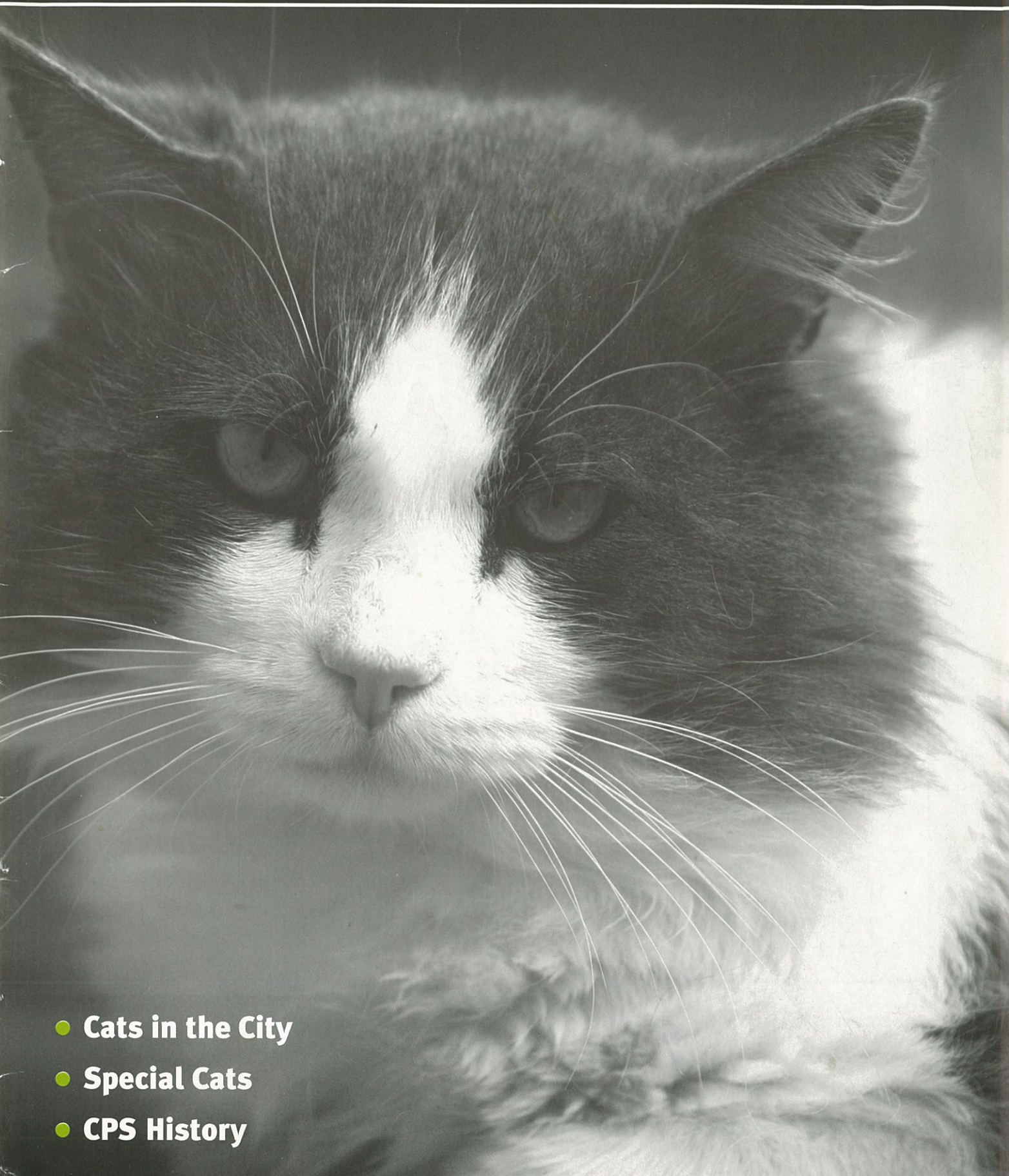


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Council Report

By Nita Harvey

Kitten season is
coming to a
close

(hopefully) and
congratulations are
due to all the staff at
Cat Protection.

Previously the cattery
has been beset by
illness among its
residents during the
summer months but this year
due to the strict protocols put in place we have
had a healthy season. It was a pleasure to see
so many happy, healthy adults rehomed. Last
calendar year 910 kittens and 367 adult cats
were adopted and most importantly our welfare
office and welfare officers assisted with over
2800 desexings.

It is only through desexing that the number of
kittens born each year can be reduced. At CPS we
will be concentrating on this aspect of our work in
2006 - 2007.

Three members of Council were granted Honourary
Life Memberships at the end of last year. Between
them these members had a combined total of 35
years on Council. They are Suzanne Jenkins,
Angelika Elliott and Keith Edwards. Unfortunately
Keith has retired from Council. His knowledge and
guidance will be missed.

Thank you Keith for the time and effort you put into
Cat Protection.

Sadly June Chapman passed away in November
2005. June was a Life Member and served on
Council in the 1980's. Nance Iredale has written a
tribute to June, which appears in this journal.

**Council Wishes all our members
a happy and safe Easter.**



NITA HARVEY
PRESIDENT

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Volunteer Remembrance

June Chapman

It is sad to report the death of our Honourary Life Member, June Chapman, on 22nd November 2005. When we first opened 103 Enmore Rd as our office, June worked taking phone calls and taking in cats for desexing, rehoming or euthanasia.

For many years before that she had been the Librarian at the Concord Repat Hospital. At that time Rob Warner and myself ran the Cat Relief Service and it was then that June called us for help.

This is an article that appeared in our journal in 1988:

Many years ago, a large Concord hospital had a massive feral cat problem. June Chapman, a CPS member at that time, spent 6 years reducing the feral cat population to twenty with the help of CPS supervisory staff. Of course, as soon as they were cleared, more cats were dumped. At this stage June had some slight health problems and had to be transferred to another position so keeping the population down to twenty was impossible. In four years, despite all her previous efforts, the number of feral cats had grown to about ninety.

Gardeners were complaining, staff were annoyed about fouling, some poor creatures invaded the kitchen areas with dire results and June, with the help of a small but devoted band of women, spent hours feeding the starving creatures - leaving no time or energy to trap.

Some volunteers were called in and it took about six months of concerted effort to get the numbers down 25, still having to struggle with continual dumping. Somehow though, the scene has changed. We hope it is due to our efforts to educate people about responsible cat ownership: we know it is also due to June's perseverance.

