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## Council Report

Thank you to all our members for your incredible support: you gave more than \$30,000 in donations that helped us save so many cats and kittens over the Christmas period. Loving new homes were found for hundreds of adorable felines, including the lovely big ginger brothers Woody and Wilcox; shy and gentle Ally and Chessy; and courageous Milkshake, whose ear-tips had to be surgically removed due to skin cancer.

Celebrity resident Jam – she had lived at Cat Protection for over a year, and it was the only home she'd ever known – finally chose some people and is now enjoying being spoilt day and night in her new incarnation as Ginger Rogers!

Thanks to your support we were able to save brave little Marti, a scrap of kitten just a few weeks old, brought to us with one eye almost out of its socket, and gravely ill with cat flu. He'd been found on Parramatta Road, barely alive but he purred when rescued and made it clear to us his will to live was strong and his capacity to love was boundless. With skillful surgery, Dr Angela Phillips saved our little hero; and with tender loving care Cat Protection staff Nerida and Nicky, and their families, nursed little Marti back to health. He has only one eye, with limited vision, but his 'seeing eye' kitten friend Grub is his best mate, and together they will find a loving and forever home. Marti's fighting spirit is inspiring, as is the community of love and support that made his road to recovery possible.

We need these stories of love and hope as it will be a challenging year for all Australians, people and animals. The devastating loss caused by the Victorian bushfires is heartbreaking. Our thoughts and prayers are with all affected, and we honour our animal welfare colleagues in Victoria who have worked so hard to help the wildlife, pets and livestock affected by the fires. We also extend our sympathies to all those affected by floods in Queensland and New South Wales.

And then there is the economy. As a small charity, we are especially vulnerable to the economic fortunes of others. We ask for your continued support so that our organisation, built with the love and labour of so many who care for cats, does not fall victim to the global financial crisis.





# What happens when disaster strikes?

**The tragic bushfires in Victoria and devastating floods in Queensland remind us all that we can't take a safe home for granted; and we can't take the safety of our cats for granted.**

As well as natural disasters, there are other unexpected events that can compromise the safety of our cats. It is not just the nature of the emergency but how prepared we are that will influence whether we can keep our animals safe.

Cat Protection's strategic plan includes developing a comprehensive emergency response strategy to help cats affected by natural disaster. This is a goal we can't pursue now because we simply don't have the resources. In the future, and subject to funding, we'd like to be in a position to provide temporary shelter units, trained staff and volunteers to assist 'on the ground' in areas affected by disaster. There have been great developments on the whole issue of managing displaced animals (particularly from the US post-Hurricane Katrina) including new products like 'shelter tents'.

In the meantime, we will look at what we can do with existing resources, and would welcome members' suggestions.

A database of volunteers who would be prepared to provide temporary foster care to displaced cats is one idea we're considering; a network of vets who would be able to assist is another. We have these networks in Sydney but not throughout NSW.

There are steps individual cat owners can take to reduce the risks to their cats in emergencies.

## **Personal emergency plans**

We never want things to go wrong but they do, and how well we plan for the unexpected can make a big difference to how well we get through it.

Think about the types of events that could affect you: emergencies such as gas leaks, chemical spills, fires, flood, storm and personal emergencies such as if you suddenly had to go to hospital or to be away from home to care for someone else.

Create a personal emergency plan and an emergency kit. There are useful guides on the websites of the Office for Emergency Services ([www.emergency.nsw.gov.au](http://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au)) and the State Emergency Service ([www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)) to help you do this.

An important part of a plan is an up-to-date contact list of family, friends and neighbours who could assist you and your cats in case of emergency. If you don't know anyone who could provide you with temporary cat-friendly accommodation, investigate alternatives such as pet-friendly hotels, or catteries where you could board your cat. Keep your vet's number on your contact list. Make sure you include people close to home as well as people further away. Consider giving a key to a close trusted friend, relative or neighbour who would be able to evacuate your cat/s if that were required and you weren't home.

Identify an evacuation plan for your own home: know where your electricity box and gas and water connections are. Do practice drills with your household just as you do fire drills in the workplace. Have agreed meeting places, both near your home and further away. You should have smoke alarms in your home, and consider a fire extinguisher (and learn how and in what circumstance to use it). Think about how you would evacuate your cat/s: in emergency situations, cats are likely to be stressed and disoriented, and might hide or run away. By keeping your cat/s indoors, you have a better chance of locating them. Know their favourite hiding spots.

An emergency kit needs to include all the essential items for you and your pets. A secure pet carrier (one per cat or a large one for two smaller cats) is essential. Frightened cats will run away so secure them as soon as possible: don't leave it to the last minute. Ensure your cat is microchipped and that registration details are current. You should keep your cats' emergency kit with the carrier, which should be marked with your name and contact details.

