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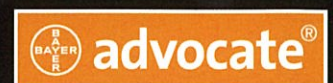
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President's Report

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the Cat Protection Society of NSW. It's a big achievement for what started out as a small group of volunteers driven simply by the idea that every cat deserves a loving and responsible home.

Over the years, that small band of volunteers inspired more to join with them, others to offer financial support and vets to assist. In 1979, we were able to purchase our property at 103 Enmore Road and in the early 2000s, make the major renovations that created the light-filled modern cattery our cats enjoy today. Hundreds of thousands of cats and kittens have been helped since 1958 – through rehoming, welfare and care advice and assistance, and discounted desexing.

A key relationship in the past three decades was with the Concord Animal Hospital, and we invite you to join us in honouring them, and Alice and Sandy in particular, at our special tribute lunch in October (see *Cat Protection Diary* for more details).

We also invite you to be a part of the future – to help us to reach the next level of outstanding feline care by securing another property to provide enhanced quality of care to cats in need of rehabilitation and nursing. The enclosed brochure explains our bold dream to be better than ever. Our past success proves that we have the courage, we have the passion and we have the skills to provide world class leadership in feline welfare and we believe that with your support we will have the means to carry this forward to a whole new level for the future.

Membership is a very important part of our strength. By lending your voice to the cats, you are a vital part of our advocacy services. In March the NSW Government released the two final reports of the Companion Animals Taskforce on which Cat Protection is represented. One of the more significant feline welfare initiatives proposed is to reduce the age of registration for cats from six months to four months. The major discount for registering a desexed cat will encourage more early-age desexing, thus preventing countless 'accidental' first litters. It's a significant policy change that we hope to see come true, and you can be proud to have been a part of it.

Membership renewal forms are included with this issue, and remember you can also renew your membership online. We look forward to your continued support, and thank you for being a part of our community.

Rhonda House
President

Vale Tony Miller

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Life Member and generous supporter, Tony Miller. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his widow Lana and their dear cat, Julius.



Cover photograph of Olivia by Joslin Hartley

Are indoor cats better off or is it cruel to confine?

Dr Kersti Seksel and Dr Caroline Perrin, Sydney Animal Behaviour Service

Let's look at the evidence.

Backyards are shrinking and more people are living in flats, apartments and townhouses with little or no outdoor space. So does this mean you cannot or should not have cat?

Absolutely not!

These days many people, not only those who live in apartments, are choosing to keep their cats confined indoors for health and safety reasons. By keeping their cats indoors, they prevent their cat from being hurt or killed on the roads, and from getting into cat fights (which commonly lead to injuries and diseases). They also prevent their cat from hunting and killing wildlife. Some councils have introduced legislation to restrict not only the number of cats but also have introduced cat curfews in some areas. This means that many more cats are living indoors 100 per cent of the time.

This is great news for cats as it has been shown that the average life span of an indoor cat is much longer than an outdoor cat. It also means cats are spending more time with their family. Many cats enjoy human companionship and living indoors enables a cat to have this in abundance. Cats greet their owners when they come home, sleep in bed with them, and sit on their lap or beside them on the couch in the evening. They may not always want direct contact but they usually like being in the same room and often follow their owners around the home as they potter around. Special cuddle time, pats and brushing are all activities many cats can enjoy with their owners.

It is also good news for people as scientists have discovered there are multiple benefits to having a cat in your home. Many studies have shown that there are many physical and mental health benefits of pet-ownership, including cats, particularly for students, seniors and people with chronic illnesses. It is also known that infants with pets in the home suffer from fewer respiratory tract illnesses.

But living inside does not mean that the cat's life has to be dull, or that the cat never gets to enjoy the outside world. There are more and more options for people who want to keep their cat safe and sound, but also want to cater for their cat's physical and psychological needs.

Many people choose to give their indoor cat some access to the outdoors. This may be in the form of an enclosed 'Cat Park' or by training the cat to wear



Dr Perrin with Lily



Dr Seksel with Indi

a harness and walk on a lead. This allows the cat to have time outside in the sun, a walk around the garden, or a sniff of some grass and plants.

Teaching a cat to wear a harness is easy but must be done gradually. Using small pieces of tasty food as treats rewards the cat as the harness is slowly introduced. Once trained, many cats view their harness as a positive thing as it means they will be able to explore the backyard. Some indoor cats can be a bit overwhelmed or frightened when first taken outside, so take things slowly, and return to the house if your cat seems concerned.

