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Council Report

We were looking forward to a busy Christmas season, hoping to find lots of forever homes for the many kittens and cats in our care. We'd stocked up on merchandise and cat care stock to carry us through the traditional holiday 'shutdown' period (though no such thing for us, it's our busiest time).

But then at lunchtime on 23 December, disaster struck. A spontaneous electrical fire started in our garage/storeroom/laundry – but thankfully our emergency systems worked. The smoke detectors; the alarms; the sprinklers; the fire door; and the quick response of the NSW Fire Brigade ensured tragedy was averted. All our cats and all our people were safe and well, but the garage and all its contents (including all the additional stock) were destroyed.

Insurance assessors visited the site that evening, and the clean-up operation began early on Christmas Eve. By mid-morning of Christmas Eve, we had reopened for adoptions and six kittens found their forever homes that day.

We put in place contingency systems to deal with the fact that a whole part of our site was unavailable. Thanks to the generous response of people who responded to our Facebook appeal for urgent donations of kitty litter, trays, bedding and newspaper, our cats suffered no interruption to their routine. Our volunteers and staff worked tirelessly to ensure the cats' wellbeing. Thank you to everyone, from our sponsors to our neighbours, to donors and well-wishers, to volunteers and staff for your kindness. Thanks to our systems and your help, we didn't stop caring for cats for a moment.

Our hearts go out to all those many people and animals who have suffered in recent disasters of floods, fires, cyclones and storms. It has been a challenging start to 2011. Like so many other Australians, we are still in the process of rebuilding. We didn't get to enjoy the holidays and we're still waiting for the outcome of our insurance claim. But we adopted more than 100 cats and kittens over the holidays, and we have resolve and hope, and our cats have good friends in you.

Rhonda House
President





Dealing with grief

By Waveney Ayscough

Our beautiful Russian Blue cat Feliks died suddenly last Tuesday. I have been such a wreck and have been so sick that my doctor thought I might need to go into hospital as my white blood cell count declined dramatically and my immune system flunked. It was the stress of grief.

Feliks might have had an underlying problem but it might have been a snake that bit him. It happened so fast. I have gone over and over it and my husband and I are just devastated. Feliks was only six. We loved him. I can't believe that I will never bury my face in his musky, silver fur, or see his gentle green gaze again. He was like a child to us – how do I deal with such a loss?

The grief of losing a pet is very intense. I have experienced it a few times in my life, but I was a child and was more able to accept it then and those pets had lived a natural long life. As an adult, losing a beautiful companion who was only six years old devastated me and I felt like I couldn't deal with the pain of this sudden loss.

I was so sad that I made myself sick and it prompted me to look into why this happens and how to cope with it. I felt at a loss to deal with my emotions and others did not understand how I felt. I felt very isolated and somewhat ridiculed.

In an attempt to find peace, I trawled the internet and found that there were many sites set up to help people find ways to deal with the loss of a pet. There are now studies showing that the pain of losing a furry companion is a very real thing and that it really does affect us and that the medical profession now recognise the pain as real and meaningful.

There were so many memories, so many instances where our cat had been a part of our life ... They are there for you when you wake up in the night. There when you come home from work, there when you are sad and crying. Warm to touch when you are ill and need comfort. There when you need a friend. They are important. I remember him gently and respectfully sniffing our new born baby on the evening we brought her home. How proud I was to show her off to him.

A deep bond forms and when that bond is broken we are set adrift in sea of sadness. I feel like I still need him and I miss him so much. I still cry about him, it helps me heal, helps me feel connected to him. Life is different now without him. Our world has irreversibly changed.

What seemed to help me was remembering Feliks as the happy, free spirit that he was and by feeling grateful that I had the privilege of having him in

my life, even for a short time. I cherish the happy memories that we had together.

Cry as much as you need to. Talk to others who have lost their pets. Talk to your vet; they can be very understanding. Remember that your pet would want you to be happy, and to remember them always, with a smile. Wikihow.com suggests "Consider volunteering at a local animal shelter. The act of helping to care for a homeless pet, a pet in desperate need of a caring human, may help with your grieving and sadness".

I found that going through my possessions and donating some things to the Cat Protection Society Op Shop helped me feel a little better, as if I had done something to help Feliks's kin.