There is now a fund for the pussies. People who were probably past dumpers now come to her and tell her of problems. These are attended to by the CPS and don't have to become hospital statistics. There is even talk of wanting a few more cats. The twenty five have been reduced by the natural causes to 10. One old boy being 15 no less. Staff seeing their ward pet having to wait for his lunch talk about getting "priorities straight" and clearly if these were the kind of cats who would permit it, the boys could have blue bows and the girls pink.

I take my hat off to a lady who has battled so many years to bring about this situation. She has her reward - this hospital is becoming a cats' heaven and not a cats' hell it used to be.

On the now odd occasion when cats are dumped it is reported immediately. But let's face it: June would know - not a whisker appears from under a ward but her antenna is out. Her material reward, apart from the relief from financial burden, is that she can arrive half an hour later at work and she now has a lunch break. 🐾

Office Tails

Cate Kerr Executive Officer

We have had another exceptionally busy summer. Thanks to the efforts of all the Cat Protection staff and volunteers we have managed to find new homes for hundreds of abandoned and unwanted kittens surrendered to us. Normally over summer, the rehoming of adults slows, as people can't resist the gorgeous kittens available for adoption. This summer we have been able to re-home quite a few adults which is a great reward for all the staff (and the cats themselves) and volunteers that put so much time into their care.

In the height of summer, board members, staff and volunteers have all joined forces for a series of letterbox drops all over Sydney promoting the large numbers of cats and kittens that we have for adoption. A big Thank you to all involved.

We also have desexing information available in a leaflet, ready for letterbox drops, if any members are interested in assisting.

The promotion of desexing is one of our major focuses for 2006. Last year we had over 1200 kittens surrendered to us, and 600 of those kittens were the product of owned cats allowed to have kittens. It is not only Cat Protection that receives unwanted and abandoned kittens during this time. Other welfare agencies are also inundated with kittens every year, and the RSPCA and Animal Welfare League also take in kittens. Hopefully we will all be working together this year to promote early age and compulsory desexing. One of the ways to stem the problem is early age desexing of females and males, to make sure that there is no chance that they will ever produce kittens.

One of the major contributors to the financial operations of Cat Protection is our Op Shop. We are always looking for new volunteers to assist in the op shop. Most volunteers work once a week or once a fortnight for a morning or afternoon. Anyone interested in volunteering their time can contact Cat Protection on 9519 7201 for more information.

We have had articles on two long term resident cats in the last two journals, Maree and Mabel. Both have successfully found homes. This time round we are focussing on Delicious, who has been

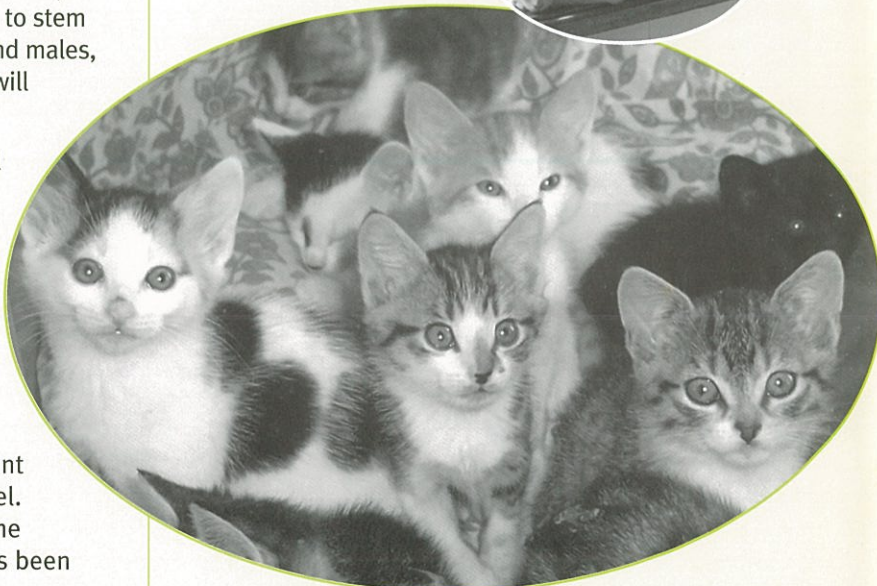
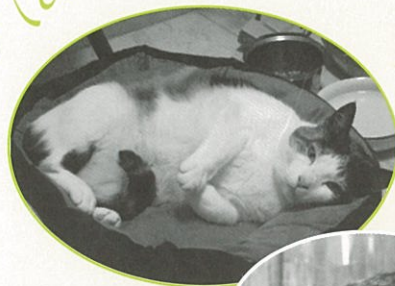
with us for over a year, and is desperately in need of a good home.

We also still have many kittens looking for new homes, so if you are thinking of adopting, or know someone looking for a cat or a kitten, please give them our details. All the cats and kittens are desexed, microchipped and vaccinated, and our Adoption Program means that new cat owners leave with all the necessary information to be caring and responsible cat owners.

Concord Animal Hospital has been a long-term supporter of the Cat Protection Society and last year managed to raise \$1400.00 in a raffle they had on their Open Day. Above is a photo of the proprietors Sandy and Elise, handing over the cheque. (Some of you might recognise Sandy, a past employee of Cat Protection). 🐾



Maree



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	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

☐ Cheque / Money Order
(Please make payable to Cat Protection Society of NSW)

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Bankcard

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Suburb: _____ State _____ Postcode _____

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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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If you would like to see this vital work continued you can:



Become A Regular Donor

Becoming a Regular Donor means that a regular donation, of a nominated amount of money, can be debited from your credit card on a regular or semi-regular basis.



Regular Donors

Receive an official letter and a certificate; a yearly Thank You Letter; and update about how this money has been used and you will be listed in the Society's journal, Cat Affairs.

Become a regular donor.

We have had a good response to our regular donations program.

The people who have been grateful enough to show their support for Cat Protection with regular monthly or bi-monthly donations are:

Ms P Argue	Ms L Cansdell	Ms H Easdown	Ms N Gray	Ms J Ling	Ms C Scarra	J Michael
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The ongoing generous support of these members will go a long way towards assisting the cats and kittens that come to us.

Please return to: **Cat Protection Society of NSW, 103 Enmore Rd, Newtown 2042**
phone 9519 7201 fax 9557 8052 website www.catprotection.org.au

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☐ Monthly (12 Payments per year) ☐ Every Two Months (6 payments per year) ☐ Quarterly (4 payments per year)

Duration of Regular Donation: ☐ 6 Months ☐ 1 Year ☐ 2 Years ☐ Until further notice

I authorise the deduction of the above amounts from my bank as a donation to the Cat Protection Society of NSW

Special Case Cat Fund

Update.....

Many thanks to all the kind and generous cat lovers for their donations to The Special Case Cat Fund.

