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*Cover photograph of Tori, Foster Father of the Year, by Pharyn Abel. Pharyn is one of our regular foster carers and her male cat (his name is the result of earlier being thought to be a girl) is a devoted feline foster dad, playing with the kittens, grooming them and keeping them company, helping them to grow up to be confident kitties ready to find loving homes of their own. Thank you Pharyn, and thank you Tori!*

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## Council Report

Those of us who love our cats can think of nothing worse than being unable to look after them. At Cat Protection, it is our privilege to rehome cats who have come from such situations: where the person has died, moved to a nursing home or is suffering from a serious illness that leaves them unable to care for their cats. Recently we rehomed Big Red, a gorgeous 10 year old cat whose owner had died.

Big Red was lucky – a kind neighbour brought him in to us and within weeks he was settled in a loving new home. But for many cats, with their owners gone, no one even knows about them and they are left to fend for themselves. That is why planning is so important: we might not want to think about these issues but they are important for our cats' welfare and for our peace of mind. In this issue, we look at planning for your cat, and we also look at how you can assist a person who is living alone with cat care. As a community, we need to work together to care for each other and our pets.

As a no-kill shelter, there is a high demand on our services – we recently took in some kittens brought all the way from Cowra – but we do not discriminate between rich and poor, stray and owned. We believe every cat deserves a loving and responsible home. However, to continue to operate like this, we do need the support of those who can afford it, and we continue to depend on the generosity of donors and those who leave us bequests. In thinking about your cat's future, please also consider the future of all cats and if you can, please remember Cat Protection in your Will.

We thank all those kind and beautiful people who have supported us with bequests. Every little cat we save is a precious legacy, whose life honours those who made it possible, and for which we are truly grateful.



# Planning for your cat

**Caring for a cat or cats is a commitment made for their lifetime. However, our circumstances can change at any time, and it is important to plan for contingencies should you be unable to care for your cat/s, whether temporarily or permanently.**

At the outset, it is important to ensure your cat is desexed, microchipped and registered, and that you contact your local council to update your contact details if you move so that your cat's record on the Companion Animals Register is updated. This way, you can be contacted if your cat is lost.

Keep your cat's paperwork together in one folder: desexing certificate; microchip and registration papers; vaccination records and any health records from your vet. Note the dates of flea and worm treatments and the products used.

Clearly mark the outside of the folder with the name/s and description/s of your cat/s (eg Honey, 4 year old short-haired tortie), and the name, address and phone number of your cat's regular vet and at least two people (friends or family) who can be contacted to care for the cats in case of emergency.

Remember, in some emergencies it may be a stranger trying to deal with the situation so the more information that is clearly available, the better.

If you live alone, it may be worth keeping this folder in a prominent place (eg by the telephone) to ensure the person is alerted to the fact that a cat lives in the home.

Inside the front of the folder, include a page of instructions for the temporary carer of your cat, and instructions regarding your preferences for permanent care.

Document your cat's medical needs (and remember to keep them up-to-date) and also their likes and dislikes. What food do they eat? What are their toileting habits? What type of litter do they use? The more information you document about your cat, the better they will be cared for by someone else (whether temporarily or permanently) and the more peace of mind you will enjoy.

It is important to note that most boarding facilities require a cat's vaccinations to be up-to-date. If you do not vaccinate your cat annually, then be sure to include advice in the folder that the cat must be taken to a vet to be vaccinated before boarding.

If you have a regular boarding facility that your cat has stayed at, include the name and contact details

in the folder. If you haven't boarded your cat before, you should research some boarding facilities that you think would be suitable for your cat and include the names and contact details of those facilities.

You might also include names and contact details of neighbours who could help in an emergency: document what your wishes are for your cat, both for temporary care and permanent care.

