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President's Report

Welcome to the Lunar Year of the Horse! Astrologers say this year will be powerful, dynamic and full of adventure ... We hope it will all be positive for us. We know cats and horses can be best friends so we're keeping our fingers and paws crossed!

I'm delighted to say that Cat Protection's start to 2014 has been excellent, with an increase in adoptions which also saw many of our long-term residents – such as Winki, Barnabas and Brutus – and elders such as 10 year old Jack and 11 year old brothers, Angus and Ewan – find loving families to call their own. More than 100 cats and kittens found their forever homes in January alone.

Our capacity to care for cats and kittens is thanks to the kindness of members and friends, past and present. We are deeply touched by every gift because we know they are given in the spirit of love and generosity.

We thank Nicola for her wonderful 'give a dog a bone, keep kitty happy' annual Christmas drive which saw our kitties enjoy some fantastic festive treats. Also thanks to Divine Creatures at Willoughby and Concord Veterinary Hospital for their superb efforts in engaging their clients to support our cause.

We're also proud to be included in many corporate giving programs, including Macquarie Bank, AMP, Perforce Software, the Department of Defence, National Australia Bank, Peoplebank and the Charities Aid Foundation. And we love the support we get from our amazing sponsors, Bayer Animal Health, Hill's Pet Nutrition, *PETS* magazine, Animax Photography and Feliway.

Then there are the individual donors – young and old, men and women, friends and strangers – all bound by a collective love and respect for our feline friends.

In February we were humbled to receive an exceptionally generous donation of \$60,000 from a life member who wishes to remain anonymous. This gift was made as a tribute to a friend and supporter of Cat Protection. In their memory, we have named our kitten courtyard Marie's Place.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank each and every one of you for allowing us the privilege of giving the best of care to homeless cats until they find their own families ... because every cat deserves a loving and responsible home.

Rhonda House
President



Ewan



Angus



Brutus



Winki



Cover photograph of Brutus by Danielle Liu

Can you mend a broken feline heart?

Dr Kim Kendall, BVSc, MACVSc

In a word – yes. Not every cat's heart, but some cat's hearts are remodelling with mediCATION into near normal organs.

This seemed impossible only a few years ago, when it did not matter what kind of heart disease a cat had, there was no (non-poisonous) medication to treat the problem with, so most cats died of their broken heart. Some very suddenly.

One of the main symptoms of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is ... sudden death. HCM is the most common heart condition found in cats, although there are several more. Let me take you through a timeline, so you can see how cats have made medicine finally CATch up with THEIR problems instead of just focussing on ... anything else.

Cats are athletic, and very adventurous, especially when they are young. This leads to the unfortunate statistic that of kittens who go outside, one in three won't make it to their first birthday, and another one in three won't make it to their second birthday. Young males cats are especially prone to adventure – as are



all young males, it is in their Y genes. The average age of a free-roaming male is nine months old – not much time to get streetwise.

There are MANY dangers awaiting the feline fluffball who strays from home, from cars and motorcycles to run under, to trees and deep pools to fall out of or into, dogs who chase cats and other cats who chase cats. Even houses are dangerous with windows to fall from and walls to fall between.

So outdoors is dangerous, as all Cat Protection members know. And many cats just found dead are assumed to have been run over or poisoned. Before vaccination was available, Feline Enteritis (parvo virus) could kill a young cat very quickly with blood poisoning since the immune system is destroyed and they were just found dead.

Why is all this important to a timeline on heart disease in cats? Well, the fact is most cats did not live long enough to show any symptoms of cardiac (heart) disease if they were going to develop it. And some of those 'just dead' cats probably had HCM and died suddenly from it. Since part of the problem is an electrical fault (arrhythmia), the heart would just suddenly beat ineffectively, no blood could get to the brain and ... it's all over. Still happens. The issue is that there are no real changes post mortem that a pathologist can pick up, so we just don't know how many cats either had the problem or died from it, since diagnosis requires, pretty essentially, a beating heart that can have an echocardiogram done on it.

Humans have known about their HCM for a long time – it is the common cause of death for the 15 year boy who runs around the soccer field fit-as-a-flea and drops dead; an electrical fault in the heart's own wiring. Now that so many more cats are being kept indoors, there is much more chance of a sudden death being investigated and not just considered being due to



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trauma or external event.

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy is just a description of what can be found when dynamic images of the beating heart can be produced. Hyper = excess, Trophic = growth (thickening), Cardio = heart, myo = muscle, opathy = disordered. Disordered thickening of the heart muscle.

Some of the 'how' the damage occurs is known, while most of the 'who' is affected is not. There are many cats who live to old age with HCM without symptoms; the function of their heart muscle remains sufficient for their needs through their life.

However, the most common group of cats who have lethal HCM are males, three to six years old, and in my experience, are big cats – not fat, just big.

The second most common symptom associated with HCM in cats is FATE – Feline Arterio Thrombo Embolism – a blood clot in the major arteries. The most common site of the clot is where the artery splits to go into the back legs, the femoral arteries. The clot stops blood going into the legs and paralyses them but does not stop the nerves from registering pain. And make no mistake: this is an excruciatingly painful problem. Treatment is possible, and is improving all the time.

