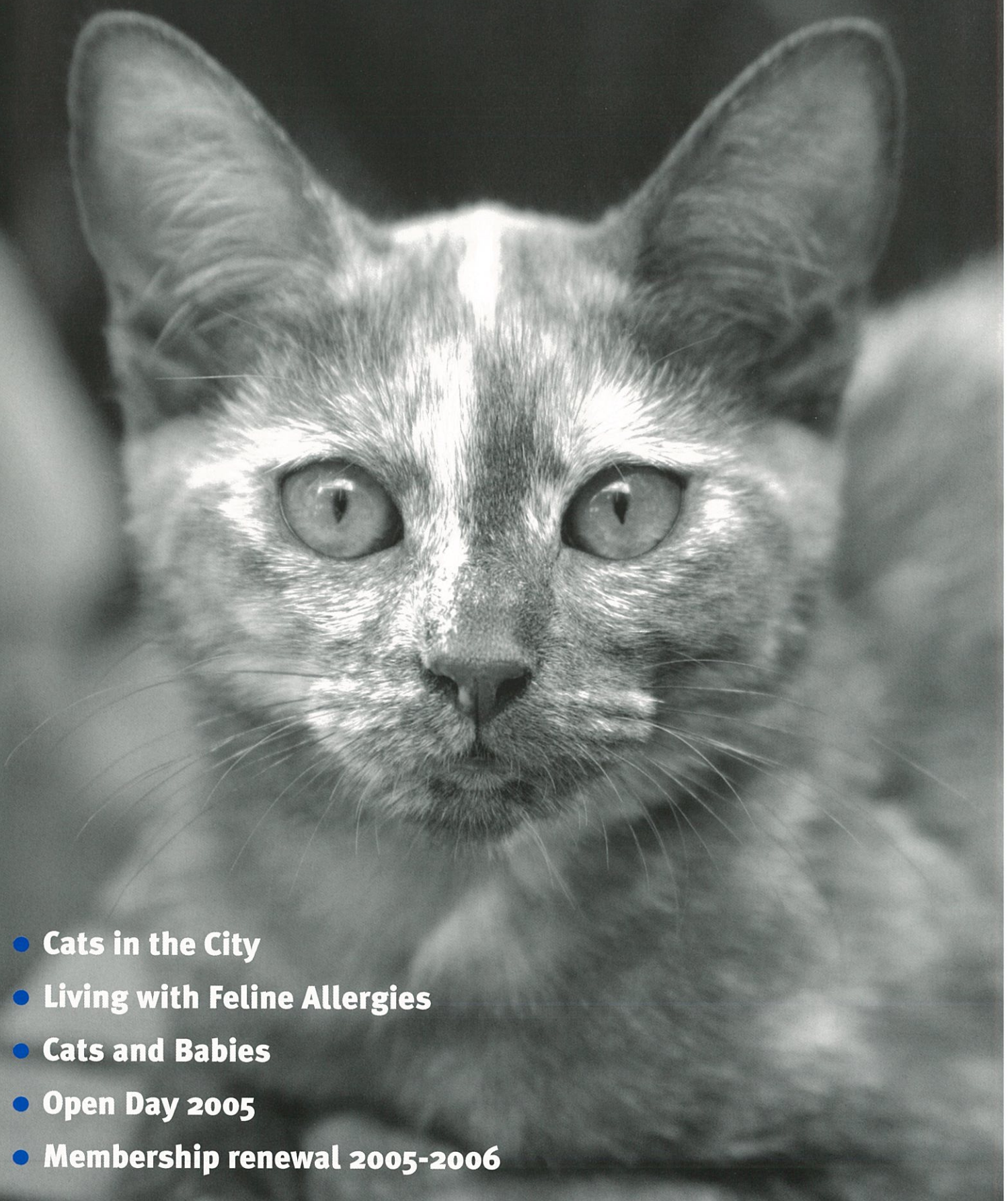


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an endorsement by CPS.

# Council Report

By Nita Harvey

**C**ongratulations to  
all the Op Shop  
volunteers.

The total income for  
2004-2005 is \$117,316

The sorting, pricing and  
selling of goods  
contributed by our  
members (and others)  
has been a wonderful  
effort by all those involved.

The opportunity shop is a very  
valuable contributor to Cat  
Protection funding.

This year 947 kittens and 352 adults were re-homed.  
A most satisfying result for Tara and her staff, who put  
such care and consideration into finding the right  
home for our feline friends.

Our office has had a change of personnel. Lynda  
O'Grady, after three years as Executive Officer has  
moved on. Thank you to Lynda for the contribution she  
made at a time of great change for Cat Protection.  
(The renovation of 103 Enmore Road and all it involved  
being a massive task). Cate Kerr now has the  
Executive Officer position. Congratulations to Cate in  
her new role and to Jasmin Cox who is now our Office  
Administrator, and welcome to Amy Karp our new  
Customer Service Officer.

On rare occasions Cat Protection needs legal advice.  
Any members who can help in this regard please  
phone and have a chat with Cate.

