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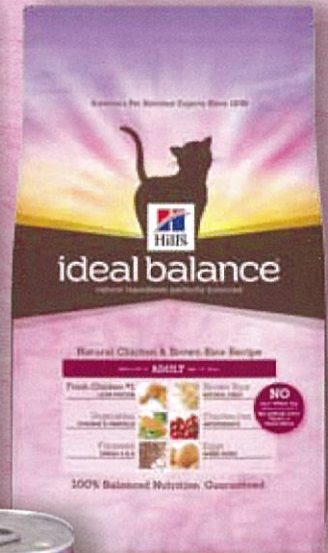
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President's Report

It was a very happy start to 2015 for many of our cats and kittens, with more than 100 of them finding loving forever homes in January.

Helping cats and the people who love them is our mission and your Board began this year with several planning days, looking at how Cat Protection can extend our reach and increase our impact on feline welfare. We look forward to introducing some exciting new programs later in the year.

We're so grateful for your generous support that allows us to do this. Cats provide peace and calm in our busy and complex lives. They remind us of the importance of quiet reflection and that the simple things – food, shelter and love – are the most valuable. Our connection to non-human animals helps us to be better and kinder humans, and they give us comfort and friendship.

A bright and beautiful young woman, Sylvia Yoke Mei Cooper held senior management roles in finance and taxation but her passion was cats. Despite a demanding and important job with Macquarie Group, Sylvia made time to volunteer with Cat Protection on weekends, grooming and socialising cats, cleaning litter trays and tackling endless loads of laundry. Tragically, in March last year she was diagnosed with cancer and in November, Sylvia passed away. As well as her wonderful family and friends, Sylvia's cats were there to support, comfort and love her during her illness. Like everyone else, they miss her deeply.

We were privileged to know Sylvia, and our cats have been blessed by the generosity of those who remembered Sylvia with donations to Cat Protection. From so much grief and sadness, there was hope and brightness for many little cats. We offer our condolences to Sylvia's husband Ashley, and to her family, friends and colleagues at Macquarie Group. Thank you for honouring Sylvia and her love for cats by helping us continue our vital feline care work.

Rhonda House

President



Cover photograph of Cat Protection kitten
by Danielle Liu



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Missing you already!

Understanding feline separation-associated distress

Tracy Goulding

I adopted Reggie from the Cat Protection Society in 2012 and since then it has been a great joy living together and feeling the love. But the one thing I find really hard is going away. I fret about it beforehand and worry about her for the first few days, checking in with her cat sitter to see that all is well.

Some days I even find it hard leaving for work because I hate the thought of her being on her own all day. The fact that Reg sometimes parks herself in front of the door when I'm getting ready to leave, meowing each time I pass as if to say 'Don't go' doesn't help!

I tell myself I'm being silly for worrying, but am I? I know that cats have a reputation for being very independent and enjoying their solitude, but do they miss their people when they're not there?

According to Sydney animal behaviourist Dr Jo Righetti some cats can experience separation-associated distress, with symptoms commonly including constant meowing, toileting issues, roaming or excessive sleeping. Other symptoms can include hiding, scratching furniture, eating disorders, over-grooming, fear aggression or vomiting.

Sometimes this anxiety can be the result of suddenly losing their person or another feline companion, particularly if it has been a long and special attachment. Or it could come about through a bad experience when the cat is alone, which creates the seeds of anxiety associated with solitude. But in many cases there is no obvious trigger.

Dr Anne Fawcett from the Sydney Animal Hospitals - Inner West says separation-associated distress is often part of a more generalised anxiety in 'highly strung' cats, who may display stress symptoms whether or not their people are absent. Whatever the case, she says, it is always important to rule out a medical condition if your cat starts showing signs of anxiety.

"When cats are unwell," she says, "they often 'go to ground', becoming very quiet, reluctant to eat, reluctant to interact with people and so forth. Generally a physical examination by a veterinarian is an important start. An overactive thyroid is a common reason for cats to present with 'anxiety'. They become more vocal, especially around food, seem more agitated or unsettled ... Kidney disease [could also be] an underlying issue."



Jo Righetti agrees that regular vet check-ups are important, particularly if a cat's behaviour has changed. She also starts any treatment with an extensive questionnaire and a long discussion about the cat's history and environment. "I can't just assume," she says "that when someone tells me their pet has separation anxiety that this is the case. Often the same symptoms are experienced when the pet is bored!"

