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Cover photograph of Cat Protection cat Mimi, by Joshua Vernon-Rogers www.jvrphoto.com Mimi has since found her loving forever home.

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Council Report

As we look forward to the spring sunshine, it also beckons yet another kitten season, only this year like the last, has been marked by a continuous presence of kittens. This phenomenon has even been reported in the UK; unseasonably warm weeks in autumn and winter triggering the breeding instinct in cats. Even in the relatively mild climate of Sydney, winter is a dangerous time to be raising kittens on the street. Fortunately, many of them find kind strangers who bring the mum and babies to us, and we place them in the safety and warmth of a foster home until they're all big and healthy, ready to be desexed and find a forever home of their own.

We've been pleased to have more councils partnering with us in our discount desexing program Operation Cat. Desexing is so vitally important to feline welfare and has always been a pillar of our work, as are education and information. In May this year, Cat Protection, along with the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home, organised the first 'Getting to Zero' (G2Z) workshop for NSW. G2Z is an Australian movement to end the euthanasia of healthy cats and dogs which was developed by the Animal Welfare League in Queensland. G2Z sets a template for communities to work together to improve companion animal welfare.

It was heartening to see a number of councils represented and so many animal care organisations, from big charities to small rescue groups, working together to identify what can be done to make a positive difference to the lives of our companion animal friends. We presented an issues paper on pet-friendly accommodation as the absence of it continues to harm innocent lives and hurt those who care about them. You can find this paper, along with a template pet resume, draft pet agreement and other information on our website.

We need to, and can, work together to make a kinder society that is better for people and for our pets. Thank you to all our members and supporters for helping us to build this brighter future.

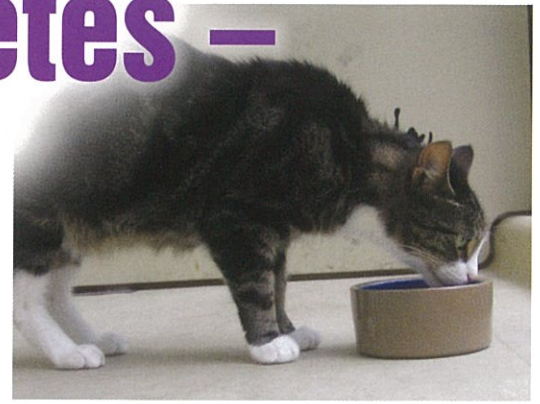




Sam

Feline diabetes – Sam's story

by Betty Harvie



Excessive thirst is a symptom of feline diabetes

When we boarded Sam at Cat Utopia in 2008 it was mentioned that Sam was rather lethargic and wasn't well.

We had noticed the same at home and a friend commented that he was drinking a lot of water for a cat. We took him to the vet who checked him for kidney problems but his kidneys were OK. It went through my mind that a neighbour we had at one time had been diagnosed with diabetes and his wife said at the time he had been drinking a lot of water. I jumped out of bed one morning and checked the internet and found it was possible for cats to have diabetes.

I made an appointment to see the vet that afternoon and when we took Sam down his sugar level was around 15.0. The vet took him to their main branch with her and when we collected him in the evening his sugar had risen to over 20. He was diagnosed a diabetic.

We asked if Sam would have to be put down and the vet said "you don't put humans down when they get diabetes," and she also explained that Sam would need insulin injections twice every day. We then made a commitment to Sam that we would see him through and be there for him.

Having diabetes also made him susceptible to kidney infections and we had to be on the watch for any changes in his health. The people at Cat Utopia were prepared to give Sam his insulin injections which made it possible for us to have short breaks away of a few days.

He also had liver problems connected to the diabetes and we fed him 'Id' – liver diet biscuits, as well as his favourite rump steak, with occasional steamed flathead. He also had special biscuits for feline diabetics which he ate for breakfast. The liver diet biscuits were mainly put in his treat ball and he would bowl them around the unit until they all fell out, consuming them as he went.

His sugar needed to be checked from time to time and this was mainly done by the vet piercing the vein that ran around the top of his ear – this would get enough blood to activate the strip for the machine to read. I eventually learnt to do this but he was not happy having this done. If the vet

wanted to take blood for a full blood test Sam had to have either his neck or his leg shaved, spoiling his beauty. His fur soon grew back again.

