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# President's Report

On 3 November we held our AGM where we were pleased to report we finished the financial year 2011-12 with a surplus of \$59,132 and an unqualified audit report. The report is available from our website or you may call our office for a copy if you don't have the internet.

In the year, we found loving homes for 985 cats and kittens; assisted 1,936 cats living in the community to be desexed; reunited with their grateful people 12 lost cats, one lost kitten ... and four lost dogs! In person or by phone we helped more than 5,000 human clients with information on cat care, health and behaviour and countless others with information on our website.

More than 50 of feline guests in the year were 'special case cats' needing extra veterinary attention ranging from major, complex surgery to dentals, amputations and hernia repair, to full clips under sedation for severe fur matting.

As in previous years, the mainstay of our operating income is bequests, which in this period totalled \$621,371 meeting just over 40 per cent of our expenses. In the previous year, bequest income was \$964,975 which gave us a generous surplus of just over \$500,000 which was invested in term deposits. We pay tribute to those kind people who chose to leave a gift to Cat Protection.

We received a generous \$241,947 in donations and we thank everyone who gave us their support – you helped to make our cats purr.

Our surplus years and the cash reserves they provide fund our operations in the years we don't receive so much income from bequests. On current projections, this will probably be the case for this 2012-13 year. Donations are therefore more important than ever.

We keep sufficient funds in the bank to allow us to continue operations in such events but it is dispiriting to have to go into our reserves just to keep working. We would love to expand our operations but it would not be prudent to do so at this time.

We are trying to save for another property so we can stop paying rent for the Op Shop and have another cattery space, which we need in order to do any renovations or repairs to this building. With cats in our shelter 365 days a year, there is limited opportunity to do work like replace flooring or repaint without reducing the population of cats on site. Another property would give us additional capacity to care for cats as well as make for better administrative and storage space.

With your support we will get there. In 1958 we were just a small group of people with a commitment to feline welfare. In 2012 we not only celebrate more than 50 years of caring for cats but we're proud to operate a best-practice feline care facility that is Sydney's only no-kill shelter just for cats.

Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. We look forward to your ongoing support, and to welcoming new supporters. Together we can achieve our vision – because every cat deserves a loving and responsible home.

Rhonda House  
President



Cover photograph of CPS kitten by Danielle Lyonne



# Kittens – the first vital weeks

**Kittens fascinate and delight us but there is still so much about them we don't understand. With the warmer months bringing with them 'kitten season' it's time to reflect on some of what we do know about these little creatures.**

First though, we'd like to thank our foster carers. These are the people who help us by looking after young kittens in their own homes until the kittens are big and healthy enough to come back to us to be desexed and rehomed. They are the heroes of our shelter every kitten season – literally hundreds of kittens will go through foster care.

Kittens come to us from a variety of circumstances. Sometimes they are newborns with their stray cat mamma (who wisely chose to have her kittens in the yard of a sympathetic person); sometimes they are older kittens who have been deliberately 'dumped' (usually in a box, possibly by the owner of the mother cat); sometimes they are found alone (possibly their mum was a stray and was frightened or injured and became separated from her kittens, or possibly the kittens were forcibly removed and abandoned); and sometimes the kittens are an unplanned litter of a loved owned cat whose people hadn't realised their little girl could have kittens at such a young age and so hadn't yet been desexed. (Yes, kittens at four months can have kittens – early age desexing is important!)

Maternal health and nutrition have a major influence on the health of her kittens, as does her capacity or availability to continue to feed them until they are fully weaned. When we take in the mother and kittens, we can look after all of them to optimise their health and wellbeing. However, when kittens come in with no mother, it is more challenging.

The first four weeks are critical to healthy development and lifelong wellbeing. Kittens are born blind and deaf, and totally dependent on their mothers to regulate their temperature, to nourish them and to help them eliminate waste. At this stage, no person and no amount of bottle-feeding formula can replace a mother cat.

Even by two to three weeks, without a mother, most kittens will not thrive and the few who do live will invariably have lifelong health problems or allergies caused by the absence of feline mother's milk and feline mother's care. There is no substitute for the immunities passed on from mother to kitten, nor her innate abilities to care for her own species.



*These four-day old kittens (above and below) are healthy thanks to their mother's loving care and nourishment*

Where we have been brought in neonate kittens, we try to find a surrogate (cat) mother – if she will accept them with her own litter that is the best outcome. As hard as it may seem, it is kinder to put a very young kitten to sleep than to make them suffer by trying to feed them only to see them die.

For older kittens, health is still boosted by mother's milk but a person providing the right amounts of kitten formula at the right times, stimulating urination and defecation as necessary, grooming, keeping them warm and getting them vet care and attention can be the next best thing to a feline mother. It is not easy and it is never quite as good as kittens being with a healthy mum, but it can work.





Not all kittens are born healthy and mother cats will usually instinctively abandon a kitten with fatal health problems. For us human carers, we don't have those instincts, so it is heartbreaking when you've done all the right things but one or more kittens in the litter die – it is nature, but nonetheless so sad.

As kittens get bigger and stronger, their physical health becomes more robust and it is at this point that behaviour becomes a major area of focus for the human carer. It has been established that the critical 'socialisation' period for kittens is between two to seven or eight weeks. It is during this time that kittens will discover 'who to trust' and if they don't meet people, they won't be good at adapting to life with people. In fact, they are unlikely to ever be friendly to people.

And – if kittens don't spend time playing with other kittens (and ideally, being given the occasional swipe by their mum) they don't learn good behaviour and won't grow up to be well-adjusted adult cats. It is in playing with their siblings (or other kittens) that they learn to not bite so hard, to stop being annoying, and that it's not all about them.