Environmental enrichment

If a medical condition has been ruled out, then the next thing is to look at your cat's environment. This is particularly the case for indoor cats who have fewer opportunities for distraction than outdoor cats. Ensuring that your cat has things to make their day comfortable and stimulating will help them feel more independent and confident.

Some of the steps suggested by Anne and Jo include:

- Leaving a radio on
- Leaving out a blanket or piece of clothing that smells of you for reassurance
- Leaving beds and boxes for your cat to climb into for a snooze
- Leaving an assortment of toys – catnip toys are particularly effective for some cats
- Installing a climbing frame, positioned to give your cat a good view of the outside world
- Providing a scratching post (Anne recommends corrugated cardboard scratchers, which she says her cats love!)

- Growing a cat garden – catnip, cat mint and cat grass are popular. Other possibilities include lavender, valerian, mint, basil and lemongrass
- Spending time with your cat when you are at home – playing, grooming, sitting with them
- Asking a neighbour or friend to pop in and spend half an hour or so with your cat if you're going to be away for a long working day
- Using rescue remedy, lavender or the synthetic calming pheromone Feliway. Feliway doesn't have an impact on humans but it generally makes cats feel calmer
- Leaving your cat a 'job to do', for example, leaving their kibble in a food puzzle rather than in their normal bowl.

When it comes to toileting troubles, it is vital to check for other possible causes. As Anne says, "Where litter tray issues are involved, it's important to review litter tray hygiene and practices as often we humans are the ones getting it wrong. Sometimes the cat is peeing outside the tray if we're not cleaning it regularly enough, if they have to share a tray with another cat or if we suddenly change the type of litter."

Sometimes, however, these steps won't be enough on their own and medication may be required. "I've not used medication to treat separation-associated distress specifically but I have used it to treat anxiety," says Anne Fawcett. "Some cats require medication for a few months and then can be weaned off. A few may require it lifelong."

Changing our behaviour

But even if medication is prescribed, environmental enrichment is still important says Anne. It can also help to look at our own behaviour to see how that might be contributing to stress levels, both for our cats and ourselves!

One important behavioural change is to try not to be too emotional when coming and going. As Jo Righetti says, "Don't go overboard on goodbyes." If your cat senses that you are stressed about leaving they will start to feel stressed too. And if you pay too much attention to them before departing they will experience your absence more acutely.

Another strategy is to mix up your leaving routines so that your cat doesn't associate certain behaviours with certain inevitable outcomes. "Do your work routine on days when you don't actually go to work," says Jo, "and change your routine on days that you do."

She also says it is important to practise gradually increasing separation when you are at home. "Animals who suffer from separation anxiety tend to also follow their owners around when at home. Gradually separating from them helps them learn to cope," she says.

This involves trying not to engage with your cat 100 per cent of the time when you are at home. It can be hard, particularly if your cat is an indoors-only

cat and you are their only person. It is tempting to spend a lot of time fussing over them (something I know I find hard to resist!). While some engagement is positive, it is also good to give your cat time out to do their own thing and encourage their sense of independence.

Another cause can be your own anxiety about leaving your cat on their own while you're at work all day. One practical suggestion if you're worried that your cat is fretting is to install a webcam to see what they do during the day. This is something Anne Fawcett tried with good results. "Phil waited at the door for a few minutes then went off to bed. I was more worried about what he did when I left than he was. Clients who have been able to use webcams have often found the same," she says.

But will indoor cats always be more vulnerable to separation-associated anxiety despite our best efforts to enrich their environment and change our behaviours? Jo Righetti doesn't think so. "Indoor cats," she says, "will tend to bond very closely to their owners so may be more prone to separation anxiety. We do not know, however, what causes some animals to be prone to this condition. Some pets are extremely bonded, yet cope well when alone. The answer is probably to teach animals to cope with being alone, with gradual, positive separations."



Giving cats environmental enrichment such as toys will provide distraction and activity while you are away from home

Going away

Cats are very sensitive to change and will know something is up if you pull out the case and start packing. A cat who is quite happy with routine comings and goings may find this stressful and start showing signs of anxiety even before you are gone.

Once again, a Feliway diffuser or spray should help make your cat feel more relaxed during the packing process. Leaving out an item of clothing, like your night shirt or dressing gown, for your cat to snuggle into for reassurance is another suggestion.

If packing is a particular source of anxiety, Jo Righetti also suggests “pretending to go on holiday so that this becomes a normal part of daily life. It may sound weird,” she says, “but habituating your cat to this practice could help.” This could involve bringing out your suitcase every so often for your cat to check out. If the presence of the suitcase doesn’t necessarily mean you are going away, then your cat will be less stressed when you do bring it out for the real thing.