The emergency kit should include bottled water and a few days' supply of food, and any necessary medication. A documented list of any special medical needs is a good idea in case it's not you who evacuates the cat – these instructions could prove lifesaving. It's a good idea too, even if your cat doesn't normally wear a collar, to keep a collar and tag (with your contact details on it) in the kit. If your cat has to stay with friends or relatives, they have extra identification to show they are an owned cat and can be more quickly reunited if they are lost. If you plan to take your cat to a boarding facility in emergencies, then keep copies of their vaccination certificates in the kit.

Also keep a small litter tray, bag of litter and plastic bags to dispose of used litter, a bowl for water and a bowl for food, and some newspaper and bedding. When transporting a cat, drape the carrier with a sheet or towel so the cat cannot see out; this will help to minimise their stress.

Make sure you include good, clear photos of your cat/s in your emergency kit. If they do go missing, the pictures will help in your efforts to find them.

Cats are very sensitive and can be very nervous: in an emergency, it is up to us to stay calm and do our best to help them. A little planning goes a long way.



# Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!



***Cat Protection is indebted the work of our volunteers. On Saturday, 7 February 2009, an afternoon party was held at Petersham RSL Club to say 'thank you' to them. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Andrea Watkins, spoke in appreciation of these great people.***

Thanks for coming – this is our opportunity for the staff and Board of CPS to say “thank you”, and for you to meet other volunteers.

Cat Protection is an organisation built upon people giving generously of their time, skills and love to help abandoned cats and kittens. It's a simple fact that without volunteers, we would not be able to carry out the work that we do.

2009 sees our fabulous Op Shop celebrate 30 years of raising funds for CPS. For the financial year 2007-2008, our Op Shop raised a record-breaking \$149,533.00! This is an outstanding achievement and I cannot give enough praise and thanks to all of our hard-working Op Shop volunteers.

While we know that our Op Shop is the best in Sydney, this was publicly confirmed when it received the “Best Op Shop” accolade in the “Best of Sydney” awards, held in August last year. Proof that, despite the growing competition along Enmore Road, our Op Shop still truly is the top cat on the block.

Our cattery did have a tough year last year, with factors such as a worsening economy and housing shortages contributing to a higher number of surrenders and a lower number of adoptions. CPS still managed to re-home over 1000 cats and kittens last year though, and this is in no small part due to the love and care provided by our volunteers.

Our wonderful cattery volunteers washed and dried tens of thousands of bowls, scrubbed an endless amount of litter trays, folded about four tonnes of washing and gave over a million priceless hugs and pats – thank you all for contributing so much to the lives of so many cats and kittens.

And to our amazing foster carers who put their hearts and souls into raising hundreds of cats and kittens: thank you all for the midnight feeds, for the food and litter runs, for cleaning up endless messes and for ultimately saving the lives of our littlest family members.

I'd really like to thank you all for just being the wonderful people that you are. Unfortunately at CPS we often see the wrong side of human nature, people who don't cherish the lives of animals as we do. It is so uplifting to be surrounded by people who open their hearts and give so much for the cats and kittens we seek to help.



***Just two of our 100+ hardworking volunteers Gabriella (top left) in the Op Shop and Nadine (above) in the cattery***

For me it's all the everyday moments: standing in the Op Shop and hearing regular customers call volunteers by name, enquire about their cats or pets, treat them as old friends – it's the kind of customer service that keeps people supporting CPS (and that you won't find in David Jones!); it's putting the word out that our lovely, long-term resident, Jam, finally got a great new home, and seeing and hearing responses of absolute delight from volunteers who had played with her, loved her and wished her luck at the end of every shift; and it's watching foster carers whispering final words of love to their little kittens when they bring them back in to go up for adoption, after giving them so much love and care to ensure that they live long, happy and cherished lives. These are all the moments that make CPS an organisation full of love, support and hope. It is an honour to work with you all and from every inch of my heart – **thank you!**





# Kitten-ka-boodle 2009 The wait is over ...

It's time for our annual feline photography competition – Kitten-ka-boodle.

Thanks to the efforts of all our enthusiastic members, last year's competition and exhibition were a huge success. We received 260 entries, more than a thousand people viewed the exhibition and most of you asked us to do it again – so we are!

**Fantastic prizes to be won    Finalists exhibited for 3 weeks  
Lots of wonderful cat pictures and fun to be had**

**When:**                    Exhibition runs 19 May to 8 June  
(Tuesday-Saturday 10am – midnight; Sunday 10am-5pm; closed Mondays)

**Where:**                Buzzzbar Café  
349 King Street, Newtown

Pop it in your diary and start snapping those fabulous feline photos.  
Who knows, your cat could be the star of our 2009 Christmas cards!

**Entries close Friday 8 May**, so jump on our website [www.catprotection.org.au](http://www.catprotection.org.au) for an entry form. If you don't have Internet, just phone us on 9519 7201, Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm and we'll post you the form.

All entrants are invited to attend the opening night and awards presentation  
**6pm – 8pm on Tuesday,  
19 May at Buzzzbar.**

Kitten-ka-boodle aims to increase community awareness of our work and to celebrate the unique relationship between people and cats. Remember, members receive a discount so you can enter twice as many photos! Good luck >.<

**Here are some beautiful pictures from last year's competition.**





# CAT PROTECTION DIARY

## Dreaming whiskers

We had great feedback about member Karen Kokot's poetry and pictures published in our Summer issue. We're pleased to bring you another beautiful poem from Karen.

