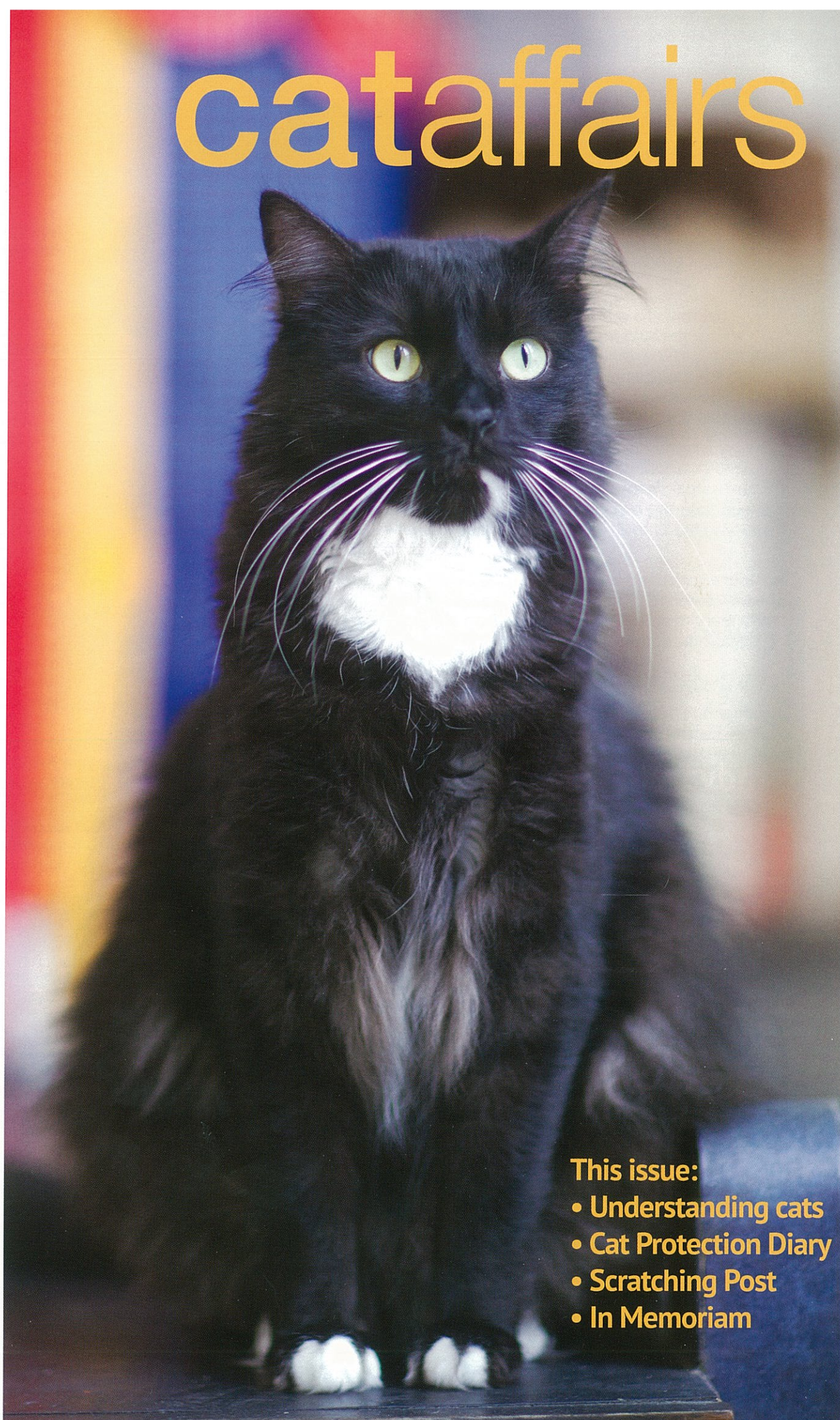




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President's Report

Thank you to our members who attended our recent AGM. With thousands of cats and people helped by Cat Protection in 2012-13 and an almost break-even bottom line, we consider the financial year to have been a successful, if challenging, one.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible – most especially our donors, sponsors, members and the kind women and men who remembered the cats in their wills.

Making ends meet, and finding homes for cats in a city that is increasingly closing its doors to cats is a constant challenge. The scarcity of affordable pet-friendly housing in Sydney continues to hurt cats and the people who love them. Scientific research proves the benefits of companion animals to human health and wellbeing so 'no pets allowed' is cause for concern. As members know, this is an issue we continue to work on.

Our year finished with a small surplus of \$23,445 before non-cash items, becoming a small loss of \$24,238 after non-cash expenses. Our total expenditure for the year 2013 was only two per cent above expenditure in 2012, with a drop in income in 2013 of about four per cent compared with 2012.

We're still heavily dependent on bequests to meet operating expenses – testamentary gifts made up 39 per cent of our 2013 income. It is humbling that so many people generously remember us in their wills; their goodness lives on in all the felines who take refuge and comfort with us. They truly give a gift of life.

Thank you to our donors. Every donation makes a difference. In 2013 we received \$244,939 in donations against \$241,947 the previous year. We've set a bold target of \$1m for this year so we can purchase an additional property to house a feline rehabilitation centre. It is ambitious but we believe in it.

We manage our finances prudently and ethically. Our audit was unqualified, there are no related-party transactions and we maintain sufficient reserves to ensure we can continue to operate and meet our obligations should our income fall.

We are Sydney's only no-kill shelter just for cats, demonstrating best-practice feline care. We did this with a total annual spend in 2013 that was \$1m less than the NSW RSPCA spent on fundraising in 2012. Please refer to our website to read a full copy of our 2012-13 annual report.

You will see that while we might be relatively small, we're efficient and we show leadership in cat care. We hope that more people will join us in our mission and help us build a better world for cats ... and a feline rehabilitation centre!

To all our members and friends, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2014.