I have a friend who keeps her cat's ashes by her bed and still misses her cat years on. She feels the loss most when she needs the kind of comfort only her little cat could provide. Her suggestion is to cuddle my daughter instead ... to look to the great things that I still have in life: "It will take time to come to terms with the loss of your pussy cat – look at me – I still don't think I am over her as I still talk to her and crave to cuddle her, especially at down times! But, my dear, cuddle your daughter instead!"

Another friend wrote: "That's awful. I'm sorry to hear about your cat. It really is devastating when that happens. It's heartbreaking, and those who do not understand have never had the privilege of truly loving a pet. It is like losing a family member, because that's who they were. Getting Molly a month later really helped me with my grief. It was good to have something else to love and focus on."

There is the sense that others who have not experienced such an intense bond with an animal can try to ridicule you for your feelings and try to devalue your pain. It helps to talk to others who have had similar experiences and to dismiss others' indifference as 'their loss' that they never have known such a bond.

There are others who don't have the good fortune to have a family or children to love such as I do. For these people the loneliness and isolation can be much more intense; the loss harder to endure. Remember that you are not alone and that your feelings are valid. Acknowledging how you feel is the first step to recovery.

I felt lonely without my little pet. I went over and over things in my head about the way he had died. I asked others how they had coped with their loss. I was ready to bargain with the Gods for a chance to have him back. No matter what I did, the result would be the same. He was gone.

They are like our children, our confidantes, our companions and equals. They are wild things who let us in. The thing is simply that I loved him, he was gone suddenly and I will miss him. Life has changed without him. I don't think you can ever get over losing them, you just learn to find a place in your mind and in your heart where you can put your feelings.

Time does help with the acceptance of what has happened and perhaps one day you can find another kitty to give those feelings to. I know you are then risking getting hurt once more, but putting yourself out there – that is what love is.

Thank you to Cat Protection member Waveney for sharing her experiences. The loss of a beloved companion can lead to intense grief. For more information, refer to the Dr Katrina Warren's website [Our Wonderful Pets www.ourwonderfulpets.com](http://www.ourwonderfulpets.com) which has lots of useful resources. If you need to talk to someone urgently, you can call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

The Bradys

Although most of our work is shelter and rehoming, we also do feline welfare work in the community. The scope of this work includes discount desexing programs and responding to cats at risk. In August last year, we received a call from someone who desperately needed help with 22 Turkish Van cats. They'd been turned away by everyone else they'd contacted; we were their last hope.

It was a very difficult situation. The person who lived with the cats (not the person who called us) was suffering from a severe medical condition and wasn't aware that the cats' health and welfare was endangered. They lived alone and no one had seen the cats, and no one was aware that the person's medical condition was so advanced.

The cats were all in one relatively small room and were not desexed. Our most experienced welfare officer had never seen anything like it; it was horrific, but she carefully and gently managed to get each cat into a carrier.

All the cats were in poor health and had worms; anaemia from flea infestation; malnourishment; and dirty, matted fur. Some of the cats had dental and gum problems, some were scarred from fights; some were kittens. There were some who had to be taken immediately to the vets to be euthanased; they were literally dying. Others subsequently were found to have fatal health conditions. While ultimately 13 survived, we did everything we possibly could for all of them.

It is very important to stress that while this situation was tragic, there is no one to blame. It was sad and distressing but nobody's fault. There had obviously once been great care for the cats and there was



Alice Brady



Lola & Roger



Greg Brady

never an intention for them to suffer.

It was a long road to rehabilitation, but they felt better almost immediately. A bath, flea and worm treatment, good food and a warm bed that didn't need to be fought for saw each cat get a good night's sleep from day one. All the cats were attended to by our vets and all needed treatments (including dental extractions) for different conditions of varying seriousness. We had to wait for their health to be satisfactory before we could desex them. Within a few weeks, all were looking better; the kittens were the first to gain full health and be put up for adoption. Some of the adults had to wait months before we could rehome them, but now we're pleased to say all but two (at time of writing) having loving forever homes.

There being so many of them, most of them were named for different characters in the Brady Bunch. Turkish Vans are a particularly energetic breed with a temperament unlike most other cats, so we were fortunate to find so many eminently qualified adopters for our Bradys – thank you to all the new Brady parents!

These cats have had extraordinary journeys. We thank our supporters for making it possible for us to give cats like these the time and resources they need; not many places can or would. We also thank Nerida and her team of staff and volunteers for their hard work helping these cats on their road to recovery.