Building a cat enclosure is another option to allow an indoor cat safe access to the outside world. There are many varieties available, from free-standing cat enclosures, to complex modular systems that can be built onto your house. A cat flap allows the cat access to the outside. Another option is to cover an area of the yard with cat-netting to make it escape-proof. This is great for people who have a courtyard or similar area that can be easily made into a cat playground.

Cats love to climb and therefore vertical space (or three-dimensional space) is much more important than horizontal space. Cats love to be up high and look down on the scene below. Many indoor cats climb up onto furniture, or climb the curtains looking for an elevated resting space. If you don't want your cat sitting on top of your wardrobe, you will have to provide alternative (and more attractive) resting places. Many scratching posts these days have raised platforms, but you can provide them yourself with a bit of imagination.

Cat ladders, cat trees, hammocks, igloos, shelves and tops of furniture are often favourite places for cats to snooze. Many cats like to be able to sit in the sun and look out of a window and watch the world go by.

Fresh food and water should always be provided. Food can be provided in toys (food puzzles) to provide additional stimulation. There are simple toys which are nudged with a paw or nose to enable the cat biscuits to fall out of specially made holes. There are also more complex toys that require more sophisticated manipulation with the paws to get to the food. Food dispensing toys can be homemade (yoghurt containers with holes cut out are a good example) or purchased.

It is also important that any toys or activities are suitable and safe for your cat. A bit of common sense goes a long way here. Toys need to be carefully selected according to your cat's preferences, and ability to destroy things. Be careful with parts that can snap or break off, or that could be chewed off and potentially swallowed. Check toys regularly for damage, and always supervise your cat when you introduce a new toy.

During play sessions, try to encourage appropriate games and interactions. Toys that simulate prey can be a great outlet for predatory behaviours. Look for toys that hang on a string or wire that can be made to 'come alive'. The light from a laser pointer

on a wall can stimulate cats to hunt, chase and pounce. Remember to have clear rules about biting and clawing – never use your fingers or hands to encourage play with your cat!

Cats respond really well to reward-based training using favoured food treats such as little pieces of chicken, meat or fish. They can be taught to sit, come, high-five or anything you have the imagination to teach. Reward-based training provides mental stimulation for cats as well as owners!

Scratching is a normal activity of cats that helps to keep their nails in good condition, as well as being a form of communication. Every cat should have access to a suitable scratching site, otherwise, they may use your furniture or the carpet on your stairs! Most cats prefer vertical surfaces, but some cats will scratch at horizontal surfaces too. The covering of the scratching post is important. It needs to be attractive to the cat. If the cat does not like the material, they will scratch in other places (such as the back of the couch) where the material is more to their liking. Look where your cat scratches and try to provide a similar material for the scratching post. Provide more than one scratching area, and encourage your cat to use them by rewarding the cat with a food treat. Location is just as important as the texture and type of material, so you will need to place the scratch post in an area where the cat likes to scratch.





Many apartments have a balcony or small courtyard. These should be made “cat safe” to prevent falling or escaping from these spaces. These enable your cat to sit in the sun or spend small amounts of time outdoors. Many cats enjoy sniffing or chewing on cat grass or catnip, and these can be provided in pots indoors or on balconies too.

Indoor cats will need access to a clean litter tray. Litter trays should be kept away from eating and sleeping areas. In multicat households the rule of thumb is one litter tray per cat plus one extra so that each cat has suitable access to a toileting area.

Studies with cats have also shown that most cats prefer a large litter tray (at least 1.5 x the length of the cat including the tail). Many cats only like to toilet in very clean trays. All soiled material should be scooped from the trays as soon as you notice it and completely change the litter at least weekly. When the litter is completely changed, the tray should be cleaned with warm soapy water and left in sunlight if possible.

Cats are social animals so you might consider having two compatible cats (litter mates are best) to keep each other company while you are out. Cats who get along with one another usually sleep together, spend time in close proximity to one another and mutually groom one another. Young cats often enjoy the benefit of playing with another cat too. Dogs can also be great companions for cats, particularly if they are socialised to them from a young age.

Look at these websites for some interesting and different ideas about making your home more

stimulating to your cat! <http://www.thecatshouse.com/> and http://www.petsinthecity.net.au/sites/default/files/four_legs_four_walls.pdf and for how to build cat enclosures/cat-proof fencing, refer to <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/pets/cat-care/confine-your-cat/diy-cat-enclosure-and-fencing>

Your indoor cat can have a wonderful life, with plenty to do. Just because wandering the neighbourhood and other people's property is no longer on the “to do” list, doesn't mean the world has ended. With just some forward planning and a little time each day, you will have a happy, contented and most importantly, safe, feline friend.

