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*Cover photograph by Joshua Vernon-Rogers
Tinkerbelle is one of our Special Cats: she came to us when her person passed away. She is deaf and we found early signs of skin cancer which you can see has now been surgically removed. She is a loving girl in need of a loving home.*

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Council Report

Thank you to all our members for your generosity. You have opened your hearts and your wallets to the cause of feline welfare so that even in these hard times we've been able to offer hope to thousands of cats. With an unseasonably warm August, we are expecting an early start to the kitten season and we've stepped up our marketing to try to lift adoption numbers.

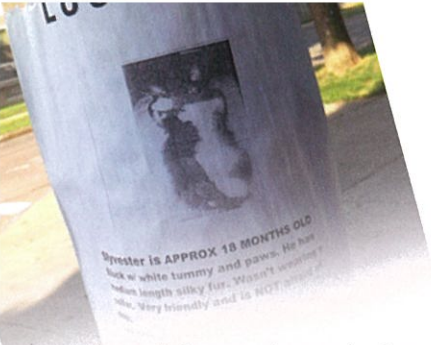
Although we've had a slow winter for adoptions, it's been good news for our adult cats and our darling Oscar and Poncho finally found the loving home they'd been waiting more than a year for. Another long-term resident, Julius, has found joy in his new home which is filled with children, animals and activity galore: just what he'd hoped for! It was wonderful to see these lovely boys have their dreams come true – thank you all for making this possible.

The Dream is the title of a very special fundraising sculpture Life Member Gillian Appleton launched for us in September. Created by Sydney artist Michael Snape, it comprises a colony of more than 100 stainless steel cat silhouettes in a variety of poses – sleeping, stretching, pouncing, dreaming ... waiting to be taken to a new home. When they have been adopted, their 'shadow' cat is revealed and the sculpture takes on a new form. Each steel cat's adoption fee (\$5,000 donation of which \$4,780 is tax-deductible) will fund shelter, desexing, veterinary treatment and loving care for up to 10 real cats and kittens, until they realise their dream of a loving and responsible home.

As you know, we constantly need money to do our lifesaving work and this unique project gives us an opportunity to promote our cause to new people. It may take some time for all the cats to be adopted but that's OK. We know that most of us don't have the means to make such a big donation but for those who can afford it, the project offers a way to help cats in need while taking home a lovely 'cat' perhaps to commemorate one since gone or simply to celebrate feline beauty.

Rhonda House
President





Finding lost cats

The fear and panic that you feel when you think your cat is lost can be overwhelming.

The grief experienced when a cat is lost forever is a burden that never really goes away, and the relief of being reunited with a lost cat is enormous.

We never ever want our cats to be lost, but it does happen: even sometimes indoor-only cats are accidentally let outside and cats can go missing in times of change such as moving house or when they are being boarded.

The first priority is to keep our cats secure and safe at all times by ensuring they are safely indoors or if outdoors, then in a cat-proof fenced yard. Be careful as cats are clever, so ensure regular maintenance checks and keep an eye out for newly developed talents such as window opening. They mightn't have opposable thumbs but cats are smart!

You also need to be extra careful that people staying at your house know whether the cat is allowed out, and if you are having tradesmen in, it is probably a good idea to keep your cat confined to one secure room until they have left.

Make sure your cat is microchipped and registered, and ensure you keep your contact details up-to-date. As well as registering your cat with the local council, you can also register them on other databases such as the Australasian Animal Registry (AAR) a non-profit organisation of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (go to www.aar.org.au for more information). Of course, your cat should be desexed – one of the many benefits of desexing is a cat is less likely to wander.

A collar and identity tag with a mobile phone number can be a lifesaver as ordinary people don't have microchip scanners but can

easily contact you by phone. Make sure the collar is secure but not too tight – if you're not sure about the right sort of collar for your cat talk to your vet or see us at Cat Protection. If you go away, make sure you change the contact details on the tag so that the person minding your cat can be contacted in your absence.

Keep clear and up-to-date photos of your cat: if they go missing, you will need a good picture to help people identify them.

The first place to check if your cat goes missing is your own home: make sure they aren't shut in a cupboard or locked in the garage; check all their usual hiding places and try to stay calm. Speed is of the essence as the chances of finding your cat will decrease with time (though there are many stories of tearful reunions even months after a cat disappeared).