CAT PROTECTION DIARY

On stray cats

Wendy Allan

You feel it when they start to purr
And as you stroke their gorgeous fur

And when you gaze into their eyes

Which give a loving warm surprise.

Those eyes show love and there's much more

When puss extends a friendly paw.

"Please pick me up, please take me home,

I want no more this world to roam.

I need a home, a comfy bed,

A cosy blanket for my head.

Please comfort me, I feel so sad,

Please turn my life to good from bad.

I'll comfort you, if you do me

Please take me home, and you will see,

How wonderful your life will be

With loving feline company

Your ever loving friend I'll be

I just so want my own family."

It's what lonely cats seem to say,
As round and round the world they stray

Thank goodness for warmth of human heart,

To take puss home, new life to start.

Wendy is a volunteer with our feline services and a member of the Cat Protection Society. A devoted cat person, she offers wonderful TLC to the cats in our care plus she and her cousin Muriel are avid knitters of kitty blankets. Thank you so much for all you do, Wendy ♥

Kitten Kaboodle

Due to other commitments for our time, we won't be holding a photo competition this year.

We will take the opportunity to feature previous year's entries in future issues of *Cat Affairs*.

Thank you Pet Goods Direct

Cat Protection would like to thank Marissa and her team at Pet Goods Direct Auburn, for their support and the generous donation of cat goods. The store held a donation drive in the lead up to Christmas where customers could purchase and donate goods to Cat Protection. The store also donated a large number of items.



Generous donations from Pet Goods Direct, Auburn

The boxes we received were bursting with beds, toys, litter trays, and even a fantastic multi-storey kitty hammock. Donations of this kind are received with gratitude at any time of year but this was particularly timely, as we were still recovering from the fire in our garage/laundry/storage area. Thank you Marissa and customers, and purrs from all the cats.

Best Op Shop even better!

The lease expired on our old Op Shop so on Saturday 15 January we were delighted when the Mayor of Marrickville, Fiona Byrne, officially opened our new Op Shop at 85 Enmore Road, Newtown.

For more than 30 years Cat Protection has depended on the great contribution of the Op Shop to fund our feline welfare work.

Our Op Shop has twice received a 'Best of Sydney' award. It stocks a great range of clothes, from vintage to contemporary; accessories; kitchenware; toys; decorative items; and a veritable library of books.



Fiona Byrne officially opening the Op Shop

Items are all donated and the Op Shop is staffed by volunteers, so after we've paid the rent and basic costs like electricity, all profits go to our work caring for cats.

Thank you to all our volunteers, past and present, to our donors and to our customers. You make our cats purr!

Vale Hilary Dockrill

Hilary Dockrill was a great animal lover and an esteemed supporter of Cat Protection for many years. It was with deep sadness we learned from her sister that Hilary died on 14 December 2010.

Hilary was a councillor for over half a decade, volunteered in the Op Shop and was made an Honorary Life Member of the Society in recognition of her commitment to feline welfare. Our sympathies are with all who knew and loved her. Hilary will be remembered with fondness and gratitude by Cat Protection, and her contribution lives on in our work caring for cats.

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Cat enclosures and trees

People have asked us how to solve the problem of cats escaping from cat proof yards and cat enclosures via boundary trees. Good question, we thought, so we asked our Facebook friends.

Here are some of the creative solutions they offered. Ideas on cat-proofing are always welcome; it's lovely to provide a safe space outside for your cats' playtime but it can be very challenging.



Special cat Huey

Having literally hundreds of cats in our care each year, we often see the 'rare' conditions that can affect cats. If a disease affects one in a hundred cats, that means we might see as many as 10 cats with the condition in a year. As a no-kill shelter, we give every cat every possible chance to enjoy the best health and a loving and forever home. Our feline services attendant Sabrina took care of special cat Huey; this is their story.

Little Huey came to Cat Protection as a three week old kitten with his mum, brother and sister. The family went into foster care and returned six weeks later when the kittens were big enough to desex.

After recovering from his desexing operation we noticed that when he stood straight, he held his front right foot at an angle, very flat. X-rays couldn't find a problem but we were advised to hold off on rehoming him so we could monitor his front feet.

Being the smooch he was, it was easy to decide to make him my husband's and my first foster kitten, especially when he climbed up on my chest and buried his head under my chin! Having him stay with us meant that we could see how his growth would affect his feet (or whether it would have any effect at all). It had no effect on his personality!