Dr Seksel is a registered veterinary specialist in Animal Behaviour, a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Animal Behaviour, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviourists and a Diplomat of the European College of Veterinary Behavioural Medicine- Companion Animals. She is an adjunct senior lecturer at Charles Sturt University and honorary associate at the University of Sydney. She is the principal of Sydney Animal Behaviour Service, a specialist referral-only practice based in Seaforth.

Dr Perrin graduated from the University of Melbourne with a BVSc in 1996 and attained membership of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Veterinary Behaviour in 2006. She is currently secretary of the Australian Veterinary Behaviour Interest group of the Australian Veterinary Association.

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CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Caring for your cat

We have a new series of cat care videos on our You Tube channel (that's right, we have a channel!) Check out our tutorials as well as awesome cuteness at <http://www.youtube.com/user/catprotectionsociety> If 'in-person' is more your style, we're presenting a range of talks at our shelter at 103 Enmore Road over winter weekends. Bookings are essential – please telephone 9519 7201 Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm to reserve your place. There is no fee to attend but donations are much appreciated.

Sunday 14 July
11am – 12 noon

Naughty or normal? **Understanding cat behaviour**

When your kitty stretches their front paws and digs their claws into your favourite sofa, don't take it personally. The sofa is probably on their special 'catwalk' through your house, so to them it's a site for communication (and a good stretch). Learn how to work with your cat, not against them, to create a harmonious human-feline home. Presented by vet nurse, Alison Travaglia.

Saturday 20 July
11am – 12 noon

Feline First Aid

What to do in an emergency? Call the vet, but what else? Having worked at SASH, Alison Travaglia has seen enough emergencies to know the importance of first aid and a swift response. She will discuss the essentials to help you give your cat the best chance in the event of a feline emergency.

PETS and education

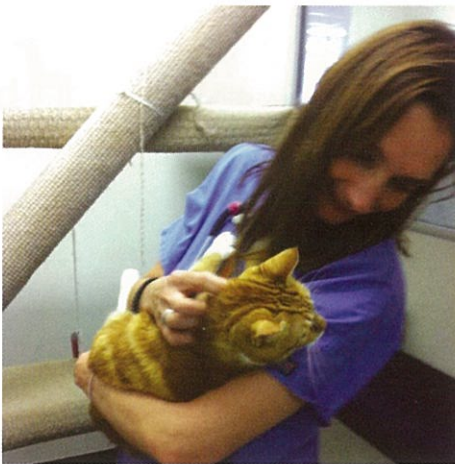
Our fantastic sponsors *PETS* magazine have a great story in their June-July issue about working with animals, featuring our very own Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin. If you haven't seen this magazine, we sell it here and you can buy it at supermarkets and newsagents. It's packed with informative and beautifully illustrated stories about pets with a strong focus on responsibility and kindness.

We enjoyed sharing cat care information with the younger generation at our school holiday talks. The children and their parents had fun meeting our cats and learning about cat care and behaviour. These sessions were popular so we'll be running them again next school holidays – keep an eye on our website or Facebook for details.

Saturday 3 August
11am – 12 noon

The fur needn't fly! Making peace in a multi-pet home

As well as being a vet nurse, our Feline Services Manager, Nerida Atkin, has first-hand experience managing a multi-pet household, not to mention managing hundreds of new admissions to our shelter every year. Learn the art of successful introductions, whether they be cat-dog, cat-cat or even cat-reptile! Discover tips for ensuring ongoing peace and managing changing dynamics. Yes, dogs and cats can be great friends – you just need to know how to help them.



Dogs and cats can be good friends

Sunday 18 August
11am – 12 noon

Not just safe, happy too. **Looking after your indoor-only cats**

As Dr Seksel and Dr Perrin say in this issue, your cat can live happily indoors. For a personalised guide on keeping your cats happy, come along for an interactive discussion with Nerida Atkin and see the wonderful ways you can enrich the environment of your feline friends.



CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Alice, Sandy & Concord Animal Hospital

Doubtless hundreds of our members and thousands of Sydneysiders have been helped over the years by the skilled dedication of the team at Concord Animal Hospital – led by Dr Paul Waters then later by Dr Alice Noe-Nordberg. Their contribution to animal welfare, and feline welfare in particular, has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Sadly, in January Concord Animal Hospital closed its doors. After the compulsory acquisition of the clinic property, Alice and Sandy retired after many years of tireless service. Many of you will remember Sandy from when she worked as a welfare officer at Cat Protection in the 1980s-90s.