Thus far your donations have been used to save the lives of three adult cats and one kitten. We have spent a total of \$1240 and still have over \$4000 for future special cats.

The first cat who needed extra care was Thea. Thea was an owned cat who was surrendered to us with her fourth litter of kittens.

Georgina Smith, Assistant Cattery Manager took Thea and her kittens home and fostered them until the kittens were 8 weeks old and ready to be desexed. During this time Georgina noticed that Thea was limping. Thea was vet checked and X-rayed and found to have a broken leg. It was an old fracture, probably caused by being hit by a car some time ago. It had never been treated. The vets had to operate and reset the leg to relieve Thea's discomfort. This procedure cost \$600. Thea and all her kittens have been rehomed.

Two adult cats, Felicity and Aretha, came to us in late October. Both cats were surrendered because their owners were relocating overseas. With Aretha at 5 years of age and Felicity at 4 years, the two ladies had significant tartar build up on their teeth. In order to go to new homes in optimum health they needed to have dental procedures. These cost

\$300 each. Aretha has since been happily rehomed. Felicity is still waiting...

Lastly we had a mum cat called Ayejax

surrendered to us with her three kittens. Their previous owner couldn't look after them properly and all four were undernourished and flea infested upon arrival. Ayejax was put up for adoption and found a home within a couple of weeks. Her kittens went

home with Bec Boulton, one of the casual

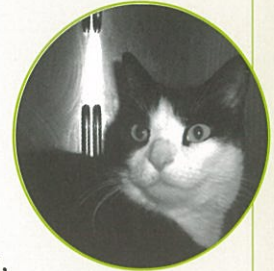
cattery staff, to be fostered until they were big and healthy enough to be rehomed. Bec named them Gooseberry, Kora and Jimothy and they all came back to the cattery looking like totally different kittens. Bright eyed, big and healthy, not to mention happy! The only problem was that Jimothy had an umbilical hernia, and needed surgery.

This is easy to repair and is usually taken care of in kittens at the time of desexing. This procedure came to a total of \$40.

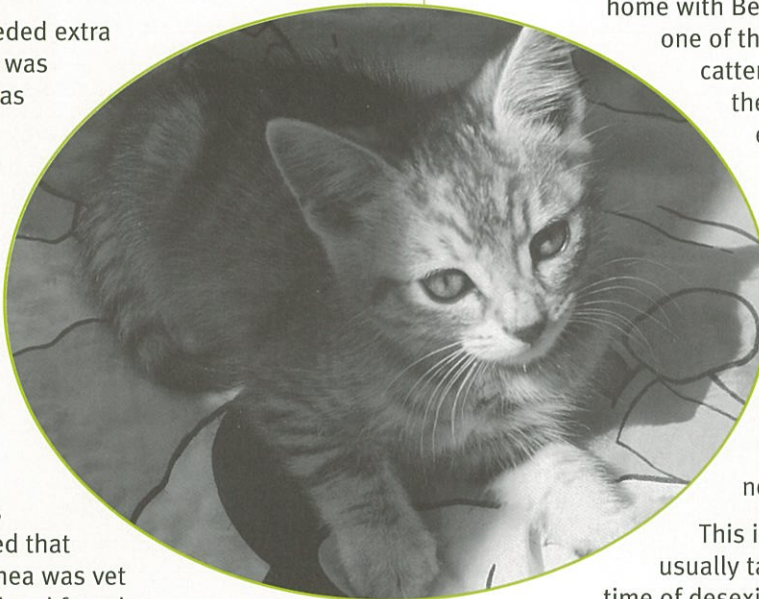
Please accept a heartfelt Thank You from all of the staff at the Cat Protection Society.

We couldn't have saved these cats and kittens without your help. Your continued support will save many more...

Donations can be made to the Special Case Cat Fund when filling out your renewal for membership or by contacting the Welfare Office on 9519 7201 🐾



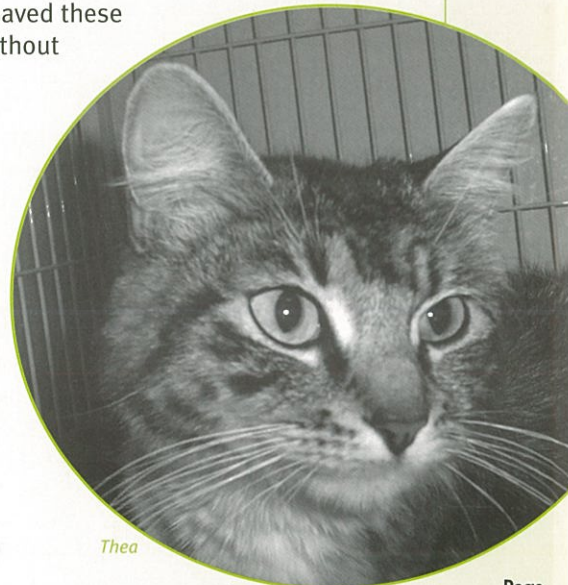
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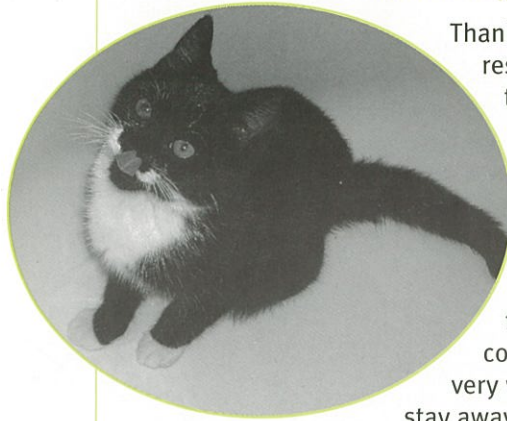


Thea

Scratching Post

Rehomed cats

Dear CPS staff,



water!

Thank you for rescuing me from the bush and letting me visit Enmore for a little while. I am now living Bondi, and as you can see I am fitting into the coastal lifestyle very well - I can't stay away from the

LOVE BELLA

Dear CPS

We just wanted to say that Opal is doing fine in her new home, at first she was a bit scared and bit people a lot but now she's settled down and only bitey on the rare occasion. Opal and our dog Digger get along very well (even though she likes to think that she is the boss of him and everybody else!) We all love her and we are so glad that we got her. Thank you very much



THE FERGUSONS

Hi there,



of fluff is growing fast and is the queen of our house.

I had a message on my phone the other day asking how the kitten I had adopted from Cat Protection was going so I thought I'd send you a little message to let you know that all is well. My ginger ball

Thanks again!