### SpiderCat

by Karen Kokot

I love to balance on the balcony where,  
Playing on a harp of cobwebs,  
My spindly spiders weave their legends  
And work on the latest cryptic crossword,  
Chopsticking in Morse some excited communication,  
That there's an upsurge in the real estate market,  
And that L J Webber has some fine perpendiculars.  
So my friends dance the light fantastic on a stairway to heaven,  
Across the dreaming whiskers of a sleeping cat.

All spiders ask for is light, airy walls,  
With plenty of grid space and a road one thread wide,  
Leading to neighbours, supermarkets and banks,  
While a rushing swarm of ants seethe and swirl  
In anticipation of rain.  
But the spider clan skittle-skattle to the top floor  
Of Filigree Flats or Pentagon Penthouses,  
And with their big eyes watch pearls grow  
Upon window-sill, steps and pylons.  
So my friends dance the light fantastic on a stairway to heaven,  
Across the dreaming whiskers of a sleeping cat.

## Special Cat Fund

Donations to our Special Cat Fund assist us with the additional veterinary costs incurred by cats with complex health needs.

As mentioned in the Council Report, in recent months we have helped a number of 'special cats' such as Marti, Milkshake and Woody. Marti required specialist surgery to remove his infected eye; Milkshake needed surgery for skin cancer; and Woody (brother of Wilcox) had blood tests, biopsies, removal of a lymph node and ongoing veterinary supervision. We thank the Sydney University vet hospital for their assistance with Woody.

We are delighted that Woody and Wilcox were adopted by a kind person who, as well as being able to give the boys all the love and care they need, was able to make the significant financial commitment to Woody's ongoing special health needs.

We've also had a number of long-haired and Persian cats who

came to us so neglected they needed to be clipped by a vet to remove their matted fur; and stray cats so badly flea-infested they had skin problems requiring medication and a special diet.

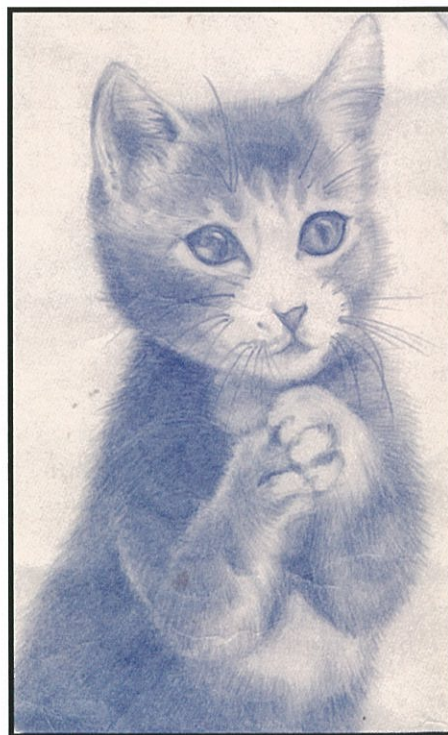
It is a privilege to be able to help cats in need and we thank you for your support.



*Marti and his 'seeing-eye' cat Jack, aka 'Grub'*

## More art

Cat Protection member Marjorie Burnett worked on the children's pages of the Sun-Herald for many years in the 1970s-80s, and used to select drawings and poems for publication. It's hard to believe these delightful illustrations were made by children such is the attention to detail. Marjorie has looked after these pictures for many years and wanted to share the joy they have brought her with other members. Maybe the artists are now members of Cat Protection?





# CAT PROTECTION DIARY

## Companion animal welfare – who cares?

At press time, there is still no support from the Government for Clover Moore's bill to regulate the sale of cats and dogs, or for a Parliamentary inquiry into companion animal welfare. The good news is that the NSW Opposition and the Greens have indicated their support for an inquiry – the bad news is that without the Government's support, it won't happen.

Companion animals give us so much love and affection. They keep us company and when we play with them they help to keep us fit. It has been medically proven that they are good for our physical and mental health.

At a time when world events surely lead us to reflect on our values, it is apt to consider whether we can be a more humane society. Instead of being consumed by the desire for endless material wealth, perhaps we should spend more time building our spiritual wealth, which is earned through kindness and compassion.

When times are hard, there is nothing better than the unconditional love and affection of a wonderful companion animal.

They make our problems seem a bit less important because they can always make us smile; when we are lonely, they give us friendship.

And yet how do we repay them? In NSW, by putting to death tens of thousands of them every year.

In economics, when supply outstrips demand, price falls. But is it moral that the value of a life should rise and fall this way? Do we want to treat sentient beings as inanimate commodities in the marketplace?

No – we don't. But it seems many of our politicians do, or don't care enough to change the status quo.

