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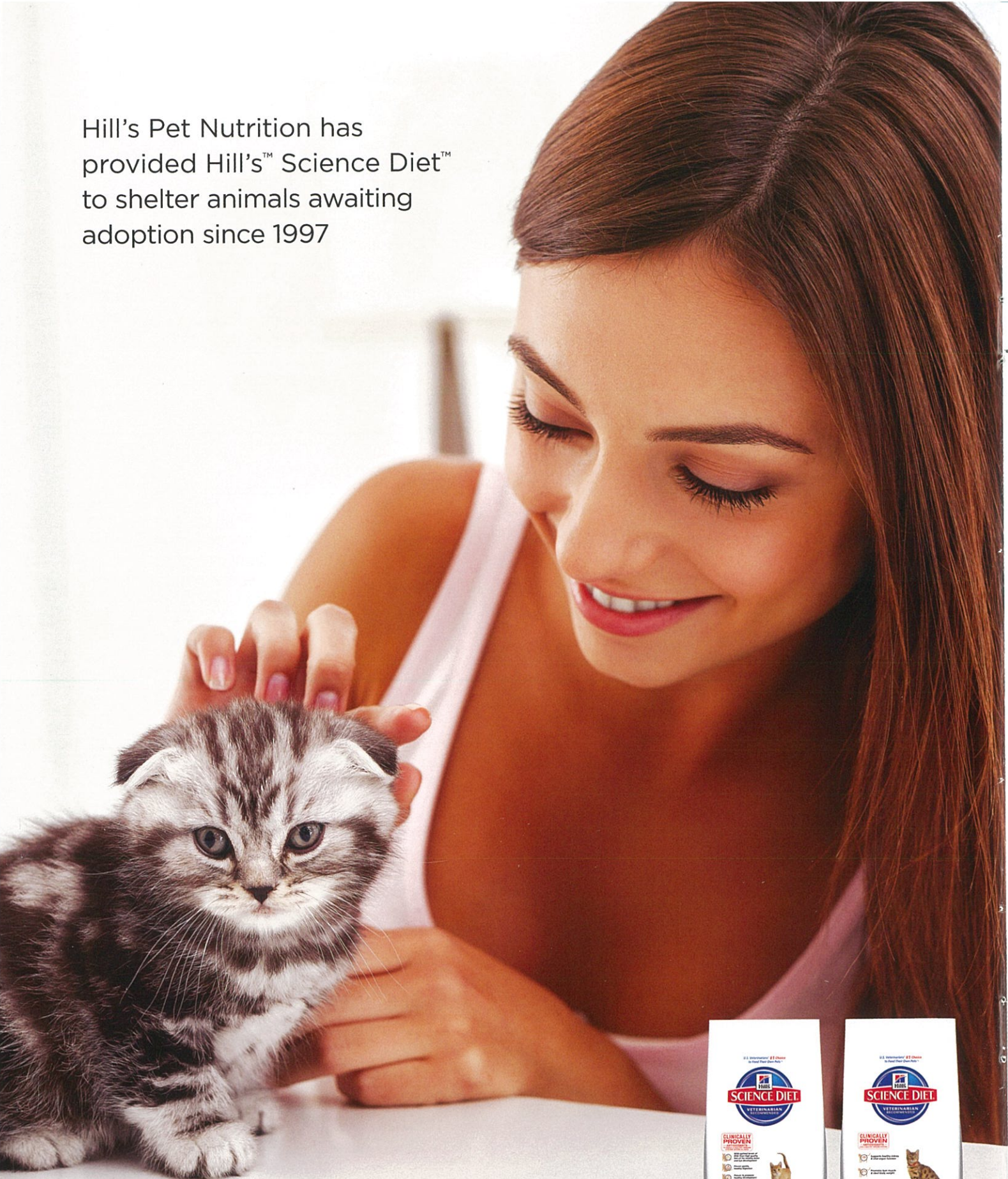


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# President's Report

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of chairing our AGM and being able to look back on a great year for Cat Protection. We reported a record net surplus of \$4,655,675, made possible by bequest income of \$5,579,214, most of which came from two exceptionally generous individuals, the late Mabs Melville and the late June Bullock.

Our annual report is available on our website for anyone who'd like to look at the details. We are very effective in managing our finances and the fact that we once again received an unqualified audit attests to this. This is no mean feat when you consider the complexity of our organisation.

Those who attended the AGM were able to join me in thanking the team – both staff and volunteers – for a job well done. We rehomed 812 felines (199 adult cats and 613 kittens); assisted with the desexing of 1,871 cats in the community and reunited five lost cats and two lost dogs with their people; assisted more than 5,000 clients in person and helped countless more with the cat care information freely available on our website.

With such significant and generous bequests comes enormous responsibilities for us to use the funds effectively in pursuing our aims. The challenge is finding the right balance between expenditure on mission and keeping funds in reserve to ensure a sustainable future.

Our approach is to maintain our existing operations while introducing new high-impact programs that will yield great results with short-term investment. It is vital that we keep sufficient reserves to ensure we can continue our work in the absence of major bequest income; there will be times when we need these reserves to operate all our programs.

Our history shows we are not afraid of a challenge but we want to be here for cats in the long run, so any extra spending needs to be carefully considered with all new initiatives properly planned and resourced.

All in all, I think we are very well positioned for the future. Last year was a year of transition that sets us up to tackle even greater challenges over the next few years. I only have to look out to my deck, where my tabby Hana is asleep in the sun, to know how rewarding and important that work will be.

John Holland  
President

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# Cat myths: fact or fiction?

by Dr David Hughes, BSc BVSc (Merit)

*The theme for Cat Protection's Open Day this year was "Cat Myths Busted". We were privileged to have Dr David Hughes from Concord Veterinary Hospital come along for the day and discuss what's true and what's false in the things people say about cats. Here, Dr Hughes shares with us some of the most common feline myths that are still doing the rounds today.*

## Cats should drink milk

This is still probably the most common cat myth – cats (and kittens) should drink cow's milk. This is definitely not true and in many cases giving cow's milk to cats and kittens can make them very unwell. The majority of cats are lactose intolerant and giving them milk can cause gastric upset (vomiting, diarrhoea) and in kittens, this can lead to severe dehydration and even death in extreme cases. Commercial pet milk (eg Whiskas Cat Milk) is simply lactose-free milk and offers no nutritional benefit to your cat. It can be given occasionally as a treat – but good old fashioned tap water is the best thing for your cat to drink.

