



Annual Report

2024-2025



Our guiding principles

The Cat Protection Society of NSW has adopted a number of important principles that govern how we work to achieve our goals.

Notably, we are independent. While we value partnerships, our organisation is independent and we seek to speak with our own voice on our own terms, always giving precedence to the aims and objectives of the Cat Protection Society of NSW. We will minimise government grants so that we are not dependent on government, and we will not become a contracted pound service. We will report cruelty but we will not seek to become an enforcement agency under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

We are a no-kill shelter. We achieve this by managing admissions and using a network of foster carers. We will give every cat in our care every chance and assistance to be healthy and adopted. Any decision on euthanasia is made on a case-by-case basis, with veterinary advice, and the authority to make such a decision rests with the CEO or in their absence, their delegate. In the interest of feline community health, we will not knowingly rehome an FIV positive cat.

We deal with domestic cats only, whether stray, abandoned or surrendered owned cats. We do not have the capacity or skills to deal with feral cats. We believe every animal deserves to be treated humanely and with respect for their sentience and dignity.

We do not adopt aggressive fundraising tactics. Our requests for donations and support will be polite and we will not use pressure tactics to solicit donations.

We will manage our operations so that we can continue to meet basic levels of service in the absence of bequest income by ensuring adequate reserves that will give us time to adjust to changed financial circumstances.

We reserve the right to refuse adoption and will not adopt cats and kittens to meet numeric targets but only to suitable loving and responsible homes.

We aim to provide the best quality care and shelter medicine for our cats, using specialist and alternative therapies as needed.

We aim to provide shelter to an optimal number of cats at all times, which will mean at times we will take in cats from pounds and other shelters, and at times we will be unable to accept admissions. The optimal number will vary according to season, the number of kittens and shelter health.

Our focus is on finding homes for cats, helping cats with homes to stay with their people, and improving feline welfare.

Cat Protection acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, and we pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

Seeing them suffering causes pain in our hearts ...

Not my words, but certainly my sentiments, and I'm sure you feel the same.

It was part of a message from a DIVA Cats client, who told us: *"CPS really has helped in so many ways. I don't know if you all realise but some of us can't stop doing what we do, seeing them suffering causes pain in our hearts and minds which affects our daily lives ..."*

It reminds me of Emeritus Professor Jacquie Rand's comment that you can't legislate against compassion; you can't ban kindness.

Sadly though, efforts to demonise cats, and the people who love them, continue. We don't deny that cats don't belong in some places, but it's ludicrous to hold them responsible for all environmental ills, and calls for statewide mandatory containment are unnecessary, cruel and unworkable.

As Cat Protection said in our submission to the Legislative Council Animal Welfare Committee inquiry on the issue:

In considering the management of cat populations, it is essential to take a One Health/One Welfare approach because cats cannot be isolated as a separate entity; their lives are entwined with people, other animals and the environment around them. This means that there can be no generic approach to the 'management' of cats because they live in a multitude of different circumstances and environments.

Policies need to recognise that habitats are highly specific, and situations are unique. Justifications for controls must be based on real, not perceived harms ... Time and energy that could be applied to truly local research and strategy development that offers a humane and ethical approach is instead wasted on a binary argument that promotes alienation and distrust rather than building collaboration and engagement.

The Committee's report was tabled after the reporting period. It found that there is insufficient evidence that mandatory cat containment laws would be effective in reducing the number of free-roaming cats, and that the killing of healthy cats has a severe impact on the mental health and wellbeing of pound, shelter, veterinary and rescue staff and volunteers.

Nonetheless, LGNSW the peak body representing councils 'expressed disappointment' with the Inquiry, saying "Councils are on the frontline, trying to improve animal welfare and environmental protection ...



We need mandatory cat containment measures and they must be accompanied by adequate funding and resources so councils can enforce them." (Media release dated 21 August 2025
lgnsw.org.au)

As a part of the DIVA program, Cat Protection sought information from councils in the areas we were targeting that we knew, based on our own data, had high populations of undesexed cats. We even created a form for them to collect cat-related inquiry data if they couldn't capture it in their own systems, but not one assisted. Many council pounds refuse to accept stray cats. And yet, LGNSW claims councils are 'on the frontline, trying to improve animal welfare'.

We thank the NSW Government for the \$1.5m grant for 2023-25 for DIVA Cats. Adding our own resources to ensure its success, and with participating vets generously discounting their fees, the outcome was 3,675 cats desexed.

We thank our members, donors and those who remembered us in their Wills so that we could achieve a record 2,779 cat and kitten adoptions.

