
Few farewell words were spoken, Little time to say good-bye.  
You will live on in my memory until the day I die.  
My heart aches in sadness, secret tears will always flow.  
What it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know.

Lee Wright

Barbara Young also wrote to us with a donation in memory of her 'Sam'.

**"In grateful memory of our beautiful Sam who died on September 20, 1999. Our adored companion of 13 years".**



Kerri Hudson of Strathfield sent a donation in memory of her friend's cat Oliver Leonidas. Although "Ollie" died in January this year he is still sorely missed by his "mother", Brenda Verrall.

"Ollie was a stray which Brenda adopted. He grew into a very big mackerel tabby with magnificent green eyes. He was an adult when he was adopted to it is unclear how old he was but he spent 16 years with Brenda being spoilt rotten.

Dorothy Masson Taylor of Clovelly wrote to us, in memory of her 'Dove'. She wrote:

"Someone said that 'Time never heals, only softens', Certainly it makes our sorrows at least, bearable. But, at the moment grief for my darling white cat, 'Dove' is red and raw. She was about 16 plus or minus, and I had her four 14 of those loving years. She died of a malignant tumor ... Vale my 'sweet white Dove'. You will live on in my heart as long as I do".

She also suggested that this poem she recently found in a book might comfort those who have recently lost a cat or kitten.

## Epitaph for a Persian Kitten

By Miriam Vedder

*Death who one day taketh all,  
Wise or good or great or small,  
Every creature of the air,  
Every creature of the sea,  
All life here and everywhere,  
What is thine we give to thee,  
Neither great nor very wise,  
Yet beloved in our eyes,  
Lightly hold and gently keep  
A small good kitten in her sleep.*

Helena Cooke-Yarborough of Lindfield sends a donation every year with her membership renewal. This year her donation was sent in memory of Leicester who passed away recently following an illness.

In memory of our beloved ginger boy cat Leicester, a loyal and loving companion for 8 years.

So very sadly missed by His mum, Helena Cooke-Yarborough and the rest of the family.

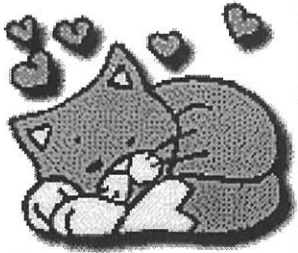
A grateful thank you to all those who make donations to the Society in memory of their beloved cats. As you know, all donations are always appreciated and these donations will go towards helping the cats of today and those who will come in the future.



# Tender Loving Care for Your Older Cat

The average life span of well looked after, neutered cats is now 15-17 years for a male and 17-19 years for a females, but 20-year-olds are not uncommon. The oldest cat ever recorded was a tabby named "Puss" in Devon England and he lived to be 36 years of age.

A good start in life - through proper care and nutrition as a kitten - will pave the way for a long, active and healthy life. The signs of ageing are gradual in onset, and cats grow old gracefully - they tend to sleep more and may need extra attention, but they seldom make a fuss.



## Slowing Down

As your cat ages, there is a gradual deterioration in the vital organs of the body. His metabolic rate slows, he is less active, and his organs function less efficiently. Because his body is slowing down, it cannot cope so readily with disease or stress.

You need patience to cope with your older cat. He may not be able to hear or see you as well as he used to. When he doesn't respond, it doesn't mean he is deliberately trying to ignore you! He needs a little more help and company now.

## Grooming

Cats are clean and fastidious by nature, and they will normally groom themselves meticulously. Sometimes they need a helping hand, especially if they have long hair. This is particularly important as your cat ages, since he will tend to groom himself less than when he was younger. A matted coat will feel uncomfortable and can lead to skin problems, so keep it clean and tangle free. Hairballs are less likely to form if you groom your cat regularly. Older cats are less able to regurgitate hairballs, and this could lead to more serious complications. Regular use of a hairball preventative is recommended.

Regular grooming also gives you the opportunity to check the condition of his coat and skin and to look for wounds or evidence of fleas and other parasites. His eyes and ears can be inspected at the same time. You can also feel over his body for any new lumps or bumps. Any unusual swelling should be checked by your veterinarian, especially if it is growing quickly.