We're often asked "what about yoghurt?" In small amounts (such as a teaspoon) natural, unflavoured yoghurt is unlikely to hurt your cat, and in some cases may be beneficial. It's best to check with your cat's regular veterinarian.

## Pregnant women should not handle cats

This myth arises from the fact that cats can carry a parasite called *Toxoplasma*. If you are in the first trimester of your pregnancy, and you contract *Toxoplasma* your baby can be born with severe neurological, liver and eye damage which is permanent and crippling to your baby. It is true that cats can carry and therefore transmit this parasite to humans – however, it is not that simple! To contract toxoplasmosis from your cat all of the following need to occur:

- Your cat needs to defecate
- Your cat's faeces needs to sit at room temperature for 24 hours (for the *Toxoplasma* eggs to become infectious to humans)
- You need to ingest some of these faeces.

Even during active *Toxoplasma* infection in cats, shedding of the *Toxoplasma* eggs in cat's faeces is very sporadic.

Now it may seem very unlikely that you would ingest some of your cat's faeces – however it is not that *uncommon*. For example, if the family dog likes the delicacy of a little bit of cat poo now and then, and that same dog likes to lick your face ... I think you get the picture.

It is far more likely that you will contract (and probably already have) *Toxoplasma* from handling raw meat,

eating rare meat (*Toxoplasma* cysts are present in many types of meat including beef and lamb), and eating unwashed lettuce (wild animals defecate on growing lettuce!). In fact, a lot of people have already had Toxoplasmosis (it feels like the flu) and if you have had it previously, there is no risk you can get it again. However, if you follow these simple guidelines your chances of contracting *Toxoplasma* from your cat is essentially zero (but remember, uncooked and undercooked meats, unwashed vegetables and fruit, and gardening without gloves still present risks).

- Get yourself tested – if you have had *Toxoplasma* before then you can probably relax (take your doctor's advice as immunity may not be complete if the infection was recent)
- Clean all cat faeces twice daily (therefore every 12 hours and any potential *Toxoplasma* in a cat's faeces cannot be infectious to people)
- Wear gloves when cleaning the litter tray
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Pour boiling water over the litter tray to sterilise it once a week
- Get your partner to do all the cat poo work!

## All white cats with blue eyes are deaf. All tortoiseshell cats are female. All ginger cats are male.

These are a group of common myths we hear about cats all the time. White cats with blue eyes are *more likely* to be deaf than your average cat, however, not all blue-eyed, white cats are deaf (and in any case, deaf cats make *great pets* and companions!).







All tortoiseshell cats are female is an interesting one. There have been some unconfirmed reports of male tortoiseshell cats (including one in Australia in recent years) however, these cats are usually hermaphrodites and/or infertile. At this point in time, I think it is fair to say that all tortoiseshell cats are female!

Ginger cats on the other hand ... It was once believed that all ginger cats were male. This one is definitely not true. Ginger females are becoming increasingly more common and they are definitely not sterile.

### **You should let your female cat have one litter to 'calm them down'**

This is a commonly held misconception about female cats: that if they have one litter and then you desex them, they will calm down and make a good pet. There is absolutely no proof to this myth, and in fact, when you consider all the potential complications/ramifications to letting the family pet have one litter, it is definitely wiser to desex your cat before they are of breeding age.

Potential complications/ramifications to letting your cat have a litter include:

- Dystocia (birthing problems) leading to caesarean sections
- Mammary and uterine infections
- Mammary and uterine/ovarian cancers
- Undesexed cats roam and fight leading to spread of disease and injuries
- There are already enough kittens in the world!

I suspect that this myth came about when people witnessed what cats are like when they are *in* season. Cats in season are a little crazy – they spend all day and night vocalising, roaming, often standing at a window with their rump in the air and generally driving their owners mad in the process. Then, as soon as they are mated, they “calm down”. If you desex your cat before they can come into season then they will never become a *little* crazy in the first place!

### **Indoor cats do not need flea prevention**

That indoor cats don't require flea treatment is something we hear time and time again and it simply is not true. In fact, once fleas become established in an apartment, it can be a much worse problem and significantly harder to resolve than if a cat is indoor/outdoor in a house. Recently at the clinic I saw a client who owned two cats and lived on the seventh storey of an apartment building – both cats needed to be hospitalised due to severe flea infestations.

Where do these fleas come from? There are many possibilities but the short answer is on your shoes. You can carry flea eggs, larvae and adult fleas in on your shoes (or your visitors might bring them in on *their* shoes). You might have shared a path with a cat or dog with fleas earlier in the day, or visitors to your home might have a problem with fleas at their home and bring that problem with them!

Fleas cause significant irritation to cats, from simply being itchy and over-grooming, to severe dermatitis that can take months to resolve. Fleas can spread some parasites (such as tapeworm) and a severe blood-borne bacteria known as *Mycoplasma* which can be fatal to cats. Regular monthly flea prevention with a good quality flea control product (eg Advantage, Advocate, Comfortis) is the best way to keep fleas at bay. Products that are stocked in the supermarket are essentially useless for flea control. It is better to spend your money on products that will work from either a veterinarian, pet shop or even better, the Cat Protection Society shop!