As well as the importance of kitten-to-kitten learning, exposure to humans (and even other species such as dogs) will help young kittens adapt to new environments. In the best situations, kittens will meet a variety of people – children and adults, men and women, boys and girls – and learn not to be afraid of them. Kittens should be held, touched, talked to – gently – throughout the day although only about a one-hour period in total each day is necessary. Like

babies, kittens can tire easily and don't respond well to over-stimulation, so keep petting sessions short and sweet.

In addition, 'social referencing' is important in early kittenhood – this means getting the kitten used to the different things they will experience in a normal domestic environment: television, kitchen appliances, the vacuum cleaner (while many have tried, few have succeeded with this one!), travelling in a car, safely viewing the outside world (for example, through a screen door or at a window sill) and of course, visiting the vet.

As soon as kittens' eyes open, they are observing the world around them. Each time they experience a new situation, they are learning from it. As with people, nature and nurture both play a role. It is believed a cat's tendency to 'boldness' is largely inherited from their father, but a shy kitten can be helped to develop confidence through positive experiences and handling (and frequently, a playmate).

Sadly, every day animal welfare organisations receive calls from cat owners who want to surrender their cat due to unwanted behaviours, many of which could have been prevented with proper kitten socialisation and care.

We are so thankful to our foster carers for giving our kittens a great start in life. That's the beginning – the rest is up to their forever families, but we're always here to help with information and support.

*For more information on kitten care, refer to our website.*





# CAT PROTECTION DIARY

## Thanksgiving Ride

At their AGM last year, the club Dykes on Bikes® Sydney chose Cat Protection as a charity beneficiary for this year's annual 'Thanksgiving Ride' held on 29 September.

The ride is conducted to deliver the raised funds to the club's chosen charities for that year to show thanks for their support to the community. We were honoured to be chosen and our cats purred at the generosity of the donation.

As you can see, Snuggles took the opportunity to purrsonally thank Sydney Club Secretary, Donna Bell (pictured below).



## Open Day

This year's Open Day was our busiest ever with people really enjoying our 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' theme. Thank you to everyone who helped us put on a great event, especially Bayer Animal Health, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Masterpet, PawStars, Simone of Bella Buttons Entertainment, Nerida and her family, and all our volunteers and staff.



## Tick warning

Vets have warned pet owners to be on the lookout for ticks, particular in the warmer months.

The Australian Veterinary Association in Queensland recently stated it was the earliest start to the tick season and that they had also recorded an unusually high number of cases over winter.

The paralysis tick is found on the east coast of Australia and is most common in coastal areas with long grasses, scrub and bushland although vets have reported increasing numbers of cases of pets in urban and suburban Sydney being poisoned.

Ticks are highly dangerous and an affected animal left untreated can die.

Early signs of tick poisoning are a change in the cat's meow, coughing or choking/gagging, vomiting or dry retching, laboured breathing/whizzing. In later stages the cat will have difficulty walking and may not even be able to get up.

It is vital that you take your cat to the vet at the earliest sign that something is wrong.

Do not feed them or give them water as the paralysis in their throat can cause them to choke.

You should be checking your cat

daily for ticks by running your hands thoroughly through their coat and check inside their ears and around the mouth. You are feeling for any lumps or bumps – ticks are small and hard to see so make sure you're feeling under the fur and to the skin.

If you do find a tick, you can remove it with tweezers by carefully grasping the head of the tick and pulling it out in a single motion. Wear latex gloves and put the tick in jar of alcohol (they won't drown in water) for positive identification by the vet. Even if you've removed the tick, you still need to take your cat to the vet as there will be toxins in their body.

If you live in an area of high risk, talk to your vet about possible preventatives but remember that none of these is truly effective – daily monitoring and quick action if a bite is suspected are essential. NEVER use tick preventatives for dogs on your cat (and never use flea treatments for dogs on your cat) – these can be very toxic and even deadly.

In the warmer months it is wise to remember that your cat is at greater risk of skin cancer so keeping them inside, with toys and plenty of fresh cool water, can keep them safe from the many dangers that confront them outside.



# SCRATCHING POST

## Hello

We adopted Niki in March 2012 but renamed her Ella, as in "elegant".

Although we got off to a good start together, it actually took my wife and I quite some time to develop a good relationship with Ella. The first week it was like Ella had always lived with us: she was outgoing and affectionate. She slept on the bed and if you sat or lay on the floor, she would walk around you purring and head butting.

In the second week that all changed. First, we brought over a neighbour's cat to visit: although the closest they got was either side of a glass door, they clearly were not going to get on. Two days later, when we had had her for two weeks, I took her to the vet to get some baseline reading of weight, urine and blood tests. Well, she went berserk and badly scratched the vet's forearm and wrist and put holes in his shirt.

The next day she growled at us and hid under the bed. She was now a different cat: all she wanted to do was hide under the bed. If we closed off the bedroom, all she wanted to do was go into or under things: the wardrobe, the bookcase, the table, etc. After a month we began to wonder if we had got the wrong cat. However, one night at about 2am when my wife couldn't sleep, she went out to the living room and Ella followed and was friendly and affectionate and purring, so we realised that the potential was there and we just had to bring her out (so to speak).

We eventually got her feeling confident enough to regard the study as safe – an alternative to the bedroom. Initially, she would stay under the bookcase. To get her out, we bought her a little hutch, which proved immediately successful.

Over the next few weeks, we tried different strategies to get her to be

happy and comfortable away from the bedroom and study. She often sleeps in the living room at night now, and is OK in the morning on the balcony, and she still wants to get into the bedroom by midday, but is now quite relaxed about then wandering out knowing she has access.