Periodically check your cat's nails. They may need trimming, as a less active cat will not wear his nails down by scratching and climbing. They could become too long and may start to curl round and grow back into the pad.

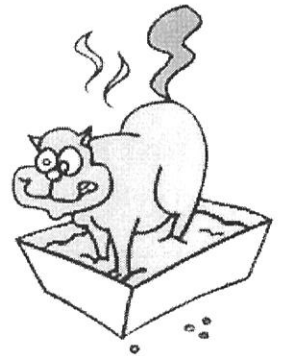
Take time to examine your cat's mouth. His teeth may have deposits of brown or cream-coloured tartar that cause bad breath and can lead to gum disease, infections, loose teeth and mouth pain. You can help to avoid the buildup of tartar deposits by regularly

feeding him a small amount of dry food to exercise his teeth and gums or more effectively, give raw chicken wings a few times a week. Regular brushing of the teeth with a special cat toothbrush will also help, but this may be difficult unless he has been introduced to the routine at an early age.

## Making Your Cat Comfortable

Because your cat is less mobile at this stage of his life, he will move around less and will spend longer periods of time lying down in one place. Make sure that he does not lie in a cold, damp spot or out in the hot sun for any length of time. Keep his bed in a warm, draft-free location where it is easily accessible.

He probably will go outside less often, so he is more likely to want to use a litter tray indoors, particularly when the weather is cold or wet. Make sure you clean his litter tray frequently. It would be wise to provide several litter trays in different rooms.



## Feeding Your Senior Cat

Although your cat will become less active with advancing age, recent studies have demonstrated that a cat's ability to digest and assimilate energy and fat declines with age. Make sure you provide your older cat with a high quality, highly digestible diet designed for the senior.

If your cat has a medical problem and you are using a special diet prescribed by your veterinarian, there are specially prepared foods that offer superior palatability and extensive clinical testing that you may wish to ask about.

If the senses of taste and smell are impaired in the older cat, then his appetite will also be reduced. To overcome this, you may need to warm his food to about near body temperature - never offer food straight from the refrigerator. Fresh, clean water should, of course, always be available for your cat.

## Regular Veterinary Checks

Annual booster vaccinations are just as important, possibly even more so, in old age. Older cats are less resistant to disease and cannot easily fight off infections.



Although many cats will not eat for short periods, if your cat persists in his refusal of food - especially if he is acting abnormally - then you should seek veterinary attention. Don't forget that if your cat looks ill, then he probably is ill and may need veterinary treatment sooner rather than later.

# CAT CAPTION CONTEST

... and the winner is ... **Lynette Brown of Merrylands**



**I'm not too fussed on these  
early morning swims**

Congratulations to Lynette who wins a copy of the book reviewed in the Winter Journal ... "277 Secrets Your Cat Wants You To Know".

## Other worthy entries were:

1. I would love to get my paws on Tyson (Elizabeth Nuttridge, Warwick Farm)
2. Wow! There's nothing like a good workout at the gym to get up a perspiration (Eunice Roberts, Korrungal)
3. My Bad Fur Day (Joy Hopwood, Spit Junction)
4. What! Don't you have a bad hair day? (Kay Houlcroft, South Wentworthville)
5. I'm never going to that hairdresser again (Erica Matthew of Waverton)

**Look for the next Caption Contest in the December Journal.**

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## Pet Ownership In Australia

- 12 million Australians are associated with pets.
- 64% of the 6.8 million households in Australia own pets.
- there are 2.9 million owned pets in Australia
- Australia has the highest incidence of pet ownership in the world.
- Typically, the major carer of the pet is female, married with children, living in the suburbs and most likely employed.
- 91% of pet owners report feeling 'very close' to their pet, reinforcing that pets are an integral member of the family unit, however constituted.
- Pets were a normal part of childhood for more than 83% of Australians.
- Of the Australians who do not currently own a pet, 53% would like to do so in the future.

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## TRIXIE AND THE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

You can read my story (Page 20), but I'd like to tell you a little about my human. Her name is Grace and she helps to run the Cat Protection Society's Opportunity Shop. I see her with sheets of paper and a pen and a worried look. She turns to me and says, "Trixie, these rosters are hard to do because I don't have enough volunteers to keep the shop open every day."

