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President's Report

We often speak of our Cat Protection "community" – although all our members and supporters all do not know each other personally, they work together for the benefit of cats in need. In particular, they come together in times of crisis.

We have been challenged by the damage to our building caused by the Anzac Day hailstorms as you'll see in this issue. However, we've also experienced magnificent support and assistance from our members and friends.

But community isn't only about organised support; it's also the things we can do as individuals to help others.



June Bullock and Lucy

A wonderful example of this is the story of the late June Bullock. Ms Bullock had an impressive career in the health sector; she was a senior dietician at RPA Hospital and a woman of independence with a great fondness for cats.

She was very close to her sister, Delma, who died in 2014 aged 80. Fortunately June still had her beloved Siamese cat Lucinda (Lucy) to give her companionship and love, and to help ease this terrible grief. Sadly though, June became ill, and in November 2014 she passed away.

But what June and Lucy experienced in those last months were the great efforts of people working together to make a difference. At St Vincent's Hospital, staff understood what Lucy meant to June. Dr Julia Crawford, of Bondi Junction Veterinary Hospital, understood. Dr Crawford not only cared for Lucy while June was in hospital, she even took Lucy to visit June. When it was determined that June needed to move into an aged care facility, the team at St Vincent's went out of their way to find a home that would allow June to take Lucy with her. Heartbreakingly, just before she was due to move to Milford House with her dear Lucy, June passed. Lucy continued to be loved and cared for by Dr Julia Crawford until earlier this year when, at more than 18 years of age, Lucy joined June.

We can take comfort in knowing that June felt the love and respect of her community, demonstrated by their efforts to sustain her bond with her companion cat. Her vet, her medical and allied health care team, worked together as a community for the wellbeing and welfare of both June and Lucy. Her lawyer is ensuring her final wishes are fulfilled.

June generously left her estate to benefit cats. We are remembered in her will, as is the University of Sydney Veterinary Science School, with their gift to be dedicated to research into diseases and treatment of cats.

We are humbled by June's faith and inspired by her life. We are honoured to build from her legacy an even stronger Cat Protection community.

Rhonda House President

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Storm damage

When an electrical fire destroyed our garage, laundry and stock/ supplies on 23 December 2010, people were bringing litter trays, towels, cat food and cash donations to our shelter on Christmas Eve. (For those who don't remember, please be assured no cats or people were hurt, all our fire safety systems worked, and the NSW Fire Brigades were heroes, as ever). As well as being of practical use, this demonstration of kindness provided a most wonderful moral boost after such a shocking event. We were able to implement "workaround" systems and continue with our mission of caring for cats.

And so it was when the hailstorm of Anzac Day led to dangerous water penetration in the ceiling of our upstairs adoption centre room. Volunteers and friends rallied to help evacuate our cats to safety (thanks Sally, Sue, Carol, Alex, Mary, Anne and Julia), our vets at Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West and Concord Veterinary Hospital provided safe emergency accommodation for our cats. and yet again we've put in place systems to ensure we continue our mission. It's not been without

challenge or disruption but we are so grateful to our members and friends for your support.

Our local paper, The Inner West Courier told our story and helped us to get the word out that we were continuing to adopt adult cats (from their temporary home at Inner West vets) and kittens (from our shelter at 103 Enmore Road). While we have insurance, the hailstorm and the rainstorms that occurred in the days before it

caused havoc across the Hunter. Central Coast and Sydney. so builders, tradespeople and insurance assessors have been stretched beyond capacity. This led to delays and frustration but was unavoidable. As you can imagine, water damage meant we needed electricians, roofers, plasterers, builders, painters ... and patience. It also initially put four workstations out of action and while two were fixed in a matter of days, the other two could not be used as they were in the room declared unsafe. But the most important thing, always, is that all our cats and kittens are safe.

A very special thank you to Dr Angela Phillips and the team at Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West for giving up their Saturday



Cat and kittens made from hail fallen in our courtyard, Marie's Place, on Anzac Day 2015

evening to ensure all our adult cats were tucked safely into bed in their temporary units (after a special second dinner to settle their nerves after the cacophony of the storm and the car trip to the

And thank you to all our clients for your patience and generous support as we work through these challenging times.

