

# Annual Report **2013-2014**



**Prayer for World Animal Day given by Rabbi Mendel Kastel for the blessing  
service at the Cat Protection Society of NSW, 4 October 2013**

*Lord of the universe who has created all living things and all matter of the world*

*We pray to you on this world animal day to bring good health, success, and  
happiness to the Cat Protection Society and all its wonderful staff*

*Please bring healing to those who are not well, both person and animal. We also  
remember those who are no longer with us*

*Today we pray that you give strength to all the wonderful people who care for  
cats, be it their own or helping others care for them*

*Please bring success to this wonderful organisation who provide respect and  
dignity to one of your creatures, an organisation who supports their carers, and  
is a voice for the animals who have no voice*

*Please bless the board and staff and volunteers who dedicate their time with  
much joy and success in all aspects of their personal and community life*

*Let us say amen.*

## Leading change – setting standards

Since 1958, Cat Protection has shown leadership in feline welfare in New South Wales. We were the first shelter to practice early-age desexing and the first to rehome cats and kittens only after they'd been desexed. We are Sydney's first (and only) no-kill shelter just for cats. We are a best-practice facility, constantly seeking to learn and improve.

Our cats matter to us, deeply. Their physical, social and mental health matters to us; now and forever – that is why our adoption policies and procedures are thorough and thoughtful. As a shelter, our role is not simply to 'turnover' cats – that would be irresponsible and change nothing in terms of feline welfare.

Our cats are not commodities. We are not a shop. We don't 'sell' cats and therefore we most certainly do not 'price' cats. The very idea that a 12 year old cat has less value than a kitten is repugnant to us. The fact is, every cat is priceless, every cat is equally sentient, and every cat deserves a loving and responsible home. We charge an adoption fee for our services in assisting clients with an adoption; we don't charge a fee for the cat.

These differences set us apart. They embody our values and the values we'd like to see in society's attitude to cats.

As a feline welfare charity, we believe we have a duty to set standards for feline care, health and wellbeing. If it were just a numbers game then "free to good home" would be good enough, and clearly it isn't. Feline welfare includes the 'human services' of education, information and guidance. For example, a refusal to adopt can be a positive welfare outcome – it gives the person an opportunity to fully contemplate the responsibilities of pet ownership and it gives the cat the opportunity to find the right, forever, home.

Guidance can also prevent feline surrenders – when our staff provide clients

with the information and support they need to keep their cats, that's a brilliant result. Those cats don't show up on 'rehomed' statistics because luckily they never had to leave home – but these are the best outcomes of all.

Adoptions, as we've said before, are both an art and a science: we can never be perfect but with a return rate in the order of one per cent, we're doing exceptionally well when we hear that figures of 10 per cent are considered acceptable in the sector. In the reporting period, we introduced a formal adoption agreement to our procedures. While not a legal contract, the agreement is a written statement that reinforces the lifetime responsibilities of cat ownership and encourages adopters to understand the significance of the commitment that they make in adopting a cat.

Ironically, despite a generally positive response, a sad consequence of being a no-kill shelter is that some people have actively discouraged support of our shelter in favour of high-kill pounds. We've had people tell us that 'I know your cats are safe so I rescued a cat instead.'

It is a challenging concept for us to communicate and I invite members to join us in advocating 'be the change you want to see.'

So, if we want pounds and shelters to improve their practices, to improve feline care and welfare and to end the cycle of feline homelessness and pound admissions, let's start by supporting best practice. Just because we don't blackmail potential adopters with a death threat against the cats in our care doesn't mean our cats don't need homes. In fact, because we are no-kill, our cats desperately need homes.

Every cat we rehome creates a vacancy for a new cat. We operate at optimal capacity at all times. We frequently take in cats and kittens from pounds and the majority

of our felines arrive as strays. They are 'rescued'.

Our point of difference is that we give all our cats and kittens the best possible veterinary care and TLC, and take time and effort to match them to the right home. We don't send them from pillar to post. Our aim is that ours will be the last shelter the cat will ever stay in because they will find their forever family and live happily ever after. Adopting from us is rescuing a cat.

Some of you will be old enough to remember how radical it was for us to only rehome cats and kittens once they'd been desexed, at a time when no one else was doing this. A time when some clients preferred to go elsewhere because it was less expensive, or because they thought a kitten shouldn't be desexed so young, or even, Heaven forbid, that a female should have a first litter and males didn't need to be desexed.

Leading change and setting standards is difficult. It means challenging people's mindsets and having the courage to keep doing what is right. But eventually, we see what was once radical becomes acceptable; we see the outcomes we wanted to achieve – in our case, a better world for cats.

On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank our members for your courage, your support and your commitment to feline welfare. You are the champions of change. You are the strength and energy that keeps Cat Protection at the forefront of feline welfare in New South Wales. You are the reason thousands of cats are safe, healthy and purring in loving responsible homes.

Thank you.

**Rhonda House**  
*President*





## EVERY CAT DESERVES A LOVING AND RESPONSIBLE HOME



*Ben*

Our vision is that every cat deserves a loving and responsible home – whether they are old or young, are in good health or have ailments or disabilities.

In addition to the cases discussed below, during the reporting period we arranged for **35 dental treatments** (from scaling to multiple extractions) for cats in our care.

All cats in our care receive a **veterinary health check** on admission, and every six months (or sooner if indicated) for as long as they stay with us. Cats aged over eight years have full geriatric blood work to identify any age-related health issues.

Fortunately, the ‘average’ stay is only about a month but some cats need more than a month of care and rehabilitation before being available for adoption and some others just take a while to choose their forever families.

Every cat has an **individualised health and social care plan**. Some cats have made their best friends while at the shelter and when this happens, those cats are not separated but rehomed together.

A Persian-cross, **Ben** was left outside our door in a carry basket with a note on it. We don’t know what his sad story was but someone cared enough to at least bring him to us. His fur was extremely matted and he was very distressed. He had a microchip and we tried contacting the owner but they couldn’t be found. At the vet he was sedated and clipped, and had geriatric blood work done as his microchip indicated he was a senior cat. He tested negative to FIV but his teeth were in poor condition and he required a dental and a tooth extraction. After about six weeks of vet care, excellent nutrition and TLC, Ben’s health was restored and his coat was growing back; he was ready to be adopted. Beautiful Ben then quickly found his forever home.



*Henry*

**Henry’s** story is deeply disturbing. He was surrendered to us by someone who found him in a park being shot at with a pellet gun by young children. Vets found two pellets in his shoulder. However, these were not causing distress and could not be removed. Henry was in very poor condition but fortunately tested negative to FIV. He had sensitive stomach and skin issues and was traumatised. He was treated with a specialised diet and anti inflammatory cream, and was in socialisation therapy for a number of weeks to help him recover mentally as well as physically. Henry has found a safe and loving home where he continues to gain confidence and feel secure.

Our vets suspected that it was an act of violence that severed the tendon in **Judge’s** front leg, which had to be amputated due to the severity of the injury. As the circumstances were unknown and Judge was an unowned cat, we were unable to report the matter but we were able to do everything possible to restore Judge’s health and happiness. He adapted well to having only three legs (though perhaps he liked his food a little too much!) and was adopted by a loving household determined to make sure Judge has a wonderful and happy life, despite his tragic beginnings.



*Judge*



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*Wombat*

**Wombat** was a stray surrendered to Cat Protection via a vet clinic. He had a severe wound on the inside of his hind leg, possibly caused by being caught on a fence. The wound was so severely infected it could not be stitched until after a month of intensive antibiotic treatment (IV and injection). The wound continued to be treated after stitching and other skin issues caused by a flea allergy were treated in consultation with the All Natural Vet. Chronic constipation was believed to be stress-related and this was managed with medication. A special diet was prescribed to improve his skin and coat, and to help manage his allergies. Wombat has found his forever home.

X-rays identified arthritis in **Brutus**, a big loving former street cat. He was given anti-inflammatory medication and cartrophen injections to relieve the pain. He was placed on a low calorie diet as excessive weight contributed to his back pain. He also received massage therapy and acupuncture to keep him comfortable. Brutus briefly enjoyed fame on radio station 2SER during his 'Brutus for PM' campaign and curiously enough, was ultimately adopted by a Member of Parliament!

We do not break up bonded pairs and so it was that **Manu** and **Anuket** were rehomed together, after several weeks of intensive socialisation therapy. Each cat behaved better and was more friendly when the other cat was present. They now share a loving home.