In the reporting period, we registered some 5,000 cats and kittens. Plus, we helped a further almost 2,000 cats with discounted desexing referrals.

These are extraordinary achievements for our relatively small charity: RSPCA NSW spends more on fundraising in a year than we spend on our entire operations in a year; council pound data for 2023-24 reports a total of 4,473 cats 'sold' ... for the entire state of New South Wales.

Cat Protection has a long and proud history of helping cats and the people who love them, of advocacy and research and a commitment to best-practice feline sheltering.

Our leadership in cat welfare matters, because while we might be small, our work, our practices and our transparency hold others to account.

It is by the grace of those who give to us that we have been protecting cats for more than 60 years. We have a strict no-harassment fundraising policy; we don't use external fundraisers, we never share information on donors and members, nor do we "profile" or "target". We are ethical and compliant, and as you'll see in the financial statements, we continue to be compliant with our financial management obligations, verified by an unqualified independent audit.

We don't use AI to write to you, whether in person or in *Cat Affairs* or here in our Annual Report or on social media. Real people answer the phone, answer letters and queries, and write our



policy submissions and write about our cats. Real people care for our cats, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Our volunteers and staff have very real feelings about everything we do, whether crying for a cat we couldn't save or celebrating the happy new life of one we could.

This might sound like a quaint model for an organisation in 2025 although be assured that we do use technology, and we make amazing use of it for cat health and welfare. And of course, we use IT experts to keep our systems secure. But technology can't replace the vital human element that we offer.

It's been an incredibly challenging year for our staff, meeting extraordinary levels of demand for our programs and at the same time, standing up to anti-cat policy proposals with fearless and reasoned advocacy. They've done a sterling job.

On behalf of the Board of Cat Protection, I'd like to thank all our supporters who have made possible the great outcomes for cats you'll read about in this report.

With continued grace, we continue our cat-caring mission. None of us wants to see cats suffer.

Petra Dobrijevic
President



Key feline facts

- **Loving forever homes for 2,779 cats and kittens**
- **5,000 lifetime registrations** for cats and kittens processed by Cat Protection
- Our 2023-25 program Desexing, Identification & Vaccination Assistance (DIVA) for Cats concluded, with more than 2,500 cats and kittens desexed in 2024-25. **DIVA Cats achieved a total of 3,675 cats and kittens desexed**, exceeding the target (2,750) by more than 30%
- Separately, **assisted desexing for a further 2,040 cats and kittens**, and provided **more than 600 F3 vaccinations**
- **Assisted cats of people experiencing homelessness or leaving family and domestic violence** with donations of cat food and other cat necessities, to charities and women's shelters, plus provided veterinary care
- three cats and **133 nights of crisis care**
- More than **\$19,000 invested in cat health and welfare research** including with the University of Sydney School of Veterinary Science for research into **feline respiratory diseases**; the Australian Pet Welfare Foundation for research led by Emeritus Professor Jacquie Rand into **community cat programs**; and for open-access publication of Dr Mark Westman's research on **feline leukaemia** in the *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery*
- **Hosted professional placements** for 16 University of Sydney students undertaking veterinary and veterinary bioscience degrees
- **Dealt with more than 11,000 inquiries** from clients
- **Advocacy** on matters affecting cats (and the people who love them) including submissions and consultation/inquiry participation on rental laws, management of cat populations, domestic and family violence, companion animal law, and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.



FINDING LOVING AND RESPONSIBLE HOMES FOR CATS ... WHAT EVERY CAT DESERVES

Holistic, evidence-based feline care

Our pursuit of best-practice feline sheltering means we continuously learn and review what we do. Our membership of **International Cat Care / International Society of Feline Medicine** ensures we keep abreast of the latest developments in feline health and behaviour, and our research partnerships with the University of Sydney and others mean we also contribute to advances in feline care.

Even the best shelters in the world aren't ideal for cats; multi-cat environments are inherently stressful and present infection control challenges. The task of balancing cats' mental and physical health is a delicate one (no cat likes a vacuum cleaner).



Under our **Adopt-a-Stray** program, there's no need for a cat to come into the shelter; we work via phone and email with clients who've found a homeless kitty they'd like to adopt. We make the arrangements for the adoption, including desexing, vaccination and microchipping with one of our participating vet clinics, and we complete the lifetime registration. All this costs the client only \$100, and with no need for kitty to set paws inside the shelter, it minimises stress for the cat.

Adopt-a-Stray offers an affordable option for people who wish to give a cat a home thanks to the generosity of our supporters and our veterinary partners who discount their fees for us. It also means reduced pressure on pounds and shelters, fewer homeless cats and much improved feline welfare.