He came into his own at our place – doing laps, jumping off high platforms. He had a real fascination with high places. His little feet didn't hold him back in the slightest. If anything, it made him more daring than ever!

He made the most of our attention, grabbing our ankles, climbing on our shoulders, even grooming my husband's goatee! He would play with anything we gave him, running around the room with it in his mouth.

The laser chaser was his favourite and once he wearied of chasing the light, he would roll the pointer around on the carpet! Then when his energy was spent, he would curl up in our arms and purr.

He stayed with us for five weeks before he went to get follow-up x-rays. The results were that he was healthy and his growth would be normal; he just had a wonky foot. And so it was time for him to re-enter the cattery. It was sad to bring him back but I knew he would find a loving home in no time, and he has.



Huey



SCRATCHING POST

Dear CPS

My parents adopted Danny-Boy (Star) from you last year about 6 months ago. He had been abused in the past.



Danny-Boy

Mum and Dad have put a lot of work into making him a happy, contented puss and you can see the result yourself. He's started marking furniture now, and he comes when called, and seeks their company and affection - although he won't be picked up or nursed yet. He's also not scared if Mum gets her stick to ferret things out of corners - he now seems to know it's not for him and he's not going to be hurt. He goes out on their balcony now, too, which he would not do until a few weeks ago.

Mum and Dad are devoted to him.

Kind regards
Barbara

From all of us at Cat Protection, a huge thank you to Barbara's kind and loving parents who have given Danny-Boy the love and security he needed. What a wonderful story!

Hi all

Here is Bisou on her 2nd birthday, basking in the sun through the window while lying in her gym. It's a hard life! My friends bought her a tunnel for her birthday so she was very pleased.



Bisou

She was born to you two years ago as one of six in a half-Siamese litter and adopted me when I visited at 12 weeks. I want to thank you all so much for giving her such a wonderful upbringing and experience of humans. She loves everyone who walks through my door and is well known among my friends as an extremely social, friendly, funny, affectionate and entertaining cat.

We play fetch and hide and seek every day, after which she pins me down for a good old cuddling session!

I love her so much and hope all is going well finding more loving homes.

Keep up the good work!

Debbie



Peanut

Hello!

Peanut (formerly Dolly) settled in to our house the second she got here. She is very talkative; she meows when she's chasing a fly, asking for her dinner, saying hello when you wake up in the morning, and even mid-purr when she's having cuddles. Peanut takes turns sleeping with each of us.

She demands a game every night before she will go to sleep and every morning as soon as she sees your eyes open. Her favourite games are hide-and-seek and chasing the ladybug dangle toy.

We keep her inside all the time to keep her safe but she doesn't mind, as long as she is included in everything, she is happy. Sometimes she comes for trips in the car (which she enjoys) to our parents' houses and gets to explore a new environment.

Peanut brings so much joy into our lives and we feel lucky to have her. I'm pretty sure she feels the same way - she's a very happy girl!

Bella. Lisa & Feras

Danny-Boy



SCRATCHING POST

Hi there

Binx is very happy in his new home and very, very loved! He has settled in nicely with my other cat Enzo. Binx has the loveliest nature and purrs nonstop, which is so nice.

There haven't been any issues since bringing him home as we introduced the two cats slowly.

I have recommended cat adoption from the Newtown Cat Protection Society to a few people now and will continue to do so, as my experience has been nothing but positive.

Thanks again guys

Kelly & Dan



Enzo and Binx



Maddy

Hi there

Here is the adorable Maddy, who you will remember as Avalon. She has been so fantastic and was a perfect match to our lifestyle.

Today she went for her vaccination and was very good.

Many thanks for everything.