He adapted to his injections – he had a towel folded up on a special table and was lifted on to it where he was always given a kiss and a cuddle then he squatted down and let us administer the injection, usually purring loudly. Now and again I would be given a 'nip' that didn't even draw blood, his way of letting me know who was the boss. He was then brushed and groomed, looking like the aristocrat he was, before he was fed.

On the evening of 29 June 2011, I gave Sam his injection and put his food down for his tea. I usually gave him this in three stages, mainly to avoid him bringing it up from eating too quickly. When I went to add more to the bowl, I noticed he had not eaten any. He had thrown up his tea a couple of nights before at around 3.30am but ate his regular meals following that.

The next morning I gave him his injection and some diabetic biscuits which he ate. He hopped up on the bedspread that was lying on the bed in the second bedroom and curled up and went to sleep. I was concerned enough to phone the vet and we took him up to Belmont at 11am. He usually disliked going in the cage in the car but didn't protest.

When the vet tested his sugar it was down to around 2.0 and he was having a 'hypo' so she gave him honey and put him in the hospital on a drip as he'd become dehydrated and his sugar was checked every 30 minutes. They got him to eat something while he was there and we collected him and brought him home around 5.45pm.

We put down food for him which he didn't eat and about 9pm he was violently ill. That evening he had lots of cuddles sitting on my lap, staying there much longer than usual. He went to bed in his igloo and a short time later he was sick again.

We put him in the ensuite with his igloo, tray, diabetic biscuits and water. He promptly proceeded



to let himself out, being an expert at opening sliding doors. I had to put him back in the ensuite and wedged the door closed. He also tried to remove the canula that was in his leg by pulling at the bandage.

I took a sugar reading that morning – it was 8.9 and we took him back to the vet at Belmont. We had considered his wellbeing and quality of life and realised that the time had come for us to make the hard decision to say goodbye. He was also suffering from arthritis in his back legs and his organs were breaking down.

It must have been very hard for the vet who Sam idolised. The local vet nurse we knew was there also

with us and we later had Sam cremated. He was 15 years old and had been with us, we don't know how long exactly, but it would have been about 14 years. We loved him heaps and miss him greatly.

We hope that others whose dog or cat is diagnosed with diabetes make a decision similar to the one we made – we have no regrets and would do the same again. We would not have swapped these three years for anything.

Thank you to Cat Protection member Betty Harvie for sharing her experiences of caring for Sam. He enjoyed three good years post-diagnosis thanks to the loving care of the Harvie family. Rest in peace dear Sam.

What is feline diabetes?

Feline diabetes, Diabetes mellitus, also known as 'sugar' diabetes, is a common health problem in cats that affects the control of blood sugar levels in the cat's blood stream. The disorder usually occurs in middle-aged and older cats, particularly if they are overweight.

Causes of feline diabetes

Feline diabetes can affect cats of any age, sex, or breed. The disorder is more common in overweight male cats over six years old. The causes are unknown although obesity, hormonal imbalances and certain medications can all be factors. Weight management in cats is very important but if your cat is overweight, it is important that they do not lose weight too quickly, as this can lead to other health problems. Talk to your vet if you are concerned about your cat's weight.

Signs of feline diabetes

Warning signs for feline diabetes can be similar to other feline diseases, so it is very important to see your vet if you notice any of the following:

- Increased thirst
- Passing more urine
- Weight loss
- Weakness/lethargy
- Vomiting
- Increased appetite
- Frequent infections, eg skin or urinary tract
- Poor coat condition
- Fits or seizures.

How feline diabetes affects your cat

When your cat is healthy the food they eat is digested into the bloodstream. Insulin is secreted by the body to signal the cells to begin converting sugars from the food into usable energy, or glucose.

If the cat is diabetic, their body will either not produce enough insulin, or won't respond to it. This will lead to abnormal levels of sugars in the bloodstream which cannot be used by the body. Initially the cat may gain weight but as the disorder progresses, the cat will lose weight as the body tries to process the sugars. Even if the diabetic cat seems to be eating well, an untreated cat will starve to death.