The history between Concord Animal Hospital and Cat Protection is long in both years and achievements. Early-age desexing was pioneered, perfected and practised at Concord by Paul, Alice and the vets who learned from them. We tried to estimate its contribution (if that's really the right

word) to Sydney's cat population. We couldn't. The numbers are too big. Cat Protection has had tens of thousands of kittens and cats desexed at Concord and then add to that referrals and private clients, the vets who took early-age desexing into their own practices and well, you start to see so many zeros, it makes you dizzy.

What we can say for certain is that this team has made a profound impact on feline welfare and they deserve to be formally recognised and applauded.

Please join us for lunch and pay tribute to Alice, Sandy and the Concord Animal Hospital at NSW Parliament House on Friday 18 October 2013.

The wonderful vet and MP for Charlestown, Dr Andrew Cornwell, Chairman of the Companion Animals Taskforce will be our host and ensuring a smooth run of proceedings will be our delightful MC, Danielle Di-Masi.

Enjoy reminiscing about the 'old days' and hearing more about

what's coming up in the world of cats. **This is an event not to be missed.**

We don't even need to mention that it's our 55th anniversary as there's so much else to celebrate but you can look forward to a fascinating historical exhibition as well!

For only \$100 for members (\$120 non-members and \$1,000 for a table of 10) you will enjoy all your drinks plus a two-course vegetarian lunch followed by coffee or tea in the beautiful setting of the NSW Parliament House dining room.

You can book by phone now – ring us on 9519 7201 with your credit card on hand – or keep an eye on our website for further details.

Please join us for this important occasion. Meet old friends, make new ones and show Alice, Sandy and the vets and vet nurses who've devoted their careers to helping cats that we appreciate them.

Cheers!

International Cat Care

This year, Cat Protection became a practice member of the International Society of Feline Medicine, now known as 'International Cat Care'.

International Cat Care's aim is to achieve "sustainable improvements of cat health and welfare based on the best information and training – most importantly working with people who care passionately for cats." Their vision is that "All cats, owned and unowned, are treated with care, compassion and understanding."

Membership of ICC means we share in an international community of caring for cats and also gives us access to the latest peer-reviewed feline medicine articles and information on best-

practice cat care.

As members will be aware, we aim to be a best-practice shelter and while our charity might be small, we show leadership in feline shelter care in Australia. As well as placing a premium on staff education and training, we work with Australia's leading vets to ensure our cats always receive the best possible care.

Knowledge in all areas of medicine – human and feline – is constantly growing and advice changes over time. Once was a time that sterility was valued above all else in a shelter environment; we now know that while infection control continues to be vital, cats' immune systems are highly sensitive to stress, and managing/reducing their stress is equally important to

reducing the incidence of illness.

Inside this issue of *Cat Affairs* we have included a brochure outlining our plans to be even better in the service we deliver. It matters so much to the cats in our care but it also matters to cats elsewhere because others look to Cat Protection for leadership.

We've shared our knowledge and the way we care for cats with people from other shelters and rescues around Australia. All the information on our website is freely available to anyone who needs it. You, our Cat Protection community, can be proud that cats, wherever they may be, are getting better care – and better chances – thanks to the fact you've enabled us to demonstrate how it can be done.

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Thank you to our volunteers

On the eve of National Volunteer Week, Cat Protection held an afternoon party for our volunteers at the Warren View Hotel on Saturday 11 May.

We benefit from volunteers in all areas of operations: the Op Shop, the cattery, the foster care program, pro bono professional services and also our Board, who are not paid for their work.

As we said on the day, the contribution of volunteers is invaluable. The work can be challenging and sometimes even heartbreaking, but the rewards are enormous.

Apart from the purrs, volunteers have the respect of the community and their peers, get the chance to make new friends and networks, and most of all the satisfaction of knowing they make a world of difference to feline welfare.

Sometimes we're pleased to welcome corporate teams who join us for a one-day intensive volunteering experience – this usually involves some time at the Op Shop, some time helping the regular cattery volunteers and of course, some time spent spoiling our cats and kittens with love and attention!

These pictures were taken by the lovely team from Marsh who spent a day with us recently.

To everyone who has volunteered with us we offer our sincere thanks and admiration.



Release Roger!

On Friday 19 April, Cat Protection volunteers Bridget, Garry and Carolina were doing their usual awesome work making order from chaos in our garage when they found a dazed lizard under a car in Thurnby Lane, at the back of our shelter. They called the Feline Services Manager and a rescue team captured the reptile and placed him safely in a cat carrier.