KRISTIE MARCOLLINI

Hi,

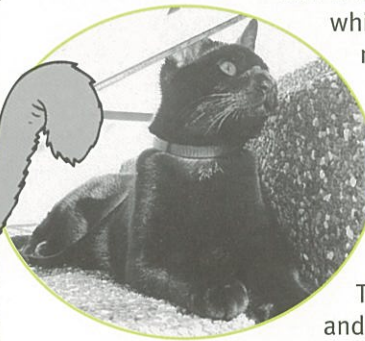
Back in April, Kathryn and Mark adopted 2 little girls from the Cat Protection Society of NSW. It all happened in a single visit to the Newtown cattery, perhaps fate stepped in.

More likely the two people in question are complete suckers and fell for the first couple of pretty faces and wacky personalities they came across. These two girls became known as Azi and Safi.



Azi is black with a hint of tabby when she sits in the sun (all the time). She somehow seems like a warrior queen, regal yet terrifying. Her full title is Aziza Thunderfoot - for the amazing amount of noise her tiny feet can generate from any surface.

Safi is silver tabby and white, and somehow manages to always look graceful and dainty - except when sleeping. This is why we call her Princess Safiya.



They are very cute and romp madly around the furniture

(people are furniture, right?). They are very expressive, showing the full range of cat emotions; disdain when asked politely not to stand on the table, curiosity when a fleck of dust or small fly happens across their path, love when the lap they are currently occupying hasn't moved for a good half hour, excitement when enticed to play with the ping-pong ball (or toilet roll) and finally boredom when introduced to the newest whizz bang toy (more expensive = less interest).

We have just recently started them on harnesses and leads for supervised backyard exploration. You can see the different attitudes to this new game in the attached photos :)



MARK AND KATHRYN

Scratching Post

Rehomed cats

Hi Cate

Attached are some photos of two of your foster kittens, now known as Flinders and Isabella, they have grown so much Flinders is over 3 kilos and Isabella is over 2! They love playing, have a lovely home and are a constant source of amusement to Val and Greg. I gave them a tunnel for Christmas and it's a big hit!

REGARDS AND BEST WISHES FROM JAN



Miaow!

Quick hello from Oscar (formerly Squoo) I am one happy pussy its been a month since I left you and spending a week under a bed I can say that I took over my new place I love to play a lot sleep on the bed and to say it all in a few words it is simply all about me so thank you for finding me my new kingdom lots of love Oscar.

Ps I am a good boy and try not to scratch the furniture!

Hi Girls

Just sending you a couple of Photos of Otis, you'd think he'd been born here, he has made himself right at home.

CHEERS JODIE FLUGGE



Hi!

We adopted 2 kittens from the CPS 2 months ago. They are doing really well, and even get along with our dog - which was unexpected!! They enjoy going outside during the day and exploring our backyard! Jebediah has even gotten into the habit of trailing the hallway at night - much to the dismay of my mum! They are really happy and settled and we are sooo glad that we adopted them!!

THE BENBOW FAMILY

ps...Jeb miaows "hello friends and CPS cat carers"
pps...Jez purrs "im so happy i was adopted"

Hi girls,

Just wanted to send some photos of the new family member that I picked up from you last month (sorry taken so long to send photos)!! His name is Arnold and he is very cute! If a little crazy!!! Will keep you up to date.



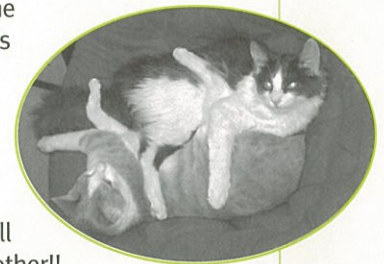
=) REBECCA

Hello There!

We adopted Eric and Ernie (brothers) from Concord when they were just 5 weeks old. They will be 1 year old in January. We've had great fun looking after them for the past year - Eric (the grey one) loves charging about and sitting on your shoulder, and Ernie (the ginger) likes 'talking' to you and jumping into bed in the morning. They are great companions for each other - they still groom each other and cuddle each other!!

They've brought much fun, laughter and mischief into our lives and we can't imagine being without them. Thank you!!

JEN AND GARY



Hi there,

Just to let you know that the beautiful big tabby formerly known as Gloucester, now Danger, is doing great. He settled in extremely well and is just so darn affectionate. Me and Jos just love him to pieces.

Thanks so much,
SHARNA

Scratching Post

Rehomed cats

Indiana Jones (Indi) came to live with us 7 months ago. Quite simply, she's transformed our life! We have become cat converts, pathetic pet parents. Formerly "Brioche" Indi earned her name-change for her incredible grace and agility, and her adventurous, fearless nature. There is no tree she will not climb! Indi is a funny combination of cranky, curious, independent and insecure. It took her a long time to understand "family", and to enjoy any attention. Even now, her "visitations" on the lounge are brief and tentative - being loved is a bit foreign. But we have seen such a change in her - over this last 6 months she has relaxed, become comfortable and confident, and has developed a definite penchant for a pat.

We adore our beautiful, eccentric gal Indiana - she has brought us so much joy, and we feel very lucky to have been able to give her a home and a chance to live, love and spread her little cat wings.

So thankyou CPS for match-making this little family,

JACQ, VIRGINIA & INDI

Chantik and Mishi are the sweetest and most adorable female kittens. I adopted them from the Cat Protection Society of NSW. They love each other very much and are very affectionate with each other and humans they like. Chantik is 8 weeks older than Mishi and much bigger. They spend most of their time together sleeping, playing, exploring, climbing, chasing anything that moves that is not too scary. Unfortunately Mishi is crazy about catching skinks.

Chantik was very excited when she first arrived at her home. She disapproved of the way books were arranged in two bookcases so she pushed them out onto the floor demanding that I rearrange them. The first time Mishi was outside she scaled the trunk of a massive bluegum to a height of 3 metres. She hung on like a koala. It was nerve racking watching her descent.

Chantik and Mishi enjoy the freedom the catdoor gives them during the daytime to go in and out of the house. At night they sleep inside on the bed or chair of their choice. Once familiar with people they are friendly but otherwise they are cautious and hide.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to adopt such absolutely beautiful kittens and for the wonderful work you do for cats.

JOAN LINDSAY

Just a quick note and some photos to let you know that Sidney is doing very well at our home. After visiting Sidney over two weekends, we got our home fit for a cat and he joined our family on 24th April 2004. We (he?) endured a "terrifying" 40 min car ride home (he still hates travelling in cars) during which he wailed then peed then wailed and finally pooped. The intention was to introduce him to the new surroundings room by room but he "escaped" from the ensuite into the bedroom within the first hour (and hid under the bed for the next 3) then from the bedroom to the rest of the house the next day. Since then, he acts like he owns the whole place and has set his eyes on the great escape - from the house - at every opportunity!