We urge everyone who cares about the welfare of companion

animals to contact Government members of State Parliament to tell them that you care; that we need a Parliamentary inquiry to identify the problems and solutions to companion animal overpopulation; that it is within their power to reduce the untold suffering of tens of thousands of living creatures who deserve our love and respect. And you might find time too, to ring the Opposition and Greens and thank them for their concern.



## Cat food warning

The suspect product has now been withdrawn from the Australian market, but be warned that late last year it was reported that an imported cat food called 'Orijen' was linked to a number of deaths and chronic illness in cats.

It is thought that the quarantine procedures used to treat the fresh food may have led to its toxicity. If you have any of the food, do not feed it to your cat but return it to the place of purchase and, if you have fed the food to your cat, it would be wise to have them vet-checked. Many of the cats did not show symptoms until many weeks after consuming the food.

## The GFC – Global Feline Crisis

All around the world, companion animals are suffering as a consequence of the Global Financial Crisis. More cats are being left homeless and fewer people are adopting. How can you help?

We always need donations. Our members are very generous and we thank you for your kind giving, but the demand on our services is constantly higher than our income, so if you can make a donation, it is always welcome.

But even if you don't have money to give, there's plenty you can do to help us:

- tell all your friends and colleagues, and ask them to tell all their friends and colleagues, that Cat Protection always has beautiful cats and kittens in need of loving and responsible homes. If anyone is looking for a lifetime feline friend, please adopt from Cat Protection

- buy your Hill's Science Diet, Bayer flea and worm treatments, cat toys, litter and accessories from Cat Protection

- remind people of the importance of desexing their cats: if they're on low incomes, we can help with discount desexing

- advocate for more pet-friendly accommodation. Too many loved cats are surrendered, and too many people miss out on the loving companionship of a cat because many landlords and strata corporations won't allow pets. Change their minds and change their hearts - we'll all be the better for it

- tell your State Member of Parliament you expect better laws to protect companion animals

- if you're not already a member of Cat Protection, join, and enlist your friends as well. The more members we have, the louder our voice on behalf of the cats. We need to turn our meow into a roar!

**The cats need our help more than ever - together we can make them purr.**



# SCRATCHING POST



*Lawson and Meena*

## To all at the Cat Protection Society

On 24 July 2008 we adopted two gorgeous kittens from your shelter: a little tabby cat now named Lawson and an elegant dark tortoiseshell, now named Meena. When we met them for the first time, we were moved by the obvious bond between them. They were inseparable, the best of friends, and thus had to be adopted together.

Meena and Lawson are bundles of joy, enthusiasm, curiosity, positivity and affection. They zoom around the house playing hide and seek, love chasing their 'mouse on a string' and, when ready for an afternoon nap, enjoy sleeping on their favourite piece of furniture: the chaise longue (the most luxurious and comfortable bed in the house, of course!).

Thank you so much for your wonderful work! We feel blessed to share our lives with two furry family members who bring us joy everyday.

Best wishes

Alicia & Jeremy

## Dear CPS

Donald has grown into a lovely boy who rules my little world with an iron paw and I would not have it any other way – he is a delight!

Regards to all

Sandra



*Donald*



*Bisou*

## Hi to you all

Thought you might like to see some photos of the wonderful black Siamese-x I adopted in November last year.

When I came to visit you I had no fixed idea what sort of kitten I wanted ... just one that was comfortable with me. As I entered the kitten enclosure a tiny black kitten ran over to me, meowed very loudly, hopped onto my lap and licked my finger. That was it, she had adopted me!

That first night I let her decide where she wanted to sleep and she chose next to me. I did not sleep a wink as she purred very loudly all night long but I did not care, I was just glad she was settling in ok!

When I took her home I thought she looked like a little fruit bat, now she looks more like a mini panther, as the photos will show. Her name is Bisou, which is French for kiss. She is extremely energetic, inquisitive, intelligent, vocal, clean and beautifully affectionate. She can play fetch with anything and regularly tries waking me in the night by tapping me with a paw and placing something in my hand to play with.

When I am doing anything in the kitchen she likes to wrap round my neck like a fur collar and watch my every move and each day she does something different to make me laugh out loud.

She has brought a lot of joy into my life and I hope I have to hers. Thank you for introducing us!

Keep up the good work.

Deborah





# SCRATCHING POST

## Hi CPS

It's been a few months now since we picked Morris up from you guys. He was incredibly shy at the start and he spent a lot of time hiding under the bed, any little noise from the neighbours would make him jump. But we're happy to say that he's like a different cat now, he is very social and relaxed around people and doesn't mind jumping up in the laps of strangers for a pat. He's playful and curious and charms everyone he meets.

Regards

Caroline, Brett & Morris



*Editor's note:* Members may remember Morris from our story in *Cat Affairs* in Autumn 2008. Morris came to CPS as a victim of cruelty and when he first arrived he was too scared to eat unless someone sat with him and patted him. We said at the time, 'Morris might still be nervous, but he has shown us how big his heart is ... it is probable he will never enjoy the confidence of a cat whose life has been only good'. We congratulate and thank Caroline and Brett for the transformation they have helped Morris to achieve, and we continue to admire Morris's courage and big heart. We are proud to feature Morris on our front cover.