As he was so docile, it was assumed he was someone's lost pet but efforts to locate an owner yielded no results, and he wasn't microchipped. Nerida Atkin, an experienced vet nurse, took Roger home to care for him until the owner could be found. Roger did not respond to tempting treats of crickets and such, so a trip to a reptile specialist vet was made – it turned out Roger was in fact a wild bearded dragon and only seemed docile because he was sick.

TLC and two types of medication administered daily (+ crickets) saw Roger behaving like a real dragon, lunging and stalking, with a healthy appetite.

Dragons are territorial so the vet advised us to release Roger locally when he was 100 per cent fit. The big day came on Friday 3 May, so with the photographer from the *Inner West Courier* in tow, the band of volunteers who'd helped to save Roger joined with Nerida to bid Roger farewell and to witness his return to the 'wild' (a securely fenced park-type property).

Cat Protection has been caring for cats since 1958. We've reunited lots of lost dogs and even a lost bunny, but this was our first dragon!

SCRATCHING POST

Hello wonderful people at the CPS

I wanted to share some of my favourite pics of my 2 beautiful furry children, both of whom I adopted from you.

I adopted Ninnners in 2009 when she was a shy little thing. Always so affectionate! Nothing has changed except her big fat tummy! Then in 2012, I adopted Shinobi, a cheeky ginger boy. Ninnners and Shinobi soon became good friends and enjoy such pastimes as synchronised napping.

In November last year, my worst nightmare came true when Shinobi jumped off my first floor balcony and ran away. I tried tirelessly to find him but it would seem that he was gone forever. Then, some months later, a miracle!

Late one night I get a picture SMS of a "FOUND" poster with a message saying "I have your LOST poster on my fridge and have just seen this FOUND poster. I think it is your cat". Sure enough, it was!!! It turns out Shinobi was only 450m away at someone else's house! He had been missing for over 12 weeks!!

Ninnners and Shinobi (and a relieved Mum) were all quickly reunited and resumed as if nothing had happened at all!

Thank you CPS for all the wonderful work you do. You are good people.

Regina, Ninnners & Shinobi

Hi there

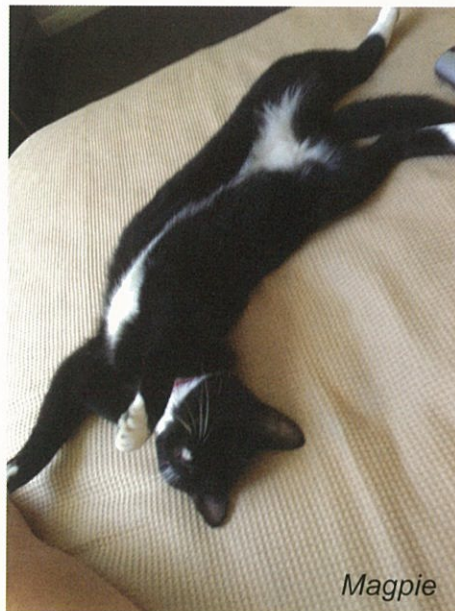
I thought I'd send you an update on Winky whom we adopted in August 2011. He's had many changes in his life as he now has a little human brother. As you can see, he has learned to take advantage of the situation (lots of new fluffy blankets in the house!) and he is doing an amazing job as a big brother!

All the best

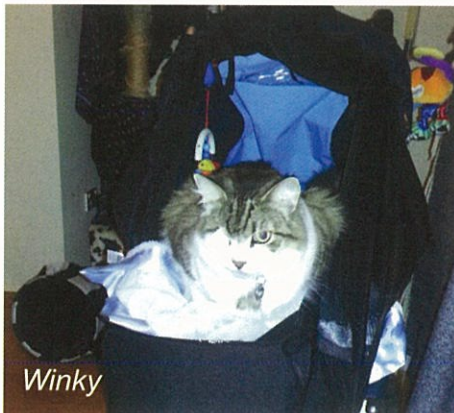
Celine



Shinobi and Ninnners



Magpie



Winky

Dear everyone

It's Magpie here, just checking in after moving in with my humans last year.

Initially I wasn't keen so I lived under the sofa for two weeks but my human mum persevered and eventually I caved - she really gives the best tickles.

I've had a few arguments with the neighbour Winston, so my humans took me to meet the V-E-T which I didn't really like but I guess it made me feel better and Winston and I tolerate each other now. My humans are pretty cool.