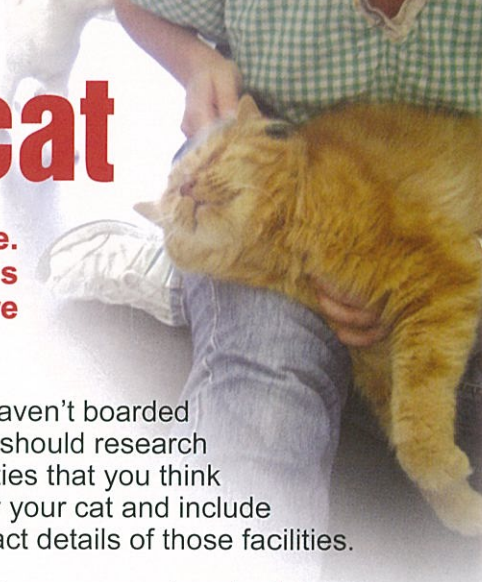
In thinking about these contingencies, consider your cat's temperament, health, age and needs (for example, if you have a shy nervous cat you wouldn't want to rehome them to a boisterous household with young children) as well as financial matters. For example, can you afford to have your cat privately boarded in the event of being temporarily unable to care for them? If not, is there a neighbour you can call upon to come to your home and feed your cat and check up on them regularly?

With respect to permanent care, you might know someone who is prepared to look after your cat – or someone who is prepared to provide temporary care while finding a permanent home for your cat. Cat Protection is a no-kill, limited admission shelter and we may be able to assist in rehoming your cat but not necessarily immediately so it is important if your wish is to have your cat rehomed, you have provided for someone to care for the cat temporarily.

You can leave instructions regarding your wishes for your cat in your Will but as the law regards animals as property, it is not as simple as leaving some money to a person to care for your cat. This area of law is complex and you should consult a solicitor or trustee company to discuss your wishes.

Never nominate people to care for your cat unless you have discussed the matter with them first, and make sure you keep names and contact details up-to-date.

Once you have created your cat's 'file' regularly review it to make sure it is still current and correct. Not only will this file be useful in the event you are unable to look after your cat, it will be helpful in emergencies (for example, if you have to suddenly evacuate your house). With your cat's information all in one secure place, you will find it a lot easier to manage. A little planning will go a long way to ensure your cat's wellbeing.





# Assisting with pet care

The way we live has changed – our society is getting older, more people are living alone and families often live in different cities or states. At some time, we all need support and help from someone else. Building good relationships with neighbours is a great way to create a support network.

For many people living alone, their cat (or dog) is truly their best friend and may even be their only companion. Helping them stay together healthily and happily is so important.



Members may recall that Cat Protection developed a pilot program to assist community care workers help people and their pets stay together. However, not everyone needing help is receiving formal care services and there is still much we can do as a community to help our friends, relatives and neighbours enjoy the benefits of companion animals.

The daily pet care chart reproduced here was designed to assist people with memory loss better care for their pets. It is a simple chart that reminds the pet owner of the things they must do each day to look after their cat or dog. Make notes on the general household calendar of the things that need to be done each month (such as flea and worm treatment) or less often (such as annual vet health check). The daily pet care chart can be adapted to the individual person and pet's needs. It is also a useful chart to help children learn responsible pet care.

## WEEKLY PET CARE

	Morning	✓	Afternoon	✓
SUN	Wash food bowl		Wash food bowl	
•	Feed (name food & quantity)		Feed (name food & quantity)	
•	Change water		Change water	
•	Dispose of any poo		Dispose of any poo	
•	Walk/play		Walk/play	
MON	Wash food bowl		Wash food bowl	
•	Feed (name food & quantity)		Feed (name food & quantity)	
•	Change water		Change water	
•	Dispose of any poo		Dispose of any poo	
•	Walk/play		Walk/play	
TUE	Wash food bowl		Wash food bowl	
•	Feed (name food & quantity)		Feed (name food & quantity)	
•	Change water		Change water	
•	Dispose of any poo		Dispose of any poo	
•	Walk/play		Walk/play	
WED	Wash food bowl		Wash food bowl	
•	Feed (name food & quantity)		Feed (name food & quantity)	
•	Change water		Change water	
•	Dispose of any poo		Dispose of any poo	
•	Walk/play		Walk/play	
THUR	Wash food bowl		Wash food bowl	
•	Feed (name food & quantity)		Feed (name food & quantity)	
•	Change water		Change water	
•	Dispose of any poo		Dispose of any poo	
•	Walk/play		Walk/play	
FRI	Wash food bowl		Wash food bowl	
•	Feed (name food & quantity)		Feed (name food & quantity)	
•	Change water		Change water	
•	Dispose of any poo		Dispose of any poo	
•	Walk/play		Walk/play	
SAT	Wash food bowl		Wash food bowl	
•	Feed (name food & quantity)		Feed (name food & quantity)	
•	Change water		Change water	
•	Dispose of any poo		Dispose of any poo	
•	Walk/play		Walk/play	
•	Check collar & lead		Change litter tray	
•	Brush			