But once again, if you’re feeling stressed about going away, your cat will pick up on that. As Jo says, “A relaxed person will equal a relaxed cat. A frantic person (although who isn’t frantic when trying to pack!) will communicate their anxiety to their pet.”

Part of reducing your stress is being sure your beloved cat will be well looked after while you’re away. Ideally they would probably prefer to stay in their own space, but finding a reliable cat sitter is not always easy. In this case vet hospital or cattery boarding may be the best option, particularly if you can find one that focuses on creating a stress-free environment.

As Anne Fawcett says, “We’re really proud of our cattery as it is spacious, clean and the emphasis is on low stress. As a result we have a lot of regular boarders who we get to know very well. Often people are anxious about boarding a cat for the first time but the cats generally settle in very quickly ... and really enjoy the TLC.”

Anne Fawcett describes how the Sydney Animal Hospitals - Inner West creates a stress-free environment for their guests:

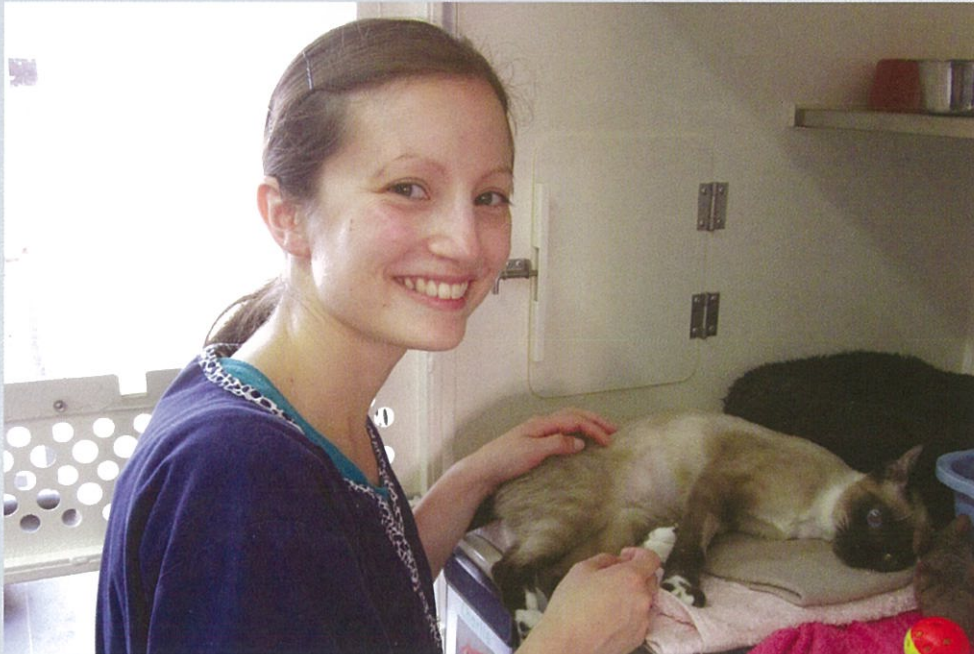
- Cat enclosures don’t face each other, so that cats are not looking at other cats when they are in boarding. (This is also great infectious disease control because cats can’t sneeze into the enclosure of another cat)
- Cats have rotating access to an outdoor play area. We make a point of not mixing cats from different households as there is a risk of fighting. But cats from the same household can play together. They have access to cat trees, scratching posts, furniture, plants and access to sunshine
- The cattery is a dog-free zone
- For shy cats we provide hidey-holes. Some feel a bit safer if they can tuck themselves away
- We leave the radio on during the day
- We have staff present all day so the cats get plenty of individual attention, in addition to feeding and their outdoor time
- We use Feliway diffusers to provide a synthetic feline facial pheromone, which has been shown to reduce signs of stress in cats
- The cats are monitored closely. If someone skips a meal or doesn’t urinate or defecate, this is noted and with the benefit of vets on site, we can check them immediately. For example, we know that stressed cats are at an increased risk of urinary tract issues. Monitoring their urination is a really important part of managing this stress related disorder
- We feed our boarders a premium diet to ensure their nutritional needs are met, but we’re also happy to feed a diet supplied by the client if their cat has particular preferences. We had one boarder who would only drink water from a tall glass, so we made water available in a tall glass.



Leaving the radio on can make cats feel more secure. (Yes, this is the beautiful Jewel who now has a loving home of her own – see page 9!)