**Duncan** arrived at Cat Protection as a tiny kitten, dehydrated, covered in diarrhoea, cold and in shock. He was rushed to the vet where he was stabilised with IV fluids, given a warm bath and warm bedding, and oxygen. Four-hourly glucose through a drip saved his life but damaged a vein in his tiny paw, and swelling meant three of his toes had to be amputated. Physiotherapy and continued rehabilitation in foster care saw little Duncan finally achieve good health. He then enjoyed playing with the other kittens at Cat Protection and was soon adopted.



*Duncan*

**Jezabel** came to Cat Protection with an injured tail as a six-week old kitten. A vet check showed the tail end was dead but surgery was delayed due to her age and health. She also had ringworm and severe flu, and was treated for these in foster care. When she was healthy and big enough, the end of her tail was amputated at the same time she was desexed. However, she then started attacking what remained of her tail and further surgery was needed to amputate the stump as the nerve endings were severely damaged. Despite all this, she has a wonderful spirited personality and has found her own forever home.

*Brutus*





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Charlie

**Salt** was the smallest of a litter of seven we took in from a pound. She was treated for ringworm and flu in foster care but unlike her siblings she wasn't putting on much weight. She then stopped eating altogether so was admitted for emergency vet care, placed on a drip, force-fed and monitored until she began to improve. She has returned to foster care and is now doing well.

**Charlie's** personality changed after he had been with us for some months and he became very cranky. X-ray and ultrasound diagnosed arthritis and he is now being treated with a special diet and cartrophen injections.

**Nectarine** is a cheerful feisty little girl who came to us via a vet clinic after being found on a road as a 10 week old kitten. She had severe injuries to the tips of ears resulting in amputation of both ear tips. X-rays showed multiple fractures of her shoulder; she was placed on pain medication until she was old enough to undergo surgery. Subsequent to the reporting period, she had surgery on her shoulder, was desexed and is now enjoying herself in the adoption centre, waiting for a home.

**Nibbles** was surrendered as very young kitten. He was taken to the vets for IV fluids and monitoring as he was very dehydrated. He had developed urinary crystals and had an ultrasound to rule out any internal injuries. He was placed on a special diet and closely monitored; he now has a forever home.

**Boo** had severe flu and cloudiness to one eye. While the flu responded to medication, Boo's eye was malformed and had constant irritation. She was FIV tested as her brother was FIV positive. The test was repeated three times over three months but all results were negative. Her eye required ongoing treatment but did not need to be surgically removed and Boo has now found her forever home.



Nectarine



Boo



Nibbles

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**Boy George** came to us as a four week old kitten with his brothers and sisters. They all enjoyed loving care in a foster home but Boy George didn't grow as well as his siblings. Our vets identified inflammation of his gums and gingivitis, and found that his gums were unusually tough and were making it difficult for his adult teeth to come through. Although he had now been desexed, he went back to foster care to monitor his teeth in case surgery was needed. A dry biscuit diet helped his teething and he was able to come to the adoption centre, where found a home with his buddy, Marilyn.

**Walter White** had skin lesions that resembled ringworm but repeatedly tested negative to ringworm. The lesions came and went on different parts of this tiny kitten who was only four weeks old when he arrived. The vet conducted allergy tests, put him on a special diet and tried different medications to treat the wounds. However, there remains no definitive diagnosis or treatment so Walter White continues to be cared for in a foster home while diets are trialled to see whether a food allergy is the cause.



**Lorre** was another four-week old orphan brought to us with his siblings, all of whom had flu. However, Lorre's condition was severe and his eye was ulcerated and cloudy. The vet found that the eye was dead, and recommended removal of the eye at the same time Lorre was booked in for desexing surgery. The surgery was successful and Lorre found a wonderful home with his brother Price.

Despite being the size of a small greyhound, **Zac** is really just a scaredy-cat who tends to play aggression, especially reacting to other cats. Having lived by his wits alone in the past, he might have some difficult memories. He is on behaviour modification medication, strictly solo playtime and lots of love while he awaits a kind and patient family to call his own.

**Sylvester** has been treated for multiple health issues including recurrent gagging and chronic arthritis. He has had a dental and is on regular cartrophen injections, as well as medication for feline dementia. He is currently being cared for in a foster home.

Zac



Boy George & Marilyn



Lorre after surgery



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At the time of the 2012-13 report, three special case cats, **Artie** (arthritis); **Fergus** (overgrooming, anxiety, possible allergies); and **Zita** (multi-viral infections and flu) were still awaiting adoption. Happily, all have since found their forever homes.



As well as the individual cases listed above, we provide all necessary veterinary treatment for kittens and cats in our foster care program. In the reporting period, two kittens had **throat surgery to remove polyps**, three were treated for **urinary tract infections**; 14 for **Coccidia** (this required investigation and treatment – and we advised the pound where the kittens came from of the diagnosis and recommended treatment); as well as the more typical conditions such as flu and diarrhoea. Because many kittens come to us as orphans, their health can be fragile and our foster carers and vets do an amazing job ensuring our smallest charges grow into healthy happy felines.

The **increasingly tropical climate** in Sydney has seen ringworm become more commonplace all year round. While treatable and generally nothing more than inconvenient (it is a fungal condition, not a parasite), it is an encumbrance in a shelter environment. We therefore give our heartfelt thanks to those foster carers who have agreed to treat and care for cats and kittens with ringworm – it means the world to us and them (noting that many pounds and shelters routinely euthanase every cat with diagnosed or suspected ringworm).

Imaverol wash and Triocil wash are used on cats and kittens on entry to minimise the risk of ringworm. This is also given to foster carers to re-do when kittens are in care and may be done a number of times while a cat is in our care to minimise ringworm risk. Canesten rinse is used for all our laundry to reduce the risk of ringworm. Any cat suspected of having ringworm will have fungassays done at seven day intervals for diagnosis (Woods lamp alone is inadequate). Cats are prophylactically treated with oral and topical medications during this time, and medication continues if the results are positive. Cats' units and play areas are routinely cleaned with anti-fungal products.

**Shy cats** and cats who react negatively to the presence of other cats are given scheduled, solo playtime and those who don't like to come out into the communal areas even when there are no other cats are given double units, furnished with cardboard scratching posts, igloo beds and play toys as well as cuddly toys. Rescue remedy drops may be put in their water and in extreme cases medication such as Clomicalm will be indicated. **Feliway** is used in diffuser form in every cat area and the spray is used in individual units for cats who need extra assistance to settle.





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L-lysine and **specially formulated Chinese herbs** (from All Natural Vet) are given to all cats and kittens on admission to help boost their immunity and probiotics are used for kittens and cats in poor health.

We do all we can for all the cats in our care but there are sadly times when euthanasia is the kindest option. Decisions on this are made as they would be for one's own much-loved pet, and in consultation with our vets.

We said goodbye to brave little Arrow, who came to us in very poor condition with persistent blood in urine and stools that did not respond to treatment. X-rays and ultrasound showed scarring in the bladder and internal bleeding. The prognosis was the kindest outcome would be to put Arrow to sleep. The same prognosis was made for another cat who came to us with severe and untreatable diabetes.

For public feline health reasons and on the recommendation of our vet, we do not knowingly rehome FIV positive cats (but please read our factsheet on FIV for a full understanding of our position on this complex issue). We are supporting research into FIV at the University of Sydney and so take FIV positive cats to the clinic there for euthanasia and to contribute to this vital research. Four FIV positive cats were euthanased in the reporting period.

Sadly not every kitten is born healthy – in the period we had to put to sleep two kittens with fatal heart conditions, three with untreatable neurological disorders, two with severe viral conditions that were unresponsive to treatment, a kitten with pneumonia who was rejected by their mother and a neonate who would not accept feeding. Despite the best possible care after admission to us, many kittens had a poor start to life, with maternal malnutrition and disease a significant factor. While their lives were short, the 10 kittens who passed away in care had been given the gifts of love, dignity and freedom from fear.

## FINDING LOVING AND RESPONSIBLE HOMES FOR CATS IN NEED

In the reporting period we rehomed 801 cats and kittens: **647 kittens and 154 adult cats. Happily more than 10 per cent were rehomed as pairs**, giving them ongoing feline companionship and a buffer against boredom when their people aren't home. While some diva felines insist on being the only cat in the home, many cats are social and feline friendship is important to them. Determining whether a cat will be happiest in a home alone, with another cat or even a canine friend is an important aspect of our **behavioural assessment** to ensure our cats will be happy in their new homes.