Rhonda House
President



Cover photograph of Barnabus by Danielle Liu

Understanding cats

Our recent Open Day was all about understanding cats. Here are some of the topics we covered.

The healthy cat

We were privileged to have veterinarian Dr Anne Fawcett of Sydney Animal Hospitals, Inner West (tel 9516 1466) present for us about feline health. For some fascinating insights into the animal world (and beautiful photos) visit Dr Fawcett's blog www.smallanimaltalk.com

Unhealthy cats tend to mask any signs of illness. To know whether something is wrong, you need to know what's normal in your cat: how much they regularly eat and drink, their toileting patterns, activity levels, grooming behaviour and daily routine. Changes to any of these can indicate something is not right.



Signs of illness can include weight loss, changed appetite, reduced activity levels or fatigue, visible third eyelids, watery eyes, squinting, winking or difficulty opening eyes, runny nose and sneezing, fur loss and behavioural changes.

Regularly grooming and stroking your cat will alert you to any lumps, bumps or lesions, and monitoring of their kitty litter tray will ensure you notice any change in toileting such as diarrhoea, constipation, too little or excessive urination, and the presence of blood or mucus.

Your cat's walk and posture are important indicators of health status, and beware that bad breath can be a sign of dental disease or systemic disease such as kidney failure.

A nutritionally complete and balanced diet, regular physical activity and environmental enrichment (including cuddles and playtime), protection from



Anne and Jenna with patient, Michael

hazards and predators, a clean litter tray, regular routines, an observant and caring owner combined with good veterinary care will give your cat the possible physical and mental health. Remember: the more time you spend with your cat, the better off you'll both be!

True or false?

With a series of question cards posted throughout the shelter, visitors had fun separating feline fact from fiction.

The best way to pick up a cat is by the skin at the back of the neck (scruff). False! Picking a cat up by the scruff is very painful and can tear muscle. The best way to pick up a cat is to place one hand under their chest and the other under their bottom and lift them gently.

I don't need to play with my cat, they are an adult cat. False! Every cat, young or old, enjoys playtime. It helps you bond with your cat and gives them exercise.

A female cat is more affectionate. False! It makes no difference what sex your cat is; it is their personality that determines whether or not they are affectionate. Just like people, some cats are more affectionate than others.

A desexed cat will get fat and lazy. False – any cat who does not exercise will become fat and lazy! You need to make sure your cat has toys to play with and



receives an age- and weight-appropriate complete and balanced diet.

Cats can get acne. True! Cats can get feline acne on their chins due to a number of factors including oily skin, plastic food bowls and allergic reactions to foods.

I need to bathe my cat once a week. False! Unless your cat has something toxic on their fur it is best that you avoid washing your cat as you can strip essential oils from their skin, causing irritation. Not to mention that your cat might react with a frenzy of claws and teeth causing you more than irritation! Cats clean themselves and are very good at it. Elderly or injured cats might have problems with grooming – in such cases it is advisable to consult your vet on the most appropriate way to help your cat keep clean and healthy.

A cat with white fur can get sunburn. True. Cats with white fur have a pink pigment to the skin which easily gets sunburnt. Too much sunburn over time can cause skin cancer. The ear tips and nose are the most likely areas to get skin cancer.

When my cat is rubbing on my legs with her body and meowing at me I should feed her. False! You should stick to set meal times for your cat to prevent your cat putting on excess weight. Your cat is rubbing your legs to 'scent-mark' you – they're telling the world that you are theirs and that you're a part of their family. It is an action that says 'I love you' and not necessarily 'I'm hungry'.

Cats are solitary animals and like being alone most of the time. False. Just like us, cats sometimes need their own space but equally they can get lonely. Some cats enjoy the company of humans, some of dogs and others of feline friends. Some cats will take every opportunity to jump in your lap and others are content to just be in the same room as you. Every cat is different.

My cat lives indoors so I don't need to flea or worm treat them. False. We can bring fleas, flea eggs and worms into our homes on our clothing and shoes, and these can then be transferred to our cat.

My cat goes outside so they don't need a litter tray. False. It is important that you have a litter tray inside as your cat might need to go to the toilet urgently and not have time to make it outside. Illness, other cats in the yard and unusual smells can also make it difficult for your cat to go to the toilet outside. Importantly, when your cat uses a litter tray it helps to you monitor their health.

Why does my cat do that?

Cat is definitely a difficult language to learn but it helps when we can understand some of their motivations.

Why does my cat act like they want me to pat them but then attack me when I do?

Cats can be very sensitive to touch and some cats more so than others. Things like temperature changes, feeling unwell and age can all affect how much touch a cat will tolerate. Some areas of the body may also be more sensitive. Cats know what they want, so if they want a pat they will usually direct us as to where they want that pat.

If we don't read their body language properly they will tell us. A cat can't talk, so claws and teeth are the only way they can tell us to stop. It's important to learn how to read the signs your cat shows to tell you to stop. Swishes of the tail, pupil dilation, raised fur, nips and changes in ear direction can all tell you your cat has had enough.