Our Open Day, 9th October and our AGM - 29th  
October will be an opportunity to meet our cats and  
their carers. Looking forward to meeting our members  
on either or both of these occasions.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
NITA HARVEY,  
PRESIDENT





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# Volunteer Spotlight



## **Danielle Blanche**

**D**anielle Blanche is a 25-year-old Year Three

Primary School Teacher at Giraween Public School. She has been volunteering at CPS every

Sunday morning, rain or shine since October last year. She first heard about us and the work that we do on a television "lifestyle" program. Driven by her love of cats, Danielle promptly looked up our website ([www.catprotection.org.au](http://www.catprotection.org.au)), downloaded our Volunteer Application Form and the rest is history.

Danielle has had no previous volunteering experience, but was driven by her love of animals, especially cats. She is the proud servant of a six-year-old torti and white lady called "Sweetie", (also known as "Bubba"). Sweetie will only eat Science Diet Oral Care biscuits, as only the best will do! Danielle attributes her love of animals to having grown up with a dog as well as two stray cats that came to stay. As a child, her favourite pet was her grandparents' border collie, "Katie" who taught her about the special bond that can be formed with an animal. Danielle admits that this love of animals may also be due in part to a genetic disposition inherited from her mother.

When Danielle is not volunteering at CPS she can usually be found marking or preparing schoolwork with the help of Sweetie. She has a strong social conscience and is interested in all animal and environmental issues, donating regularly to World Fund For Animals. Danielle is involved in the Teachers' Federation and derives much satisfaction from this. She would eventually like to further this involvement as she also feels very strongly about educational issues.

One of the things that Danielle enjoys most about volunteering at CPS is meeting the cats (as well as spending time with other people who share her feline passion). Danielle feels "inspired seeing an operation such as this and how it works so well to do the best for all the cats that don't have anyone else to care for them". In a relatively short time Danielle has become an integral part of our Sunday team and we are very grateful for all her hard work. 🐾



# Office Tails

By Cate Kerr Executive Officer

**I**n May this year, our Executive Officer, Lynda O'Grady resigned from Cat Protection after five tireless years of working for the society. One of Lynda's many accomplishments was to oversee the renovation of our premises on Enmore Rd, and officially open the new building in March 2003. All the staff wish Lynda the best for the future.

My name is Cate Kerr and I have stepped into Lynda's role after working in our welfare office for the past two years. I am hoping to continue the Society's commitment to the promotion of early age desexing, and our assistance to the community through our discounted desexing programs. I am also aiming to ensure the operation of our Adoption Centre in Newtown remains one of the best rehoming facilities in Sydney, finding new homes for many abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens.

With the continuation of a long and sunny summer, we are still being inundated with unwanted and abandoned kittens. It is unbelievable to have so many kittens at this time of year still coming to us. Winter normally brings a slightly quieter time for us, with breeding season over for another year. The reduction in kitten numbers normally brings on a great opportunity for us to rehome many of the beautiful adults that get overlooked during kitten season. This may not be the case this year, and at the time of writing, we still have over 20 adorable kittens (and 30 adults) awaiting adoption, which is unprecedented for this time of year.

We welcomed two new staff members in May this year. Amy Karp is working as a Customer Service Officer in the Welfare Office. Vanessa Williams has been employed as a casual welfare officer to help our two full-time Officers get through the massive backlog of work. Vanessa has been volunteering in our Cattery for the past year and has been an invaluable asset to our Welfare section.

## Open Day

Our Open Day this year will be in October to coincide with World Animal Day. The day will be on Sunday 9th October, and we will be inviting all members and their



friends and family to have a wander through our fully renovated facility at Newtown, and meet some of the lovely cats and kittens for adoption.

Further information will be available on our website [www.catprotection.org.au](http://www.catprotection.org.au) closer to the day, or phone our office on 9519 7201 for more information.

## National Desexing Network

The national desexing network, an initiative of the Animal Welfare League in Qld, offers grants to organisations to assist in the promotion of desexing female cats who have had kittens, and whose kittens are surrendered to animal welfare agencies.

Cat Protection has been lucky enough to secure a grant of \$3500, allowing us to offer free desexing for 100 female cats. In a show of support for the concept, the Cat Protection board has equalled the offer, which means that we will be in a position to offer 200 free desexings next breeding season, and hopefully further impact on the number of unwanted and abandoned kittens surrendered to us and other welfare agencies every summer. 🐾



National Desexing Network

A Program of The Animal Welfare League of QLD INC



# Membership Renewal

If you have not yet renewed your Cat Protection membership, please do so, to help us continue our life-saving work.

## Rates:

Annual Membership .....	\$20.00
Junior Member .....	\$10.00
(16 years of age or under)	
Life Member .....	\$250.00
Life Governor .....	\$1000.00
Pensioner Membership .....	\$15.00

New Member Renewal	\$	_____
Membership	\$	_____
Donation	\$	_____
Special Cat donation	\$	_____
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☐ Cheque / Money Order  
(Please make payable to Cat Protection Society of NSW)

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## Change of Name/Address Notification

If you have changed your name/address in the past year please fill in this section

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: **103 Enmore Rd, Enmore, NSW 2042**

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

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# Special Case Cat Fund

**W**e have thousands of cats and kittens surrendered to us here at Cat Protection every year. All the cats that come to us and are placed into our Adoption Centre are health checked, desexed, microchipped and vaccinated, all at considerable cost to the Society. Some cats that come to us need extra special assistance before they are suitable for adoption into a new home.