Unless you have a cat who loves hopping into other people's cars or vans, chances are they are somewhere nearby. If they had been frightened by something they may have run in the wrong direction but might still be just a few doors down the road. As soon as you can, doorknock immediate neighbours and ask them to help with the search, and ask them to check places in their own yard where the cat might have been trapped (in the garage, under the house). Take a photo with you if you aren't able to make flyers right away. Ideally, you want to doorknock your whole block plus the one behind and in front as soon as possible.

Prepare flyers as quickly as you can: include a photo as well as comments about any identifying features (to a cat person, every tabby is unique but to other people a cat is black or white!) – include things like eye colour, voice, size and unusual features. State when and where the cat went missing

and include a phone number that will be answered; it is not advisable to include your address or full name.

Letterbox the flyers in your neighbourhood and put the flyers up in shops and public places. Talk to people in the streets and local places such as schools, libraries, corner shops: enlist their support. Many people will care and will want to help you find your cat.

Phone vet clinics (including after hours emergency clinics) and animal welfare shelters (eg RSPCA) and pounds; get your flyers to them as well. Give priority to contacting the closest places first but don't limit yourself to only the local area – if someone has found your cat injured they might have driven your cat to their local vet which could be further away.

Ring your local council's companion animal department and ask them for advice about lost pets in your area, and check that your cat's registration details are current and correct.

Internet based services such as www.petsearch.com.au and www.lookformycat.com can be very helpful though it is a good idea to become familiar with these services before you need them. You can advertise in lost and found columns, and you might even have a sympathetic local community radio station to help you in your efforts.

Whatever you do, be diligent and organised; don't panic; get friends, neighbours and family to help; don't give up hope – and remember to take down the posters, remove the flyers and let your neighbours know when kitty finds her way home. Cat Protection has been witness to some incredible lost and found stories; the news isn't always bad, but it is certainly better to be safe than sorry, so do take every care to protect your cat.

AVA revises vaccination policy

Members may have read recent media reports regarding annual vaccinations for dogs and cats. The World Small Animal Veterinary Association endorsed triennial core vaccinations at its world congress in 2007, and the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) has now revised its policy regarding vaccinations.

The AVA says that while less frequent vaccinations for adult dogs and cats might be appropriate in some cases, puppies and kittens need to be vaccinated and have their booster shots. The AVA is keen to stress that owners should discuss their cats' (and dogs') vaccination needs with a vet and that there are circumstances where vaccinations are still required annually. "Vaccination of dogs and cats saves hundreds of thousands of our pets' lives every year in Australia," Dr Mark Lawrie, AVA President said.

"It makes the number of cases of previously common and deadly diseases like distemper in dogs and panleucopaenia in cats very low.

"Vaccination for some of the diseases like these (core vaccinations) may not be needed on an annual basis. Others such as canine cough (or kennel cough) should still be boosted at least every year," he said.

At Cat Protection we see the health benefits of vaccination and we also see the suffering that cats not immunised can go through. We believe every cat should receive their full course of core vaccinations and first booster, and that decisions about the subsequent frequency of vaccinations should be made in consultation with your vet, taking into consideration matters such as whether your cat goes outdoors and whether they are regularly boarded. As well, you should discuss with your vet whether your cat should have vaccinations other than the standard core vaccines (commonly referred to as 'F3').

All cats should be health checked by a vet at least annually and whenever signs of illness or changed behaviour occur. A good relationship with a regular vet means your cat's medical history is well documented, providing vital information as your cat ages or if they become ill. And don't forget to make sure your cat has their teeth checked at their annual check-up: preventative dental care is less painful (and much less expensive) than extraction!

Vale Posey

In February this year, a lovely Manx mum came to Cat Protection. She was fostered with her babies, whom she raised with a tenderness she had not experienced herself until finding refuge with Cat

Protection. Her delightful bobtailed kittens quickly found homes but Posey patiently waited in our care for her turn.

In July, she suddenly became lame and we rushed her to Inner West vets where x-rays were taken and feline medicine experts from the Centre for Veterinary Education were consulted. Although she had spina bifida, there were also other conditions and complications, and numerous tests failed to reveal a definitive diagnosis.