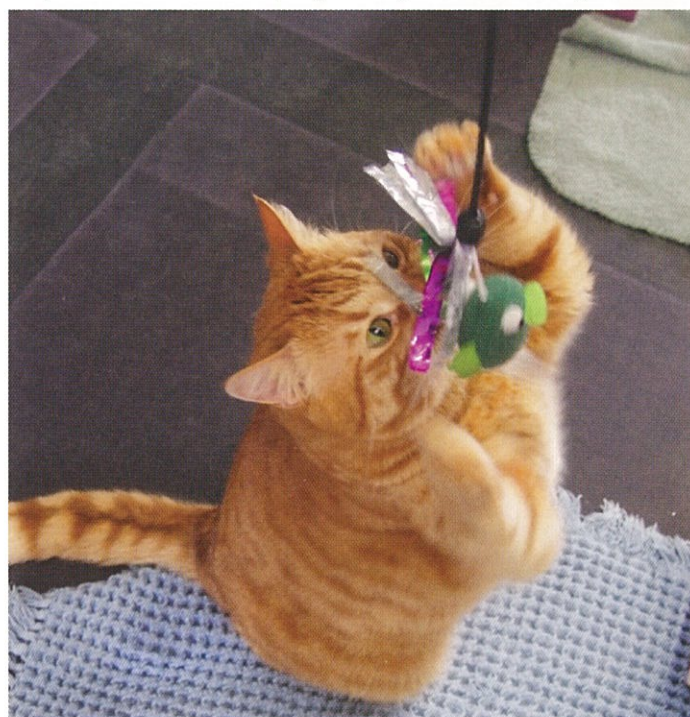
And just because one day they will let you pat them for 15 minutes, it does not mean they'll let you do so the next day!

Why does my cat run out at me and pounce or attack me?

Cats of all ages love the thrill of the chase and to play. It's a natural instinct for cats to chase things, and to your feline friend, your legs can be pretend prey. They are only playing. Some cats get so caught up in the thrill of the chase that they may nip or latch on to you with their claws. Don't take this personally; your cat doesn't hate you suddenly!

Encourage your cat to show these behaviours on toys. Interactive toys are great for this. If your cat displays these behaviours a lot, it's a good idea to carry a little toy around the house with you so that you can throw the toy for them to play with. Catnip mice and jingle balls are perfect. Don't discourage play behaviour in your cat but do redirect play that is focused on your hands or feet. A little kitten might not hurt when they bite you but if you've encouraged them to play with your hands (or to chase your feet under the bedclothes, say) this type of play will become a habit ... and when they're grown up they will have very sharp teeth and claws.

Only cats who are confident and comfortable play, because play behaviour is too dangerous for cats who are under threat. You should feel pleased that your cat is happy enough in their home to play with you, and help them focus their play on toys rather than you.



CAT PROTECTION DIARY



Farewell to Alice and Sandy

Members and friends of (now closed) Concord Animal Hospital's Dr Alice Noe-Nordberg and Sandy Moss enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of good food, wine and reminiscence at our tribute lunch at NSW Parliament House on 18 October. Some guests even got to meet former Prime Minister John Howard who happened to be dining in the room adjoining ours. He shared a cat story with our President!

Our fantastic MC Danielle Di-Masi kept everything on track (and delighted us with tales of Trevor her cat) and quite a few tears were shed during the speeches. We've reproduced extracts below.

From Sandy Moss:

I started work at the Cat Protection Society in 1981 as an animal welfare officer. The only thing I knew about cats by then was that they could be totally unpredictable and if they happened to latch on to you with their teeth, then you may require an emergency trip to the hospital.

Anyway I saw the advert and sent a letter off and just to make sure that I could be a frontrunner for the job, I rang the phone number in the advert. Bill Graham was the president at that time and it was his number that I rang. After speaking for a few minutes he invited me to come to his house for a coffee and to meet his wife Judy who was also the treasurer of CPS.

It was the best job interview I've ever had! Bill was a wonderful man and a fantastic storyteller and Judy was absolutely lovely. I was very quickly told that if I objected to their cats eating the food off my plate then I probably wouldn't measure up as a welfare officer. Needless to say I let the cats have free range and ended up with the job.

Bill and Judy Graham became very good friends over the years and as we all had a hankering for a good red, many bottles were shared with a good meal.

Right from that first day on 26th June 1981 I loved my job.

... Alice started working for Paul Waters at Concord Animal Hospital in 1991. There were only two vets at this point, Paul and Alice. On her first day, Cat Protection brought in 12 kittens to be desexed. Paul did the surgery on 10 with Alice watching and she did the last two. That was her introduction to early and flank desexing.

She was the main surgery vet for about two years and quickly adapted to the volume of animals brought in by Cat Protection for desexing. It was normal for Cat Protection to bring in up to 20 or so animals daily, plus the hospital had its private patients to cater for as well.

After a short while it became obvious to Alice that occasionally the desexing stitches would be pulled out by the cat and it would then require re-stitching so she developed a new way of stitching up that solved the problem totally. This was simply to tie the knot on the inside rather than the outside.

Every vet who has worked at Concord Animal Hospital since has been taught this method and it has saved a lot of trauma to all parties. Over time other vets were employed who shared the surgery and Alice did more consultations. She quickly developed a client following and many clients would ring to see what time she was available for consultation.

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By the time Paul Waters sold Concord Animal Hospital to us I think Alice would have desexed more cats and kittens than anyone else in Australia.

... From that very first day Concord Animal Hospital became our life. Everything we did was steered towards making it a better hospital, one that clients and particularly their pets, would love coming to. We didn't want to see any pet too scared to come through the door and it had to be a pleasant experience for everyone. As it turned out it all worked perfectly and many clients commented on how much they actually liked walking through the door.

... [Alice] was the driving force behind the whole hospital and had enormous respect from both clients and staff. Her calmness, compassion and ability are second to none. Some days there was a wait of 1-2 hours to see her but clients patiently waited their turn without complaint. She also made herself available to any client at any time whether by phone or just drop in. To our clients Alice was the best vet in the world.

From Kristina Vesk, Cat Protection:

... Alice had been practising as a vet for three years when she met Dr Paul Waters and started working for him at Concord Animal Hospital in 1991.

Alice liked Paul at the outset – they were like-minded in their respect for animals.

What also impressed her enormously was seeing “a bank of 15 little kittens waking up from desexing surgery.”

Early-age desexing had started in the United States in the early 1980s. In 1989, already having spent years reviewing the literature from the US, Dr Waters attended a conference and spoke with an American vet who told him kittens as young as 6 weeks were being desexed at private clinics, with no ill effects.