Older frail people might find it difficult to administer tablets and pastes to their pets. There are excellent flea and worm products available that are easy to apply ('spot-on' treatments). These come in single-dose tubes and are applied to the back of the cat's/dog's neck. An all-in-one flea & worm treatment such as Advocate means just one simple treatment each month. Remember, never use flea treatment intended for dogs on a cat – it could be fatal.

**Kitty litter and pet food are heavy!** Are you able to help a neighbour or relative simply by picking up supplies for them when you go shopping? There are many different types of kitty litter available. Suddenly changing the type of litter used could cause the cat to not use the tray, so if a different product is preferred it should be introduced gradually (mixed in with the litter the cat is used to, gradually increasing the amounts over time).

The frequency of kitty litter changes will depend on the type of litter used: crystal litter lasts longest and a full tray of crystal litter will generally last one cat for two weeks, as long as solid waste is removed at least daily. It is very important that litter is kept clean

because cats won't use a dirty litter tray – it is a simpler task to assist a cat owner by changing the kitty litter each week than to deal with the mess that will result if the litter is not changed!

Automatic feeders (kibble dispensers) are good for cats and dogs who will self-regulate their diet but for others can lead to overeating and unhealthy weight gain. There are more expensive feeders with timers that will deliver set amounts of food at set times.

For people living alone especially, there should be a sign near the phone with the emergency contacts listing how many and what breed/species of pets live in the house.

It would also be a good idea to help the person with creating files for each pet, and assisting them with forward planning.

Sometimes we can feel shy talking to strangers but if we don't, we isolate ourselves and others.

**A simple offer to pick up some shopping for a neighbour could be the beginning of a life-long friendship and also help a person and their beloved companion animal stay together.**



**BOW  
MEOW**  
helping people with pets

Cat Protection was excited to learn that a new volunteer service has commenced in the municipality of Leichhardt, in Sydney's inner west.

BowMeow is a not-for-profit community group committed to helping people care for their pets. The service they provide is to create links between people who need help with pet care with people who'd love to help care for animals.

If you are interested in finding out more, whether about volunteering or receiving assistance, check out the website [www.bowmeow.com.au](http://www.bowmeow.com.au) or email [info@bowmeow.com.au](mailto:info@bowmeow.com.au) or telephone 0407 744 741

Congratulations to everyone involved with this great community initiative.



# CAT PROTECTION DIARY

## Events

We were delighted to be invited by the NSW Cat Fanciers to be a part of the Cat Pavilion at the Royal Easter Show in April. Chanel Stuart from Cat Protection coordinated our presence – including kitten wrangling – and gave talks on cat care and the work of Cat Protection. Thank you to Kari, Danielle and Rudi for your assistance.

We will again have a stand at the Sydney Retirement & Lifestyle Expo at Rosehill Racecourse Grand Pavilion, 10am-4pm, Friday 22-Sunday 24 July. This event is hugely popular and we have also enjoyed great success in matchmaking our cats to visitors! For more information go to [www.emsaust.com.au](http://www.emsaust.com.au)

The Willoughby Fauna Fair will be held on Sunday 21 August at Willoughby Park, Willoughby (weather permitting – last year we nearly got blown away by a massive storm). The Fair provides a wonderful opportunity for us to promote responsible cat ownership and it is worth a visit just for the cake stalls ☺

## Membership renewals due!

In this issue of *Cat Affairs* you will find your membership renewal form. Please continue to provide life-saving support for our feline friends. Their little meows for help will only be heard if we lend them *our voices*.



