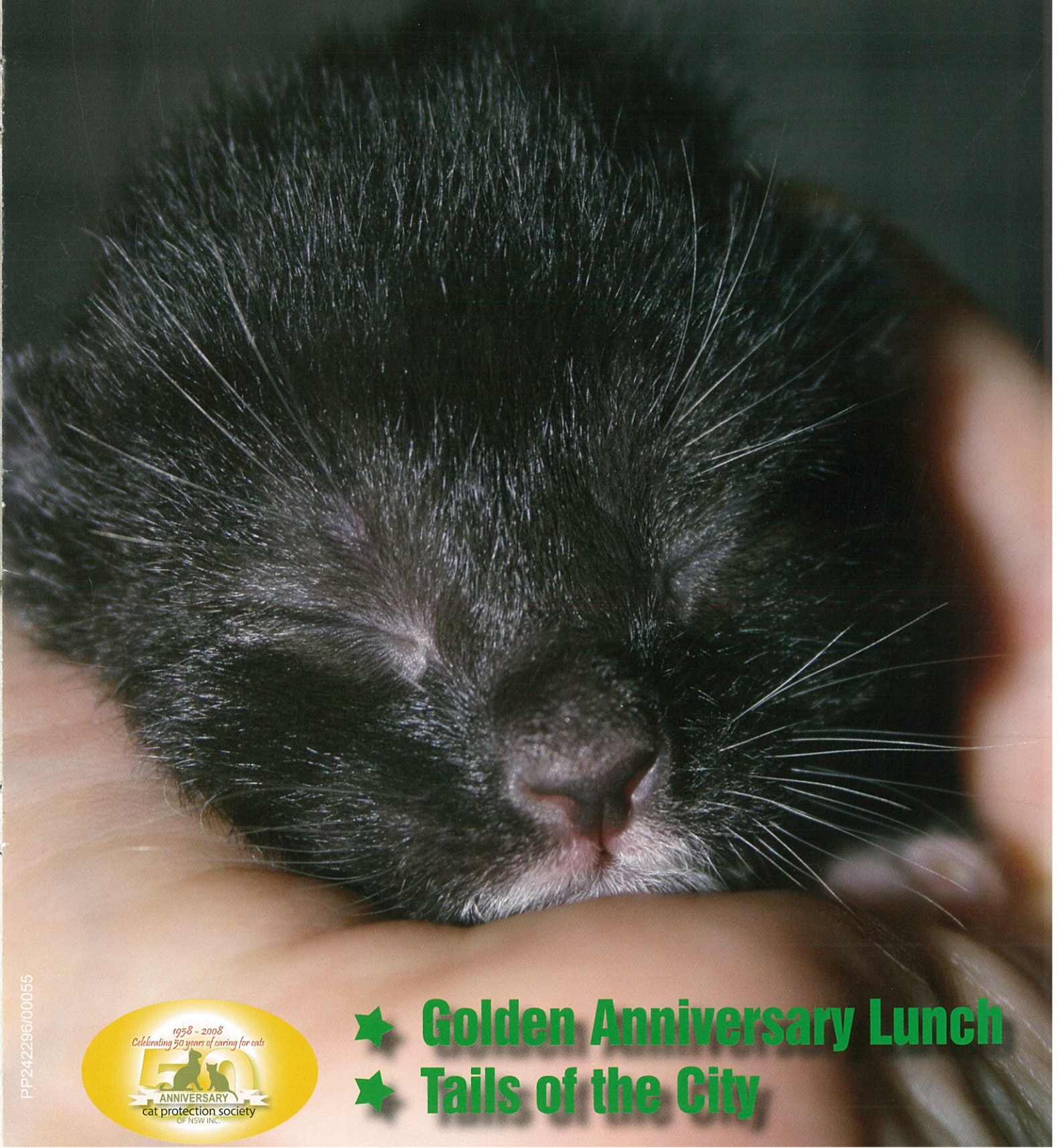


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Our cover kitten

Our cover kitten is the three-day old boy of 'Dribbles' a gorgeous and now very happy ex-factory stray cat. Dribbles gave birth to four lovely kittens at the home of her foster carer, Helen McGee. We thank Helen for giving care and shelter to this family in their time of need, and thanks also for the beautiful photograph.

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Council Report

It is Spring which means another kitten season, though the last one never actually ended. In a year when we experienced a record number of surrenders, we found that even in the coldest months kittens continued to arrive at Cat Protection.

This unprecedented demand on our services had a massive impact on our budget, with a substantial increase in staffing costs resulting from the need to manage the 45 per cent increase in surrenders. Despite this increase, income from surrenders fell by 32 per cent (we can't refuse a cat just because a person refuses to pay a surrender fee). These alarming statistics can be attributed a number of factors, including difficult economic times; restricted accommodation (especially pet-unfriendly strata corporations and landlords); failure by councils/pounds to assist feline welfare; and increased awareness of our shelter.

Sadly, we simply cannot afford to provide limitless services with a limited budget. While we will continue to operate an open shelter, the number of cats we house at any time will be capped and people will be encouraged to take their cats elsewhere when we are full. We can't afford to continue to pick up surrendered cats. Councils have to lift their game and start providing decent feline welfare services. We are appalled that some council pounds actually sell undesexed kittens: they're not only failing to help but they're contributing to the problem of feline overpopulation. Of course, some councils do a great job, but they're in the minority.

As a charity, 98 per cent of our funds come from donations, bequests, sponsorship and our own income such as the Op Shop and savings. Still, we manage to help thousands of people and cats every year: reuniting lost cats with their human families; preventing unwanted litters through our desexing programs; rescuing cats at risk; finding loving and responsible homes for cats; and providing information, advice and education that help keep cats safe, healthy and happy.