Dr Anne Fawcett who operated on Posey, and Dr Angela Phillips, generously donated significant resources to help Posey, as did the vet consultants. Posey seemed to be recovering well from her surgery which, as you can see from the picture above, was major. She was such a brave girl and we were optimistic she would pull through.

Sadly, pain could not be resolved by surgical treatment and she began to experience pain so severe that her pain management treatment could not control it. Although we knew we could not let her continue to suffer, and we knew that everything humanly possible had been done to save her (and many prayers said for her) it was heart-wrenching to say goodbye. We give our deepest thanks to the vets, especially Anne, for all they did to help Posey.

We hold onto the fact that much was learned in the field of feline medicine from Posey that may help other cats in the future, and that Posey was given love and dignity from the moment she came to us. She raised beautiful kittens who have loving homes. We won't forget her. Vale dear Posey.



Posey, with kittens



Posey, Post -Op



CAT PROTECTION DIARY

A tale of horrific abuse

Readers are warned this story is shocking. Some of you may not want to read it. It was told to us by a member who is a GP. If you don't read further, then at least be assured our wonderful member saved this courageous cat.

I have been caring for a beautiful black boy about three years old. He was the victim of abominable cruelty, with his right eye stabbed then stitched together by some wicked human. His left ear was cut with scissors and his beautiful nose had been burned with a cigarette and a hind claw had been removed.

These horrific injuries had been perpetrated by a child, whose mother wanted to euthanase the cat because he was 'too much'. I offered to take him and she acquiesced, thank God.

When I went to pick up the cat, I saw limping and malnourished animals wandering around the estate but was met with bureaucratic indifference when I attempted to report the situation. Our laws are too soft. These animals, it seems, have no protectors. While abuse begets abuse, I don't believe it is any

excuse. Some of my sexually, emotionally, physically abused patients are kind and compassionate.

My vet saw the cat (now named Massimo) and he is now vaccinated, desexed, wormed and so on. Each time I gaze into his beautiful one-eyed face my heart breaks that we, including our animal brothers and sisters, share the planet with such debased humans who could inflict such cruelty.

Massimo is so affectionate, passive and trusting – I cannot comprehend how. He is getting more confident and even playing for a moment. I tell him constantly that no one shall ever, ever hurt him again.

Our hearts too, are too often broken, but then they are healed when we see the great kindness of many and the extraordinary compassion of our Cat Protection community. Massimo had a horrific start to life but he is now blessed to be cared for so lovingly. There is an urgent need for more humane education programs that work to promote children's empathy for animals, and serious action must be taken when a child or adult commits such hideous cruelty.

Sunday 4 October is World Animal Day. We will have a blessing service for the cats in our care.

From 11am to 2pm on Saturday 31 October is Cat Protection Open Day and also the Newtown 'Under the Blue Moon' Festival (and Halloween) so our theme will be magical and mysterious cats. Our activities will include a visit between 12 noon and 2pm from the Dark Fairy! She will entertain the kids with face painting, juggling, balloons and a little bit of magic. Please join us in celebrating the marvellous moggies of Cat Protection.

Sunday 1 November is the annual Cruelty Free Festival and Cat Protection will again have a stall at this entertaining and informative event. Enjoy vegan food, organic wines and animal welfare information at Belmore Park, Haymarket from 10am to 5pm.

Saturday 7 November is our Annual General Meeting: please see the papers enclosed with this issue of *Cat Affairs* for all the details.

Sunday 8 November is the Newtown Festival. Please come and say hello to Cat Protection; we will be there along with many market stalls, bars, food and entertainment. From 10am to 6pm at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.

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SCRATCHING POST

Dear Sam

Here are some pictures of the kittens I have fostered: Cheeseey and Chalky; and Lulu and her babies. Cheeseey is the silver tabby who pulled her stitches out at the vet and had to stay a few days longer before her return to CPS.

Regards

Chia, foster carer

Hi Felicity

Great to hear from you and thanks for checking up! I only said to Dan on the weekend that we should pop in and let you know how things are.

Things are going really well: we changed Blake's name to Oscar as it seemed to suit him better. The first day he settled in with no worries, I think he chose us that day and trusted us right away.

He went to the vet for his second jabs on 21 June and the vet was pleased with him. He's around 4 kilos and extremely happy and healthy, probably one of the most affectionate cats I've ever known, which we both enjoy.