*Concord Veterinary Hospital is an accredited cat-friendly clinic, located at 191 Concord Road, North Strathfield. Dr Hughes is interested in both veterinary medicine and surgery, and is currently undertaking further studies in ophthalmology. He has a passion for geriatric animals. Phone 9743 1715 or visit their website [www.concordvets.com.au](http://www.concordvets.com.au)*





# CAT PROTECTION DIARY

## Summer reading

Members have sent in more recommendations of great cat books. Diana recommends the Dewey the library cat series by Vicki Myron; and also *The Cat Who Looked at the Sky* by Thea Welsh. This one is about two 'dink' couples in Sydney who come to an arrangement to share the care of two young cats, Grace and The Fluffer, which gives one of the couples flexibility to commute for work between Australia and the US, and the resultant minor dramas in their lives that ensue when another young cat they name Kate enters the picture. It's beautifully written and a delight generally, Diana tells us.

Lesley recommends those written by Derrek Tangye. "They are not cat specific, however, many feature the cats he and his wife Jeannie had at their Cornwall home Minack, along with their donkeys and the wild birds and others who were regular visitors. If you only read one, it should be *Somewhere a Cat is Waiting* which is a trilogy featuring the cats they had over the years. They are beautifully written and so lovingly express the feelings of true cat lovers. Some of his books are available in Australia, but this particular one is available through Amazon UK." Lesley tells us that she is now re-reading these after nearly 40 years and that if you haven't already discovered them, you'll love them.

Along with many members and Facebook friends, Diana also recommends the three-part series *Cats Uncovered* that screened on SBS recently. It is now available on DVD and is fascinating, beautifully filmed and informative. And of course, if you haven't yet read Cat Protection's own *Feline Friends* remember we sell this wonderful book and profits and royalties help our cats! Happy holidays ☺

## Cat carrier covers

These beautiful and practical cat carrier covers have been designed and sewn by a very talented member of the Cat Protection team, Amalia.

Transporting your cat to the vet can be very stressful for them, and covering their carrier so they cannot see outside is very helpful in minimising that stress. Keeping your cat's carrier 'out' so that it isn't seen as a strange object is a good way to get them used to the carrier (many cats happily sleep in them!) and when it is time to take your cat to the vet, spray the inside the carrier with a little Feliway and line it with your cat's favourite blanket.

For infection control reasons, we use a colour-coded range of carrier covers when taking our cats to the vet, but Amalia has created a gorgeous range of pretty covers for sale to our clients. Available in our store for just \$40, sales of the covers will not only make your cat feel calmer when visiting the vet but help other cats in need as well!

## Research on early-age desexing

You may have seen or heard Cat Protection in the news in early November. **Associate Professor Vanessa Barrs of Sydney University's Faculty of Veterinary Science** was the chief investigator of a study into early-age desexing, using Cat Protection's records. The study showed early-age desexing presented no increased risk of complication and contributes to the growing body of evidence that early-age desexing is safe and effective. Waiting until the 'traditional' age of six months is too late as by that time, a cat may already have had her first litter. Additionally, there are many other benefits to early-age desexing including preventing the development of unwanted behaviours that come with sexual maturity, and a reduced risk of cancers of the reproductive system.

Cat Protection paid for this study to be published in the peer-reviewed ***Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery Open Reports***, which is an official journal of the International Society of Feline Medicine. This makes the study freely available to anyone in the world, and we are most proud to have made this contribution to the promotion of early-age desexing.

The paper '*Effect of age and surgical approach on perioperative wound complication following ovariectomy in shelter-housed cats in Australia*' can be downloaded from our website.

Surgical desexing requires the skills and time of a qualified experienced vet. A challenge in many communities around the globe in managing companion animal overpopulation is simply being able to access the services of professional vets. Imagine if there were a **non-surgical procedure to sterilise** animals in these situations?

There are a number of organisations engaged in this research (mainly in the US). There is even a foundation offering financial support for such research: the **Michelson Prize and Grants Found Animals Foundation**.

For more information go to:

<http://www.michelsonprizeandgrants.org/michelson-grants/research-findings>





# SCRATCHING POST

## Dear CPS

After months of Internet stalking 'kittens for adoption', we happened upon your centre in Newtown. One look at these little guys' faces and we realised they were the ones and two days later they moved in.

Naughty, food-obsessed Luna and our little charmer, Floki, have been with us for a month now and are a wonderful addition to our home (they were even accepted by our crazy dog).

I couldn't imagine life without them, with their close bond inspiring everyone in the household.

Thank you for everything.

Zoe & family

## Dear Cat Protection

My beautiful 16-year old cat, Pushka, recently underwent major dental surgery, performed by Dr Anne Fawcett at Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West.

Pushka has a heart murmur and kidney issues and I didn't think she would survive the procedure.

A huge thank you to Dr Anne Fawcett and to Dr Jacqui Norris, who has been Pushka's vet for 16 years. Thank you both for your expertise, compassion and dedication in caring for my adorable furry friend Pushka who is now back home living happily ever after!

Noël



*Pushka*



*Luna and Floki*

## Hi CPS!

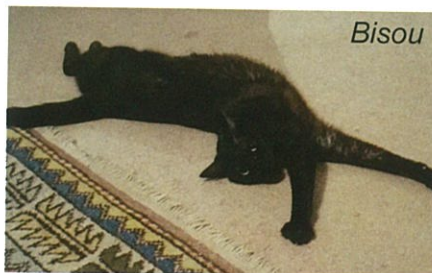
We adopted Bellatrix (formerly Bella) from you two years ago as a 1.5 year old adolescent cat. She's been a ridiculously gorgeous addition to our lives and she's been especially helpful as a therapy cat for anxious and disabled humans. She's a total cuddlemonster, purrs while eating, and likes to pounce on toes. We recently obtained a mini felted Bellatrix through ShelterPups ([shelterpups.com](http://shelterpups.com)), a charity that makes stuffed animals in order to donate to animal shelters in the US.

Cheers

Robin & Vi



*Bellatrix*



*Bisou*

## Hi Kristina

Just letting you know that all is well with my darling girl Bisou, one of the half-Siamese litter who was born in your fabulous care.

She makes me laugh every day and is so sweet and affectionate. We are extremely happy.

Thanks for all your hard work xx

Debbie



# SCRATCHING POST

## Hello

It has been two weeks since Charlie 'the cat formally known as Prince' came home with me and he has been a most wonderful addition to my life.