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Storm catches cats out

CATS are renowned their dislike of water and loud noise, so the hailstorm that swept across the city on Anzac Day caused havoc at the Cat Protection Society of NSW in Newtown.

The situation deteriorated as water began to build up on the roof and cause some serious damage, forcing an evacuation of the adult cats.

A band of volunteers, staff and CEO Kristina Vesk gathered 22 cats and took them to the Sydney Animal Hospital in Stanmore.

Ms Vesk said it was a distressing situation, with the risk the roof might collapse.

"They were pretty frightened as the hallstorm was very loud," she said.

CHANGE OF OPERATION

- Make an appointment to meet adult cats at the Sydney Animal Hospital in Stanmore. An adoption counsellor is there Thursdays from 4pm-6pm, Fridays 3pm-5pm and Saturdays noon-3.30pm.

 There are also satellite adoption agencies at Concord
- Veterinary Hospital ■ The Cat Protection Society is still adopting kittens from its Newtown location during usual adoption hours.

"But we gave them a meal when they got to the hospital and the next day we moved the other cats from downstairs to Concord Hospital to be super cautious.

The building has been assessed and the organisation has been told the ceiling is unsafe and must be replaced. Quotes are being arranged to undertake repairs. In the meantime the so-

ciety is continuing to care for cats with illness, injury or emotional trauma in their recovery ward in Newtown. They also have kittens available for adoption from their ground floor units.

But while they are waiting for the repairs, people who wish to adopt a cat can make an appointment to see them at Sydney Animal Hospital. Details: catprotection.org.au



Kristina Vesk, CEO of the Cat Protection Society of NSW, with Princess Misha, Picture: CHRIS MCKEEN

CAT PROTECTION DIARY

Satellite adoption facilities

We know that people are busy and traffic is congested, so coming to Newtown isn't appealing to everyone (but that said, when you're choosing a friend for life, a few hours of your time is a good investment!).

Cat Protection is proud of our high standards of feline care and adoption services. We believe that it's the time, care and knowledge we invest in the adoption process that helps us achieve such high rates of successful adoptions. Cats are very sensitive creatures and need secure attachment to thrive. Therefore, we would never consider allowing our cats to be rehomed by anyone who didn't adhere to our high standards and comply with our adoption policies.

We're pleased that Divine Creatures, a cat-only luxury boarding facility at Willoughby, and Concord Veterinary Hospital, an ISFM accredited cat friendly clinic, have partnered with Cat Protection to become satellite adoption agencies for us.

All the same standards, fees and services apply when you adopt a kitten from Concord or Divine Creatures as apply when you adopt a kitten from Cat Protection – just at a different location.

Divine Creatures

52a Frenchs Road Willoughby T 9958 3363 www.divinecreatures.com.au

Concord Veterinary Hospital

191 Concord Road North Strathfield T 9743 1715

www.concordvets.com.au





Cat Protection is a registration agent!

We are delighted to announce that we have been appointed by the Office of Local Government as a registration agent under the Companion Animals Act.

This means when clients adopt a cat from us, we can also register the cat on the Companion Animals Register. We collect the fee from the client and then remit that money to the Office of Local Government.

We expect that offering a one-stop service will certainly be welcomed by adopters. There will be no additional fee charged for this service, just the applicable registration cost. This reflects our commitment to cat safety and welfare, responsible pet ownership and being a best-practice shelter.

If you have questions about registration, please call our welfare office on 9519 7201. Remember, it's always vitally important to keep your contact details on the Register up to date so if your cat ever does get lost, they have a much better chance of being reunited with you.





Rehabilitation centre update

As members know, it is our goal to create a dedicated rehabilitation centre for cats recovering from illness or trauma. Our current facility in our shelter is small and we'd love to have more room for feline care as well as adoption spaces. Unfortunately, zoning laws and property prices haven't been on our side, but we're still searching for the perfect solution.