An early warning sign of feline diabetes is excessive urination. This is caused by the body trying to pass the excess sugar from the blood stream.

Treatment of feline diabetes

If diagnosed in the early stages this disorder is very treatable. It is therefore very important to see a vet as soon as you notice any warning signs.

Depending on the severity of the disorder there are a number of ways feline diabetes can be treated.

- **Insulin:** the most common form of treatment for feline diabetes. Prescribed dosages of insulin are given to your cat daily by injection. Some cats are treated twice a day. Usually your cat will require these injections for the rest of their life, but some cats when treated early will stabilise and may become non-diabetic again. You may be required to administer the injections or your vet may do it for you if other tests need to be done at the same time. Regular urine tests are needed to monitor your cat's blood sugar levels.

- **Oral medication:** a small percentage of cats respond well to oral drugs, which lower blood sugar levels. This is most effective with a weight management diet.



What is feline diabetes? (Continued)

- **Diet:** it is essential that a diabetic cat receives a consistent diet every day. Your vet may prescribe a specific veterinary blend food to manage the diabetes and in the case of overweight cats, this will include a weight management plan. Weight loss may cause the diabetes to resolve.

- **Routine:** if your cat is diagnosed with diabetes it is very important that you establish a strict routine for your cat and every member of your household abides by it. Your cat's life may depend on it. Feeding and medication times need to be the same every day and exercise times need to be monitored. The key to successfully treating this disorder is consistency. Any changes in your cat should be reported immediately to your vet.

The future for your diabetic cat

Feline diabetes is a common and treatable disorder. If your cat is diagnosed with feline diabetes this doesn't mean a death sentence.

Thousands of cats around the world are diagnosed each year with feline diabetes and live long, happy lives – our feature story cat, Sam, is a wonderful example of a cat with diabetes living a good quality of life to old age.

Provided that you are willing to give your cat all the necessary care they need, there is no reason why your diabetic cat cannot continue to enjoy a happy life with your family.



With the right diet and medication, feline diabetes can be managed

How do you know when your cat is unwell?

Cats are particularly good at concealing illness. As well as taking your cat to the vet for vaccinations and an annual health check, and keeping their flea and worm treatments up to date, you should always be alert to changes in your cat. These could be signals that something isn't right.

This is not a comprehensive list but a guide on things to keep an eye out for:

- Change in appetite, with or without change in weight
- Excessive thirst
- Lethargy
- Over-grooming or not grooming
- Change in toileting habits
- Vomiting or diarrhoea

- Runny eyes or nose
- Changed behaviours eg becoming aggressive or withdrawn
- Squirming or avoiding touch if this is not usual
- Flinching at touch
- Bad breath or other malodour
- Limping
- Panting
- Rubbing the ears or mouth excessively
- Eyes cloudy or filmy
- Fur loss
- Wounds or scabs; abnormal redness or swelling.

You know your cat best, and if anything seems out of the ordinary, even if it seems trivial, you should take your cat to the vet as soon as possible. Early intervention is vital to your cat's health and quality of life.

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Hendra virus

In very simple terms, Hendra is a virus that has crossed species from bats (flying foxes) to horses and to people. Laboratory tests showed it to be transmissible to other animals including cats and dogs. Recently, a family dog living on a farm in Queensland was put to sleep after it was confirmed the dog was carrying the potentially deadly virus. So far, the recent reports of which we are aware have been mainly in Queensland and Northern NSW.

This is an emerging health issue for people and animals, and not an area in which we have expertise. To find out more about Hendra, go to the Department of Primary Industries website: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/horses/health/general/hendra-virus>



Companion Animal Welfare

The Cat Protection Society of NSW and the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home organised NSW's first workshop on **G2Z – Getting to Zero** euthanasia of healthy cats and dogs – which was held in Parliament House, Sydney in May and attended by about 90 animal welfare advocates and workers.

Clover Moore, MP, Member for Sydney, hosted the one-day workshop which explored options to change what is currently a deplorable death toll of companion animals.

Recognising there is a social aspect to this problem, the day was facilitated by leading community advocate, Eva Cox, AO.