I'm a CPS cat, so I know what great work they do for cats. Sometimes she appeals for volunteers in this magazine, but last time she didn't get any replies.

I was upset for her, so I thought I would try to make her happy again and write this myself. If you can come just once a month it's a help, and more often would be really good. Grace says the work is not hard and it's great fun. Tea and coffee are supplied and there is a small fridge to put your lunch in.

If you can help out (the Op Shop is CPS's biggest fund raiser), would you please ring Grace on (02) 9638-7364 or leave a message on our answering machine and she will phone you. We will both wait to hear from you, and I might even answer the phone!!

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# Central Coast Cat Care

Central Coast Cat Care is a group of volunteers with three main aims:

- **firstly to rescue and look after the many cats on the Coast who are homeless and unwanted;**
- **secondly to find good homes for these cats and kittens; and**
- **thirdly, to reduce the number of stray and dumped cats by promoting the neutering of both male and female cats, and helping with desexing costs.**

Like the Cat Protection Society members, we belong to a cat welfare group not only because we love cats, but also because we love our native animals, and know that feral cats, or cats which are not neutered and subject to a curfew in a loving home are a constant danger to wildlife.

Cat Care held its first meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1989, and from a small group of about six enthusiastic and caring founding members, it has now grown to 83 members. But it involves much more than cuddling cute kittens. If only that was all!

With the help of local veterinarians, who provide their services at a reduced rate, we organized 11,164 desexings (3,756 males and 7,408 females) and found homes for 1,369 adult cats and 3,368 kittens in the first ten years. Last year alone more than a thousand cats and kittens were rehoused. Because the cats placed by Cat Care must always be desexed and microchipped, they are not 'free' but are available for the subsidised cost of the vets' fees. We take pride in placing our cats and kittens carefully into good, caring homes.

Cats are handed in to us for many reasons. Some have been dumped in the bush or at schools or rubbish-tips by people who are moving or who have realised that the tiny kitten bought for Christmas requires more expense and time than they are prepared to give. Dumping of cats is not only a cruel solution for the abandoned and bewildered animals, but leads to the growing numbers of cats who become feral because they have no other option. Some older cats come to us because their owners are moving into retirement homes and want to know that their much-loved pets will go to people who really want them. And, of course, unplanned litters of kittens come in constant waves.

It costs a lot to feed and house this constant stream of animals, many starving or in need of veterinary attention and our main source of income is the Cat Care Thrift Shop at 250 West Street, Umina (Ph: (02) 4368-1649). Six wonderful volunteers work here from Monday to Friday and on Saturday mornings,

sorting, displaying and selling the goods handed in by our many supporters. Clothing, books, toys and all sorts of bits and pieces are always needed.

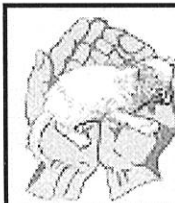
If you live locally, come in and look for a bargain, or to recycle your no-longer-needed items.

Extra funds are also raised at the two stalls held each year on Easter Saturday and the Saturday of the October long weekend. We do not charge a fee to take cats which are surrendered, but welcome and need donations to cover the costs of veterinary fees and medication, telephone calls, food and milk, litter, rent for the thrift shop and meeting room and car expenses for transporting cats.

Taking in and caring for the cats before placement involves constant hard work for the four welfare officers: feeding and caring for the cats, being at home when the phone rings at all hours, receiving surrendered cats or rescued strays, taking some cats to the vet and being available for all the people who come to look for a cat to take home. Many people who contact us are unaware that this is a purely voluntary service, and expect Cat Care to pick up their surrendered animals, but this is not really possible, except in emergencies.