Your membership makes a profound impact on what we can do. Members not only help us financially, but lend their voice to the cats. The more members we have, the more persuasive we can be in leading change ... like telling pounds to stop releasing undesexed kittens. If every member could convince just one friend to join Cat Protection, our membership would double and we'd have more than 2,500 people speaking for cats. Like a lion, let us roar, and let the feline voice be heard!



Golden Anniv

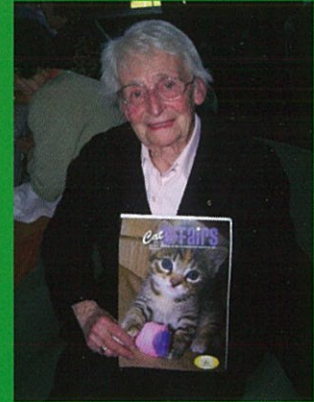
At NSW Parliament House on Friday
of caring for cats with 140

It was a clear, cold day and the view over the Domain was beautiful. We were honoured with the presence of many long time supporters and workers including Nance Iredale, Shirley Pikler and Sandy Moss. Many guests travelled from afar such as Margaret and Craig Welch who flew to Sydney from Queensland.

Professor Richard Malik was our delightful MC, and the Hon Tony Stewart our gracious host. Tony won hearts when he told us he is 'owned' by two cats, and there were cheers for the Member for Parramatta, Tania Gadiel, when we learned she was about to adopt an adult ginger cat. It was encouraging to see many MPs in attendance or represented.

Our wonderful sponsors Bayer and Hill's were there and everyone enjoyed their sample bags (well, their cats did!). The day raised \$10,000 for Cat Protection – thank you to everyone who attended and supported this milestone event.

For those who couldn't join us, below is the speech made by Kristina Vesk, Cat Protection CEO, which looked at our history, our present and our hopes for the future.



Nance Iredale OAM

A much-loved Siamese was surrendered to Cat Protection because her owner had to move to a nursing home. Anyone who knows Siamese knows how they cry. This cat wailed with grief ... and we know the lady grieved too. Fortunately we found a loving new home for the cat within days, and this gave some comfort to the cat and her previous owner.

A distressed woman rang us. She'd made the decision to euthanase her cats because she could no longer care for them as she was in and out of hospital with a serious illness. She had no transport and no friends or family in Sydney. The cats were very old and too attached to be rehomed. Our welfare office booked a vet to make a home visit, and then one of our staff went to woman's home to be with her when her cats were put to sleep. She made the woman some tea and reassured her.

A man with terminal cancer brought us his 17 year old cat,

Toby. He couldn't care for Toby anymore. Toby had been very popular with the neighbours so when they found out Cat Protection had adopted Toby as our very own, he began to receive visitors! When we had a blessing service on World Animal Day last year, Toby managed to get his photo in our local paper, *The Glebe*. A neighbour told me Toby's owner cried with happiness to see his beloved cat was enjoying his retirement at Cat Protection.

We had to pick up a cat from an owner too terrified to keep her cat after neighbourhood thugs tortured her other cat to death and threatened to do the same to the surviving cat. We found him a safe new home.

Cats are a companion animal, a companion to people, and so our work is just as much about people as it is about cats.

We help cats and we help people. Providing discount cat desexing and pick-up services for pensioners with no transport.

Working with the RSPCA to deliver humane education to primary school kids. Reuniting lost cats with grateful owners. Adopting cats to loving homes. Promoting responsible cat ownership.

Sadly, there is a dreadful mismatch between the number of cats and homes available for them. The statistics on euthanasia are grim and a terrible breach of the contract between people and cats that was forged thousands of years ago when cats were first domesticated.

In 1963, our founder and first President, Mary Kay Cooper, said:

These are stormy and terribly sad times for animals – dogs and cats.

It is the responsibility of the local councils to take charge of those matters. I find that only two or three are doing so ... I'd be delighted to hear of any council that is really doing a good job ...

Anniversary Lunch

**27 June 2008, we celebrated 50 years
friends and supporters.**

Cats are neglected almost everywhere. Their plight is indeed pitiful. They have much better laws in Victoria regarding animals. It is the ambition of this Society to have the same laws passed here.

The same is true today. Of course, that doesn't mean we haven't made progress – we have.

Our companion animal laws are a vast improvement on what they were – it's just that Victoria made even better improvements!

And councils do more than they did – some even do very good work – but sadly most provide few or no feline welfare services.

Mary Kay Cooper was President from 1958 to 1964 and during this period Cat Protection became a registered charity. In the early years there was no office, just a Post Office Box and the President's home phone. Members would feed, trap and desex cats and find them homes.

From 1964 to 1974, Jessie Taylor led the Society and during this decade the goal to build a shelter was set, desexing promoted and the members' journal *Cat Affairs* was launched.

From 1974 to 1980 Ron Carberry served as President and during his tenure, Cat Protection became incorporated, the Op Shop opened and our current premises at 103 Enmore Road was purchased.

Sybil Cozens was invited by Mr Carberry to form an auxiliary to run the Op Shop. Sybil and her husband Gordon gave decades of service to Cat Protection and the continued success of the Op Shop is due in no small part to her efforts from 1979 until the early '90s.

Bill Graham became President in 1980 and oversaw the commencement of welfare services and purchase of our 'cat ambulances'. Due to ill health, Bill

stood down in 1986 and Professor Daria Love took over for a year, initiating practices we still use such as the vet referral scheme for low-cost desexing.