Sylvia Yoke Mei Cooper

27 February 1980 – 23 November 2014



Sylvia Cooper began volunteering at the Cat Protection Society of NSW in March 2013 but was forced to relinquish the role when she was diagnosed with cancer in March 2014. Sylvia unfortunately passed away on 23 November 2014, aged 34.

Sylvia, a Sunday morning volunteer, gave up part of her weekend to care for the cats of Sydney with the dream of one day turning her passion for cat care into a full time career.

Sylvia was the proud parent of two Burmese cats, Smoke and Sandy, who she lovingly cared for with her husband Ashley. Together, they renovated their home in Glebe into a cats' paradise, with a sunny morning catio and an enclosed backyard bathed in afternoon sunshine.

In her spare time Sylvia was an avid reader and a passionate traveller, having visited many countries around the world. She maintained a very healthy and active lifestyle.

Sylvia worked full time for Macquarie Group since 2007 as a Tax Manager and completed a Master of Taxation at the University of Sydney, graduating in 2009 with five high distinctions. Sylvia was also a member of CPA Australia and the UK Chartered Institute of Taxation.

Sylvia grew up in Stirling, in the Adelaide Hills, and attended Stirling East Primary School before transferring to Pembroke School in Year 6 on a full music scholarship for playing the flute. She graduated Year 12 in 1997 with five perfect scores before completing a Commerce degree at the University of Adelaide. In 2013, while still working full time, Sylvia completed a Certificate II in Animal Care and Management in the hope of eventually fulfilling her dream of owning a cat shelter and boarding house.

Sylvia was described by her many family and friends as an amazing person, the most beautiful person they have ever met with an infectious smile and positive outlook on life, courageous, an inspiration, kind, thoughtful, optimistic, funny, clever and motivated.

In memory of Sylvia, the Sylvia Cooper Cat Fund, was set up on Everyday Hero to raise money for the Cat Protection Society and close to \$21,000 was raised from donors including Macquarie Group Foundation who matched all staff donations dollar for dollar. Of all Sylvia's achievements this would be her proudest.

Sylvia was a loving wife, sister, daughter and friend and will be missed by many.

Love always

Sylvia's family and friends xoxo

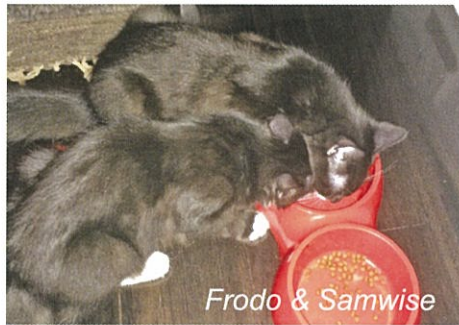
The Cat Protection Society of NSW extends our condolences to Sylvia's family and friends. It was a privilege to work with Sylvia. We miss her, but also remember her with affection in our work caring for cats.

SCRATCHING POST

Hi to our friends at the Cat Protection Society

It's Toralei & Krista. We have settled into our forever home and thought we would send some photos of us in our large cat bed as well as photos of us on our human's bed. We are forever thankful for the way you looked after us and protected us until we found our forever humans and home ... chat soon.

Love Toralei & Krista xx



Greetings from Frodo and Samwise!

We're home and very relaxed (those children are not so pesky after all!)

Frodo believes he is a musical virtuoso and can be heard playing the piano late at night. He eats all the food such that they now have separate eating sessions. Samwise remains the leader, and has taken over the whole house.

Lyn, Dan, Kev & 4 very happy children

Hi

Thanks again for helping out with the adoption process and making it so easy! Ellie is enjoying her new home and really has quite a strong personality! And special thanks to Camilla for walking me through everything!

Will update as she gets bigger/older.