## Hi

Little Prince is always hungry; he's ready to get into mischief at any opportunity. His favourite game is fetch.

We love him very much!

Sinead



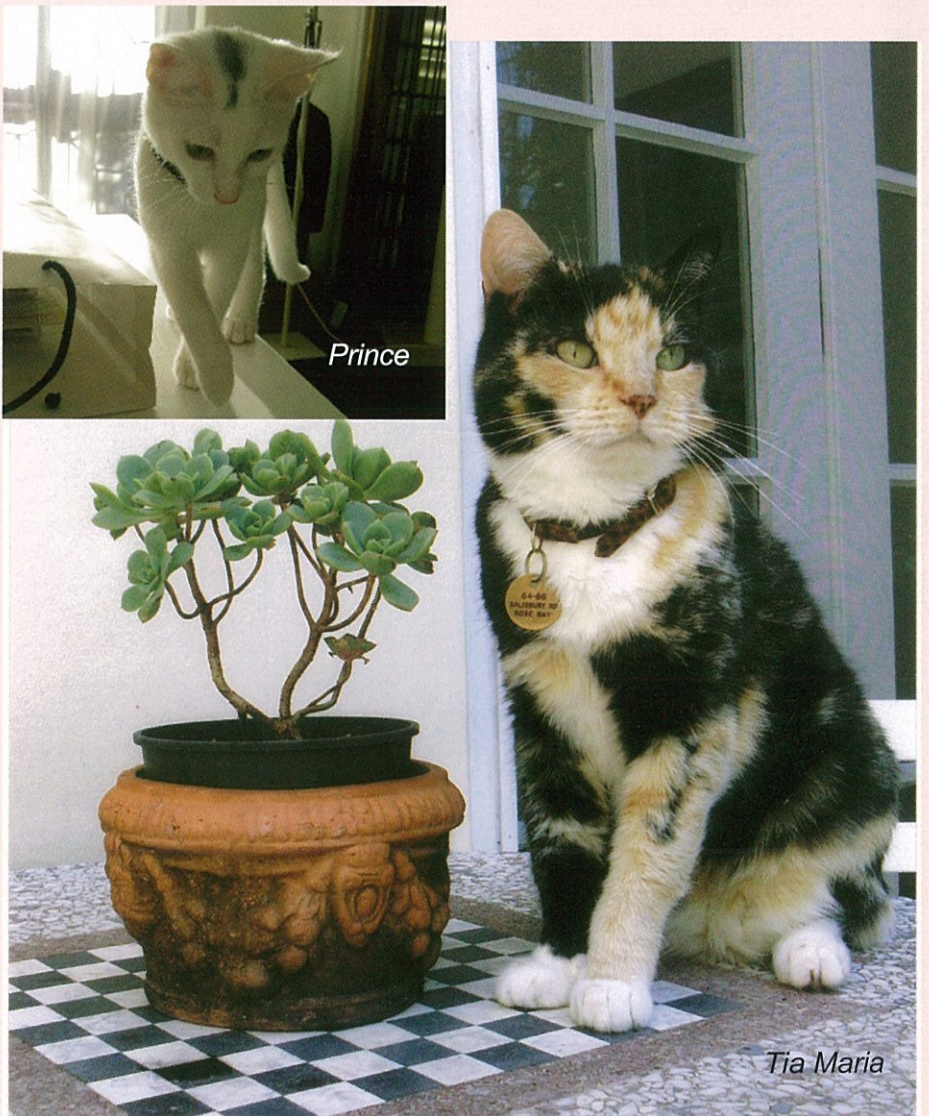
## Hello

My name is Tia Maria and I am 13 and a half years old but when I was just a little kitten I was sent to the vet to be put down because there were just so many kittens and not enough homes. But I was very lucky. When George the vet looked into my eyes, he just could not do it, so he kept me for many years as his surgery cat.

When George closed his surgery in 2003 I was very lucky to find a home with a CPS member and her other three CPS cats. Well George always says I won the lotto with this new home and I think he is right. Big garden, good company, good food – just the things I always wanted!

Best wishes

Tia Maria





# SCRATCHING POST

Hi

We recently adopted 'Atticus', a gorgeous six-month-old ginger kitten.

From the moment he arrived at his new home, he has treated the place as though it was his own. However, above all, he has developed a strong and loving relationship with Chicken our loveable existing cat, who has become his mentor.

For Chicken, Atticus is like the little brother he never had!

We are so grateful for the professional and supportive staff at the Society for helping us choose the most appropriate cats to add to our family. We, and they, couldn't be happier!