Professor Richard Malik (left) with CPS President Rhonda House (far right)



Hon. Tony Stewart, MP

Mrs Lyn Thomas was President from 1987 to 1991. Agreeing to be Patron of the Society – like Robert Askin and Neville Wran before him – then Premier Nick Greiner wrote:

I am informed that your organization conducts all manner of excellent work in conjunction with cats ... I might say that your education and welfare activities are particularly valuable not only to cat lovers and owners, but to the wider community as well.

As Cat Protection expanded, paid office staff were employed in addition to welfare officers. From 1992 to 1998, Mrs Shirley Pikler served as the Society's seventh President. She'd joined the Society around 1959 and had worked in one capacity or another for all those years. She oversaw the introduction of early age desexing and microchipping of all CPS cats. We are honoured that Shirley is here today.

From 1998 to 2002, Keith Edwards was our President. In this period, the website was launched and the decision to transform 103 Enmore Road into a world-class cattery was made. The newly renovated building was opened in May 2003.

Our current Treasurer, Mrs Nita Harvey, served as President from 2003 till 2007. This period saw expanded education services, including partnership with the RSPCA on Humane Education into primary schools. We're pleased to welcome Steve Coleman and Sue Hill from the RSPCA here today. In 2007 we finally achieved our goal of tax deductibility.

Leading us into our next phase is current President, Rhonda House, who has been helping Cat Protection for the past 12 years. She's also worked with WIRES and she rescues injured native birds. Some people are surprised to learn that we are committed to the protection of wildlife as well, and believe cats should not be allowed to roam. And I can tell

you we object and will be letting the Federal Environment Minister know we object to the importation of the American savannah cat.

Of course, it's not just presidents who have built the Society. All our Board directors, members, volunteers and paid staff have contributed.

We couldn't talk about Cat Protection without mentioning Nance Iredale. In 1994, Nance was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for service to animal welfare, particularly through the Cat Protection Society of NSW. She filled many roles at CPS including field officer, welfare director, honorary treasurer and vice-president.

Sandy Moss worked as a welfare officer at CPS for more than 20

years and is now with Concord Animal Hospital – so still involved with CPS.

Both Nance and Sandy are here today – and we thank them for their contributions.

There have been hundreds of people involved in bringing Cat Protection to our 50th year and I am sorry that I cannot acknowledge them all. The cats know who they are!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Stewart and Brian Langton for all your assistance in making today possible. And thank you, too, to Richard Malik. We are very lucky to have vet specialists like Richard and Angela Phillips providing us with expert advice on feline shelter management.



What of our future?

As a charity, we depend on donations. We are grateful to the NSW Department of Primary Industries for their annual grant to help us with our welfare work, but it provides for less than two per cent of our operating costs – we have to raise the other 98 per cent ourselves. We are privileged to have Bayer Animal Health and Hill's Pet Nutrition as sponsors, and our fantastic Op Shop contributes more than \$100,000 a year towards our \$1 million + operating costs. It is the generosity of members and supporters that allows us to help thousands of cats each year, but the demand on our services is fast exceeding our financial – and emotional – capacity. Last year we experienced a 45 per cent increase in surrendered cats.

Local councils must do more to look after companion animals: it is their responsibility and they can't simply devolve it to our charity. Landlords and body corporates should follow the lead of the Department of Housing and be more pet-friendly. Desexing of kittens must become the norm and no kittens should ever be sold undesexed. There is no place for backyard breeders and pet shops profiting from animal misery. We'd be very pleased to see a Parliamentary inquiry into the welfare of companion animals.

It is gross cruelty to ignore the plight of homeless cats – and dogs. Companion animals – whether owned or not – are living, feeling beings and we owe them our care and compassion.

Euthanasia is not the answer but we cannot conjure up homes where there are none. The only solution is companion animal population control and we can't do this alone.

We're not 'just cats'. We're about people and cats. We're about compassion and respecting those less powerful than ourselves. Kindness begets kindness.

Happy 50th to the Cat Protection Society and thank you for the kindness you've brought to our world.

Thank you

Thank you to the fantastic hospitality team at NSW Parliament House who made the day so special. Thanks again to our major sponsors Hill's Pet Nutrition and Bayer Animal Health.

Thank you also to Park Street Press; Shelley Gare; Angelika Elliott; NRMA; AFL (NSW/ACT); and Joan Pearson. Thanks to Shannon Jamieson and Kanelli Tsiros for the photos, and thanks to everyone who came.

Most of all, thank you to all the cats who enrich our lives and show us what it means to be graceful and funny, elegant and comfortable, loyal and independent.

From Marjorie Burnett, Member

Congratulations and thank you to CPS for the terrific 50th birthday luncheon. It was a thrilling and exciting day. So many people talking about cats!

A very big thank you to my kind and generous vet, Bernadette, who paid for my ticket. It was greatly appreciated. Also thank you to Anne who sat beside me at the luncheon. When a raffle prize of cat goodies was re-donated Anne bought the basket and gave it to me for my seven cats. I think I was the most fortunate person there, thanks to some caring people.



CAT PROTECTION DIARY

WSPA-SPCA Humane Education Conference 2008



From left to right
Nerida Atkin, CPS; Cate Kerr, WSPA;
Lauren Preston, RSPCA NSW

June 30 – 1 July 2008 saw the first conference on Humane Education held by WSPA and the Auckland branch of the SPCA. Humane education specialists from all over Australasia and the Pacific Islands attended. Thanks to a grant from WSPA, Cat Protection education officer, Nerida Atkin, was able to attend this important conference. Here is a brief report on the conference from Nerida.

Humane education programs inform children and adults what they need to provide for their animals to ensure a happy and healthy life for the animal. The basis of these education programs are the five freedoms:

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury and disease
- Freedom to express normal behaviour
- Freedom from fear and distress.