I have attached some pictures we took of him the first day we got him home: you can see how quickly he relaxed with us. I hope the girls are pleased that he's settled with us so well, and please let them know that he is being looked after and is getting a ridiculous amount of love and cuddles from Daniel and me!

Cheers

Chris

Blake
aka Oscar



Lulu and her babies



Cheeseey and Chalky

Dear Cat Protection

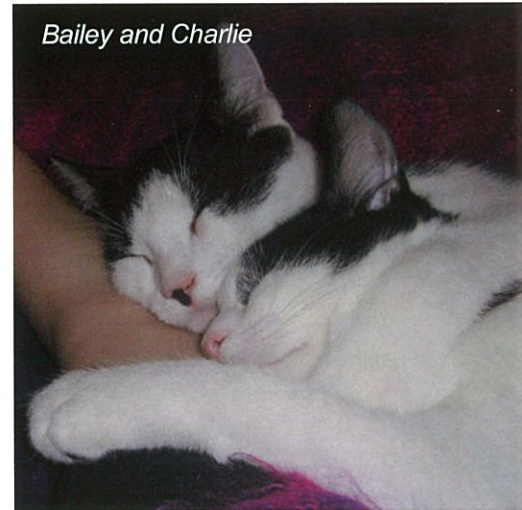
I love receiving *Cat Affairs* and especially all the photos of the gorgeous cats. I have five and a half cats of my own: Sam, Ted, Tiggy, Tippy and Cheeky (all desexed and spoilt rotten) – the 'half' is a stray male cat (ginger and white) who has taken up residence on my front porch and is good mates with Tiggy (ginger). I've named him 'Ramsay' after Gordon Ramsay because he is quite forthright! Ramsay comes and goes as he pleases and he's become lord of the yard (he's desexed). I sometimes wonder if he has more than one 'home' like mine.

Keep up the good work and best wishes to you all.

Michelle

Thanks to Michelle for suggesting an article on what to do when your cat is lost – we've followed this up with our feature story this issue.

Bailey and Charlie



Hi

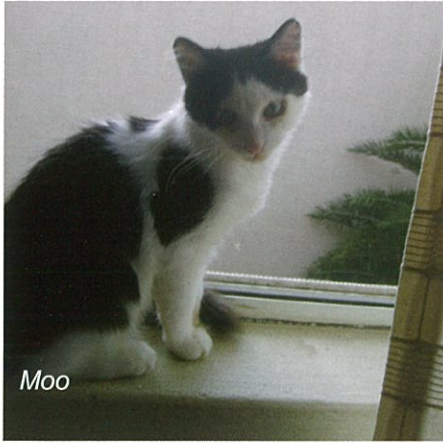
I adopted these gorgeous brothers (Bailey & Charlie) from you about two months ago. Just to let you know that they are doing really well, are very loving and cuddly and I've attached some photos to show how much fun they're having. Their favourite game is playing soccer with river pebbles, kicking them around the room. They love their Catmax Enclosure as well.

Regards

Susan



SCRATCHING POST



Moo

Hi

Sorry it's taken me so long to give you an update on the two boys I adopted at the end of January. They are doing well, getting big fast and getting along well. They love chasing each other around the house and playing with all their toys.

I have named them Nite Owl (grey tabby) and Rorschach (black and white) after the crime fighting duo from *Watchmen*. Nite Owl who was so timid when he was with you has taken charge and is always getting into mischief, stealing clothes and shoes and hiding them around the house. They are very loving boys and I'm glad they chose to come home with me.

Regards

Louise, Nite Owl & Rorschach



Rorschach and Nite Owl

Hi

We adopted 'Moo' in January 2009 from you. He is now almost 6 months old, and was only 10 weeks when we adopted him. He has made our lives a lot happier, and he is very active.

Thank you!

Melinda & Tamara

Hi Kristina

I thought I would give you a quick line, in between trying to sort out my new family and believe me they do take some organising, to let you and the rest of my entourage know that I did survive my latest adventure.

As you instructed me, I am being as good as I can for my new family (well, most of the time). I play with them, I talk to them and give them little kisses (as well as the occasional bite, just to keep them in line) and I do make the effort to greet them at the door. So I believe all is going according to plan and that I will allow Marta and Gian to continue to share my living quarters.