Cheers
Michael



Hi Chanel

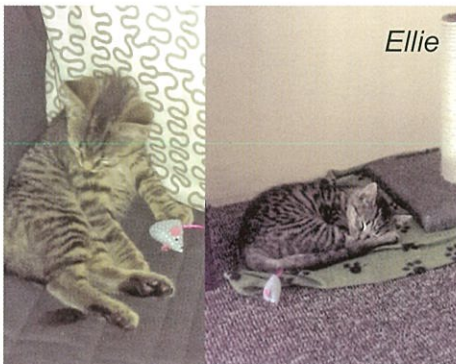
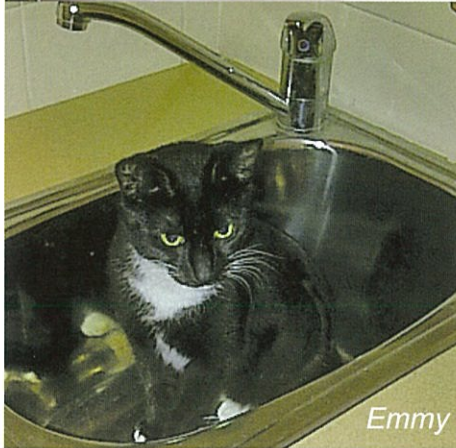
Little Lillee took all of 24 hours to settle into our home. We had to change her name as we already had Tilly, our 3 year old ginger cat, and calling both names at the same time seemed a bit of a tongue twister. She is now Emmy, after Emily the lovely veterinary student who helped us the day we called into the Cat Protection Society.

Emmy is one of the most relaxed cats we have met and so affectionate, perhaps a little too much in the morning when I am trying to read the newspaper and she insists on stretching out all over it while licking my fingers.

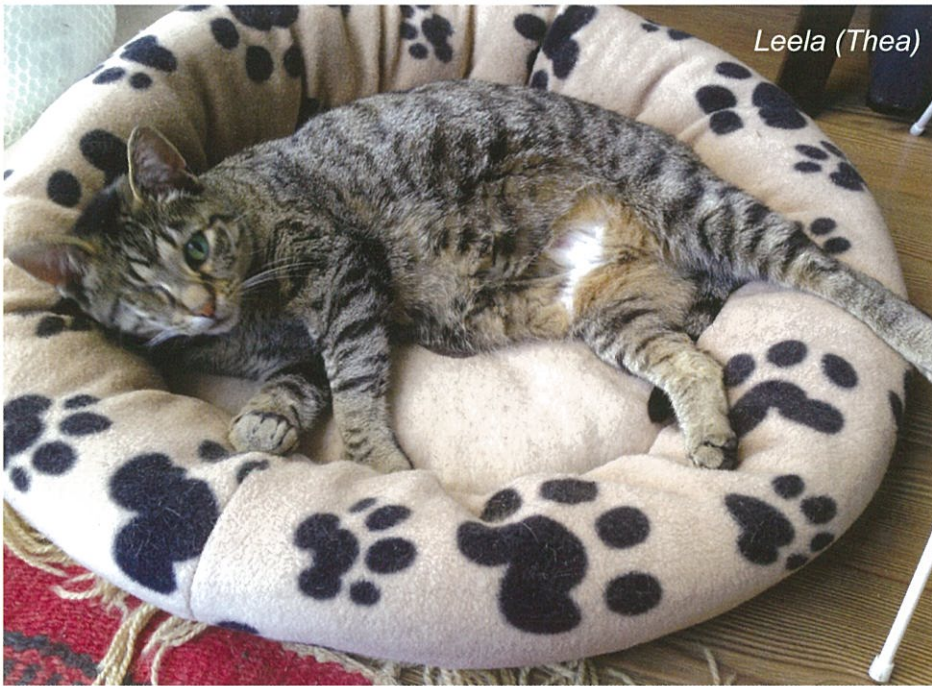
Her ability to get up on the kitchen counter by simply rising up in the air like a helicopter is amazing to see. She seems to like everything here, including kissing our old dog, exploring the garden in pouring rain and purring most of the day. Tilly is still not entirely convinced about her and finds it necessary to chase her around the house once a day but Emmy just does her helicopter act and leaves Tilly way down below.

Kind regards

Virginia



SCRATCHING POST



Leela (Thea)



Sammy (Ben)

Hi CPS

Just wanted to let you know that Sammy and Leela (Ben and Thea) are both happy and healthy and are enjoying their new home in Canberra. They were adopted from CPS about 2 years ago :)

Carmen

Hi

Just thought you'd like to know how Moodge is getting on. We brought her home a week ago and, after a few days of exploring the flat, she has settled right in.

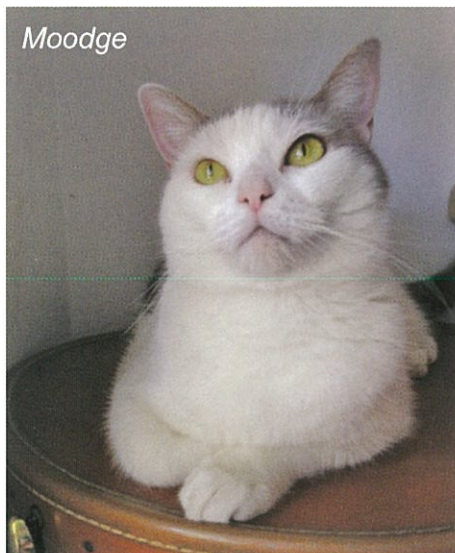
She's extremely affectionate and is lapping up lots of chin rubs. The teaser toys are also getting a good workout. We did buy her an igloo bed but she has since decided the foot of our bed is the place to be.