Under normal circumstances, these cats may not have the opportunity to be placed into our Adoption Centre.

We are undertaking to set up a "Special Case Cat Fund" with all donations going directly to the extra special requirements of these cats. We are hoping to raise \$5000, to utilise specifically for the care of these cats for the next 12 months.

If you can make a donation to this new Fund, you will be assisting in saving the life of some of these special cases. 🐾

**These extra special cats may require:**

- ♥ Special operation up to \$500
- ♥ Anaesthesia for a clip up to \$200
- ♥ For the older cats, a dental to clean their teeth up to \$100
- ♥ Special blood tests up to \$100

## SCCF Donation Form

To, Cat Protection Society, 103 Enmore Road, Newtown, 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

SCCF DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 specific asset is to be bequeathed the form would be:**

I (insert full name and address) give and bequeath to The Cat Protection Society of NSW, the registered office of which is **103 Enmore, Enmore, Newtown, NSW, 2042**, the sum of \$..... (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, Newtown, 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.

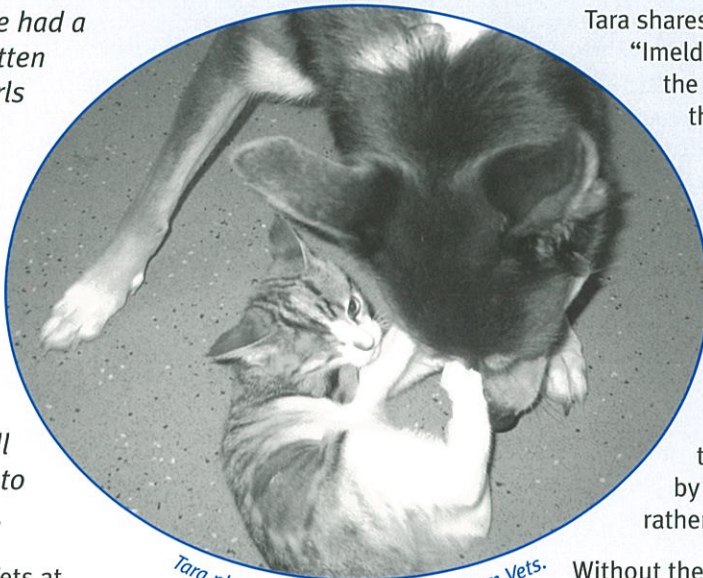
**For further information please contact the Secretary on (02) 9557 1011.**



# Special Case Cat Fund

## The Story of Little Tara...

**I**n December 2004 we had a tiny five week old kitten surrendered. Two girls had watched in horror as their friend's boyfriend flew into a rage because the kitten scratched him while playing rescued her. He kicked the kitten across the room and then picked her up and threw her at the wall causing one of her eyes to come out of its socket....



Tara playing with "Tilly" at Petersham Vets.

We took the kitten to Pet Vets at Petersham immediately where she was assessed and it was decided in order for the kitten to survive the eye would need to be removed. We decided to go ahead with the procedure as we were all in agreement that this little lady had to have a second chance.

Once she had recovered we were able to find the kitten a loving, caring home with John Fell, a Pilates instructor. John and his partner named the kitten Tara after the Buddhist Goddess "White Tara" who has seven divine eyes; they thought their little Tara could do with extra eyes to keep her safe.

Tara has grown into a beautiful cat. John says, "she is a real part of the family who has brought light into our lives, we can't thank you enough for giving her a second chance." Tara loves to snooze on the bed under the doona and is always on the balcony meowing down to greet them when they arrive home.

Tara shares her home with two rabbits "Imelda" (who considers herself the boss) and "Phoebe". The three get on very well together, particularly Tara and Phoebe who love to play.

Tara lives happily as an indoor only cat. She doesn't suffer at all from having one eye and has adapted very easily; when she hears a noise on that side she now responds by turning her ear towards it rather than her whole head.

Without the generosity and invaluable assistance of the many Vet clinics that assist us, including Petersham, Croydon Park Veterinary Clinic and Concord Animal Hospital, saving Tara's life would have been almost impossible. The cost of removing Tara's eye and the subsequent treatment would have normally come to over \$600. With the generosity of a massive discount from the Petersham Vet Clinic, we were able to go ahead and save Tara's life. The overall cost of the procedure still came to \$150, along with the cost of desexing, microchipping and vaccinating, and the weeks of treatment required post surgery, meant that her adoption cost of \$130 didn't come close to covering the costs.

We hope that with your generosity, we will be able to assist the next Tara that comes along...



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# Scratching Post

## Rehomed cats

### Dear all the girls at CPS,

Thank you for looking after me when I was a kitten, I love my new home and I have heaps of cat toys, which Kristy and I play with all the time. When I first came here Alyssa (the other cat that lives here) hated me, but she is starting to like me, she gives me kisses, and sometimes plays chasy with me. She also taught me naughty things like jumping up on the kitchen bench. I know Kristy loves me because she cuddles me and gives me kisses all the time.

Thank you for loving and caring for me, I'll never forget you all.

