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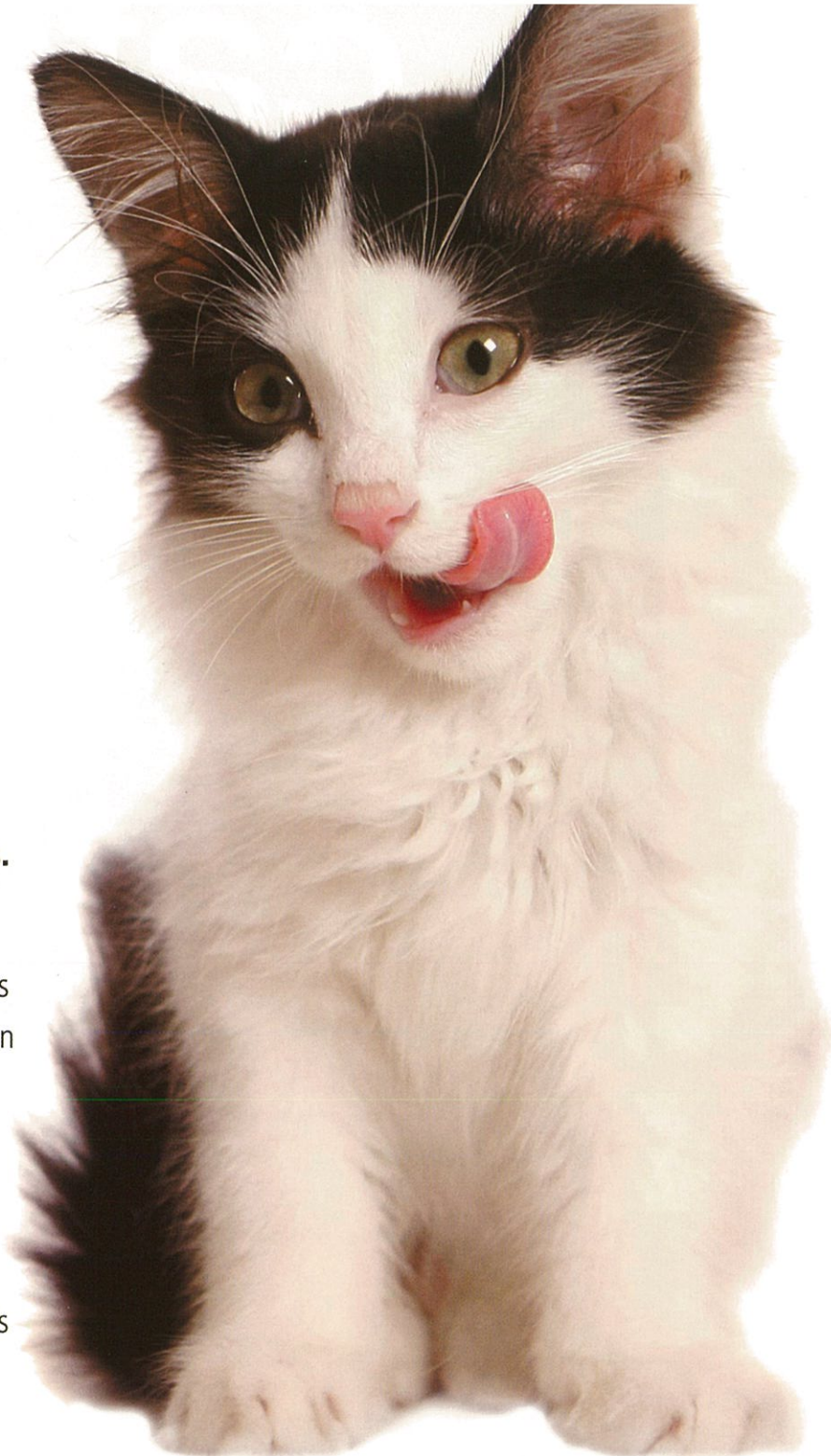
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President's Report

Late last year, Mrs Jill Marsh, a longstanding member of Cat Protection, passed away. She was a widow who lived alone with her beautiful cat, Molly.

Fortunately, her solicitor and neighbours were aware she had a cat and so it was that we were able to take Molly in and look after her until she found a new home. We know that it would have been a great comfort to Mrs Marsh that her beloved Molly was cared for, and Molly now enjoys a home with a lovely couple who know her history, respect her past and are giving her a safe and loving future.

The late Mr and Mrs Marsh were community-minded charitable people, and we were honoured to receive a generous bequest from their estate. Their spirit lives on in the little cats whose lives are saved thanks to their gift.

We depend on bequests for more than half our income every year – without kind people remembering us in their wills we simply wouldn't be here. All the cats we care for and help are furry, purring testament to the thoughtfulness of so many kind people and it is a joy to celebrate their lives in our work.

We thank the late Ms Bedford, Mrs Huber, Mrs Melford, Mr Harrison, Mrs Howell, Mrs Pikler, Mrs Maruca, Ms Jones, Ms Thomsen, Ms Badcock, Mrs Wilmshurst, Ms Barnard, Ms Curteis, Mr Rennie and so many more. It is our privilege to honour their wishes by giving thousands of cats the love, care and homes that they deserve.

Many of our cats have come to us because their people have died or moved into permanent care, and these cats need extra special attention because they are dealing with grief as well as the stress of coming into a shelter. Tiger, Snowy, Tabitha and Blossom are some of the dear cats whose people made sure they would be looked after when they could no longer provide that care themselves. All have found loving new homes.

If you want to know more about planning for your cat or making a bequest to Cat Protection, please go to our website or call our office.