**If you live on the Central Coast and would like to help our work, bequests, donations and your unwanted goods for sale are always welcome. Our address is PO Box 3204, Umina Beach, NSW, 2257 and further information can be obtained by ringing (02) 4324-7438 or (02) 4388-6448. On behalf of the cats, thank you.**

Lyn Farmer



**Her future is in your hands.  
Do your part to ensure she has  
a long, healthy, happy life.**

*I would like to add a personal word of thanks to Central Coast Cat Care, and in particular Lyn Farmer. A few weeks ago I came across two mothers and three kittens near where I live who I eventually found out were strays. Lyn (who is also on our Council) came to my rescue and said if I could catch them that she would take them for me and do her best to find homes for them. I trapped them all, but being stray, a couple of them were quite nervous and needed TLC and time to settle down. Lyn took the time to work with these cats and eventually they came around. To my relief and delight, Lyn found homes for all of them and I can now sleep well again. My sincere thanks to Central Coast Cat Care and Lyn for their kindness and dedication to helping the cats who need help. - Ed*



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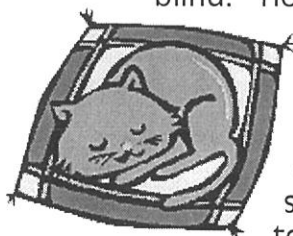
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## Cat Facts



- ☛ A group of youngsters (kittens) is called a kindle; those old-timers (adult cats) form a clowder.
- ☛ Black cat superstitions are as American as apple pie. In Asia and England, black cats are considered lucky.
- ☛ A cat's tongue consists of small "hooks," which come in handy when tearing up food.
- ☛ When a domestic cat goes after mice, about one pound in three results in a catch.
- ☛ The cheetah is the only cat in the world that can't retract its claws.
- ☛ Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor. It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realise what is occurring, relax and correct itself.
- ☛ In cats, the calico and tortoiseshell coats are sex-linked traits. All cats displaying these coats are female ... or occasionally sterile males.
- ☛ A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- ☛ Cat's urine glows under a black light.
- ☛ Cats can't taste sweets.

- ☛ A cat sees about six times better than a human at night because of the tapetum lucidum, a layer of extra reflecting cells which absorb light.
- ☛ Adult cats with no health problems are in deep sleep 15 percent of their lives. They are in light sleep 50 percent of the time.
- ☛ Cats are the only animal that walk on their claws, not the pads of their feet.
- ☛ Cats step with both left legs, then both right legs when they walk or run. The only other animals to do this are the giraffe and the camel.
- ☛ Cats have five toes on each front paw, but only four toes on each back paw.
- ☛ Cats have true fur, in that they have both an undercoat and an outer coat.
- ☛ It is a common belief that cats are colour blind. However, recent studies have shown that cats can see blue, green and red.



- ☛ The chlorine in fresh tap water irritates sensitive parts of the cat's nose. Let tap water sit for 24 hours before giving it to a cat.
- ☛ Most cats have no eyelashes.
- ☛ Napoleon was terrified of cats.

# Your Cats' Star Sign

## Leo

22 July - 22 August

**ELEMENT:** Fire  
**COLOURS:** Gold & Orange  
**KEYWORD:** Recognition  
**RULER:** Sun  
**CHARACTER:** independent, bold, optimistic, trusting  
**COMPATIBLE STAR SIGNS:** Aries, Sagittarius, Capricorn



Leos are not hard to spot. They are the ones doing everything in their power to draw attention to themselves, and charming everyone around. This cat is a showman ... a born star! Everyone in the room will love and want to steal your precious little Leo! However, everything is made for and revolves around *him*. Get used to it.

Intensely loyal, (this is the cat who would lay his life down for you), huge-hearted (will share his toys and food with others ... as long as they don't 'take over'), gets along fabulously with other pets and will charm the socks off of all your family and friends. Always remind your Leo how handsome or beautiful they are ... this pet thrives on flattery.

Leos are loyal too. To you, your children, home, and other pets. A Leo believes all of you belong to *him*, and he will not stand for any threats to be brought against his possessions.

A Leo cat is a joy to own. Full of life he will be a very loving, loyal pet to you his whole life through. Always shower him with love, affection, and attention...these are his livelihood, and you'll have one happy, sunny Leo.