Love from Kimba

XXOO

*(Kimba's new owner, Kristy, is one of the Adoption Centres hard-working volunteers, who gives up her time twice a week to help with the cats and kittens.)*

### Hi Guys,

On January 31st this year my daughter and myself adopted a beautiful kitten from you. As you can see from the pictures Tink is doing well - she has settled in nicely and gets along great with our other cat Dory. They play together, sleep together, eat together and bathe each other. My daughter Jessie just loves Tinkerbelle and Tink is very cooperative - as you can see from the pictures. Thanks for our wonderful new family member.

ANNE MAGUIRE

### Hello,

Just sending you some pics of Angus who came home with us last in December and is doing great!

He is soooooo loving and purrs constantly. He is fearless and visitors can't help but love him because of his delightful friendly nature. Angus is VERY clever and can even fetch and bring it back! He adores giving our four-year-old cat Scout a hard time while she tolerates him.

Thanks for our great little guy!

ALICE AND SHELLEY

### Hey Peeps,

Ben Douglas is in the house! Here are a couple of pics of my fine self chilling out at my lush new home in Neutral Bay with my Mum Leets, Dad Shaun and Auntie Anna. My Mum is overjoyed - I am a sexy wee kitty, I have a pretty fabulous personality (if I do say so myself), I give out lots of cuddles and also spice up everyone's life with plenty of my nuttiness around the home and in the garden. The folks were a bit afraid to let me outdoors at first, but I managed to convince them I wouldn't do a runner and now I scoot in and out all day (when they are home) and have started testing out my claws with some tree climbing.

I shocked the family the other week when I showed them I have some pretty dog-like skills. I love to fetch the green stress ball in the garden...I chase it, pick it up in my fangs, return it to Mum and sit and wait for the next throw. They are going to put me in for Rugby trials! hahaha

I love a last minute playtime session at night before I settle down in my little possie on Mum and Dad's bed with my fav toy from CPS, Blue Fluff! And I wake the folks up with little kisses and paw taps on their face at 6am on the dot. I'm their very own Kitty Alarm.

Super big thanks to all you choice people at the Cat Protection Society - love ya! Thanks for taking me in, getting me in good working order and putting me in touch with my Ma. She's pretty stoked with me.

Arohanui (lots of love and paws)

BEN DOUGLAS

*(And big thanks from my Mum, Alita Blanchard - she thinks youse are choice!!!)*





# Scratching Post

## Rehomed cats

### To all at The Cat Protection Society,

I'm writing to say THANK YOU for looking after me and finding me a new home and family. My parents have named me "TALLY". My mum and dad are the coolest parents and my "big sister" CHIEFA rocks! My sister has a Mohawk, which gets all the guys' attention, but my superior intelligence will lure them at a later date.

Once again thank you for all the hugs and kisses and you will not be forgotten for the caring and loving whilst I was temporarily out of a home.

ALWAYS LOVING "TALLY"

P.S. My Mummy and Daddy are writing this on my behalf because my paws are too big for the buttons on the keyboard.....

### Tara,

How are you?

I'm just writing to you to tell you that we have changed address. Biggles was a bit grumpy about the moving, but I think he is settling down now. I tried to keep everything as familiar as possible, and I think it worked. I'm keeping him inside, and I have a feeling he doesn't mind it because he didn't try any 'escapade' nor he pays much attention to the outside world. That's him today...

Regards, LETICIA SIMPSON

### Dear Staff

Here are the first photos I have taken of Snoopy.

Thank you for how well you looked after him when he was in your care, he is a very loving, playful and bossy cat and I am lucky to have him. When he first arrived his only interest was hugs and to wake me up in the middle of the night (every half hour or so) for a chat - Snoopy always has something important to say and isn't content until he has got it off his chest.

I tried hard in the beginning to get him to play but he didn't seem at all interested (he looked at me like I

was stupid), then one day he came pounding down the corridor with a war cry and one of my hair bands in his mouth, which we now regularly play fetch with. Since then no hair band has been safe from Snoopy hunting it down, 'killing' it and presenting it to me or hiding it in my bed - along with his toy mice (I often wake up in the morning with a selection lying around me). Snoopy's latest trick is to dip his tail into my bathwater while sitting on the edge and splash my face with it - purring the whole time!

So thanks again for my fabulous new housemate.

Kind regards EVE HANNIFER

### Hi Everyone

Just wanted to let you know what a terrific time I am having in my new home! I've got some really fun toys to while away the time and my new parents lavish me with lots of love and attention.

They've bought me a great scratching post which I use when prompted, just to please them. I'm sure that it's something I'll enjoy more when I'm a slightly bigger boy. Just to prove they have a sense of humour, they bought me a cat bed. Everyone knows a cat would rather sleep on his human's bed at night, or under it during the day!

'Cause they've been so great to me, I have decided to forgive them for worming me. Frankly, this was an experience I could have done without! Thank you for looking after me so well while I was waiting for adoption!

A big purr to all my friends, MAX (NILSON)

To contribute to "Scratching Post" email us at:

**info@catprotection.org.au**

or mail to: 103 Enmore Road, Newtown 2042





# Cats in the City



**G**eorgina Smith, Assistant Cattery Manager, begins a new segment in Cat Affairs documenting the life and times of some of our local feline residents. Next issue she heads for Marrickville.