Our Cat Protection community is one which cares for cats and the people who love or loved them. Kindness begets kindness and our work gives much social capital to the broader community. Together, we make a wonderful difference.

Rhonda House
President

Vale Judith Stirling

The Cat Protection Society of NSW extends our condolences to the family and friends of the late Judith Stirling, a lovely woman and a dedicated volunteer who gave many years of service to the cats. Farewell Judith, and thank you, from all your Cat Protection friends.



Cover photograph of CPS kitten by Liz Pulo

Feline obesity

Each year, the Cat Protection Society of NSW sponsors a prize for the University of Sydney to award to the vet student who demonstrates the greatest understanding of issues related to domestic feline behaviour and welfare in the Animal Welfare Science Essay.

Earlier this year, the prize was awarded to Caitlin Fredenburg, whose academic essay is reproduced below. It is fascinating to learn how much research there is in the subject of feline obesity but to make it easier to understand this complex issue, Caitlin has also provided Cat Affairs readers with a 'key points' guide.



Review of Risk Factors for Feline Obesity

By Caitlin R Fredenburg

Introduction

Feline obesity is now recognised as a major disease affecting pet cats in the US, the UK and Australia (Bissot et al 2010; Colliard et al 2009; Courcier et al 2010; German et al 2010; Linder & Freeman 2010; Zoran 2010). Adipose tissue was once thought to be a 'passive fuel depot' but recent studies have revealed that it acts as an independent endocrine organ, secreting a wide range of hormones and influencing multiple biological systems including glucose homeostasis, fluid balance, and inflammation (German et al 2010, p5). As such, obesity has been conclusively linked to a wide array of disease conditions; obese cats are more likely to develop diabetes mellitus, hypertension, urinary tract disease, skin conditions, and certain cancers (Courcier et al 2010; German et al 2010). These conditions are undoubtedly detrimental to the wellbeing of affected cats, as they are associated with measurable pain and discomfort.

Reducing the incidence of feline obesity is confounded by many factors identified in recent studies, including a tendency for owners of obese cats to underestimate Body Condition Score (BCS), owner misinterpretation of feline feeding behaviour, variation in commercial diets designed for weight loss, and inconclusive information on optimal feeding frequency and macronutrient content of diets.

Discussion

While most cat owners are aware of the deleterious effects of obesity on pets in general, they are often unaware that this information applies to their pets in particular. Several studies have shown that owners of overweight cats have a strong tendency to underestimate their cat's BCS (Colliard et al 2009; Courcier et al 2010; Allan et al 2000). This is associated with over-feeding (Colliard et al 2009). The veterinarian may help owners by training them to accurately assess BCS using visual cues and palpation.

Owner misinterpretation of feline feeding behaviour may also lead to over-feeding (Bissot et al 2010).

In the wild, cats tend to eat small, frequent meals in solitary and have controlled access to food (Rochlitz 2005 cited in Bissot et al 2010). Most pet cats in the US and Australia are fed three or fewer meals per day (Laflamme et al 2008 cited in Bissot et al 2010). Bissot et al describe this practice as 'inherently stressful' for cats, resulting in behaviours owners may find undesirable – for example scavenging or 'begging' – which they interpret as hunger (2010). What is more likely is these cats have associated certain triggers from the owner with the delivery of food (eg opening the cupboard where the food is kept) and they respond with social behaviours of their own (eg rubbing, vocalising). If a cat is always fed in this situation, he learns to associate these behaviours with receiving food, and may display them more often whether he is truly hungry or not. If the owner responds by giving the cat more food, this can lead to weight gain (Rochlitz et al 2005 cited in Bissot et al 2010).

One major cause of owner dissatisfaction with a weight loss program is the perception that their cats are hungry (and therefore unhappy) due to the energy restrictions of the diet plan. This places a strain on the human-animal bond and is largely responsible for non-compliance and withdrawal (Bissot et al 2010). The veterinarian plays an important role by educating owners on feline feeding behaviour, and varying the type of diet, amount fed, and feeding frequency for individual animals until a balance is found that simultaneously promotes healthy weight loss and minimises begging.

The wide variation in caloric density and feeding directions for commercially available diets designed for weight loss can make it confusing for owners and veterinarians aiming to prevent or treat obesity in cats. In a recent study, Linder and Freeman (2010) evaluated 93 such diets. Not only were they found to vary markedly in their caloric content, more than half the diets were found to exceed the maximum caloric density allowed by AAFCO for light diets. Feeding directions were also found to vary and were typically based on current weight. Pet food companies could contribute to improved feline health and welfare by developing weight loss diets with lower caloric

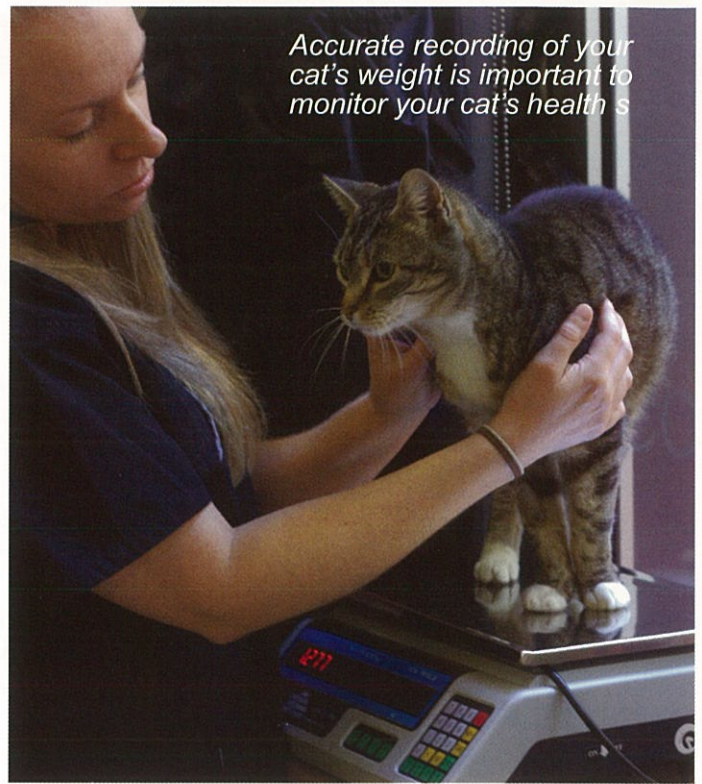
densities and providing more accurate feeding directions based on ideal weight (Linder & Freeman 2010). Veterinarians may then take into account individual energy requirements and offer clients a personalised weight loss program that is more likely to succeed.