Charlie has been gradually exploring his new home and is finding his favourite spots for sleeping. Number 1 is the dining chair, which has become his bed and also his bolthole when there is a strange noise or a strange person around. He has a spot on the sofa and a favourite floor position near the balcony door on a hot day. The balcony is a whole new world and is taking longer to explore and trust but he ventures further every day.

He is still a bit shy with strangers, however, is quite comfortable with me. I am The Feeder and he does like his food, we have many discussions about how much food is enough!

He now sits with me on the sofa, leans against me and purrs very loudly! He is waiting at the bedroom door every morning to say hello ... yes I know and for breakfast ... and greets me with a meow when I come home from work .... yes, yes! I know, dinner ... He will play with toys and balls etc although only briefly and not if you are watching.

He has impeccable manners using his kitty litter and scratching post from day 1 and he is just beautiful, and Charlie knows this because I tell him many times every day.

Thank you for finding him for me.

Lizzie



## Hi

We adopted Cuddles more than 5 years ago. Back then, she was very timid, quite unfriendly and didn't like other cats. We've learnt to find she still prefers to live with only a couple people and doesn't like too many people around but to us she is loving, caring and so friendly!

She loves a good tummy rub from her owners several times a day and absolutely adores being brushed! She loves to sleep so I've included some photos with some interesting sleep positions and spots (she loves the printer!).

We absolutely adore her and think she is pretty gorgeous - and she knows it!

Thanks

Milla

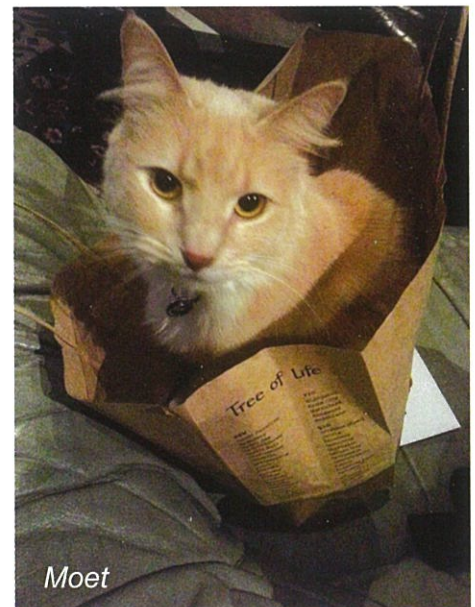
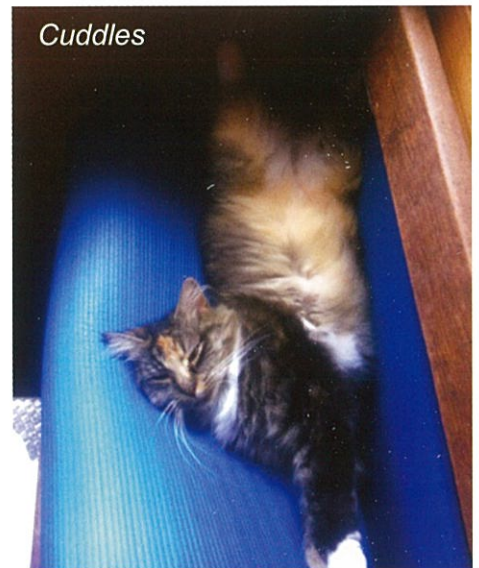
*We remember Cuddles well – congratulations on winning her heart with your love and patience. She is so lucky to have you!*

## Hello

This is Moet. I adopted her from CPS in December 2010 as you can see, she has grown into a very pretty kitty. Thankyou cats for all the awesome work u do in looking out for our fuzzbutts ☺

Ben

## Cuddles





# SCRATCHING POST

## Dear all

We adopted Fonzi in February, a teeny little tabby but very adventurous and affectionate.

He's a lovely natured cat, enjoys a cuddle, particularly lying around upside down and really loves our dogs.

Now that he's almost one year he's discovering outside during the day and loves his mansion out the front where he can see the world.

He's a great cat, we couldn't love him more!

Kristy & Rarge

## Hi there

We adopted Hermione as a kitten in August. She settled quickly into our home and now we can't imagine life without her.

She is playful, sweet, clever and curious and we all love her to bits! Hermione really enjoys exploring the backyard and climbing trees.