From a tiny 3kg whilst waiting to be adopted, he is now a happy 5.5kg. True to the description originally posted on his ad for adoption, Sidney is a sweet, sweet man. He is very affectionate, vocal (wakes you up at the crack of dawn), inquisitive (he climbed up our chimney then found that the lid at the top was closed - there goes the escape plan), scared of any furry toys that looks like a mouse and has every member of the family wrapped around his little paws.

We are very glad that we made the decision to adopt from the Cat Protection Society and wish to thank its staff for helping us with the decision and educating us on owning a cat. We wish you continued success.

Sincerely,
Y.T., LORRAINE AND ANTHONY

Dear Tara-Mai,

Here is an update on the girls.

Firstly, they are just great. Wonderful companions, mischievous, great sense of humour and very talkative!!! They have settled in really well, although Kerfuffle is still painfully shy and sometimes fearful, neither will have anything to do with strangers. They have adopted our bed as the best night time thing and basically, they share their house with us!!!! Lewis has just finished building them an outside play area, with climbing frame and a bit of garden, and access to the house, the rest of the time the cavalry is in full flight down our hallway with a "mouse" to be tossed!!!! Seriously, they are darlings and we love them dearly. 🐾

To contribute to "Scratching Post" email us at:

info@catprotection.org.au

or mail to: 103 Enmore Road, Newtown 2042

Ask the Cattery Manager

By Tara Dethridge Cattery Manager

Q

I have two adult cats, neither of whom have chips. They both have collars and tags and never really go out of our garden so I haven't had them chipped. Is microchipping them really necessary?

Malcom McDougal, Petersham NSW.

A

Speaking from personal experience, microchipping is absolutely essential. Several years ago, before microchipping was a legal requirement, I had my cat Gingha chipped. She used to go visiting the neighbours and wore a collar and tag. But I wanted to be on the safe side in case something happened. And happen it did...

One day she didn't come home. I was absolutely beside myself. I contacted all the vets, my local Council, spoke to neighbours, put up posters and did a flyer drop in local letterboxes. She had disappeared and I heard nothing for 6 weeks. I then got a phone call from The Animal Welfare League in West Hoxton Park. She'd been found in the roof of a supermarket in Blacktown. I lived in Erskineville at the time and to this day I don't know how she got there but I know the only reason I got her back was because she was microchipped.

It is a legal requirement that all cats and kittens rehomed or purchased after 1999 have a microchip. It is the most effective means of identification and the only way to make sure that you have the best chance of your missing cat or kitten being returned to you.

The average cost of microchipping is \$40 to \$60 depending on where you go to have it done. The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice. It is inserted subcutaneously on the back of your cat's neck. When scanned it brings up a number. You will fill out the paperwork corresponding to the number.



It includes the cat's details and your contact details. This information will then be forwarded to your local council where they will add the details onto the Companion Animals Register.

You will then be required to register your cat with the Council; this costs \$40 for a desexed cat (you will need proof of desexing such as the desexing certificate to pay the discounted fee) and \$150 for an undesexed cat. It is a small price to pay for peace of mind and is a one off fee. The only thing you must continue to do is update your contact details with your local council EVERY TIME YOU MOVE.

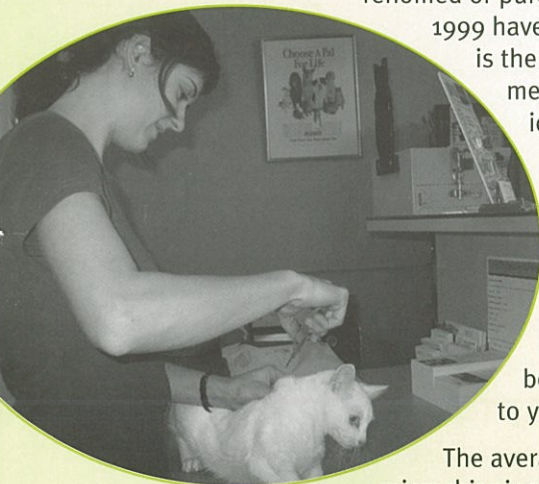
We have a huge number of stray cats surrendered to us at Cat Protection. Many have microchips but because the owners' contact details are incorrect we are unable to locate their owners.

If that hasn't convinced you that microchipping is necessary let me tell you about Pushka, a gorgeous, friendly, big ginger man. He was brought in and surrendered as a stray. He had been found in Glebe where he had been hanging around for about a month.

We scanned him and found Puska had a microchip. We were able to locate his owner who was absolutely delighted. She had moved to Melbourne but made sure her contact details were correct on the database. As a result she will be reunited with Pushka.

He had been missing for three years.

I think that speaks for itself, don't you? 🐾



Lost Kitten Shows Up 850km Away

March 04, 2006

JUST how household cat DC vanished from his home at Bondi, in Sydney, last month remains a mystery to his owner Niki Chapman.

But even more staggering is how DC, who at eight months old is barely more than a kitten, turned up 850km away at Melbourne's St Kilda beach two weeks later.

"It's absolutely amazing, I can't believe he was found in Melbourne," a relieved Ms Chapman said today.

"I was completely surprised, I actually thought it was a joke."

Ms Chapman had given up hope of finding DC alive after his disappearance on February 19. She'd heard that a cat matching his description had been run over in her beachside suburb.

"I was convinced he was gone and I literally came home and got rid of the cat food and the cat toys," she said.

"And then the day after, I got a call from someone saying they'd found him, and gave me a number for a veterinary clinic for me to call.

"The number wasn't working so I rang the people back and they asked if I was remembering to put the '03' in front of the number.

"I nearly fell off my chair laughing."

DC, who was found by a passer-by at St Kilda, was fitted with a microchip which enabled his owner to be traced.

Ms Chapman today praised the technology which led to her happy reunion with a hungry and thirsty DC a fortnight after he disappeared.

"There's no way they would ever have traced him back to me if he wasn't microchipped," she said.

But she's still trying to figure out why DC chose the highway over her way.

"Maybe he escaped from here," she said.

"He's a house cat so he doesn't have a collar, so perhaps someone thought he wasn't owned and took him along for a ride."

After hearing Ms Chapman's story, NSW Local Government Minister Kerry Hickey urged people today to microchip their pets.

"Microchipping and registration offers lifetime protection for your pet," he said.

There was no truth in the rumour DC had gone to Melbourne for the Commonwealth Games, Mr Hickey's spokesman said.

Story extracted from the Courier Mail 🐾

06/03/2006

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No pets on Ebay!!!