However, before launching into it, for the cat's sake, consider this: 60 per cent of cats treated for FATE have a second clot event within 12 months. The underlying problem is in the heart (and related to the 'stickiness' of cat blood in general) and if that cannot be managed, then it may not be advisable to treat the FATE.

And again, make no mistake: managing a cardiac condition in a cat is going to require regular pills and mediCATions, check-ups and echocardiograms with specialists. Not for the faint-hearted!

It is only this century that technology has developed sufficient sensitivity to be able to pick up meaningful information on the feline heart because it is small and beats relatively quickly – 120 to 160 beats per minute at home (180 at my clinic). As technology has improved, so has the detection rate of HCM, and even different types of HCM are now described.

However, no one can really say what the outcome of the various sub-groups of HCM is, since the data is only recently available, and we have to see what happens to the cats themselves once the diagnosis is made! There is a genetic component definitely, as a familial HCM has been found in Maine Coon cats (often fatal by two years old) and Birmans (and their derivative, the Ragdolls) are 'over-represented', especially males between six and 10 years old.

Cats' hearts also become thickened if they have an overactive thyroid, and high blood pressure (yes, cats are quite prone to hypertension! and just like us it increases with age!).

There is another type of heart problem called Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM), where the heart muscle wall is thinned instead of thickened – becomes a balloon, and pumps weakly. Still, just a description ... this is the heart problem caused in normal cats by a lack of taurine in the diet.

It turns out that rabbit is deficient in taurine and cats who eat solely rabbit will die of DCM, while a milder taurine deficiency causes blindness. People also die from eating solely rabbit – so maybe that is the rabbit's main defence – to kill the predators that eat only them!

All commercial cat foods are supplemented with taurine, and most mammal flesh has sufficient for normal cats, so the dietary version of DCM is rare, as is the genetic one although some breeds are prone to it (Burmese, Siamese and Birmans).

Congenital heart problems occur; cardiac problems that kittens are born with. Some are quite complex, with arteries and veins switched – the Tetralogy of Fallot is one. There are others involving defective heart valves and 'holes in the heart' just as for humans.

The great thing about being a companion cat is that not much exercise is REQUIRED of them, and many live comfortably for years with some heart problems that would be fatal in a cat who had to care for themselves. Other defects cause poor growth and do lead to an early death. These different kinds of cardiac defects require specialist echocardiography to define, and then give a prognosis for.

So, can veterinary medicine mend a broken feline heart? Well, it seems just possible that it can. As mentioned, there are few warning symptoms of a heart problem – many cats just do less than they might otherwise be capable of, but, in many ways, that is quite convenient in a house cat!



Heart murmur detection is a subtle skill, especially in cats, but if one is picked up during a physical check over by your vet, then you may need to pay attention. As mentioned, differentiating between the good (benign), the bad (heart unable to perform properly) and the ugly (the indeterminate) requires specialist echocardiography.

Many murmurs are benign. Where we used to think murmurs were caused by blood flow through defective valves, it is now known that murmurs are just turbulent blood flow. A murmur just means the blood flow is not efficient, but it does not mean it is pathological. In fact, many kittens go through a 'growth mismatch' phase and get a murmur which then disappears by six to eight months old.

Actually, a murmur in a kitten is likely to cause less trouble than one that appears when the cat is three to six years old. If a middle-aged male cat gets a heart murmur a check up is warranted as there is not even always a murmur to forewarn of HCM.

A heart rate of over 200 beats per minute (consistently) is another warning flag. An episode of FATE is a disastrous presentation.

Older cats – especially Ragdolls and Birmans – should have their hearts carefully checked; if the heart rate goes up, then an echo is a good idea, especially if they have a murmur as well. The age group of cats getting hypertension is over eight years old (some as young as six years!) so regular blood pressure checks will identify those cats with murmurs due to high blood pressure.

Hyperthyroidism, again an issue of older cats, is one that can be checked by a blood test. There is even a new blood test (proBNP) developed from a variation of the human test, which checks for 'stretching' of the heart muscle. While this test cannot be more definitive than stretched or not stretched, it does give a first-line test option for your local vet to check whether the (new) murmur is significant or not.

So, what about treatment? Is it worthwhile? Many years ago I used to counsel owners that it did not matter much what kind of heart problem their cat had, there was no effective medication. Then, as cardiac disease diagnosis became more specific, some drugs started to be used and even specifically developed to help feline hearts.