Thank you for all the work you do caring for cats and kittens ☺

Danika



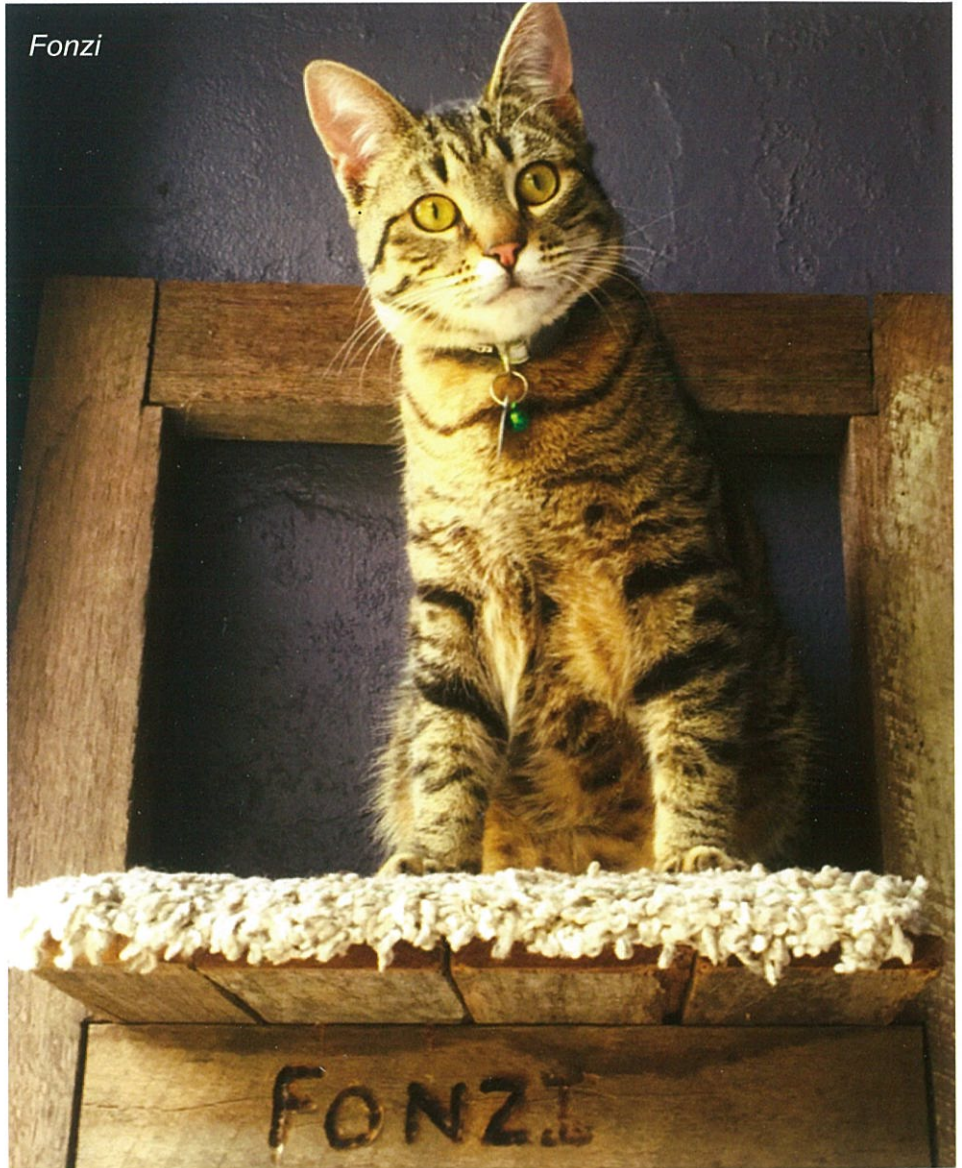
## Hi Kristina

Looks at what was just beings brought, and best of all, we both fit!!!

We believes it's heated so we can't wait for slave to plug us in tonight.

Samcat & Tommy

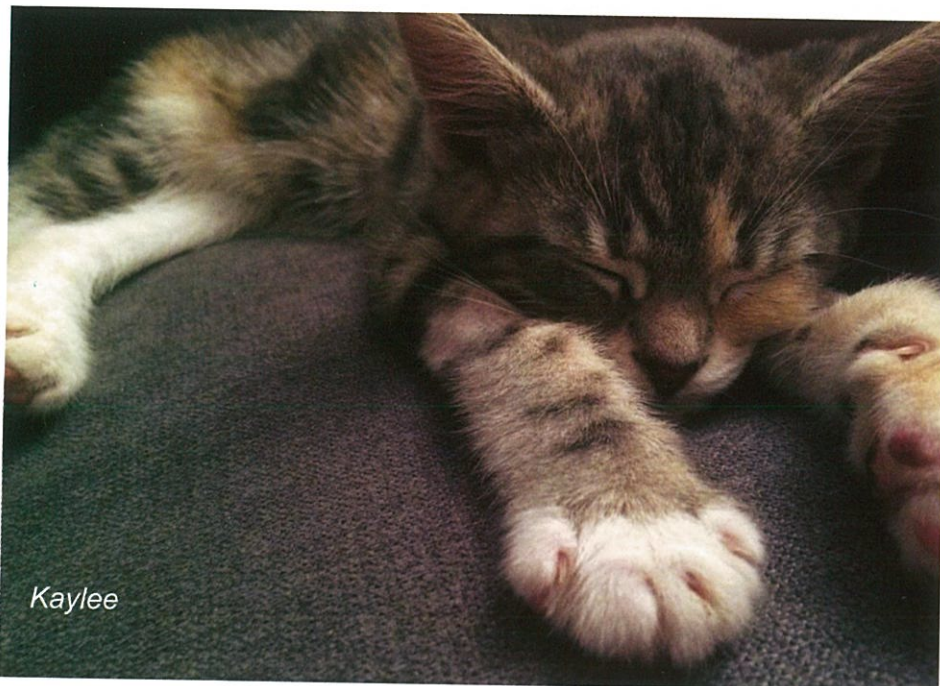
*Fonzi*



*Samcat and Tommy*



# SCRATCHING POST



Kaylee

## Hello

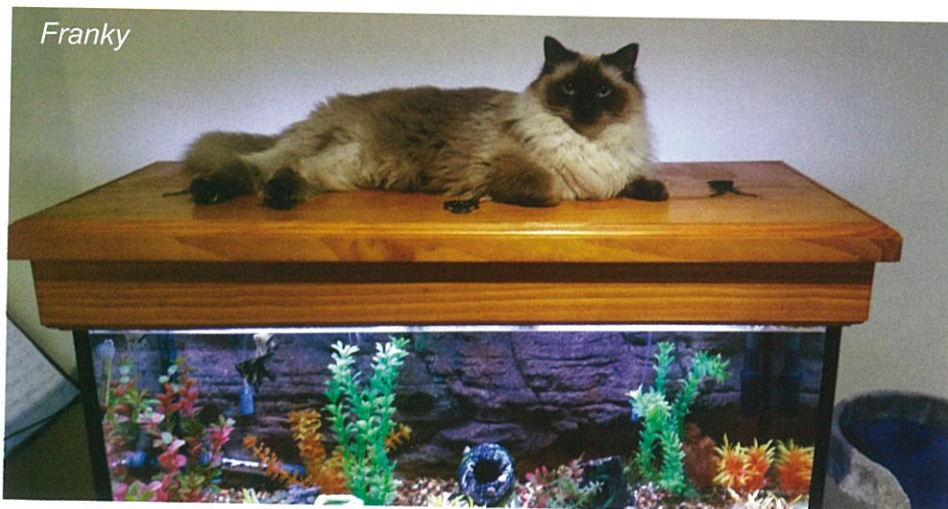
From day one, Franky settled quickly into his new 'forever' home with no stress symptoms whatsoever, mere natural curiosity. It became immediately apparent that Franky was comfortable and confident on circumnavigating his way from one end of the house to his own little area in the laundry, all on the first day.