## 'The Felines of Enmore'

### 1. 'Beautiful Brian'

At twelve this gorgeous guy is an Enmore original...An ex CPS cat, he lives with proud dad Greg and his brother Basil. Brian's favourite thing in the whole world is food, although he often forgets his bowl's full and pesters his dad for more! Brian is a very friendly chap, and can be frequently seen keeping an eye on things in the grass behind his home.

### 2. 'Bad Boy Basil'

Not often spotted, Enmore's own 'Tassie Devil' likes to spend his days on the rooftops, away from the hustle and bustle of Enmore Rd. An ex CPS cat too, and once president of the Enmore feline 'Fight Club', Basil is now retired, and mellowed in his older age and prefers relaxing with his dad in front of the heater at home.

### 3. 'Flirty Frank'

We don't know much about this handsome fella except his days are spent lying around getting some sun in the lane way behind Cat Protection. Frank is a real sweetie and has made many girlfriends with the ladies at CPS. Although he's always getting into trouble for sneaking into the building, we all can't help stealing a quick pat or giving him the odd treat or two every day.

### 4. 'Magnificent Wesley'

Wesley is another beautiful cat of Enmore. His owner, Jon, took him in after his previous owners moved out and left him to fend for himself. Jon thinks he's around



seven or eight years old. Wesley's favourite hobby is chasing shadows and his favourite food used to be raw prawns, but he has now moved on to raw meat.

### 5. 'The Three Amigos'

Friday the 13th (alpha male), Mookanilly Pottlepan (cutie with a curly tabby tail) and Periwinkle Pug (well doesn't she look smug)'- these fine looking felines are lucky to have our cattery manager, Tara, as their mummy. Living in a beautiful "catmaxed" courtyard, they get to enjoy the great outdoors without coming into any harm in those 'dangerous' Enmore lane ways. Along with their 10 brothers and sisters, they enjoy relaxing in the sun, climbing trees and munching on cat grass all day long. Doesn't that sound nice? 🐾



# Open Day 2005

This year our annual OpenDay is in October to coincide with World Animal Day.

All members, along with friends and family, are invited to visit our facility.

**Sunday 9th October  
10am - 3pm**

All the staff, volunteers, and, of course, cats and kittens look forward to seeing you then!!

More information will be posted on our website:  
[www.catprotection.org.au](http://www.catprotection.org.au)  
closer to the time.



**Cat Protection Society of NSW  
Adoption Centre and Welfare Office  
103 Enmore Rd  
Newtown NSW 2042  
Ph. 9519 7201**





# Ask the Cattery Manager

By Tara Dethridge Cattery Manager

**Q** My cat always seems to have fleas, I use powder and a flea collar but it doesn't seem to help. What can I do?

**A** The first thing you should do is flea bomb your house to get rid of any fleas in the immediate environment. A Fido's flea bomb will do one average sized room so you may need to get a few to do the areas your cat has access to. Take care to read the safety instructions to ensure you do not poison your cat or any other animals in the home. You should then wash all animal bedding in very hot water and detergent and hang it to dry in the sun.

Powders and collars are not very effective in the fight against fleas, powders aren't able to penetrate the coat and get shaken off, collars lose their effectiveness very quickly and tend to just make the fleas go to the back of the cat where they can continue feeding and breeding.

There are a few excellent products available now. Frontline spray is good to use in particularly bad infestations as it kills the fleas on contact. This can be used every two weeks if necessary, but is usually applied monthly. Frontline is also available in a monthly Top Spot which is applied to the back of the neck; Top Spot is more effective once the initial infestation has been controlled.

The flea treatment product we use most commonly at Cat Protection is Advantage; this comes in two dose rates: Kitten (for cats up to 4kg) and Adult (for cats over 4kg). Always make sure you use the corresponding

dose to your cat's weight as overdosing can cause toxicity and illness. Advantage is also applied to the back of the neck. It is absorbed into the sub-cutaneous fat layer and spreads over the whole body.

It kills adult and larval fleas within 20 minutes. It breaks down the flea's life cycle and kills fleas collected in infested environments for up to a month. When treating your cat with Advantage or Frontline make sure you keep up to date with your three monthly worming treatments. Cat Protection recommends Drontal All wormer for cats.

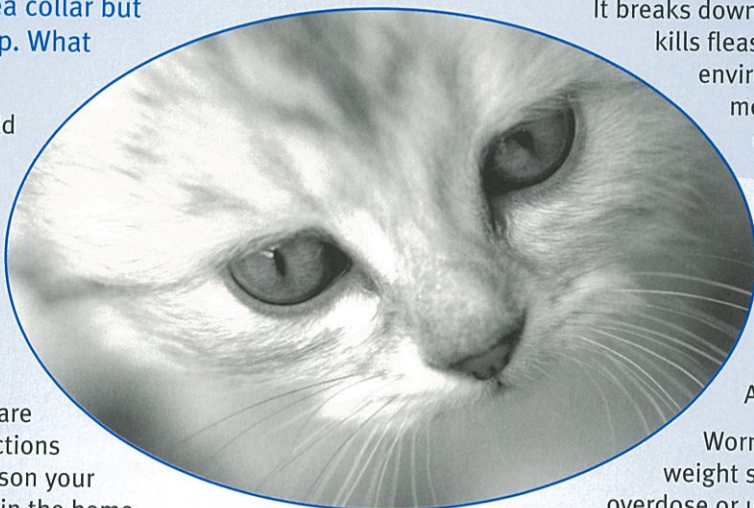
Worming is also done by weight so take care not to overdose or under dose your cat.