We wonder what her previous life was like. For example, she was overawed by the balcony and it was several days before she could walk near the glass railing. The faintest noise from outside our apartment front door would cause her to run back under the bed – but not, say, a helicopter hovering nearby while she's on the balcony.

She has the very cute habit of drinking from the watering can or bowl by scooping water with her paw.

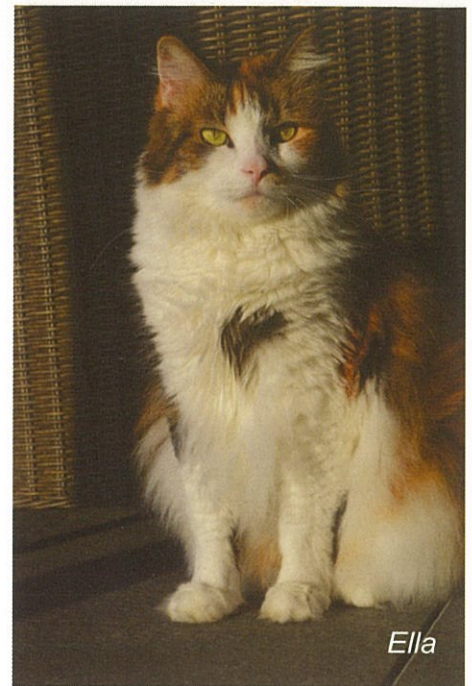
Her latest trick is to sit on the sofa exactly where our previous much-loved cat sat, so it's a bit spooky but terrific. She's a more complex, chatty and affectionate cat than our dear departed one, who only meowed to issue instructions or complaints.

## Dear Nicky & Ellen

I've been letting Heather out during the day and bringing her back in at night. She loves Tiger and just follows him around.

I am very lucky they both get along and he is a good influence on her.

Unlike Chilli-Pepper who is quite



Ella

It's the little things about her that touch me: her joining me in the study and lying next to my desk, or her walking past but brushing my legs on the way to somewhere. She's a wonderful companion who still keeps surprising us and we are delighted that she has now settled into her rightful place in our family.

Adrian

happy staying in the house, Heather needs some outdoor access as she was getting very restless being inside all the time and now Chilli-Pepper has a little breathing space.

Garry



Heather and Tiger



# SCRATCHING POST

## Good afternoon

I thought it was about time I sent you some photos of my adopted fur babies – who aren't so baby anymore.

I adopted Delphi (aka Odette) in January 2009. She was estimated to be one year old by the vet and was rescued with her 2 babies as a friendly stray.

She has amazing social (and vocal) skills and has wooed everyone who has met her. She is devious with food and will wait until your back is turned to steal from her brother and pretends to not have been fed so she can get more. In winter, Delphi is lap cat central and loves nothing more than to stretch out on your legs when you are watching television.

I also met Apollo when I was volunteering. He was with a litter of his siblings running around in the courtyard over new year 2010. I adored him straight away; he was so playful and little.

I thought a baby boy might bring out the mothering instinct in Delphi; alas, she thought he was an hors d'oeuvre!