The conference looked at the resources available and discussed new ideas for delivering humane education. Many of the representatives at the conference came from communities that were living below the poverty line, which poses a greater risk for the animals, and from non-English

speaking communities, which encourages greater passion and innovation by the teachers to overcome language barriers. The conference assisted these communities to acquire resources on a limited budget and provided inspiration on the benefits of humane education.

One of the major topics was the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty. Some communities have very disturbing statistics to support this link. Educating the community, especially children, is a vital tool to help break that cycle and to improve the care of animals.

I look forward to building Cat Protection's role in humane education. Congratulations to the organisers for a very informative conference and thanks to WSPA for the chance to attend.

Cat Protection Society Open Day

World Animal Day is on Saturday, 4 October and we will be celebrating with our annual Open Day. On this day also is the Newtown *Under the Blue Moon* festival, so we'll be pursuing a theme of mysterious and magical cats!

Please come and visit us at 103 Enmore Road, Newtown (opposite the Enmore Theatre) between 11am and 4pm on Saturday 4 October and join in our Fantastic Feline celebrations.

Brush up on dental care

August was the Australian Veterinary Association's (AVA) Pet Dental Health Month, a way of reminding owners to take care of their dogs' and cats' teeth and gums. We promoted this important health message with a colourful Hill's Science Diet display on Oral Care in our window.

Dr Tony Caiafa, President of the AVA Dental Society, advises "Oral care is important to provide the best possible health and quality of life for your pet. Pets can have

very similar problems to people such as gingivitis (swollen gums), mouth ulcers and broken teeth, all of which may make eating and playing quite painful.

"Bacteria can cause bad breath and this is often the first sign that may alert you to your pet's oral problems. In addition, the bacteria which cause gum disease can spread to other parts of the body via the blood stream. This can lead to problems with their liver and kidneys and make them quite ill."

The AVA Dental Society recommends the 'Three Ds' for oral health:

- Dental check up
- Daily tooth brushing
- Dental friendly diet.

We don't know many cats who take kindly to having their teeth brushed, but Science Diet Oral Care (adult or senior varieties) is a great way to keep your cat's teeth in good shape, with the biscuit acting like a toothbrush (they don't contain teeth cleaning chemicals). Make sure you ask your vet to check your cat's teeth when you visit for their annual check-up and vaccination. And if you notice your cat has bad breath, make an appointment to see the vet sooner rather than later!

Tails of the city

Keep an eye out for details of a wonderful new exhibition to open at the Museum of Sydney in December. Called *Tails of the city: Sydney's passion for pets*, it will explore our passion for pets through photographs, paintings, objects, film and activities, as well as looking at the history of companion animals in Sydney. Your very own Cat Protection Society will be represented by some of our historical objects – as well as by speakers for some of the events!

Museum of Sydney, Corner Phillip and Bridge Streets, Sydney.
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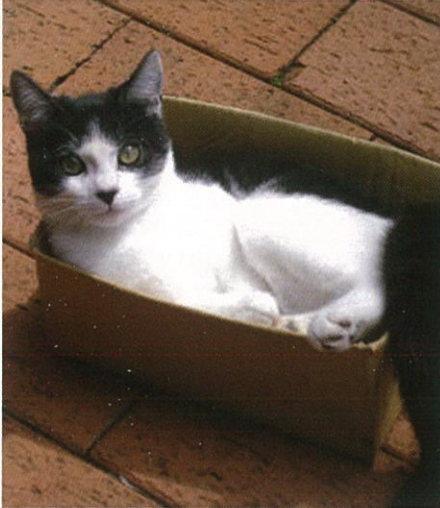


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Dear CPS

Here is my gorgeous Misti who is now eight months old. She's very cute and affectionate.

Emma



Misti

Hi

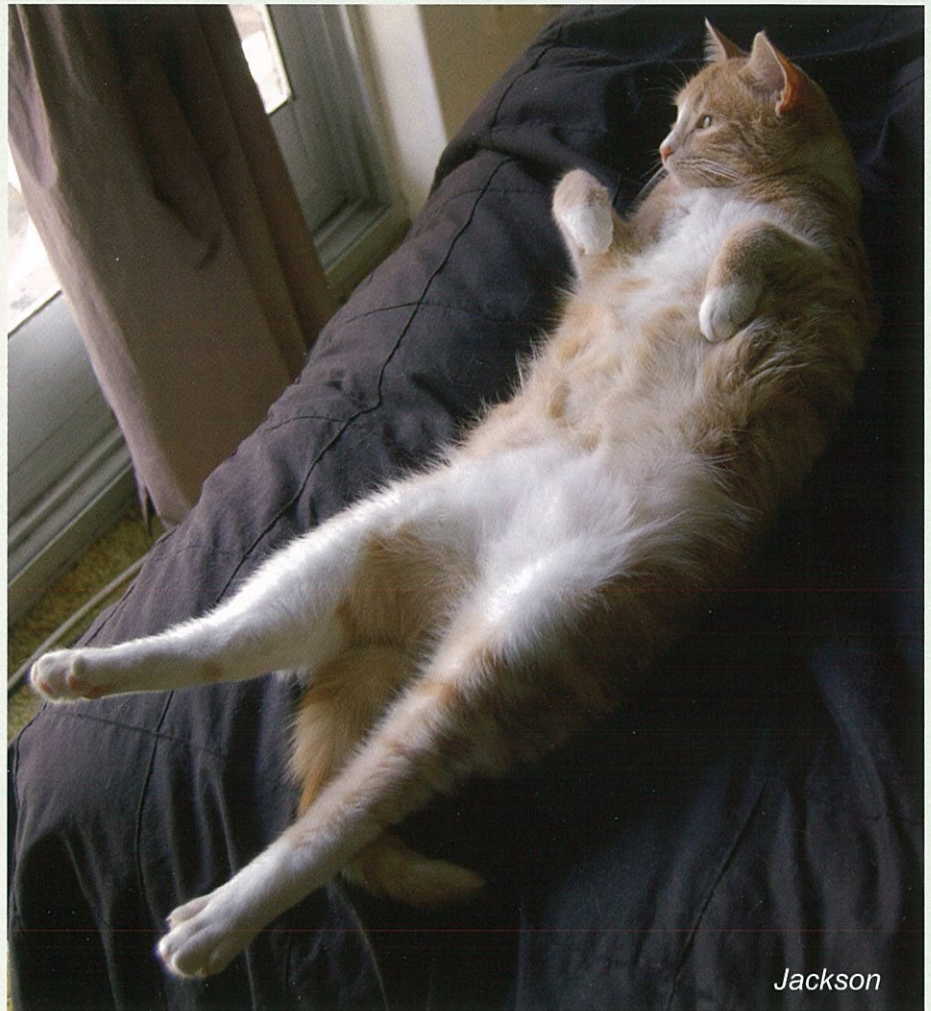
I adopted Jackson in March last year and just thought I should let you know that he's going well – and I'm sorry for not getting in touch sooner. He's been perfectly healthy and happy and has been a great companion for me as I work from home. He's the first cat I've ever owned and I now can't imagine not having him around. I've attached a recent picture of him so you can see what he looks like grown up.