While the overall result represents a decline against last year's adoption numbers (due to a decline in the adult category – kitten adoptions were slightly higher), these figures are not the full picture. Our environment is increasingly challenging. The increasing popularity of dogs and the scarcity of pet-friendly accommodation are making it more and more difficult to find homes for cats. **Galaxy Research commissioned by Animal Health Alliance of Australia** found of people who don't own a pet and are planning to get one, 60 per cent plan to get a dog and only 25 per cent are planning for a cat. Of existing pet owners planning another pet, the prospects are also grim for cats: half plan to get a dog while only a quarter of those pet owners plan to get a cat.

Another part of the story is the extent to which **we have prevented cats from being relinquished** and we believe this to be a better result for owned cats than surrender and adoption. Our most common success stories in this regard relate to advice to new parents on how to successfully and **safely bring a new baby home** without giving up their cat; pet resumés and **tenancy agreements** to help people secure permission to keep their cat when they move; and information and support to help **manage unwanted behaviours** in cats.

As well, the effort we put into assessing our cats and our adoption procedures makes almost every adoption a successful one – only about one per cent of cats are returned to us. In the reporting period, we introduced an **adoption agreement** as part of the adoption procedure. While not a contract, the agreement serves as a reminder of the lifelong responsibilities that cat ownership entails, for example, veterinary care; keeping the cat indoors overnight (or all the time if the cat is an indoor-only cat); keeping registration details and parasite treatment up to date; looking after any special needs of the cat; and welcoming and loving the cat as a part of the family.

All adopters are given a folder of information about their cat plus general information such as our factsheets on lost cats and toxic plants (and any relevant to the individual cat, for example, our deaf cats factsheet if the cat is deaf) as well as our **Your New Cat** booklet. In addition, they are encouraged to call us at any time they have questions (or need a vet referral under our health guarantee), and we actively contact adopters within one to two weeks to see how their new cat has settled in. We're delighted that so many adopters email us photos or visit us regularly to let us know how their cat is; we care about our cats even when they've left the shelter.

Of cats admitted, the majority were stray/unowned cats or kittens. When we have vacancies and don't have individual clients seeking a place for a cat or kitten we contact pounds to see whether we can help by taking in some of their cats. In the reporting period **we brought in 19 adults and 118 kittens from pound facilities**.

We had a very small number of lost, identified owned cats brought to us although we did assist many more people find/locate owners of lost cats. In the reporting period, from our shelter, **two cats** were reunited with their people ... and **one dog**.



## Raising kittens to be healthy, well-adjusted cats

Our foster carers are our lifeline. Many carers have raised dozens of kittens helping them to grow into healthy, litter-trained friendly felines ready to be desexed and adopted.

Naturally, there are some carers for whom this is a once-only experience – they fall in love and adopt, or decide that the pain of separation involved in the process is not for them. It is hard work, especially emotionally. We try to support our foster carers as much as possible, providing food, litter, equipment, veterinary treatment and medication. The kittens come back to us when they are big enough to be desexed and rehomed. We rehome hundreds of kittens every year thanks to the efforts of our foster carers.

**From the bottom our heart, we thank Christine and Colin, Pharyn and Craig and all our foster carers for their compassion, energy, love and patience.**



*We have been fostering for about five or so years now. We started fostering to give our cat Tori some company, because we were worried he was getting a bit lonely, but weren't in the position to adopt another cat full time. Tori's attitude towards life improved greatly from the first litter of foster kittens that we ever took in. He took his role of 'foster father' very seriously and would always help care for, groom and play with all of the kittens (and adult cats on a few occasions too) as soon as they arrived.*

*We love getting to see the progress of the kittens who come to our home – sometimes they are very nervous and are terrified of humans – it's great to see them happy and confident by the time they leave. Sometimes, of course, it's very hard to give them back, though we know that they are never ours, it's just our job to get them as happy as possible so that they can easily find their 'real' forever home.*

*We had one 'exception' (or foster failure). 'Ginge' came to us as a three-week old bottle-fed foster kitten and we (and Tori) were unable to part with him. We didn't choose Ginge as much as he chose us – he was obsessed with Tori and so we couldn't bear to separate them. Ginge is now three years old and he and Tori are still the very best of friends.*

*We are very lucky to have met so many lovely cats and kittens who have enriched our lives, and we hope to continue fostering for many years to come!!!*

### Pharyn and Craig

*Since 25 March 2011, Colin and I have been foster caring: for mums and bubs; orphaned kittens; and one adult female oriental cat with an affectionate and smart nature by the name of Jasmine.*

*As we look through all the portrait photographs of all the felines we have fostered since then (a total of 47 kittens, seven mums and gorgeous Jasmine), we can't pick any as being 'special' – they have ALL been special and a joy for us to share our house with them. It has been a pleasure to watch the mums nurture, groom, teach, love, protect and to be always willing to feed their little ones on demand. We've loved taking every opportunity to cuddle and stroke and to give lots of love to all of those adorable kittens (and their mums). Then there was Jasmine, who fitted into our home within minutes of her arrival. She loved to sleep between us on top of the warm bed cover of a night and loved lap-sitting and rubbing her face against our noses! She was quite a character and loved everyone who visited our home, young and old.*

*Initially we put the mums and bubs in our rumpus room and we bring out the secure, warm and cosy 'little homes' we have made them until the kittens are ready to explore further. Then they have the run of the house apart from the study and the bathrooms.*

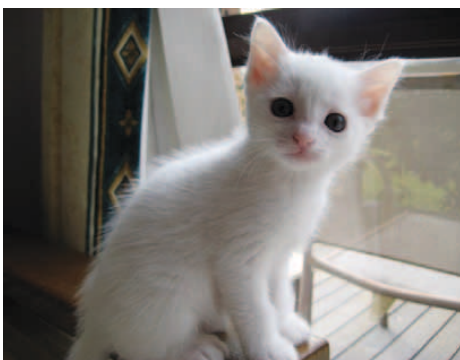
*We adore the fact that we are offering a loving environment with plenty of room for them to run around in, plenty of toys on offer and for them to choose one of the many warm chairs, beds or sunny carpeted areas to curl up and sleep. We like nothing better than to have a kitten or cat curl up on our laps or lying close by us in the evening when we are relaxing watching TV or reading. We really enjoy tending to all their needs as it gives us great pleasure.*

*We are SO glad we became foster carers. It has been a most rewarding and positive experience and we feel at ease knowing we are fully supported by the staff at Cat Protection who we have rung on many occasions asking advice on a kitten's or cat's behaviour or health problem. We have learned a lot as we have gone along and are now much more confident in giving the felines their medications when they are unwell.*

*Every cat or kitten we get attached to, we cry when we have to say goodbye to them and we pray that they will all have long and happy lives in their forever homes.*

*You will never know how much foster caring has touched our hearts and meant so much to us.*

**Christine and Colin**



## IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CATS BY EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CAT CARE

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**FACTSHEET**

**Cat-friendly flowers**

There's nothing quite like receiving a nice bunch of flowers to brighten your day. But did you know that not all flowers are created equal when it comes to your feline friend's safety?

Before displaying flowers you've received or buying some for friends with pets, here's a quick reference guide for the more common flowers you'll find at your local florist.

What's hot and what's not in the world of feline friendly flowers:

HOT (feline-friendly)	NOT (avoid)
Roses	Lilies (the most toxic, avoid at all costs)
Sunflowers	Tulips
Gerberas	Carnations
Snap dragons	Daffodils
Orchids	Baby's breath
Pansies	Azalea
African violet	Bird of paradise
Bottlebrush	Mistletoe
Impatiens	Ivy
	Holly
	Begonias
	Iris

Most of the flowers to avoid can cause gastrointestinal signs in cats if ingested (vomiting, loss of appetite and depression).

However ingestion of the lily flower is very serious and can be fatal. All parts of the lily are toxic. This means any small amount of the stem, flower, leaves, or pollen ingested can potentially cause lily toxicity in cats. Cats can even ingest this unintentionally by brushing against a lily flower causing traces of pollen to fall on the cat's coat, only to be ingested later through grooming.

Many florists and cat owners are unaware of the toxicity of lilies, so please take the time to inform them of the dangers.

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### Education

Information and education services are the cornerstone of ensuring cats enjoy full health, welfare and wellbeing. Whether it is helping people to identify and bring a stray mother cat and her kittens to us, assisting a low income cat owner have their cat desexed or expert veterinary articles on feline health, we strive to ensure people have the support they need to give their cats the best they possibly can.

In the reporting period we developed and published our factsheet on **feline-friendly flowers** which is now included in all adoption packs.

Our free **school holiday program** "spend time with the cool cats" continues to be popular. Designed for infants and primary school children, these informative sessions teach children how to safely handle cats, how to read their body language, provide an overview of cat health and welfare, explain how our shelter works and give children the opportunity to interact with our cats. In the period we held 12 sessions: over the July, Spring, Christmas and Easter school holidays.