Even then, all we could say was they might help, and it had to be a dediCATED owner who could and would administer pills twice a day to their feline companion on the chance that they would improve their cat's quality of life and longevity. And now, enough of those dedicated owners have treated enough cats that it has even been found that SOME cat's hearts remodel under the influence of the drug. Whether the drug itself causes

the remodelling or the changes in heart function and improved muscle oxygenation caused by the drugs allow the heart itself to remodel is a bit hard to say. However, it can be said that the treated cats are living a longer life than those who are not treated: years longer, with a mended heart ♥



Dr Kim Kendall graduated and started working with cats last century. She established the East Chatswood Cat Clinic in 1994, confusingly first loCATED in Willoughby and now in Roseville. Her brand-new premises at Dr Kim Kendall Cat Vet, Unit 18, 30-32 Barcoo Street, Roseville NSW is just how she wants it: small but purr-fectly formed.

The services she offers combine routine maintenance such as grooming and boarding, as well as customised advice on food and flea control. The veterinary services are comprehensive, include behavioural counselling, and are for cats only. Her clinic contacts are phone/sms 0400 756 331 or 1800 CATVET (1800 228 838). The website is still www.catclinic.com.au

Happy cats in relaxed homes don't have the heart-stressing lives of street cats, meaning many can live well for years even when they have heart problems.



Relaxed happy cats in our lives help our hearts too! They make us smile, calm down and de-stress.

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

New Op Shop

The Op Shop has been an important source of Cat Protection's income for more than 30 years.

Changing demographics, new technologies and cheap imports have had a significant impact on the shop's profits and operations – rather than donating unwanted items, a lot of people are now choosing to sell their own things on eBay; rather than buy a second-hand dinner set people are buying brand new sets at very low prices; rather than browsing for basics shoppers are looking for unique, retro and vintage items.

With ever-increasing costs including rent and utilities, it was vital that we responded to these changes in the marketplace and so at Christmas the 'old' Op Shop was closed, a clean-up and renovations undertaken and a new strategic focus developed.

Another issue in the mix – one that has been raised by other charities who operate thrift stores – is the enormous cost of rubbish removal. Sadly, many 'donations' are merely a convenient form of rubbish disposal for lazy, selfish or ignorant people. Add to that our limited storage space and the need to keep the shop safe and clean, and you can understand that we need to impose a very strict policy on what we can and cannot accept.

Please call our office or check our website for new opening hours.

We can accept donations at our shelter when the Op Shop is closed. We look forward to your continued support, and we thank everyone who supported our store in the past, whether as volunteers, donors or customers, for helping Cat Protection in our mission caring for cats.



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For safety, hygiene and space reasons, the Op Shop cannot sell the following items:

Furniture	
Electrical goods	
Perishables	
Children's goods	Clothing, toys, books, prams etc
Intimate apparel	Bras, underpants, socks, swimwear
Bulky items	Cushions, pillows, doonas, sleeping bags, blankets
Personal products	Cosmetics, hair brushes etc
Pet products	Toys, litter trays. Carry cages (unbroken) can be donated to our welfare office
Knives	Except for cutlery
Paints/solvents/ cleaning products/hardware	
Videos and CDs	
Magazines	Except for craft/pattern books
Luggage	

Donations we accept for sale in our Op Shop:

	Items accepted	Quality/condition
Clothing	Women's: dresses, suits, shirts, tops, skirts, pants, coats, knitwear, jeans Men's: suits, shirts, jeans	Items should be laundered and of a reasonable quality. No soiled or ripped items please. If you wouldn't give them to a friend, please don't give them to us.
Accessories	Shoes, handbags, scarves, jewellery, hats, gloves, purses, belts	Clean and good quality – no damaged items please.
Homewares	Glassware, crystal, silver, china, ceramics, cutlery	No chipped or broken items please. Whole sets of glassware, dinnerware and cutlery are appreciated but not always necessary.
Decorative items	Candlesticks, picture frames, vases, art	No chipped or cracked glass.
Entertainment	Vinyl, DVDs, board games, selected sporting goods	No pirated or copied DVDs. Board games should be complete. Our sporting goods range is limited; please speak to the coordinator if you would like to donate a sporting item.
Books	Various books Sheet music	Please do not donate outdated technology and academic texts or street directories.
Haberdashery	Patterns, fabric, wool, buttons, zippers, knitting needles, notions	Rolls of fabric are welcome. Please call the coordinator before donating so we are able to arrange for their storage.
Napery	Tablecloths, doilies, napkins	No soiled or damaged items please.
Manchester	Sheets, pillowcases, towels	As-new items can be sold; other items can be used in our cattery
Collectables	Quirky, rare collectables	Clean and undamaged.

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Beware 'charity' scammers

Federal and state governments regulate charities and fundraising, but there are still a lot of unscrupulous operators passing themselves off as 'charities' and scamming donations. We advise everyone to be informed and cautious before giving to any charity or cause, even if it is one that you trust.

Scamming techniques include websites, organisations or individual collectors purporting to be from a charity asking for your donation. The scams can be quite sophisticated using the charity's name and logo and might appear quite convincing. Contact the actual charity if you have any doubts.

Cat Protection has reported websites falsely claiming to collect for us and while some have been ordered to stop, in other cases, the websites had been set up overseas and, unfortunately, the government has no power over these sites. There is also the issue of old information still turning up in web searches.