## Just a scratch?

Our cats are wonderful friends and fun companions but most of us will get scratches from time to time, even from the most placid felines. You need to be careful as even a small break in the skin can lead to infection.

One of our members (and hardworking volunteer) recently found herself hospitalised with a severe case of cellulitis that came about from a small scratch to her hand. Cellulitis is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria on the skin's surface that typically enter the body via broken skin and spread. Symptoms can be mild to severe. It is not caused by cats, and it is not caused by cat scratches alone. Any damage to the skin, such as wounds, cuts,

insect bites, burns or skin problems such as psoriasis or eczema can lead to bacteria entering the body. Treatment is antibiotics.

On the other hand, cat scratch disease is caused by cats through being scratched by a cat infected with the bacteria, *Bartonella henselae*. The bacteria don't make the cat sick, and affected cats don't need treatment. In most cases for healthy people infected by the disease, treatment is not necessary and symptoms will be mild. However, if flu-like symptoms continue and glands are swollen then medical advice should be sought. People with conditions that compromise the

immune system are more at risk and should not delay seeking medical attention.

Getting sick from cat scratches is rare but it is still wise to be sensible. Whether or not you have a cat, washing your hands with soap regularly and thoroughly is one of the best defences against infection. If you do have a cat, try to avoid making your hands 'toys' (no matter how tempting!) – instead, play with fishing-pole type toys or games like fetch or light-chasing; these are much safer and just as much fun. If you are scratched, immediately wash the area with running water and soap, and if you have any concerns see your pharmacist or doctor.



# SCRATCHING POST

*Tom and Ginger*



**Hi**

We adopted our boys Ginger and Tom from you in April and thought you might like to see how they are enjoying their new home.

They are both going along really well and are great company for each other and us.

Love

Angela & Mark

**Hi Ellen**

Bismarck and Thor have settled in very well and pretty much taken over my apartment, esp the bed at night in this weather ... They are very funny and I enjoy going home to them each night (even though Bismarck decided to destroy my ipod earphones this morning while I was in the shower meaning I have to buy a new set tonight on the way home).

They had their second vaccination a couple of nights ago. They're very healthy, strong and have a ravenous appetite and are growing each day.

I would also like to remark how professional and courteous

I found your staff, especially the vet nurse Matthew as well as a younger vet science student (his name escapes me now) who helped me with the adoption process on the day I picked them up. Your staff obviously have a passion for what they do and must also be very kind hearted. I will definitely recommend you guys to anyone I know thinking of adopting a feline friend.

Thanks again for your help and for allowing me to adopt my two little guys.