Frequency of feeding was identified as a risk factor in a study of 118 cats by Courcier et al; cats fed ad libitum were four times less likely to be overweight or obese than cats fed two or three times a day (2010). These results contrast with those of a study by Russell et al (2000) which propose a strong association between ad libitum feeding and risk of obesity (cited in Courcier et al 2010). In other studies, feeding frequency did not appear as a risk factor at all (Courcier et al 2010; Colliard et al 2009).

Another factor requiring further exploration is the effect of specific macronutrients on satiety in cats. Studies in humans and dogs suggest that certain foods may be more effective in reducing hunger, specifically those high in protein or fibre (Brissot et al 2010). A 2008 study investigating the ability of different diets to satiate cats suggests that limiting the amount of protein with a fibre substitution is effective in reducing hunger (Servet et al 2008 cited in Brissot et al 2010).

Conclusion

Veterinarians are pivotal in the successful management of feline obesity. Cat owners need assistance in navigating this complex issue and will benefit from training in correctly appraising their pet's BCS and understanding normal feline feeding behaviour. Pet food companies have the opportunity to contribute significantly to the feline obesity epidemic by offering affordable low-calorie diets with clear labeling and accurate feeding instructions. More research is required to determine optimal feeding frequency for cats on a weight loss diet and the optimal macronutrient content of these diets.



Accurate recording of your cat's weight is important to monitor your cat's health

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THINK YOUR ROLY-POLY KITTY IS ADORABLE?

Recent studies have shown that this extra subcutaneous fat actually behaves like an endocrine organ, secreting hormones and other substances that disturb many of the body's normal biological processes.

- Obese cats are at a significantly increased risk of developing diabetes, high blood pressure, skin disease and cancer.
- Recent research suggests that the majority of owners underestimate how much fat their cats are actually carrying. If you are concerned that your cat might be overweight, ask your vet for an assessment of your cat's Body Condition Score, or BCS. You can learn to do this yourself too! This will help you to monitor your cat's physique at home.
- Choosing the right diet for your overweight cat can be confusing; many "weight loss" or "light" diets have more calories than recommended and advise you to feed more than you should. Your vet can give you a specific nutrition plan for your pet, ensuring that your cat is receiving the right number of calories and the right amount of food daily to promote healthy weight loss.

Even if your cat appears to be healthy, if they are suddenly gaining or losing weight you should make an appointment to see your vet as soon as possible. Rapid weight loss can be very dangerous, even fatal, for cats.

Caitlin Fredenburg has more than 10 years experience working with animals, including as a licensed vet technician in vet clinics in New York and as an adoption counsellor at the Humane Society, Lollypop Farm, NY.

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Feline Friends – Tales from the heart

What could be better than a book full of heart-warming tales and stunning photos of cats? Well, what if the royalties from that book supported Cat Protection AND the book was available in time for Christmas at just \$25?

We're thrilled to announce our beautiful book *Feline Friends* will be available for sale from us from late October and from all good book stores from November.

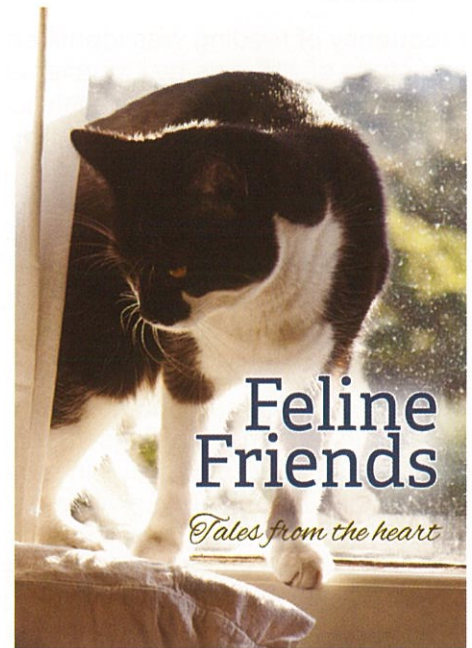
The book is a celebration of the unique human-feline bond, a relationship that goes back some 10,000 years yet is still full of mystery and wonder.

Combining anecdotes from young children to professors, vets to grandmothers; pictures from loving pet owners and professional photographers, *Feline Friends* demonstrates the diverse community of people who have discovered the horizons of cross-species connection and the rich emotional lives of cats.

The stories illustrate the capacity of cats to comfort us in times of distress, the incredible courage of mother cats, the strength of bonds that form between cats and cats – so strong that some cannot live without each other. Their capacity for love is an inspiration.

We can learn many things from cats including patience, understanding, compassion and respect. This book shows us why cats matter, and why they matter to our human lives.