G2Z is a community-wide approach to improving animal welfare outcomes. It is founded on three principles: that each community takes responsibility for saving its abandoned animals; that it is possible to get closer to zero each year; and that all cats and dogs are equally deserving of our utmost efforts to preserve and enhance their lives. It was developed and trialled by the AWL Queensland on the Gold Coast, with great results. Joy Verrinder and Sylvana Wenderhold from AWLQ attended the workshop and explained the model and the positive impact it has had.

Throughout the day, key points from speakers and feedback from participants were noted, and then ideas and suggestions that would help rehome

Website

We've upgraded our website www.catprotection.org.au which is such an important tool in promoting adoptions and feline health and welfare.

You can now make donations directly, pay your membership on-line, or find out more information about our services or how you can help, for example, volunteering and foster care forms are available to download. Or, you can just browse and enjoy the beautiful images of cats.

Open Day

Don't forget to put **Saturday 29 October** in your diary – this is our annual Open Day. From 11am until 2pm, come in and meet the cats and people; enjoy the activities; buy a raffle ticket; catch some magic and be amazed by the talents of our fabulous felines ... for more details, check our website or facebook closer to the date.

Also for your diaries, our **AGM** will be held on Saturday 12 November: the notice is in this issue of *Cat Affairs*.

more companion animals were collated and later circulated to all participants.

At G2Z, Cat Protection launched our issues paper on pet-friendly accommodation; there was strong agreement that this is a major impediment to pet ownership in Sydney, and a growing cause of pet surrenders.

Clover Moore announced that she had presented to the Parliament a Notice of Motion to establish **a committee to inquire into companion animal welfare**. The inquiry would include examining the number of cats and dogs entering pounds and shelters each year and the number rehomed, reunited or euthanased; the effectiveness of existing regulations and policies; education on responsible pet ownership; and the impact of pet bans in accommodation.

We have made representations to the Government, Opposition and other MPs seeking their support for this inquiry; it needs the Government's support to go ahead.

Too many cats and dogs continue to die – every year, tens of thousands of them, helpless and innocent. It has to stop.

We need to look broadly, thoroughly and openly for answers. **If you support the proposed inquiry, please contact your local State MP as soon as possible and urge them to vote in favour of it.**

SCRATCHING POST

Ginger



Hi Cat Protection Society

When we first laid our eyes on Ginger in November 2010, we knew he was the right cat for our family. As soon as we got him home, he began investigating the house; at first he was a little scared, but in no time he was right at home.

Ginger is very energetic, entertaining and inquisitive (as you can see in the photo of him in our new fridge), so he always has us chasing him around the house. He loves climbing on top of things and playing with the blinds on our windows. Every now and then he loves to scratch and bite, sometimes a little too hard! After running around, he loves cuddling up with us and having a sleep.

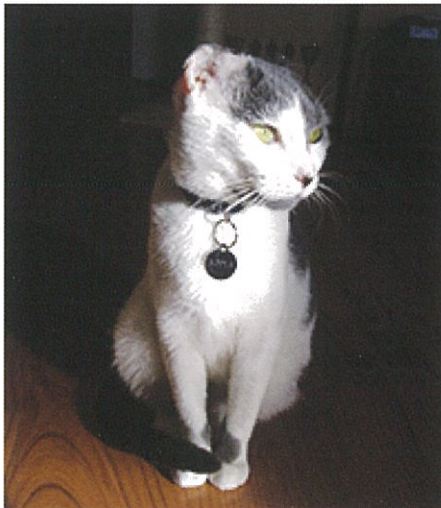
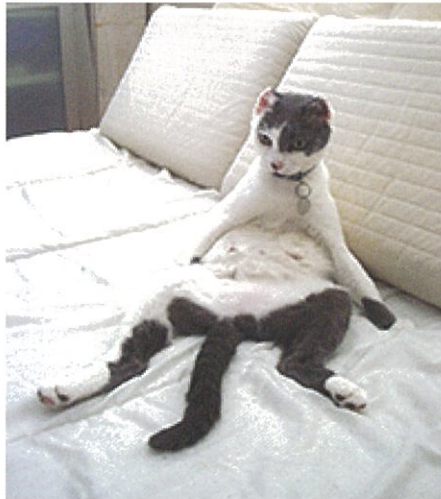
He always has our family in stitches with the funny things he does and overall he is a wonderful addition to the family and we love him.