Thanks again for all your help. She's gorgeous.

Emma & Dom



Moodge

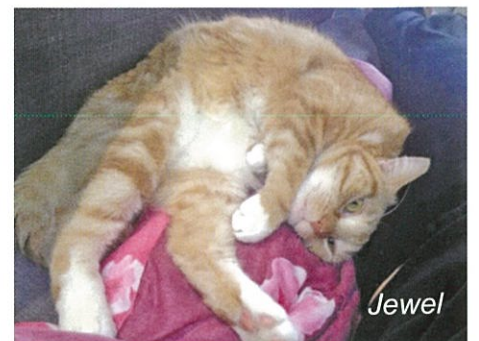


Moodge

Dear CPS

When I first met Jewel she was not exactly friendly and it took a while for me to decide whether or not I should adopt her. I'm so glad I took a chance on her because, even though she is still quite grumpy at times, I think she is the best cat in the world who constantly makes me laugh with her crazy cat antics. Here are a few of my favourite pictures so far.

Chelly



Jewel

SCRATCHING POST

Dear all

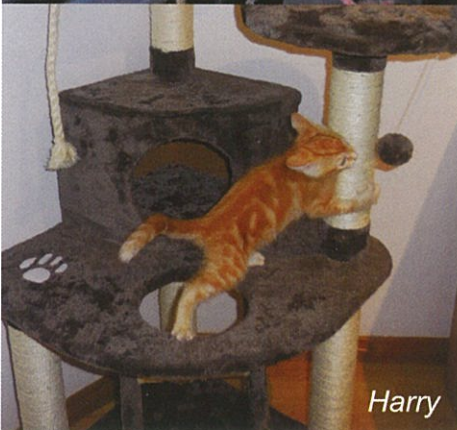
Thank you for your follow up call today. As I mentioned on the phone Harry (formal name: Prince Harry) is just beautiful!

He is interested in everything! Favourite things are little balls he can carry in his mouth, a tinsel ball thing given to him by a friend (where can I get more of those!), his scratching post frame of course, and a large laundry bag which I haul around the flat and he jumps in!!

Another thing we do is I drop one of his favourite balls in the bath (empty of water of course) and he loves playing with it there (it keeps getting caught in the drain area and that is something he seems to like getting it out of).

Best wishes to everyone at Cat Protection

Val



Harry



Bella

Hi there

I adopted Arabella from your shelter last Saturday and I just wanted to give you guys a quick update on her.

I've decided to just call her Bella. She's adjusted to the new place quite well and has been eating lots!

She likes to follow me around when I walk around the house and sit next to me whenever I'm doing something.

I've attached a couple of pictures of her lounging around near me.

And again, thank you guys for the help and opportunity to adopt her!

Special thanks to Ellis for all of her help and advice.

Sincerely
Bryan

Dear kind carers at Cat Protection

Here is a lovely photo of Sparkles (now Juno) posing like the dark princess she is on her favourite stool.

She is slowly becoming less timid and she is eating well now – at first I had to coax her.

I won't mention that she wakes me at around 5.30am and has a mad half hour with the toy Annie bought her at your shop. She brings it and puts it in my hand, then I have to throw it back for her to fetch!

She's delightful – thank you for giving her to me.

Kind regards
Mandy



Juno

SCRATCHING POST

Dear Chanel

I adopted Edward in July 2006 when he was six months old.

I think you'll agree he is quite comfortable. I've also enclosed some photos of Garfield, adopted by my wife Marnie-Ruth in May 2005. He is a most deliberate and gentle cat, and unfortunately is totally dominated by my Edward.

I have to feed them separately otherwise Garfield doesn't get the good food. He can't normally eat seafood but sits up and begs for bits of prawn when we prepare the seafood starters.

Regards
Lindsay



To the wonderful staff at the Cat Protection Society

True to my word, enclosed are some pics of your beloved boy WOMBAT!

We adopted him in February 2014 and from the minute he walked through the front door he's ruled the house!

He's adapted really well and adores our two girls. My husband is happy to have another man around the house!