I miss you all. I would like to thank you and the Cat Protection Society for your hospitality during my little contretemps. Just between you and me, you know that I loved you best of all, but I do believe that this arrangement is going to suit me much better and therefore have no plans, whatsoever, to come and visit you again at the CPS. Love to you all.

Au revoir

Rosie



Rosie



Clarence

Hi

We adopted a 3-month-old ginger kitten earlier this year from you. We decided to call him Clarence, as it seemed to suit his cheeky personality! Having only had cats as a young girl growing up, it was a totally new experience adopting this little bundle of laughs.

My partner and I live in a unit and we have found having a cat to be extremely rewarding. We both work from home so it's really nice having Clarence around while we are working. He adds atmosphere and energy to the place and we are both constantly giving him pats, hugs and lots of attention!! Here are some pics, he is very happy and healthy and I'm sure you will agree he is a cutie!

Thank you so much for being such a worthwhile organisation and helping cats in need, I'll be coming to you guys when we eventually get Clarence a playmate.

Michelle

Dear CPS

We love Bessie so much! She fits into the family so well and loves to sleep on my daughter's bed at night. Bessie is the best cat we've ever had, as she's so adorable and affectionate. Thank you so much CPS, Bessie is definitely the right cat for us ... she's perfect!!!

Regards

Kerrie

SCRATCHING POST

Hi Kristina and Chanel

I hope that you are well and continuing to find good homes for all cats and kittens.

Here is an update on Bisou the black Siamese cross I adopted.

She is doing very well, quite a large girl now. She is very unusual looking with an angular face and beautiful smoky stripes with soft, soft fur that feels like silk. She looks very sleek with an extremely long tail and engaging eyes.

My friends say she is the funniest, maddest cat they have ever met and I have to agree! She can catch objects as well as fetch them and when my alarm goes she usually hops on to the bed with something for me. This



morning it was 50c! It's about time she started paying rent!

She is extremely affectionate, determined and mischievous, getting amongst everything I do including dancing and needs a big cuddling session a couple of times a day.

I love her very much.

Kind regards to you all.

Debbie

Hi Felicity

Miss Coco Chanel (as she has been named due to her good looks and charm) has adapted really well to living in our crazy home. For such a small baby she has a lot of spunk and personality, and loves nothing more than playing in the pot plants. However, she has no interest in her kitty litter box and prefers to make use of the potting soil.

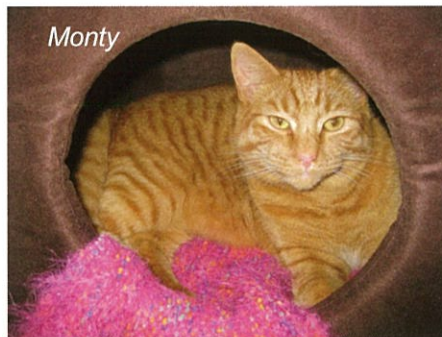
Miss Coco is really bright and rather naughty at times but being the baby in the house she gets away with a lot more than she should.

She and her adoptive father have also formed a great bond and are often found chasing each other around the house. All is well with our little baby; she gets cuter every day.

Best regards

Calvin, Stephan & Miss Coco

We've discussed with Miss Coco's parents about how to get her to use her litter tray like a good kitty! We have a number of fact sheets on our website on litter training and toileting problems. If you don't have internet access or need more information, feel free to call our office on 9519 7201.



Dear CPS

I live in a retirement village and have a cat, Blackie. Blackie was originally a 'wild' visitor to our house about 14 years ago. We gradually managed to tame him and he eventually became buddies with our other cat, Hermie. When Hermie succumbed to lung cancer, Blackie was bereft and grieved pitifully.

At the village all animals have to be on leads when outside. Fortunately Blackie was used to a collar and accepted the lead very easily. However, it was a big thing for a cat used to his freedom to be confined inside a unit but he accepted it remarkably well. I take him out on the lead each afternoon, weather permitting and sometimes before lunch as well. Our unit is very near a road and passers-by can't suppress a smile when they see Blackie walking on a lead.

Congratulations and grateful thanks for the wonderful work you do.

Margaret

Congratulations to this retirement village for sensibly allowing pets. Would there were more like it! And well done Blackie for adapting so well!

