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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE . . .

With the introduction of the Companion Animals Act it was hoped that the interests of both companion animals and the community would be met. Unfortunately, this has not happened, particularly with cats.

The major benefit of the Act has been the requirement for permanent identification of companion animals as this allows lost animals to be reunited with their owners. Beyond this however, the Act does not promote animal welfare.

We now have an opportunity to get the Act right. In response to pressure from non-government members of the Legislative Council (particularly Duncan Gay, Nationals, Richard Jones, Independent and Ian Cohen, Greens) during debate on some administrative amendments to the Act, the Government agreed to bring in further amendments to the Act later this year.

So, what is it we want to achieve through amendments to the Act? Primarily it is to ensure that companion animals are treated in a humane manner and their interests taken into consideration. An Act that is working well should result in:

- better animal welfare;
- only responsible people becoming carers of companion animals;
- a decline in companion animal related complaints;
- lost animals being rapidly returned to their owners;
- a high level of care for lost or surrendered animals in council pounds;
- a decline in the size of pounds (because there are fewer unwanted animals); and
- animals injured in a public place rapidly receiving veterinary treatment.

The challenge is, how do we amend the Act to make this happen? I have outlined some suggestions below:

- Mandatory desexing of animals (registered breeders excepted).
- Establishment of affordable desexing schemes.
- An injured animal in a public area must be provided with attention at the nearest veterinary surgery. The local government authority must guarantee payment to the veterinarian in the first instance.
- Councils must be responsible for stray cats (in the same way as they are responsible for dogs) with a view to reuniting cats and owners. That is, if people microchip and register their animals, then they must get value for money by expecting the councils to accept responsibility for cats.
- Recognised animal welfare organisations must have direct access to the Companion Animal Register to contact owners of stray or injured animals.
- Councils must have pound facilities in their own local government area so that animals can be readily reunited with owners.
- An enforceable Code of Practice for the operation of pounds must be put in place.
- A system to monitor compliance by councils with provisions of the Act must be put in place.
- Surrendered animals must be held for at least 48 hours by a pound or animal welfare shelter before the animal is disposed of (this will allow people to change their mind or allow parties in a dispute a chance to retrieve the animal).
- Advertising related to the sale or gift of cats or dogs must advise of the requirements of the Act relating to permanent identification and desexing.
- "Colonies" of cats should be provided protection if it is demonstrated that an individual is accepting responsibility for the care and management of the cats.
- "Pest" control contractors who trap and remove cats from places such as shopping centres, factories and parks must comply with provisions of the Act.
- Councils should be obliged to pick up "stray" animals rescued from the street and held at a person's home.

Please write to the Premier, Mr Bob Carr, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000 requesting that the government incorporate the animal welfare measures outlined above into an amended Companion Animals Act.

Keith Edwards

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VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR OPPORTUNITY SHOP

FRONT COVER: Morgan and Sidney (Photo, Suzanne Jenkins)

CENTREFOLD: Tammy (Photo, Norma Gray)

BACK COVER: Pesto (Photo, Tara Millett)

BIDDY



She is talkative
opinionated
with a pointy face
and a bushy black tail

She will demand
Find fault
If her meals aren't on time
But greets me with joy
After a bad day at work

She sits by my bathtub
Dodging the splashes
And draws back her ears
If my song is off key

Whenever a guest calls
She can be polite
But if she dislikes them
She will claw
And will bite

She strongly objects
To birds and mice
But pledges no harm
Unless they incite

Some perfumes
She cannot abide
And soon lets me know
With a turn of the head

She leaves
Pawmarks on books
Which she thinks I should read
And knocks my glass over
When I've had too much drink
She loathes cigarettes
So to please her I quit

Next door's stately Tom
Whom I think she admires
Has been invited to dine
A seafood buffet
And bowls of whipped cream

Kathleen Fernandes

Attention: Contributors!

If you wish to send a contribution to the Journal you can E-mail me at my E-mail address:

Suzanne_Jenkins@hotmail.com

or send contributions care of the Enmore office.

*Honey please,
just calm down.
Let me explain....*



Cat Quotes



"The smallest feline is a masterpiece." - Leonardo Da Vinci

"To err is human, to purr is feline." - Robert Byrne

"I've met many thinkers and many cats, but the wisdom of cats is infinitely superior." - Hippolyte Taine

"An ordinary kitten will ask more questions than any five year old." - Carl Van Vechten

"As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat." - Ellen Perry Berkeley

"A cat is the only domestic animal I know who toilet trains itself and does a damned impressive job of it." - Joseph Epstein

"The phrase 'domestic cat' is an oxymoron." - George Will

"Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made the slave of the lash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with a cat it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat." - Mark Twain

"Cats are rather delicate creatures and they are subject to a good many different ailments, but I have never heard of one who suffered from insomnia." - Joseph Wood Krutch

"Cats are the ultimate narcissists. You can tell this because of all the time they spend on personal grooming. Dogs aren't like this. A dog's idea of personal grooming is to roll in a dead fish." - James Gorman

"Who can believe that there is no soul behind those luminous eyes!" - Theophile Gautier

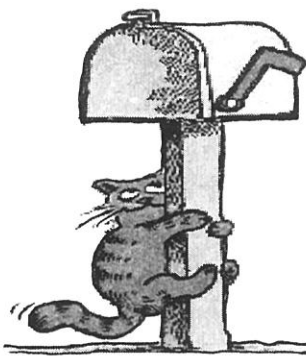
"There's no need for a piece of sculpture in a home that has a cat." - Wesley Bates

"If a cat spoke, it would say things like, 'Hey, I don't see the problem here.'" - Roy Blount, Jr.

"Two things are aesthetically perfect in the world - the clock and the cat." - Emile Auguste Chartier

**Mankind is the result of millions of
years of evolution to produce the
perfect cat servant.**

The **SCRATCHING** Post



Here's a couple of photos of Tigger (top) and Beverley (below) (who we now call Cindy Crawford). We adopted them on 11 March. As you can see they are very relaxed in their new home.



Other than wanting food all the time, they are very well behaved. Thank you for all the good work that you guys are doing. Keep it up! By the way, we called Beverley "Cindy" because of her beauty spot and also because she likes to look in the mirror all the time.

Best wishes
Pauline & Guy

Dear Editor,

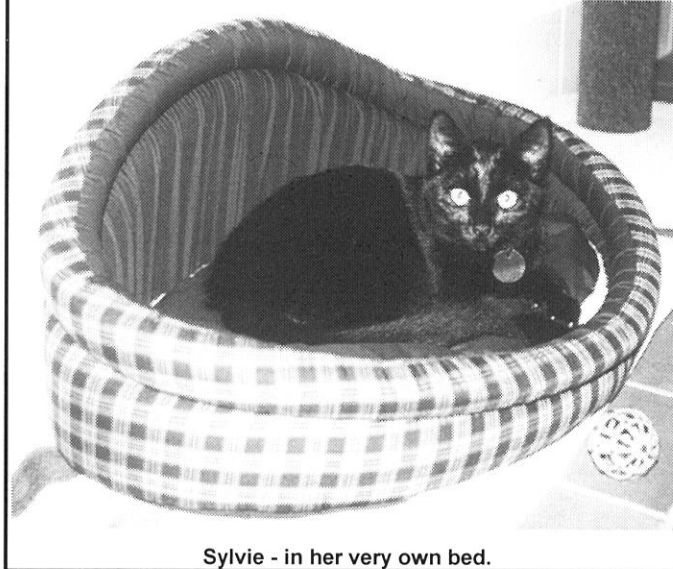
I wrote this poem when I was about twenty, really for children of course. However, after reading your delightful Polish legend about the 'willow kittens' in 'Cat Affairs' I wondered if you would care to publish it, please?

Dorothy (Masson Taylor)

See Dorothy's poem on Page 18 - Ed.

It is now exactly 3 weeks since Sylvie joined our family. As you can see from the enclosed photo, she has taken to her new home like a duck to water. My husband and I are thrilled to have such a wonderfully affectionate and happy new addition. We're so glad that we decided to choose our cat from the Cat Protection Society. Thanks again.

Luv
Merran & Andrew Engadine



Sylvie - in her very own bed.

Dear Cat Protection Society,

My name is Inkosikazi, but I am known as 'Kooze'. My mother was Abyssinian and my father was Burmese, so as you can imagine I am very handsome and charming. I turned 16 on the 24th February and the lady that I have always lived with gave me a wonderful party. One of my guests, a very beautiful young woman, gave me a cheque to send to your Society, which I think is an extraordinarily wonderful thing to do. It gave the lady I live with a bit of a shove in the right direction and she has also enclosed a cheque from myself. I have always lived a charmed life, and do hope this small donation will help some of my other feline relatives to enjoy a bit more comfort and love. Thank you for the great work that you do.

Kindest regards and purrrrrrrrrrrs,
Kooze

Dear All,

I couldn't resist saying a quick word about our cover. These darling boys now live with me. They came to me in December when I mistakenly thought I could be their foster mum for a couple of weeks. By day 4, I was irreversibly hooked on them both. They are now 9 months old and incredibly adorable and the best of friends.

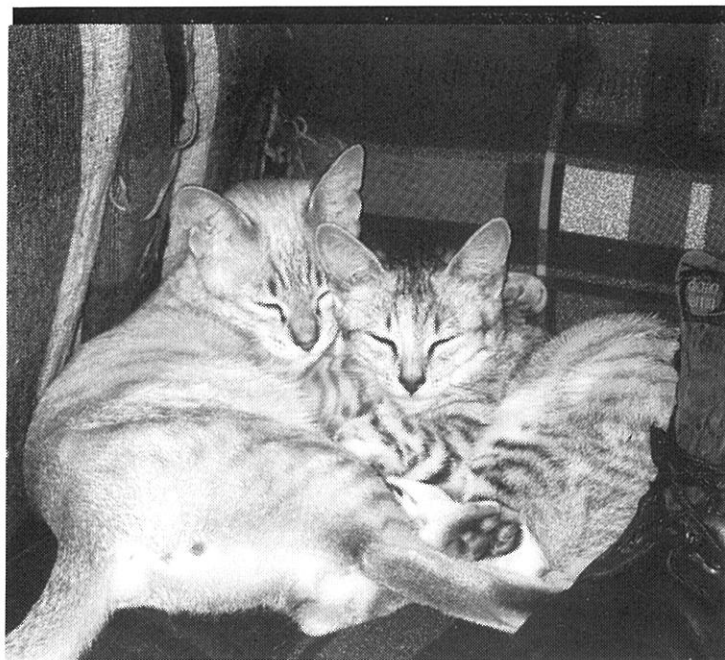
Suzanne Jenkins

Dear All,

Thanks for the follow-up phone call recently making sure we were happy with Abbie, the little silver grey tabby I picked up a couple of days before Christmas. She's on the right in the photo (below), with Claude, the Spotted Mist, who is about a month older and twice her size. They get on beautifully (after a few days of hissing and growling) - well most of the time anyway!