Feline Friends is a must for any cat lover's bookshelves, makes the perfect Christmas gift and helps cats in need at the same time. What could be better? Apart from a loving feline friend or two, we can't think of anything!



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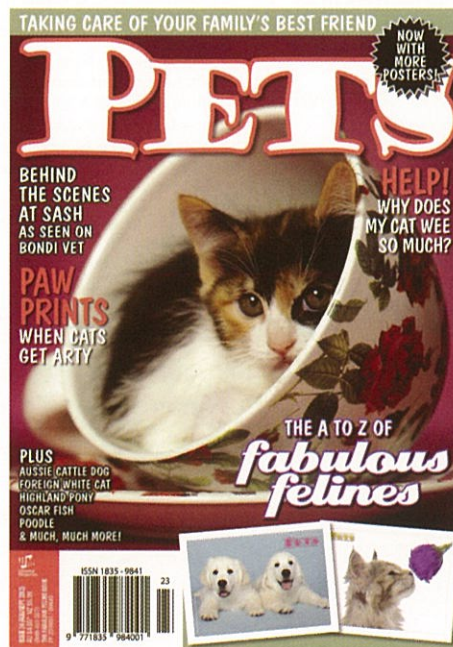
Cat Protection is proud to introduce you to our newest sponsor, *PETS* magazine.

The July issue of *PETS* featured an exquisite article on our artistic cats and the masterpieces that they created for our 2011 Open Day and there will be more interesting articles in future issues.

PETS is an information-packed fun magazine the whole family can enjoy and it is with great pleasure that we welcome *PETS* into our Cat Protection community.

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CAT PROTECTION DIARY

FIV warning

Some Sydney vets have reported seeing increased cases of FIV in cats and sadly one of our members has reported her beloved cats recently contracted the virus via a catfight with a stray who came into their yard.

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (also known as Feline Aids or FIV) attacks a cat's T-cells. These cells are important in helping the body fight off disease. Once the T-cells start to decline in the body the cat is open to secondary infections.

FIV cannot be transmitted to humans from cats.

FIV is present in the saliva of infected cats and the main route of transmission is by bite wounds. Adult undesexed male free-roaming cats are the highest risk group for infection of the virus – and contact with those cats puts other cats at high risk.

Prevention is best.

The single most effective way to prevent FIV in your cats is to keep them indoors at all times, or indoors with strictly supervised outdoor times in a secure yard. If your cats are allowed outside, cat-proof fence your yard so that other cats cannot enter the property and your cat cannot leave it.

Alternatively, you could consider building a special outdoor cat-run. There are many commercial companies that offer cat-proof fencing and cat-runs, including Catmax, Catnip Enclosures and Oscillot. You could also build them yourself – we have free DIY guidelines available to download from our website.

Reducing the risk.

To reduce the risk of your cat getting into fights, make sure they are desexed and always keep them indoors at night. However, this won't eliminate the risk: just one bite from an infected cat can leave your cat with FIV.

Vaccines are available but they don't guarantee immunity. You need to specially request this

vaccination as it is not part of the standard F3 vaccination schedule. Decisions about vaccination should always be made in consultation with your vet.

What are the symptoms?

FIV can go undetected in cats for a long time, until secondary infections occur. Some signs that may indicate FIV are:

- Lethargy
- Weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Swollen lymph glands
- Gum disease
- Diarrhoea
- Skin infections
- Respiratory infections
- Urinary infections.

If your cat has any of these symptoms, you should consult your vet immediately.

Your vet can do a blood test to check whether your cat has FIV. However, if your cat has been previously vaccinated against FIV, then the cat might test positive owing to the presence of the vaccine rather than the actual virus. If you don't know the full history of your cat, it can be difficult to determine whether the test is actually positive or a false positive.

What do I do if my cat has FIV?

Although cats with FIV can live long and happy lives, it is extremely important that they are not allowed to go outside or be in contact with other cats.

If your cat has FIV you will need to:

- Keep your cat indoors to prevent them infecting other cats and also to protect them from other diseases. With a compromised immune system, even a common condition such as cat flu can be fatal.
- Don't feed your cat raw meat or chicken.
- Feed a nutritionally complete and balanced diet.

- Take them for regular checkups with your vet.
- If you have any other cats you will need to have them tested.
- If they do not have FIV, you will need to consider whether to keep them separate from the cat with FIV. Separating them will prevent transmission of FIV from the infected cat. However, if the cats are strongly bonded separating them may be contrary to their welfare needs. You will need to discuss the situation with your vet and understand all the risks and benefits before making a decision.
- Ensure the cat is desexed.
- Be prepared. Keep an eye on your cat's eating and toileting habits, as well as looking out for signs of illness. As the cat's immune system is poor, they can become ill very easily.
- Talk to your vet about immune-boosting treatments and try to keep your cat's life as stress-free as possible.

FIV is a very serious condition with significant health impacts for the wider feline population.

Careful and close management is essential to mitigating the risk and spread of FIV. If you think your cat may have been exposed to an infected cat or you have any concerns that your cat may have FIV, please see your vet immediately.

Coming events

Open Day at Cat Protection

from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 27 October (with the theme of the mad hatter's tea party, it promises to be lots of fun!)

The Cruelty Free Living

Festival from 10am to 5pm on Sunday 28 October at Belmore Park, Haymarket.

The Newtown Festival

on Sunday 11 November, at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, from 9.30am to 5.30pm.

SCRATCHING POST

Hello

Here is an update on our lovely Winky and a few photos with his little sister! He is so amazing and his friendly personality keeps surprising us every day. More playful than ever (even trying some acrobatics on the clothes rack!!) but still cuddly ☺

All the best

Celine



Hey CPS

Florence has settled in really well, she really didn't take any time at all.