Hi

Nubbie aka Monty is doing very well. He was shy for the first two days and spent some time under my bed but now he thinks he owns the place!

He is very playful and loves running through the tunnel toy. He seems to have picked up a new habit – he drags laundry items (mainly bras) out of our closets and runs with them into the living room! A little embarrassing but we don't often have company, thank God! Other than that, he enjoys snuggling with my roommate and me on the couch when we watch movies and he is a big sook for attention.

Alanah



SCRATCHING POST

Hi CPS

Our two new little additions have been with us for two weeks now and have made themselves quite at home.

They have been christened Serge and Serena and are still the very best of friends. They are almost always together - two cats are definitely better than one. Their hobbies include wrestling, chasing balls of aluminium foil, running races up and down the hallway, napping and eating.

Serena is definitely the more dominant of the two, but Serge

Hi

Just a quick note to tell you how Kingsley is getting on. He has been with us for around four months and we love having him. Kingsley loves to sleep at the end of our bed at night. He has developed a fascination with the toilet being flushed (he jumps on his hind legs and looks into the toilet bowl) and he also loves to lick the dripping bath tap. When I'm in the kitchen preparing the food he likes to get under my feet and try to get in all the cupboards.

We are so glad we adopted an older cat rather than a kitten; it's so much more rewarding and pleasurable.

Regards

Sarah, David, Kingsley and Milo



Kingsley

is gaining confidence every day. Interestingly Serge is more independent than Serena and is happy to sleep in his bed alone and is more likely to get sick of cuddles before we are. Serena, on the other hand, is very sooky and most mornings she gets into bed with us.

Thanks for our lovely little kittens. They've already brought much happiness, peace and laughter to our home.

Regards

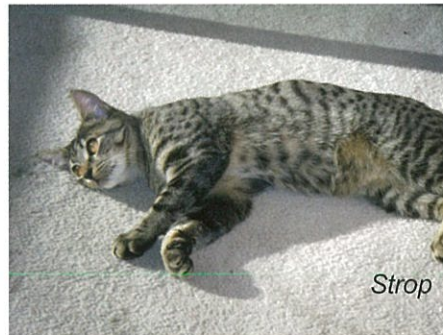
Kerrie, Pete and Charlotte
& Serena and Serge

Dear all at the Cat Society

Here are some photos of our beloved Sam, now affectionately know as Strop. After a tough first week he has now settled in. He loves to chat and cuddle. As you can see from the pictures, he also loves the sun. In fact, he is sitting next to me right now having a good old chat!! He craves a lot of cuddles and affection, which is so lovely.

Thank you so much. Keep up the good work.

Linda



Strop

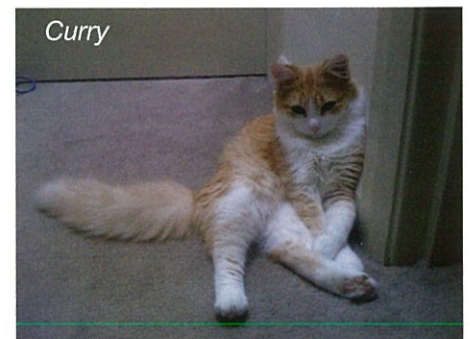


Serge and Serena

Dear Cat Protection Society

We recently adopted a ginger and white 7-month-old male kitten named Shandy. We have since renamed him Curry and I've attached a photo of him looking very pleased with himself after a nice meal. He has now settled in and getting into all sorts of mischief in the house and has now taken over the centre couch with the best view of the TV. We want to thank you for providing us with all the information and making the adoption possible.

Michelle



Curry

Hi Kristina

This is Rosie the CPS rescued cat, who adopted me back in 1999. She is doing very well. Her full name is Nbt Pr Rose. Nbt Pr is Ancient Egyptian for 'mistress of the house', and I must say she does live up to her name! 'Rosie' is just for short.

Cheers

Barbara



Rosie

SCRATCHING POST

Hi there

I thought you would be interested in these photos of my two girls I adopted 11 years ago from you guys in Enmore. Their names are Kiki and Sorshi and they've been my constant companions and dearly loved ones since that very first day 4 December 1998. Thank you for all the help and care you provide for all of us cat lovers.