As for those who adopt from our shelter, we provide an adoption pack with the cat's paperwork plus cat care information, and we offer free follow-up phone support. The program has been hugely successful, growing from more than 1,200 last year to this year's more than 2,300 cats and kittens.

In the reporting period, 2,325 cats and kittens found loving and responsible homes via Cat Protection's Adopt-a-Stray program.

A further 454 cats and kittens were placed into their forever homes from our Adoption Centre – a record total of 2,779 adoptions.



As we've detailed in previous annual reports, we employ a range of strategies to maximise shelter health and minimise stress. A **One Health / One Welfare** framework guides our practices (for example, infection control and antimicrobial stewardship, for the benefit of both people and cats).

Depending on their age, vaccination status and health condition, on entry cats and kittens are health-checked by a veterinarian, vaccinated, parasite-treated, given an anti-fungal shampoo, and treated with Baycox to prevent coccidia (this is commonly shed intermittently so can be missed on a faecal panel). **Faecal testing of cats on entry enables us to identify and appropriately treat gut bugs** such as giardia and campylobacter.

Cats and kittens are given nutraceuticals including **prebiotics and probiotics** for gut health (EAC Animal Care). Lysine paste is given to cats who test positive to feline herpesvirus to minimise the risk of recurrence and to cats with confirmed or suspected upper respiratory tract infection to help boost their immune system. Cats on medication are fed Hill's Gastro Biome to protect their gut flora.

Zylkene, a calming supplement made from milk protein, is given to all cats and kittens on entry and continued after the initial treatment if the cat is still stressed. We use Feliway and **Feliway Friends** diffusers and spray throughout the building and when transporting cats; these provide synthetic 'feel good' feline pheromones to help cats feel relaxed.

All staff and volunteers are trained in the **Fear Free** Shelter Program which teaches strategies to reduce the negative emotional states commonly experienced by animals in shelter housing, and staff also completed the **CEVA** online training in stress free handling of cats. Cat-specific or classical music is played, and boxes, perches and igloos are used to ensure cats have a private retreat.

Environmental enrichment includes toys, cardboard scratchers and scratching posts, food puzzles and soft toys as well as rostered playtime (in Marie's Place courtyard for the kittens, and the upstairs playroom for the older cats). Most importantly, all our resident felines receive **one-on-one attention** from staff and volunteers.

Our cats and kittens appreciate the love in every blanket and toy made by our **Craft Club** volunteers. At the time of adoption, a blanket from their Cat Protection bedding is placed in the carrier with the cat/kitten to help them feel secure on the journey and in their new home (the cat's cardboard scratcher is also given to the adopter; these items carry scents familiar to the cat, helping them to settle).





Carrier training is provided for all the cats in the Adoption Centre to reduce stress when they go to the vet or their forever home. When transporting cats, we place a towel or blanket sprayed with Feliway over the carrier and prior to a vet visit, we give gabapentin medication to cats who are fearful or anxious.



Hygiene is critical to infection control and disease management. **Our protocols have been informed by experts in both veterinary and human health.** Staff and volunteers follow strict cleaning and disinfection procedures that are designed for each area (for example, the main adoption room has different protocols from the quarantine and isolation areas). While personal protective equipment (eg gloves, scrubs) and hand hygiene apply in all areas, to further minimise the risk of disease, movement of staff and volunteers between different areas is restricted.



As well as mechanical cleaning (eg vacuuming, mopping) and washing with detergents, we use steam cleaning and anti-fungals (eg Canesten rinse is used in all our laundry) and disinfectants (eg Safe4 Disinfectant, specially designed for veterinary and animal care settings). Even the cleaning items, such as mops, are subject to cleaning, disinfection and disposal protocols.



Every cat is unique, so every cat has their own comprehensive health and behaviour record which is updated at least twice a day, with detailed notes on food and water intake, toileting (we use the Waltham Faeces Scoring System to ensure consistency in reporting) as well as observations on behaviour and interactions with people (and other cats as applicable) and playtime preferences.

Cats are weighed weekly and this is recorded, along with dates/times of, and dates/times due, for medications, vaccinations, parasite treatments and vet visits. All their veterinary records and notes are included, and the physical location of the cat is logged whenever the cat moves to a different area of the shelter, or elsewhere, for example to a foster care home or a vet visit.

These records not only provide information critical to managing an individual cat's needs and preferences, but the data can be used to produce population reports and as a disease management tool. **Over the past nine years since we invested in developing Salesforce CRM as our own tailored "cat relationship management" software, we've continued to build improvements in data capture and reporting capacity.**

As well as their initial veterinary health check and desexing surgery, plus of course any other indicated vet visits, a cat who is still with us after six months is routinely booked in for another veterinary health check.