Cheers and thanks again
Dan

Dear Scratching Post

Just to share with you – my daughter-in-law's indoor cat 'bird watches' through a closed window. Some Indian Myna birds continually fly at the window pane, hitting the glass with their beaks. When they brought all their bird mates along, it finally got too much for brave 'Ossie' – she ran and hid under the bed for the rest of the day!

Heather



Jackson

Dear CPS

I recently adopted Jake, a seven month old kitten. He'd been returned twice already as being too noisy and demanding. He nearly got returned a third time (although I had neighbours that were prepared to take him if he continued to be too much to handle)! However, I'm so glad I persevered. My older cat is gradually coming to accept him - that was the main problem for me. Pixel was seriously stressed out by the arrival of Jake and I did not get a lot of sleep in the first couple of weeks. Jake is a smart little cat and really delightful – affectionate, bright-eyed, happy about life and absolutely IN LOVE with being allowed into the backyard.

Chasing insects is mopping up some of his vast energy so our evenings are more peaceful.

(Coaxing Pixel in for the night was a major undertaking, and I'd just get him settled and sleepy on the lounge when Jake would have an incurable attack of Pounce which resulted in everyone's nerves getting severely jangled!)

I was very impressed by the professionalism of the Cat Protection Society. All of my cats, six over the years, have been rescue cats, but this is the first one who came wormed, vaccinated, microchipped and desexed. I also liked the fact that you really care about what happens to your cats. Jake is sitting in my lap as I type, purring ecstatically, not trying to 'help' for once. He is happy and loved. Thank you all.

Pamela



SCRATCHING POST

Dear Amy

I enjoy reading the stories of the beautiful cats you rehome. I have three cats, two of my own and one that was given to me by an elderly lady who was desperate to find a home for her dear companion 'Tara' as she could no longer keep her as she was going into a retirement village and was unable to take her.

It was not an easy rehoming as one of my Tonkinese cats Sissy was very territorial. Three years later we have come to some sort of truce, though still the odd skirmish. But the journey has been worth it as I love Tara very much and I ensure that each one receives a daily dose of love and cuddles.

Janice B

Janice also requested more stories on feline health and behaviour. Being our Golden Anniversary, this year's journals have focused on our history but we will return to more about cats and less about us soon! Ed.



Fella Fella

Dear CPS

I adopted this handsome young man from you a year ago. His name then was Rupert (he never answered to that!). He does – when it suits him – respond to 'Fella Fella'.

He settled in quite well and quickly assumed his role as 'boss of the home'. He loves to play and, at his convenience, will cuddle up to me. I love him dearly and cannot imagine the home without him. Thank you!

Cheers, Marlene

Hi there

I have three wonderful ex-CPS cats and I would like to thank the staff at Newtown and show everyone how happy they are.

Kym

Lulu Belle Madeline

My brother James and I were at CPS when we were kittens and then came back again when we were 2 years old! Unfortunately while we were there the second time, the wonderful people at CPS found out that James was very, very sick and sent him away to kitten heaven so he wouldn't be in any more pain. This made me lonely though.

Then my new Mum picked me up from CPS on her birthday in February 2005 and took me in to my forever home. When I got there I was greeted by a new brother (Dylan) who was more than happy to fill the void left by James going away. I was a bit scared at first as I wasn't sure if this was my real forever home or if I would go back and forth to more new people. I've been here for over three years now and I know that Mum loves me so much that she'll never let me go.

I've included a picture of me and Dylan. For any 'older' cats there at CPS, don't worry, you will get fantastic forever homes, just like I did. In the meantime, my Mum comes in every other Saturday morning to make sure you are all happy and to help the CPS team have clean food bowls and litter trays for you. When you see her next ask for a big hug, she gives great hugs. Love Lulu.

Puss and Fluffy

Both Fluffy and I were surrendered with our mother and litter mates when we were very young. We weren't at CPS very long at all but while we were there the girls treated us really well and gave us lots of love to help us grow big and strong.