An article in the journal of the American Veterinarian Medical Association in 1991 sealed the deal. Dr Waters approached Cat Protection who agreed to trial it and by 1993 it was standard procedure – and policy at Cat Protection. The RSPCA followed two years later.

We must also thank Nance Iredale, who is here with us today. Nance was Paul's partner in championing the cause, in spreading this new gospel.

Consider the welfare outcomes if the kittens you rehomed were already desexed: no more unplanned and unwanted litters.

It was radical, and Paul Waters, Nance Iredale, Cat Protection and Concord Animal Hospital led the revolution.

It's hard to imagine it today, but back then Paul faced a lot of opposition. People seeking to lead change movements usually do.

Even the simple matter of his performing discounted work for our charity was once criticised as a threat to the veterinary profession.

True, Alice told us that Cat Protection was a major client of Concord in terms of surgeries but not income!

But we're only the initial client – our patients go on to be represented by private clients, as it should be.

Of course we know that opposition was overcome: Paul was allowed to practice early-age desexing and Concord Animal Hospital continued to generously discount the work they did for Cat Protection. They even held rehoming pens and did adoptions for us.

As Alice said: “the reason most people become vets is to help animals, not to make a lot of money.

“Will the client think more of you or less of you if you choose to help animals? They will think more of you.

“All cats are equal on the operating table.”

... As a welfare officer, much of Sandy's work was collecting cats for desexing and pushing for social change: pushing for socially responsible pet ownership, irrespective of the pet owners' demographics.

She says: “we had a lot of people criticise us for picking up cats for desexing in wealthy areas – some of the places I went to were mansions – but we didn't care because we just wanted the cats desexed.”

She told us one story of picking up a cat at a fancy Rose Bay apartment.

She was booked to collect one female cat.

On taking the cat, Sandy told the owner, “your cat is pregnant.”

“Impossible!” the owner replied. “We live on the 6th floor. She doesn't go out.”

Just then, Sandy spied another cat behind the doorway – “well there's your answer,” said Sandy.

“Oh no” said the woman “that's just her brother...”



Rob Cifton-Steele and Nance Iredale OAM

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World Animal Day

On World Animal Day, 4 October, we were honoured to welcome Rabbi Mendel Kastel who led a blessing service for Cat Protection. Rabbi Kastel is the CEO of the Jewish House, which partners with St Peters vet, Dr Sam Kovac, in Project HoPe, a program to assist homeless people with the care of their pets.

In our adoption centre, cats and people listened attentively to the Rabbi, except for Olivia, who thought it was a wonderful opportunity to sneak another cat's food!

Prayer for World Animal Day given by Rabbi Mendel Kastel

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

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

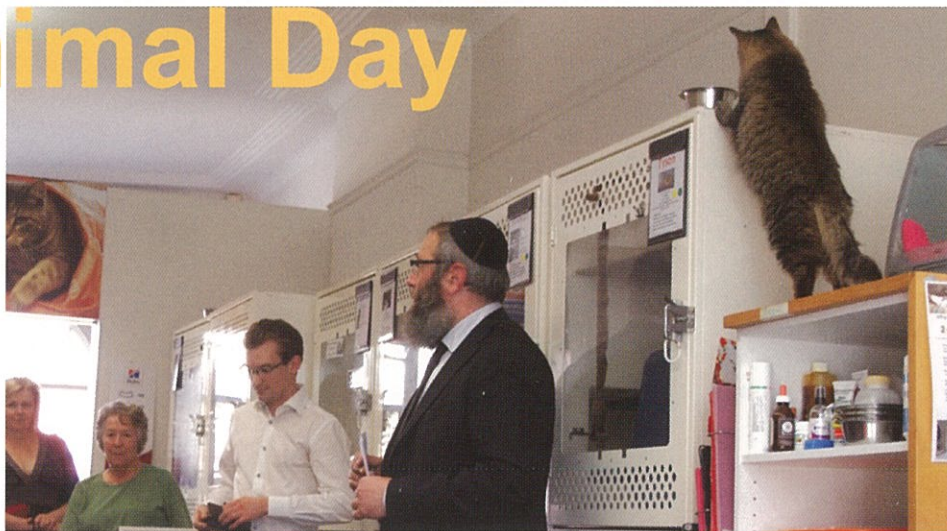
Please bring healing to those who are not well, both person and animal. We also remember those who are no longer with us

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.



Rabbi Mendel Kastel blessing Cat Protection on World Animal Day

Cat Protection recognised in NSW Parliament

On 23 October, the Member for Sydney, Alex Greenwich MP, made the following Community Recognition Statement in Parliament.

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.

Thank you Mr Greenwich.