Garry & Philip



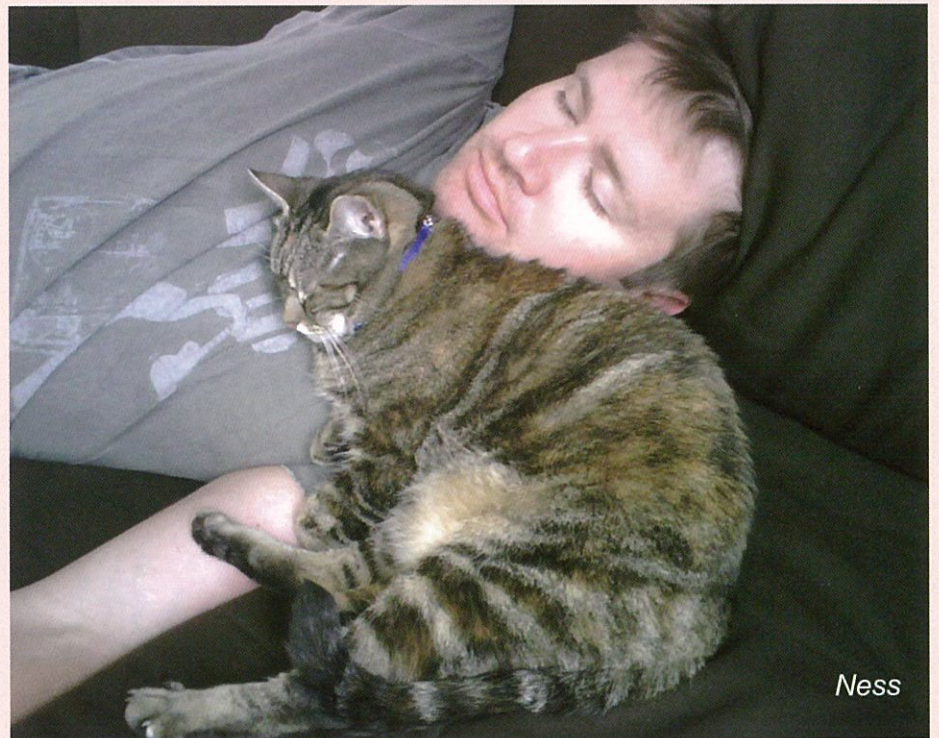
Atticus

Thanks guys

You do a wonderful job at the CPS and I'm really glad Ness decided to adopt us! We just love her to bits! She has the most amazing eyes and fur colouring. We feel like she's been with us for years and can't wait to be able to let her come sit outside on the rug with us or enjoy sunny days outside when we are home on weekends and evenings.

Warm regards

Adrienne



Ness

Hello

We adopted two baby kittens from you yesterday - a little girl tortie and a champagne boy. Here are some pics of their first day in their new home. As you can see, they have claimed our couch as their favourite playground and are settling in nicely. We have named the boy Hero, and we're still thinking on a name for the girl.

Thanks for everything - we adore the new additions to our family!

Best wishes

Angie and Hamish



Hero and his girlfriend





# SCRATCHING POST

## Dear CPS

I am writing to give you an update on two wee kittens we adopted from you in April 2008.

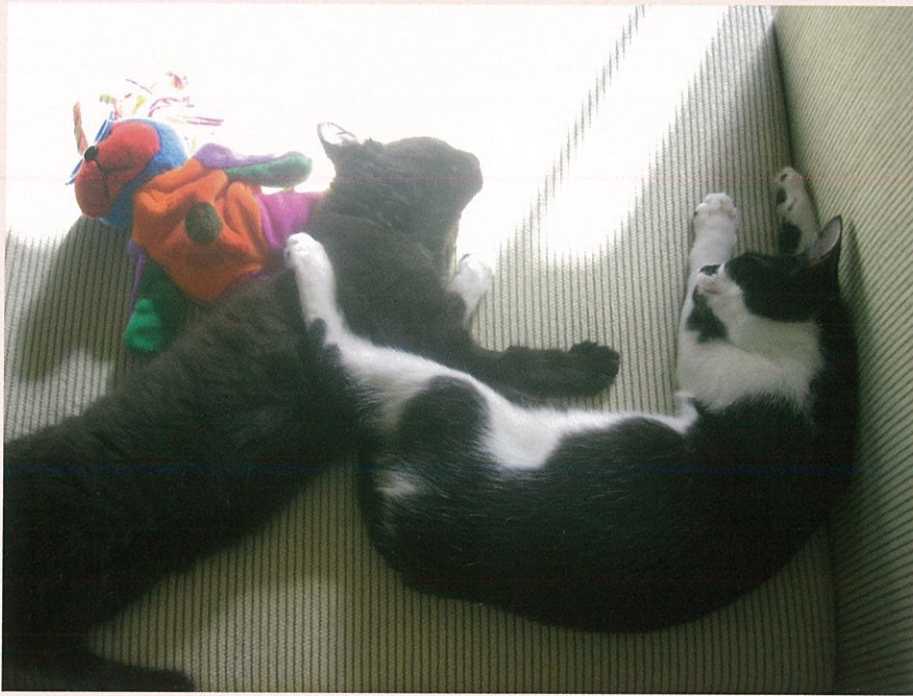
Frida and Orlando have taught us so much about ourselves. I mean who knew our living room was an Olympic arena with its own wrestling mat, high jump and soccer field? We certainly didn't. Who knew that having a spotlessly tidy apartment was not really that important? It is apparently far more important we have a complex network of scratching posts and tunnels to run in, out, over and through. Not to mention a number of ping-pong balls to break our ankles on. And we certainly were misguided to think the pillows on our bed were for human heads, when all along we find they are actually the perfect feline bed. Many a stiff neck has been massaged as a result of sleeping on the mattress, not to mention the sore muscles we have from gripping on for dear life to the small edge of the bed that has been allotted to us. We have gone from reading newspapers and novels to books on cat behaviour and most recently on cat counsellors. You can see the Crazy Cat Lady theme developing, can't you?