Meanwhile, we're also exploring options that will allow us to do more within the space constraints we have. To this end, we've rented some office space so we can move most of our administrative functions out of the shelter. This will free up room in the adult adoption centre and create more space for clients to meet with cats. We've also started the satellite adoption program which allows us to have more cats available for adoption.

We have been blessed with generous bequests but as our annual operating expenses are largely met by bequest income, we still need money just to keep going, so we can't sink all those funds into capital. Therefore, as well as continuing to save for a feline rehabilitation centre, we will be putting in place some new programs that give great benefits to cat welfare and wellbeing, while being manageable within our financial limits. A particular focus will be on preventing feline homelessness by the practice of early age desexing, and more promotion of our discount desexing services. We look forward to bringing you more good news on that in the near future.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our goal of a rehabilitation centre: we have established a dedicated fundraising page for this if you'd like to donate:

https://www.givenow.com.au/catprotectionsocietynswrehab



There has been a long held belief that cats are solitary creatures, when in fact most cats enjoy the company of another feline friend; are more sociable when raised in a multi-cat household; and can form bonds so strong they rival the greatest literary relationships. They love, they grieve, they share. They snuggle together when sleeping and sound like stampeding elephants when they play together in the middle of the night.

To celebrate these beautiful friendships we are inviting you, our members, to share the special moments you have captured on camera and enter the **Always Together** photo competition.

ENTER TO WIN

A limited edition Always Together 1/2oz Silver Proof Coin from The Perth Mint

Struck by the historic Perth Mint from 1/2oz of 99.9% pure silver, the Always Together coin would make a joyous keepsake for every cat lover! The feature design on this unique collectable depicts two gorgeous kittens in an endearing pose.

The Perth Mint is giving 2 lucky members the chance to win an Always Together coin.

One limited edition coin will be awarded to the winner of best photo in each of the following two categories:

- · Snuggle buddies
- Feline playmates

Five Highly Commended entries will be awarded a copy of our book, Feline Friends –Tales from the heart

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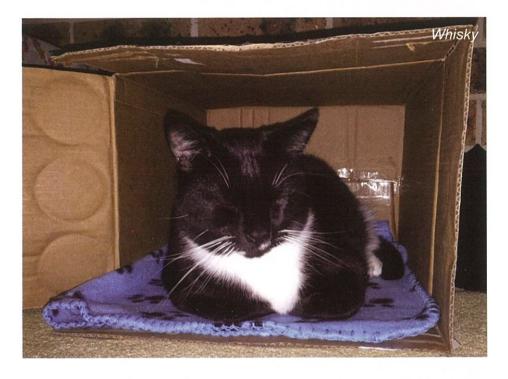
Always Together Photo Competition Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc, 103 Enmore Road, Newtown NSW 2042

or email scanned entry form and digital image/s (under 4mb) to kristina@catprotection.org.au

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| By signing below I agree that I am a member of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc and that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of entry | | |
| Signature | | |

Terms and Conditions:

- 1. Entries close 4pm Monday 10 August 2015.
- Competition is only open to current, financial members of The Cat Protection Society NSW Inc.
- Cat Protection Society NSW staff and their immediate families are not
- permitted to enter.
- All entries must be of, or contain, at least two (2) cats.
- 5. Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered in to.
- Winners will be announced and their entries published in the Spring 2015 issue of Cat Affairs.
- 7. Images cannot be returned.
- By signing the entry form you agree to these terms and conditions; declare that you are the legal owner of the image/s entered; and give Cat Protection the rights to use and reproduce all entries at their own discretion.



Hazel

Hi previous mums

I'm writing to let you know that my human mum truly loves me. Here are a few photos of my new life.

Me on my favourite blankie. This is where mum & I lay back on the lounge to watch TV & have cuddles.

Blossom (Formerly Chicklet)

We just wanted to send you an update on Whisky (formerly known as Penguin).