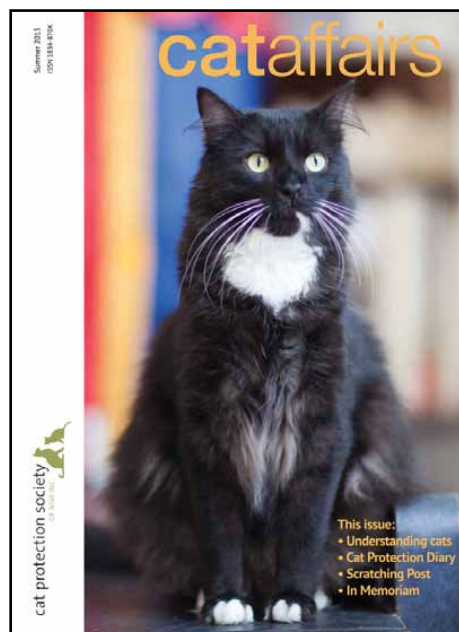
Our **Kitten Kindy** classes are well subscribed, not just with people who've never had a cat but new adopters who wish to learn good techniques in cat care (such as medicating their cat) and to ensure a well-behaved cat. Kitten Kindy is also in demand from families who want their children to be engaged in the care of their new feline friend. In the reporting period we published a new handbook for Kitten Kindy participants. We ran seven sessions from November to May.

For the short period that isn't kitten season, we hold our **winter cat care talks** which are very popular. Each talk booked out prior to the weekend it was held. Our talks were presented by staff vet nurses, and covered the topics **Naughty or normal? Understanding cat behaviour; Feline First Aid; The fur needn't fly! Making peace in a multi-pet home; and Not just safe, happy too: looking after your indoor-only cats**. One attendee wrote to us saying, "we found the lectures by Alison Travaglia and Nerida Atkin very informative, well worth the two hour travel time from Katoomba".

In November 2013, our annual **Open Day** event had the theme "**Understanding Cats**" and we were honoured to have Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West veterinarian Dr Anne Fawcett (who also teaches at the University of Sydney vet school) as our special guest presenter. The day was well-attended by both adults and children, and with activities and information for all ages, it was very successful.

**Cat Affairs** – our members' magazine – included articles by vets **Dr Kersti Seksel** and **Dr Caroline Perrin** (indoor cat welfare); **Dr Anne Fawcett** (the healthy cat); and **Dr Kim Kendall** (feline heart health) and a case study highlighting the danger of fleas to young kittens by **Dr Rebecca Brady**.

Our **website, Facebook** and **You Tube** are not just communication channels promoting cats available for adoption but include a wealth of information on cat care and welfare that is freely available to anyone with internet access. Of course, some items are mainly for fun – who can resist kittens playing? – like our video of 'the ginger Ninjas' which received a record of more than 2,000 views in just 10 days.





## IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CATS BY EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CAT CARE

### Welfare services

A large component of our work is helping cat owners, mainly with **telephone support** and email/posting of information, and our discount desexing programs.

We helped more than **5,000 human clients with cat care and welfare information and advice**, assisted with **desexing 1,095 cats** via our referral program and through our **Operation Cat** program desexed a further 74 cats with the support of the **City of Sydney** and seven cats with the support of **Fairfield City Council**.

We assisted with the **case management** of four individual potential hoarding situations; advised a regional council on **shelter design and health**; provided information to a state electorate office on **cats and planning for emergencies**; gave information on our **community pets program** (which includes implementation guidance) to a community centre in Queensland, a NSW hospital and a NSW provider of home services; advised an **aged care worker** in regional NSW on how to help her client plan for their cat; and **assisted an aged care** home in South Australia with information on pets and aged care. We also assisted an animal welfare shelter to develop their ringworm prevention procedures.

In May we introduced a new service **Flea & Worm Fridays**. This is a discount service especially for people who can't afford to buy multi-packs of vet-quality parasite treatment (we provide a discount for pension-card holders) but also for people who aren't quite sure how to correctly use spot-on treatment or are a bit nervous about giving their cat a worming tablet. One of our experienced feline attendants administers the treatment (Advocate, Advantage, Drontal).

We also offer **Cheap as Chips Wednesdays** where a staff member who is an authorised microchip implanter is available to microchip cats at a very low cost (with discounts for pension-card holders).

**We thank the Minister and NSW Department of Primary Industries** for the annual grant of \$15,500 which is used to help fund our welfare services, which include emergency transport to our vets of cats in danger/injured cats.



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### Awareness

Creating awareness of our shelter, discount desexing programs, feline health and welfare information and services is vital and media is an integral part of this outreach. Building awareness is a vital investment in sustainability. We are also trying to save for a new rehabilitation centre, and with our 'no-harassment' fundraising policy, advertising is the only way for us to reach new supporters.

Our radio advertising campaigns were aired on **Fine Music FM 102.5; 2GB ; 2CH;** and **2WS**, and we thank all those stations for their charity discount rates, and we thank **Alan Jones AO** for kindly voicing our ads on 2GB.

Our print advertising was focused on the **Eastern Suburbs Spectator** group of papers, and magazines **SX** and **LOTL**, all of whom generously provide us with discounted rates. At the end of the reporting period we commenced a campaign to promote our desexing services, in **Fairfax** and **News Limited** community papers.





A huge thank you to **PETS magazine** for their generous sponsorship which sees us enjoy a full page or double page ad in each issue. **PETS** is beautifully illustrated with amazing animal photographs and is devoted to responsible pet ownership. We featured in a number of editorial pieces as well, including stories on adoption, our shelter and our education programs. Thank you also to the **Inner West Courier, SX** and the **Spectator** for their continued support of our work by promoting 'cats of the week'.

Some highlights of media coverage over the reporting period include press articles in **LOTL** on why pets are good for us; feline body language in **Your Magazine**; our renovated Op Shop in **City News**; one of our kittens in **MX**; Brutus in **The Australian**; our education program in **Think Kind**; and coverage of our blessing service by Rabbi Mendel Kastel in **The Australian Jewish News. J-Wire** an online Jewish news service also ran a story on this event. Other stories were published online in **Small Animal Talk; Petpages; The Nest Chapter**; and the **Daily Mail Australia**.

Television is a hugely powerful medium so we were thrilled when the team from **Channel 7's Sydney Weekender** chose to run a story on our Kitten Kindy. The story was friendly, funny and informative and we had a great response to the segment, which aired on Saturday 31 August 2013.

Our Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin did a series of three interviews with **Southern Highlands FM** on cat care, from kittens to senior cats. She also spoke with **Clive Robertson on 2UE** about kitten care. CEO Kristina Veski enjoyed two interviews with Clive Robertson: one about cats as loyal family members, and the other about reading to cats. On **ABC 702** with **Linda Mottram** the CEO spoke about planning for your cat; and with **James Valentine** on cat names, and about free-roaming cats.

## Sydney's only no-kill shelter just for cats

-  Cat care products
-  Information
-  Discount desexing
-  Cats & kittens for adoption



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OF NSW INC. 

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[www.catprotection.org.au](http://www.catprotection.org.au)

## ACTIVELY WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROMOTE AND IMPROVE CAT WELFARE

We are committed to being a best-practice shelter and we are constantly learning and working on how we can improve not just shelter health but feline health in general. We are a member of **International Society Feline Medicine** and work closely with Sydney's leading feline vet specialists. We are currently supporting research being undertaken at the **University of Sydney** into Feline Immunodeficiency Virus and are assisting with a study comparing infection rates in flank and midline desexing surgeries.

The NSW Government established the **Companion Animals Taskforce** in 2011 with terms of reference to inquire into a number of areas, most significantly the rates of euthanasia of cats and dogs. Cat Protection was represented on the taskforce by the CEO. Following extensive consideration and consultation, the Taskforce completed two final reports to Government, and in February 2014 the NSW Government released its full response to the Taskforce's recommendations.

Of particular note for feline welfare, **Recommendation 10 "The Companion Animals Regulation should be amended to require a cat to be registered from the time it is 4 months of age" was supported.**

Cat Protection proposed and championed this change – cats are not dogs, and both male and female cats can be safely desexed from about two months of age. There is a very significant discount for registration of desexed animals and this incentive clearly works as some 98 per cent of registered cats are desexed. However, the existing six-month registration age for cats is wrongly associated with a view that cats should not be, or need not be, desexed until that age.

There is low awareness in the community that cats as young as four months can become pregnant. We know – we deal with the very surprised human clients who find their kitten has had kittens. While many unplanned litters are surrendered to pounds and shelters, others are abandoned or given away 'free to good home' and this just further contributes to unplanned feline population growth.