## Virgo

23 August - 22 September

**ELEMENT:** Earth  
**COLOUR:** Navy Blue & Grey  
**KEYWORD:** Discernment  
**RULER:** Mercury  
**CHARACTER:** prudent, sensible, critical  
**COMPATIBLE STAR SIGNS:** Capricorn, Taurus, Pisces



Elegant and refined. Caring and shy. These are the virtues of the lovely Virgo. Virgos are not overly active, not overly affectionate, nor overly sensitive. Rather they are smart, quite sensible, and downright practical, hate being dirty and will probably be fond of baths if introduced to them at an early age.

Virgos tend to stay away from many people or other animals. They do not run and hide, rather just sit some distance away and observe. They are friendly if approached, however, and other people, children and pets usually like them quite well. A Virgo can not stand to be lazy and will find things to do throughout the day, generally following you around and helping with household chores.

Whether sick or sad, your Virgo will feel some small vibe that all is not right with you, and they will do anything they can to make you feel better.

If you would like a warm, loving animal who isn't too fussy and not a lot of work, then a Virgo is for you. It is easy to take this pet for granted, as they are always there when you need them, but make sure you don't. A Virgo, like any pet, needs lots of love.

## Libra

23 September - 22 October

**ELEMENT:** Air  
**COLOUR:** Indigo  
**KEYWORD:** Balance  
**RULER:** Venus  
**CHARACTER:** luxury-loving, good-humoured, irresolute  
**COMPATIBLE STAR SIGNS:** Aquarius, Gemini



Libras are the beauties of the Zodiac. They are lovely to behold and quite elegant. However, these looks will not bring forth an attitude. Libras are fair and love everyone equally and get along fabulously with everyone. They like to lay there and have others do things for them ... and how can you turn down a pet with such beauty and charm?

They can be temperamental but will not go crazy all over your house. Libras' indecisiveness comes from trying to balance out two options (hence the sign of Scales). Should they get up and let you know they want to go outside (but it's hot and he's too tired to get up) or should they sneak off and pee in the potted plant (is it worth maybe getting caught)??

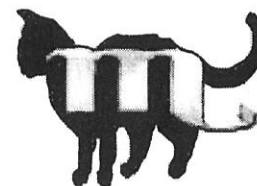
They don't like to be left home alone! You have been warned. Providing them a playmate and leaving on soft music sometimes helps.

Providing your Libra with lots of love and attention will make them a formidable house pet. They are friendly and fun ... a wonderful combination that should make any home a better place.

## Scorpio

23 October - 21 November

**ELEMENT:** Water  
**COLOUR:** Deep reds and black  
**KEYWORD:** Transformation  
**RULER:** Mars  
**CHARACTER:** patient, jealous, obstinate  
**COMPATIBLE STAR SIGNS:** Cancer, Pisces



Boy, oh, boy! A Scorpio. What have you gotten yourself into? Of all the signs of the Pet Zodiac, the Scorpio, is hands-down the most difficult to own. On the other hand, if treated right, they can also be one of the best signs to own.

A Scorpio pet can be a challenge. Yet, a challenge is always fun and never boring. Think of these "3 Rules to Owning a Scorpion Pet":

1) Never yell or get overly angry with them!, 2) Never forget to feed them! and 3) Do not throw away their toys or possessions!

Scorpios are extremely possessive and overly jealous. Anything they consider to be theirs is exactly that, and no one else's (most Scorpios have tons of secret hiding places for their possessions).

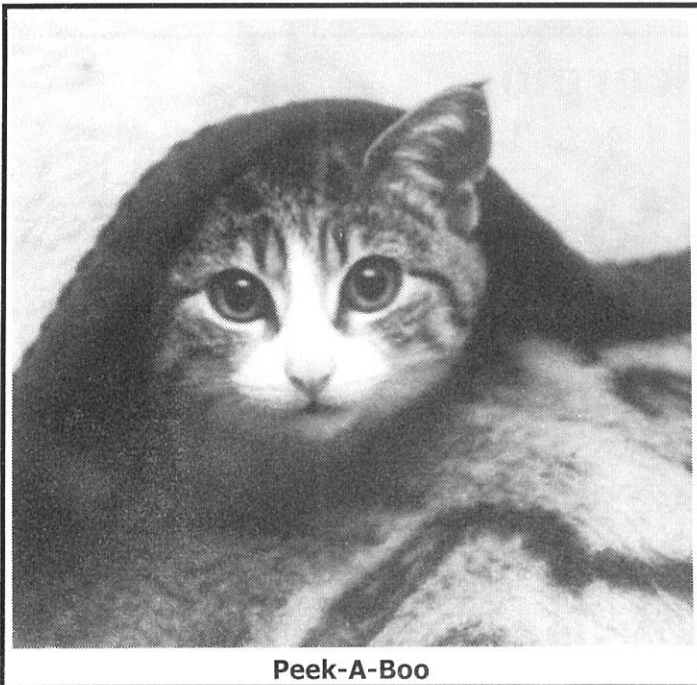
Scorpios are fiercely loyal and very protective. They make excellent house watchers. They love the outdoors but don't mind being kept outside. Just as any wrong done to a Scorpio will come back on you ten-fold, so will any right. No Scorpio forgets a kindness, and if you treat them with lots of love and respect them they will shower you with a love so strong it's overpowering.