Thanks,

Kris Durran
East Lindfield



Left: Claude; Right: Abbie

I have always been a sucker for a stray cat or five. My husband is a member of the volunteer Rural Fire Service here in Glenorie and he and some other fellow members were recently called out to a strange incident. An elderly lady living on many acres had heard a cat meowing for several days and nights and been unable to locate it. It turned out the cat was stuck in a gum tree some 30 metres up! The elderly lady was quite concerned about how the cat was going to be retrieved. My husband very hastily shouted down the response by one non-cat loving member of "we can shoot it out". He quickly got out the massive extension ladder and gallantly climbed to the top. Please keep in mind that he weighs around 120kgs! The frightened cat was at first reluctant to leave her precarious perch, but after some hissing and spitting - from both sides - she was coaxed into the waiting arms of her saviour. Then came the problem of what to do with her. The elderly lady didn't need a cat and none of the other volunteers would even consider it. Of course my husband brought her home to me, our three very young children and our 6 year old desexed male cat (he was not amused!). A quick trip to the vet revealed no microchip, a parasitic worm infection and a possible pregnancy! All this and she is only around 5 - 6 months old. I put up some

'found' notices but no-one came to claim her and today Zelda, the beautiful silver tabby, has settled in quite nicely with our family (unless you ask Jake, our other cat, his opinion of the situation). She is currently being treated for the worm infection in her lungs and when that is complete she is off to the vet to be chipped, vaccinated, desexed! She is truly loved by us all and we intend to make the rest of her life much safer and more secure and loving than her first few months.

Judith Bow
Glenorie

Dear Cat Affairs,

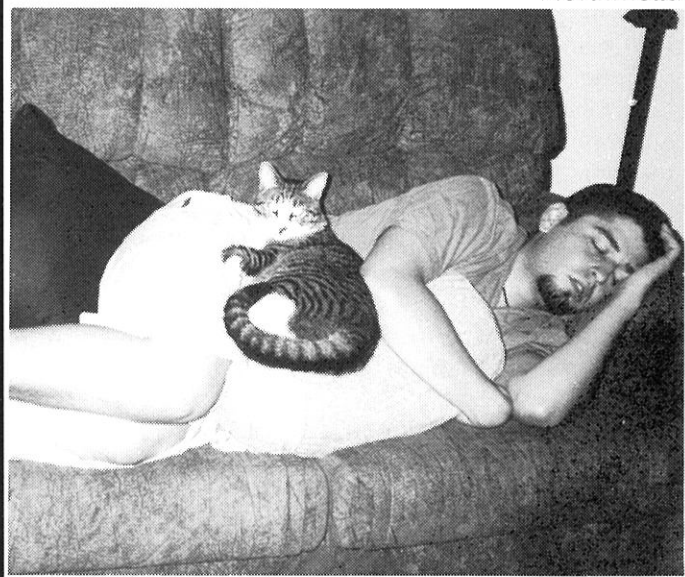
One of my son's workmates had motherless 5 week old kittens to find homes for. We took two males, even though we had a spoilt dog and live on the busy Windsor Road.

Now, 2/1/2 years later, both cats have given us so much pleasure with their antics and different personalities.

Ace (the cat) has developed a friendship with Carlos, one of my son's friends. Carlos was asleep when the photo was taken and was most amused when shown the photo.

Yours truly,

Janette Lang
Northmead



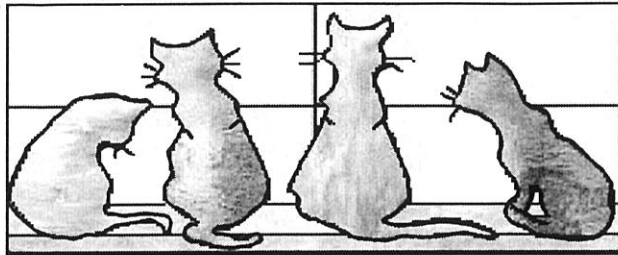
Dear Ladies,

I'm aware of your very unselfish and dedicated service to unwanted, ill treated, sick and injured cats.... God bless you and your wonderful work.

In sincere admiration,

Uma Silver

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OFFICE TAILS



Well, there have been quite a few changes at CPS over the past months.

Susan Matysek our Coordinator has left for greener pastures, or perhaps bluer seas, resigning from CPS to pursue a life of travel. At present she is sailing to Queensland. I have taken her place as Coordinator after spending a year in the Administration Assistant's position. We have employed a new Cattery Manager, Emma Hughes, who you will be introduced to later in the journal, and a new Customer Service Officer, Kim Thompson, who has had much experience in customer service at companies such as Electrolux and NRMA. Congratulations to Catherine Robertson who has been promoted to the role of Administration Assistant.

I would like to welcome all those who have joined us recently and thank Sue for her support and encouragement over the past year. She will definitely be missed by all of the staff and we wish her well in her new life on the high seas.

As I mentioned, I have now been working at CPS for a year now. My previous experience was in the field of bookselling and publishing, so the animal welfare environment was one that was totally new to me. Over the past year I have spent every day answering the phones at CPS and learning about the issues that affect the lives of cats and their owners in Australia. I also spent two months filling in in the Cattery Managers Position. It has not always been easy, with many cases being upsetting or frustrating for someone with a love of animals, but I have always felt it to be rewarding work.

At Cat Protection it is the small triumphs that make the day worthwhile. A six-year-old cat that was dumped finding a caring home; a mother cat desexed and her kittens going to loving owners, these are the things that temper the frustrations and the cruelty. And, we are always fighting to make things better!

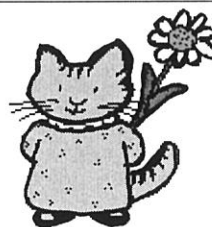
It is only fairly recently that I became a cat lover. As a child I suffered from a very bad allergy to animal fur, and was never allowed pets. I grew up with no understanding of how perfect the love of and from a pet can be. It was only six years ago when a young stray tabby boy pushed his way into my house one night that a new obsession was born. Mouser, as he was called, was desexed with CPS within the next month. Since then Mouser has moved on, but I now have two beautiful girls, one of whom (pictured above) came from CPS. Ranni was a six-year-old stray with a

limpy leg. When she came to CPS she was so miserable that she wouldn't touch her food. It was felt that it was becoming cruel to keep her caged up in the Cattery so I decided to take her home and see if I could persuade her to eat. Of course, once she was in the door she started scoffing food immediately and has never looked back. Ever since she has been the perfect companion, and I know for a fact that taking in an older cat can be one of the happiest decisions you will ever make.

As usual CPS has been busy over the last months with events such as Operation Cat and a visit to The Royal Easter Show (see page 22) but it is the day to day work of desexing, re-homing and dealing with stray cats that keeps us more than occupied. In the coming issues I look forward to introducing you to the staff who work behind the scenes to make this all happen and relay to you some of the stories that we are most proud of. Before I leave you with the with the story of Flotsam, Jetsam, Georgie and the kittens (see page 18), I would like to say thank you to the CPS staff and councillors whose support and encouragement has helped make my transition to the role of Coordinator a painless one. I am honoured to be given this chance, and hope that I can live up to the example set by those who have held this job before.

Lynda O'Grady

Special Thanks To CPS Members



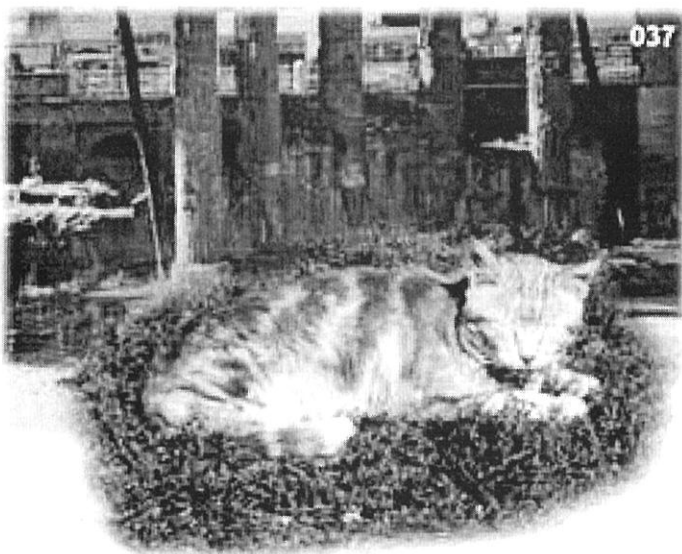
A special thanks goes to Ingo Oestericher for donating his time and his computer skills. Over the past months Ingo has taken time out from running his own business to install and network computers and to help us solve our endless IT problems. He has also donated thousands of dollars worth of computer equipment that is helping CPS move into the 21st Century.

Also a special thanks to Jacqueline Peterson-Jarvis and Microsoft for the donation of \$5,000 worth of Microsoft software for our office. Both of these generous donations will enable CPS to set up a computer system that will help us record details of all of the cats that we desex and re-home. Greater efficiency in our office can only lead to more time for helping those in need.

Cats of Rome

Protected Cats of Rome

Cat colonies haunt many of Rome's historical centres. Nowadays, strolling through Rome's many ruins one almost expects to see cats. Since 1994 a unique law, enacted under the mayoralty of Francisco Telli, gives all cats the right to live freely in the place they were born, whether it's a back-yard or a ruin that predates Christ. Unfortunately, the act has resulted in a current population of about 150,000 strays, who live in a climate where FIV, haemophilia and cancer are endemic. Addressing the situation are some 10,000 cat lovers, mostly women, who together form a loose alliance of caregivers who provide many of the colonies with food, desexing, vaccinations and veterinary care when necessary. Rome's Office of Animal Rights allocates 100 million lire (about A\$100,000) annually to help with the monstrous bill. This amount is apparently a sizeable government subsidy considering the current Italian economy.