Also, the behaviours associated with sexual maturity such as spraying, wandering and aggression are frequent causes for surrender or abandonment of owned cats. The simple act of **earlier age desexing in cats will not only prevent unwanted litters but will improve the human-feline bond**, increasing the likelihood of people keeping their cats. And of course, there are the health benefits for the desexed cats. Making four months the legal age for registration of cats sets a community standard that all cats should be desexed by that age. That's a huge leap forward for feline welfare.

The decision will be effected with an amendment to the Companion Animals Regulation but the Register itself needs to be redesigned to accommodate this and other changes. The date of effect will depend on the review of the Register. In the meantime, we have an opportunity to educate pet owners and vets about the change.

Another recommendation accepted by Government was to establish an ongoing reference group on cat and dog management. In May 2014, the **Minister for Local Government** convened the first meeting of the **Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group**, on which Cat Protection is represented by CEO Kristina Vesk. The Reference Group provides advice to the Minister on strategic management of companion animal issues and the promotion of responsible pet ownership in the community. As well as Cat Protection, membership of the Group comprises representatives from the NSW RSPCA, Dogs NSW, the Pet Industry Association, Sutherland Shire Council and the Australian Veterinary Association.



## ACTIVELY WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROMOTE AND IMPROVE CAT WELFARE

Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin continues to represent Cat Protection on the **Willoughby Council Companion Animals Committee** and this year Cat Protection was appointed to the newly formed **Marrickville Council Companion Animal Discussion Group**.

Cat Protection participated in the **Australian Companion Animal Council Think Tank** in June 2013, contributing to working groups on pet-friendly accommodation and aged care and pets.

We keep NSW MPs informed of our work via *Cat Affairs* and have welcomed a number of MPs to our shelter including **The Hon Walt Secord, MLC** who attended our blessing service on World Animal Day. In the **NSW Parliament** on 25 March he spoke about the blessing service and our feline welfare work. We were also pleased to be acknowledged by the **Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich MP** in his Community Recognition Statement in Parliament on 23 October:

*I acknowledge the great work done by the Cat Protection Society. I had the opportunity of visiting this key cat welfare group earlier this year, where I met some of the committed individuals who run this no-kill cat shelter. They find new homes for cats that would otherwise be killed, reunite lost cats with their owners and educate owners about socially and environmentally responsible cat care. Each year the society finds loving homes for about 1,000 cats and kittens and desexes up to 3,000 cats. In November the society will hold a Cat Protection Open Day, and it will run a free school holiday program for cat-loving kids. I congratulate the Cat Protection Society on its nomination in the Best Pet Services and Best Op Shop categories in the Best of Sydney 2013 business awards, and I encourage the society to continue its great work.*

We enjoy good relationships with a number of councils and in particular, thank the **City of Sydney** for their strong support through **Operation Cat** and the **Northcott People and Pets Day**, which we always enjoy. At the 2013 event, we issued 15 desexing vouchers and helped dozens of clients with information about cat care.

We also participated with other councils' sponsored days including the **Holroyd Petfest; Willoughby Fauna Fair; Liverpool Council Microchip Day** and the **Penrith Council Microchip Day**.

We had stands at the **Royal Easter Show; Cruelty Free Festival; Pet Expo** and **Sydney Retirement and Lifestyle Expo**. All these events give us a wonderful opportunity to meet cat owners, share information and promote our services.





## HONOURING THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND CATS

As domestic animals, cats are dependent on people, so as a charity serving cats we also serve people. One of the saddest things is when a person is forced to give up a much-loved cat. We have put a lot of effort into advocating for sensible policies that will **allow people to keep their cats**, whether they are renting, in strata or retirement living. We have had constructive discussions on the issue with officers of the NSW government, academics, peak bodies and of course, have assisted individuals with their cases. We had this letter published in the **Sydney Morning Herald** on 6 November 2013:

*Cathy Sherry makes several important points regarding people's rights and duties in strata schemes, particularly in relation to pets ("Restricting strata reform to pets is barking mad", November 5).*

*Many of our clients have been forced to surrender their much-loved, quiet and clean cats for no better reason than a nosy neighbour spotted the cat at the window and determined to vigorously enforce a pet ban.*

*Bans on pets in strata schemes are blunt instruments used to deal with problems created by a small number of inconsiderate people.*

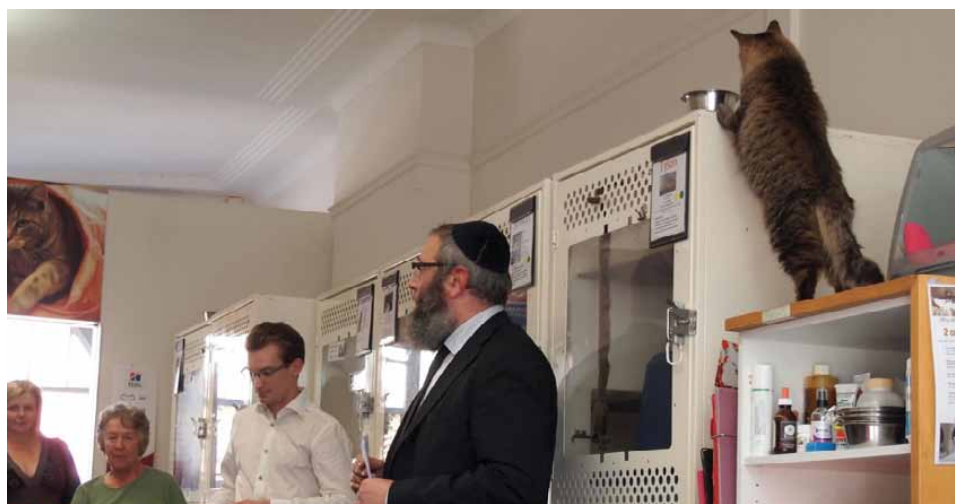
*Research demonstrates the benefits of companion animals to human health and wellbeing. If the justification for regulation is to prevent harm, then arguably it should be used to allow responsible pet ownership.*

*Kristina Vesk, chief executive, Cat Protection Society of NSW, Newtown*

Another issue we have invested time in is **planning for cats** – we all need to plan for the future and what would happen to our cats in the event we are unable to care for them, temporarily or permanently. In May 2014 we held a seminar: **Who will take care of my cat?** presented by **Ruth Pollard**, Assistant Director Legal Services, Specialist Services, NSW Trustee and Guardian. As a devoted cat owner herself, Ruth understood the concerns and worries around planning and explained the intricacies of **wills, power of attorney and enduring guardianship** to help people navigate this complex topic. Combined with our factsheet on planning for your cat, we have been able to ensure people can make informed choices about their cats' futures.

We have been very pleased to provide support to services that assist homeless people take care of their cats, donating cat food to **Pets in the Park** and supporting St Peters vet **Dr Sam Kovac** who runs **Project HoPe** with **The Jewish House** at Bondi. Project HoPe was launched as a part of Homeless Persons Week in August 2013 by Dr Sam Kovac (Southern Cross Vet Clinic) **Rabbi Mendel Kastel** and **Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore**. Project HoPe provides free vaccinations and health checks for the pets of homeless people. The Jewish House provides crisis accommodation for people and also has kennels if those people have pets – a wonderful initiative.

Rabbi Mendel Kastel, Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish House, kindly agreed to conduct a **blessing service** for us on **World Animal Day** 4 October 2013. He spoke of Noah and the need to care for animals and then led the blessing, a heartfelt and beautiful service which was enjoyed by all who attended.





## THANK YOU

As you will see in the financial report, we ended our year with a surplus. We owe thanks to so many: those who left us legacies; those who generously donated; our members and supporters; our adopters; our volunteers and all who contributed to the success of the Op Shop, whether as donors, volunteers or customers.

Whatever your contribution to our feline caring work, whether or not you are named here, please know that you have our gratitude and the appreciation of every cat, kitten and person who we help.

In the reporting period our **Op Shop** was closed for three months for a major clean-up and renovation, so we did miss out on income for a quarter. However, we needed to address a number of health and safety issues as well as the cost of rubbish disposal, so the closure and revision of policies was essential to the shop's sustainability. Our new donation policy has reduced our waste disposal costs and reduced workplace hazards. The newly renovated store was opened in March with a launch party attended by local businesses and guest of honour the (then) **Mayor of Marrickville, Jo Haylen**.

We received a record-breaking **\$347,371 in donations** in 2013-14 which was a wonderful result and gives us a good start in saving for our planned rehabilitation centre. We paid tribute to the donation of \$60,000 made in memory of a very special person by naming our kittens' courtyard in her honour – it is now **Marie's Place**.