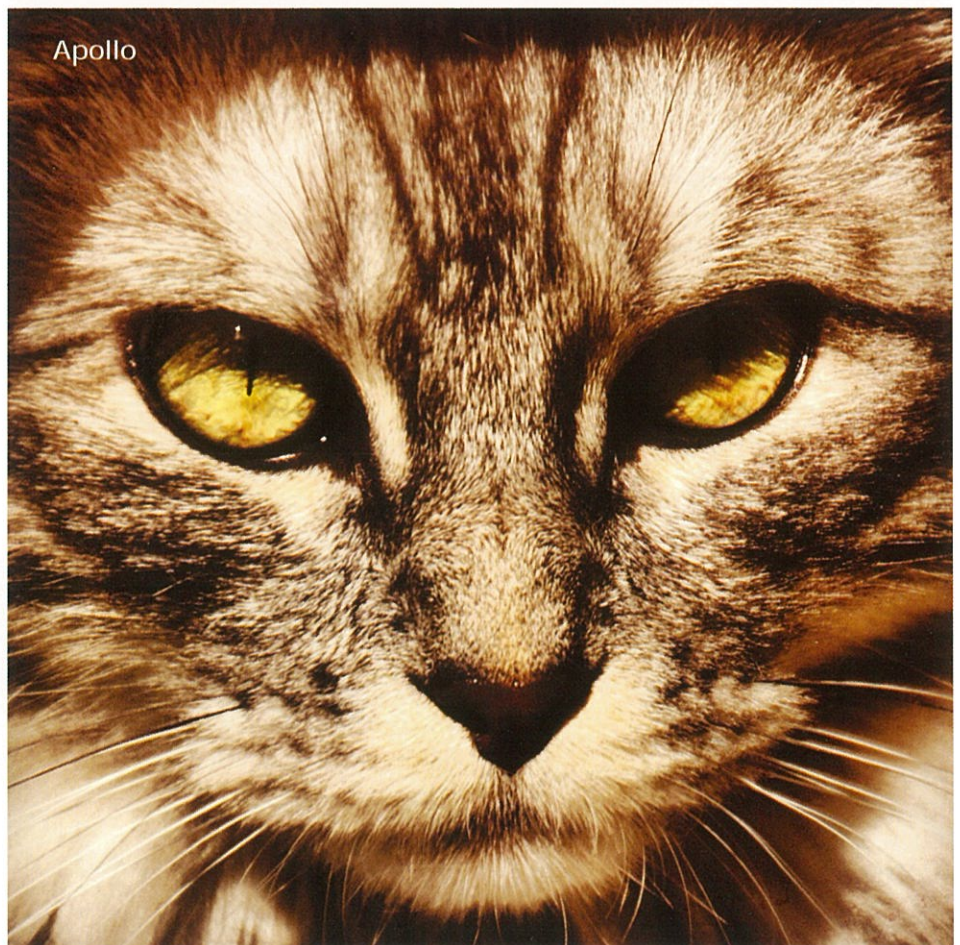
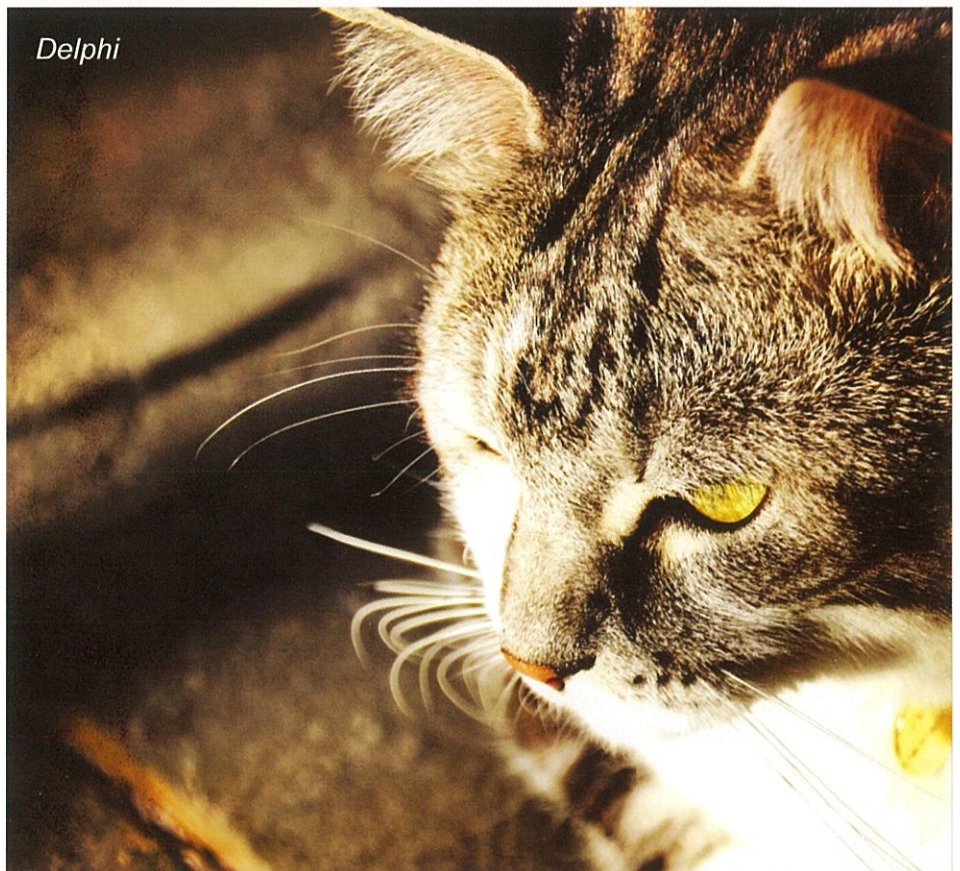
He has the fluffiest coat – which he keeps in impeccable condition. He is my little shadow when I am home, even when the doors are open he will come to find me and sit next to me. I am regularly treated to smooches and cat kisses and he loves being cuddled.

It took a few weeks, perseverance, time-outs and treats, but Delphi finally came around to Apollo and now they are just like siblings. Thank you CPS for introducing Delphi and Apollo to me, my life wouldn't be complete without them!

Regards

Kari

*And we say 'Thank you' to Kari who is a wonderful volunteer for Cat Protection as well as a fabulous mum to Delphi & Apollo*





# SCRATCHING POST

## Hi CPS

We adopted Aria a month ago and she has settled in very quickly and comfortably. She had the run of the place in about 2 days.

We've found that she loves ribbons! Her favourite spot is sitting on the printer next to the window so she can look out at all the world around her.

We are spoiling her rotten and I think she is happy with us, her adopted 'hoomans'.

Cheers

Liam & Claire

PS She loves watching us have a shower - kinda creepy but hilarious!



Aria

## Hi Cat Protection

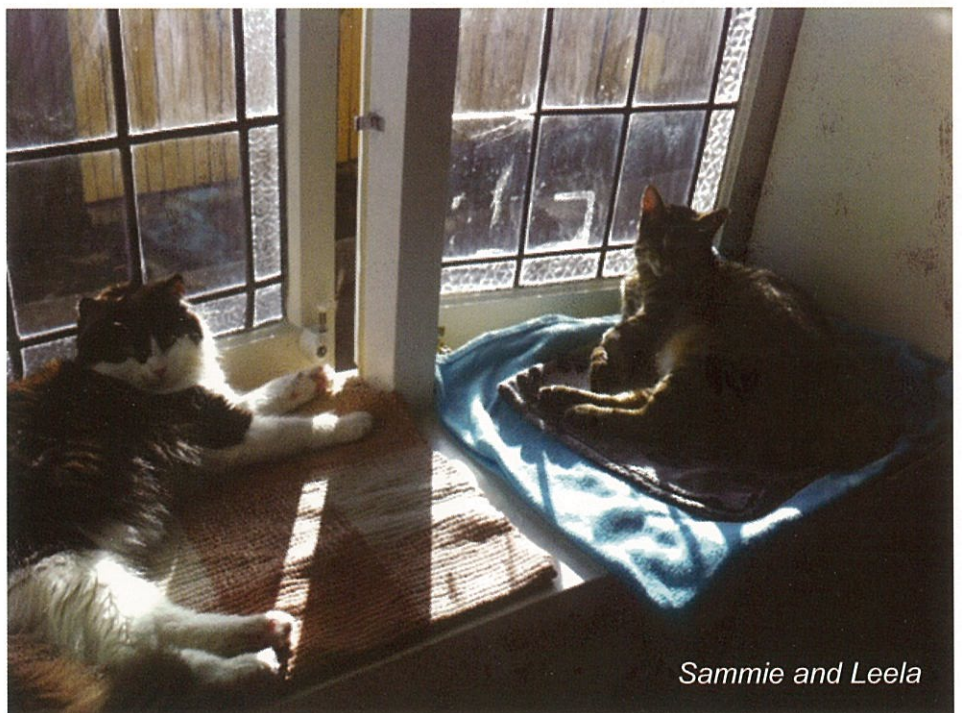
Just thought I'd send through some pics of my furbabies Sammie le Pew (Ben) and Leela (Thea) settling into our place. Leela is named after Leela in Futurama and Sammy got the 'le Pew' added to his name in honour of his bushy tail and likeness to Pepe le Pew from the cartoon.