She is still incredibly smoochie; she really can't get enough pats and you get used to the wet patches from where she dribbles on you. Her personality is coming out more and more – intelligent and sassy. She doesn't take long to work things out and definitely keeps you laughing and guessing.

She can't get enough of looking at herself in the mirror and has worked out how to open windows! Can't really express how happy I am to have her living with me. She repays all the love with interest whenever she can, I hurry home from work to see her.

Thanks

Chris

Florence



Hi Nerida

I came across the CPS shop in Bergen when we went wandering this morning. It's Norway's national day; all shops are closed but they were open so we went in and I bought a few things. When I told them that I volunteer for the

Sydney CPS, the director gave some cushion covers for our CPS to sell. I thought that was so kind of her. So here is photo of in front of the shop. See you soon.

Miaow

Geraldine

SCRATCHING POST

Hello

We adopted Morris in July 2011. He was originally named Claw by his foster family but that name seemed too harsh for such a lovable and mischievous purrer. Morris has provided many stimulating experiences during the past eight months, from teasing our cockatiel to watching the fish, sleeping in the vanity sink and ripping open the underlining of the bed base and hiding.

On 28 March, Morris provided the most stimulating experience of all, when he decided to become a super-cat, precariously balancing on the ledge of our 8th floor balcony. Unfortunately, pigeons on the ground, 8 floors below, proved too much of a challenge for Morris and he fell. Retrieving him from the ground we could tell that something was seriously wrong with his left hind leg.

Paddington Cat Hospital (our local vet) was closed but their answer phone gave us the contact to Eastside Veterinary Emergency. A call was made, and shortly after Morris was being admitted for serious treatments. Initial diagnosis was probable damage to lungs and possible internal injuries plus a fractured leg. Peter and Adrian at the EVE were absolutely wonderful and we felt comfortable leaving Morris in their capable care. About 3:30am, Adrian phoned to reassure us that Morris was doing well, he had been dosed on Happy Juice and his breathing was improving as he had a leak from his lungs. He definitely had fractured his left rear femur and one tooth but nothing else.

Morris was operated on by veterinary surgeon Eugene Buffa, an extremely talented individual, and assisted by Dr Michael Linton. Apparently, immediately after revival from surgery, Morris decided that the stitches were a nuisance and was determined to remove them, after which he was



Mischief Morris

adorned with the latest stylish 'Victorian Collar.'

Morris was released two days later and confined to a solitary confinement cage.

Paybacks are wonderful. With Morris secured in his cage, our cockatiel decided to test his reach, and with critical calculations managed to scale the side of the cage without being eaten or molested.

Morris is confined until 16 May when new X-rays will be taken to establish how well his leg is healing. From our observations, Morris will make a full recovery; he barely has a limp and does move quite freely.

It is of great comfort that Sydney is blessed such wonderful establishments like the Cat Protection Society, Paddington Cat Hospital and the Eastside Veterinary Emergency all of which are staffed by truly dedicated and caring personnel.

Morris thanks you all.xxxxxxxx

Morris would like to advise all readers that he has now made a full recovery without any sign of his injury or surgery. There is no sign of any limping and although he is missing one tooth has not lost his appetite and enjoys a healthy diet. He still has a desire to access the balcony and sits for periods of time looking out through the glass doors.

His mischievousness and speed have returned along with his need to remind the cockatiel who is boss. Both are alive and well.

Thanks to all for their love and caring

MORRIS

XOX

Thank goodness cats have nine lives and we have such talented vets available to help them when they test their feline fortunes. We wish Morris, his avian pal and human friends every happiness and good health!

SCRATCHING POST

Hi there

Here are some pictures of the lovely Miss Macaroni who my family and I adopted a few years back. I've heard that many at the CPS remember her. She is doing very well for herself, she really is the queen of our house.

Bryani

Many of us have very fond memories of Macaroni who bravely dealt with major surgery after being hit by a car and abandoned by her people. She was a delightful resident in our adoption centre and we're so glad she is enjoying a loving family and happy home.



Macaroni

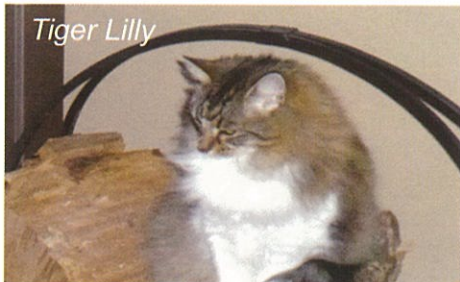
Hi Chanel

Just thought I'd drop you an email with an update on Tiger Lilly. She is enjoying her status as a country cat (albeit an indoor country cat). The fire place has become her favourite place to be, snuggled up in her basket.

The larger house has tickled her fancy as she now has more places to hide and ambush an unsuspecting dog.

Regards

Leanne & Chris



Tiger Lilly



Bam and Macaroni

Hi Chanel

I just wanted to tell you about my friend Blossom who lives in Ireland.

She really enjoys reading your magazine so I post it or take it if I'm visiting. She goes straight to the 'Scratching Post' pages but doesn't spend much time on 'In Memoriam'. She was very interested to read your article on senior cats especially the bit that said 19 year old cats equate to 90 year old humans, and sent me an email expressing her delight in reading information relevant to her particular age group.

In the attached photo she is

celebrating her recent 18th birthday. She is quite healthy except for some arthritis. She loves to nap and adores having her ears rubbed.

She is a gentle cat who likes to pat my face with her paw to show her affection. She is of course much loved and is given the very best of care by my niece, which is why she has reached such a grand age.