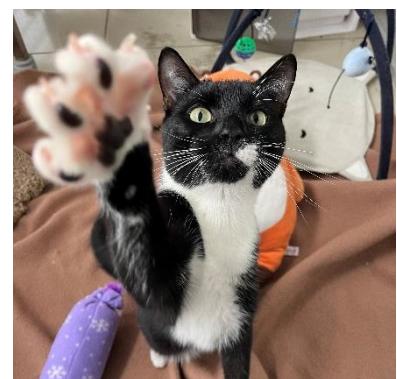
Sadly, not every cat who comes to us can be treated. **Decisions about euthanasia are made with much consideration on a case-by-case basis** and in consultation with our vets. In the reporting period, 23 cats and kittens were euthanised due to health issues including untreatable kidney, heart and neurological problems, FIV, intestinal tumour, chronic, severe autoimmune condition/allergies, and conditions where death was imminent as with severe injury and orphan neonates struggling to breathe. Each one is given kindness and respect, and they leave the world peacefully and with dignity.

We make every effort to ensure every cat receives the care and time they need to be ready for adoption. With most admissions being homeless kittens and cats who hadn't the benefit of clean food and water, vaccination or parasite treatment, it's unsurprising that we treat a lot of illness, many common, others less so.

For example, in the year we treated 173 upper respiratory tract infections, 46 cats with giardia, 129 with roundworm, 31 cases of tapeworm and 19 cats with excessive flea burden, which, left untreated can lead to anaemia and death. We are grateful these little ones came to us so that we could make them healthy and happy. In the 'less common' category, 4 cats had surgery for umbilical hernias, 3 cats for inguinal testicles, and 8 cats were treated for pyoderma (a bacterial skin infection that is relatively rare in cats).

Our vets took 71 X-rays to investigate issues such as respiratory, gastrointestinal, dental, kidney and heart health, and hip dysplasia; and performed 40 dentals – 20 scale and polish with no extraction, and 20 with extractions; 10 cats were found to have tooth resorption. Skin cytology was undertaken on 7 cats to assess skin conditions, and 37 fluorescein stains were done to detect corneal injuries and scarring, and blocked tear ducts.

The above is just a sample of some of the feline health issues we managed this year and below are just some of the very 'special case' cats. We're privileged to look after all our cats, but especially those with complex (and costly) care needs. We couldn't do it without the help of our veterinary partners – especially **Dr David Hughes** and his team at **Concord Veterinary Hospital** – and the contributions of our **foster carers, volunteers, and donors**. On behalf of the cats, we thank you.





A young homeless kitten with an apparent leg injury, **Chance** was found in a park. He was missing the tarsus on his right hind leg, and the tibial area appeared to be swollen.

X-rays confirmed that there was no evidence of osteomyelitis (bone infection) and no obvious fractures (but they did reveal constipation, so he was placed on a short course of Osmolax). The remaining stump had some ulceration on it, so an Elizabethan collar was put on Chance to prevent him from reaching the wound, and he was prescribed antibiotics and pain relief.

Because Chance needed to get stronger and weigh 2kg before he could have surgical amputation, he was placed in foster care. However, that was too much fun for a lively and energetic kitten like Chance; he managed to open the wound on his stump. To protect him from himself, he came back to the shelter so that we could confine him, medicate him, closely monitor the wound and get him ready for surgery. The vet agreed it would be in Chance's best interest to bring forward the date of the operation.

The remaining limb was amputated and our vet observed how much happier Chance was as soon as he'd recovered from the surgery. Chance learned how to walk on three legs and has never looked back. Within two days of being available for adoption, Chance found his loving forever home.



Brothers **Balor** and **Odin** came to us as three-week-old kittens in bad shape. They had severe discharge from each of their eyes, gluing them shut. Once they'd started to recover sufficiently for their eyes to be assessed, each was found to have serious damage to his left eye, including corneal adhesions and scarring, most likely from feline herpesvirus and ulcerative keratitis. The eyeballs had already likely ruptured, but Balor and Odin were still too little to undergo surgery. Once they'd reached a healthy weight, they each had enucleation (removal) of the left eye. Relieved of pain, both Balor and Odin healed well after their surgery. These little brothers went through hard times together, but we're delighted that now, still together, they get to enjoy the best of times with their lovely new family.