Sammie has been more trusting and confident with us. He decided that we weren't so bad on the first night when we fed them some raw chicken! Leela is taking her sweet time with us and will only tolerate strokes when she is in her igloo or sitting on her bed, and then only for a short period of time.

They both play like kittens and love to chase each other around the house and race up and down the hallway. They are very sweet together and I am so glad that we adopted the two of them!

Cheers

Carmen & Paul



Sammie and Leela



# SCRATCHING POST



*Sabreena and Puss*

## Hi everyone!

After leaving Sydney for the big smoke of Singapore 3 months ago – Alice wanted to give you an update on her big adventure!

When she arrived home (after 3 days in a strange place and 8 hours locked in a container trying to block out the hum of the engines) I thought they'd sent me another cat. Her nose was bright pink, her eyes as wide as saucers and her meow had vanished (and for those of you lucky enough to have spent time with Alice when she was living with you, you know that's not normal!)

After a week she wondered where on earth we had moved to, especially as her coat doubled in size, her normally round eyes turned almond shape, and she couldn't understand why there were no more chicken treats for her and that her human couldn't just pop down to Paws Point to get more.

After a month of living in a hotel, we moved into our own apartment – and Alice was overjoyed by the fact she had her own balcony so she could go to the bathroom in privacy, had her own bedroom filled with all of her old toys from Sydney and was finally allowed to go "outside" and enjoy the view (under very close watch from

her human, of course). She did, however, miss the friendly hotel maids who had come to visit and play with her every day – she was little Miss Popular amongst the staff.

She is now a very happy kitty, and back to her mouthy, stropky ways. In particular, she loves it when she gets to take over the human's bed and push her off the pillows in the middle of the night so she is comfortable and doesn't have another head interrupting her sleep.

She's also adjusted to the humidity but every now and then needs for her human to turn on the bath tap so she can put her head under to cool down.

Sending Alice cuddles & head bunts... and a few little nips to show she cares!

Valerie



## Hi there

This house seems OK. The dog (Sabreena) can be annoying, especially when she takes a big drink of water then comes over and shakes herself all over me ...

She also licks me on the head. Can I send her to you people there?

The first night I slept in a nice room, by myself, just to settle me in. The next night I slept under Dawn's bed, and in the morning I slept on the bed ... with the dog, would you believe?!!

I even ventured outside today with Sabreena and Dawn, not for long though, as the mynah birds' squawking frightened me a lot, so I raced inside.

Will keep in touch and let you know more about that annoying dog.

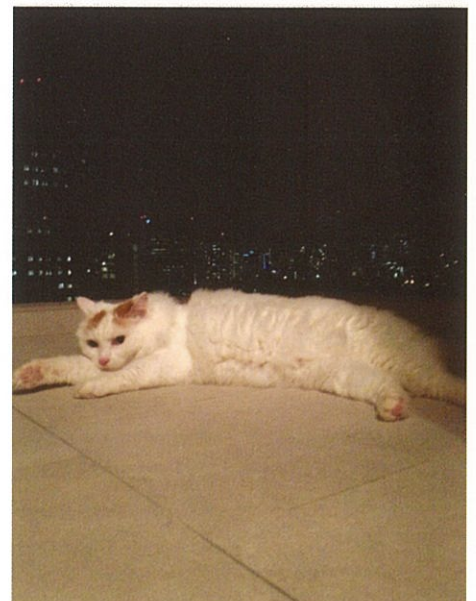
Puss (aka Billie)

Hi, Just to keep you up to date of Puss. He is getting along quite well with Sabreena ...and even other dogs who visit here!

Dawn

*Below left: Alice packed for the trip*

*Below: Alice on her balcony with view of Singapore*





# SCRATCHING POST

## Hello lovely people at Cat Protection!!

I adopted the boys that were in the same cage downstairs in February. They needed to go together because the orange & white one was whinging until you guys put the black one in with him ... & they became best friends! Tigger was really friendly (purred when you looked at him) & Timothy was the extremely shy, scared one.

I named Tigger coz he was so friendly & boisterous, & Timothy (timid) coz he was so shy ... but they have TOTALLY changed & Timmy is the friendly one who welcomes my visitors, rubs my face, etc & Tigger is the one who hides under the bed (till he's ready for uninterrupted attention from mum for a belly rub).

They are thriving here at home. They are mainly indoor kitties, only let out with their collars when mum is at home!! & come inside when called. They are SO GOOD! (Timmy is sitting next to me on the couch & verifies this!!)