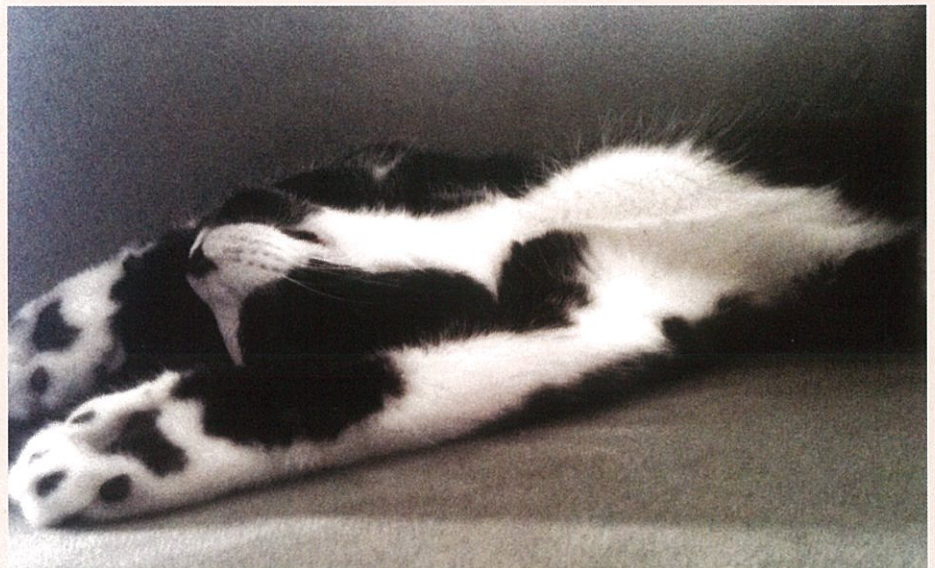
Simone, Claudia and, of course, the cheeky Maddy

Hi Guys!

This photo of Moose was taken about a week after he moved in with us, so you can see he is settling in well. I keep this photo on my desk at work, everyone loves it! Thanks so much to everyone at Cat Protection Society, you do a great thing.

Kind regards

Anna



Moose



SCRATCHING POST



Cuddles

Hi Amy and the rest of the CPS crew

We adopted Cuddles from the Enmore Centre. She was very feisty and my boyfriend even got a scratch when he tried to pat her. She could not really be patted or even touched but we thought that with our love and care she would change.

When we brought Cuddles home and let her out of her carry cage, a totally different cat emerged! She not only allowed patting but started demanding affection by pushing her face as close to you as possible, then rolling onto the ground demanding you rub her tummy. She started following me everywhere. No matter where I went, Cuddles would be there next to me. The first two nights she has slept next to me, waking us up a couple of times a night for a tummy rub. After kissing and cuddling her and rubbing her tummy for a few minutes, she settles back to sleep. She just constantly needs to be close to one of us!

There is absolutely no sign of the angry Cuddles; saying that, she will meow if her tummy rubbing needs aren't met immediately but that's about it! We thought it would take a lot longer for her to get accustomed to us but it seems she trusts us and knows that we will love her and take good care of her.

Kind regards

Milla

All at the Cat Protection Society

Blossom is a little sweetheart and a treat to have around! She settled into her new environment immediately and is a very spoilt little lady. She likes nothing better than having a snooze on her blanket on the lounge, or sneaking on to my bed.



Blossom

Thanks again for introducing me to "Bloss" and for letting her become a part of my life, she is a darling!

Regards

Karen



Hello to all at the Cat Protection Society

We adopted Max on Valentine's Day from your centre.

He loves watching TV and is very photogenic.

Everyone loves him and he is already part of the family ☺

Thanks for your help

Dianne, Klaus & Max ☺

Max



SCRATCHING POST

Hi everyone at the Cat Protection Society

Alex is now a much-loved part of the family. She relaxed straight away and is now very confident with the human and beagle inhabitants of the house! She's a gorgeous and friendly cat – super well-behaved and very talkative.

Thank you for taking care of her before we were able to adopt her and providing such great advice and support during the adoption process. Keep up the good work!

Claire



Alex

Hi

I adopted a cat named Buddy. I just wanted to thank everyone for helping me find the perfect pet, it was much appreciated. Buddy is settling in nicely and is always a lovely companion to come home to.

☺ Dylan



Buddy

Dear CPS

My Sooty endorses the monthly donations I've made to you guys this last year. After all, he came from a shelter too!

Amy



Sooty

Hi Mina

I just thought I'd send this to you to show you how cute it is ... Emily is on the left (the nervous, gorgeous one) Lilly is in the centre (the obese genius) and Bob is the all-black panther.