CALIFORNIA AND THE WEST

Ebay Drops Plan to Allow Sales of Pets

From Associated Press

SAN JOSE - Internet auctioneer EBay Inc. has canceled plans to allow pets to be sold on its website after receiving thousands of angry letters.

The San Jose-based company has long banned the sale of live animals except fish and snails, and executives said this week that they were scrapping plans to create a separate classified-ad category that would feature free ads from animal shelters and paid ads from breeders.

An EBay manager revealed in a posting to an online message board that the company was considering

lifting the ban, prompting letters from more than 2,000 people, most of whom urged that the ban remain, company spokesman Hani Durzy said.

The letter writers were worried, Durzy said, that the listings would encourage puppy mills, where animals are sometimes bred in unsanitary conditions, and that it would be difficult to differentiate between legitimate animal shelters and unsavory sources.

"The feedback was pretty overwhelming," Durzy said. "Farms and for-profit commercial breeders wasn't something that they wanted to see."

Booming sales of pet supplies had prompted the company to reconsider its ban, Durzy said. 🐾

www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-ebay21dec21,1,1023207.story?coll=la-headlines-business&ctrack=1&cset=true

Cats in the City

By Georgina Smith

This issue Cats in the City finds itself at Newtown, in the home of Gillian Cottle, a dedicated volunteer of CPS. Gill has been helping out every Saturday for 6 years, and is currently the longest serving volunteer.

Gill says the most wonderful thing about volunteering at CPS is helping socialise the cats and kittens so they find great new homes.

Next issue I'll be heading to the streets of Glebe, please send in a photo and details of your cat if you live in that area and I'll do my best to publish them.

Amber

"AMBER VAN KNICKERS"

Age:8 years
Loves: Mice and Rats
Hates: Human children
Naughtiest deed:

When Gill returned from a month's holiday, Amber took great joy in sitting on Gill's lap, and peeing!



Mr Smoochy Nickers

"SMOOCH THE POOCH"

Age:3 years
Loves: Playing with Purrdita in the cat tunnel.
Hates: The naughty corner (bathroom) for bad behaviour
Naughtiest deed:
 Attacking Gill's feet in bed.



Purrdita

"PURDY"

Age:10 months
Loves: Playing in the cat tunnel with smooch.
Hates: Fanta (not the drink, the cat! See below)
Naughtiest deed: .. Attacking Smooch when he is fast asleep.



Fanta

"FANTA PANTA"

Age:8 years
Loves: Cat grass
Hates: ... All other cats in the house (but loves Gill!)
Naughtiest deed:
 Pulled a vase of flowers over to drink the water.



Tiger

"TIGGY-TIGER HANDSOME KNICKERS"

Age:7 years
Loves: Cuddles with Gill
Hates: The Vet!
Naughtiest deed:
 Growling at Tara



Duchess

"DUCHY DRAWS"

Age:8 years
Loves: Being up high in the catmaxed garden.
Hates: Boys (feline boys that is).
Naughtiest deed:
 Jumping up onto the kitchen bench to drink milk out of Gill's breakfast cereal.



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Delicious

Delicious by name, Delicious by nature

Delicious has now been at Cat Protection for a year, she was brought into us last kitten season with her babies and although her babies all found loving homes she is still patiently waiting for a loving home.

Name: Delicious

Age: 2 Years

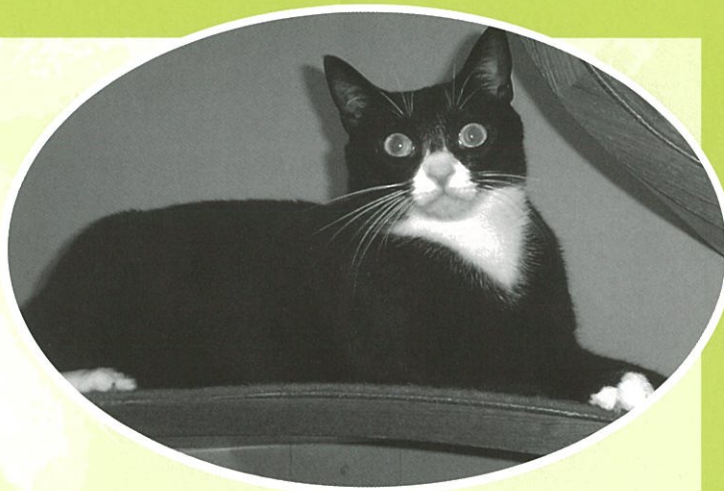
Sex: Female

Breed: Domestic Short Hair

Colour: Black and White

Preferred Environment: ..Inside only, Delicious has a white nose that will make her susceptible to sunburn and skin cancer.

Reason for Surrender: ..Delicious was brought into Cat Protection in labour with her third litter of kittens. Her owner was going on a holiday to Queensland and no longer wanted to care for Delicious or her kittens.



Comments:Hi there, my name is Delicious. After saying goodbye to my sweet little kittens I am now waiting for a good home. I'm a very friendly, fun loving lady and would really love to be a part of your life. I do love company but I also like time to do my own thing eg daydream, sleep, watch TV and observe my surroundings.

I'm best suited to a home with a low to medium level of activity. I would prefer not to live with children, other cats or dogs.

Pick Me!

Our Adoption Centre is open 7 days
from 11 am-2.30 pm at:

103 Enmore Rd, Newtown

Give us a call before coming in and we can give you more details on Delicious or any of the other beautiful cats and kittens we have for adoption.



A Brief History

By Nance Iredale

In the 1950's CPS was formed by about 10 women who perceived the plight of the domestic cat. Their finances were minimal but they immediately began to help out with desexings and no doubt some of them took in cats to find homes. Even then a few veterinary surgeons were prepared to assist in their humane work.

As they grew bigger in number their finances built up a little and a few legacies and even properties came their way. With the sale of these properties our present home at 103 Enmore Rd, Newtown was purchased. It was proposed to open an Opportunity Shop to raise funds and set up a desexing clinic. However permission was not granted from Council or from the veterinary profession for this exercise.

In September 1980 Bill Graham ran for President on the platform of starting a welfare section. Indeed, with the opening of the Op Shop, and all the phone calls coming in, it became imperative to do something to assist the cats.

Three members Lena Larson, Robin Warner, and Nance Iredale were already very busy with their own small services and they volunteered their help.

Promptly after election Bill Graham and his volunteers got busy. A van was purchased and an office set up with one paid welfare officer. Cats were picked up for desexing and many surrendered cats were rehomed.