Of course, they sleep on the bed with me & Tigger is the one who likes to crawl under the doona. Even though Timmy is the piggy who finishes his bro's dinner, Tigger is the one who is "big boned"! I have taken them to the vet & she is happy with their development. Their "herpes/cat flu" (which broke my heart to hear my boys had HERPES!) flares up when they're stressed but have the food supplement & eye cream to control it, otherwise, not a train smash.

In closing, these boys have changed my life & TOTALLY enhanced me. I love them incredibly & wouldn't swap them for the world!!! Thanks again to Bronwyn & the crew who brought my family together!!!

Many hugs & kisses

Carey

*Timothy and Tigger*



## Hello Cat Protection

Here is an updated photo of our beloved Greggie from the Brady Bunch, 2 years after we adopted him.

He is now a 5.5kg healthy Van. As you can see has outgrown his cat bed even with the footrest (paper tray) out ☺

He is more dog than cat – he demands to be exercised, and

his favourite toy is a pink rubber bouncy ball that gets thrown around our stairwell and which he will retrieve forever.

We are grateful that he came into our lives and that you rescued him; he is a joy. We hope the other Vans are well and send our purrs to them.

Cheers

Sophie

*Greggie*





# SCRATCHING POST

## Hello

We adopted Armani in May this year and promptly renamed her Ripley. She's a real sweetheart (all right, kind of a princess) so we thought she could use an action hero name to harden her up a bit.

Turns out we underestimated this tough little cookie; after only a couple of months with us, a persistent cough led to the discovery of a life-threatening hernia which was making it difficult for her to breathe. She also had a number of healed rib fractures, making it likely that she'd either been hit by a car or physically abused over a year ago – long before she came to either the CPS or our home.

We were quoted surgery costs in the thousands, but it was a no-brainer; even though she'd only been with us for a short time, she's so much a part of the family that we knew we'd do everything we could to help her live a normal life.

After a radical Newtown haircut, a mean-looking scar down her belly, and a couple of weeks in the hospital, Ripley's finally back home and seems to be recovering well.



## Hi Sabrina, Molly, Chanel & all who loved and cared for Max

I thought you might be interested to be updated on how Max is doing lately. He has picked up gardening as a hobby and very much looking forward to spring so he can roll around in the yard and chew on cat grass ...

Hope you guys are all well and Max says Meow!

Regards

Ella



Ripley

Favourite pastimes include 'helping' put creases in clean laundry, chasing down the invisible creatures that live under the couch, and lengthy standoffs with her arch-nemesis, the vacuum cleaner.

She's also a ridiculous smooch who greets you with a sloppy kiss on the face if you lean down close enough when you get home from work, and loves snuggling up at night – apparently it's cold at this time of year when you're sporting a full-body mohawk.

We're grateful to CPS for rescuing Ripley, as well as Summer Hill Village Vet & the Sydney Uni Veterinary Hospital for taking such good care of all three of us. Hopefully she has a few more of her 9 lives left up her sleeve!

Lauren & Ivana

*Thanks to Lauren & Ivana for being such superb cat parents and kisses to Ripley for being so brave!*



Max



# SCRATCHING POST

## Hi Bronwyn

Just a quick update to let you know the babies are settling in well.

They are great cats & both are adjusting to their new home - each day sees them a bit more settled & affectionate. They're very playful and very athletic - a big difference for us after our 17 year old mellow male tabby. We need to make sure they have a good stimulating play each day. Their favourite toy is a feather teaser called "Da Bird" - they just go nuts for it - Nina will run & jump, Oscar will take incredible twisting high leaps to pull it out of the air, then if either catches it they strut away with it in their mouth (with us following along still attached by the string & wand) and proceed to do the death bite of the stem of the feather! If we don't have time to play, they are happy to chase each other through the house, galloping madly one way then back. They play like kittens - quite incredible for 8 year olds.

Sadly they haven't taken to the cat run just yet, especially Nina who doesn't like to go out (so we don't force her of course). We're hoping it's just a matter of time. Of course, I'm sure the cold Melbourne winter temperature isn't helping.

Oscar is the more smoochy as you know, but Nina has started spending her daytime naps either in the studio with Robyn or on the window sill in my office (she's there now as I type this). Even better, she is relaxed & stays even when clients come into the studio. She's found a little carpeted bookshelfy nook there where she can safely curl up (over the heater vent!) and watch & listen to the proceedings.

Two weeks have passed already since Sydney and I confess it only took until day 3 for Oscar to steal a bit of my heart. He is a gem, very



*Oscar and Nina*

loving. The only thing we miss is being able to cuddle them or have them settle on our laps - maybe in time, but we know not to force anything. Head rubs are in abundance. They certainly enjoy our company & will always curl up on their bed next to us, if we're watching a movie or TV.

Only a few minor issues. It's not uncommon for them to vomit after breakfast and bring it all up. This morning I cut back on their breakfast serving (spreading it over a couple of morning sessions) - that worked today, so we'll see how it goes.

## Tommy here, I has settled in very wells thanx

The others did hiss at me but I just ignored them and found the most comfy chair and took possession of same, had a bit of initial opposition but I got my way, but slave still thinks it's his chair so I has to bother him so he gets up and I jump straight on.

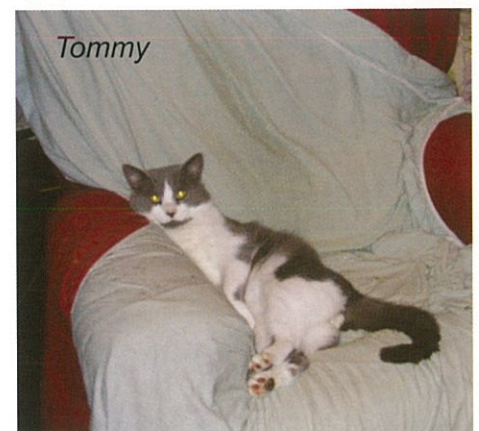
Tommy

And Oscar has this funny habit of peeing in the bath - I wonder if he was allowed to do that at his old home? We're restricting his access to the bathroom and he's using the litter tray, so no big issue there. We're hoping they'll get used to the cat run as there's plenty of garden there for their toilet - hopefully it will be their preferred toilet. Time will tell.