But despite all this, the populations grow, as careless, callous cat owners drop unwanted cats off at the ruins, and unneutered queens and toms meet in the night and create new lives. Few of Rome's ruins today are without the peculiar characteristics of life and movement that cats impart. Few cats wander outside the shadows, except to offer a glimpse of fur or a tail. Particularly in the Summer months, they will take refuge in the shade to escape the searing sun and sleep the day away.

There are many cat sanctuaries in Rome. The Torre Argentina ruins has a dedicated team who run a sanctuary within the ruins where new arrivals are quarantined in cages. Last year, more than 500 cats were abandoned at the Torre Argentina. Half were later adopted and 50 succumbed to disease. The ruin's monthly population fluctuates but averages 250 and each cat is examined by local veterinarians who also spay or neuter each cat.

The ruins were first found by city officials by accident during a road expansion project in 1926 and, as often results in Italy, archaeologists won the site from developers. The ruins fall some 10 feet below a rectangle of downtown streets where low ceilings keep the volunteers and cats cool.

Cats, lots of cats, guard a secret oasis in the soul of Rome.

Summer is a particularly bad time of year (as in Australia) when more than half of Rome retreats to the beaches. Some callous cat owners among them choose abandonment over costly kennels, some people handing their cats over, seemingly without a second thought. The sanctuary of course obliges, for the sake of the cats. The sanctuary is at present contemplating a public education program with an emphasis on spaying and neutering.

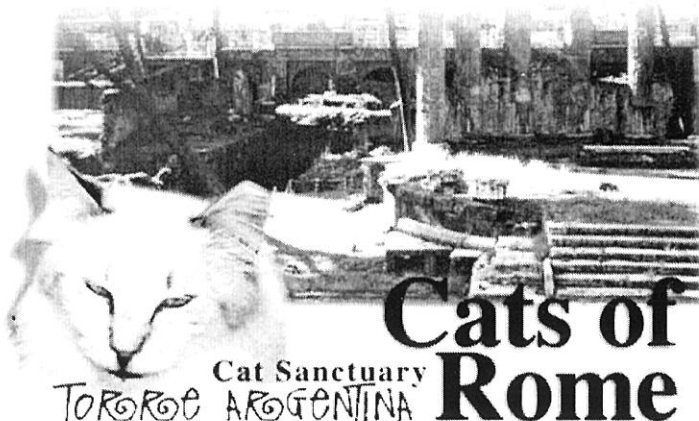
Roma Felix

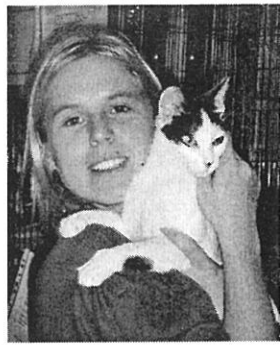
Roma Felix tours offer a guided glimpse of three of Rome's most spectacular ancient ruins and cat colonies (Torre Argentina, Cestia Pyramid and Trajan Market). Tours include information on the history of the site, the cats who live there and the people who care for them. Some money from these tours is given direct to the sanctuaries involved but the bulk of funding is from organised donations and from approaching people directly on the street.

Help a Roman Cat

You can sponsor a cat in Italy from Australia. A monthly donation of \$30 will go to the cat of your choosing (website: romancats.com) and you will be sent a picture of your cat and will receive updates on his or her life in Rome. You can make a donation by sending a cheque directly to the Cat sanctuary at:

Torre Argentina Cat Sanctuary
Via Marco Papio 15
00175 Rome
Italy
Ph: (39) 6-687-2133
Fax: (38) 6-764-628
Email: torreargentina@yahoo.com





CATTERY MANAGER'S REPORT

My time as the new Cattery Manager has been challenging and at times hectic but ultimately rewarding! In only a few weeks I have experienced some sad and frustrating tales of human ignorance and neglect but there have also been many positive outcomes and happy endings. CPS provides a wonderful and important service and I am looking forward to being a part of it!

At this point, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone, particularly Tara and Narell, who have made me feel so welcome and 'shown me the ropes'. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

Originally from the UK, I spent 4 years at university studying Zoology as an undergraduate, but it was my time spent both as a postgraduate studying (MSc) Applied Animal Behaviour and Welfare and as a long term volunteer at the R.S.P.C.A that lead me towards a career in Animal Welfare.

I hope to bring to the position a working knowledge of behaviour and welfare needs, specifically within the Companion Animal sector, and make a positive long-term contribution to the Society and the animals in our care.

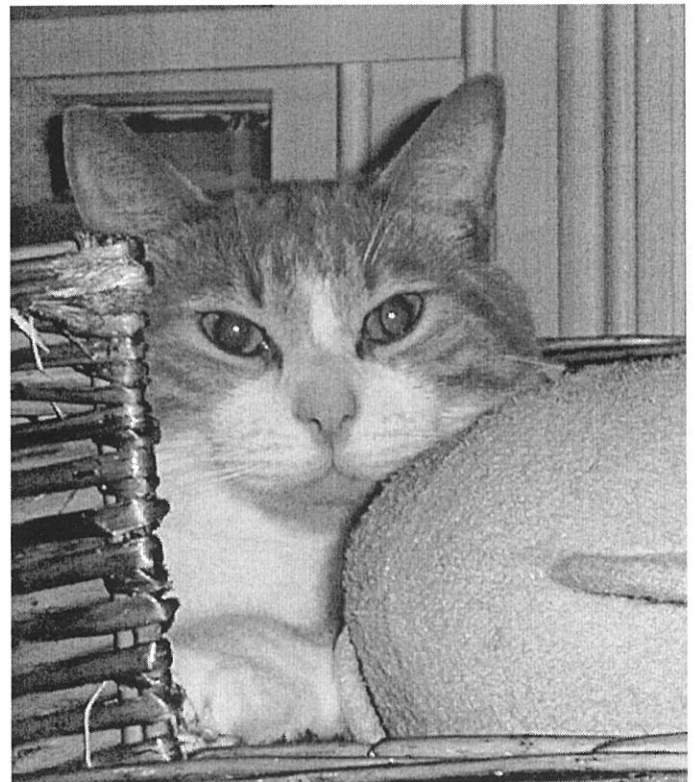
With winter well and truly here, it is an unfortunate inevitability that both feline residents and staff will catch the odd cold! Of benefit to cat welfare, a veterinarian now comes to the premises on a weekly basis to perform health checks and vaccinations. This cuts down on the stress associated with being transported to the vet surgery off-site and can only be positive in terms of both the cats' mental and physical wellbeing. Contagious diseases like flu are always a major enemy in animal shelters and any reduction in the stress of our cats will help reduce the chance of an outbreak.

Arriving as I did towards the end of the 'kitten season', the number of young kittens needing to be re-homed is continuing to drop which means that some of our more mature cats are catching the eye of prospective 'owners'. As positive as it is to see an 8-week-old kitten off into the world with an adoptive mum/dad, it is incredibly rewarding to see some of our older residents getting a second chance at a loving new home. There are only two cats that have been at the CPS longer than I, so the adults are still being successfully re-homed even though it takes a little more time and patience! You may remember 'Shadow' who was featured in the Cattery Managers report in the Autumn 2001 Journal. He was unfortunately returned to us after only a few months, through no fault of his own, and for staff who remembered him from the first time he was here it was particularly sad to see him return. As a 6-year-old male, surrounded by young cats and kittens exuding energy and personality, the chances of getting not a second, but a third chance, seemed slim. To everyone's delight after only 2 weeks, a lovely couple, who had originally walked into the office looking for a kitten, fell in love with him and took him home. (Finger's crossed it will be third time lucky for Shadow!).

For some of the cats being confined within the Cattery is just too much and they develop behavioural problems associated with their relative confinement. Misty was one such cat. He was the most beautiful long-legged grey cat, only 12 months old and a particular favourite of mine. Like Shadow he had also been an ex-CPS cat, again returned through no fault of his own. Unfortunately his frustration at being in the Cattery meant he was turning aggressive towards both staff and customers and it was looking more and more unlikely that he would be successfully re-homed. Fortunately, I was not the only one to have a soft spot for him and one of our 'foster carers' took him home with her on a permanent basis. He is reportedly doing well and is returning to the gentle and loving boy that he once was.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all our foster 'mums' such as Frances and Liesa, without whom so many kittens would not be given a chance of a happy future. The CPS staff and feline residents are also fortunate to have regular volunteers who contribute so much to the Cattery. You know who you are. Thank you!

Emma Hughes



The beautiful Shadow is pictured above.

WINTER APPEAL!

So that our feline residents are kept snug and warm this Winter, any old newspapers, rugs, blankets and cushions will be gratefully received.

Indoor Only Cats - The Way of the Future

Whether you live in a flat or a house, your cat is safer indoors. As we begin to realise the many benefits to ourselves, the environment and especially our cats of keeping them indoors, the trend is slowly but surely leaning toward inside only cats.

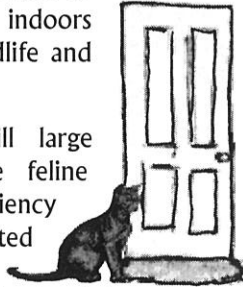
Cats may love to go outside, but to save their lives, WE MUST KEEP THEM INSIDE. Although cats are smart, alert, and adroit, they are no match for the many perils that await them outside. That's why the average indoor-only cat lives up to three times longer than the cat who goes outside.

The average age for an indoor cat is 16 years, while the average age for an outdoor cat is only 3 to 5 years.

One big advantage of a pet cat over a dog is the fact that cats naturally use their litter tray and therefore there is no need to turn them out.

In fact, the evidence for keeping your cat inside is overwhelming. Below are a few of the hazards that threaten cats who are exposed to the outside world. Conversely, most of these hazards are eliminated, or highly unlikely for cats kept indoors. An added bonus of keeping your cat indoors means there will be no risks to wildlife. In short, keeping your cat indoors means you win, your cat wins and wildlife and the environment win.