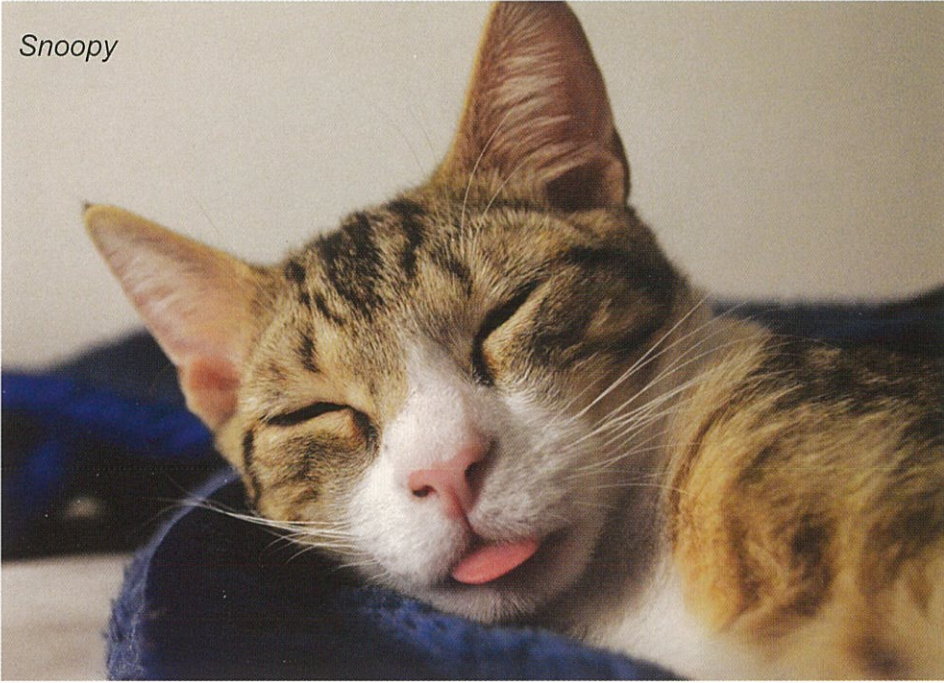


PETS

Have you seen the Christmas issue of PETS? It's packed full of beautiful photos and great pet stories including important information on dealing with pets during emergencies and keeping your pets safe and happy during the festive season. Pick up a copy at your newsagent, supermarket or here at Cat Protection.

SCRATCHING POST

Snoopy



Hi

Snoopy adopted us on 8 July 2013 after our loved companion Kitty, also from Cat Protection, suddenly left us after sharing our lives for 10 and a half years. Snoopy has helped fill the hole she left in our hearts. Love and laughter have returned to our home.

Every bit of attention is an excuse to purr. He loves to be picked up. He snuggles under our chins, kisses with his nose and rubs his head over our faces. He is a foodie, taking great interest in all our food, from red cabbage to roast pork. If we don't give him a small plate of what we are eating, we don't eat. Closing the fridge door is a struggle.

And yes, our little guy is gorgeous. He is the Ryan Gosling of cats.

Melanie & Janice

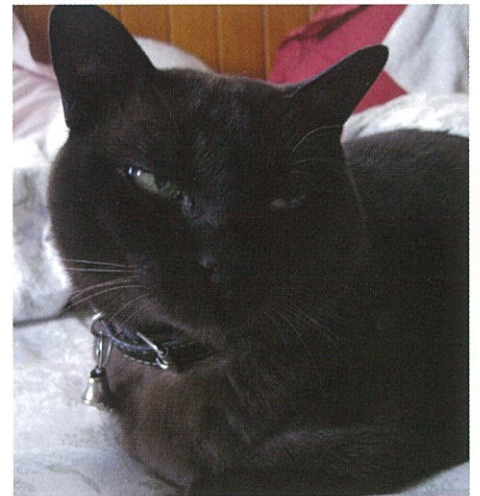
Hi

I just thought I'd share a photo of Cubby (formerly Nelly) who I adopted back in May last year. I've never met a cat like Cub - she's such a funny little thing, so easy-going and greets us with a little chirp every time she enters the room. She loves a good belly rub and purrs the instant you go to pat her - I've never heard such purring in my life!

When I adopted her she was sick with the flu and wasn't eating very well but as soon as we brought her home she was happy as a clam. Now we can't leave any food out because we know she'll eat all the leftovers. But of course we can never be mad at her - just look at that face!

Raquel

Cubby



Jezebel

Hi Nerida

Please find attached some photos of Josie-Bean, now named Jezebel.

She has accepted her new name and acts accordingly, and has adapted beautifully to her forever home.

Eve

SCRATCHING POST

Hi Cat Protection Society

We adopted Thaddeus in November 2012, and like most kittens he soon established himself at the top of the household pecking order.

Thaddeus, aka Thaddy, Little Chicken Chest, or Squeaky Man, enjoys climbing his cat tree, menacing his stuffed toy kitty Alex, stalking the fishing pole toy through his cat tunnel, helping me study and watching water go down the sink!

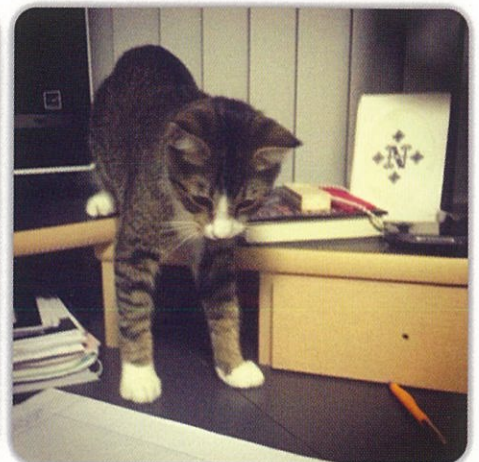
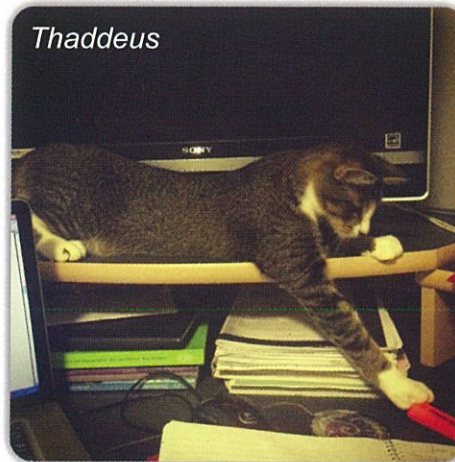
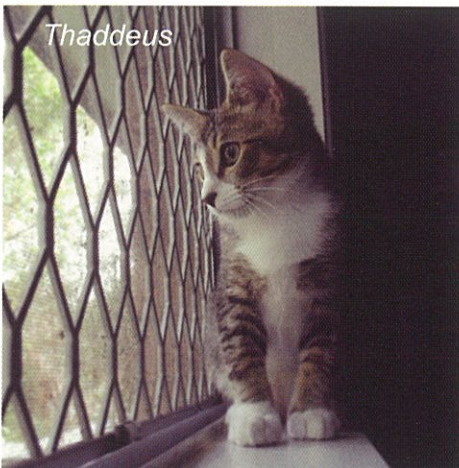
One moment he is having adventures chasing imaginary mice, the next he is rubbing up against your leg with the expectation of receiving biscuits. Thaddeus has us trained well.