Kind regards

Andrew



Emily, Lilly and Bob

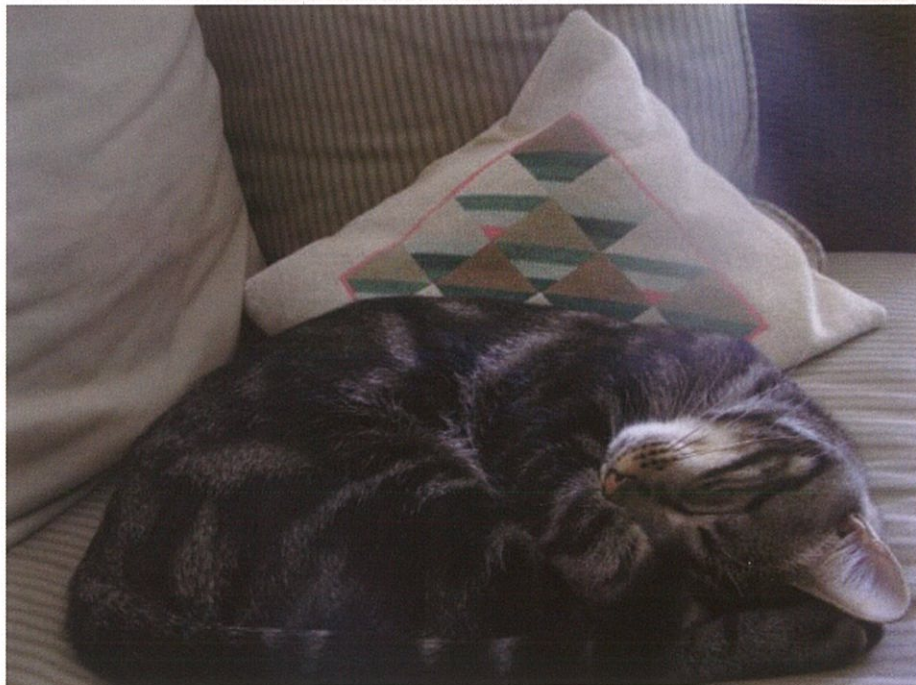
SCRATCHING POST

Dear everyone at CPS

Sammy, now called Max, has settled in remarkably well. He has worked out his favourite places in the house to play and sleep. He likes lying in windowsills, attacking chair legs, leaping through stair bannisters and rocketing through semi-open doors! He has become more and more affectionate and his personality has fitted beautifully into our house. I want to thank you for all the fantastic work you do in caring for and rehoming both adult cats and kittens. I'm so glad I found my handsome tiger!

With lots of love (and meows and pats to Max's friends!)

Zoe and Max



Max

Hi there

I thought you might want to see what Katie and Lily are up to. I finally got them the huge cat tree so that they can spy on our neighbours and watch the day go by.

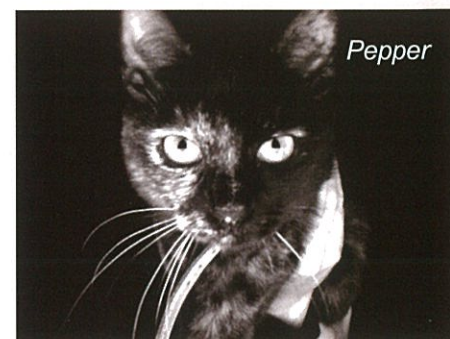
I think it is fair to say that Lily is still the dominant cat and Katie is still a hide-y cat.

They're happily spoilt at home. Thank you for looking after them while they were waiting for a home.

Regards

Grace

Katie and Lily



Pepper

Hello

We adopted Pepper 24 November. We love her so much!

Pete

SCRATCHING POST

Hi to everyone at CPS

We adopted Angel on 12 February and she quickly became known as Mimi. She was one of your more shy cats but settled in very quickly once she realised she had the house to herself and two "staff" to wait on her every whim and give her lots of cuddles. She became part of the family and wakes us up every morning with her chatter and purrs. She is very affectionate and seems to have got over any shyness or timidity she may have had.

She gives us lots of kisses and purrs which are returned!!! Thank you for all the great work you do, enabling us to give little cats like Mimi a second start in life.

Ciao

Anna



Mimi

Hi

I'd just like to let you know that the kitten we adopted has become a much-loved addition to our home – we've named her Kali after the Hindu goddess.

Kali took over the house as soon as we opened the carrier door, and after a day of hissing at the dog they are now great mates.

Karen



Bella



Hi Andrea

Here are some pictures of Bella in her new forever home. She is getting on well with my mum's other cat, Fletch. Fletch even helps to clean her!

Liv



IN MEMORIAM



Leela

Our beloved father cat Timmy died when he was only four years old. He used to sleep with me and put his paw around me and mum and cuddle us.

Now his daughter Leela was attacked by a cat we were minding for a little while. He damaged the nerves in her bladder and we had to put her to sleep as well.