- **Disease.** Two diseases that kill large numbers of cats each year are feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus. Both diseases are transmitted from cat to cat and, once contracted, result in the eventual death of the animal due to a compromised immune system. Keeping cats inside helps prevent the transmission of these killers.
- **Outdoor cats inevitably pick up fleas and ticks and then bring these pests into the home with them.** Fleas can cause anaemia, skin irritations, and allergies in cats and ticks can be devastating to cats. These parasites also pose risks to humans since they can transmit disease through their bites. Ridding the pet and home of fleas and ticks is difficult and can expose the pet to harmful chemicals. Indoor cats aren't generally exposed to fleas, ticks, ear mites, or other parasites.
- **Poisoning.** Poisons exist on chemically treated lawns, in bait left out to kill rats or mice, and in antifreeze drained from cars (a sweet substance cats love to lick, but which is deadly). Most cats love to chew on greens, but their fondness can be safely satisfied with grass grown in an indoor pot.



- **Other animals.** Other cats, dogs, and wildlife are potential enemies of cats and cats often engage in fights that can leave them badly injured. Outdoor cats can suffer torn ears, cut eyes, abscesses, and other injuries requiring expensive veterinary treatment.
- **People who do not like cats.** Unfortunate, but true, there are of course people who do not like cats and others who are intentionally cruel to animals.
- **Traps.** Your cat could be at risk of unauthorised trapping by angry or annoyed neighbours.
- **Traffic.** Most outdoor cats die from auto accidents if they are hit by a car. It is a myth that cats are "streetwise" about cars. Cats are intelligent and alert, but they stand very little chance against fast-moving vehicles.
- **Pet overpopulation.** Anyone who's ever worked in a shelter knows that unaltered cats allowed to roam and mate at will account for countless of the cats euthanased each year. One female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats in seven years. All pets, whether strictly indoor or indoor-outdoor, should be spayed or neutered. Pet owners who allow unaltered animals outside are irresponsible and at the root of the terrible pet overpopulation problem resulting in millions of animal deaths yearly.

A cat which has never been outdoors will have no desire to go out.

Following are a number of suggestions which will make it easier for your cats to adjust and become established as happy indoor cats. The key to a happy indoor cat is ensuring that his/her indoor life is fun and interesting. The following points will help your cat become a contented indoor cat:

- ☐ **Have your cat spayed or neutered!!!** This is rule number one. Before anything else, you must ensure your cat, male or female is desexed. As well as helping to address a cat overpopulation problem that results in thousands of unclaimed cats every year in our county, spaying and neutering result in cats being more sociable, and less inclined to want to roam as they will not feel the need to search for a mate. Your cat's inclination to search for a mate when he cannot escape to the outdoors can be a frustrating experience and can lead to anti-social behaviour and tendencies.
- ☐ **Having toys around for them to entertain themselves.** Catnip mice, ping pong balls, boxes, balls of wool, screwed up pieces of paper or aluminium foil or combinations thereof will provide fun, a distraction and exercise for your cat(s).



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CAT LAWS



Law of Cat Inertia

A cat at rest will tend to remain at rest, unless acted upon by some outside force - such as the opening of cat food, or a nearby scurrying mouse.

Law of Cat Motion

A cat will move in a straight line, unless there is a really good reason to change direction.

Law of Cat Magnetism

All blue blazers and black sweaters attract cat hair in direct proportion to the darkness of the fabric.

Law of Cat Thermodynamics

Heat flows from a warmer to a cooler body, except in the case of a cat, in which case all heat flows to the cat.

Law of Cat Stretching

A cat will stretch to a distance proportional to the length of the nap just taken.

Law of Cat Sleeping

All cats must sleep with people whenever possible, in a position as uncomfortable for the people involved, and as comfortable as possible for the cat.

Law of Cat Elongation

A cat can make her body long enough to reach just about any counter top that has anything remotely interesting on it.

Law of Cat Obstruction

A cat must lie on the floor in such a position to obstruct the maximum amount of human foot traffic.

Law of Cat Acceleration

A cat will accelerate at a constant rate, until he gets good and ready to stop.

Law of Dinner Table Attendance

Cats must attend all meals when anything good is served.

Law of Rug Configuration

No rug may remain in its naturally flat state for very long.

Law of Obedience Resistance

A cat's resistance varies in proportion to a human's desire for her to do something.

Second Law of Energy Conservation

Cats also know that energy can only be stored by a lot of napping.

CPS CATS IN THE LIMELIGHT

We all know that CPS cats are the best, but now the rest of Australia is in on the secret. CPS cats and kittens have recently been in big demand for television and print media appearances.



Three eight weeks old kittens recently kept the comperes and crew of Play School busy when they starred in an episode entirely

dedicated to showing kids the joys and responsibilities of owning a kitten (see picture above). All of them shined on the day tumbling and playing for the cameras, sometimes getting a bit too excited and jumping the fence and causing havoc before being returned chastened.

About 10 of our cats are to feature in an upcoming Women's Weekly publication on cats. Our models strutted their stuff for the cameras showing the different kinds of cats available from longhaired to short, black and white, young and old and even, um, overweight. As you can see we really do have the best selection of cats in Sydney.



Our kittens have featured in the Daily Telegraph, on the cover of the magazine Gardening Days and in a beautiful book on cats for young children. The picture of little Sammy on the cover of Gardening Days looks great (see left), but can you imagine

how long it took to get this shot just right? Needless to say he had a good run around the park before the day was out!

We were even visited by Dr Katrina from Harry's Practice who came to give a little long-haired lady called Libby some special grooming and TLC.

Almost all of the above gave generous donations to help us continue our work.

WHO WANTS TO BE AN AILUROPHILE?

Forget 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?', who wants to be an ailurophile? Test Your FQ (Feline Quotient) with this Cat Trivia Quiz . . . and WIN!! The first 100% correct entry picked will win a fine china cat coffee mug. Please note that there are a couple of 'trick' questions within the dozen questions and this quiz is not as straight forward as it may first appear.

The winner and the correct answers will be published in the December (Summer 2001) Journal.

Please answer on a separate piece of paper, numbering 1 to 12 with your corresponding alphabet answer. Alternatively, you can send your answers via email. Email responses will be printed out and thrown in a 'hat' with all other posted entries. Please include your full name, address and a contact phone number with your entry.

HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS . . .

1. An ailurophile is:

- a) cat collector
- b) person with a cat phobia
- c) cat doctor
- d) cat lover



2. White blue-eyed cats are:

- a) always female
- b) prone to skin cancer
- c) always deaf
- d) sterile, if males

3. "Polydactyl" means

- a) too many white blood cells
- b) extra-sensory perception
- c) multiple toes
- d) multicoloured fur

4. Sphynx cats are:

- a) completely hairless
- b) allergen-free
- c) maintenance-free
- d) are descendants from a Siamese litter in Canada



5. A cat's normal body temperature is:

- a) 38.61 (101.5°)
- b) 37.67 (99.8°)
- c) 38.06 (100.5°)
- d) 37.78 (100°)

6. A "nictitating membrane" is:

- a) a thin membrane covering a cat's anal sacs
- b) a third eye-lid that protects the eye from dryness or damage
- c) both B and D
- d) a sign that your cat is ill when its presence accompanies lethargy

7. How many teeth does a full grown cat have?

- a) 32
- b) 28
- c) 26
- d) 30



8. The Somali cat originated in?

- a) Somalia
- b) Ethiopia
- c) North America
- d) Great Britain

9. Tapetum ludicum:

- a) is the small webbing between a cat's toes.
- b) is a rare bacteria which can cause paralysis in kittens.
- c) is the collective name for the final six vertebrae in a cat's tail.
- d) lies behind the retina and increases the cat's ability to see in near dark.

10. Where is a cat's Jacobson's organ located?

- a) the feet?
- b) the stomach
- c) the nose?
- d) the mouth

11. A cat is pregnant for about how many days?

- a) 58-65 days
- b) 65-70 days
- b) 70 - 80 days
- d) 80-90 days

12. The eye colour of all kittens when born is?

- a) green
- b) blue
- c) black
- d) amber



Please send your mail entries to
103 Enmore Road, Enmore marked
"QUIZ" (or by email, entitled "QUIZ"
to CPS103@idx.com.au) by no later than
Friday, 9 November 2001.



Lovely Lily

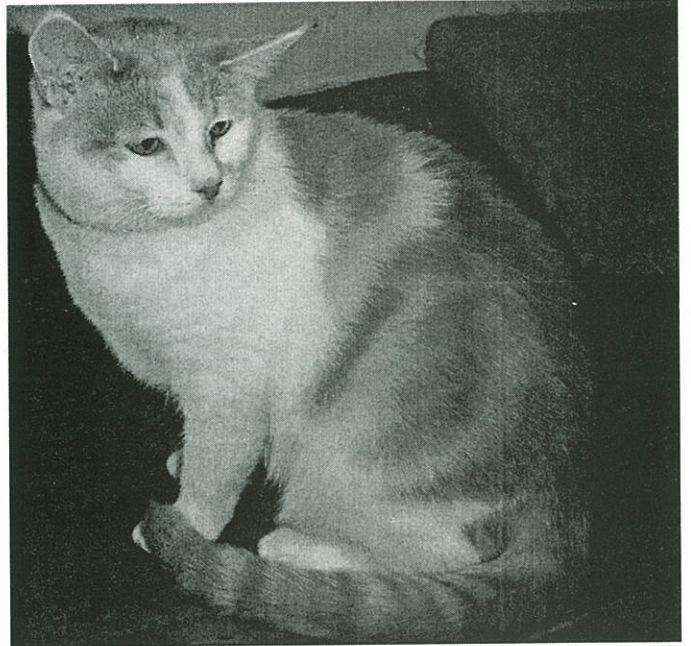
Lily is a beautiful 8-month old girl who was picked by our Welfare Officer, Sandy Moss. Neighbours had reported her to us after her owners moved out of their flat and left her behind.

Unfortunately, Lily had a small crick in her neck that made one side of her face look slightly twisted. For this reason, no one was really interested in giving this young lady a home, despite her gentle and loving personality. Staff at CPS fell instantly in love with Lily and she became the office favourite. We decided that Lily was to be the "Cat of the Month" in the *Sutherland Shire Leader* to give her a chance of finding the perfect companion. A young lady from Caringbah saw Lily's photo and knew that herself and Lily were meant to be together. She came in that afternoon and it was love at first sight.

We have since had word that Lily's new home has worked out perfectly. She has even made friends with the other cat in the house, and they now act as if they were littermates, rather than two cats introduced later in life.