Much love
Mel

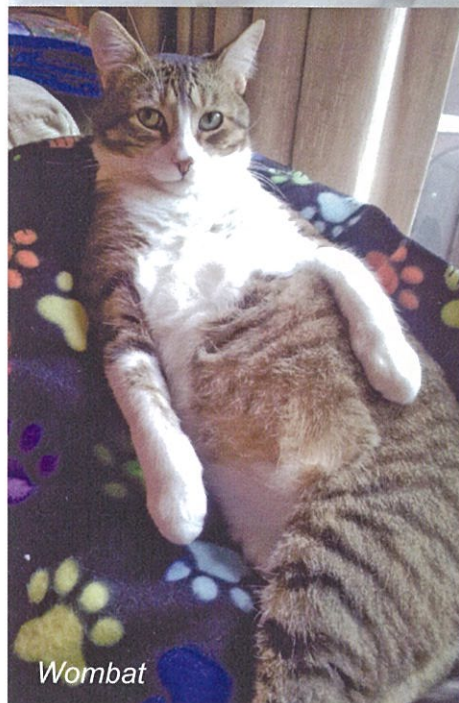


Hello

I have attached some photographs of dear little Rosie (formerly Pollywaffle) who I adopted from CPS in September 2012.

Rosie has settled in really well in those 2 years – she's definitely queen of her cat castle.

Kind regards
Julia



SCRATCHING POST

Hi Chanel

It really is a tribute to CPS that Jazz and Pixal are so happy and healthy. The care you gave Pixal, after living all her life on the streets and having a litter at 6 months, was remarkable.

You may remember she has slightly short legs and tail because of early malnutrition, and she had to have a few teeth removed last year because of early poor diet.

She now has 6 monthly dental checks, with no more problems. I'm sure the way Jazz has become comfortable with other people, after initially hiding from anyone he didn't know, is also because of the personal attention he received when he was living with you. We are the luckiest people and so grateful you let us adopt them.

Romola



Hi Chanel

Other than a fish called Smelly (RIP), Sosa is our first pet. From the moment we brought her home she became our best mate; she follows us from room to room, plays fetch with her toys, and greets us at the door. She's almost more dog than cat (except she's self-cleaning and poops in a box).

We love her and the Cat Protection Society helped pick the perfect cat for us!

Yasmin



Dear CPS

Here is our beautiful Sophie (formerly known as Fizzgig when she was at Cat Protection). She is an absolute treasure.

Regards
Elizabeth



SCRATCHING POST

Hi

We adopted our little "Whisky" on 13 July 2014.

Whisky was a quiet little munchkin but quickly found her feet and her sense of adventure. We hope you enjoy these photos of our gorgeous little Whisky.

Much love
Kirby, Aidan & Whisky

Dear CPS

It's Mia here. Wow! How time flies. My second birthday was on 8 January 2015 and I've now been with my mum for over 20 months. Mum adopted me from the nice people at Cat Protection Society and she's never looked back since.

Within a short time I made sure Mum had a custom-made cat enclosure designed for me on her small balcony. Mum was worried that I was going to fly off the second floor balcony to chase after those pesky myna birds that are forever taunting me so she gave up two-thirds of the balcony just for me. Isn't she nice?



Life got even better after this – not only do I have safe and secure 24/7 access to my enclosure so I can survey my whole domain from up here (after all, the whole suburb belongs to me, right?), but shortly after this Mum dedicated one of her novels to me. You see, I was named after a cool sleuthing protagonist in Mum's mystery series.

I try to help Mum write by walking across her computer keyboard, but for some reason she gets annoyed when I do this as suddenly the words don't make sense. Oh well, I have a much better time hanging out on the balcony giving those

mynas are real "what for". So I'd like to say a big "Thank you" to CPS for helping me find my Mummy. I've attached a couple of pics of me, one in my enclosure and the other on my favourite indoor hangout – the top of Mum's DVD cabinet. You see, we are both film buffs. Once again, thank you CPS!

Warm regards
Mia (& Sylvia!)

News from the
"SAVOY HOTEL"

I has checked in to the Savoy and it appears to be pretty goods so far. I had room service and it was yummy. I was saved by slave from death row.

I is into my third day and I is catching a few rays of morning sun. Has decided this is my morning bed and I will use the other two as my night cubby beds. When wes had a bit rains I found a bed and curled up and watched it from comfort.

It's like the three bears' choices ... choices naturally ... it's only what I deserve.