Thanks to all for your assistance in finding us the right cat, we greatly appreciate it.

Sam, Blake, Wilma, Caitlin & Ginger



Apple



Hi Naomi

Thanks for the catch up chat last week about Apple. We're all now back from our respective mini breaks (a spell down south for the humans and kitty creche for Miss Apple). Word is she was a hit at cat boarding and got on well with all humans and fellow kitties, no surprise given her time at CPS and a generally chilled disposition.

Her early morning yowling continues but I'm happy to report it's not due to any medical problems, as confirmed by the Sydney Animal Hospital (Inner West) staff who monitored her during her recent stay there. Like you suggested, we will keep practising ignoring her when she cries out ... fingers crossed.

Apart from this, Apple continues to delight and endear every day. We all know she likes a chat but there is a new quirk: she likes to monitor and supervise our time in the bathroom. This covers all manner of activities that take place in this room - it can be a little disconcerting since it's a place where you've never been monitored or supervised before, lol!

Anyway, here are some of her recent glamour shots - I reckon we have a super model here. Soon she'll be telling me she won't get out of bed for less than 10000000000 bits of kibble!

Cheers
Leonie

Apple came to Cat Protection as a little stray mum with quite advanced skin cancer on her ears. This was unusual given her young age and that her ears were grey, not white. After she'd raised her kittens in foster care, she came back to us and was desexed and had surgery to remove the cancer. We're so happy to see our friend in her forever home.

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Philo

Dear Camilla

Philo seems to like his new home. He's a very active young man, especially shortly after I lie down to go to sleep, which seems to be a go-wild-signal of sorts for young cats.

Sophie is not too happy with the new resident. She just doesn't understand that Philo wants to play with her. But in the past couple of days there seems to have been a bit of improvement; today, they both had a bit of face time, which went rather well. She had a hiss at him, but not flying paws. She just needs more time, as we both have been by ourselves since we first met.

Thank you very much for the gift of a little boy. I'm very happy to have him added to my little family. And everyone who meets him, or has been flooded with baby-pics, thinks he's adorable.

Regards
Jason



Bubbles



Quinley

Hi

On 24 May 2010, I adopted Emma, who I renamed Yuki, from you. I simply wanted to let you know that, a year later, she is living happily with me and is enjoying her life. She is affectionate and she has a sweet nature, and each morning she jumps up on my bed to let me know that it's time for a cuddle and for me to fix her breakfast.

Although she is free to go outside during the day (I keep her in at night), she comes immediately when I call her. Much of her time, however, is spent inside, playing or sleeping either on top of the television set or in her Snugglepuss bed.

None of the toys I purchased engaged her attention -- rather she spends lots of time playing with the cardboard tubes from rolls of paper towels, plastic supermarket bags I've tied into a knot, and screwed up Fantale wrappers (it seems she's rejected materialism).

If I grill myself a New York Cut steak, she watches me patiently as I eat it, certain in the knowledge that a couple of

Hi Sabrina

Bubbles is doing great and he is so loving and wonderful and makes me laugh always:-)

Bubbles is loving his new home and oh my, how he loves to eat, lol!

Thank you for your help.

Teresa

Hi

Quinley was adopted on 21 August 2010. She was very shy at first but now she owns the house!

We absolutely love her and are so glad we adopted Quinley.

Regards

Anne

pieces will find their way into her bowl. Last month, when I took her to the vet to be vaccinated, he examined her carefully and said: "This is a very healthy cat."

When I picked her up a year ago, I expressed some concern about when she should be allowed to go outside. The staff member I spoke to advised me to keep her inside for six months or so. This seemed like an inordinately long time but I followed that advice and I'm truly glad I did. I believe this is why she's happy to spend much of her time inside and, as I've mentioned, comes in as soon as I call her.

Once I'd decided to get another cat, I kept visiting your centre for nearly three months before I found her. There was no shortage of cute cats but none felt completely right. On the Saturday morning I saw her (22 May 2010), I knew straight away that she was "the one". I'm so grateful that I was able to take her home with me a couple of days later.