Fortunately, a happy ending for a little girl with a very sad start to life.

Lynda O'Grady



Lily

CAT INSPIRED VOICE MAIL MESSAGES

- FOR ALL YEAR ROUND

Tired of the same old message on your voice mail? Well, include your cat(s) in the fun and try variations on the following messages. Just tailor them to your situation and keep your callers in stitches.

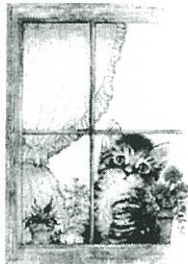
Record	You've reached the VM of [your name(s)].....
Message on	
New Years	We're making swaggie hats for the cats for Australia Day. Leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as
Day	we find all the corks under the fridge and stove
Australia Day	We're having deep and meaningfuls with the cats in preparation for Valentines Day. Leave a message and we'll get
	back as soon as the decibels die down
Valentines	We're knitting belly warmers for the Devons for winter's coming chill. Leave a message and we'll return your call
Day	as soon as we rescue the wool from the cats.
Mid March	We're colouring the cats to brighten up our Easter Baskets. Leave a message and we'll return your call as soon as
	the dyes dry
Easter	We are regimenting the cats for the ANZAC Day Parade. Leave a message and we'll call you as soon as we get
	them in marching order
ANZAC	We're teaching the cats to salute for the Queen's birthday but the blighters are all republicans Leave a message and
	we'll call you back soon
Queen's	The cats are learning the Marseillaise for Bastille Day, Leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as they
B'day	purr through the stanzas.
14 July	The August Bank Holiday is coming up and we're training our cat burglars. Leave a message and we'll get back to
	you as soon as we bail 'em out of gaol
6 August	Spring's coming and the cats are rampaging in the garden. Leave your name and we'll return your call after we
	pick up all the broken flower heads.
Early Sept	The cats are preparing for spring by leaving their coats at the cleaners. Leave a message and we'll return your call
	as soon as the vacuuming is done.
Early Oct	The cats are preparing for the Cup. We'll return your call as soon as we get them out of the bookie's clutches.
	The cats are preparing for the Cup. We'll return your call as soon as we finish their fancy hats.
6 Nov	Summer's coming and the cats are sunbaking. Leave a message and we'll speak to you as soon as we deck 'em out
	in sunhats and zinc cream.
Dec	We're making elf costumes for the cats so they can help Santa. Leave a message and we'll speak to you as soon as
	we tie on the last cap and bootie.
	We're trimming the cats for Christmas. Leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as they stop wriggling
	out of their wrapping paper.
Mid Dec	We're trying to rescue the champagne from the cats. Leave a message and we'll return your call as soon as we
	sober up the frolicking felines.

Lee Wright

Indoor Only Cats - The Way of the Future

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- ❑ Find a way to allow each cat to have a favourite (and secure!) place to which he can retreat. It may be a cat bed or a throw rug or a special place like on top of the fridge or on top of a wardrobe in a bedroom. Whatever the place, your cat(s) need to be able to "get away from it all" when they feel the need.
- ❑ Making places available for them to sit by the window. Cats love to bask in the morning sun, as well as watch wildlife and human activities outside. Ensure they have a window from which to gaze or a cat tree which will allow them to view the outside world at will.
- ❑ Cats love to chew on grass, catmint, catnip, parsley or sage. Become a green thumb and plant an indoor garden for your cat! But be careful - many plants are toxic to your cat!
- ❑ Kitty 'trees' or 'furniture' are a lot of fun for indoor cats. These can be purchased or you can construct your own indoor cat tree or cat house, with a combination of carpet-covered platforms, boxes and scratching surfaces. Just ensure that your design is sturdy in construction, with a wide enough base to prevent it being tipped over when Puss engages in an energetic workout on his own private gym!
- ❑ Cats claws grow continuously and they need to wear them down on hard surfaces. Give your cat a quality scratching post to deter her from scratching your furniture. Still scratching? Try putting lemon scent or orange scent on the area. Cats hate these smells.
- ❑ Try hiding some dry food or treats around the place each day before you leave for work. Your cat will be entertained trying to find where you've hidden the food. Chicken wings are ideal as they keep cats amused for hours as most cats love to chew them and the chewing action helps keep cats' teeth in good order.
- ❑ Ensure your cat always has clean quarters, is properly fed, and above all, loved. A clean litter tray and fresh water should always be supplied and checked daily.
- ❑ Finally, so you don't have to feel guilty when you are at work or out for extended periods, give your cat the ultimate indoor cat comfort, another cat! Whilst cats are solitary animals in the wild, in confinement, they can get bored easily. Another cat will generally solve this problem.



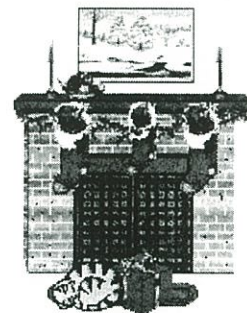
Cats are intelligent animals and can become bored easily. To ensure your cat's new indoor life is fun, you must put some effort and thought into how to make being indoors interesting for your cat.

Following are a number of suggestions which may make it easier for you to adjust to your cat(s) becoming indoor cats.

- Isolate the cat box(es) so that periodic odours are not disruptive to the human inhabitants of the household.

Many people choose the bathroom or garage, even under the house (fully secured of course). Catdoors can be installed in between the house and the garage, to minimise odours even further. If you rent, and are allowed to keep pets, you could consider buying a new door so you can leave the landlord's door intact.

- Same number of litter boxes as cats. The general rule of thumb is one box for each cat and then one more. It may not keep them from fighting over the boxes, but it is a reasonable formula for not having to maintain the boxes overly frequently.
- Have carpeted posts, or some other place for them to scratch. These must be made of materials that the cats prefer to your furniture. Most cats love the carpeted posts, and you can use carpet scraps to recover them when they wear out. The scratching issue can be a tough one, and can make or break the whole effort. If you have furniture or rugs, etc., that are precious to you, by all means protect them until the cat settles into an acceptable routine and it is safe to allow them access. Double-sided tape on sofas the sides and backs of sofas for the first few weeks your cat is inside could save your furniture. Once your cat has realised that your couch is not a good scratching post as his paws stick to it, the double-sided tape can be removed. Of course cats are not stupid and you will need to watch that he/she doesn't discover that this all changes once the tape is removed. However, hopefully a new and less-damaging (ie. scratching post) habit will have taken over by now.



If you wouldn't trust strangers with your kids, you shouldn't trust your cats to a world full of them.

What if my cat is currently an Outside Cat. Can I now make him/her an inside cat?

Yes, outside cats can be turned into inside cats. The transition can be gradual, ie. cut back on 'outside time' each day until your cat remains completely indoors. In order to help ensure your cat's inside life is a quality one, it needs to be made fun (see above).

I rent a flat, can I have cats?

Leases on most rented units specifically state 'no animals'. Although in certain circumstances an owner may permit pet ownership, however, if that lease should end another lease permitting pets may be difficult to find so serious thought must be given to keeping a cat in rented premises.

I own my unit, can I have cats?

In a strata title situation the Strata Titles Act states that Strata Corporation approval must be obtained to keep any animal in, or in the vicinity of, a unit. Such approval can be sought at a Strata Corporation meeting by putting the matter to the vote.

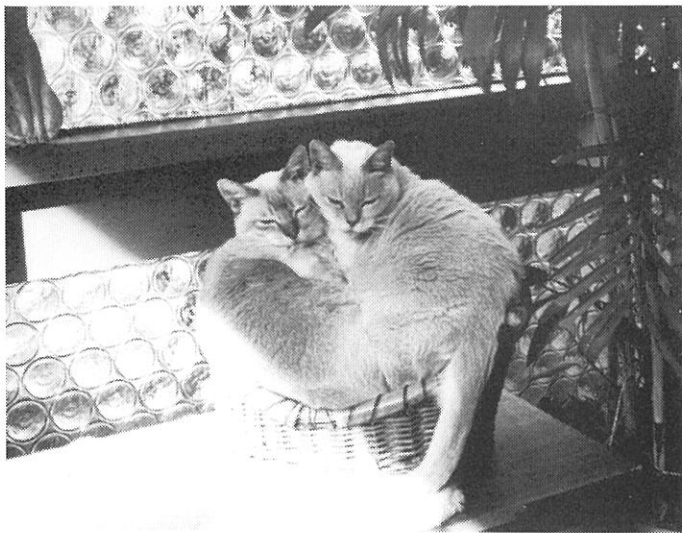
Your cat may tell you the great outdoors is lot of fun - grass to roll in, trees to climb. However, cats, like children, depend on us to recognise danger and protect them from harm.



In Memorium

This is a photo of mother (Princess) and daughter (Buttons) 16 years and 15 years respectively. Mother passed away last year and she is dearly missed by me and her daughter.

Frances Kurschildgen
Baulkham Hills

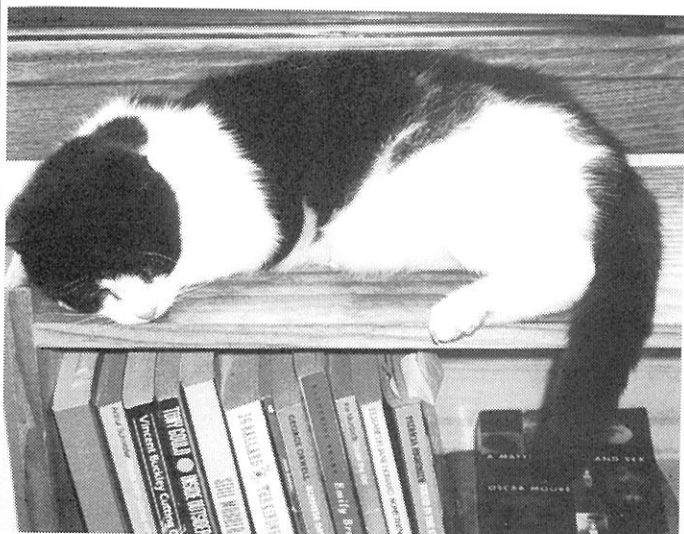


Donation in memory of Rusty. She lives on in Alex, Cairo, Andre and Morgan.