Most importantly, the cats have made coming home after work just that bit more exciting. They are great listeners, devoted pets and provide us with endless amounts of fun. We are less selfish and feel so blessed that the two wee bundles of fur at the CPS believed in us as cat owners.

We just adore them and who said we needed to sleep in past 5.30am on the weekends anyway?

Thank you and enjoy the photos

Victoria, Pauline, Frida and Orlando



*Frida and Orlando*

## Hi Guys

Leonard is doing very well and has settled in nicely. He is very affectionate and likes to rest his little head in my hand.

He will have nothing to do with his own bed, preferring the comfort of my bed - and who am I to say no? He has also started to play,

having occasional spurts of energy beating his catnip mice around the floor and protecting me from lizards - however sleeping and getting pats are still his favourite occupations.

Bye for now

Penelope



*Leonard*



# SCRATCHING POST



*Charles and Arthur*

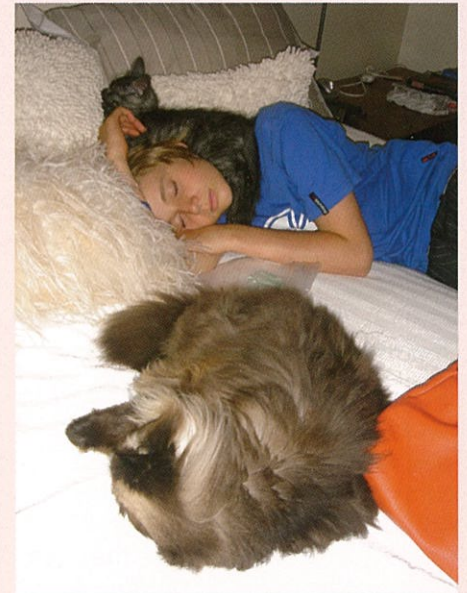
## Dear staff at Cat Protection Society

We wanted to tell you that Charles (who we adopted on 13 November 2008) is a true champion: confident, cheeky, incredibly cuddly and not to mention handsome. Our dog, Arthur, embraced Charles from the moment he came into our home, and they are now the bestest of friends. We have attached some pictures of Charles, so that you can see for yourselves.

Charles has been such a great contribution to our family, and we wouldn't have met him if it weren't for your dedication. Thank you so much!

All the best

Sandra and Greg



*Max and Natasha*

## Hi Everyone

We adopted this dear little boy Max on 18 November 2008 and what a delight he has turned out to be. I have sent you two pictures with my grandson, the second one including our old cat Natasha.

Kind regards

Julie

## Dear Amy

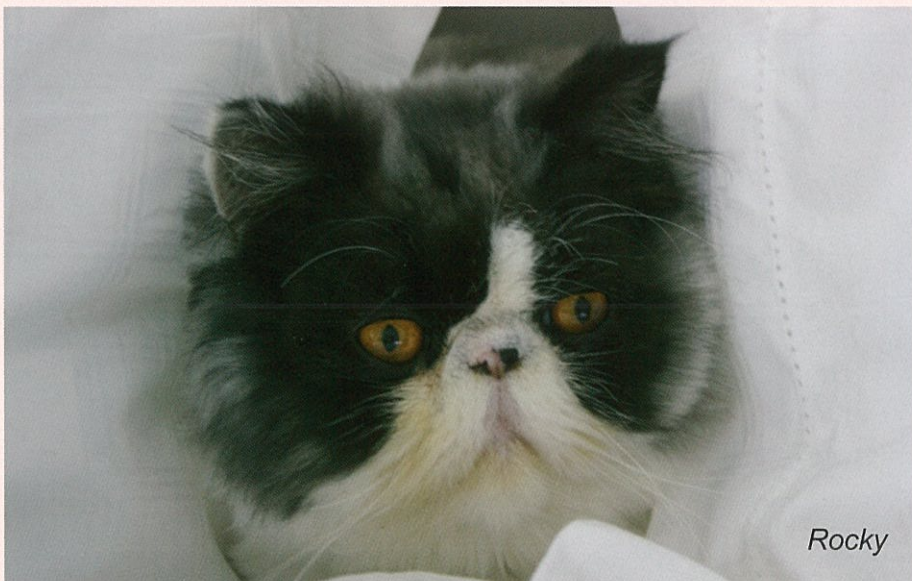
Just wanted to let all the staff at CPS know how Rocky is going. He has settled in nicely to his home. Even though he is supposed to be an indoor cat he is particularly fond of the outdoors and loves to be in the garden. There is no stopping him as he cries to be let out. He mostly lounges about and isn't known for his athleticism. I guess he doesn't know he is a Persian and tries to accomplish athletic activities without too much success.