Many thanks and best regards

Jonathon



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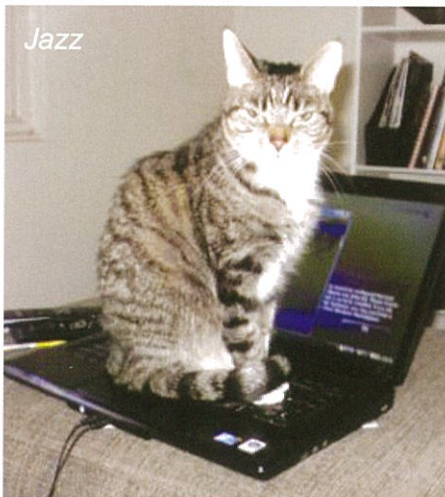
Hi

Seven weeks ago, we adopted (with help from Shareeka) a black kitten, who is now more of a catten.

She has proved to be a total delight, very affectionate, mischievous but in a lovable way. Because she is so completely black (even her whiskers) we have called her Pinot Noir, a somewhat poncy French name, but let us hope she will age well like the wine of that name. Your toilet training must be good, because she knew what to do and has had no accidents; likewise she took to her new bed instantly.

She is obsessed with water and plugholes and the bathroom is her idea of heaven! A delightful cat, full of confidence and smooch, she is already a great companion.

Thanks!
John & Ruth



Dear Aristeia

Attached please find a couple of photos of Jazz. She has now been with me a month and has really settled in well. She is no longer the shy girl and loves having her tummy rubbed!

Best wishes
Renée



Hi Naomi & Chanel

It's hard to believe but we have had these two for six months today! We cannot thank you enough for allowing us to adopt them and become their family. They are both happy and healthy and still love each other so much.

These cats are a constant source of amazement and delight to us and are relaxed and confident enough to be a bit naughty (especially Jazz who likes changing TV channels while you are watching). He has turned out to be such a surprise, he is the most affectionate and loving

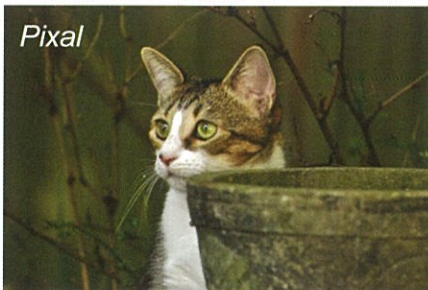
friend. Pixal is still a little shy but we notice improvements all the time as she matures. They still play (and wrestle) together all the time and live indoors, with an occasional excursion exploring the garden when it's a nice day.

Hope you are well and finding good homes for all your lovely cats.

Regards and best wishes

Romola, Malcolm & Mary

When at Cat Protection, Jazz was known as Pongo, and little Pixal was Soda Pop.



To all the staff at CPS

Enclosed are some snaps of Lily (Foreman) taken in the garden. She spends all day there and loves it. She is well and happy and sleeps on the end of my bed.

Thank you for all the wonderful work you do at CPS finding homes for these cats.

Joan



SCRATCHING POST



Hi CPS

Here's our little buddy, Ted (formerly 'Garfield'), who we adopted in late May. From his first day in the house Teddy made it his own with his toys scattered everywhere.

He has grown into a most wonderful boy with so much affection to give. He's so energetic and confident it's hard to believe he's only just four months old!

Since we've got to know him, Teddy has shown himself to be a chatterbox, a mad tree-climber and an avid fan of ball sports. However his greatest passion is water – bathwater, shower water, sprinklers, ponds, rain. He loves them all! And he's also a big fan of evening cuddles on the couch with us.

On the day Ted left the CPS, he bid a fond goodbye to his brother, Christian. We hope Christian found a loving home too. Thank you to the amazing staff, supporters and foster carers at the CPS for giving us the opportunity to meet Teddy and bring him into our home.

Emily, Matt & Ted

We're happy to say that Christian found his forever home the day after little Ted.



Hi CPS Peeps

I've been waiting very patiently for Hazel (formerly Hazelnut) and Redmond to be friends and cuddle up so I can get the perfect picture for you, but alas, it hasn't happened. Unfortunately they aren't really friendly but they do play with each other a lot – mostly chasing!