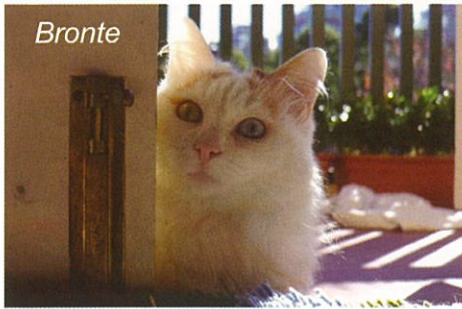
Thank you for all your hard work for the pussycats of Sydney.

Kind regards
Kay



Blossom

SCRATCHING POST



Bronte

Dear Chanel

Here's an update on Bronte. She's not your average passive cat who just walks around the house and minds her own business. She's very assertive and vocal.

Name; Bronte (formerly Carol)

Personality; talkative with dog-like behaviour, loves to play fetch ball

Nickname; Kitti-rella

Breed; Turkish Van

Favourite food; boiled chicken breast, dry food, fish flakes

Achievements; catching 13 cockroaches in 2 months

Non-Achievements; climbing out the window on to the roof and not able to get back in

Age; 2 years 9 months

Known relatives; members of the Brady Bunch

Likes; massages, chasing bugs around the house, splashing water everywhere, morning walks (a must, otherwise she gets cranky)

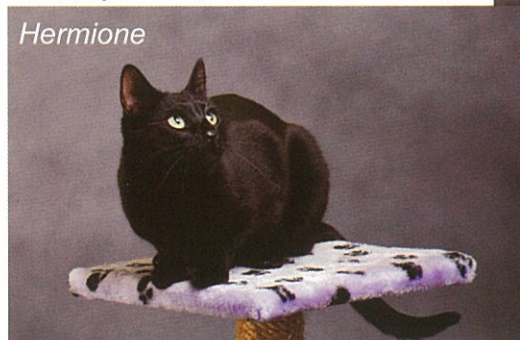
Dislikes; being brushed or nails clipped, noisy birds

Ways of showing affection; biting human elbows and giving head butts

Thanking you and everyone at CPS for this beautiful cat.

Regards

Anthony



Hermione

Hi Kristina

I was interested to read the article on senior cats and also the article on diabetes. Last May, when our cat Raisa (a Russian Blue) was 11, our very caring vet found a lump in her back leg. A biopsy and tests found it was cancer. A few weeks later, she had her leg amputated.

The first month was very traumatic for her but she eventually learned to cope on three legs. We bought some pet steps so she can get up on to the bed.

A few months ago I noticed her drinking a lot of water and off to the vet she went. After a few tests our vet found Raisa has diabetes. She now has to have insulin injections twice a day and regular check-ups and has started on the prescription diabetic diet. She is also on blood pressure medication.



Misty

She is doing well thanks to the caring and dedication of our local vets and the lovely nurses who work there.

Our second cat, Misty was originally a stray. Now she has a very contented and comfortable life, apart from the arthritis in her back leg, for which she receives medication.

We also have a third cat, Hermione, who is a Black Russian. As she has only just turned three she is very active. I take her to a few of the country cat shows. She does quite well. Her passion is prawns so she sometimes gets a couple as a treat!

You all do wonderful work helping all those poor unfortunate cats find loving homes.

Diane



Raisa before leg amputation



Raisa after leg amputation

SCRATCHING POST



Hi guys

I adopted Percy (short for Poseidon) from Enmore yesterday. Here is an update on his first night at his new home.

When we first arrived, he was very eager to have a look around ... that is, until he found his huge stash of toys!!! He also seems particularly fond of my laptop; walking across its keyboard has become a game for him (my friends think that he's trying to create his own facebook page). He also loves the little mice and the ball track thingy.

He had a play for a good two hours, stopping occasionally for a drink and then, when it got to be too much for him, he curled up at my side and had a nap. After his

first nap, he finally had something to eat and went to the bathroom ... then he played again for a couple of hours ... and then settled in for the night.

I was woken every couple of hours by him climbing over me to hop out of bed, but otherwise, he spent most of the night curled up in bed with me.

Percy likes his attention; when he notices that I am spending too much time on my iphone or my laptop he comes over, climbs onto my lap and flops on top of whatever is taking the attention away from him! He is very affectionate and loves to give lots of kisses and he is VERY popular on facebook, where he already has his own photo album!!

When we woke up this morning he followed me around the rest of my apartment and had a look around, never straying too far away, but he was eager to go back to the bedroom where all his toys were.

Leaving him to come to work today was a challenge. I am already madly in love with him and cannot wait to get home and see him again.

Thank you again for making this wonderful addition to my world possible!

Kindest regards

Natalie

Hi all

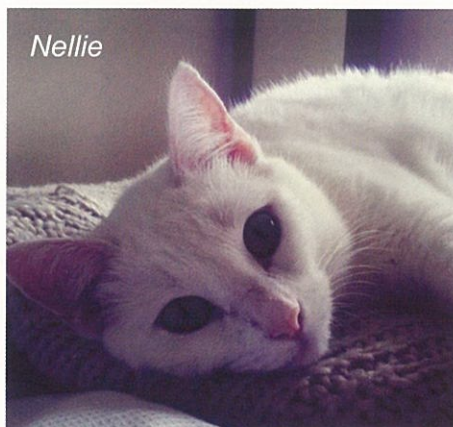
I know we have had Nellie (as she is now known) for a long time now, but I thought it time to send along some beautiful photos of her.

We absolutely love her and couldn't imagine our lives without her – she's our favourite alarm clock, waking us up with a slap in the face each morning!

We wanted to assure you she is happy and well, and that she's ruling the roost at our house!!