Hope all is going well the adoption centre.

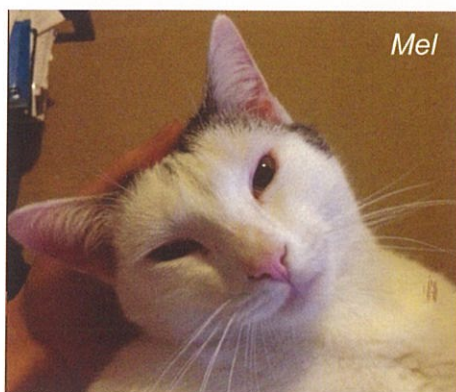
Kind regards

Neil





# SCRATCHING POST



## Hello wonderful cat protection people!

I just wanted to thank you (and particularly Romy for her help in my adoption of Mel) and let you know Mel's one very happy cat.

She has really settled in well, loves to eat (yay!) and all functions are normal.

She behaves like a human! She follows me around the house, loves to 'talk' in response to my voice, loves to 'help' when I cook and do the washing, and gives the sweetest kisses – insisting on purring against my elbows/forehead/chin/cheeks. She's a constant little purr machine and so full of love!

She has 2 regular, what I call 'kitty-skitty' moments a day, where her eyes grow large, she goes nuts and runs around the house, plays with me and all her toys like a kitten, and likes to play chase with me.

I wake up now to a purring fur-ball tucked up under the sheets beside me, resting her head on my arm like it's a pillow – I don't even realise she's crawled into bed with me during the night!

Thank you so much for looking after her before I walked into the shelter. There are so many beautiful, love-deserving cats there. I now recommend anyone looking for a kitten or cat, to see you rather than buy from a pet shop or backyard breeder etc.

Much love!

Gemma & Mel xx

## Hi Ellis

Rex has been going really well. We kept his name and he's settled in like he's been here forever. He and the dog get along fine and he's made himself very much at home.

He's a great cat and we've all fallen madly in love with him - he's such a character. He likes to sleep in the odd sock basket even though we have a bed him. I think he enjoys shedding all over them and then watching us trying to de-fur our socks each day.

We're so happy with him and I think he's pretty happy with us ☺

Cheers

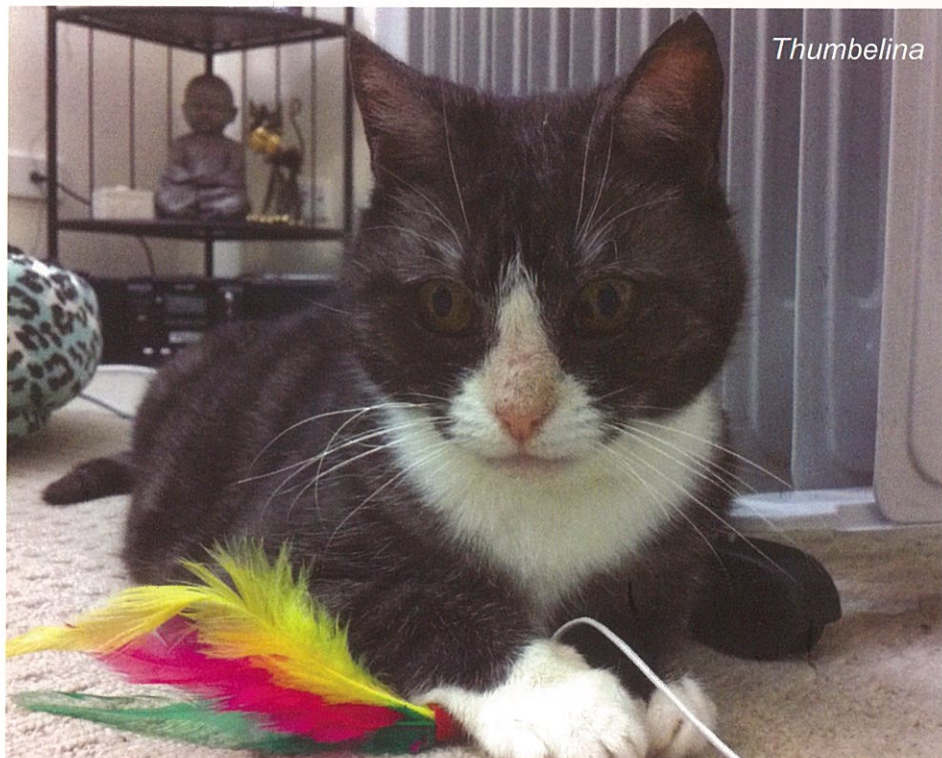
Lise & family



## Hi everyone

Here is the beautiful Thumbelina!

Sam



## Hi

Here is a photo of Harper in the tree taken by my partner, David. She will be 1 year old tomorrow.

Enjoy!

Kate





# IN MEMORIAM



1995 - 17 May 2012

We brought you both home on 17 May 1995.

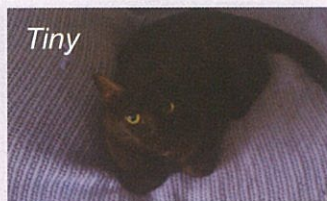
**Happy**, you filled our home with your playfulness and joy. You ran in the wind, climbed in the trees and frolicked in the water.

Our lives were enriched by your presence and your kind loving soul.