Kittens can be treated with Felex worming paste every two weeks until they are 12 weeks old.

Revolution and Advocate are also flea treatment products with a bonus; they not only treat fleas but also treat and prevent roundworm, hookworm and heartworm. The only worm they don't treat is tapeworm. Tapeworm is one of the most common intestinal worms and can be transmitted by fleas and undercooked meat, so when using Revolution or Advocate it is important to administer a three-monthly tape wormer.

Fleas are very uncomfortable for your cat or dog and can cause

severe allergic reactions such as dermatitis. With so many fantastic and effective products on the market it is no longer necessary for them to suffer. Goodbye powders and collars, hello Top Spot treatments. 🐾



One tiny little flea can cause much discomfort for your cat.



# Living with Feline Allergies

**L**iving with, or developing, feline allergies can have an overwhelming affect on your life. Fortunately there are several options for pet owners who have allergies to cats, and other animals, rather than the awful prospect of having to give up your pet.

Animal allergies are normally quite specific. People may be allergic to a particular species of animal, or perhaps even a particular animal within a species. People who suffer allergies can display a multitude of symptoms, from itchy eyes and skin, runny nose, rashes and asthma symptoms.

In dealing with, or attempting to live with, animal allergies (particularly cat allergies) it is important that we understand the way in which these allergies work. There are many cat allergens; the most common cat allergen is found mainly on skin and saliva. Your cat sheds this allergen through its dander (dead skin that is continually shed into the environment) or through the allergen being left on cat hair that has your cats saliva on it.

There are many ways that people with differing degrees of cat allergies learn to live happily with their feline friend. Here are a few:

## **1. Hardwood floors**

A house with hardwood or vinyl floors and the minimal use of carpets, soft furnishings, and draperies will be easier to clean and less attracting of allergens.

## **2. Don't let your cat sleep on your bed**

Allowing your cat to sleep on your bed means that their dander and hair will be all over your bed, and in your doona, and therefore increase your allergies, some with symptoms that are particularly problematic at night.

## **3. Don't let your cat into your bedroom at all**

For those with severe allergies, this is definitely a way to reduce symptoms. We spend almost half our time at home in our bedrooms, so keeping your cat/s out will help reduce the presence of cat allergen. If your cats aren't used to going into your bedroom, then they won't know what they're missing!! Make sure you have plenty of other cosy spots for them to sleep.

For those who ignore suggestion 1, 2 & 3.....

## **3. Wash all your bedding in hot water at least twice monthly**

Washing all your bedding in hot water eliminates both dust mite and cat allergen.

## **4. Install a HEPA air filter in rooms and where your cat frequents**

A HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filter can assist in the cleaning of the air in your home.

## **5. Use HEPA vacuum cleaners**

Use the vacuum cleaner everywhere! Vacuum carpets, flooring, chairs and furniture.

(\*NB There is some debate as to the effectiveness of HEPA cleaners)

## **6. Use a vapour steamer to clean your house**

Steam cleaners provide a great way of cleaning and removing dust mites, bacteria, mold spores and cat allergen.

## **7. Clean and brush your cat regularly**

Washing your cat can reduce the amount of cat allergen that is released from your cat into the air. There are conflicting theories as to whether washing your cat will assist or not, but it's worth trying.

Brushing may reduce the shed of cat allergens into your living environment.

## **9. Wash your hands immediately after patting your cat and avoid contact with your eyes**

Washing your hands with an anti-bacterial wash directly after handling may reduce the allergic reaction.


## **10. Keep your cats' skin healthy by feeding a high quality food and possibly even a fatty acid supplement**

TRY STEPS 1-10 and SPEAK TO YOUR LOCAL GP BEFORE TRYING TO REHOME YOUR CAT!!

Have your allergies tested before accepting that you are only allergic to the cat. It may be a combination of different allergens that are affecting your health. Speak to your GP about alternative treatments and medications.

References: [www.nationalasthma.org.au](http://www.nationalasthma.org.au)





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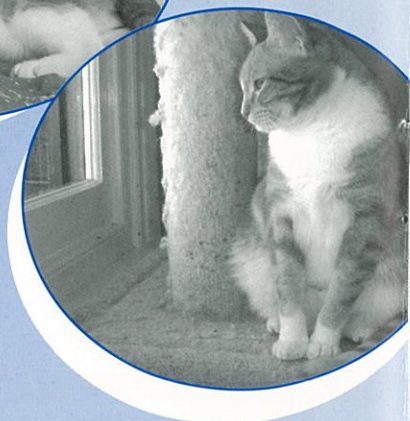


# Magnificent Mabel



## *1 Year & Counting....*

**T**his is Mabel, an Adoption Centre resident. Mabel is in desperate need of a new home. On the 16th of July she had officially been with us for one year, and at the time on writing was still desperately waiting for a new home.