Similarly, 18-month-old stray sisters **Moonless** and **Meowth** arrived with severe eye disease. Unfortunately, both cats needed both eyes surgically removed, due to upper eyelid atresia (a congenital disorder where eyelids don't form properly) and lower eyelid entropion (a condition where eyelids turn inwards). Both conditions can cause severe pain, corneal ulceration and scarring, and can lead to loss of vision. Sometimes multiple surgeries can be performed to correct eyelid problems but with the degree of eye damage, and with both upper and lower eyelids affected, for Moonless and Meowth, double eye enucleation was the best option.

Their surgeries were successful and both cats healed well and adapted to their loss of sight. Sadly, however, the stress took its toll on their relationship, and despite our best efforts, we could not heal the rift between the sisters. Happily, each has flourished on her own, with Meowth enjoying our love and attention as she awaits adoption, and Moonless loving life safely ensconced in her forever home.

Poor little **Turnip** was not in a good way when she came into our care as a 6-month-old stray. She tested positive for coccidia and hookworm, skin cytology identified a yeast infection on her skin, and she had upper respiratory tract infection.

She was successfully treated for these, but we were concerned that she was sometimes wobbly on her feet (ataxia) and that her abdomen was distended. Ultrasounds of her abdomen identified abnormalities, which were further investigated with a fine needle aspirate sample from an abdominal lymph node, blood tests, X-rays, and more ultrasounds. Physical examination identified moderate hip dysplasia in her left hip and mild dysplasia in the right hip.

It seemed Turnip's problems stemmed from untreated pancreatitis and hypothyroidism.

Exploratory laparotomy could risk exacerbation of the condition, so for pancreatitis Turnip was given supportive care including IV fluid therapy, pain relief, probiotics and antibiotics. Follow-up blood tests and physical examination showed she was improving.

The thyroid test results indicated she had congenital hypothyroidism, a rare condition in cats, but which can be managed with medication. Ensuring the right dosage is a matter of monitoring signs of improvement and regular blood tests to check thyroid levels, adjusting the dose as necessary until thyroid levels are stable. Once thyroid levels are stable for several months, the frequency of testing is reduced.

Turnip's wobbles – peripheral vestibular neuropathy – were most likely a result of the hypothyroidism she was born with. While her balance and coordination aren't perfect, she has a lovely staircase in her Adoption Centre apartment which has been furnished with bedding to keep her safe and comfortable. With medication and a special diet, her health issues are now under control and she's now patiently waiting for her very own family.

When he arrived in our care, **Anakin** was a 10-year-old senior gentleman. Anakin was being medicated with daily Prednisolone for previous vomiting and diarrhoea in his former home. Our veterinarians trialled weaning him off the steroids with great success and the medication was safely stopped. Geriatric blood tests taken on admission showed low creatinine and urea and





Anakin was found to have significant muscle atrophy in his hind legs. He was prescribed twice daily walks to ensure he wasn't sitting for too long each day. He had dental surgery to extract two teeth with tooth resorption and a scale and polish to deal with the tartar. A suspect lump in Anakin's tail was surgically removed. Tests revealed it was a benign apocrine ductular adenoma, which didn't require any further treatment. Once he received a clean bill of health, Anakin returned to our shelter and found his new forever home after waiting only two days.

The team at a pound facility thought 11-week-old **Chloe** deserved the chance to live, and to live her best life but they knew they didn't have the resources needed for her veterinary care, so they asked whether we would take her; we said yes.

Chloe was born with a rare congenital defect, anovulvar cleft, which in non-clinical terms means a gap between the anus and vulva that shouldn't be there. This leads to ongoing urinary tract and other infections from faecal contamination. It can and needs to be surgically corrected (perineoplasty).

Chloe's surgery was successful and abdominal X-rays didn't reveal anything else of concern. However, two months after the surgery, Chloe experienced mucosal rectal prolapse (where the rectum gets turned inside out and sticks out of the anus). Under general anaesthetic, Chloe had a "purse-string" suture to prevent prolapse while she healed, after which she had a second surgery to repair the mucosa. To protect her from the risk of another prolapse, Chloe's diet needs to be monitored to ensure soft stools and to prevent constipation.

We acknowledge the privilege of helping kittens like Chloe, and we're deeply grateful to our supporters. Helping cats with rare conditions, like Chloe, matters because intrinsically, each individual cat matters. Our capacity to provide complex veterinary care for cats with rare conditions benefits other cats directly too, because it gives veterinary teams opportunities to build skills and knowledge in uncommon cases of feline medicine and surgery.