Cat Protection never hires face-to-face fundraisers and never cold-calls by telephone for donations. The only website donation platforms we have authorised are our pages on Give Now (part of Our Community) and Everyday Hero, as well as our own website www.catprotection.org.au. Give Now and Everyday Hero can be accessed via our website under 'support us' 'donations'.

One of our members, Sarah Menzies, is the founder of Cat Tee Mission which runs an online shop catteemission.com and they are authorised to fundraise – profits from sales are distributed to us and cat charities in the US, UK and Africa. Thank you Sarah!

We have a 'no-harassment' policy when it comes to fundraising – we do include donation flyers inside *Cat Affairs* from time to time but we do not send direct mail asking

you to give. We respect your privacy so we never, ever share or sell your details.

Please call us on 9519 7201 if you come across anyone seeking donations in our name or if you have any questions about donating to us.



Cat Protection Shop

All the profits from our retail shopfront go straight back into helping our shelter and welfare programs. We stock a wide range of goods from kitty litter and trays, carriers and cat beds, bowls, water fountains, collars, harnesses, brushes and a huge array of cat toys.

We sell the Hill's range of Science Diet from kitten to senior; spot-on treatments Advocate and Advantage; plus Feliway diffusers, refills and sprays.

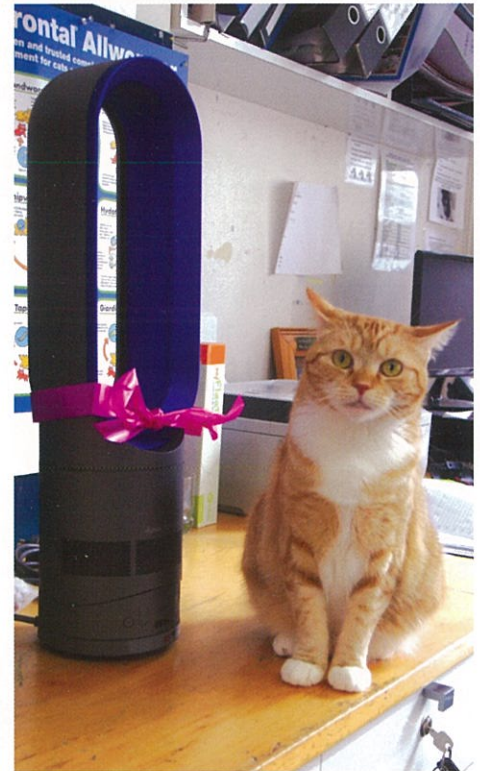
We have a selection of scratch poles and towers in stock and we're happy to order an item we don't have, just ask to view our catalogue.

Of course, we also sell a range of cat-themed products for people too, including books and cards.

We keep our prices low because every cat deserves the best quality and because we all love and know cats, we're very particular about the products we sell.

Our store is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm (Thursdays until 6.30pm); Saturdays 10am to 3.30pm and Sundays from 11am to 2.30pm.

Shopping with us lets you treat your cat and help homeless cats at the same time. What could be more purr-fect?



Dyson is so cool!

The lovely people at Dyson sent us a beautiful Christmas gift – a fantastic dust-buster (a must in every home that has a cat!) and a very elegant and effective bladeless fan. As you can see, Jewel was impressed with this gift.

As Dyson explains it:

"Conventional fans use fast spinning blades to distribute air – but blades may cause unpleasant buffeting. Dyson invented the bladeless fan to solve this problem. Dyson Air Multiplier™ fans ... amplify surrounding air, giving an uninterrupted stream of smooth air. Air from around and behind the machine is drawn into the airflow through the physical processes of inducement and entrainment."

That's the technical explanation – in simple terms, these fans provide lovely cooling without making you feel like you're in a windy tunnel and they are much safer to have around cats (and small children) than traditional fans which have blades. For more information go to www.dyson.com.au

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Spend time with the cool cats: April school holiday program

Our school holiday program sessions have proven very popular. They are a fantastic experience for cat-loving kids to learn in a fun, informative and interactive style.

Held at Cat Protection, sessions are designed for different age groups and are kept small so each child has the opportunity to engage. Sessions run from 60-90 minutes and include:

- Shelter tour
- Cat care
- Understanding feline body language
- Feline behaviour, health and welfare
- How to handle a cat safely
- How to make your own cat toys
- Cuddle time with the cats!

Because we are a no-kill shelter, this will be an enjoyable experience, not a sad one.

Sessions are free but bookings are essential and all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please call our office on 9519 7201 between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday to make a booking or for more information.

Tuesday 22 April 2014

11am: Kindy – Year 2
1pm: Year 3 – Year 4

Wednesday 23 April 2014

11am: Year 5 – Year 6
1pm: Year 3 – Year 4

If you have children interested in animals, we highly recommend **PETS** magazine. It is full of information on pets as well as more exotic animals, quizzes, competitions, glorious photographs and at only \$5.95 surely the most economical way to keep your children entertained for hours!!