### FACT SHEET

Name: ..... Mabel  
 Age: ..... 4 Years  
 Sex: ..... Female  
 Breed: ..... DSH  
 Colour: ..... Ginger and White  
 Preferred Environment: .. Inside only. Mabel's pink nose will make her susceptible to sunburn and skin cancer.  
 Reason for Surrender: .. Mabel's previous owner was moving overseas.  
 Comments: ..... Mabel is a chatty little lady, she is affectionate and sweet and relishes a pat. She can be a little shy when in an unfamiliar environment and will take a little time to settle into her new home. Mabel needs a tranquil home with a low level of activity. She cannot live with children, dogs or other cats. Mabel is an individual who is very strong-minded and likes to get her own way, but is also a sweet, lovely lady. She has loads of character and is very deserving of a loving home.

Our Adoption Centre is open 7 days  
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*Give us a call before coming in and we can give you more details on Mabel or any of the other beautiful cats and kittens we have for adoption.*



# Day in the Life

## Assistant Cattery Manager

**Georgina Smith** Adoption Centre Assistant Manager

**G**eorgina has been a vital member of the cattery team for over four years, the longest existing staff member since she started in 2001. She initially began working as an Animal Attendant until 18mths ago when she was promoted to the Assistant Cattery Manager position. Georgina has brought knowledge and experience to Cat Protection through her previous work experience and study.



Georgina grew up with animals, having a menagerie of cats, dogs, ducks and chickens. After finishing school she began volunteering at the RSPCA and it was this experience that opened her eyes to many of the injustices animals endure. She commenced study at TAFE in Animal Science and gained part-time employment at a breeding cattery. The experience of working at the cattery reinforced her desire to stick with the welfare side rather than the commercial aspects of a breeding cattery. It was from here that she gained employment at Cat Protection.

In Georgina's role as Assistant manager she is responsible for cleaning, feeding and medicating the cats; assisting the Manager decide which animals are appropriate for re-homing; re-homing itself, and then to finish it all off - another feed and clean at the end of the day. Georgina has also worked at many of the Cat Protection stalls at various festivals and has fostered many kittens that have been too young for rehoming.

What Georgina most enjoys about working at Cat Protection is the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of cats. The adoption process that has been developed at Cat Protection means Georgina can go home knowing she has done her best to find a good home for the cats that have been abandoned. It is the education side of her work that Georgina feels is very valuable. Through education the general public can become more informed about responsible pet ownership and, in turn, reduce the number of

unwanted and abandoned cats and kittens that are surrendered to welfare organizations. All of this would not be possible without the support of other staff members and volunteers who are more like friends than workmates. The emotional support that comes from these relationships helps her through the bad times that come from working in this industry.

Georgina's passion for animal welfare and long-standing commitment to CPS makes her an invaluable member of the team. Working at CPS can be a joyous experience, but it can also be overwhelmingly heartbreaking. Georgina brings light-heartedness and laughter to the workplace, and makes getting through the hard days much easier. She is not only a favourite of the staff, but also of all the volunteers. Georgina's popularity was very evident recently when her roster changed and one volunteer decided to come an extra day, just so she would still get an opportunity to work with Georgina.

Georgina and her partner Brenden are the proud parents of three cats - Jasmin, Indiana and her most recent arrival Dangermouse (all ex CPS, of course!!), and a staffy called Coco. She is a regular kitten foster carer, and has just started with WIRES to assist in the care of native wildlife. She is also currently studying Captive Animal husbandry at TAFE. For Georgina it seems, all aspects of her life are involved in the care of animals in need, and she wouldn't have it any other way! 🐾



# Cats & Babies

**O**ne of the times people surrender their cats is when they are expecting their first baby. Parents-to-be become anxious about problems that may occur and cats that have been part of the family for many years are rejected once the new baby arrives. It is often common myths and misinformation that influence people to make this decision. Preparing your cat for the new arrival and having a good understanding of potential health issues is the key to reducing anxiety for you and your cat.



A concern for pregnant women is toxoplasmosis, which can cause problems with pregnancy. Only a small proportion of cats, about 0.01% will ever have toxoplasmosis so the risks are extremely low. People are more likely to get toxoplasmosis from eating undercooked meat or gardening than from contact with pet cats. (Cat Protection has a fact sheet on Toxoplasmosis if you require more information).

Ensuring that your cat is healthy and parasite free is essential for your own pet's health and means a more hygienic environment for your baby. Make sure your cat is up-to-date with vaccinations, flea and worming treatments and is desexed before he/she reaches four months. Ensure your cat's feeding area and litter tray is away from areas used to prepare food and encourage your cat to use a covered litter tray with a cat flap entrance. Always wash your hands after petting and cleaning litter trays, bedding and bowls. Any changes to your cat's routine should always be done gradually.

One of the most important steps is to familiarise your cat with the sights, sounds and smells the new baby will bring to the home. Set up the baby's room several weeks before the baby is due and allow your cat to explore the room before making it out of bounds. Let him sniff the cot and pram but teach him not to get inside. Once baby is born have your partner bring home bedding with the new baby's smell (before you return from the hospital) so your cat can become accustomed to the new scent. A lot of cats love wool and like to eat it, so keep shawls and blanket out of reach.

One of the great myths is that your cat will suffocate your baby while it is sleeping. <sup>1</sup> Recent studies suggest that many of the cases where cats supposedly suffocated babies were mostly incidents of SIDS -

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. It is advisable though to keep the door closed to the baby's room when it is sleeping, checking the cat is not in the room beforehand. Alternatively you could also use crib nets or install a screen door. Putting screens on the windows in the baby's room will help stop unwanted feline intruders. A baby alarm or intercom will also help monitor the baby while it is sleeping.