Rumpelstiltskin, a 6-month-old stray had severe gingivitis and abnormal alignment of teeth (malocclusion) which can cause trauma to soft tissue and other teeth. He was initially treated with 20 days of doxycycline antibiotics and meloxicam (an anti-inflammatory), and while he'd showed some improvement, he needed healthier gums to undergo dental surgery. Our vet then prescribed a course of clindamycin, an antibiotic used to treat severe infection. When the gingivitis had further improved, Rumpelstiltskin had major dental surgery, with 11 teeth extracted and those remaining scaled and polished. Post surgery he continued with clindamycin and meloxicam until he recovered.



Rumpelstiltskin recovered very well, and within just eight days of being fit and forever-home ready, this lovely brave little boy was adopted.

As we noted earlier, homeless cats without the benefit of vaccinations, parasite treatment, clean food and water, it's not surprising when they come to us very sick. When six-week-old **Gonzo** arrived, he was congested, with discharge from his eyes and nose. He was diagnosed with both feline calicivirus and *Mycoplasma felis*, for which he was treated with Doxycycline.

As the respiratory infection was taking a long time to clear, he was sent for thoracic X-rays to make sure there was nothing more sinister; these found no abnormalities. Additionally, Gonzo also had to be treated for coccidia, Clostridium perfringens, cryptosporidium, as well as a urinary tract infection! Thankfully, blood tests showed his renal and liver parameters within normal limits.

To help his recovery and to boost his immune system with lots of love and attention, Gonzo spent a lot of time in foster care. Thank you to the foster carers who helped to nurture Gonzo and prepare him for life in his forever home, which he is now enjoying.

Hamish MacDougall, a Scottish Fold, came to us via a vet clinic from a retired breeder. Hamish needed surgery to correct his narrow nostrils so he could breathe more easily. It was discovered that Hamish had a grade two heart murmur. He was referred to the cardiology team at Sydney University Veterinary Hospital, who found he had reduced fractional shortening with borderline left ventricular size, which is concerning for potential systolic dysfunction, and restrictive mitral inflow profiles with normal left atrial size and possible restrictive or unclassified cardiomyopathy.

The specialist recommended some follow up tests including a FIV/FeLV test (which came back negative), thyroid function test, blood pressure check, and comprehensive bloodwork. He was started on fish oil supplements, and we were advised to repeat the echocardiogram in three to four months. In the meantime, Hamish need a dental procedure (four teeth extracted) and had to be treated for ringworm and an ear infection.

After the reporting period, Hamish had his follow-up echocardiogram and consult with the cardiology team. They confirmed the diagnosis of restrictive cardiomyopathy and recommended that Hamish continue with fish oil supplements and commence heart medications, Clopidogrel and Pimobendan.

While settling on his new medications, Hamish spent some time in foster care to have some peaceful respite away from vets and other cats. After the reporting period, dear Hamish MacDougall found his loving family, who'll look after his heart in every respect.



EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CAT CARE

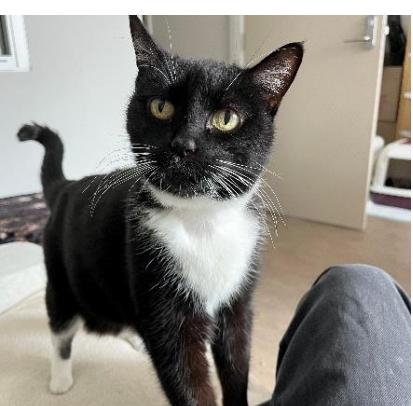
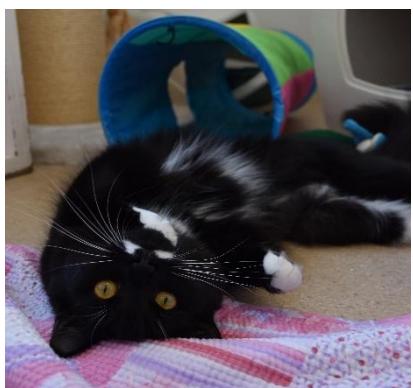
We continue to provide **free information** on cat care in person at our Newtown Shelter and our Welfare and Education Centre in Marrickville, and our website has a wealth of factsheets and guides on cat care and health, as well as videos and **materials in languages other than English**.