Leela was a lovely puss, she used to walk behind us on the couch and kiss our heads. She was nearly three years of age. We miss them both terribly.

Ellen



I just wanted to thank you for providing the gift that was my cat Diddle. "Bernard" (later named Diddle) was an adult when I adopted him in 2004.

He lived with me for six wonderful years. Sadly Diddle became very ill with kidney disease in December and I had to make the decision to have him put to sleep on the 28th of December. It was such a sad time, as he was a sweet little boy, once a stray but ever so gentle.

I just want to thank you and congratulate you on the wonderful work you do. My other adopted cat Mr Whiskers aka "Big Gus" misses Diddle terribly.

Suzanne

To Heini

Marked out space – filled space,
With this and that,
Our World.
There was a cat there,
Old-clothes-comfortable people,
Shelter, food, books, music and paintings,
Warmth, dappled shade,
chlorophylly shinings,
Dull bunchings and springings of garden
With fragile coloureds thrusting voluptuously in season,
A scatter of chroma oozing on concrete.
Sleek forms flying up to walls, to roofs,
Paddings and rustlings, eye-glows at night.
In our world there was a cat,
There with other cats.

Black, flattish, leonine head lifts for scratch of chin,
Stars spark from his eyes to mine,
Warmth on thighs sinks into years remembering
Wild springs and sprayed out whiskers,
A head-buff on my hand, sometimes a loving nip,
A hold of skin in rough affection.
In the room, dim, squeezed of light
A black, white-tipped tail goes through the cat door,
But he'll be back to curl – a warm rock against my back,
Absorbing waves of loneliness
At that time when Kurt was far away.
That was a yesterday long fallen off the earth,
Yet your dear companionship blooms like a flower
Each time that I recall.

There you are on the top step
Furry furry silk black/white shining.
Commandeering us, laden with smells and cracklings,
Clink of tins like sweet bells.
Leading through doors,
Assaulting that closed one there with its panels of ribbed glass,
Try to reach the knob,
Impatient
Muscular yearnings.

That little black/white kitten hides
Under a tattered blanket there, draping from the lounge.
Spurned and spat at by the others.
But you come straight over, curious-friendly
Bringing wild plays and tender affection.

Catching crumpled paper, shaped to ball, in two hooky paws.
A clever, ingenious cat.
Scooping, spiking meat to bring it to your mouth.
That time we built a tower of filled boxes,
You lived there for weeks,
Devising novel ascents and descents, from floor or adjacent chairs.

This hole here, this crater in our world is just not fillable.
These cracks and splinters must lead to something come asunder.
I SEEK
In the green soothing of foliage,
In the certainty of hardness of the earth,
In the infinities of space,
Falling there forever,
Grasping at nothingness,
I seek our world,
It has vanished with that CAT.

Jean V Leyendekkers

Nisse

14 December 1994 – 2 June 2010

1994 was a very special year; Nisse was born and I met Maria who had just adopted Nisse.



When we decided to marry, Nisse travelled on the plane with Maria from Melbourne to Sydney to live in Katoomba.

After many years of health problems, Nisse passed away in our arms knowing he was loved his whole life. Forever in our hearts. We will never forget you Nisse.

Mark & Maria

IN MEMORIAM



In memory of Feliks who we all loved so much. You were so friendly, gentle, majestic and beautiful.

Everyone who met you was instantly charmed by your lovely, happy nature. We have never known an animal like you.

With all our love

Waveney, Michael & Zia



Tigger was the most loving cat that anyone could ever want. He was kind and did not have a nasty streak in him at all. He loved his food and weighed a massive eight kilos. He also loved his feline brother and three sisters very much.

We will forever miss Tigger and always love him.

Donna



In loving memory of Skeeta, a beautiful and loving boy.

Tragically taken on 15 December 2010, aged 8 years.

Lesley



Missy

11 February 1986 – 30 May 2008

In memory of our beloved cat Missy, who died aged 22 ½ years.

Even though Missy has been gone for over two years, we miss her very much every day.

Heather



In memory of our dear friend Miss Leila Dilley.

John

In memory of the late Dr Louise Jones.

Dr Woods

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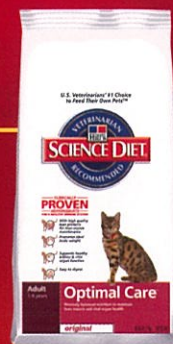
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Michelle Minehan

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