Who will take care of my cat? Documenting your future wishes

Please join us for this informative session presented by the **NSW Trustee & Guardian** and Cat Protection. Most people find pre-planning legal documents complex and confusing. Very few people understand Wills, Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship. To change this, the NSW Government has launched a campaign – Get it in black & white – to help people plan for their futures and enjoy peace of mind.

For cat owners, knowing our feline friends will be cared for in the event we can't care for them is a vital consideration in future planning.

Please join us and our special guest speaker, Ruth Pollard, Assistant Director Legal Services, Specialist Services, NSW Trustee & Guardian, to learn more about taking control of your future – and making provisions for your cats in the event you can no longer care for them yourself.

This information session is free of charge but numbers are strictly limited so **bookings are essential**.

Please call 9519 7201 to reserve your place.

Thursday 8 May 2014

5.30pm – 7.00pm, at Cat Protection, 103 Enmore Road, Newtown



Rehabilitation Centre

As members know, last year we announced our vision for a feline rehabilitation centre that would provide sick, injured and special needs cats with a comfortable, healing, dedicated environment that would help them recover sooner and optimise space for healthy cats available for adoption.

We have the strategies, we have the care team but we do need more space ... and more money to buy an additional facility. We set a bold target of raising \$1m over 12 months and we are almost 25 per cent there (we're glass half-full people here!).

With continued financial support by way of donations and bequests, if we find an affordable property, even if we only make half our target we could get a mortgage to make up the difference.

In order to maximise the efficiencies of staff and resources, another property would need to be very close by and unfortunately we haven't been able to find one yet. We've modelled the numbers, talked to the bank and have developed a blueprint strategy to put in place as soon as a suitable property comes on the market.

Meanwhile, we're still managing excellent feline care within the limits of our current budget and building – and we hope for your continued support to help us achieve our goal of a rehabilitation centre with all the features of a best-practice clinic and all the comforts of a home. Please remember, donations are tax-deductible and make our cats purr!



CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Fabulous news for feline welfare!

Members will be aware that Cat Protection was on the NSW Government's Companion Animal Taskforce and advocated strongly for feline welfare.

We're thrilled to say that in February the NSW Government announced that it had agreed to the Taskforce's recommendation that cats be registered from four months rather than the present six months.

This change is going to be profound for feline welfare in NSW.

We were passionate in proposing 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 animal; currently \$49 (\$19 for a cat or dog owned by an eligible pensioner) versus \$182 for an undesexed animal. 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 so we're not sure exactly when it will happen but in the meantime we have an opportunity to educate pet owners and vets about the change.

Thank you to all our members who were a part of the consultation and community feedback on the reports and three cheers to the NSW Government for this fantastic feline health and welfare initiative!

Why does my cat drink water from the tap?

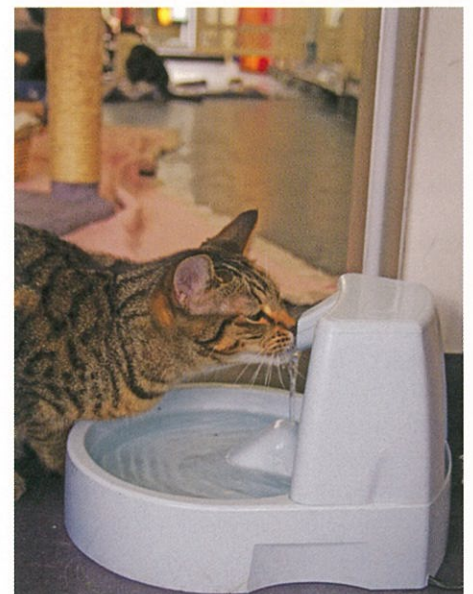
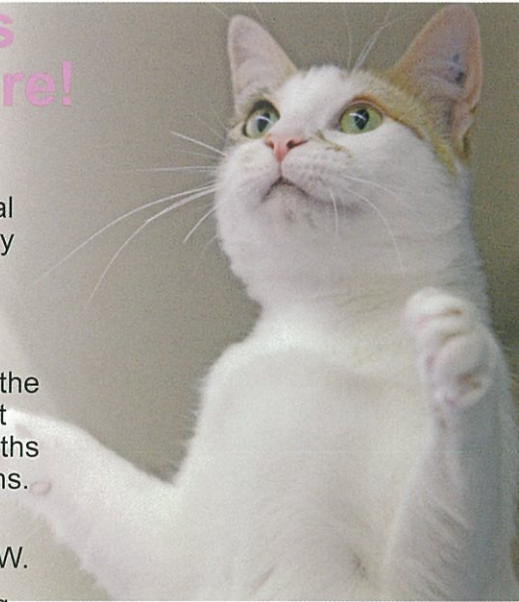
There are a few different reasons for this behaviour. The first is that some cats see running water or droplets of water as a game. The movement arouses their instinct to hunt and play, and here the prey object is the water.

Other cats just like running water or fresh water. If your cat loves fresh water, you might notice they also like to drink from your glass. Some cats will paw at their water in an attempt to 'stir it' and perhaps aerate it.