The kids adore Franky and he them. He has plenty of pats, cuddles and playtime when he likes, with the ability to escape to a quiet hidden location when required.

Franky's temperament is friendly, curious and very loving. Whether he is following me around the house purring or playing with the kids, he loves to be near people and keep an eye on everything. His favourite spot in the house (other than next to me) is the tropical fish tank, which provides Franky with plenty of entertainment for him and fun for the family to watch.

All in all, we couldn't be happier and we absolutely love and adore him!

John



Franky

## Hi!

We adopted our gorgeous kitten Kaylee from you about a month ago. Kaylee is an extremely happy and healthy little girl.

It took a couple of days for her to come out of her shell following her adoption but now she is well and truly settled. We love her so very much & she is completely spoilt.

Thank you for the amazing service you provide and for having a place where cats are protected and looked after until they find their adoptive parents.

Rachael & Jonathan

## Hello

I adopted my little baby about 8 months ago. He's grown up and turned one today!

He's the most wonderful cat I've ever had. Licks me, cuddles me, loves me, he's everything I could ask for in a cat.

Happy birthday Mr Spock, hopefully there are many years to come!

I'd like to thank you guys so much for giving me such a beautiful cat!

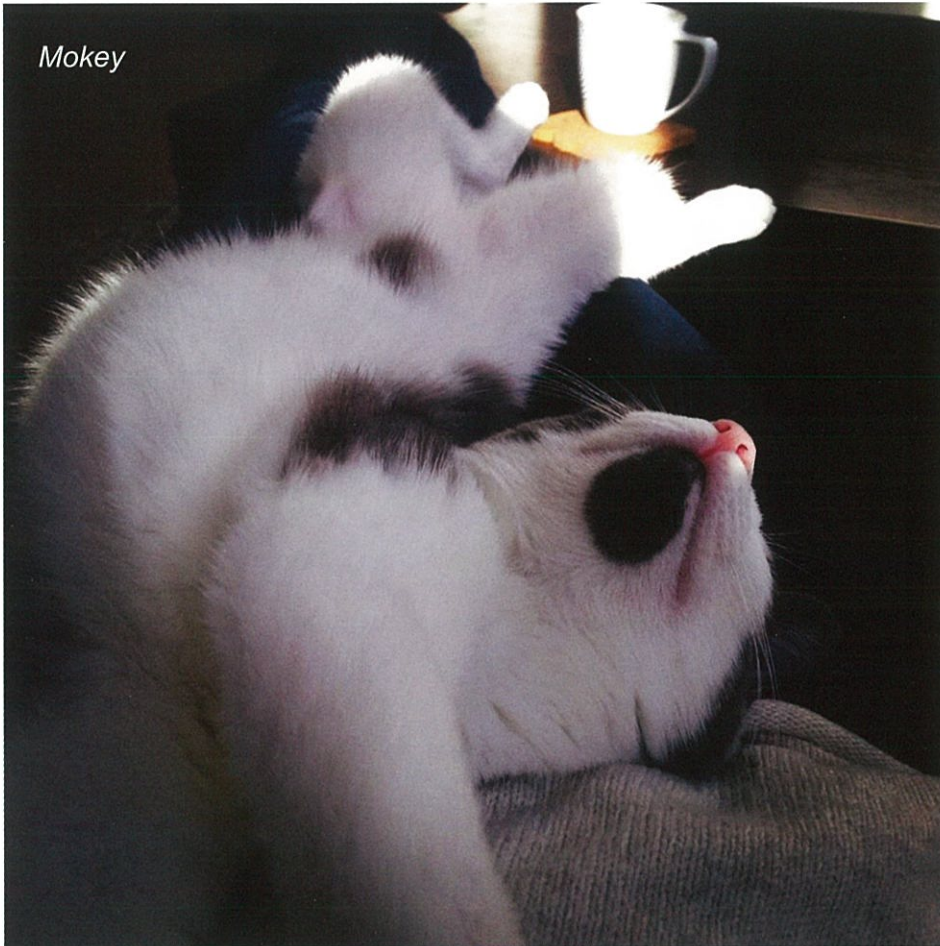
Lauren



Mr Spock



# SCRATCHING POST



Mokey

## Hi guys

We got Mokey as a tiny wee kitten from you on August 19. She brings us so much joy on a daily basis.

She has a super-adventurous personality, ripping around the house a hundred miles per hour. Then when she's tired she gives us lots of nuzzles and cuddles.

We love her!

Sandra & Shanán

## Hi

Anarchy was adopted in January this year. He is generally a happy puss, but not when his buddy Lloyd wants to share the bed with him. In fact, both are not happy when they have to share the bed!

Eva



Lloyd and Anarchy



Brock

## Hello

We adopted Brock just over five years ago. As you can see, he is very relaxed. He loves hanging out with our neighbours' cats, but his favourite thing is finding a sunny spot to sleep in.

Thanks for looking after Brock for us.

Zoe & Shaz

*Yay for beautiful Brock! He had to have a hernia operation while he was with us and that meant spending some time wearing a cat's least favourite accessory, the Elizabethan collar! So lovely to hear from you and know that you're all going well.*



# SCRATCHING POST

## Hi CPS

Just wanted to share some updates on Moses (who we adopted this year in July after fostering him) and Lilly (formerly Tinkerbelle) who we adopted as an adult in 2010. She is the beautiful tortoiseshell with no tail.

Apparently Moses was left in a cardboard box on your doorstep with his brothers and sisters. I think they were able to be adopted pretty quickly but Moses was underweight and also needed veterinary care. We were asked to foster him but we quickly fell in love and he loved us and our other two cats, so we officially adopted him.

Here is a pic of him the day he first came home and some more recent pics. He's a big boy now and so handsome.