Thanks again

Cath M

Hi CPS

Every cloud has a silver lining. My cloud was the shock of a redundancy after 10 years with the same employer. My silver lining was adopting Licorice (7) and sister Saffron (4). The girls had been surrendered to the CPS when their owner moved interstate so, like me, they had unexpectedly found themselves in new surrounds.

Saffron is an A-grade student; a bit of a smarty-pants actually. She knows what the heater does, has learnt her name and listened when I told her never to walk on the art I was working on (she sat on it instead). Licorice is certainly not top of the class in brains but she more than makes up for it in stomach. She has excelled at weight maintenance.

While adopting two older cats may not be for everyone, they were the perfect choice for me. My only complaint was they didn't come with a warning regarding their snoring.

Alyshia

Hello

I just wanted to say a big thank you for the prize we received last night, especially on behalf of Blackie. He was so happy last night. As soon as I put it down he was in there. Must have known it was for him.

Thanks again

Belinda and Blackie

Space restrictions this issue means the full list of winners has been held over for the Summer Cat Affairs.



Kiki and Sorshi



Licorice and Saffron



Blackie with prize

Congratulations to Belinda, who won the President's Pick in the 2009 Kitten-ka-boodle photo competition.



SCRATCHING POST



Alyshar and Kitty

Hello

My partner and I adopted two kittens from your shelter in February: a dark tortie female and a ginger and white male. We just wanted to send you guys some pictures and let you know that they have all settled in really well. They have also bonded really quickly with our older cat. The little girl was raised by one of your foster carers, Polly. If you could pass these photos on and thank her for the wonderful work she is doing, that would be much appreciated.

Thank you
Nadia

Hi Felicity

Puss is settling in quite well, thanks very much - in fact, she has rule of the flat! She's very quickly adapted to her new home. Days are spent sleeping in the sun; nights sleeping on my lap. And now that she's more settled, she can also be found chasing her toys around or looking out at the neighbourhood from her favourite window sill.

She is also a chatterbox and it's lovely to come home and find her sitting by the door, waiting for me and telling me all about her day.

Thanks for all your hard work from both Puss and me.

Cheers

Sam



Kitty



Nadia's kittens



Puss

Hi

I adopted a little kitten from you a few weeks ago; I just wanted to give you an update on her progress.

Kitty is her name and she has blended into her new family life with ease and zeal all at the same time. My daughter and Kitty enjoy each other's company and love each other to bits. A few scratches are included for good measure.

I have attached some photos for you to enjoy.

Regards
Suzanneh

Hi Adam

Just wanted to let you know Redmond is settling in well and thank you for all your help this afternoon.

The dog and he are still getting used to each other: Byron is calm and curious, Red is still a bit hissy, but that is already subsiding. He has a great appetite and hasn't missed the litter tray once.

Thanks again for your assistance.

Dave & Geoff (and Red & Byron)



Redmond and Byron



Redmond

SCRATCHING POST



Hi there

We adopted Paris on the weekend and I thought I would tell you how she is doing. She was a bit apprehensive the first night, she cried a bit, but once we let her out of her room, she settled down and got into bed with us!! She spent the whole night purring; we hardly slept, ha ha.

We didn't keep her in one room, as she didn't want to be on her own. She was a bit daunted at first but now it's like she's always lived with us. She's a real talker and squawks away at us.

We are very happy we have her and she really is happy, we think we should change her name to Purris!

Susie & Christian

Hi Felicity

Pixie – or as she is now known, Pebbles – has really settled in to her new home! We love having her around. She is playful and affectionate.

Thanks again for giving us the opportunity to adopt her.

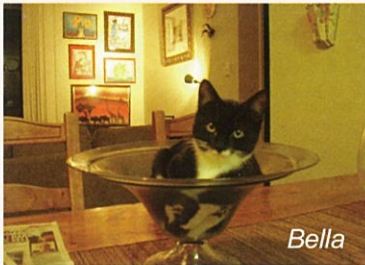
Mandy, Matt & Pebbles

Hi there

We thought we might send you some pictures and an update on Katie and Lily, who we adopted from you three weeks ago. They've settled in fine and are happy in the new house. They love their toys, but they seem to love our furniture more. Katie seems to think that the yoga mat is her gigantic scratch post, while Lily thinks that my Chinese Feng Shui objects are her ping-pong balls.