We don't like to drink stale water and neither do cats, so make sure you change your cats' water bowls (it's a good idea to have at least two, in different locations) at least every day.

Cats who love fresh water or playing with water benefit greatly from having a water fountain. You might want to put a place-mat under it though!

If your cat likes to drink from the bath or sink, it is important that you use nontoxic detergents as your cat might ingest any residue that has not been rinsed off.



SCRATCHING POST

Hi Chanel

Thought we would let you know that Lou Lou (formerly Lindy) has settled in beautifully over the past three years.

Initially stand-offish and tense, she is now very relaxed.

Thanks

Joe & Felicity

Hi

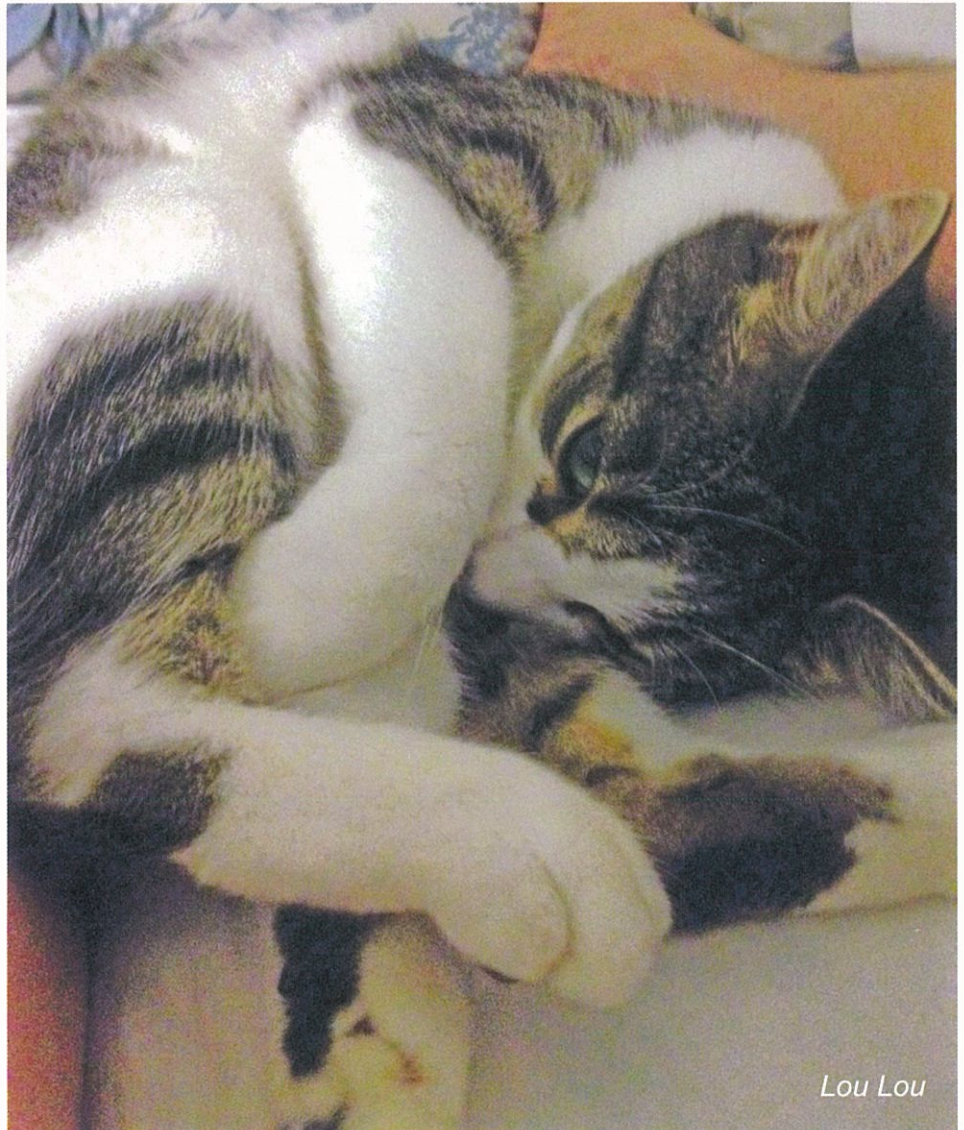
As you suggested, here are some shots of our kitten Momotarou, who has settled in very well since we adopted him on 14 January.

Momotarou (Japanese for peach boy) has a very peaceful and gentle nature, punctuated with the occasional bout of typical kitten hyperactivity; but never a scratch or a bite.

He follows our youngest boy Liam around everywhere ... maybe he identifies most with the youngest/smallest family member.

Thanks for everything and all the best to all of you at the Cat Protection Society. You do a wonderful job.