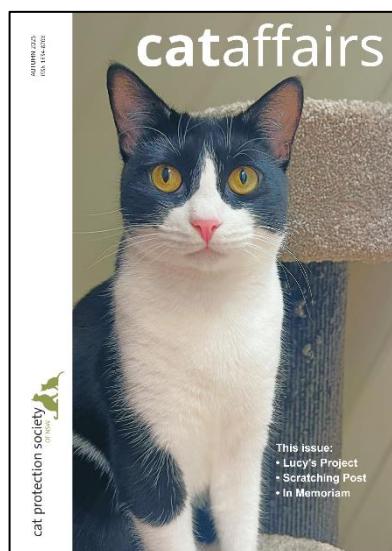
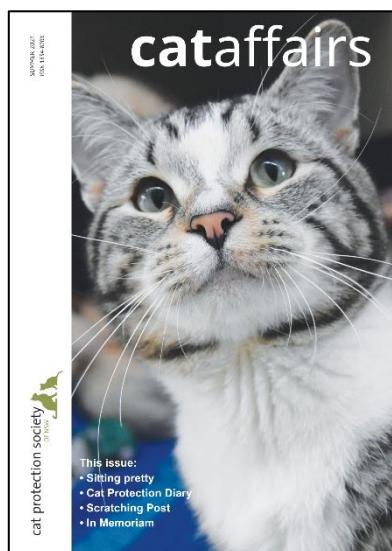
We have **authorised microchip implanters** on staff and our 'Cheap as Chips Wednesdays' program offers **discounted cat microchipping** (\$30/\$15 pensioners). 'Flea & Worm Fridays' not only provide **affordable parasite treatment**, but for cat owners unsure of correct administration techniques, it's a handy learning opportunity. (For anyone wanting a refresher, we have a range of free cat care tutorials on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/catprotectionsociety>) We spend time with all adopters explaining what their new cat needs to be happy and healthy and all adopters receive a package of general information, including a Your New Cat booklet, plus additional materials relevant to their cat, and we offer **free follow-up telephone support**.

We deal with thousands of queries about **cat behaviour**, such as **introducing new pets**, coping with a move to a new home, furniture scratching, cats not getting along well, and **keeping cats happy indoors**. Sometimes it's a simple conversation and other times we'll email or post further information to the client; we don't provide veterinary advice but will recommend that a client consults their cat's veterinarian regarding health concerns.

Cat Protection has actively campaigned for more than a decade for **pet-friendly rental laws** and were pleased to see positive changes passed by the Parliament during this reporting period. Our 'renting and strata for cats' page on our website was updated to reflect the **new regulations** and we continue to assist clients who call us about renting with cats. Our pet resumé template helps renters to demonstrate their cat is cared for responsibly.

As well as sharing cats for adoption and celebrating cats who've been adopted, **we use social media to provide practical tips** on all manner of feline care topics, from exercise to stress-free vet visits, as well as important alerts, like how to keep your cat cool and hydrated during very hot weather. We also issue seasonal advice, such how to protect your cat from the hazards of festive events, like NYE fireworks, Easter chocolates and hordes of visitors!





We also use social media to **issue warnings to cat owners**, for example, in September 2024 we became aware of a scam where people were told their pet's registration had expired and they owed a fee. We're grateful that people called us to ask about it; not only were we able to **prevent them being scammed**, but it meant we could warn others about it and advise on how to report if they were contacted by scammers. Animals and those who love them are vulnerable to scams; we have a factsheet *animals on the internet* highlighting some of these and how to report them.

Educating people about **lily toxicity** is vital to protecting cats: we released an updated **cat friendly flowers factsheet** on our website and a handy **postcard on cat safe flowers** is included with adoption packs and available for free at our storefronts.

There's nothing quite like fresh flowers to brighten your day, but did you know that not all flowers are safe for cats?

Here's a quick reference guide to commonly available flowers:



TOXIC TO CATS:

- Lilies (can be fatal)
- Tulips
- Carnations
- Daffodils
- Baby's Breath
- Azaleas
- Bird of Paradise
- Mistletoe
- Ivy
- Holly
- Begonias
- Iris



CAT-FRIENDLY:

- Roses
- Sunflowers
- Gerberas
- Snap Dragons
- Orchids
- Pansies
- African Violets
- Bottlebrushes
- Impatiens

Further information is available on our website.

Our members magazine **Cat Affairs** not only showcases much-loved adopted cats and their stories, but also informative articles for cat owners. In the reporting period, we covered a diverse range of topics including **caring for senior cats**, pets and domestic violence, **technology** in veterinary practice; veterinary telehealth; **keeping cats safe** from toxins (such as certain human medications, plants, household cleaning products and insecticide) and considerations for your cat's care when you go on holiday.

Community events and fairs are great opportunities to meet people, **share information on cat health and welfare**, let people know about our services and celebrate our feline friends.