Thanks again

Jane



Madam and Harry



Hello

Just thought I'd let you guys know that these are two happy and lucky mates, hanging out and having fun together every minute of the day ... who would have known they'd be brought together as brother and sister after being separated only metres away with the cat flu in the shelter?

We have all fallen in love. And after tragically losing our special white cat to heart failure after 12 years, we never thought we'd be so complete with these two special ones, Madam and Harry (aka Blacky) adopted Easter Monday 2012.

Thanks again for all the great work your staff and volunteers do.

Cynthia & Lewis



SCRATCHING POST

Hi there

Please find attached a picture of 'Thunder Cat' (aka Toblerone, adopted January 2011) and her toy-boy 'Gandalf the Grey'.

Thank you so much for giving her a chance. We are so happy to have found her; she is a special little lady!

Cheers

Eva

Hi Bronwyn

Here are some pics of our kids. They are both doing really well. It took Zorro about 4 or 5 days to come out on his own from under the bed but now he just loves to sleep with us and curl up next to us on the lounge. Omo is a real lap cat but is a bit of a princess as she growls each time she is lifted off our lap. Obviously very comfortable and doesn't want to be moved!

They have both fitted in great and we are so happy to be able to give them a loving home.

David, Michael, Zorro & Omo

Hi Ellen and all

A couple of pics of the girls; Custard and Gamma, they are so funny. They are both doing really well.

Kind regards

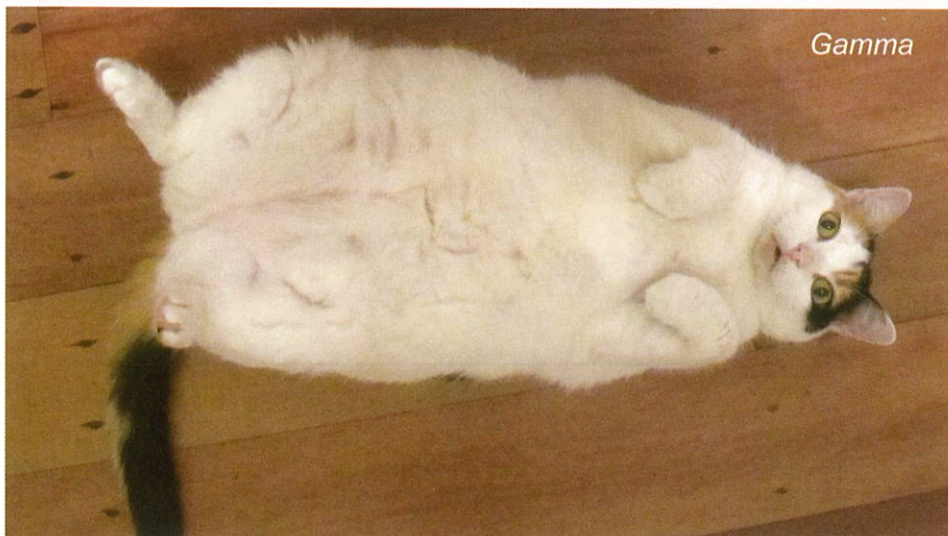
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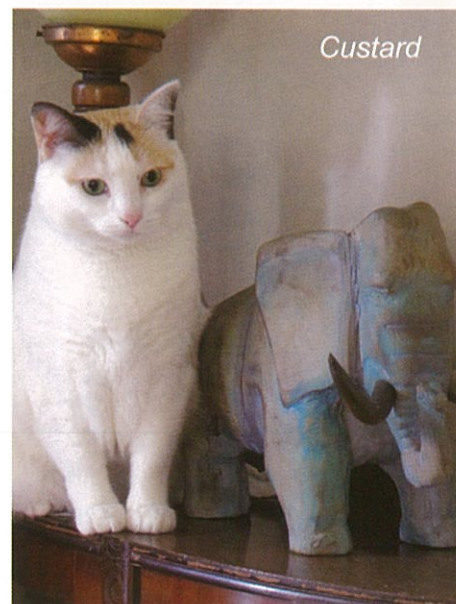
Gandalf the Grey and Thunder Cat (AKA Toblerone)



Omo and Zorro



Gamma



Custard

IN MEMORIAM



Harley

This donation is in memory of Harley, a loving and loved cat. He was found many years ago on the street. He was being picked by some local "children" and was rescued. He never looked back. His loving humans cared for him as though he was a member of their family. He recovered from cancer a few years ago. Unfortunately the cancer returned this year and his body was unable to fight it.

I believe he was about 16 years old. Always out for a chat, even before you were at the gate! He cheered us up every time we visited him. He had a wonderful character.

Michael



Rocky

Rocky left us in April aged 18.5 years. He came to us at 8 weeks and took control of our home. He was a very naughty, very handsome and most loving cat. We will miss him always.

Alison and Ian



Bluebell

29 Feb 2008 – 16 Feb 2011

Beautiful Bluebell was a healthy little kitten who became ill as a young cat. Every effort to treat her was made but it failed to cure her. Heartbreakingly, she was put to sleep and released from her pain just before her third birthday.

She was a loving and brave cat, and I will miss her always.

Beverley



Cosmo

This donation is in memory of my big, beautiful ginger boy called Cosmo.

He was my best friend for over 17 years and I will miss him terribly for the rest of my life.

Love forever

Angelika ♥

In memory of Sam, who went to Cat Heaven in July 2011.
Gone but not forgotten.
Betty

In memory of Samantha R-V,
Wyoming USA – a much loved puss.
Suzanne



Angelica

17 June 1998 – 21 May 2012

Angelica was well-named. She was like an angel from heaven, full of love and always cared for the other members of her household.