Occasionally my human brother and sister step out of line but I just give them a quick one-two and they smarten up. And my mum thinks I'm really clever because I understand "bedtime" - although she does get a little cross when I whack her on the ankle when she doesn't take me to bed the minute I've decided I'm ready to go.

All in all it's a pretty good life here - I'm sending you a pic of me passed out on mum and dad's bed - dad doesn't like me there so I nip in whenever he's not looking - but mum busted me this time! Say hello to Raven, my cat sister if you see her.

Love Magpie

SCRATCHING POST

Hi Nerida & CPS

Thank you for introducing me to my big smoochy girl Pringle. Relaxed and affectionate from the get-go, she didn't surprise me by how quickly she settled into her new home and started letting her cheeky side out to play.

She adores tummy rubs, her mousy toy (she's so energetic for a senior lady!) and loves to use my feet as a pillow when I'm on the computer. And despite being on a (fairly relaxed) diet, she's still just as cuddly and lovely as the day I brought her home ☺

Elisha



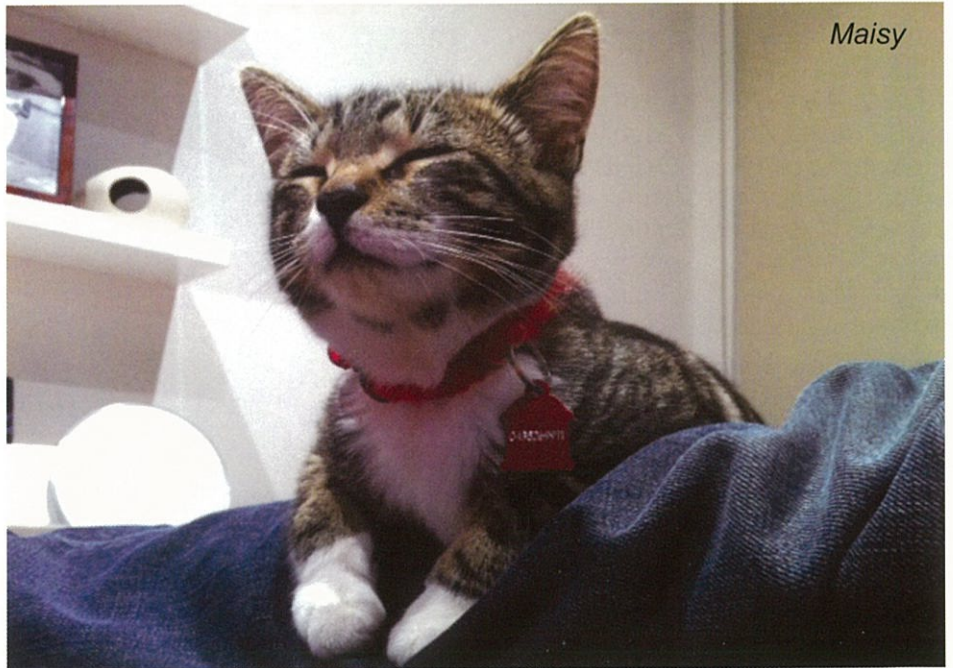
Pringle

Hi Ellis

Here's a pic of Maisy, enjoying a snuggle with daddy!

Cheers

Abi



Maisy

Dear CPS

I am a Life Member of CPS and found Tibbles in my garden last year and put him up for adoption at CPS because I already had two cats (aged 18 and 7).

But I could not forget Tibbles so he is with us. He is sooooo beautiful, still fights with the other two cats though.

Amazingly, my 18 year old cat's (Meko) condition is soooo well after Tibbles came!! She fights back against him and even put weight on!! I was worried about Meko because she is fragile but I think Tibbles gave Meko some young power.

Tibbles is sooooo smart and good to our chickens as well.

We love him very, very much!!!!

Best wishes

Shuri



Tibbles in the hen house

SCRATCHING POST

Hello

I just thought I'd share some photos of the beautiful kitten I adopted from you late last year. Ellie, who is now almost six months old, has become a very much loved (as well as spoilt) member of our family – we all cannot imagine a lovelier cat. She is very sweet and loving but in her own way quite independent and like all kittens, can be very cheeky at times. Luckily our old dog George is very tolerant of her kitten antics!

Thank you again for giving us the chance to adopt her.

Lucy

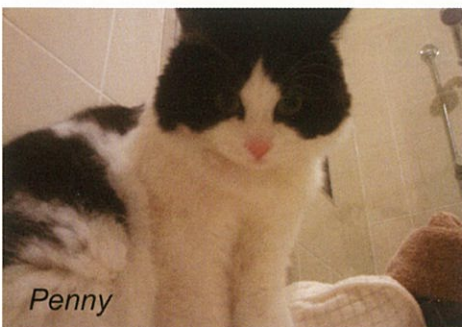


Ellie and George

Hi there

I adopted Penny in February, here's a picture to show you how she has grown up to be a beautiful cat.