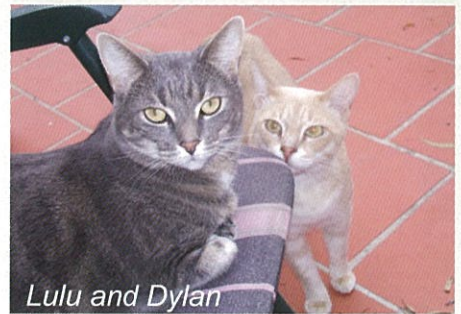
We remember CPS having an open day and there were lots and



Lulu



Puss and Fluffy



Lulu and Dylan

lots of people around looking at us and patting us. We were a little confused and a little quiet as we'd just been desexed. Then the next day our new parents came and picked us up. We were so glad that we had each other as we were very scared in the big noisy thing they call a 'car'. It was all worth it though ... We never thought life would be this easy! We have food hand fed to us, we get brushed every day and have the run of a huge house. We are allowed to sleep on the big bed (in fact we can sleep anywhere we want to - but we like the big bed) and we have visitors come over just to pat us and tell us how beautiful we are. We have to convince the visitors that we are brothers though as Fluffy is light grey with long hair and I'm dark grey/blue with short hair, but when they see our blue eyes they believe us! Thank you CPS for finding us such a wonderful home. Love Puss and Fluffy.

SCRATCHING POST



Schiele (Milko) and Klimt

Hello

Just thought you guys might enjoy seeing some photos of Milko in his new home.

After initially unveiling, as Sam warned, the expected 'feral kitty' in our lovely cat Klimt, the two have since become the cosiest of housemates. The pair can be regularly spotted playing and sleeping together as well as bathing each other.

Due to their close affection we have renamed him Schiele. Few people grasp the meaning of the names but it makes this art student very content.

Thank you so much for all your help and guidance. He is simply a joy to have in our home. His gentle and adoring nature complements the similarities in Klimt perfectly. He has quickly taken to slipping in under the covers and sitting on our laps for long stroking sessions.

Thanking you once again

Laura and Jason



Michael and Dotti

Dear Scratching Post

I could not resist sending you these photos of Michael and Dotti his cat. Michael takes Dotti with him on his shoulder for daily walks around Manly, and everyone is amazed at how relaxed she is. They popped into my office for a quick visit so I took these photos. Michael has always walked his cats which I find very

interesting. I have two Tonkinese and wish that I had trained them earlier to have walks with me.

I look forward to reading *Cat Affairs* which I then post to my sister – another cat lover – in England. Keep up the good work.

Janice C

What an extraordinary cat is Dotti, and what an incredible relationship she shares with Michael. It really is a unique situation. As a rule, we don't recommend cats go for walks without a harness and lead as if they get frightened they might run – and get lost or run into traffic. You can try a harness and lead on your cat by gentle introductions, first just getting them used to wearing them around the house, then trying short walks in the back garden. Most cats don't like them, but some breeds such as Burmese seem more happy than others to go for walks on leads. Always beware of dogs and other threats.



SCRATCHING POST



Bella

Hello (especially to Danielle)

We adopted Bella (grey female, 8 months old) on 17 May. She is doing very well, has settled in wonderfully to her new home and is very content.

The shy, quiet cat with little appetite is no more.

Last week we went away for a few days, and apart from decorating the bathroom with toilet paper, she was very well behaved for my Mum and brother-in-law who took turns visiting her. Not shy at all anymore, and ready to play with anyone!

She seems quite happy inside, but she loves to sit and watch the birds from the inside of our balcony screen door. She has even come out onto the balcony for a few short excursions while I hang out the washing.

She loves to follow us from room to room, and greets us regularly with a soft head-butt. She has taken over one specific chair and loves to have a thorough wash there followed by a snooze.

We want to say that we were really impressed with everyone we met at CPS, how much you care for the cats and make sure they find good homes.

Thanks so much for trusting us with Bella; she is a very special girl.

Fiona



Stella

Hello CPS

Stella is a very beautiful cat and has settled in so well. She loves the backyard and runs around a lot. She's even lost some weight! Stella has taken over the big armchair in the dining room (the best chair in the room). She loves baking herself in front of the kitchen heater. She has met two of the local cats and is not willing to make friends with them. She loves us all here and we love her so much.

Wendy

Dear CPS

A quick update on Hank. He has now been with us for six months and we can't believe he hasn't always lived with us. Now it's cold he has taken to sleeping on the Ridgeback's bed (next to the fire of course) and Raani (the dog) stands patiently beside it waiting for a little space. Knitting for me is a challenge as Hank thinks balls of wool are great fun. He is still very playful which the kids love. Clever though, he knows how to open a locked cat door! Keep up the good work.

Kind regards, Michelle

Furs Feathers Fins

Just a reminder that Kerry Levett's delightful radio program on all matters relating to our animal friends is broadcast from 9am to 10am every Saturday on Highland FM 107.1.

The Cat Protection Society is a guest on the program each fortnight. You may be able to pick up the station even if you're not in the Southern Highlands area.

SCRATCHING POST

Dear Cat Protection Society

You knew me as Jasper but I go as Sebastian now. My mum said I should write to let you know how well I am doing in my new home.

I have three female owners who fuss over my every need! They tell me how much joy and happiness I have brought to their lives as well. Thanks for looking after me and finding me a loving home.