In 2005, Angelica came into our lives as a companion to Nisse, our only other cat at that time. She brought companionship and love to Nisse and to us. Both cats came from single person, single cat homes to make a two cat, two person home.

Over the next seven years, she graced our home and lives. We would often wake with Angelica using my elbow as a pillow and purring under the blankets.

After an operation to remove cancer was unsuccessful, she passed away in our arms in her own home, knowing she was loved her whole life.

She is now in the care of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

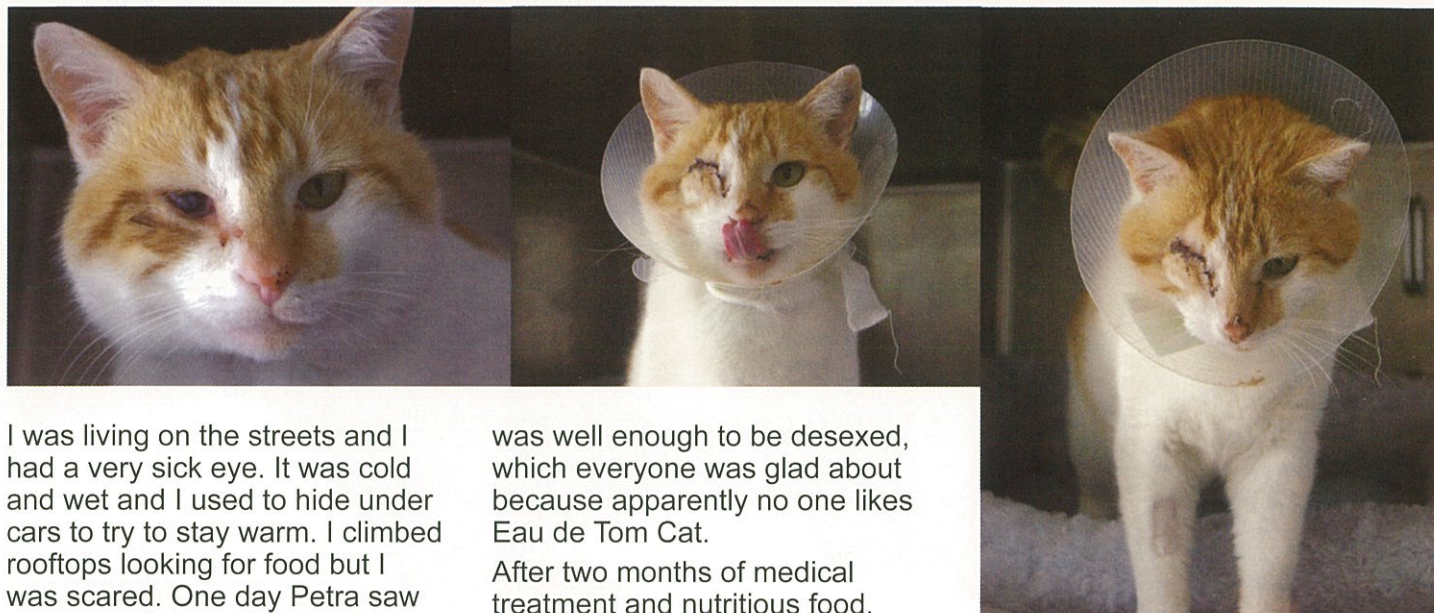
Maria and Mark

I would like to give this gift in memory of Zebedee, a beautiful cat I adopted from Cat Protection.
Jessica

In loving memory of Sooty,
Linus, Marmalade, Dee Dee,
Koko and Bundy.
Wendy

A letter from Wilbur the cat to all Cat Protection supporters

People say you can't change the world but they're wrong.



I was living on the streets and I had a very sick eye. It was cold and wet and I used to hide under cars to try to stay warm. I climbed rooftops looking for food but I was scared. One day Petra saw me and offered me some food in her yard. Then she phoned Cat Protection for advice. Karress helped to secure me. Petra reassured me and I trusted her.

Cat Protection took me to the vet who wanted to try to save my eye so they prescribed medicine for it. The condition was contagious so Cat Protection made me my own special room away from the other cats. The staff looked after me dressed in full scrubs, caps and booties – they looked funny but they were all nice to me.

I had to have medicine for eight weeks but halfway through that I

was well enough to be desexed, which everyone was glad about because apparently no one likes Eau de Tom Cat.

After two months of medical treatment and nutritious food, a warm bed and lots of love, it looked like I might be okay but then my eye got really sick again and I had to have it surgically removed.

At the moment, I have lots of stitches and have to wear a special collar so I don't hurt myself but everyone says I'm still very handsome. When I have the stitches out and the vet says I'm totally healthy, then I'll be able to be adopted and move into my own loving forever home.

For now, it's a joy just to be alive and safe and not scared, hungry, sick and cold. I really like food,

being patted, having chats with people, and when I'm tired I love to snooze in my cosy bed. I'm really grateful for everything everyone has done for me.

There are so many of you to thank and I don't know all your names but I want to let you know that it means a lot to me that you cared and saved my life.

So you see, you can change the world. You changed my world.

Purrs

Wilbur

CAT PROTECTION OPENING HOURS

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Adoptions:	11am to 2.30pm, Sunday to Friday; 10am to 3.30pm Saturday also Thursday evenings 4.30pm to 6.30pm; Friday afternoons 3.30pm to 5pm Tel: 9557 4818
Op Shop:	85 Enmore Road, Newtown Tel: 9516 2072 The Op Shop is generally open between 10am and 4pm, 7 days a week. If closed, donations can be left at Cat Protection at 103 Enmore Road

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