Thank you CPS for all that you do and especially Bronwyn for her help with the adoption.

Sandra

## Hi

We are so enjoying our new family addition. We changed his name from Dixie to Toby. My grandson had his heart set on that name so we went with it. He is an absolute joy, even when I deal with the scratches.

We love him very much. Here are a couple of photos. As you can see he is a normal boy, alternately naughty and cuddly. Beautiful boy.

Dawn & Terry

Moses



Toby



## Hi team

We adopted Fluffy (now affectionately called Kevern Rudd, but generally just Kev or 'where did you come from?!') back in January.

She is now the boss of the house. Even if she's been fed, Kev gets extremely upset if we aren't out of bed at a certain time. We might be late to work and that would mean no money for tuna!

She likes routine, so she also follows whoever is first to bed, and curls up to sleep until it's time to wake us up. We haven't used the snooze button on the alarm in a very long time!

Since Kev left you, she's filled out and grown a little bit, and today she's a healthy, happy cat who is too smart for all the tricky toys we have for her.

Thank you always for introducing us!

We adopted another rescue cat, a little sister to keep Kev company and to teach her some much needed social skills. It seems to have worked, because Kev is now willing to be picked up, and sometimes even sits on our laps. She's started doing all sorts of things she never did before. Great stuff like using the scratching post and coming out to play when there are strangers in the house, and not so great stuff like jumping in the sink and scratching the couch. But mostly we're thrilled she's feeling confident and trusting. Nicola and Kev follow each other around and play all evening, making our jobs very easy!

Kate

Kev





# SCRATCHING POST

## Hi CPS!

My partner and I adopted Peach and Boo at the beginning of October, and they have since been renamed Sassy Cat and Prince Harry.

They have come a long way in their first month in their new home and are growing up into confident, sweet but also at times cheeky cats.

Sassy and Harry come to bed for snuggles with us every night, and are very spoilt kitties.

Harry loves to "help" Mathew study, and thinks he rules the place when he is at the top of his cat castle.

They both like to play with plug holes and sinks.

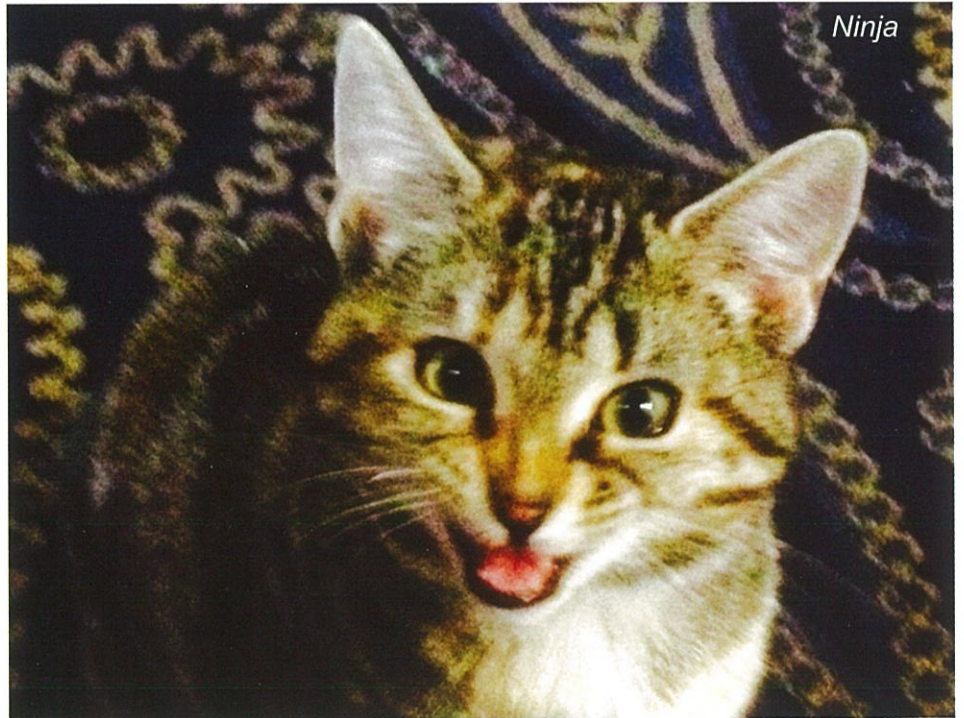
Sassy Cat is quite the diva and always wants attention, she gets jealous of anyone else who is getting cuddles and loves a good selfie and online shopping apparently ...

We couldn't be happier that we adopted them and are absolutely in love!

Lucy



*Peach and Boo*



*Ninja*



*Meg*

## Hello from Meg ☺

Feeling very loved and am happy exploring my new home with Michael & Cindy.

Miaow for now!!!

Meg

## Hi guys

Meet Ninja the tortoiseshell/tabby X. She's now about 8 months old and owns the house after 4 months of moving in.

She loves to explore the courtyard and laze in the sun. She also likes to play fetch!

Thank you CPS for taking her in and letting us adopt her.