Love Sebastian xx

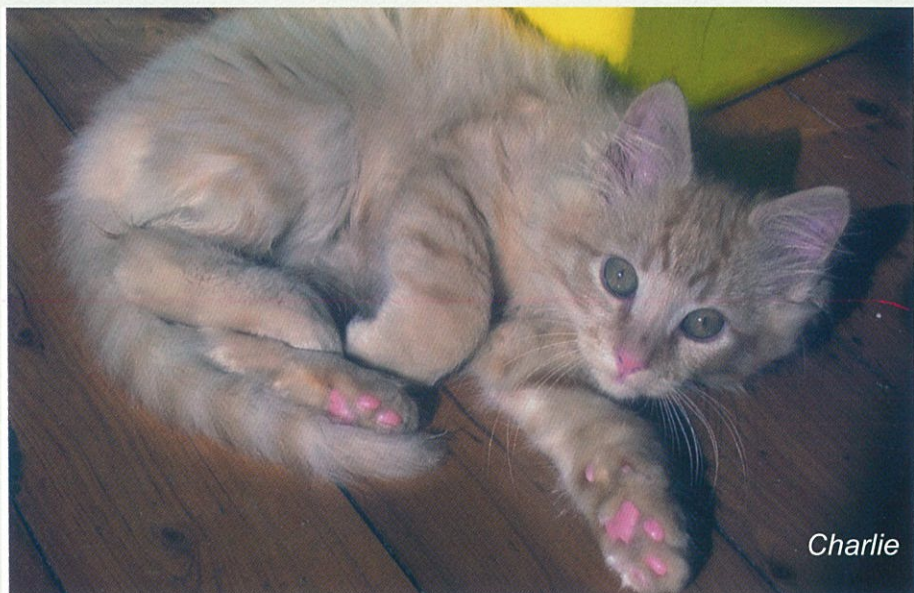


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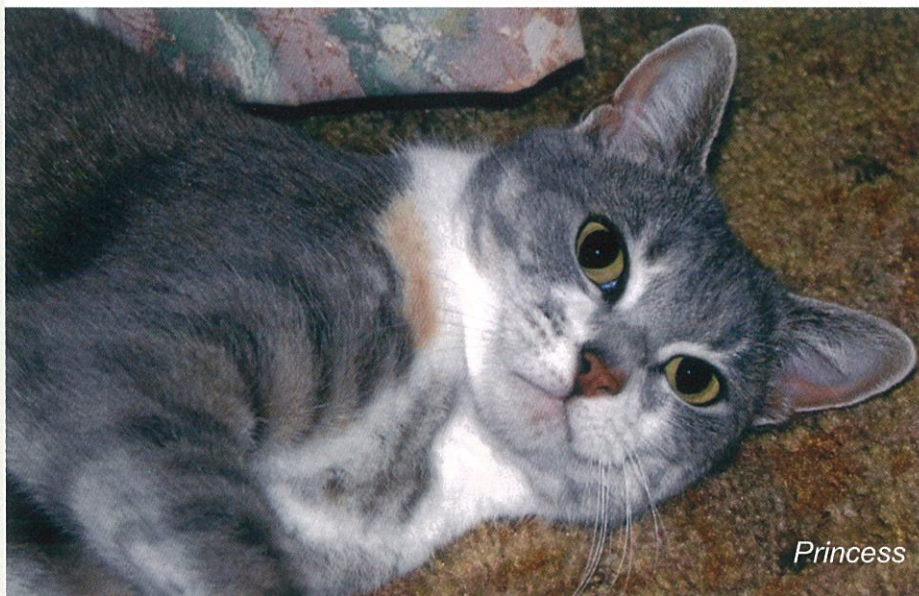
Dear Cat Protection Society

The lovely ginger boy kitten we adopted in July is now called Charlie. Charlie has fitted in perfectly to his new home with his new big sister Phoebe. Charlie loves Phoebe so much, when she is outside he misses her and when she comes in he is very happy. Charlie also likes to groom Phoebe while we watch TV. Charlie also loves to try to eat our food while we eat dinner and he likes to walk on the table which he gets into trouble for. Charlie's found lots of places to sleep but his favourite place is under the blankets with me when I go to bed.

Siobhan
PS Charlie says hi



Charlie



Princess

Dear friends

Here is a photo of our much loved 'Princess'. She was dumped five years ago with kittens. Our friends took the kittens but we kept our Princess, had her desexed and microchipped. She is now much loved – very different from the couple of years before us – and gives us much pleasure.

Carol



SCRATCHING POST

Hi there

After one week with the kitten we adopted from your society, we just want to let you know that everything is going so well for both him and us! Playful, interactive, happy, and social, he seems to be at ease in his new home.

Regards

Johanne and Pierre

Classic cat

Doona to snuggle in
plate of fresh fish
quality biscuits
no cheap brands for her.

She washes her face,
behind ears,
picks at grass between
claws
eyes her sheepskin on
garden chair,
ponders on the evening.

Kathleen Fernandes
2007

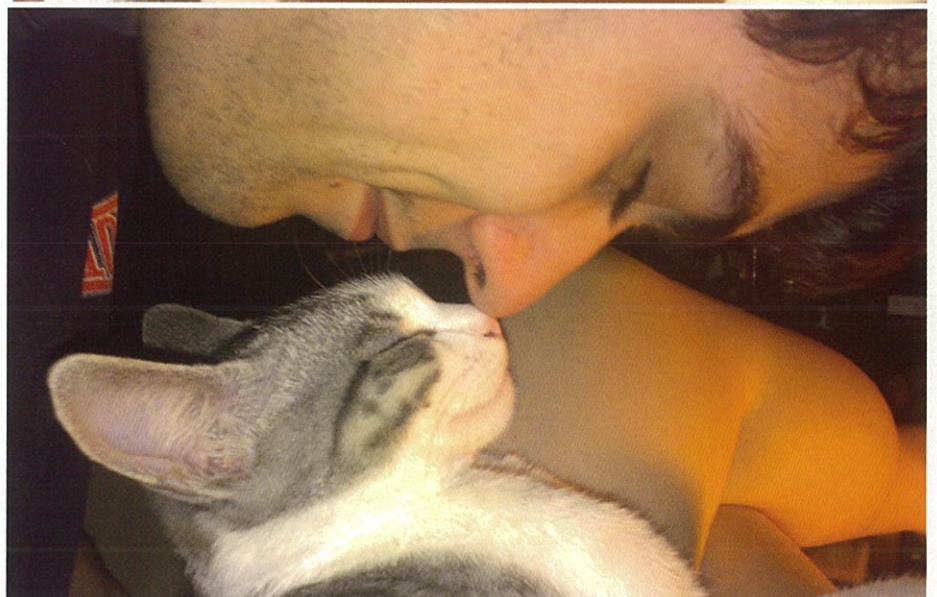
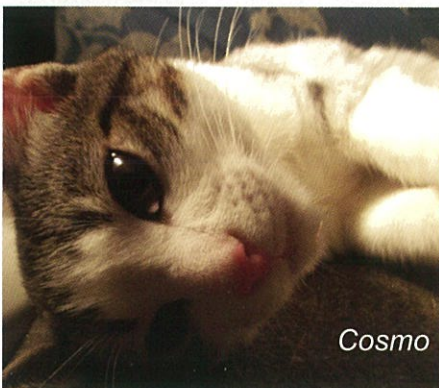