Tim



Lou Lou



Momotarou

Hi all

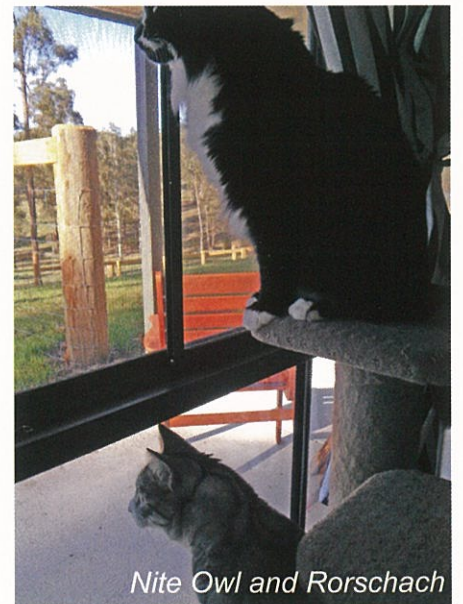
We have moved Nite Owl and Rorschach successfully into our new home.

They are loving their enclosure and watching the native birds up here but are still a bit concerned about the horses and the kangaroos.

No kidney infections and within a week they were relaxed and back to their normal selves.

Regards

Louise



Nite Owl and Rorschach

SCRATCHING POST

Hello

Our beautiful little Pebbles has settled in and we love her like crazy. She's met the fish ... and Rainbow, our glorious tortoiseshell with "tortietude" who we adopted from Cat Protection eight years ago.

Rainbow is a classic 'haughty tortie' who is not over the moon about the new addition, however she's getting used to it and enjoying the extra attention (and treats).

Pebbles has discovered a gap in the underside of a chest of drawers and can get into the bottom drawer where the jumpers are kept. She sleeps there during the day!

Thanks CPS, can't imagine life without our gorgeous girls!

Penny, Gary, Abby & Alicia



Hi

JD has been a lovely addition to our family ... she is still a little scared and does not like it when we pick her up but she is quick to come over for a scratch and a cuddle and more so to play with her toys.

The past few days JD has really started to find her voice and will meow when I talk to her and when I am not near her she meows for me to come back.

We have made JD her very own special bed but she still prefers to lie in front of the sliding door so she can watch everything that happens in the street and everything that happens in our house.

We are very patient with JD and are letting her find her own way and we hope that in a little more time she will find her way onto our laps.

We really adore JD and are so glad she now has a forever home.

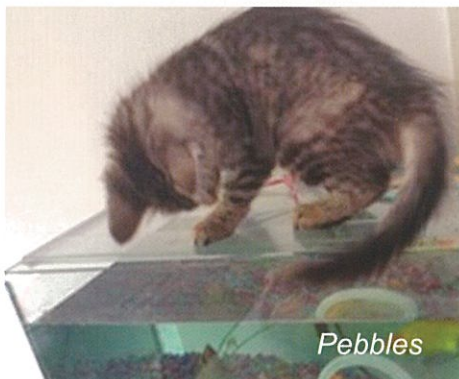
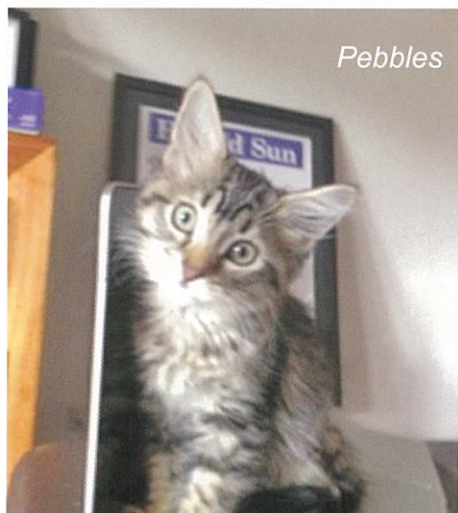
She likes to sit near the very special bed we made for her but not inside it YET.

At the top of the stairs, JD doesn't think we can see her but she watches everything and is slowly making her way around the house.

Thank you for everything you all do for these beautiful cats and helping them find loving homes.

Regards

Carmel & Michael



SCRATCHING POST

Hi

Just wanted to send you guys an update on Leroy's progress here with us. He is a very fussy eater but he's such great company.

Thanks

Emily & Henrique



Leroy



Raphael

Hi everyone

Here is our wonderful little darling Raphael. He'll very soon be two years old and he's just so smart.

He loves retrieving tops of biro's which he is convinced are small black lizards?!? He also delights in popping them into his drink bowl – and consequently makes small swimming pools all over the kitchen floor!!!!!!

He is gorgeous and we all love him so much – thank you!

Leisa



Walter Charles Kingsford Smith

Hello

We adopted Walter Charles Kingsford Smith on 6 December 2013. He has settled in nicely to his new home.

He is very curious and affectionate so it wasn't long until he was running through the house and following us everywhere we went, demanding attention and head pats. He is so calm and friendly.

After only a month we couldn't imagine life without our Fur Friend, Walter.

Thank you so much for your assistance and all the hard work you do at CPS!

Kind regards

Deanne

Hello

Nola and Kiefer are very close sisters who have very different personalities but love being together all the time.

They came to us from the Cat Protection Society last October and it's been great to watch their different personalities come out.

Our girls are very loving and very loved.

Thank you for making it possible!!