Sent by Noreen & Moira Lloyd

HERMIONE (1981 - 2001)

Born South Melbourne, died 22 March South Sydney.
The best of friends and good companions. Loved by Bruce Burne and much missed by Sydney and Melbourne family and friends and mate Jos. Little Black and White Lady.
Rest in peace love, remembered.



In memory of Tobi
November 1999 to April 2001

Though we loved and cared for you
For such a short time
We grew very fond of you.
We deeply regret your life was cut short
By accidental death.

Diana and Edna Groves
Greenacre



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CAT CARE, NATURALLY?!

**I thought I'd share my experience with other
Cat Protection readers ...**

My 15 year old cat Thomasina has been diabetic for nearly 5 years and I have been giving her 2 units of insulin every day for 3 years and then every second day, until a few weeks ago I started giving her brewers yeast zinc and garlic tables combined which I sent away for, none of my other cats liked them but Thomasina loves them and after 3 more tests and the last one after a week of no insulin I was told by my local vet to stop giving her insulin as she was producing her own.

I read in my book "The Alternative Cat" that the zinc in the brewers yeast protects the immune system and is an important part of the hormone insulin. I give her 2 every day which is the required dose.

I certainly don't miss giving her injections and I know she doesn't miss having them. I don't know how it would go for a cat who required more insulin and if you did start the brewers yeast program you would need to keep an eye on the cat's insulin level and have him tested. I had no idea when I started my cat on these tables of the outcome. If anyone wants to discuss this with me please feel free to ring me on 4782-6874.

Pauline Williams

SHEBA'S STORY

June with Sheba

In the Summer 2001 edition of *Cat Affairs*, there appeared a photo of our pretty little cream Burmese lady, Sheba. This is the story of how she came to us.

Thirteen years ago, my husband, Peter, and I had to have our 13-year-old blue-grey Tonkinese boy, Rama, euthanased as he had fallen victim to cancer. He had been with us from a tiny kitten and grew into the most loving and gentle puss-cat. We loved him dearly and were devastated by his death. We buried him in one of his favourite places, under the magnolia tree, and decided not to have another cat because, unfairly, we would always compare the new arrival with Rama.

After ten cat-less years, almost without realising it, we began to talk of the possibility of another cat. Not a kitten this time, but an adult cat. Our search unexpectedly brought us to a cattery where they were boarding an 8-year-old cream Burmese female whose owners were looking for a good home for her as they were planning overseas travel.

We went to see her and found a very small, dainty cat who, when we talked to her, immediately tried to climb the wire door of her pen and told us very volubly that she would be happy to come home with us. Three days later came the good news that she was ours! We lost no time in claiming 'Sheba' and bringing her to her new home.

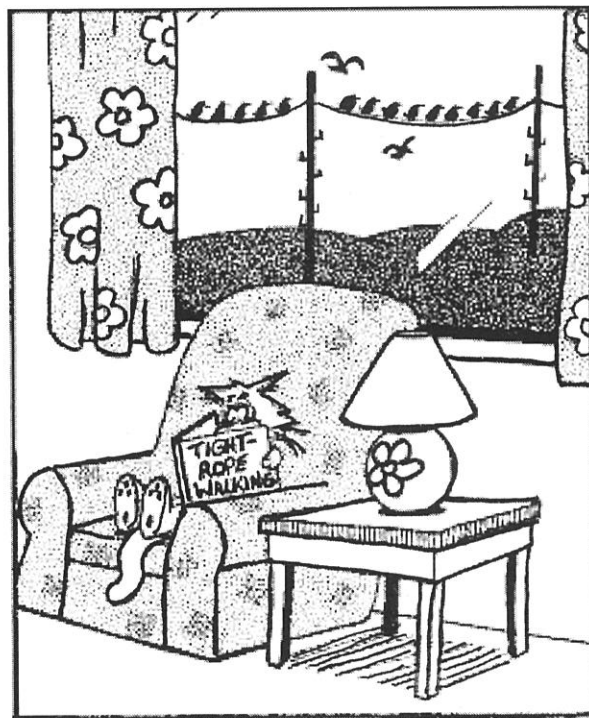
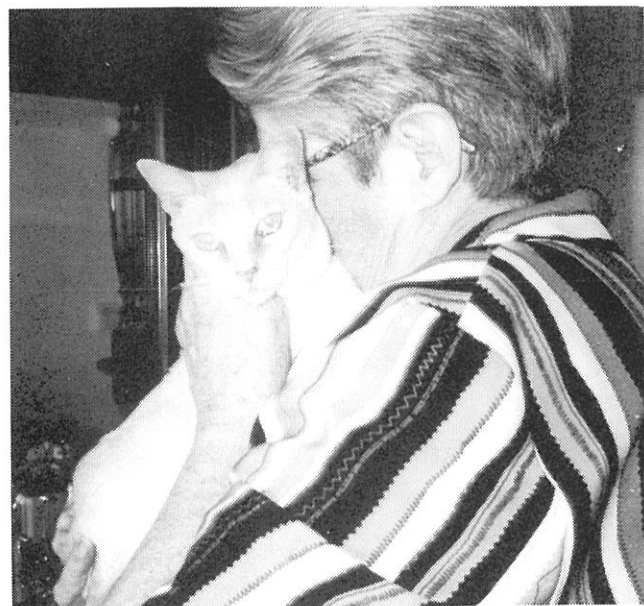
Once here, she set about exploring our home-unit room by room, with a soft meow each time she passed us. We were completely captivated by this tiny creature, who was about to take control of our lives. She is no bigger than a well-grown kitten. With a small face and big, green eyes, the honey coloured fur on her head and back complements the rich creamy colour of her throat, dainty paws and tummy. And that tummy fur is soft and thick - ideal for tickling!

We knew little of her history, apart from the fact that she had had cat flu as a kitten which left her with an occasional cough, sneezing and eyes that tend to run, so her face needs to be cleaned regularly. She had one litter of kittens at an early age and had not been de-sexed - the latter became all too evident when, the week after acquiring her, she began calling. After a few days of this we contacted Concord Animal Hospital and arranged to have her de-sexed, despite her advanced years. It was extremely fortunate that we did so, as it was discovered during the operation that Sheba had a badly infected uterus which would have ruptured and killed her within a few weeks.

Since then Sheba has thrived and has proved to be a very gentle and loving little lady who we adore. She has brought us so much joy in the three short years that she has been with us and although now 11 years old, she is full of life and likes nothing better than interrupting us for playtime - at a time to suit her, of course.

Do we compare Sheba with Rama? No. Rama will always have a special place in our hearts. But this demanding, loving and beloved little lady has made her own place which will forever be hers.

June Munday



CPS AGM

Attention: All CPS Members

CPS Members wishing to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Cat Protection Society this year are advised that the meeting will be held at 2pm on Saturday, October 6 at 103 Enmore Road, Enmore. Light refreshments will be served and **all members are most welcome.**

THE WILLOW PUSSIES

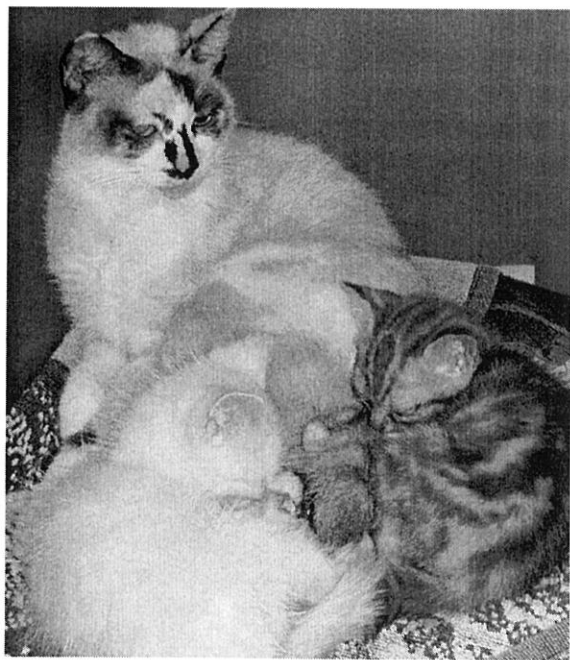
The pussies which live in the willow tree,
Never drink milk like you and me;
They live on the dew that falls in the morn,
The tree drinks the dew and the pussies are born;
These pussies are shining and silver and soft,
They're friendly with birdies in branches aloft;
Come springtime they're out on the willow trees,
Licking their fun in the frolicking breeze;
But alas, they aren't cuddly and they cannot purr,
So I think little pussy, it's you I prefer!

Dorothy Masson Taylor



Flotsam, Jetsam, Georgie & the Kittens

One Friday afternoon in April we had a call from a man who claimed that there were five cats locked in boxes in the garden of a flat in Redfern. As this was a cruelty case it should really have gone to the RSPCA, but it was late on Friday afternoon, and only a few suburbs away, so we felt it better to bring them in ASAP. Tara Millett and myself went to address at the agreed time and saw no one, so went to see if we could find the cats. We had a look around and breathed a sigh of relief thinking that it was a hoax, but as we were leaving turned the corner and saw them. Three adult cats and two tiny, malnourished kittens in two small boxes. They had no way to get out, no food or water and were directly in the sun. As you can imagine they were in a terrible state and the smell was overwhelming. We transferred them to our carry boxes to get them back to CPS.



The man who had rung us turned up when he saw that no one else was around. He appeared very jumpy and in fear of some kind of retaliation. It turned out that the cats had been there for some days already. We thanked him for his kindness in calling us. There were at least ten other flats in the block and no one else had bothered.

Back at CPS we looked after the cats and left them quietly to get used to their new surroundings. On closer inspection it turned out that the adults were all

very beautiful. Two big cream coloured boys with stunning light blue eyes and a cream colour mother with dark flecks on her face. All were un-desexed.

Slowly they went from being terrified to inquisitive and after a month with us we felt that they were ready for re-homing. Despite such a terrible start to life the two babies found their new families through our Enmore Cattery and the adults are all now safely in homes on the leafy North Shore after a brief stop at The East Chatswood Cat Clinic.