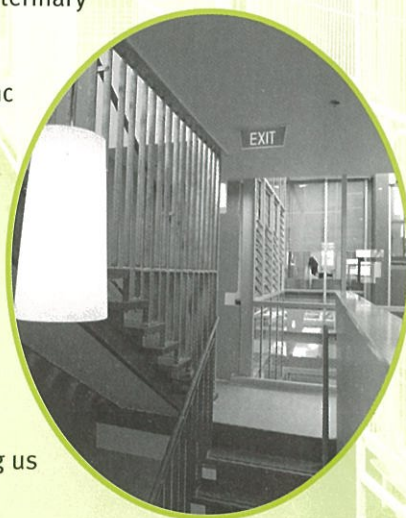
Right from the start it was evident that only a small number of unwanted cats could find homes. This is the hardest thing welfare agencies have to accept and

sometimes, believe it or not, we are made to feel guilty that we have to euthanase so many of our loved friends.

We now have 3 welfare officers, three ambulances and we are inundated with work. We ask for donations for all the work we do - sometimes it covers the cost of the job, sometimes not, but do not turn away any cat in distress.

In 1980 we had only one veterinary surgeon that helped us in all manner of ways, mostly with discounted desexing fees. Gradually four other vet joined us and now we have 40 surgeries which take desexing referrals from us at greatly discounted fees. We have a few veterinary surgeries where welfare officers take cats for desexing and attention these include Croydon Park Veterinary Clinic, Concord Animal Hospital, Petersham Vet Clinic, Rooty Hill Vet Clinic and Beverley Hills Vet Clinic. These clinics are a wonderful help and we could not operate without them.

At our Enmore office we take in cats for desexing, rehoming and we are busy from opening to closing. We encourage people to ring us for advice on anything pertaining to cat welfare.



"No Kill" Shelters

We have had some members questioning the status of the Cat Protection Shelter recently, and asking why we are not "NO KILL". Cat Protection is an Open Shelter, we tell people to use us only as a last resort but we never turn away cats or kittens that are surrendered to us. Not all of the cats that are surrendered to us are suitable for rehoming, and we do not always have enough room in our Adoption Centre to house them. We would love to be able to label ourselves as "NO KILL", but with irresponsible pet ownership, and cat overpopulation, this is not presently possible.

We all do the best that we can for every single cat that comes to us. The cats that are lucky enough to make it into our Adoption Centre stay with us until we find them a home.

Office Coordinator, Jasmin Cox, investigates the concept of "NO KILL" shelters further.

The debate over the most humane and responsible way to deal with the current population of unwanted pets has created a division within the animal welfare community. While all shelters agree that euthanasing homeless animals is not the solution, the alternatives cannot be agreed upon. The movement toward no kill shelters has encouraged new thinking and practice but has also resulted in traditional shelters being cast in an unfavourable light.

The problem starts with the term "no kill". Traditional shelters argue that shelters that don't euthanase animals are able to do so because they admit and care for a limited number of animals. The animals that no kill shelters don't take end up in shelters that have to euthanase. Inevitably a shelter that says no forces another shelter to take responsibility for the animal turned away.

Traditional shelter workers despise the need for euthanasia but believe, it is more humane and responsible than letting animals suffer as strays out on the street, neglected pets or in overcrowded shelters. No kill advocates believe that no animal should be euthanased unless it is suffering and a less than ideal life is better than no life at all.

No kill shelters attempt to end euthanasia by quickly and dramatically increasing adoption and placing as many animals as possible in foster homes. While traditional shelters argue that increasing the quantity at the expense of quality is not good for the animals and that increasing adoptions does not solve pet

Darlene White from the San Diego Animal Support Foundation says the responsibility for ending euthanasia is not with the shelters but with the community. Rescue and adoption does not attack the root of the problem and only when overpopulation is prevented by desexing companion animals will the community become no kill.

Another factor is the need for individual responsibility and commitment to pets. Pets are a lifetime responsibility not to be discarded when novelty wears off or when problems occur. Equally important is increasing adoptions from shelters and rescue organisation. White argues that every time someone buys from a pet shop or backyard breeder they are contributing to an industry that profits from the death of thousands of animals each year.

www.sdshelter.com/news/No-KillShelter.html

The motivation for our work at Cat Protection is that every cat deserves a responsible home. Responsible ownership is more than just providing food and housing. It involves thoughtful management of all aspects of a cat's life. The Society promotes compulsory desexing and encourages early age desexing (from 8 weeks onwards). At Cat Protection we see our most important role as providing quality, discounted desexing in an attempt to reduce cat overpopulation in Sydney.

Re-homing and rehabilitating cat and kittens is also an essential part of our work. It takes time and money to get abandoned cats and kittens ready for their new homes. While we do our best to find loving responsible homes we always have more cats and kittens than we have people looking for a new companion.

Traditional shelters like Cat Protection are accused of not doing enough to stop the euthanasia of animals. Cat Protection has a strong commitment to cats and ending euthanasia, but the task is not an easy one and requires the understanding and support of the community and government agencies. Finally, success will only be guaranteed when the animals are put first and welfare groups rise above their differences.

The Humane Society of The United States: Animal Sheltering, Sept-Oct 1997 "The Euthanasia Debate".

The Humane Society of The United States: Animal Sheltering, Jan-Feb 2002 "A Home for Every Animal. What would it take?"



Book Review

Cat Talk With "Scooter" and star vet Dr Julie Summerfield

BY CATE KERR

Dr Julie Summerfield is a popular vet, with a regular pets page in Woman's Day who have published CAT talk.

CAT talk provides a cats view on life, and practical advice for owners to ensure a happy home for your feline friend.

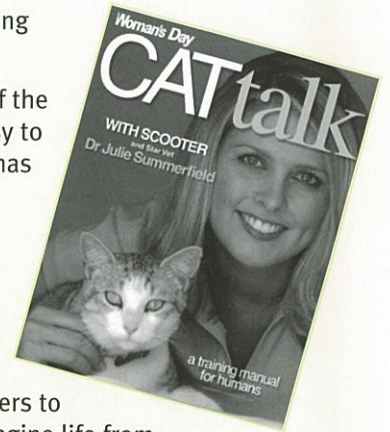
The book, aptly tagged "a training manual for humans", follows a question and answer format, with questions from cats, answered by Dr Summerfield's cat, Scooter. This format is a great way of owners to start thinking about husbandary and behavioral issues from the animal's point of view. There are basic tips for new cat owners, and more advance sections on environmental enrichment, and even some training tips!

There are excellent chapters on health and behaviour. The behaviour chapter clearly outlines cat motivations

behind specific behaviours, from rubbing and kneading, to common problems such as spraying and aggression.

The layout and design of the book is fun and very easy to follow, Dr Summerfield has included some great photos, and lots of helpful hints.