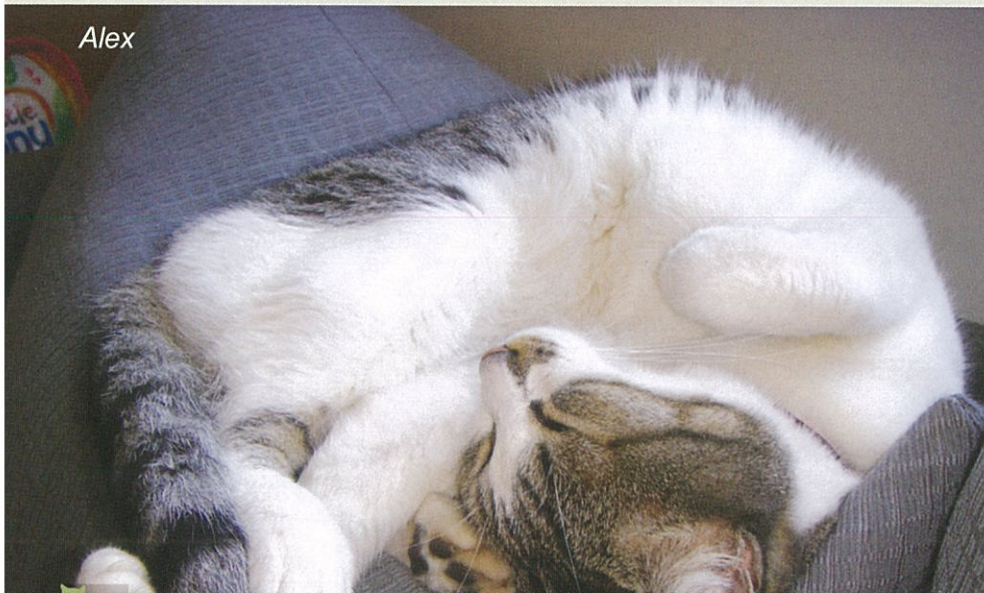
Best regards

David



*Thor (left) and Bismarck*

*Alex*



**Hi everyone at CPS**

Alex is now a much-beloved part of the family.

As you can see from the photo, 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.

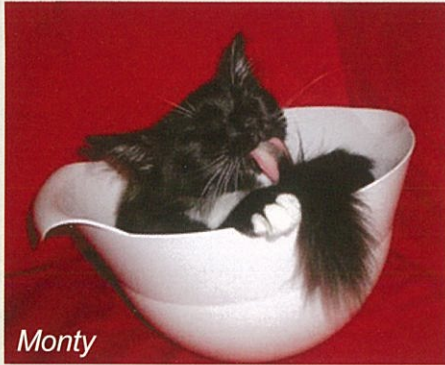
I wanted to say thank you for taking care of her before we were able to adopt her and providing such great advice and support during the adoption process.

Keep up the good work!

Claire



# SCRATCHING POST



*Monty*

## Hi Ellen

Monty's doing really well and he's growing fast, getting up to plenty of mischief, but overall fitting in with the family quite happily.

Our older cat Mocha has taken him under her wing and likes licking him when he's not bothering her, and they sometimes curl up together at night. He also likes getting into pretty much anything - bags, bowls, even the fridge if there's space for him. I've attached a picture of him getting sleepy while sitting in a bowl. I'd say he's pretty happy with us.

Cheers

David

## Hello

Timmy and Tammy came to our home three months ago. They have settled really well.

Timmy is always full of energy and can be a bit of a naughty boy sometimes, but he has been very affectionate to us since the day we adopted him. Tammy is a sweet lady. She is a more cautious cat and it took a couple of days to earn her trust. Now she loves lying on top of us and getting patted, just like Timmy does.

Timmy and Tammy do fight but they also love licking and grooming each other. Timmy and Tammy bring so much joy to our lives. We love them dearly.

Thank you everyone at the Cat Protection Society for looking after them before they come to our home.

Eric & Peter



*Tammy (left) and  
Timmy (below)*



## Hello CPS

Just wanted to again catch up on our little girls' progress; they've just turned 9 months old and are even more beautiful than when we first met them.

Here are our Clementine and Abby doing what they love most, hanging out with each other (whether it's being naughty or relaxing on the couch, always together).

Regards

Christine



*Clementine and Abby*



# SCRATCHING POST

## Hello CPS

Our loving Sushi joined our family in December 2009 at 8 weeks old and has since then filled our home with joy.

This weekend, we experienced the longest, most tormenting 5 hours of our lives between rushing Sushi to the vet and waiting for the blood test results, which would reveal if she had been a victim of lily intoxication.

Having never heard of the effects of lilies in cats, we searched for more information online, and our minds were soon filled with horrific thoughts of not having our beautiful loving baby back home.

Luckily the results showed no signs of kidney damage which ruled out the intoxication and one day later we were able to bring Sushi home with us. She's still on antibiotics and prescription food but is recovering amazingly fast, isn't her angel doing a wonderful job?