Lynda O'Grady

"Cat" in anyone's language

French: chat;
German: katze;
Spanish/Portuguese: gato;
Yiddish: kats;
Maltese: qattus;
Swedish/Norwegian: katt;
Dutch: kat;
Icelandic: kottur;
Greek: catta;
Hindu: katas;
Japanese: neko;



Polish: kot;
Ukrainian: kotuk;
Hawaiian: popoki;
Russian: koshka;
Latin: cattus;
Egyptian: mau;
Turkish: kedi;
Armenian: Gatz;
Chinese: mio;
Arabic: biss;
Indonesian: qitta;
Bulgarian: kotka;
Malay: kucing;



Thai/Vietnamese: meo;
Romanian: pisica;
Lithuanian: katinas;
Czech: kocka;
Slovak: macka;
English: cat
Basque: catua;
Estonian: kass;
Finnish: kissa;
Swahili: paka

Cat Magic

It has often been said that a cat is more a spirit than an animal. Historically, little distinction has been drawn as to the difference between witches, fairies, spirits, goddesses and the feline, for at different periods in time the cat was believed to represent them all in corporeal form.



The magical relationship between cats and witches has an ancient tradition, and in old manuscripts there is much evidence to suggest that wise women regarded their cat 'familiars' as founts of wisdom and occult secrets. It was believed that cats in their astral body could lead their mistresses in dreams to the source of a fund of spiritual knowledge. Indeed the physical body of a cat appears to be almost at one with its astral counterpart as it expresses the feline characteristics of celerity, silence, seeming weightlessness and the apparent ability to contemplate spectres or visions invisible to humans. In motion, the body of a cat seems to crackle with a supernatural electricity, and its ubiquity, grace and silent speed seem often to lend to it the air of a spirit rather than that of a coarse material being.



The witches and wisewomen of old believed that cats could foretell the future, predict the weather, indicate the tides of love and fortune, commune with spirits and bless magical endeavours. Whatever their individual sex, cats are inevitably associated with the spiritual feminine principle, and perhaps this is the truth which lies at the root of their soul-kinship with women and their association with witches.

The white magic worked by the wisewomen, herb-healers and charm-changers of the past, was benign and gentle and invariably for the good of the community. When we consider folklore and its many tales which feature cats, it becomes clear that cats are generally believed to bring luck, be they white or black or any other colour.

Alternatively venerated and tormented throughout history, cats have always retained their mystery, dignity, independence and grace. They still represent the soul of magic, secrecy and freedom. No other animal so consistently refuses all constraint. In Europe, the cat was seen as a fairy in

itself, a fey creature as enchanted as any elf or spirit. Witches were supposed to assume the shape of a cat, and sometimes it was believed that cats temporarily put on the guise of a witch in order to enter the human world. When it was acknowledged that the cat and its mistress had different identities, people believed that her companion had access to magical worlds, and would escort her in her dreams to Elfame or Fairyland, from whence both would return filled with strange knowledge and mystical powers.

The following spells which are drawn from an ancient source, are intended to cast a new light on those old beliefs and magical secrets which have always surrounded the cat. The spells might suggest an anciently new way of observing and learning from our feline friends, and of developing a magical relationship with them, as the wisewoman did for her enlightenment and spiritual learning in a time long ago.

Charm to Mend Broken Bones

To encourage broken bones to heal quickly, and to take away the pain, recite this charm over them after they have been set, whilst stroking a black cat:

***"Blessings on your skull;
with holy secrets it is full;
Let it smile on these bones
Precious as earth's stones
Let it bless these bones
And hush your groans;
Let it work the spell
To knit these bones and make them well.
Blessings on your skill
With holy secrets it is full."***



Gather a little hair from the cat (loose hair, don't pull it out) and put it in a little white linen bag, which is to be worn around the neck until the bones are well on the mend. Bless the cat with her magical name.

Charm to Cure a Wart

If you should have warts, be patient and wait till a morning in the month of May, if you would cure yourself by the agency of a cat; but it must be a tortoiseshell cat, and you must be good friends with her. Stroke the wart three times with the tip of her tail, which she will allow if you nurse her as you do it. Then chant:

***"May Moon, May Moon
May this wart wane to your tune"***

Then, as the May moon wanes, your wart will disappear.

FEATURE ARTISTS

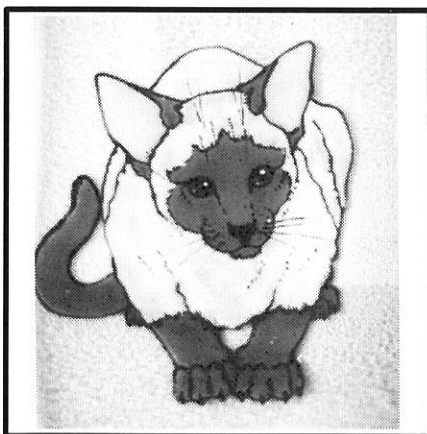
Greg & Wendy Flack

When we were asked to be the Feature Artist in Cat Affairs one of the questions that needed to be addressed was why cats? We answer, "Why not?"

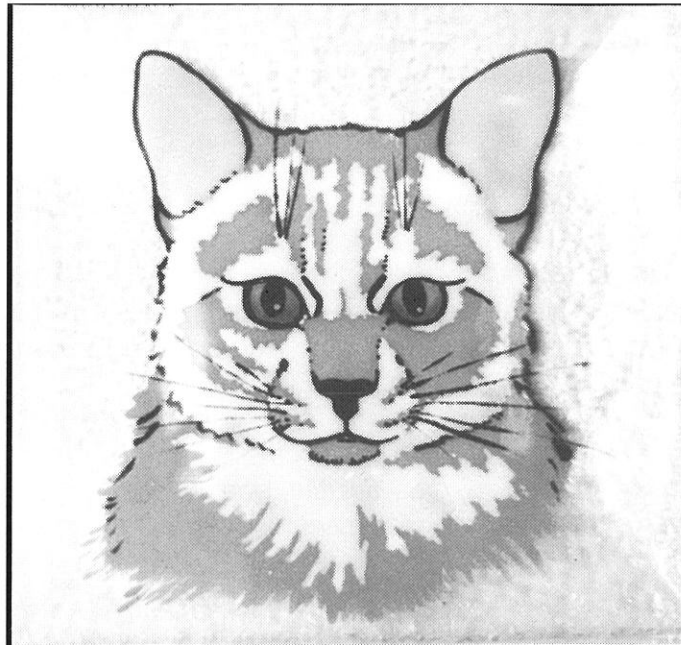
Both Greg and I have been cat owners for goodness knows how long. I feel cats are one of the purrfect pets as they are loving, affectionate, intelligent and heaps of fun and energy. What really inspired me to begin painting cats was – many moons ago – my then friend and companion, an ageing Siamese. I wanted to capture his personality and characteristics, which I feel can't be captured quite as well with a camera as by a skilled artist's hand and eye.

This was the beginning of many years of painting. I have been commissioned by numerous people to do portraits of their pet cats as well as a variety of animals. I find animals make appealing subject matter and enjoy working with them. But cats seem to be the most popular.

We run Original Glass Studios. We are both accredited artists, Greg has a Degree in Glass and I have a Diploma in Visual Arts. We produce a range of glass art from one-off sculptural pieces, architectural works and giftware. We work together to create these works and with my designs and Greg's skills with glass, we have a range of hand painted plates and platters. We also produce cat images on some of our other items that include clocks and mirrors.

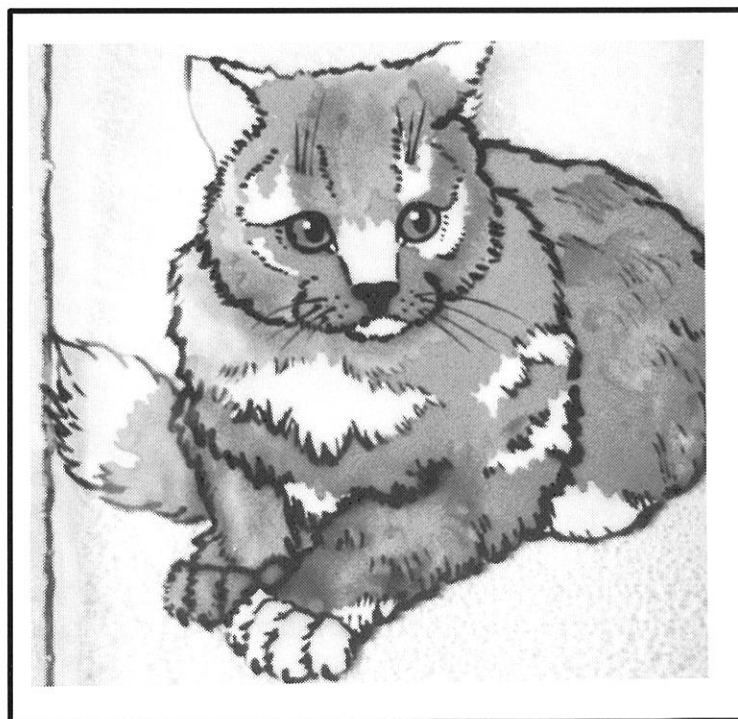


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With our other works in glass we can incorporate cat images onto them by embossing or engraving; such as door panels, screens etc. For the more discerning collector we can create one-of crystal castings of cats.

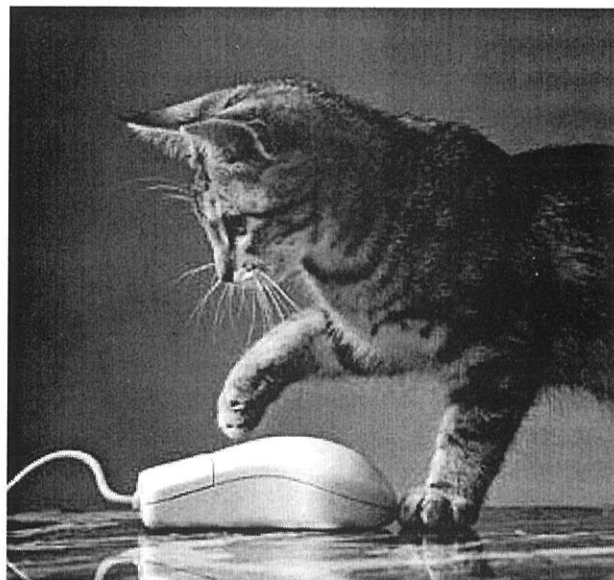
The images that I hand paint onto the glass are individual, original art. We produce them in a range of sizes and will custom make a size to your requirements. Choose from our existing range or have your cat painted on one of the items. The plates start from \$25, the mirrors from \$180 plus GST and postage. If you wish your cat's portrait painted this will incur a small additional fee and we will need a couple of clear photo's as well as a brief description of your cat's characteristics.