Tina



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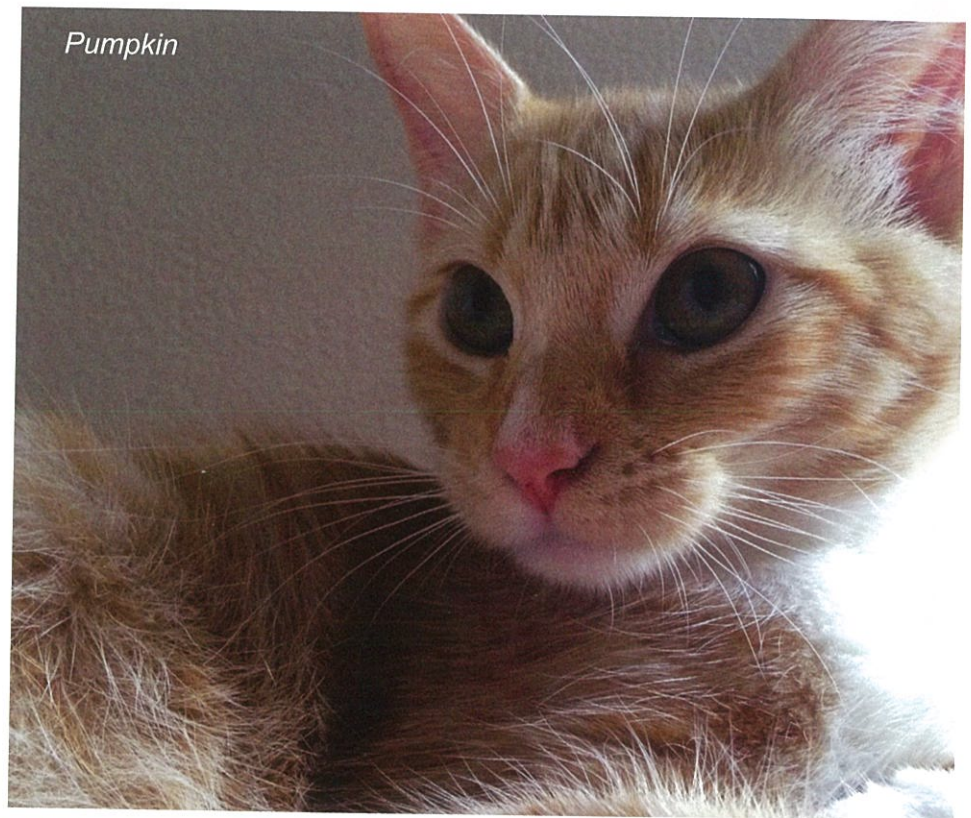
## Hello

We are so thankful to the wonderful staff at Cat Protection Society for their patience and professionalism, and for helping us to find our perfect Pumpkin 7 months ago.

Pumpkin is the perfect fit for our little family – she is calm, independent and brings such joy with her cheeky nature and friendly chirps. Pumpkin loves to snuggle and gives the best cuddles, she enjoys sleep-ins and curling up with us on the couch.

We adore her!

Jessamy & Anthony



*Pumpkin*

## Hi CPS

This is Charlie. We adopted him on 2 May 2015. He has settled in great, loves his new home and is getting very spoiled!

We have an older cat call Tallie. She is 11 years old and still getting used to him but they are getting closer. Tallie is white and had to have some of her ears taken because of skin cancer. And poor Charlie was born without a tail!

Kris



*Charlie*



*Ellie*

## Hi there

Ellie was adopted from the Cat Protection Society as a kitten over two years ago in December 2012. Each day she has filled us with so much joy, from her sweet and gentle personality to her very mischievous outbursts, to her love of boxes and printers. Some time after adopting Ellie, we adopted another kitten in need of a home and they have since become lovely playmates and best friends. Ellie has helped him a lot along the way!

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to make Ellie a very special part of our family.

Lucy

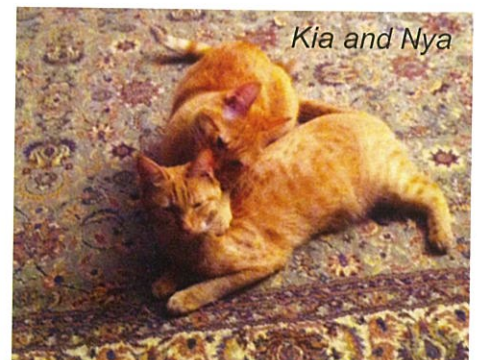
## Hi

Ron and Ginny (or Kia and Nya as they are now known) have settled in well. Nya has come out of her shell and loves a good pat and cuddle. Kia likes to be near to his humans but is still very shy. He will on occasion suffer a good scratch under the chin.

They have loved exploring the garden and Kia is often found in a tree.

Cheers

Denise



*Kia and Nya*



# IN MEMORIAM

## Norma Phillips

1926 – 2015

Norma Phillips had an enormous heart and a deep compassion for cats. For most of her life she had made her home a home for stray cats and kittens.

Norma didn't just feed them and provide shelter and medical care, but she loved them and they became part of her family.

Even though she would often say, "this is the last one" it would never be the last one. Sooner or later another cat in need of a home would be at her back door, and it wouldn't take long for her to open it.

Norma sadly knew that there were too many cats and kittens in the community seeking the same loving family as she provided, and that's why she remained a dedicated contributor to the Cat Protection Society.



With love from her family and cats "Precious One", "Mother Cat" & "Fluff"

*From all of us at Cat Protection, our sincere condolences to Norma's family, friends and dear little cats. She leaves us all, but most especially cats, a legacy of kindness, generosity and love.*

Cat Protection is saddened to advise of the passing of Dr Bone, formerly of West Pymble, Life Member of the Society since 1959 – one of our founding members, and also Mrs Drum, Life Member for 35 years.

*Our sympathies to the families and friends of each of these wonderful people whose contributions live on in Cat Protection's work caring for cats.*

## Dark

2000 – 2015

I adopted Dark from you on 1 May 2000. He sadly passed away yesterday, 2 November 2015.

It breaks my heart and he takes a part of my soul with him. Dark took his last breath in my arms and moved on to chase bigger prey.

Dark was the greatest thing in my life and I am at a loss to fathom a life without him. We spent our final hours with a hugging sleep in the sun and watching *The Lion King* together. It was both our best and our worst day together.

Thank you for the scratches, the licks, the wake-ups, the cat fights, the pounces, the bites (that I always hated), the dead presents, the purrs, the fur, the fleas, the occasional wees, the claws, the breathing furry water bottle, the prowls, the immense amount of purring dribble, the kitty litter everywhere, the laughter and most of all your never ending, occasional questioning but never wavering, love for me.



You will be missed and thought of forever my Prince.

Jason



## Greta

Born 5 December 2003.  
Gone too soon on 24 October 2015.

In loving memory of the sweetest cat anyone could have asked for. Your passing left a void in our hearts.

You were very much loved, are deeply missed and will be forever remembered.

Thank you for all the happy times and memories we shared. You will always be in our hearts.

Tze and all who loved you.







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