This book would not only benefit new cat owners, but also assist long time cat owners to take a step back and imagine life from their cat's perspective. 🐾



Forget Me Not

"Poppie"

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In memory of my darling Poppie, a beautiful tortoiseshell girl who shared my life for 18 1/2 years. We grew old together and I still miss her so very much.

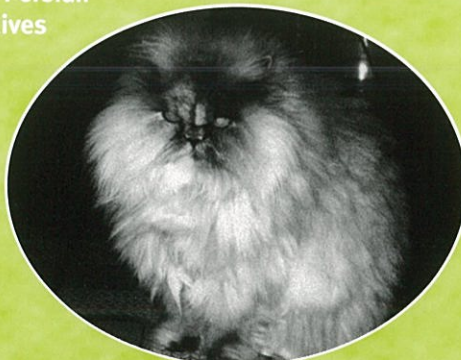
Her Mum
Yours sincerely
Joan Winn

"Tessa"

03-92 – 13-04-05

In memory of our beautiful Persian "Tessa" who enriched our lives with her love and affection for 13 years.

Regards
Margit Trevillian



"Muffy"

Dear Secretary,

In the 1989 Journal photo competition, our cat Muffy was a 'Highly Commended' entry as Personality Girl, and her photograph appeared at the foot of page 13 in that edition.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Muffy recently at almost 18 years of age; kidney disease and other complications taking their toll.

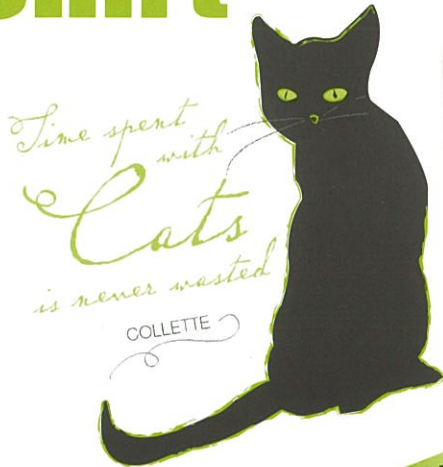
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Regards
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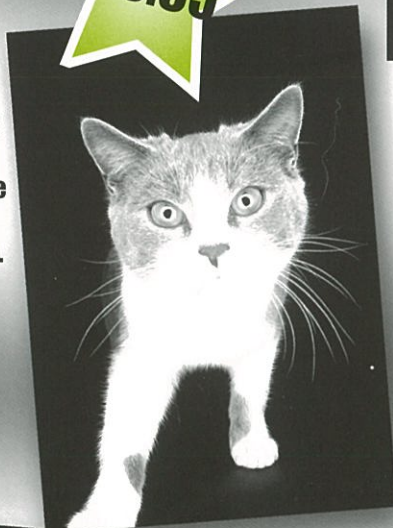
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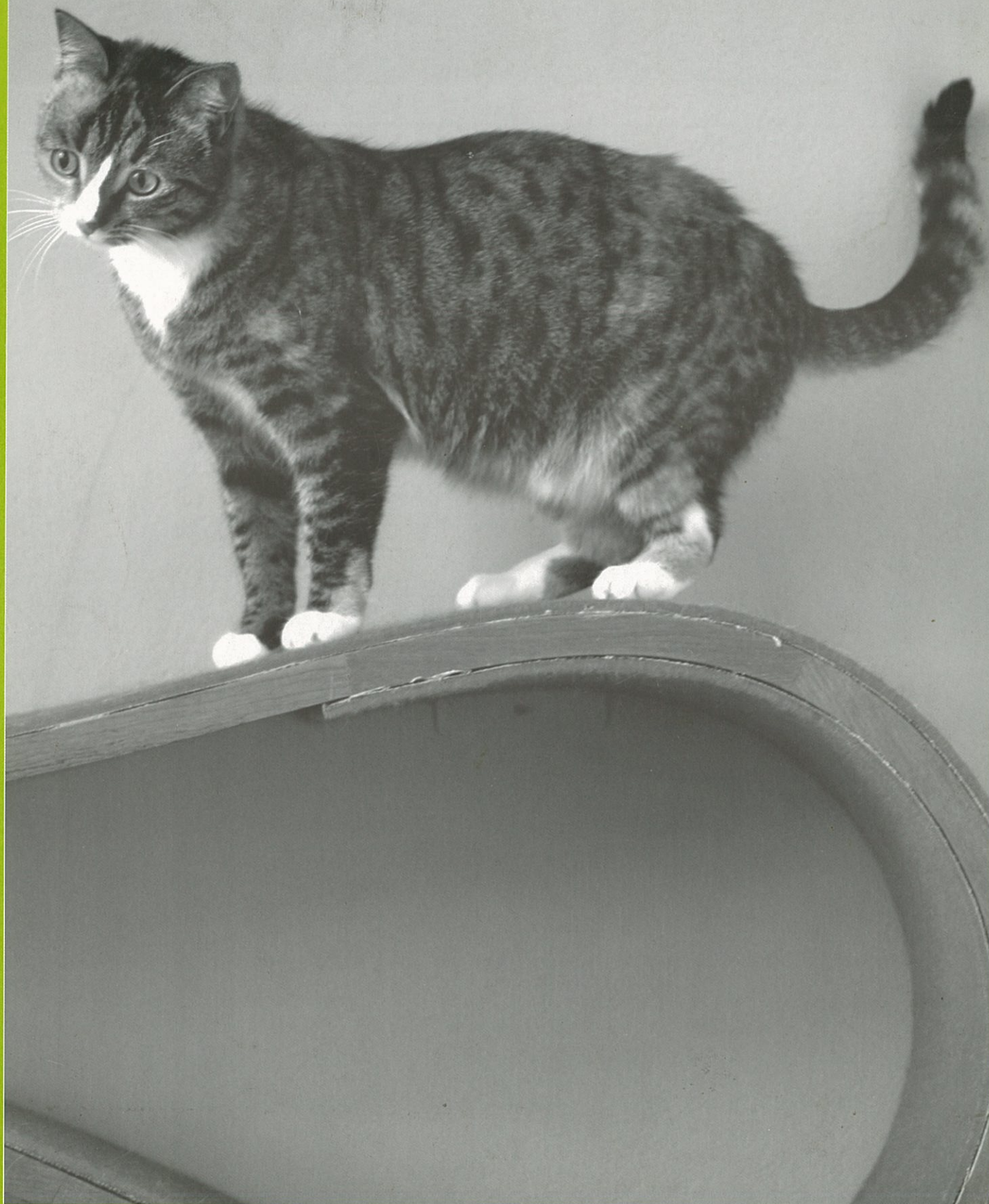
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