Cherry



Nola and Kiefer

SCRATCHING POST



Morris and Sim

Hello

Three and a half years ago, we adopted Morris from the Cat Protection Society. During that time Morris has been very well loved.

Recently we moved from Bondi Junction to Glenorie. Morris very quickly settled into his new domain. He is such a placid cat.

We decided to adopt another kitten from CPS and, after several visits, were fortunate to love a 14 week old she kitten, who had similar colour markings to Morris. The staff were extremely helpful in explaining the procedures of introducing the new kitten to Morris.

Arriving back at Glenorie, we were all set for signs of aggression, hissing, spitting and whatever two cats would do to each other. Happily we were disappointed.

Sim, the she kitten, was released from the carry case inside the bedroom. After a few minutes of surveying the environment, she went exploring. Her first adventure was into the ensuite, where she promptly found Morris's litter tray and used it. She then went and lapped at his water bowl before venturing around the rest of

the bedroom. Morris had been banished to another area of the house, but like all cats found a way back to the bedroom. Both kitten and cat were meowing to each other through the closed door. At this point we decided to 'introduce' both cats.

I am sorry to say this, but the staff at CPS had wasted their time, going through the do's and don'ts about introducing a second cat. After a quick sniff of each other, Morris started licking Sim. Within three hours of Sim arriving to her new home at Glenorie, both cats were curled up and sleeping together.

They share the same litter box. Sim enjoys pinching Morris's food and he lets her, they play with each other, chase each other. In fact they do everything opposite to what we were expecting and had been warned about.

We believe this to be a very successful second adoption. We also know that we were lucky, and our experience is not the normal expectation. Maybe the colours had something to do with the success.

Irina



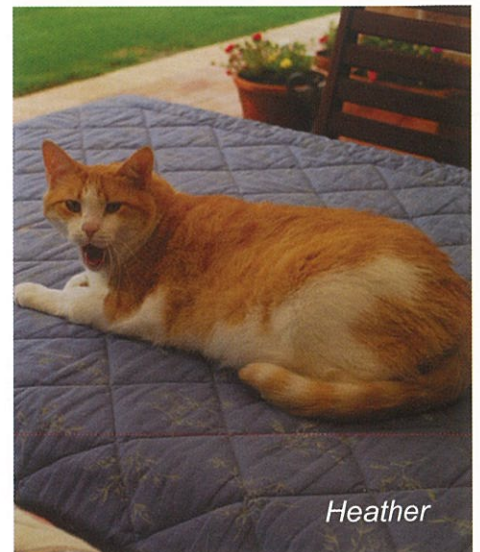
This is a wonderful story of feline friendship but as Irina said, lucky and unusual in being forged so quickly. Some cats do make new friends with ease but generally speaking, giving cats time to adjust to new members of their family – whether other cats or dogs – is the best way to ensure long-term success in the relationship. Exceptions prove rules though, and Sim and Morris are a beautiful and clearly very happy duo!

Hi all

Here is Heather, one of the residents at Golden Grove, having a yawn.

Cheers

Garry



Heather

IN MEMORIAM



Cissie

In loving memory of Cissie (1978-2/8/1997) treasured and dearly loved friend, and Jimmy 'Jimbo Jones' who charmed his way in our lives in 2006 and was tragically taken on 9/1/2008.

Anne



Jimmy



Sheba

1/12/2005 - 6/12/2013

It is with great sadness that I advise that my beautiful little monkey, Sheba, had a very sudden and rapid decline due to kidney failure.

She went to sleep in her shattered mum's arms on 6 December 2013.

Rest easy my love, you'll be forever snuggled in the hole you tore from my soul when I had to let you go.

Den xoxox

In loving memory of Daisy, Henry and Coco; and for all the other cats in your care.

Judy

Elsie (Cherry) Wearden

19 May 1922 - 6 March 2013

My beloved mother Cherry Wearden died peacefully in her 91st year, still living alone (apart from the company of her 17 year old dog) in the family home in Pymble in full possession of her mental faculties and apart from her worsening eyesight, with little physical incapacity.

Like many of her generation, she devoted her life to voluntary charity work and for many decades journeyed out to Newtown to help at the Cat Protection Society's opportunity shop until in her late 70s when the drive became too much for her. She was a passionate animal lover and championed their cause in many different ways including actively supporting legislation banning puppy farms, animal experimentation and fighting poor animal husbandry.

Her last moments as she collapsed were in her beautiful sun-drenched garden, feeding her wild birds, with her loyal companions – her dog Kabie and the neighbour's tabby cat – following her around. I like to think of her as now surrounded by her past animal friends, watching over Kabie and me as we move on without her.

Amanda Drake

Cat Protection extends our condolences to Amanda and all the friends and family of the late Mrs Wearden. Mrs Wearden was a Life Member of Cat Protection for almost 40 years as well as a hard-working volunteer and wonderful friend. Her spirit continues in our efforts to care for cats and we remember her with fondness and gratitude.

This donation is in loving memory of CC.

Sally

This donation is in loving memory of Denali.

Robert

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