What was most distressful was to realise how easily preventable this could have been. Had we been aware of lily intoxication, we would have never allowed for this flower to enter our home, neither would the person who gave us the flowers buy them in the first place, neither the florist would have sold them.

There's clear evidence that people could be better educated to avoid so much suffering of cats, their owners, and the people who unintentionally cause a deadly intoxication by such a thoughtful gesture as giving flowers.

It'd be great to see an article in *Cat Affairs* raising awareness of not only lily but any other plants/foods that are poisonous to our feline friends.

Cheers

Nadia, Oliver & Sushi



Sushi

*Our Factsheet 'Hazards for your cat' on our website [www.catprotection.org.au](http://www.catprotection.org.au) includes a list of common poisonous plants. Lilies are indeed very dangerous for cats and very common as they are often included in floral arrangements. It is not recommended that you keep them 'out of reach' of your cats but keep them out of your house and garden altogether ... ask for chocolates or wine instead (and keep them away from your cats!)*



Gesso

## Hello

Gesso our white kitten is terribly happy and is the cause of much joy and destruction! He's playful, eating well and discovering a passion for watching birds ... thank you so much for letting us adopt him!

Patrycia



# SCRATCHING POST



## **Simba**

*(previously named Alfred)*

*2 years old,*

*Adopted Monday 14th June 2010*

*by Michelle and Robert*

*He had only been at The Cat Protection Society for a week.*

*Found us, it was love at first sight.*

*Part lion, part elephant but very cuddly and sooky.*

*Didn't take long to adjust, appetite like a lion.*

*Loves playing with his ping pong balls and scratching post.*

*Earns his keep by keeping our laps warm (needs two laps, big boy!) and showing us tons of affection.*

*Loving beautiful boy xx*



*Arcadia and Stanley*

## **Hi**

Just thought I'd send another photo of Arcadia with Stanley; so gorgeous!!

They are really fine with each other and Arcadia just growls at him just to keep him in line. Now winter is upon us, they have learnt to share the sun.

Jann

## **Dear CPS**

Here are some pictures of my Rosie, the ever-beautiful, now nearly 13 years old cat adopted from you when she was about one in 1999.

Kind regards

Barbara



*Rosie*

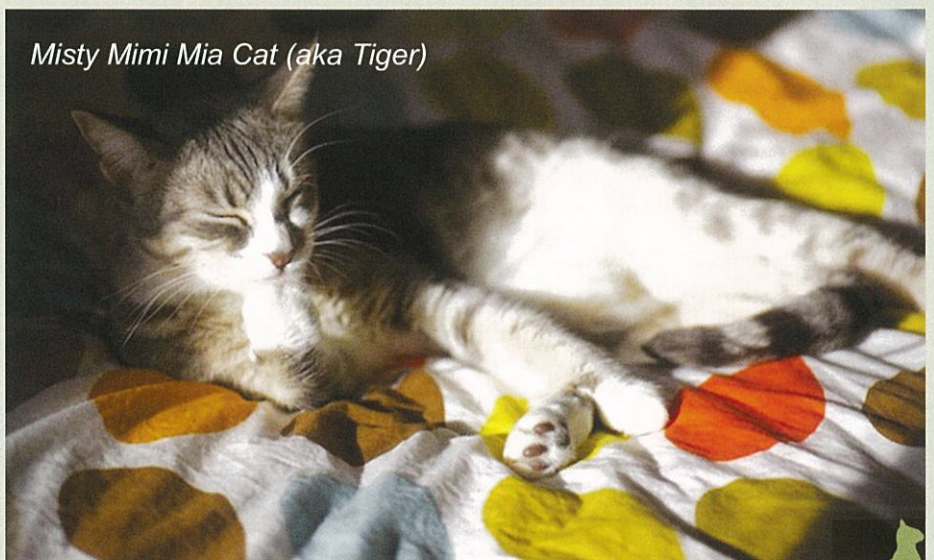
## **Hi Guys**

We popped in the other day and I promised to send through a few pics of Misty Mimi Mia Cat (aka Tiger ... we had some initial naming issues!)