Introducing your baby to your cat should also be done gradually. Allow your pet to gently investigate by sniffing, but do not allow licking. Speak to your cat in soothing tones for reassurance. It is best to start with a brief introduction at first then build up the duration as your pet becomes acquainted. Never leave a baby or young children with your cat

unsupervised. Children need to be educated on how to handle animals and require adult guidance and supervision. Your new baby will be your priority, but don't forget to give attention to your cat. Give your cat a special treat when you are feeding the baby or get your partner involved in play or petting.

Often families worry that their cat will become jealous of the new baby. Rather than becoming jealous (jealousy is a human emotion), animals interpret changes in their routine as threats. Your cat may show signs of "anxious" behaviour and become sullen and withdrawn or be more edgy or aggressive. Punishing your cat for a change in behaviour will only make things worse as physical punishment encourages aggression and sets a poor example of human-animal interaction for your children. Look out for the warning signs of anxious behaviour which include sudden shyness/hiding; aloof behaviour; toileting problems; excessive grooming; loss of appetite; increasing aggression towards people or other animals and decreasing interest in play. Consult your vet for advice if your cat exhibits these warning signs.

Remember, children and pets are good for each other. Children learn many valuable lessons from animals about responsibility, companionship, consideration for others and respect for animals. Adjustments always need to be made when the family grows. Don't forget that your cat is part of the family too!

BY JASMIN COX  
Office Co-ordinator

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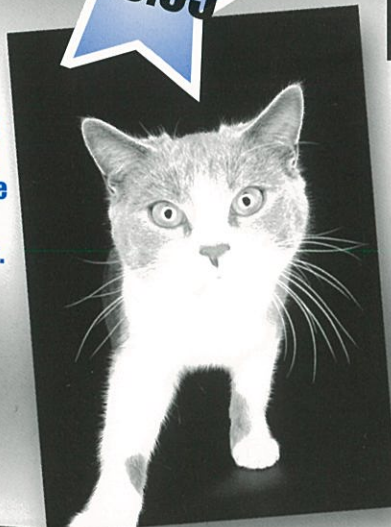
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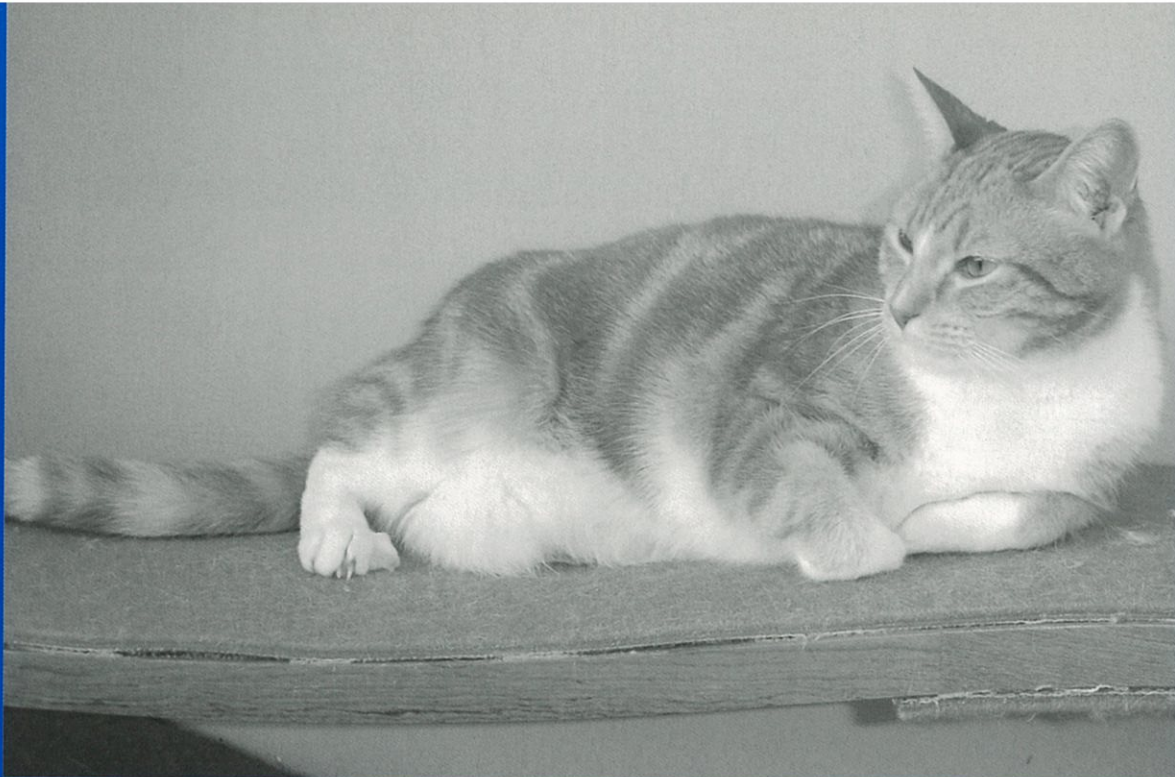
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