When we get home from work, he might be lolling on his back waking from one of his many naps, or watching the world go by from the heights of his cat tree. We took Thaddeus for a trip to Grafton last Christmas where he enjoyed meeting his grandparents, galloping the length of the hallway, boxing a joey, and chirping at the rainbow lorikeets.

We deliberated for ages on the pros and cons of adopting a cat, but now we can't imagine life without our little guy!

Thanks for introducing us Cat Protection Society.

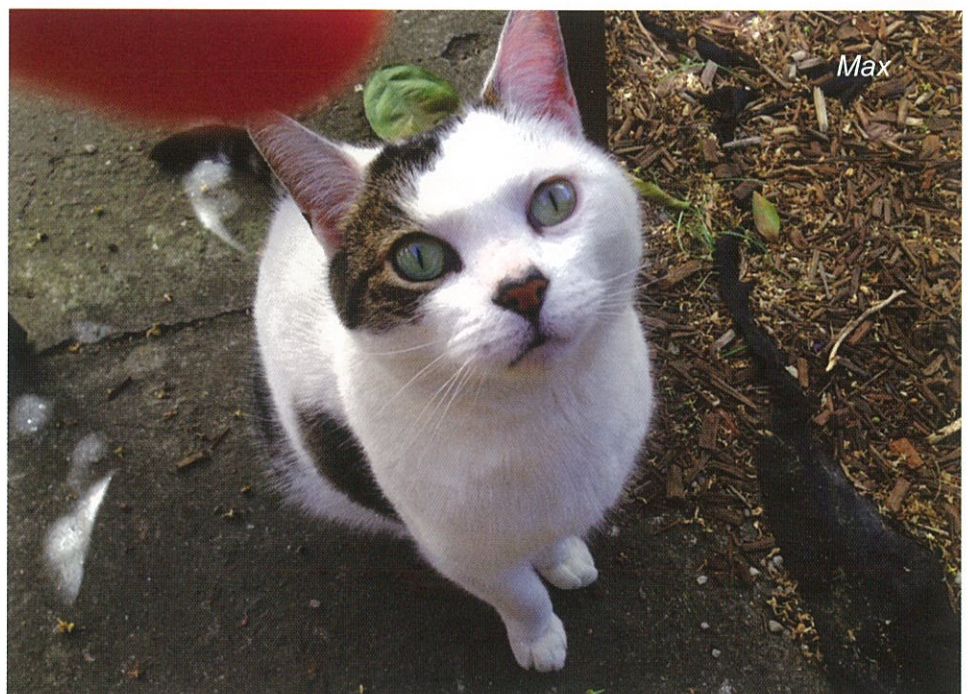
Nick & Janine



Hi people from CPS

I have attached a latest photo of Max. Hope you still remember him.

Regards Ella

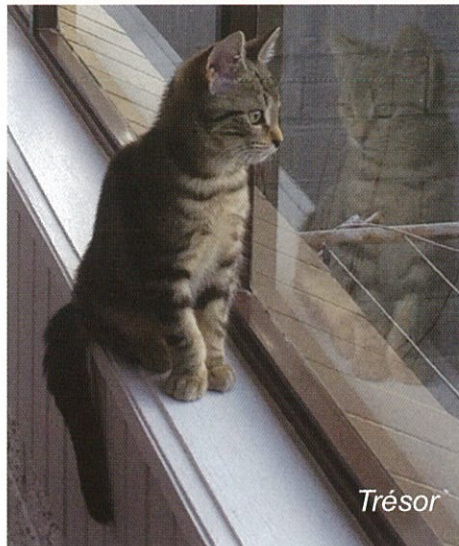


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Hi

We adopted Alfie and Abby (formerly known as Juju and Jellybean) in November 2011. They have become much-loved members of the family (and while sleeping, part of the furniture).

Cas



Hello

It has been two months since we adopted Trésor and it feels as if she has been part of the family forever.

She is still very cheeky, on second thoughts we should have called her Mischief. She has a witching hour every night where she runs like crazy and jumps everywhere ...

She plays fetch like a dog. She loves watching the kids play Lego and often takes pieces and hides them in her basket. She likes watching the birds through the window and can't wait to go outside and explore the world!

Thanks guys for everything and keep up the good work!

Laetitia



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Hi Bronwyn

I hope you're well! I've been promising to send photos of Ben for a while now.

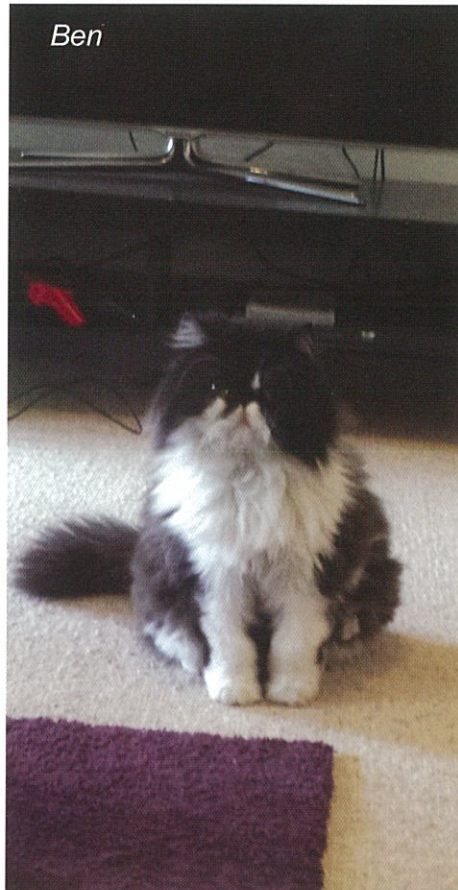
He had a lion cut done yesterday so he's looking a little scrawny at the moment but I've attached a before and after, and a little Christmas photo too. Enjoy!