He is a very affectionate cat but isn't a keen lap sitter. He doesn't mind his daily brushes, which is a relief, as he does tend to get a few knots and garden litter in his fur. As you can see from the recent photos, his hair has grown back nicely and he is a very handsome boy. We all love him and even friends who are not that keen on cats find him a real charmer.

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication.

Regards

Kay



*Rocky*





# SCRATCHING POST

Hi all

Yesterday we adopted a little ginger boy kitten, we named him Sebastian. From the moment we got him home he settled in, eating and using his litter tray without any problems. He has been playing, jumping up onto us for hugs. Last night he even came into our bedroom and slept on the bed between us. Can I say we are so happy; he is such a little joy and has made himself very much at home.

We wanted to also thank Hannah who helped us. It is the first time we have dealt with the Cat Protection Society and we were so impressed with your attentive service and your passion for the cats; a big pat on the back.

Have a wonderful day and we will keep you posted as Sebastian grows up.

Kind regards

Rick and Matt

CPS Education Officer and frequent foster-carer, Nerida Atkin, recently fostered two kittens who came to us at three-weeks of age so needed to be bottle fed. Nerida told us of the special relationship between her dog and the kittens.

"Piri will alert me if the kittens start to cry and will make sure I go to check on them. She will sleep outside their cage and quickly wake if she hears them stir. At feeding time she grooms them as if they were her own babies. At bath time for the babies, Piri will sit outside the bathroom door until she sees the babies are dry and back in their beds."



Dear Amy

Both my cats Puff and Jenny were homeless kids. I've had Puff since he was five weeks old and now he is 12. I've also enclosed a photo of Precious, my rescue cat – it broke my heart to rehome him but he went to a great place and is very spoilt.

I am in the Hunter Animal Watch, a small group of women who have subsidised desexing for over 8,000 cats and dogs.

Thank you for the wonderful work CPS does for all the cats.

Warm wishes

Gail



*Puff and Jenny*



*Precious*

If evidence were needed that CPS members treat their cats like royalty, here it is: Etienne; Christabel; Elspeth; Vilette; and Isolde. Their loyal subject Calee just adores them – who wouldn't?



*Etienne*



*Vilette and Isolde*



*Elspeth and Christabel*





Hi

The cats in Bali are amazing but a lot of work still needs to be done about the dog and cat situation over there. However, the cats in these photos on Lembongan Island seem very content.

Terry and Chyna



## IN MEMORIAM

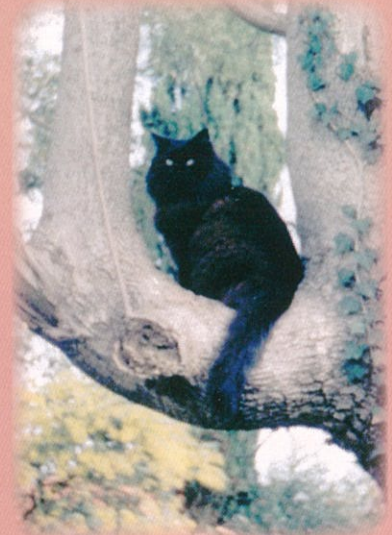
Please accept this donation in loving memory of my beautiful cat, Shadow, 1989-2007 – still so sadly missed. My heart overflows with treasured memories of a beautiful, gentle, loving, trusting, wonderful cat, a very precious friend who truly blessed my life. Shadow was also a loving companion and friend to my other cat, Catmate, from 1995 onwards; they were great feline pals to one another.

This photograph shows her in the jacaranda tree in her heyday in 1992. Mistress of the garden, queen of all she surveyed.

Shadow, I miss you in so many ways. Thank you my darling girl for blessing my life and helping me along life's journey. I remember your wonderful yellow-green eyes shining in the dark and your amazing long, soft black fur. I rejoice in the memory of you, as you snuggled up to me with your warmth and your happy purring next to my head at night. Thank you, Shadow, just for being you. Heaven is the more blessed by your eternal presence.

You are forever in our hearts.

Wendy and Catmate



Please accept this donation in memory of Sampson, a much loved cat.

Mavis

This donation is made in memory of my beautiful boy Brandy, who I had to put to sleep 8 December 2008 after being with me for 14 and a half years.

Frances

Please accept this donation in memory of our friend and member, Bettye Hetherington.

Calico and Bi Colour Cat Club  
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Please accept this donation in memory of Rufus and the Baby.

Anne

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