Thank you for looking after them so well. We took them to the vet for their kitty vaccination, and the vet said that they're very healthy cats. They're a lot of fun, and thank you for helping us choose the right cats. And you are right: two cats are definitely better than one!

Grace & Darryn



Bella

Hi

My son Daniel and his wife Talitha adopted Bella when she was ten weeks old. They are both working overseas for a few months and have left Bella and me to look after each other. Bella is not a bit shy and just loves visitors. She's very affectionate and inquisitive. Bella enjoys watching me do the washing up and waits patiently for the plug to come out so she can see the water disappear. Here are some pics.

Cheers

Susan & Bella



Plxie / Pebbles



Katie



Lily

IN MEMORIAM



Please accept the enclosed donation in memory of Suglinde, our adorable and adored Maine Coon cat who died naturally at home of a stroke in May.

She was one of the great survivors during the last third of her life, in which she had to deal with hyperthyroidism, anorexia (as a result of radiation therapy), extensive dental treatment, chronic kidney disease, arthritis of the spine and hip, and the loss of her brother three years ago.

Keep up the great work you do for all cats, great and small.

Joyce and Glen

This donation is made in the memory of my beautiful Lucky, who gave me unconditional love and affection for over 20 years. He was the best cat anyone could have. Found dumped in March 1989 and sadly put to sleep 9 June 2009. I miss him so.

Margit

Enclosed is a cheque in loving memory of Sam, Willie and Noddy, whose anniversaries occur on the 4th, 8th and 12th of June respectively.

Margaret



On Friday 21 August we said goodbye to Toby, a fine gentleman of a cat. He had experienced a long, rich and happy life but in his 20th year sadly renal failure meant his earthly body could no longer support him.

Toby enriched the lives of many, from his original carers and neighbours and friends at Marrickville, to staff and volunteers at Cat Protection. He enjoyed many happy times in the homes of Andrea, and Barbara, and Alvin and Andrea. Thank you to everyone who opened their hearts to Toby.

It was a privilege to know this wise cat, and a pleasure to spend time with him. We are sad that he is now gone, but he chose his time, and even at the end, sought to reassure Andrea and me that he was ready. He purred and gently blinked us farewell.

With thanks for all you taught us, Toby, and all the smiles you brought us.

Kristina



Hello Sailor came to us in April, a bedraggled 4-week old kitten who had been found in the gutter. I fostered her with Posey's kids for a few weeks. When Posey's kittens found homes, Hello Sailor was fostered by my sister as she has two dogs that got on well with her. She decided to keep Sailor as they all got on so well together, even the rabbit loved her! About four weeks ago, she began having seizures that the vets think was the result of lead poisoning.

The seizures got worse and poor little Sailor began to have personality changes due to them. Yesterday the vet decided the medication wasn't working and that Sailor's health was being dramatically compromised. Today we sent her to a better place. She was only 16 weeks old but I am sure those weeks spent with us were happy ones for her. She was loved. I have attached a photo of her from when I fostered her. She is with my dog, Piri.

Nerida

Editor's note: the source of the lead poisoning was lead paint. Nerida's sister has moved from this house as the landlord refused to remove the lead paint. Lead is toxic and especially dangerous to small children and animals. Professional advice and great care are needed in places that might have lead paint, typically older houses.

IN MEMORIAM

Please accept this donation in memory of Tom, the lilac Burmese adopted from Yagoona Pound in May 1994, the very best friend a girl could have had for 15 years!

Tina

Please accept this donation in memory of "Puss-Puss" – a wonderful companion of my middle years – a much-loved mackerel tabby.

Jan



I adopted Shiva from Concord Animal Hospital. She was about one-year old at the time. One would think that with all my other cats, I wouldn't be as badly affected by her death this morning but every single life is precious and Shiva's was certainly that.

Thirteen years together is a long time and I will treasure the memories we shared. Thinking back, it's wonderful that Shiva's life was spared at the time through Concord Animal Hospital, considering she was an adult cat during the kitten season in January 1997.

"Shiva 1995-2009 RIP my precious little girl".

Please accept my donation in memory of Shiva.

Kanelli



Please accept this donation in memory of Bob.

Matt



Sir Humphrey, very much missed by Ashley and Maree

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