Kind regards

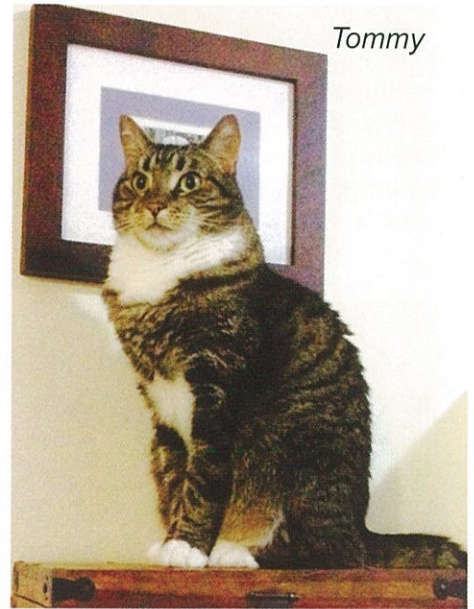
Isabella



Pamuk



Ben



Tommy

Hi CPS

Yearly update: Tommy born 2005 re-homed with me August 2009. He is doing very well.

Kind regards

Donna

Hi everyone!

Just wanted to let you know that Raven (formerly Tess) is loving her forever home!

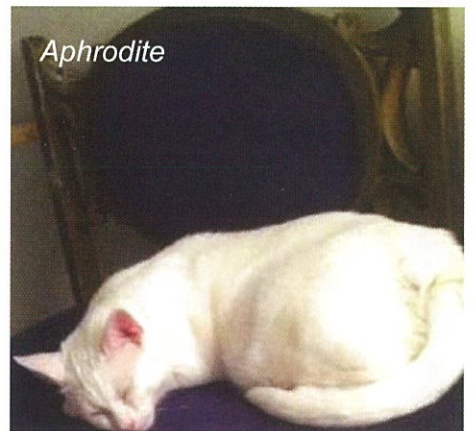
She adores her brother, Toto. They have so much fun together.

Best wishes

Jane



Raven and Toto



Aphrodite

Hi CPS

A few lil pics of Narla (now named Pamuk which means cotton in Turkish) who is settling in very well.

Morning and late evening times are for big love-ins, head butts and purring, and the rest is play/sleep time.

Pamuk is doing very well with eating/pooing and is taking her medication without dramas as well.

All good so far. On the weekend she will be able to explore the full apartment and meet her sister too.

Thanks. We love her so much already :)

Julia

Hello CPS

We adopted our beautiful cat, Aphrodite in November 2011 from you.

She is the heart and soul of our home.

Thank you CPS. We are forever grateful to you for bringing her into our lives.

Regards

Carole

SCRATCHING POST



Hi CPS

It has been over seven months now since Cosmos joined our little family. She is still the same grumpy cat that I fell in love with, albeit a less anxious version.

Before we came in March, I'd been following Cosmos online, I screenshotted a photo of her when she was first listed and awaited the news that she had been adopted. It was truly love at first sight! It never occurred to me that I could be her forever friend. But when my partner suggested we get a cat for my birthday 10 months after Cosmos first arrived at the Cat Protection Society, I demanded that we race straight to CPS to adopt her. I was so paranoid that after waiting so long I would miss out.

Poor Shareeka had to wrestle crazy Cossie out of her cage. Cos hated being around the other cats, and had no intention of letting us give her a snuggle. I was so sure though and after another wrestle, we had her meowing in the car driving home to our apartment.

Once home it took her over 12

hours to venture out of her carry cage. She was so anxious that even lured by little treaties and soothed by puffs of Feliway she refused to budge. She was the perfect grumpy cat for us: she hated other cats, hated jumping, hated pats, rubs, snuggles, was moody and wished for nothing more than a life of solitude on a comfy couch. Over the weeks as her luscious long hair grew back and she got to know our little apartment she became more confident, a little more inquisitive and increasingly more affectionate. Now she will accept snuggles, neck rubs and recently has let me start scratching her belly!

We have learnt to be patient with her, and get endless fulfilment out of her grumpy expressions, and craziness. Her 'bin cat' ways are still there, when we bring the groceries home she loves crawling inside the plastic bags and we often find her checking out the bin when she hears the rustle of plastic. We are so blessed to be part of this furry munchkin's life.

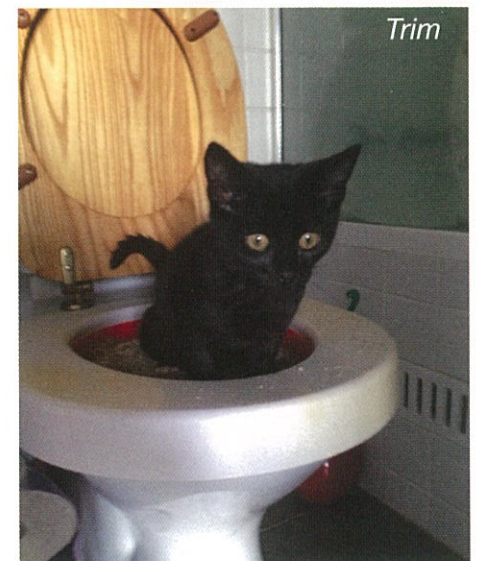
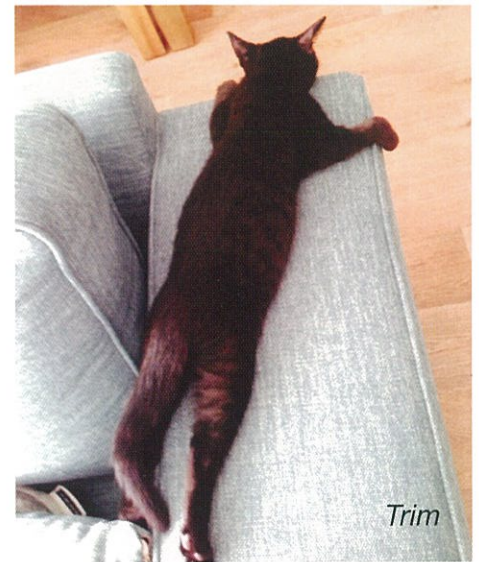
Meg

Hi guys!