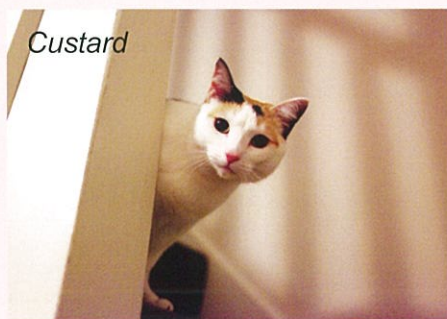
Hi guys

Gamma settled in pretty much straight away. She is so affectionate. She is very curious and likes exploring her new surroundings. She spent most of Sunday afternoon on the balcony curled up on a cushion with Phil watching the comings and goings of the street.

Custard is a little unsure; I think after a couple of weeks they will be alright.

We are so happy.

Kind regards
Lisa & Phil



Both are doing really well and seem to like it here :) Redmond is always on the move – he's very curious (and rather needy) and Hazel is a lovely, sweet little girl (who likes to lick a lot)! We love them to bits.

Cheers
Anna



SCRATCHING POST



Hi

We thought we'd send you some pictures of Mery in her new home (she's called Kiki now). She's settled really well and is very playful, inquisitive and chatty (especially around 2am ...)

Our children absolutely love her and rush home to see her after school, where she's usually waiting to say hi at the front door. Thanks for matching her so well to our family; she's as boisterous as the small humans!

Cheers
Rebecca & Anthony

Hi everyone

Here is Lucas (now Louis) in his new home with his Siamese step-brother and step-sister. He has settled in well and loves the company! He doesn't, however, like the German Sheppard (Lizzie), who really likes him!

His new mum is in love with him and is glad she has now got a forever home for him.

Nicole



Hi Sam & the team

Just a quick photo and update on Corey (now Rory). As you can see, he is still being shy but has come out of his shell around Jamie and me. He hasn't met his two new companions yet but he knows they are there, outside his door.

We will slowly introduce him to Tyrone and Jackson over the next week. He really loves a cuddle and smooch and purrs like a maniac.

Thanks for all your help in choosing Rory.

Stacey

Rory



SCRATCHING POST

Hi

We're pleased to let you know that "Fizzgig" has settled down extremely well. She is such a loving darling, now sleeping on our bed at night. Thought you might like a photo of her.

Regards
Ron & Elizabeth

Hi !

I adopted Rosie from CPS Enmore in 2004. (She was then "Kitty"). Rosie has brought more joy into my life than I could have ever imagined.

I remember the day I chose her. She was very nuzzly and nuzzled into my hand – that was it, she chose me! She remains very nuzzly to this day and loves to snuggle in bed with me.

She walks with me halfway up the path each afternoon as I check the letter box and I am sure she thinks it is very funny to race me back home – leaping over fences and taking short cuts and racing in our front door.

She was very underweight and extremely timid when I first brought her home; she doubled her weight over time, though is still pretty tiny. I think she must have been quite traumatised as she was quite fearful and still has her issues. She still remains a one person cat and avoids other people.

She has a very spoilt life – I share the odd prawn and bit of steak with her – and she is covered in smooches only about 20 times a day.

I strongly encourage others to consider adopting a cat from CPS, it can only be a win-win!

Thanks CPS for bringing my beautiful feline friend into my life.

Felicity



Hi !

Monkey was adopted from CPS in early 2002 after she'd had her second litter and been desexed. She is a much-loved member of our family, our postie's favourite neighbourhood cat, and frequently has her picture taken by tourists.

Michelle

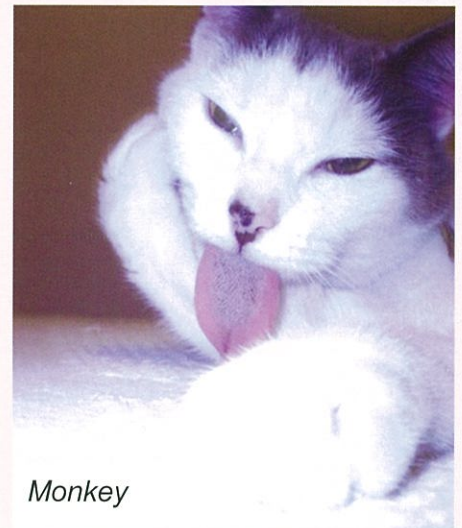
Dear Cat Protection

I thought you might like an update on Kitty since her adoption (18 August 2010). She's been enjoying to get to know us, and now has three fairly ardent fans, who rush to tell each other when she's looking especially cute, or has climbed anywhere particularly high (she loves climbing), or has used the litter tray, or just because we love her.