# Trixie's Story

I was born on Christmas day in 1994. I know this is a very special day for humans, so perhaps that makes me a very special cat. I lived with the lady who named me for a short time, and then she took me to a place that was a little bit like a house but somehow different. She gave me to a lady in red - yes, I know we cats are colourblind, but I've been told about colours.

I lived in this lady's house for a short time, and then she brought me back to the strange place. I became very sleepy and when I woke up, I was in a cage and my tummy felt sore. I was told this was to prevent me from having kittens. Kittens! Why would I want kittens? I was only three months old - I had a lot of living to do without being encumbered with some young brats!

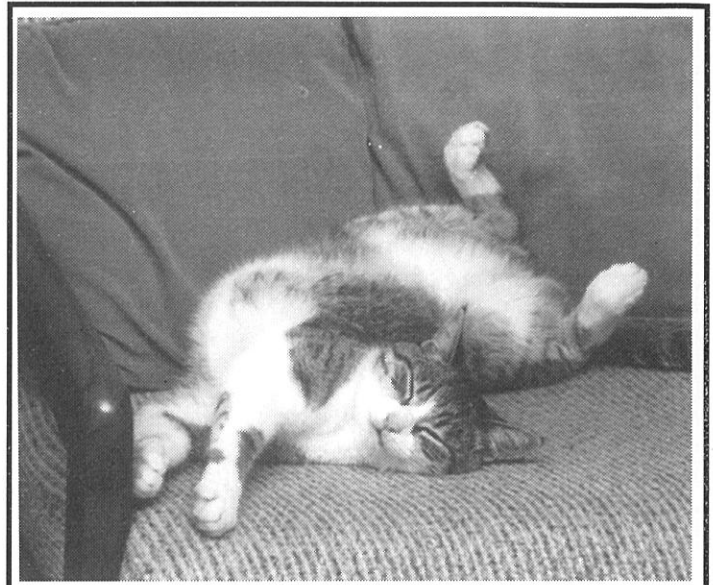
I knew that I was to be adopted and I worried about who would take me. A lady came in to choose a kitten, and I thought "This one looks like a real pushover, I'd have her eating out of my paw in 10 minutes flat!" While other kits were fussing and meowing for attention, I sat very quietly in my cage and looked at her in my most appealing way (I already knew how to be an actress). It worked! I was out of the cage and being kissed and cuddled and was off to my new home, where my first task was to let the human know who was going to be the boss, and it definitely wasn't her!



**Peek-A-Boo**

When I was old enough to go outside alone, I discovered the wonderful sport of hunting, and I was good at it. Moths, cockroaches, lizards, cicadas, rats and mice of course, and I have to whisper this because it's a little bit naughty - birds. I take them all inside, but the human always catches them and lets them go free, the spoilsport.

I'll never forget my first birthday. I killed a huge rat, took it inside and plonked it at the human's feet. She seemed to be very pleased with me because she was saying "Good girl, Trixie" and "Trixie, you're a clever girl". But she was also saying words I didn't understand, words that sounded like "erk" and "yuk".