Isabella



IN MEMORIAM



In memory of Segul

We adopted you as a stray from CPS in 1999. You purred the minute we nursed you and in all the years we had you, you never stopped. You were the most loving, cuddly animal one could have if you could have lived on love you'd have had a much longer life. Unfortunately at the age of 16 your health deteriorated and you journeyed to the Rainbow Bridge on 19 January 2015.

Your Mum misses you terribly. As she's hearing impaired, you were also her 'ears'. Hence your name, Segul (lugs backwards with an added "e").

Your auntie wrote this lovely eulogy in memory of you.

*Segul's with the Seraphs now
There's music in his new
"meow"*

*He lived his life as God ordained
He spruced his fur and was
house trained.*

*As "hearing cat" his talents
shone,*

Now a halo rests his ears upon.

*As years advanced his fur got
frizzy*

*He potted round in patterns
dizzy.*

Then time got late, and truly later

He sidled up to his Creator.

*"Go treat yourself" was God's
advice*

*"To endless fields of heavenly
mice."*

Malcolm



Our beloved Pushkin

Your previous owners moved and drove away, leaving you behind on the street where you survived alone as "Ginger" for more than five years with concerned locals feeding you periodically.

After first meeting you there, and hearing your story from your neighbours, we fed you for a few weeks and then decided to provide you with a new and secure home where your anxieties could be left behind. Our long-established cat, Amber, welcomed you without hesitation.

We had more than four years of your wonderful company – running to the door to greet us when you heard the front gate opened, welcoming all of our friends to the house and insisting on sitting on all of their laps, and sharing in our daily activities.

But finally your longstanding FIV and, later, cancer caught up with you. Thank you Pushkin, for your cherished contribution to our lives. You are sorely missed.

Khalil and your other family members



George

Ask almost anybody in Belmont Street, Alexandria who George was and they'd almost certainly reply, "He's the large grey and white cat who lives near the street closure."

Due to the number of dogs in the neighbourhood, we made it our job to tell everybody George's name and where he really lived for everybody thought he was our cat; in reality he only dined here. He was in fact a very handsome blue/white British Shorthair who lived in Belmont Street for the four or five years of his life, which sadly ended today following a seizure. His death came as a total shock to his owners and to all the neighbours he'd befriended over the years.

We've seen numerous people stop and photograph him sitting with his body sticking through the steel rods of our front gate so that he could safely inspect the foot and dog traffic in order to judge which dogs would be a threat – there were not too many as George knew them all by sight. It's difficult to believe that he has gone, but mercifully he did not suffer and the end was swift. Losing a pet is always hard; losing a loved family member, such as George is even harder.

We all feel and share the pain George's owners are going through, but know that eventually pain will give way to the fond memories he left in abundance. There is little doubt that we will all sorely miss this most beautiful cat.

Nick and Barbara

IN MEMORIAM



Liger Wilkinson

20/10/2003 – 23/01/2015

Cared for by the CPS from 19 April 2010 until he found his forever home on 5 June 2010.

It is with a completely shattered heart that I tell you my beautiful boy lost his brave battle with kidney failure today.

He was the most gentle, sweet and purest of souls and I don't know that I will ever recover from his loss, he was a gift from heaven and now he has returned there.

Rest in peace my beautiful angel, you will never be forgotten – you were loved too much.

Kim

Spider

In memory of Annie's beloved 21+ year old black cat, Spider.

On Monday afternoon I passed the ground floor unit, where I'd always greeted Spider when she was taking the sun in Annie's small front garden. However, she wasn't in her usual spot and Annie told me that she'd died in her sleep during Sunday night. Despite Spider having enjoyed a very long and healthy life I continue to feel very sad at her loss.

Diana



Beckham

In memory of our friend Beckham. You came to us in your autumn years and you crawled into our hearts. Born about July 1999, rescued by slave in September 2013 and passed away 9 February 2015.

Samcat, Portia, Tigger, Isabella, Sophia, Tommy, Ollie and Slave

Charlie



After months of veterinary treatment

and investigation, including alternative therapies and specialist consultations, the aggressive form of arthritis poor Charlie suffered from did not respond. As his condition progressed, pain management had become ineffective and in the interests of Charlie's welfare, in January we had to make the sad decision to have him put to sleep.

To help other cats in the future, his earthly body assisted feline medical research at the University of Sydney, in particular in relation to his condition. His beautiful spirit and courage will live in our hearts forever.

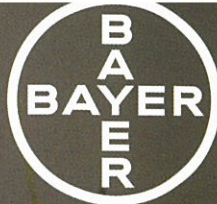
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