I've had the flu (which came on just after I'd voted, which shows how dangerous an act that can be) so have had a lot of time to observe this delightful feline and have decided to rename her Becky, after Becky Sharp from *Vanity Fair* (a character who had her share of rough beginnings, was fearless, and a bit of a social climber).

I have yet to capture her loveliness adequately, but I hope these pictures convey her having settled in quite well.

All the best
Penny



IN MEMORIAM



Tarzan Bryson
June 1997 - April 2011

Darling Tarzan, you were a true gentleman. Your impeccable manners, wicked sense of fun and deep, rumbling purr endeared you to all.

You are missed every single day by your family. Our home and our hearts will never be quite the same without you.

Nicky



**In loving memory of
Christmas**
2005 - 2011

Christmas was a loving cat. He was always cuddly and was always there for me to talk to.

My other cats miss him and look for him. I miss him a lot, and even though I have three cats and three dogs, he was my Christmas day all year round.

I loved him and miss him so much.

Susan



In memory of Mary

Mary was homeless. Last Easter, she had five kittens and she let me take them into my dry old garage and place them in a wicker basket with a lambie. There all six stayed for the next seven weeks.

Three of the kittens went to one home. Those people are wonderful and the kittens are much loved and thriving. The other two found loving homes through Cat Protection, who also took Mary in.

Sadly, when Mary was being checked by the vet prior to her desexing operation, it was discovered she had an enlarged heart and would not survive. She was put to sleep. It was a miracle that she had lived so long to raise healthy kittens.

Goodbye little girl, I will never forget you.

Judith



In memory of TIGER
October 2001 - 20 April 2011

Our friend Tiger passed away today, so we are sending you this cheque in his memory.

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Portia, Samcat, Ollie, Reilly, Bella, , Sophia. Fred

Our dear friend of 10 years, we miss you already.



In memory of Smokey

We still miss him greatly. I spent six months doing palliative care for Smokey before he passed on 29 November 2010. That was the least I could do for a truly wonderful, constant companion. He had a huge personality and loved to play, even in his old age, and of course loved to sleep, in all manner of places and poses. He was truly special and we're blessed he chose us.

Karen



Sam Harvie
1996 -2011

This donation is in memory of our beloved cat Sam.
Mrs Harvie

Cat Protection would like to thank Judith for giving Mary shelter when she needed it, ensuring that Mary lived long enough to see her little kittens find loving forever homes, knowing they would never have to endure life on the streets as Mary did. Mary's last months were marked by the beautiful kindness of a stranger who cared. She was blessed to find Judith.



In memory of Kingsley

David and I got married in May in a beautiful ceremony in Scotland and decided instead of wedding favours a donation to Cat Protection would be much more rewarding.

We had adopted our very first cat Kingsley from your Newtown centre and had only had Kingsley for 13 months before he sadly passed away in March 2010 of cancer.

Kingsley was an older cat (eight years) when we adopted him and although we only had him for a relatively short time he came on in leaps and bounds from the shy cat who first came to us.

Kingsley would announce his arrival through the cat flap with a howl and would sleep with us every night at the end of our bed.

It devastated us to lose such a wonderful cat after we were putting his life back together again, however, we decided on our wedding day that he wouldn't be forgotten so we named our head table Kingsley in memory of him.

We have since adopted two more rescue cats that were also of an older age and they continue where Kingsley left off in making us smile every day.

Please see pictures attached of our head table and Kingsley in his comical pose that always made us laugh.

Kind regards
Sarah and David

Cat Protection congratulates Sarah and David on their marriage and we thank them and their wedding guests for their generous donation in memory of Kingsley. We remember Kingsley as a gentle and handsome boy. It was sad to learn he died so young but wonderful to know that he was much loved, and that his spirit lives on in the hearts of Sarah and David. ♥

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