**Bequests** are our single biggest source of income and we give thanks to all those thoughtful people who remembered the cats in their wills. We would not be here without their generosity and kindness. Our kittens and cats purr their praises. **We pay our respects to the following kind women and men:**

Carolyn Lynette Clampett - Camillo D'Aristotle Postiglione - Margaret Dillon - Mary Eichner - Patricia Enderby - Patricia Fletcher - Jack Frankham - James Hair - Pamela Hair - Robin Jackson - Jessie Johnston - Ailsa Lutton - Jan Lyons - Sylvia Maruca - Alice Montgomery - Joan Pratt - Allen Sampson - Elizabeth Joan Scully - Daina Silins - Cherrie (Elsie/Cherub) Weardon - Jean Wolgast.

It is our privilege to honour their lives in our work caring for cats.

We would like to thank our **corporate donors** and **workplace-sponsored giving donors**, and especially those who generously match their employees' donations.

Thanks to **Macquarie Bank; Macquarie Group Foundation; AMP Services Limited; AMP Foundation; Department of Defence; National Australia Bank; Charities Aid Foundation; Perforce Software; AON; Moody's; Divine Creatures Boarding Cattery; ShareGift; Grill'd Harbourside; Illawarra Road Marrickville Woolworths; Peoplebank**; and the incomparable **Sarah Menzies** and her **Feline Foundation**.

Thank you for the gift donations from **Otto Ristorante; Dr Kersti Seksel; Dr Sam Kovac; Bayer; Coachhouse Marina Resort Batemans Bay; Hill's Pet Nutrition; Oz Pet; Manx & Vizsla; Kong's; Fuzzyard; Bella Buttons Entertainment; Dolls and Dames; The Leopard Lounge; Joan Pearson; Dyson** and **The Tea Cosy**.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to the corporate volunteer teams from **NAB; Westpac; Google; Moody's; The Body Shop;** and **Tree of Life.**

Thank you to all our regular volunteers – Op Shop; cattery; foster care; and 'other' (fair days, clerical help) and thank you to our pro bono service providers, especially **Karen Childs** of The Pickle Factory; **Chris Lapsley; Karress Rhodes; Darren Kane** of Colin Love & Company Lawyers; **Rocketseed; Margaret Burns; Pat Baker;** and **Danielle Liu.**

We extend a thank you to our **wonderful regular donors**, whether through our website, Give Now or Everyday Hero.

As will be obvious to members, we have a **no-harassment fundraising policy**: we don't do cold calling, direct mail asking for donations, 'chugging' (street collecting) and we never ask donors to increase their donations. All we do is include a donation flyer with our members' magazine a few times a year, promote giving on our website and Facebook pages, and operate an Op Shop.

Our approach comes from the view that **we believe people, just like cats, don't want to be hounded** and pressured to do things ... but we sincerely hope everyone understands that our good manners don't stem from wealth. While we finished this year with a surplus, last year ended with a small deficit and we're always dependent on bequests and donations to get us through each year. **Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.**

So our heartfelt thanks to all our donors – you gave because you wanted to, and both your gift and your faith in us mean a lot.

We thank our major sponsors, **Animax Photography** (Danielle Lyonne); **Bayer Animal Health** (Advocate parasite treatment); **Hill's Pet Nutrition** (Science Diet cat and kitten food); **PETS** magazine (advertising); and corporate supporter **Ceva** (Feliway). You make our cats healthy, happy and beautiful!

We will forever be grateful to our awesomely gifted and generous vets and vet nurses, especially **Concord Veterinary Hospital** and **Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West.**

We also thank **Rooty Hill Vet Clinic; All Natural Vet Russell Lea; Maroubra Junction Vet Clinic; SASH; University of Sydney Vet Hospital; Double Bay and Pyrmont vet clinics** and the **Princes Highway Vet.**

We acknowledge the hard work (and enormous debt) that is required to become a vet and we were proud to see two of our former weekend staff graduate from the University of Sydney to become **Dr Tom Acott** and **Dr Hannah Marin-Guzman.** Congratulations!

Together with 100 friends and VIPs, we formally said 'thank you' to **Dr Alice Noe-Nordberg** and **Sandy Moss** at a lunch in Parliament House in October 2013. Sandy and Alice made a massive contribution to feline welfare through Concord Animal Hospital, which closed its doors for the last time in January 2013. The beautiful **Danielle Di-Masi** was our MC, sending us from laughter to tears throughout the afternoon, and we were honoured to have **Nance Iredale OAM** join us for the celebrations.



Our history has been blessed by such dedicated, fine people and our future is bright as we continue to enjoy support from an amazingly talented and caring network of friends and feline experts alike.





### ***Some other facts about us:***

- Cat Protection employs approximately 20 paid staff, part-time and full-time. Trained, qualified staff are rostered on to care for cats seven days a week, 365 days a year and we invest in training, so staff costs are our major expense
- Only two staff are not directly involved in day to day direct cat care and of these two, one is the Marketing Assistant responsible for the promotion of cats for adoption and information on cat care and welfare through social and traditional media as well as events, and the other is the CEO, who is the cats' advocate in public policy, aged care and tenancy matters
- Cat Protection is supported by some 150 volunteers, including the Board (directors are not paid)
- We started in 1958 as a small group of volunteers – it was some 20+ years later that the property at 103 Enmore Road was purchased and some 10 years ago that it was renovated. Our next goal is to build a dedicated feline rehabilitation centre
- We are endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient and registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)
- We are a limited admission, no-kill shelter just for cats. All cats and kittens available for adoption have been desexed, vaccinated, flea and worm treated, microchipped, toilet-trained and health checked by a vet. We are open for adoptions seven day a week
- To put our size and achievements into context: in 2013-14 what we spent on running our entire organisation (\$1,580,210) was less than half the money spent in 2013-14 by the NSW RSPCA on fundraising alone (\$3,727,744). Our funds might be limited but our commitment to feline welfare is boundless.





## OUR FUTURE – A DEDICATED FELINE REHABILITATION CENTRE

Within the confines of our small property at 103 Enmore Road Newtown we have achieved big things ... but we want to do more. We are saving for an additional property with a centre dedicated to helping sick, injured and special needs cats recover in a healing, home-like environment. This will **improve recovery times** for those cats, **optimise the space available for healthy cats** available for adoption, and give us the opportunity to **provide short-term crisis boarding** for cats in need.

Cats are highly sensitive animals. Admission to a shelter means coming into a strange multi-cat environment and often for reasons that are also stressful for the cat, such as separation from a person they loved, or having been a victim of cruelty or neglect.

Stress triggers the production of the hormone cortisol, which is a good thing in a 'fight or flight' situation but harmful for longer periods. Stress lowers the immune response and makes cats more susceptible to illness and infection.

Infection control and stress reduction are equal partners in shelter medicine, and both need space to work effectively.

We have the vision, the strategies, and the qualified and passionate care team in our staff, veterinary network and volunteers ... **we just need more room**, and for that we need more money.

In September 2013 we launched our vision for the Feline Rehabilitation Centre with a brochure sent to all members and an Avant card campaign. We've modelled the numbers, talked to the bank and have a blueprint strategy ready for when we have sufficient funds and a suitable property comes on the market. We are looking for a property very close by in order to maximise the efficient use of staff and resources.

We have a donation page especially for the Feline Rehabilitation Centre: [www.givenow.com.au/catprotectionsocietynswrehab](http://www.givenow.com.au/catprotectionsocietynswrehab)

A member of International Society Feline Medicine and Sydney's only no-kill shelter just for cats, we're devoted to best-practice feline care and shelter medicine.

**We invite you to help us reach the next level of outstanding care for cats.**



**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MAY 2014**

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC  
A.B.N. 81 610 951 615**

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**COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

Your committee members submit the financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc for the financial year ended 31 May 2014.

**Committee Members**

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Rhonda House  
John Holland  
Nita Harvey  
Angelika Elliott  
Dagmar Strohmaier  
Simon Stevenson  
Mark Hubert

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

- to provide care for lost, abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens; to provide care for injured cats and kittens without an identifiable owner; and to find the original or new owners for the aforementioned cats and kittens.
- to educate the community about socially and environmentally responsible cat care, and to promote and improve cat welfare.

**Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**Operating Result**

The surplus after providing for amortisation and depreciation amounted to \$208,391.

**Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

**Future Developments**

The association expects to maintain the present status and level of operations, and hence there are no likely developments in the entity's operations.