Orders can be placed by sending your details and payment to:
Original Glass Studios, RMB 3047, Traralgon South, VIC 3844. To contact us for more information (03) 5195 5561,
Email flackgw@vic.australis.com.au.

CPS INTERNET SITE NOW UP AND RUNNING

After a lengthy delay in having our domain name enabled, the Cat Protection Website is now up and running and it looks great. For those of you who can't get to our Enmore Cattery you can now see photos of all of our beautiful cats online. We also have lots of info on cat-related issues and details of the Society and our activities.



Catherine Robertson will be updating the site regularly with new articles and information and of course with our new arrivals looking for that perfect owner.

We love to hear from our members so if you have any comments, ideas or stories for site or if you would just like to say hello e-mail us at info@catprotection.org.au

A big thanks goes to Karen Lee who designed the site and smoothed its slow and painful process through the IT bureaucracy. Karen not only worked on getting it up and running, but has also given her time to train CPS staff in the intricacies of the Internet.

FAMOUS CAT LOVERS

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| ◆ Winston Churchill | ◆ Marie Antoinette |
| ◆ Confucious | ◆ Sir Isaac Newton |
| ◆ Calvin Coolidge | ◆ Louis Pasteur |
| ◆ Anne Frank | ◆ Edgar Allen Poe |
| ◆ Ernest Hemingway | ◆ Beatrix Potter |
| ◆ Thomas Jefferson | ◆ Queen Victoria |
| ◆ General Robert E. Lee | ◆ Franklin Roosevelt |
| ◆ Abraham Lincoln | ◆ Mark Twain |

DONATION FORM

The 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 _____ First Name _____
Surname (Block Letters)

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.

Royal Easter Show

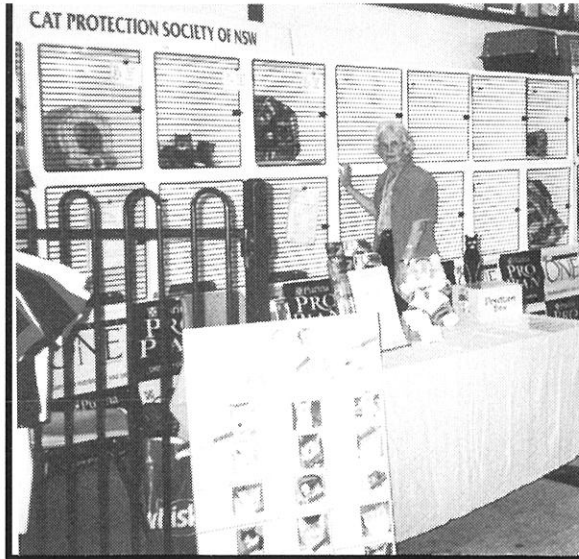
This year we had a very successful two days at the Easter Show - Thursday, 12 April and Tuesday, 17 April. The CPS display was in the Cat Pavilion and was staffed on Thursday by Lynda O'Grady and Angelika Elliott and on Tuesday by Nita Harvey and Nance Iredale.

We were able to meet many cat lovers and have chats about their 'pride and joys'. We were also able to give advice about desexing, microchipping and cat care in general.

Our adorable tabby kittens were finalists in the 'most popular cat' competition on the Tuesday. This was no mean feat as they were up against many lovely purebred competitors. Our donation box was well patronised too for which we were most grateful.

Nance Iredale
holding the fort

Most
Popular Cat
Finalists -
CPS's tabby
kittens



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

I apply for membership or renewal of membership of the Society for the year commencing June 2001.
All persons joining from January 2001 remain financial until June 2002.

Subscription	\$1,000.00	Life Governor	Pensioner Membership	\$15.00
	\$250.00	Life Membership	Junior Membership	\$10.00
	\$20.00	Annual Membership	(state birthday)	

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

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

Address: _____ Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

Pension Number: _____ Signature: _____

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

Tigarsan, Story of a Stray

I first noticed a very bedraggled cat when she emerged from a hedge not far from my house. She offered a plaintiff cry and proceeded to rub her face against my hand. Clumps of fur were missing and besides sores on her body I saw her mouth was terribly lopsided and although thin she was pregnant!

When I tried to establish if puss had an owner I was informed that the garden where she had been hiding for several weeks was to be totally cleared and landscaped thereby making it impossible for the cat to stay. Thinking about her kittens due to be borne, I realised very quickly that I was going to have another addition/s to my family.

With tremendous difficulty I managed to coax her into my cat basket to get her to my vet in North Sydney for much needed attention. We were half way over the Harbour Bridge when the basket flew open and an enraged and frightened cat proceeded to alternate between the steering wheel and my neck! Only god's intervention stopped us from going over the bridge into the water.

When we eventually arrived at the vet he asked me what I had named "it". Tigarlily" I said whereby he promptly told me to drop the "lily" as "it" was male. But she's pregnant I retorted and a smiling vet told me the pregnancy was a dropped belly due to old age! Tigarlily promptly became Tigarsan and I left him at the clinic to have teeth extracted, his jaw wired, fluids and numerous injections.

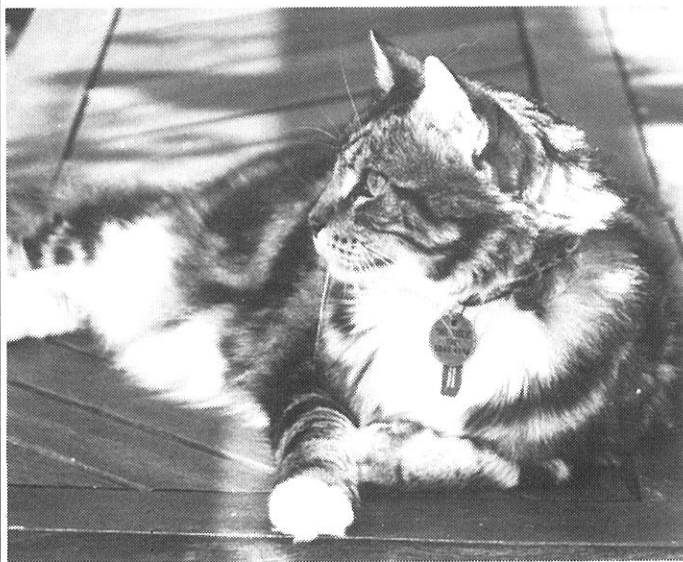
When I took puss home 5 days later I learnt that had he not been taken to the clinic he probably wouldn't have lasted more than a couple of days as his condition was life threatening.

Well that was over ten years ago and whilst it took nearly 6 months before he could relax and accept my Persian and 2 Lhasa Apso dogs he now reigns supreme in the pecking order and realises my home is a safe haven.

Tigarsan's main motivation is food - I think he still worries his every meal may be his last - but he is now over 12 years old, has a magnificent coat and weighs in at a huge 7.2 kilos and knows he is much loved.

One will never know what his life was like before he chose me or where he came from but he has acknowledged me as his "Mum" and that makes the effort worthwhile.

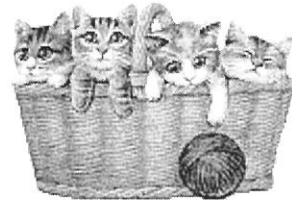
Tricia Cunliffe



STOP!

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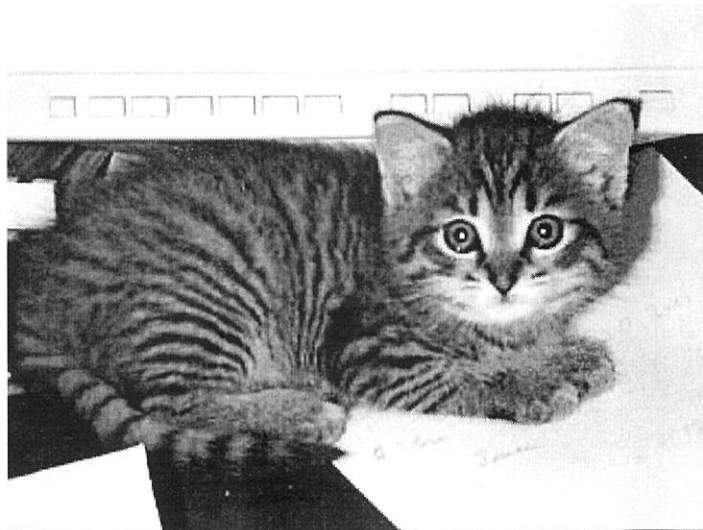
Please help spread the word on CPS and perhaps even entice some new members by passing this Journal on to your doctor, dentist, hairdresser or vet or anywhere where there is a waiting room where magazines are kept.



Welcome New Members

Miss K Anderson
Ms M Anderson
Mrs E Becker
Miss S Binnie
Ms T Blight
Ms H Blythe
Ms A Borg Cardona
Ms J Burden
Ms K Burgess
Mr D Bushell
Ms L Butler
Ms C Christensen
Ms J Collings
Ms N Cramp
Ms J Crosbie
Miss M Davin
Mrs S Di Fonzo
Ms V Eddy
Ms S Fairnam
Ms B Fulton
Miss Heaps
Miss S Jenkins

Miss JL Kalf
Miss A Kaskanlian
Ms L Kearns
Mrs M Llewellyn
Ms M Lloyd
Mrs M Loney
Dr G Miller
Mrs C Moore
Ms D Moss
Mrs V M Porteus
Mrs K Reichel-Clarke
Mrs R Smith
Miss L Studman
Miss A Studman
Miss JF Thomas
Mrs M Trevillian
Ms K Ulrick
Mrs L Waite
Mrs A Walter
Ms L Webb
Miss D Williamson-Stuart



Thank you to all our new and existing members who have helped saved a life like Chloe's (above).



Miss Pesto Millett

(August 1997-February 2001)

"Fragile creatures of a small blue planet,
surrounded by light years of silent space.
Do the dead find peace beyond the rattle
of the world? What peace is there for us,
Whose best love cannot return them even for a day?
I raise my head to the door and think I will see you
in the frame. I know it is your voice in the corridor
but when i run outside, the corridor is empty.
There is nothing I can do that will make any
difference. The last word is yours".

Jeanette Winterson - Written on the Body

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