**Life's tough sometimes!**

I went out for some more hunting but having no luck, I went back inside. The rat was gone and the human said that it was time for my special birthday lunch. She opened a square tin of food and put it in my bowl. It looked yummy. I sniffed it, then gave it a lick and walked away in disgust. If this was "special birthday food" I was glad it only happened once a year! But I learned something, yes, suddenly I knew the meaning of those two words "erk" and "yuk".

I sometimes go to that once strange but now familiar place I know is the Concord Animal Hospital, and I see the lady in red. Her name is Alice and she is my V.E.T. (Very Efficient Torturer). Well, she isn't really, she is very kind and she is always pleased to see me, but she sticks a big needle in the back of my neck. I'm told this is to stop me from getting sick. Humans are quite ridiculous! How can that stop me from being sick? The real torture comes when I'm in the car, but I've learned to cope with this by using my full vocal range to meow in several different languages.

Actually, I'm not really the boss. The human and I are good companions. I love the cold winter nights when we snuggle under the blankets together. I purr my loudest, while she cuddles me and calls me her "little teddy bear". Secretly, I think this is a bit insulting - I'm a warm living cat, not a cold stuffed toy - but I don't complain, I know that she loves me very much and she knows that I love her because ... Hey! What was that? The fridge door! I must rush away now; but wait - shouldn't someone be handing me a big red book while saying "Trixie, this is your life!"

**Trixie Ayling**



# Spike, the oldest Cat in the World

Spike has survived 30 birthdays, making him the oldest living cat in the world.

Spike lives in London and now that he is getting on, his fur is living up to its name. His step is not as sprightly as it once was but as long as he gets at least 18 hours sleep on a pillow, he's happy. He gets his kicks from chasing chickens in his village in Wiltshire, England.

Spike was bought for half a crown in a street market in 1970, nearly didn't make it past 20 when he was attacked by a rottweiler, and he is now the human equivalent of 210 years old.

He still has six more years to survive before he can claim the record for oldest cat ever. He has to outlive Puss, also from England (see page 15).

His family says aloe vera gel, added to his food, is responsible for Spike's longevity. The ancient Egyptians considered aloe the "plant of immortality".



## 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/Ms/Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Surname (Block Letters) First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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 of ..... dollars (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 situated 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.

# CATTERY MANAGER'S REPORT

As the new cattery manager of CPS, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and inform members of recent developments within the cattery.

My name is Peta Edwards and my love for animals is reflected through the menagerie I have maintained since I was a toddler. My suburban backyard farm has included tadpoles, ducks, chickens, birds, guinea pigs, fish, dogs, cats and anything else I could persuade my parents was lost and needed a good home. My interest in animals was carried through to university, where I completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in zoology. I completed my degree with first class honours in animal physiology. During Uni I also held a casual position as a veterinary nurse at an eastern suburbs veterinary clinic, which turned full time upon completion of my degree. I spent over three years in this position and enjoyed every minute learning how to communicate with species who have their own way of telling you where it hurts and how they are feeling. For the past year I have also spent weekends working as a casual manager at St. George Animal Shelter, reuniting owners with lost animals and assisting in the shelter pet adoption program. I hope to use not only my medical experience, but compassion and acquired understanding of animal communication to provide the best possible care for our cats and kittens during their stay at CPS.

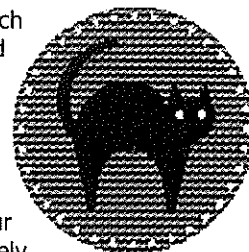
My first month as cattery manager has been both challenging and enjoyable. With such an impressive turnover of cats and kittens through the Enmore office, I saw it necessary to implement a numbering system to enable accurate documentation and identification of the animals. Each cat is assigned a number enabling staff to locate that animal within the cattery and to account for every cat/kitten that enters and leaves the cattery. The introduction of identification collars which display an animal's name and personalised number, also allows staff to quickly distinguish males from females through a colour coding system (ie. yellow collars for females and blue for males). I have introduced a

new feeding regime for our kittens which includes a diet of Whiskas kitten tinned food and Whiskas Advance dry food. All animals that enter the office undergo a general health check, followed by daily health examinations which are recorded on cage charts. Any animals suffering from a touch of the flu or earmites are transported to our new isolation area and treated appropriately, to minimise transfer of disease within the cattery. All animals now have a cage card detailing dates of desexing, vaccination, microchipping, worming and flea treatment administration to enable staff and volunteers to inform clients if an animal is ready for adoption. This card is sent home with new owners for their convenience when an animal is adopted. Clients who adopt a CPS cat/kitten can now expect a follow up phone call approximately one month after the adoption date to ensure all our animals and their new owners are content. We are also intending to open on Sundays, beginning in August, in hope of increasing our adoption rate. These are only a handful of the innovations we are trialing within the cattery at the present time.