She is really chilled, happy and instantly affectionate to all three of us. She doesn't scratch, meow or whinge and it's like she's always been here.

Thanks again guys. You do a wonderful job and we are thrilled to have the gorgeous Misty in our midst!

Andy



*Misty Mimi Mia Cat (aka Tiger)*



# SCRATCHING POST



Lilly

## Hi Sabrina

Thanks for assisting with the adoption of our gorgeous little girl Moet.

She has settled in wonderfully and is a constant delight with her playfulness and affection. Moet loves playing hide and seek and follows us around all the time and she is still quite the talkative little girl.

We have finished with her vaccinations for the year and are happy to report that the vet says she is a healthy little kitten.

Sincerely

Ben

Moet



## Dear Ellen

Here is Tooser relaxing at home. He was sick recently but the vet gave him some medicine and Prescription Diet food and he is better now.

He likes to be on the sofa with me when I watch TV.

Bye for now

Sundari

## Dear Chanel

Caroline was adopted from Cat Protection in November 2009 and is much loved. She was originally called Charmian but I decided to name her Caroline, after listening to a beautiful song by Neil Diamond called "Sweet Caroline".

It was heart-breaking to know she had been dumped and I wanted to change her circumstances quickly. One of her favourite foods, would you believe, is cheesemite spread which she likes licking off a teaspoon! I always allow room for her these frosty winter nights by placing a fluffy cushion on my bedroom chair. She is a real joy to me.

Helen

*Thank you Helen, for your kindness to Caroline, and for helping many kitties here with your volunteering work.*

## Dear Kristina

Some years ago with the help of CPS I rescued a lot of cats at our factory site. One was a pregnant female we called Mum, and she is the mother of my two girls, Lilly and Sherrie. Mum went into foster care and afterwards she and her kittens were adopted through Concord Animal Hospital. I sometimes wonder about Mum especially as Lilly looks like her.

Best regards

Karen

*We know that Mum went to a good home. If Mum's mum is reading Cat Affairs, we'd love to see a picture – in any case, best wishes and thank you to all the great people who have helped mamma cats over the years.*



Caroline



Tooser





# SCRATCHING POST

## Hi CPS

Here are some updated photos of Macy (adopted May 2010) and her new playmate, Mr Bean (adopted November 2010). We're so glad that we went ahead and decided to get Bean as a little playmate for Macy, as they are the best of friends and we no longer worry that Macy gets lonely while we are out.

I see so many people commenting that they would love to get their existing cat a playmate and I hope seeing little 'success' stories like this one will urge more people to do so, after all, two cats REALLY are better than one!

When we first brought Bean home, Macy was mortified. She only saw him through his cat carrier, but was not happy. She wouldn't even talk to us! Bean then went and spent one week in the bathroom. During that week we gave Macy lots of attention and began 'scent swapping' (swapping their bedding, food bowls etc).

When Macy became comfortable 'smelling' him, we opened the bathroom door a tiny crack so they could see each other. At Bean's kitten kindy class, the wonderful Sam told me how to finally introduce them. We were to feed her as normal and feed Bean in his cat carrier in the same room at the same time, and after they finished we were to let them out.

I was sooo nervous! But when we let him out there was no hissing/growling, they loved each other instantly and played for four hours straight!

During this process, the staff at Cat Protection were nothing short of extraordinary and helped us greatly. A huge thank you, we are all so happy!

*Macy and Mr Bean*



## Hi there

Our house adopted 'Butters' - now known as Basil - about 6 weeks ago and it is safe to say he has definitely found his place in the world! He gets along fabulously with his new step-brother Apollo, is eating like a trooper and is busy, busy, busy all the time. Particularly between 5:30am - 7:30am.

He is very attached to his "blanky" (blanket) that he brought with him from the CPS and likes to carry it around with him and suckle on it.

We love him so very much and he has been such a lovely addition to our home.