After a full day of sniffing everything in sight, he's settled in very quickly to our house and is a joy to have around. He is such an affectionate and playful boy, his favourite activities have been zooming round the house at top speed, head bumps and sleeping in old cardboard boxes completely ignoring his brand new cat-bed.

He always comes to bed with us, crashing out between us and it's been nice to wake up with him still there!

Thanks for everything!

Ziggy & Drew

Hi guys

Thank you for all your assistance in helping us adopt our little kitten. We named her Hazel. She has settled very well in her new home, even made her own sleeping spot in the bed! She is an absolute joy to be around and we could not be more delighted.

Thank you so much. We have attached some pictures to show Hazel settling in @

Regards

Sheena





that we would like to adopt an older cat, to give a beautiful old furry friend a lovely home in their twilight years.

It was so tough seeing all the wonderful cats and kittens at your place. We wanted to take them all home with us!

But Toby was insistent. He was young, and cocky. He knew how to work the room, and turned the charm on for my partner. And so it was settled. He came to live with us. First thing to change was his name. We couldn't possibly have a cat with the same name as my partner's best friend. Instead we decided on Marco.

"Marco" lasted a week. It just didn't resonate. After deliberation and discussion, we changed it to Ferris. Bad idea! That name didn't work at all. In fact, I don't think it even lasted a day.

Feeling dejected, and like terrible parents, we finally landed on Leonardo. Thankfully, Leo has stuck, and it suits him to a T.

He has a fabulous personality. He is simply the most beautiful little guy that we could ever have hoped for. When we adopted him, he struggled away from our cuddles. He's learned to suffer mum's purring on his neck and

butting heads. He's learned to smooch. He has not learned that 5am is not a nice time to wake mum and dad up, but we love him to bits nonetheless.

We absolutely adore Leo and in just a few short months he has brought so much happiness to our lives - we wonder what we ever did before him. He's incredibly talented - maybe he could be the next "Big Thing"?!

Just don't tell him he's a cat. OK? You can follow him on Facebook. at Leo. Cat face man cat.

Thanks! Tiffiney

Hey Guys

In January I adopted this little black beauty, who we called Toothless because he looked like the dragon from How to Train Your Dragon. Toothless is friendly and very naughty, going after our food and in particular, ice-cream. I've attached some photos of the little cutie.

Claire

Update on Elvis

I adopted a black and white cat named 'Elvis' in early 2007. He was born in December 2006. He is now 8 years old and a much loved member of a bigger household that includes one other cat and 3 dogs. He went from the tiniest kitten to a massive fluffy-tailed gentle giant. He is a little too wellfed (thanks to hubby) and has gone from the most timid cat to a loving, affectionate companion who has his special place on the sofa each night. He loves a pat and always says 'meow' hello when he wants some affection.

Thank you. He has made our lives and hearts even more full of love.

Danielle @







Panda (aka Manners) joined our family about a month ago and she is very adorable.

Even though she is an adult cat, she is as curious as a kitten and follows us everywhere like a baby. She makes us laugh sometimes with her funny behaviour and she doesn't realise why. She loves sitting on the balcony, watching people and other animals but she isn't crazy enough to jump off from it. Very smart girl.

When I lie on the couch she comes and jumps on to my chest and I enjoy cuddling her for a while or taking nap with her. She is like our baby already and we are happy that she is part of the family now.

We can't imagine what our home would be like without Panda giving us her cute meow and napping next to us on the couch. Her gentle and sweet nature has won over many of our friends already. Several of them are considering getting a cat of their own.

Thank you Cat Protection Society for introducing us to our new family member.

Satoko & Bernard

Hey everyone at Divine Creatures & Cat Protection

Just wanting to update you all on Fili and Nebula. First, thank you so much, to you and CPS for letting me bring them home. My life and home have definitely changed for the better.

Fili is still the purr monster and the troublemaker of the two. Everything needs to be touched and played with by him at least once. He's a cheeky and crazy little character.