**Tiny**, you were a shy and sensitive soul. Never a lap cat, preferring your own space and chair. However, when I went through a long illness, it was you who came and sat with me and when I was sad you would look up at me, lifting my spirits.

Happy and Tiny - always loved and eternally remembered.

Susan, Tony and Cuddles



1995 - 13 July 2012



In loving memory of Bangee, the Siamese; Velvet, possibly Russian Blue; and Gemma, a tortie.

Great companions who have never been forgotten.

Marjorie

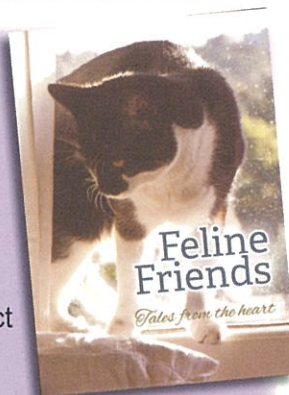
In loving memory of my beautiful Burmese Princess Miirroo, who passed away on 1 October 2011.

We had 6 wonderful years together and you taught me so much. You may be gone my little lady, but will never be forgotten.

Craig

## STOP PRESS!!

**Feline Friends – Tales from the heart** has been selected in the Christmas gift guide in Good Reading magazine. If you haven't bought your copy yet, it's available from Cat Protection and all good bookstores. At just \$25 this beautiful hardcover edition makes a wonderful gift or perfect coffee table book. With all royalties coming to Cat Protection, it's the gift that keeps on giving.



And don't forget to pick up your Christmas issue of **PETS** magazine – rich with information and gorgeous pictures, **PETS** is a magazine for the whole family. We thank the great people at Universal magazines for their support of Cat Protection (see us on pages 42-44!)



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- Office:** 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday Tel: 9519 7201
- 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

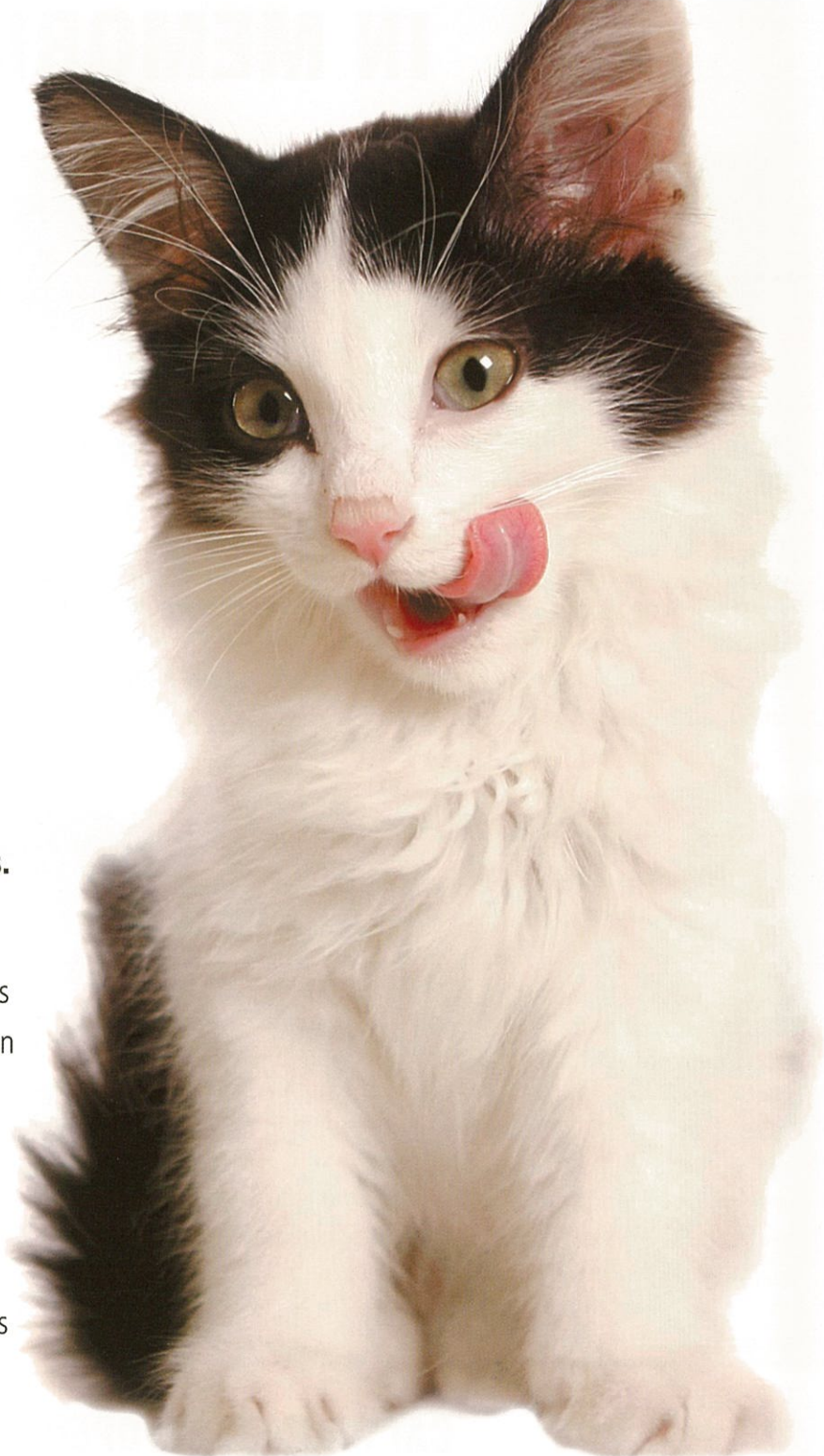


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