Lisa



Penny



Ellie

Hi Ellis

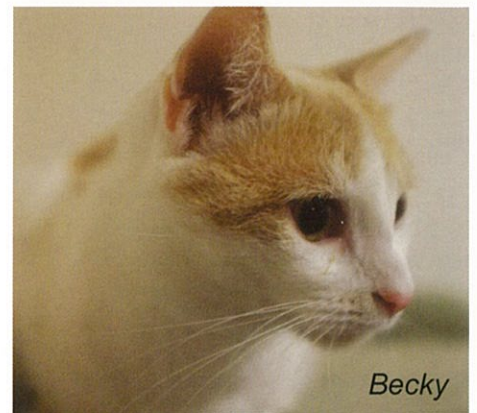
Becky has settled into her new home quite nicely and she absolutely adores the top of our cat tree! It is her "spot". Becky gets along great with Simon but has a little bit of a cooler relationship with Rasputina (mostly Rasputina's fault for being grumpy). No major squabbles though, just the occasional territorial hiss.

Becky goes by the name "Becky" at our vet but we mostly call her nicknames like "Bex" or "Beckles" in the less formal confines of the home. She's had her first vet visit. All of our kitties are strictly indoors. Here are some photos.

Cheers

Zach

PS Becky is the biggest cuddlebug in the world. Thank you so much for helping us out with our adoption ☺



Becky

Hello

We're happy to report that Mango settled in very quickly to his new home. By day two he broke out of the bedroom we'd put him into while he acclimatised (sliding doors). Once out, he explored all the rooms and the covered terrace – purrrfect for his delicate white complexion. His favourite spot is the white doona in the bedroom, he blends right in.

He's still a little aloof when it comes to sitting next to us and having a pat, but seems to enjoy having people around. He brushes up to us and sleeps on the end of the bed at night sometimes.

We're so happy to have him in our lives and look forward to him warming up to us even more.

Thank you

Rachel, Michael & Mango



Mango

SCRATCHING POST

Hi Ellen

Timmy (who I'm calling Pippin) settled in really well and very quickly. I left him locked in my bedroom while I was at work on Friday but haven't needed to since. He was totally settled in and at home by Sunday night, purring away beside me on the bed.

He joins his big brother Persil (the white one) and big sister Priscilla (previously Willow and adopted from Cat Protection late February 2007 - she had been left on your doorstep with some other cats in a cardboard box). There has been a bit of hissing going on but nothing major. They are all sleeping on the bed together and he even manages to snuggle up near Priscilla.

I am so glad I made the decision to get a third cat as it is so rewarding to see him happy and chirruping around the place.

Thanks

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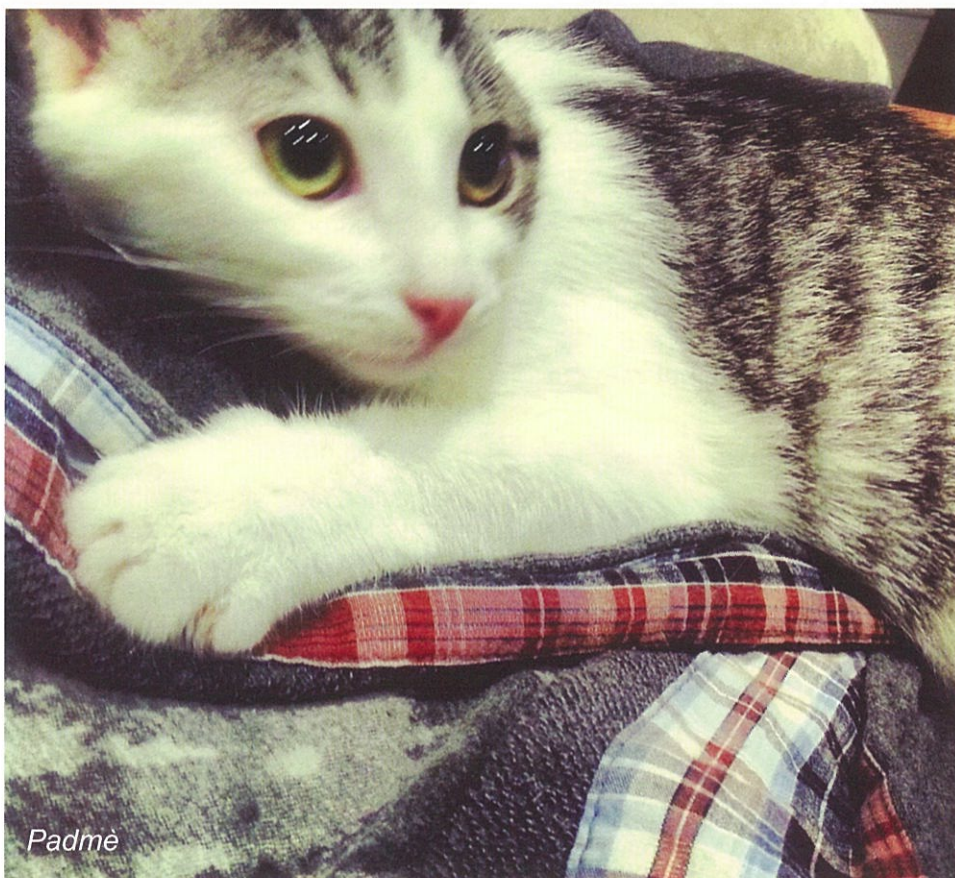