Nebula is my sweet shadow, always falling asleep on my lap or my bed and wanting a cuddle. She's super-affectionate but just as cheeky as Fili, keeping up with him in the trouble-making department. She's definitely not the shy kitten I first met and is always the first one to greet any newcomers to our home.

Thank you so much for my beautiful boy and girl. It's such a joy to come home to their kisses and cuddles.

Cheers

Avery



Dear CPS

I picked up my beautiful boys Tom and Jerry (formerly Gary and Larry) from CPS in January 2014 and since then they have brought so much joy to the entire household! Tom loves his little brother Jerry, and they spend most of their days together playing or sleeping!

Jayne

Hi everyone at CPS

I adopted the super-affectionate Sigourney on Easter Saturday and she is settling in to her new home very well.

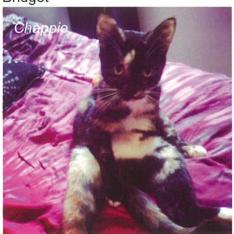
She's an absolute princess and spends her days napping and playing, and her nights sleeping in my arms (seriously, she won't go to sleep unless she's actually nestled into bed with me!)

I am so happy to have this new baby to take care of and she has instantly shown me how happy she is to have a loving forever home.

Her name is now Chappie, after the new sci-fi film where the main character is a robot that has a big heart, and is named Chappie because he's a "happy Chappie." She has the same colouring as this character and is indeed a happy Chappie, and the name has just stuck.

Thank you to everyone at CPS for all the great work you do!

Bridget







Dear Emily and Cat Protection Society Friends

It's been seven months since we adopted Dee Dee in October 2014 and in that time she has grown from an anxious, tentative and rigid cat, into a spirited friend and mentor. When we met her at CPS, Dee Dee had been separated from the other cats for seven months, and she needed a household with no other pets. That suited us fine since we live in a small apartment.

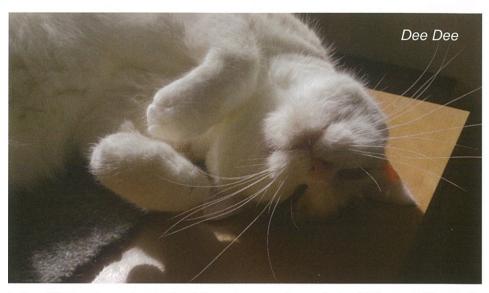
It took a while for Dee Dee to settle with her new people and into her new place. She kept to the floor seeking out small, delineated spaces, under the couch or facing the doorway with her back along a wall. So Jake placed little carpet squares at her safe spaces and gradually added more around our home so that her safe zones became larger and larger.

In the early days, I got excited each time she responded warmly to my pats, and then became despondent when she ignored me the next day. It took a few weeks, but I realised that her "progress" is not linear.

Dee Dee is 8 years old and has her own established personality. Some days, she wakes up full of energy and wants to show off and strut around the apartment. Other days, especially if it's been cold and rainy all week, she wakes up cranky and just wants to sleep in the corner until dinner! Dee Dee didn't want to be mothered like a child, she was more like a new flatmate who we had to observe and adapt to, just as much as she had to get to know us.

With those adjustments, it has been a delight and incredibly rewarding to watch Dee Dee's personality unfold. Over the months she has come to understand that this is her forever home, and she has become more relaxed and comfortable.

To mitigate her early anxiety, we



left out her cat carrier so that it was part of the furniture and not associated with bad experiences. Jake also drove her to the vet once a month to have her claws cut so that she learned we will always bring her home. She's so comfortable now, that we often find her napping in the carrier!

We have also come to recognise Dee Dee's special place in our household as a teacher. She becomes agitated if we are overexcited, anxious or very loud around her so we practice being fully present and aware of our own energy, and are learning to manage it around her. As a result, Jake and I have become calmer people too, and this flows into all aspects of our lives.

She loves to keep me company during my daily yoga and meditation, sharing the mat and stretching with me in the morning (what better yoga inspiration than a cat!) and sitting near me for evening meditation.