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**COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

**Indemnification of Officers**

During or since the end of the financial year, the association has given an indemnity, or entered into an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows:

- the association has paid premiums totalling \$2,000.00 (ex. GST) to insure each of the committee members against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of a committee member of the association, other than for conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the association.

**Proceedings on Behalf of the Association**

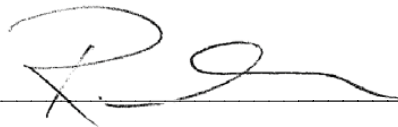
No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the association or intervene in any proceedings to which the association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the association for all or any part of those proceedings.

The association was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

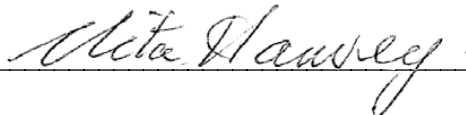
**Committee Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

Rhonda House



**Committee Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nita Harvey



**Dated this 30th day of August 2014**



## **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

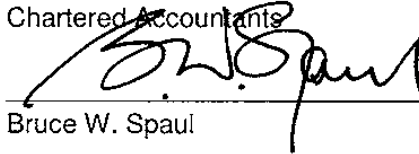
### **TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 May 2014 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**Name of Firm:** Munro Spaul  
Chartered Accountants

**Name of Principal:**

  
Bruce W. Spaul

**Address:** 1st Floor, 33 MacMahon Street HURSTVILLE NSW 2220

**Dated this 4th day of September 2014**

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC**  
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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue		1,837,190	1,556,550
Other income		185	899
		<u>1,837,375</u>	<u>1,557,449</u>
Advertising expenses		(52,121)	(20,572)
Auditor's remuneration		(10,930)	(8,925)
Cattery expenses		(61,804)	(69,860)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(48,354)	(47,154)
Employee benefits expenses		(854,439)	(799,821)
Merchandise		(176,400)	(178,149)
Opportunity shop expenses		(45,135)	(39,212)
Veterinary expenses		(174,782)	(186,558)
Other expenses		(205,019)	(231,436)
<b>Net Surplus (Loss) for the year</b>	<b>2</b>	<u>208,391</u>	<u>(24,238)</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Net gain on revaluation of land and buildings		-	44,250
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	44,250
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u>208,391</u>	<u>20,012</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 MAY 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,681,073	2,435,771
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	15,358	20,337
Inventories	5	33,734	32,966
Other current assets	6	19,186	14,976
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		2,749,351	2,504,050
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets	7	2,109	5,449
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,611,683	1,643,653
Investment property		26,782	26,782
Intangible assets	9	916	4,362
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		1,641,490	1,680,246
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		4,390,841	4,184,296
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other payables	10	80,888	99,107
Provisions	11	13,768	9,313
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		94,656	108,420
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	11	37,679	25,761
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		37,679	25,761
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		132,335	134,181
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		4,258,506	4,050,115
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves		994,236	994,236
Retained surplus	12	3,264,270	3,055,879
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		4,258,506	4,050,115

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014**

Note	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 June 2012</b>	949,986	3,080,117	4,030,103
Other comprehensive income	44,250	-	44,250
Surplus (Loss) for the year	-	(24,238)	(24,238)
<b>Balance at 31 May 2013</b>	994,236	3,055,879	4,050,115
Surplus for the year	-	208,391	208,391
<b>Balance at 31 May 2014</b>	994,236	3,264,270	4,258,506

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
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		2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from customers		553,240	594,653
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,587,035)	(1,541,760)
Interest received		96,944	97,462
Donations and bequests received		1,191,985	859,625
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>15</b>	<u>255,134</u>	<u>9,980</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		727	-
Proceeds from sale of investments		3,526	12,094
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(14,086)	(14,140)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(9,833)</u>	<u>(2,046)</u>
Net increase in cash held		245,301	7,934
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>2,435,772</u>	<u>2,427,838</u>
Cash at end of financial year	<b>3</b>	<u><u>2,681,073</u></u>	<u><u>2,435,772</u></u>

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**1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest revenue is recognised in respect of fixed-interest securities, and cash and cash equivalent balances. Interest revenue is recognised upon receipt.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Grant income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

**Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in first-out basis.

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**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Classes of property, plant and equipment are measured using the cost or revaluation model as specified below.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include purchase price, other directly attributable costs and the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and restoring the asset, where applicable.

**Land and buildings**

Freehold land and buildings are shown at their fair value (being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction), based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by external independent valuers, less accumulated depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on the revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against their fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

**Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

**Depreciation**

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment (excluding freehold land) reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the association. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The depreciation method and useful life of assets is reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

<u>Fixed Asset Class</u>	<u>Depreciation Rate</u>
Buildings	2.5% PC
Plant and Equipment	10 - 20% PC
Motor Vehicles	22.5 - 25% DV
Office Equipment	10 - 40% PC

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

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Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to the retained surplus.

### **Financial Instruments**

#### **Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Investments held are originally recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at reporting date. Movements in fair value are recognised through profit or loss.

#### **Impairment of Non-Financial Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit or loss.

### **Employee Provisions**

#### **Short-term employee benefits**

Provision is made for the association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The association's obligations for short-term employee benefits are recognised as a part of accounts payable and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Contributions are made by the entity to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.



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**Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of accounts receivable and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income and expenditure statement.

**Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

**Intangibles**

**Other intangibles**

Website development is recorded at cost. It is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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**Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid.

Accounts payable are recognised at their transaction price. Accounts payable are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

**Comparative Figures**

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Where a change in comparatives has also affected the opening retained surplus previously presented in a comparative period, an opening statement of financial position at the earliest date of the comparative period must be presented.

**Leases**

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

**Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Div. 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The committee evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

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	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>2 Surplus for the year</b>		
Surplus before income tax from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Employee benefits expense:		
contributions to defined contribution superannuation funds	64,141	61,594
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	48,539	47,154
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	10,930	8,925
<b>Revenue and Other Income</b>		
The following significant revenue items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
Legacies	844,614	614,686
<b>3 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash in Hand	3,690	14,044
Cash at Bank	698,102	1,021,559
Interest Bearing Deposits	1,979,281	1,400,168
	<u>2,681,073</u>	<u>2,435,771</u>
<b>Reconciliation of cash</b>		
Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the cash flow statement are reconciled to the equivalent items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,681,073	2,435,772
	<u>2,681,073</u>	<u>2,435,772</u>
<b>4 Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts Receivable	1,628	-
Income Accrued	-	7,500
GST on Acquisitions	9,872	8,980
Deposits on Hand	3,857	3,857
	<u>15,357</u>	<u>20,337</u>

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	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>5 Inventories</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Stock on Hand - at Cost	33,735	32,966
<b>6 Other Non-Financial Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Prepayments	19,186	14,976
<b>7 Financial Assets</b>		
<b>Non-Current</b>		
ANZ Private Portfolio	2,108	5,449
<b>8 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Land and Buildings</b>		
Land - at fair value	665,000	665,000
Buildings - at fair value	862,875	885,000
<b>Total Land and Buildings</b>	1,527,875	1,550,000
Plant & Equipment - at Cost	118,652	107,202
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(57,151)	(46,293)
	61,501	60,909
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	37,594	66,145
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(33,665)	(59,664)
	3,929	6,481
Office Equipment - at Cost	69,911	67,276
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(51,533)	(41,013)
	18,378	26,263
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	83,808	93,653
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	1,611,683	1,643,653

Freehold land and buildings located at 103 Enmore Road, Newtown NSW, has been estimated by Sydney Suburban Property Valuations as at 20 June 2013. That revaluation surplus was credited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity.