Persil, Pippin and Priscilla

Hello

Here are some photos of Padmè from my phone. I'm glad that I now have a gorgeous little friend to look forward to coming home to, and to cuddle before bed. ☺

Maurice



Padmè

Hello

While building a ramp, my builder found a starving black mother cat with four black kittens under my surgery. I had not heard or seen them. Thank God for the ramp.

The mother has joined my feline family. Her name is Lillia – she has been with me for 19 weeks and is now a loving friend to my beloved one-eyed Massimo (who has no other friends with my other felines). She is glorious, gentle and a great beauty. Lillia's four kittens have been homed with loving responsible humans and have just been desexed. The lady who did most of the work trapping, taking to vets, advertising for homes and so on is Donna. A good ending to what would have been a tragedy (but for the building of a ramp!)

Calee

Congratulations Calee and Donna on your awesome lifesaving mission. Such lucky felines, and cheers to Massimo for finding a sweetheart ♥



IN MEMORIAM



Sophia

Sophia was approximately 14 years old when she passed away and I was so very fortunate to have had her for nine of those years.

Sophia was an absolutely beautiful little fluffy cat, so gentle a bird could sit on her head, so ladylike and refined.

Her vet felt Sophia should have an investigative operation as she was losing weight, however, to me she was still functioning normally. The operation proved to be negative however she contracted an infection. Sophia spent the last six days of her life at SASH in North Ryde where the vets felt they could turn her life around. Unfortunately, this was not to be, Sophia passed away in an oxygen tent on 30 December 2011. I visited her everyday which was a heart-wrenching experience as Sophia meant everything to me.

I miss my little companion just so much. I miss the meow when I walk through the door, her being with me in the garden or sitting next to me on the sofa and the cuddles under the doona, but most of all I miss the love she gave me.

There is not a day that passes that I do not think of my little girl. Gay



Imre

Born 10th December 2006, died 1st February 2013

We adopted Imre (previously known as Munchies) in 2008, along with his friend Miisu. He was a very affectionate companion who would seek attention and pats in the mornings, but solitude and clothes to sleep on in the evenings. He was taken by cancer last month. He is very much missed by his owners and by Miisu.

Wally and Millerine



Goldy

Please accept this donation for my dear Goldy's 8th anniversary remembrance. She died on 1 March 2005 at the age of 14.

She was a great little mate and I miss her every day.

Carmel

Indira

Please accept this donation in memory of Indira.

Jamie

Maggie and Jake

This beautiful little brother and sister brought more joy to more people in their very short lives than most cats could hope for. Tiny orphans brought to us from a pound, they were nursed and cared for by Cat Protection staff and family for weeks. Friendly, confident and chatty, they were a natural choice to join us at the Easter Show (here is Maggie napping after many meet & greets). When we were invited to bring feline guests to SBS for the taping of Insight, Jake and Maggie lapped up the adventure and attention. They walked around the 'green room' on tiny harnesses and snuggled in our laps during filming (here is Jake at SBS). Tragically, a few weeks later they were diagnosed with FIP, an incurable fatal disease. They were put to sleep in the tender care of the team at Concord Veterinary Hospital. Associate Professor Jacqui Norris at Sydney University is a world-leading researcher on FIP so we arranged that these beautiful little lives no longer with us might help Jacqui in her research to help other cats in the future. We loved them very much.



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