We have also learned that simply watching Dee Dee is just as relaxing as a pat (actually more so, because she doesn't like to be touched a lot). This took some adjustment because my previous cats all loved long, vigorous, allover pats. But just watching Dee Dee makes me smile, slows my breathing, unravels the knots in

my stomach and fills me with such love that my heart explodes with happiness!

I relax with her as she curls up in the sun and covers her sensitive pink nose with one paw; or when she stretches out fully exposing her soft belly and then starts to groom her immaculate white coat and meticulously cleans between her toes. And she makes me laugh when she falls asleep sitting upright, her little head tucked in and her neck puffed out like a bird!

And we think it's hilarious that after trialling multiple cat toys including fuzzy mice, cat-nipped birds and balls, her favourite amusement is a piece of string!

Dee Dee is a beautiful, quietly affectionate cat with a wildly expressive tail, who loves being watched as she stretches and grooms, and who is happy to nap in the room with us, occasionally opening one eye to see that we are still there.

We both adore Dee Dee as our friend and mindfulness mentor (!) and are constantly surprised at what we learn from her, and the joy that her everyday actions can bring. I have attached a few of my favourite photos of Dee Dee at home.

With love and gratitude Tiffany & Jake

Dear Nerida

I can't believe 3 months have passed already Mielah has grown so much and so fast but she has maintained her cheeky character.

I have attached a few photos for you. As you can see she gets on very well with my resident cat, Inara, which is a huge relief to me. I was so worried they wouldn't but they play together and sleep together (I think it was hard even for Inara to ignore Mielah, she really is very sweet).

Mielah still loves to climb and explore and is always getting caught in a cupboard (but she lets me know she is in there and then tells me off when I let her out and goes straight to Inara for a few kisses). She is very vocal and loves a chat. She loves a cuddle and always gets one in the morning. In the evenings she likes to sit on my lap in her kitten cuddle sack and watch TV (the Musketeers are her favourite).

Thank you for sending the kitten cuddle sack home with her - it is irreplaceable. She is never far from it but she is outgrowing it (and I can't find another one anywhere) so her 'Grandma' is making her a new one.

Mielah is a happy kitten who is adored by Inara and me. From the moment she came home she made our little family complete and Inara and I can't do without her (I am not sure what we did before she came along).

A huge thank you to you and the team at CPS from Inara and me for helping us find Mielah.

Catherine









Hi Kristina

Here are our former Cat Protection fosters, now our kittens, Blu, the dark tortie, and Emi, tabby-tortie and the smaller of the two.

They have given me a big lift in life, love them heaps!

xx S

Hello everyone

The first day we got Earl home he was great. He sniffed around for 5 minutes or so and then settled in very quickly. He was playing with his new toys, giving us cuddles and even used his litter tray straight away.

He is very affectionate with us, and quite cheeky too. He loves to go crazy at night, running around the house and playing with any little bits of string that he can find.

His favourite thing to do so far is jump into bed with us at night and attack our feet under the blankets.

We love having him in our home and think he is a great addition to our little family.

Thank you for giving us Earl and we can guarantee you that we will give him the best home possible.

Kind regards

Melissa







Hello to all staff at CPS

I met Miss Molly, described as "a friendly stray", last September, and she's been my furry housemate ever since.

Molly settled in quickly and, in her polite and gentle way, was soon in charge. Her first duty was to train me to notice when the food bowl was empty. Her favourite activities include racing around chasing her tail, which is a bit alarming when she does it while going downstairs, and supervising use of the laptop. She's shown me many new features, by just walking over the keyboard!

She also enjoys time on the balcony, watching what's going on in the unit garden, or having a snooze under the plants, but with her pink nose, no sunbathing.

Thank you to CPS for all your good work. Be assured Miss Molly is doing well, and is a sweet and much-loved friend.

Best wishes

Sandra



Hi CPS

We adopted our baby from CPS in December 2012. She was originally named Harriet but we changed it to Gibby, strange name but it suits her! Gibby spends her day sleeping on the bed with her fur sister Tilly and catching lizards. Here she is trying to fit into her bed we bought for her as a kitten... she just loves it!