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### Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	<u>Freehold Land and Buildings</u>	<u>Plant and Equipment</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Office Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 June 2012	1,527,875	68,874	8,587	25,061	1,630,397
Additions	-	2,930	-	11,210	14,140
Disposals	-	(1,427)	-	-	(1,427)
Revaluation increments/(decrements)	44,250	-	-	-	44,250
Depreciation expense	<u>(22,125)</u>	<u>(9,467)</u>	<u>(2,107)</u>	<u>(10,008)</u>	<u>(43,707)</u>
Balance at 31 May 2013	<u>1,550,000</u>	<u>60,910</u>	<u>6,480</u>	<u>26,263</u>	<u>1,643,653</u>
Additions	-	11,450	-	2,636	14,086
Disposals	-	-	(1,148)	-	(1,148)
Depreciation expense	<u>(22,125)</u>	<u>(10,859)</u>	<u>(1,403)</u>	<u>(10,520)</u>	<u>(44,907)</u>
Carrying amount at 31 May 2014	1,527,875	61,501	3,929	18,378	1,611,683

**9 Intangible Assets**

Website Development Costs	10,340	10,340
Less Written Off	(9,424)	(5,977)
	916	4,363
<b>Total</b>	916	4,363

**10 Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

**Current**

Accounts Payable	25,106	34,570
Other Payables	14,194	25,000
Accrued Expenses	20,641	18,050
GST on Supplies	4,247	2,561
Provision for Annual Leave	16,700	18,926
	80,888	99,107

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	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>11 Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	13,768	9,313
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	37,679	25,761
<b>12 Retained Surplus</b>		
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year	3,055,879	3,080,117
Net surplus (loss) for the year	208,391	(24,238)
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year	3,264,270	3,055,879
<b>13 Capital and Leasing Commitments</b>		
<b>Operating Lease Commitments</b>		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
Not later than 12 months	(34,320)	(18,257)
Between 12 months and five years	(52,800)	-
	(87,120)	(18,257)
<b>14 Contingent Assets</b>		
Estimates of the potential financial effect of contingent assets that may become receivable:		
<b>Contingent Assets</b>		
<b>Interest in property</b>		
During the 2013 year, the association received an interest in a property, as to an estate in remainder. Given the uncertainty surrounding whether the association will receive the asset at this time, we have not sought a valuation on the property for the end of the reporting period.		

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	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>15 Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus for the year</b>		
Surplus (Loss) for the year	208,391	(24,238)
<b>Non-cash flows in surplus</b>		
Depreciation	44,907	43,707
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	421	1,427
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	(185)	(898)
Amortisation	3,447	3,447
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposals of subsidiaries</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	4,979	(4,811)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(769)	(4,065)
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	(4,210)	2,491
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other payables	(18,219)	(13,554)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	16,373	6,474
	255,134	9,980

**16 Winding up of Gift Fund and Surplus Assets on winding up or dissolution**

If the Gift Fund is wound up or the association ceases to be a Deductible Gift Recipient for any reason, any surplus assets of the Gift Fund remaining after the payment of liabilities attributable to it must be transferred to a fund, authority or institution to which income tax deductible gifts can be made. Upon the winding up or dissolution of the association, any remaining property after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, will not be paid to, or distributed among the members, but will be given or transferred to some other institution or company which satisfies both the following requirements:

- (a) It has objects similar to the objects of the association;
- (b) Its constituent documents prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members on terms substantially to the effect of clause 36A (refer to note 18) of the Rules of the Association.

This is to be determined by the members at or before the time of winding up or dissolution of the association and, in default of any determination, by the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

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	2014	2013
	\$	\$

**17 Members' Liabilities**

The liability of a member of the association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the association or the costs, charges or expenses of the winding up of the association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the association.

**18 No Distribution of Surplus**

No income or property of the association may be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly to any member.

**19 Fundraising Activities**

The total gross income from fundraising appeals and the Opportunity Shop was in excess of \$100,000 during the financial year. Details showing how the funds were received and applied are as follows:

**Income**

Opportunity shop sales	106,226	137,222
Fundraising	8,590	-
<b>Total fundraising income</b>	<b>114,816</b>	<b>137,222</b>

**Expenses**

Opportunity Shop – Amenities	469	198
Opportunity Shop – Electricity	1,164	1,141
Opportunity Shop – Rent	32,850	33,850
Opportunity Shop – Repairs & Maintenance/Relocation	9,537	2,796
Opportunity Shop – Telephone	915	1,027
Opportunity Shop – Water	200	200
Fundraising Expenses	4,368	519
<b>Total fundraising expenses</b>	<b>49,503</b>	<b>39,731</b>
<b>Total Surplus from Fundraising Activities</b>	<b>65,313</b>	<b>97,491</b>

**20 Association Details**

The registered office and principal place of business for the association is:

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc  
103 Enmore Road  
Newtown NSW 2042



**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC**  
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**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 18:

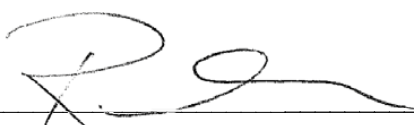
1. Present a true and fair view of the financial position of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc as at 31 May 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In respect of fundraising appeals, we declare that in our opinion:

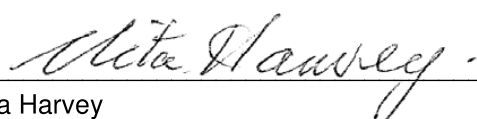
- a. The accounts give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc with respect to fundraising appeals; and
- b. The statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeals; and
- c. The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations under that Act, and the conditions attached to the authority to fundraise have been complied with; and
- d. The internal controls exercised by The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the entity from its fundraising appeals.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

**President:**

  
Rhonda House

**Treasurer:**

  
Nita Harvey

**Dated this 30th day of August 2014**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC  
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**Report on the Financial Report**

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 May 2014, and the income and expenditure statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

**Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The committee of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC  
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**Auditor's Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc as of 31 May 2014 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*.

**Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

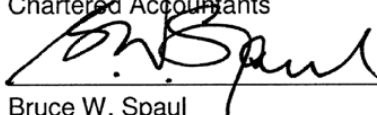
**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

I also report that:

- a. The financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- b. The accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)* and the regulations under that Act;
- c. Money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)* and the regulations under that Act; and
- d. At the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

**Name of Firm:** Munro Spaul  
Chartered Accountants

**Name of Principal:**

  
Bruce W. Spaul

**Address:** 1st Floor, 33 MacMahon Street HURSTVILLE NSW 2220

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Dated this 4th day of September 2014**

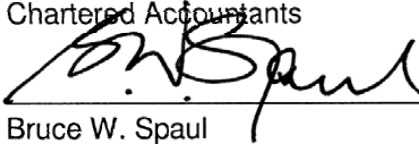
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**AUDITOR'S DISCLAIMER**

The additional financial data presented on pages 23-25 is in accordance with the books and records of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc ('our client') which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the association for the year ended 31 May 2014. It will be appreciated that our audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of our firm undertakes any responsibility or accepts any liability in any way whatsoever to any person (other than our client) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

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Chartered Accountants

**Name of Principal:**

  
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**Dated this 4th day of September 2014**

**THE CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NSW INC**  
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**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014**

	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	347,371	244,939
Fundraising	8,590	-
Government Grants	15,500	15,500
Insurance Recoveries	7,713	7,500
Interest Received	96,944	97,462
Legacies	844,614	614,686
Desexing & Microchipping	22,776	22,035
Rebates Received	-	1,716
Royalties Received	228	1,632
Sales - Cat Adoption Fees	117,230	132,894
Sales - Merchandise	249,827	251,351
Sales - Opportunity Shop	106,225	137,222
Subscriptions	18,901	28,394
Other Income	1,271	1,219
	1,837,190	1,556,550

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	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising & Promotion	52,121	20,572
Auditors Remuneration - Fees	10,930	8,925
Bank Charges	2,772	3,767
Bookkeeping	27,279	25,774
Cattery Expenses	61,804	69,861
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	11,311	14,626
Community Information	1,436	1,867
Electricity & Gas	7,535	8,138
Freight & Cartage	1,956	1,080
Fundraising Expenses	4,368	519
Insurance	22,555	23,407
Legal Costs	17,121	25,462
Merchandise	176,400	178,149
Microchips	3,092	6,597
Motor Vehicle Expenses	7,014	13,864
Office Expenses	21,143	24,856
Opportunity Shop Expenses	45,136	39,213
Permits, Licences & Fees	5,071	4,924
Postage	11,248	8,984
Printing & Stationery	29,116	29,705
Prov'n for Annual Leave	45,691	37,293
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	16,373	6,473
Rates & Taxes	1,746	2,283
Repairs & Maintenance	17,493	20,412
Salaries	720,988	689,085
Security	2,043	2,569
Staff Amenities	4,320	3,887
Staff Training	7,246	5,377
Superannuation	64,141	61,594
Telephone, Fax & Internet	4,044	5,270
Travelling Expenses	927	885
Volunteer Expenses	1,008	1,128
Veterinary Expenses	174,782	186,559
	<u>1,580,210</u>	<u>1,533,105</u>
<b>Surplus (Loss) before non-cash items</b>	<u>256,980</u>	<u>23,455</u>

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	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>NON-CASH INCOME</b>		
Revaluation Non Current Assets	185	898
<b>NON-CASH EXPENSES</b>		
Amortisation - Intangibles	3,447	3,447
Depreciation	44,906	43,707
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	421	1,427
	<u>48,774</u>	<u>48,581</u>
<b>Net surplus (loss) for the year</b>	<u><u>208,391</u></u>	<u><u>(24,238)</u></u>





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