Just a quick update on our beautiful baby Trim who we adopted a week and a half ago. He is LOVING his new home, getting to know his big brother Ollie (they're fast becoming best mates) and he is incredibly smoochy, but also a serious trouble maker!! He loves to play, but he also loves sleeping on my head all night! I'll keep you posted on his progress with our 2 year old cat Ollie, hopefully we'll have some 'bromance' pictures for you next time haha.

Thanks again to the lovely staff at CPS xxx

Bexy



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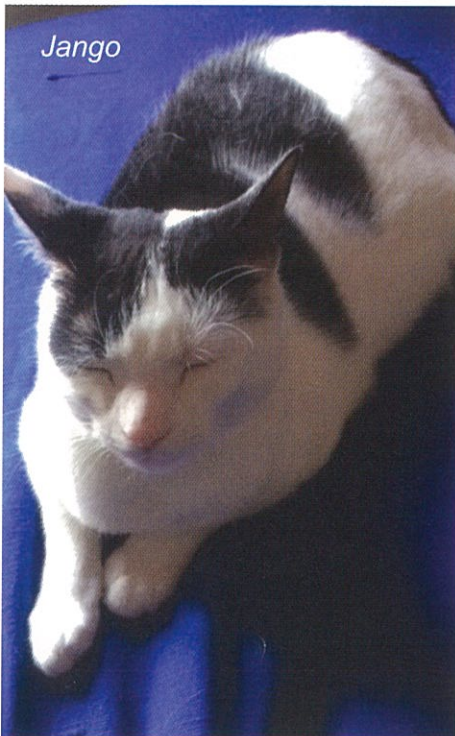
Hi Cat Protection

Thought you might like to see how happy and comfortable Sookie is now.

She's keeping really well and her health is good.

Keep up the good work.

Iris



Hi Shareeka

Granola (now "Jango") is going well, he has settled in and become part of the family very quickly! Spends most of his awake time looking out the window, trying to get into cupboards and ambushing unsuspecting feet. But he's also a very patient cat, and very good with our little boy Finley.

Thank you to you & all the staff for their time and patience in the adoption process, we were all very impressed with the work you all do.

Chris

Hello

Here's my beautiful Sheba helping me read the latest *Cat Affairs*! She loves to keep abreast of what's happening with those who gave her a fighting chance and enabled her to meet her furever mum

7.5 years ago as a 10 week old tearaway!

Thank you all for the wonderful work you do.

Love Den & Sheba

IN MEMORIAM

I would like to give this gift in memory of my friend Rain Van Daal.

Kristine

I would like to give this gift in memory of Eleven.

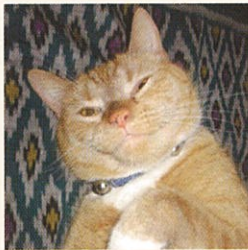
Carlene

In memory of Judy Graham who passed away 21 September, from her friends Jan, Jean, Heather and Doreen

Cat Protection also remembers Judy, who along with her husband the late Bill Graham, served on the Board for many years and made a vital contribution to the development of our charity.

In loving memory of my Aunt Agnes Brown and her adored little cat Sox, both of whom passed away recently. I'm sure they've been reunited.

Margaret



Morris

In memory of Morris, a beautiful boy loved and much missed by Jess, Minna, Kristen and Simon.

Jacqui

Max

7-12-1996 to 14-05-2013

After fighting lymphoma for over five years, my darling boy who never gave up (his vets were completely amazed at his strength as most cats that came to the clinic about the same time Max was diagnosed had all gone) passed away on Tuesday 14 May 2013 at 5.20pm.



He was in hospital for six weeks at the Cat Clinic in Prahran, Victoria. Two weeks before he passed, he had major surgery on a blockage in his bile duct which he recovered from. Unfortunately, a small infection in his liver, which his little body had no strength to fight, took over and he went downhill very quickly. He also was a diabetic which did not help.

The one thing I did not want to happen was for him to be put down at the clinic and it did not happen thanks to our gorgeous and loving vet Amy Lingard, who is a cat specialist and looked after him from day one along with her partner Richard Gowan. We took Max home and I put him to bed and he was purring very slowly. My husband, Terry and Amy and I sat with him till it was time to say goodbye. Amy took his body back to the clinic and did a full autopsy on him as we wanted other cats with this disease to be helped by Max.

Little man, I will never forget Saturday 7 December 1996. It was a boiling hot day. We went out to CPS at Parklea as we heard that there were so many kittens looking for homes, and we had just lost our first boy Willy (who we got from CPS 14 years before, from Nance's home).

We walked in wanting to take two kittens home. Max, you wanted so much to have a home and had selected us before we actually saw you, all we saw was a small paw through the cage and we could not decide as my husband had selected two others. I said no, this little ginger boy is meant for us, so we took you and Thomas home and you were and still are the love of my life.

Max joined in every conversation and when people came he had his own chair where he sat and enjoyed all the goings-on.

I am so blessed to have had you in my life, and every day I think about you and life is not the same.

Susie

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Adoptions: 11am to 2.30pm, Sunday to Friday; 10am to 3.30pm Saturday also Thursday evenings 4.30pm to 6.30pm; Friday afternoons 3.30pm to 5pm Tel: 9557 4818

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