Keep up the fantastic work. Kellie



Hi Cat Protection people!

We inherited Watson from a friend of a friend who had adopted him from you guys (at least that's what the little information pack says) as a kitten, so we aren't sure whether his name was Watson, or just "random ginger kitten" when he was with you. He came to us because his original owner's fiancé had moved in with him and discovered she was woefully allergic to cats and as a result he couldn't stay.

We originally adopted him for my partner's sister to take, however once she had let him out of the cat carrier he curled up on her in a similar way to one of the photos and she informed me that he was now our cat, and there was no way we could give him away.

As you can see from the photo he likes laps, politics, and high vantage points where he can look out of the window. He dislikes budget cuts, being awake, and (sometimes) his adopted brother Charles.

Thanks for the work you guys do saving little guys like our Watson, and also just generally raising the awareness of what good pets adopted cats make.

Kind regards Stephen & Bri

Dear CPS

In August 2013 we adopted this little grey kitten we named Gato (although mostly he is called Fuzzybutt). He is a huge part of our lives and we all adore each other, so much so that when we recently moved overseas we coughed up \$2k to take him with us! Haha! Our tiny little handful of fluff is now a sleek 8kg beauty with a real affinity for boxes. Thank you for giving us our best friend!









Hi Guys

We adopted Ollie on 3 May 2014. He was labelled a "dynamo" and has certainly lived up to it.

He is such a character, follows us around everywhere as he doesn't like to be on his own or left out of anything that is going on.

Best decision we ever made to bring him home that day!!!! Regards

Vicki & Graeme



IN MEMORIAM



Smokie Cavill

10 December 2001 – 6 May 2015 Please accept this donation in memory of my beloved cat and companion of over 12 years. I was lying beside Smokie when he died of a heart attack.

He was so much a part of my everyday activities. Since 1995, every cat who has been with me has chosen me, rather than the other way around. I hope this will again occur.

Susannah



Snooky

31 October 2001 – 24 January 2015

In loving memory of our beautiful tuxedo girl Snooky, who passed away in January after a short battle with an aggressive tumour. She came to live with us when our daughter moved permanently to England three years ago. Snooky and I became very close over time, and if I would lie down on the bed for a nap, she would come along and perch herself on my chest and purr like a freight train!!

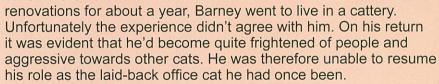
A few days before she passed, I was stroking her lovingly in an attempt to comfort her, and she made a HUGE effort to purr for me. I will never forget that laboured sound. Sleep peacefully sweetheart, we will love you forever.

Judy

Barney

Barney came to Cat Protection at about five months of age. He was a deaf, white domestic short-hair. He took on the job of being the CPS office cat, a task he fulfilled admirably for about two years.

When the CPS underwent extensive



It was decided that Barney would prosper best if he was adopted by someone from a quiet household who had no other cats. I'd recently bought my own place and was looking at sharing it with a suitable non-human. I began checking out the photos of prospective adoptees in the CPS window. Something intrigued me about the white domestic short-hair called Barney. The fact that he was deaf intrigued me further. He was three-and-a-half years old when I adopted him.

When I brought him to his new home he became frightened and hid behind a cupboard. With coaxing, and, of course, the offer of food he soon came out and gradually realised that there was nothing to worry about.

Over the weeks he acclimatised to the new situation and began to enjoy supervised walks in the garden, occasional periods of sunbathing (though not for too long because of his pink nose and ears) and just relaxing on the balcony and observing the world. He also liked to eat grass, chase other cats out of 'his' yard, and occasionally climb a tree.

Three years ago he was diagnosed with chronic cholangitis, a nasty condition that gradually robbed him of all strength. This photo was taken during his period of illness. He died on 7 March 2015, a week after his estimated 15th birthday. He'd lived with me for eleven and a half years.

I was much saddened by his passing and will never forget that wonderful cat.

Peter

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