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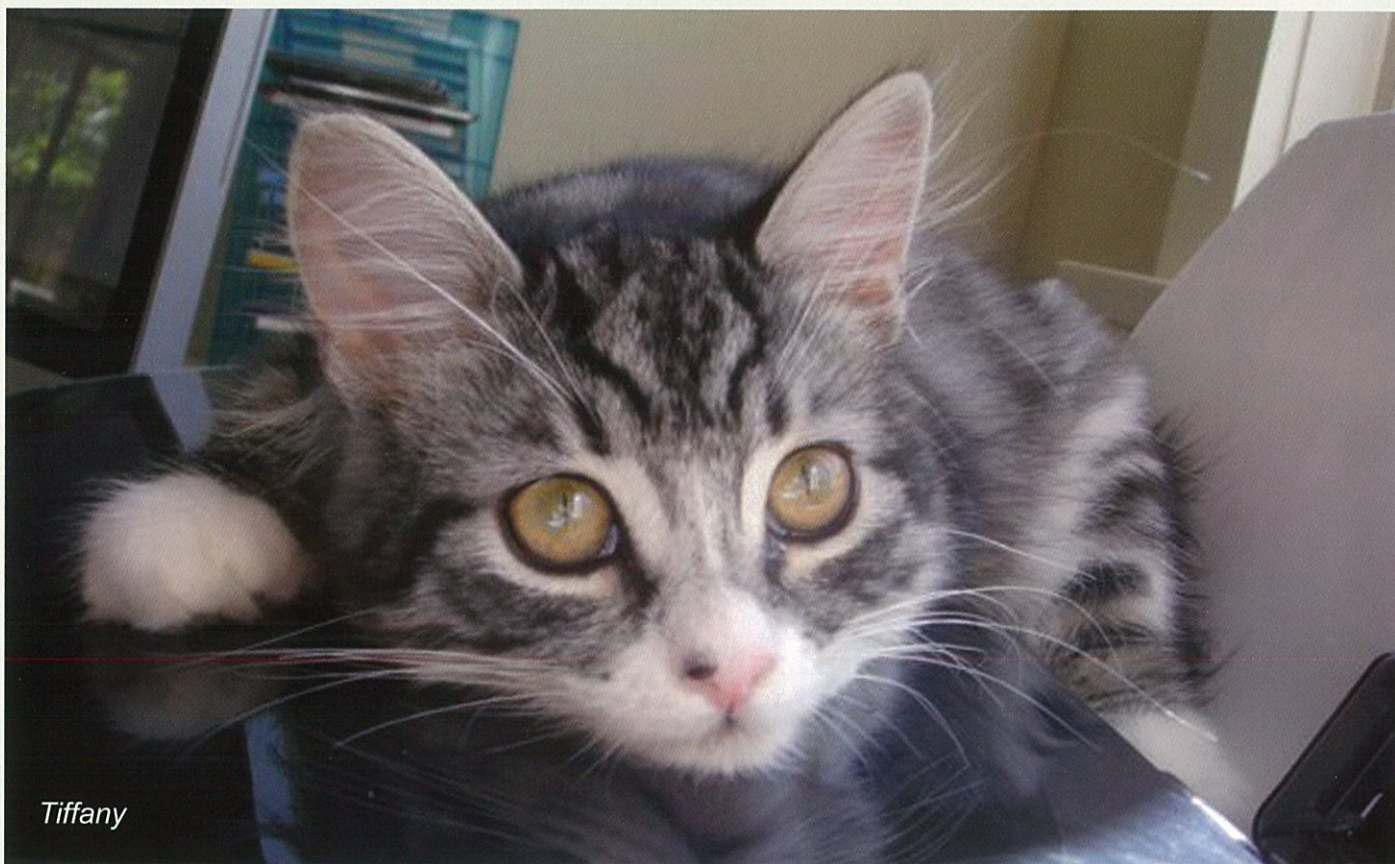
Here are some photos of Cosmo. I can't thank you enough, we've just spent all morning having some serious cuddles, as well as finding out that he can climb the bookshelves, and books make a good noise when they fall on the floor ;-)

Thanks again

Asha and Nick



IN MEMORIAM



Tiffany

This donation is made in memory of our beloved kitten Tiffany. Tiffany was tragically taken from us on 7 August 2008. Never was a kitten more loved. We will always remember her.

Miranda

Please accept this donation in memory of all the lovely felines who have shared my life through the years, and for Betsy and TC, my companions of recent times.

Jan

I've been very upset over losing my beautiful tabby cat, Pixie, aged 24 years. Pixie has been sadly missed by all my family. Please accept this donation in memory of Pixie.

Joy

This donation is for the wonderful work you do, in memory of my cat, Kitty.

Kathleen

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