I would like to make a plea to any CPS members who would be interested in volunteering on a regular basis, as the cats/kittens are in desperate need of cuddles and human playmates. If anyone has an hour or two to spare please contact me through the office to be placed on a roster.

Finally, I must thank CPS council members, staff at the CPS office and all those who have extended a warm welcome. Thank you to Dimity Kuneman, my former cattery assistant, for showing me the ropes and being most cooperative. I know the cats will miss your care and compassion.

The well being of the animals within the cattery is my primary concern. My aim is to create an immaculate cattery which provides the best possible accommodation for cats/kittens no matter how brief their stay, combined with a high level of care.



**Peta Edwards**

## 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	\$1,000.00	Life Governor	Pensioner Membership	\$10.00
	\$250.00	Life Membership	Junior Membership	\$5.00
	\$15.00	Annual Membership	(state birthday)	

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

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

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss SURNAME ..... FIRST NAME .....

Address: ..... SUBURB ..... POSTCODE .....

Pension Number: ..... Signature: ..... DATE .....

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

Surname (block letters please) ..... First Name .....

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

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

# NEW MEMBERS

**CPS welcomes the following new members to the Society and thanks you for your support.**

**(February 2000 - June 2000)**

Mrs L Adam, KINGS LANGLEY  
 Mrs W Antoniesen, STRATHFIELD WEST  
 Ms A Bartlett, DULWICH HILL  
 Ms M Boldiston, WOLLSTONECRAFT  
 Ms J Bruer, NEWTOWN  
 Mr D Byles, PETERSHAM  
 Ms J Cade, DRUMMOYNE  
 Ms R Catley, WATERLOO  
 Mrs R Cook, TURRAMURRA  
 Ms D Cooperthwaite, ARNCLIFFE  
 Mrs P Ducrou, GLADESVILLE  
 Miss L Duffy, ASQUITH  
 Mrs G Fletcher, BUNDABERG  
 Mr N Fox, REDFERN  
 Ms R Galambos, BONDI  
 Mr J Gilronan, REDFERN  
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 Ms L Heap, WILLOUGHBY  
 Mr P Hughes, ARNCLIFFE  
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 Mr T Jensen, HACKETT  
 Ms R Kapugama, LAKEMBA  
 Ms A Kersey, ANNANDALE  
 Ms A Khoury, TELOPEA  
 Mrs T Kikirekov, ASHFIELD  
 Mr G Kolin, RANDWICK  
 Miss N Kupresak, MAROUBRA  
 Mrs M A Louis, DRUMMOYNE  
 Mrs N MacAskill, CARLTON  
 Ms R Mezzina, RYDE  
 Mrs R Murrell, CASTLECrag  
 Mrs D Muskett, NORTH BONDI  
 Ms N Noan, KINGSFORD  
 Miss P O'Farrell, YAGOONA  
 Ms B Philips, SUMMER HILL  
 Miss L Preston, BATHURST  
 Miss C Reeves, KINGSWOOD  
 Mrs P Roberts, PANANIA  
 Mr J Robertson, CASTLE HILL  
 Mrs H Sambo, BAULKHAM HILLS  
 Ms J Stephenson, LEICHHARDT  
 Mrs R Stewart, BAULKHAM HILLS  
 Ms M Taylor, CROWS NEST  
 Ms D Van Den Bosch, EPPING  
 Mr D Van Someren, DARLINGTON  
 Mrs D Walters, ASHFIELD  
 Ms B Williams, BEXLEY  
 Ms B Willis, ALBION PARK  
 Miss J Yeo, BOWRAL



**He sleeps comfortably thanks to the support of our kind members.**



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