From Trudi, Claire, Steph, Maria, Apollo & Basil



*Basil (formerly Butters)*

*Everyone at Cat Protection is overjoyed that Butters/Basil is now finally settled into a loving forever home. He was a very special cat to us, especially as he'd had more than his fair share of bad luck and hard times, so it was a cause for great celebration for us to see him so happy. And we have to say, we're a little touched that he carries his blanky as a reminder of the volunteers and staff who cared so deeply for him while he was here. Best wishes Basil – we miss you but we're glad you're home now.*





# SCRATCHING POST



Greg

## Hi guys

This is a photo of Greg (Brady) almost 8 months after we adopted him.

We call him Greggie and he knows his name :-)

He is just the most affectionate and happy cat, still goes a million miles an hour, so that hasn't changed.

He's had a few health issues, one was a nasty eye condition (uveitis) which took a lot of anti-inflammatory treatment/eyedrops etc but he was a real trooper. Two months ago he had to go the vet urgently because (we thought) he was pretty much on the verge of death and would

barely move one morning. He had a bad kidney infection which was treated with antibiotics – the anti-inflammatory for his eyes probably made it worse in the sense it masked it, therefore we did not notice it until he was really sick.

He is good now - we just love him to bits and want him to be happy and healthy. He does occasionally play with water especially a running tap :-)

I hope the other Bradys are doing fine – would be good to read an update on them as well!

Cheers

Sophie

## Hi Naomi!

Brady, who we renamed Leia, is settling in well. She had a week or so of extreme reluctance but since then she has opened up a great deal, and now demands that we play with her at least once a day and has developed a habit of leaping onto our shoulders for cuddles whether we are ready for her or not :)

When in a quiet mood, she will often clamber onto our chest or shoulders and snuggle down for a nap. When in an active mood, she loves chasing balls of paper around the house, as well as any sort of toy that dangles on a string. She reaches some impressive heights leaping for her toys!

She has several curious habits (like licking the insides of our ears) but her eccentricities are part of the reason that we love her so much. She loves to ride around on our shoulders, and at times will attack the hair or clothes of the person serving as her mount, though she seems to do her best not to hurt us when she does so (most of the time). She also likes to hold your nose or chin gently between her teeth, though she sometimes bites too hard when doing this. We've been working on putting her down as soon as she bites too

*Readers will recall the extended family of Turkish Van cats we rescued (Cat Affairs, Autumn 2011). At that time, we still had two waiting for homes; we're pleased to say that now all have found their loving forever homes. Here are updates on two of these very special cats.*



Leia

hard in order to train her out of it, but she's so adorable that she usually ends up being picked up once again. We are ridiculous suckers for her furry little face.

She has recently taken to sleeping on the bed with us, which is truly wonderful. There's nothing quite like having a purring cat on your feet in winter. She has trouble staying still for long enough, though, and sometimes takes to running

laps around the bed or trying to play-fight with one of us at 3 in morning, then acting surprised when she is put out.

Leia has become a treasured part of our household. She is occasionally a challenging cat to care for, and has drawn blood from both of us more than once, but we love her very much and are very glad that we have brought her into our lives.

Cassie



# IN MEMORIAM



In memory of Catmate  
1994-2011

My gorgeous loving boy passed away on 13 April 2011. He is in a better place now and totally at peace.

I loved Catmate so much and miss him terribly. He was a beautiful boy with a golden soul. His love and loyalty were gifts beyond compare. The spirit of Catmate's abundant love is deeply etched inside me forever.

Thank you, my darling Catmate, just for being you, an extraordinary and wonderful friend.

You are forever in our hearts.

Wendy and Sunshine



In memory of Oscar  
1996-2005

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In loving memory of my best friend, Oscar.

I miss him so much.

Alan



Bonnie and Leo



In memory of Bonnie  
1996-2011

To part with a friend always hurts.

On 15 February 2011 beautiful Bonnie had her 15th birthday but her back legs were rheumatic and then she became ill with diabetes. On 3 March she was put to rest.

Bonnie was much loved and is now deeply missed by her family, including her half-brother Leo.

Lana and Tony

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