The biggest event on the calendar is now the **Sydney Cat Lovers Festival**, and we were there again this year (24-25 August 2024). With a team of volunteers and staff, plus some our gorgeous kittens (safely housed in an **enclosure donated by Catnets**) we chatted with thousands of cat lovers over the two days. Our stall, festooned with beautiful **Craft Club** items and other wares, was a smashing success, and **our kittens were superstars on the main stage with Dr Katrina Warren** during her talks.



Cat Protection's **Feline Services Manager Nerida Atkin** and **Team Leader Ellen Tamp** were on the organising committee for the **City of Sydney's annual Redfern & Waterloo Pet Day** (June 2025). It was a truly fantastic day, with more than 600 residents and more than 300 companion animals (including 84 cats) attending.

Cat Protection's stalls were supported by **Feline Services staff and volunteers**, as well as **volunteer veterinarians and volunteer veterinary students**. **CEVA** donated Feliway treats for us to use while giving cats health checks. We also thank **Vetoquinol** for donating 200 Felpreva flea and worm treatments, and **Hill's Pet Nutrition** for donating pallets of cat food. It was wonderful to be able to support people on low incomes to provide the best of care to the cats they love so much.



On the day, all **84 cats had a free health check; 73 cats received free vaccinations and 25 received free microchipping; and 24 cats were booked in for free desexing.**

Feedback to the City of Sydney was hugely positive, with 98% saying they'd recommend the Pet Day to others. *"This event is an awesome initiative for our community and we are truly grateful. All humans and furbabies were very spoilt, as always." "Congrats, best ever run Pet Day that I have ever been to. Thanks to you all!"*

In September 2024, Cat Protection staff and volunteers participated in **City of Sydney's Northcott Pet Day** another huge success, with more than 500 residents and nearly 300 pets, including **87 cats, all of whom received free health checks. Free desexing bookings were made for 27 cats, 82 cats received free vaccinations, and 23 cats received free microchipping.**

With these events being held annually, many of the cats we see were desexed and microchipped in prior years, so they only need a health check and vaccination. These events not only help individual cats but make a **positive impact on feline population health** by ensuring high levels of vaccinated cats, promoting herd immunity.

We congratulate and thank the City of Sydney for the great support they provide to their pet-owning residents.

Do you brush your cat's teeth?

Probably not.
You're not alone, either.

Most cat owners, even cat-owning veterinarians choose not to risk fury or injury to themselves and avoid brushing their cat's teeth. But we shouldn't underestimate the importance of feline dental care. Tooth and gum problems don't just cause pain to your cat but can lead to serious disease.

Most cats will get some form of dental disease in their lifetime, but with proper care of your cat's teeth, you can help reduce the risk.

Remember dental health is essential to good health. Yearly dental check-ups with your veterinarian are highly recommended and easy to schedule with your cat's yearly vaccination and general health check.

Another relatively simple way to help prevent dental disease is to feed specifically designed oral care cat food and dental treats. These will reduce plaque and tartar build-up, leaving your cat's teeth cleaner and their breath fresher.

Even if brushing your cat's teeth is out of the question, you can protect your cat's pearly whites with regular dental check-ups, a scale and polish when needed and a good diet which will also help to keep your cat's breath sweet, and their mouth and body in optimal health.



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Did you know?

Often seen as sleepy silent creatures, cats actually have a lot to say - especially at dinnertime! In fact, next to birds, cats have the widest range of vocalisations of all domestic animals. What are they trying to tell us?



MEOW: In adult cats, meowing is nearly exclusively used for cats to communicate with their humans. A cat and a kitten may exchange meow, but adult cats don't usually meow to one another. Your cat might meow as a greeting, to get your attention or to ask for something like a snack!

CHIRP/CHIRRUP: A chirp (or multiple chirps = a chirrup) is a short, high-pitched call. Cats chirp when excited, like in anticipation of playtime.

CHATTER: This is a low, smacking noise which sounds a little like 'ekekkekkek' often made while staring out the window as if trying to talk to the birds.

TRILL: A cute, heartwarming sound, a trill is soft like a purr but has a higher pitch. Cats trill to their humans when they're happy to see them or to thank them for a tasty treat.

PURR: While a cat will purr when they're content and relaxed, purring can also indicate stress. Purring can be self-soothing and help calm their anxiety.

GROWL/HISS: When a cat growls or hisses they're not happy and are saying 'stop that' or 'go away'. It's important to listen to your cat if they make these noises and give them some personal space.



Now you know what to listen for and how to interpret the sounds your cat makes, you're ready for a friendly cat chat!



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The **Lane Cove Rotary Fair, Sustainability Lane**, in October 2024, was an important initiative to educate cat owners on wildlife protection. We provided information on our **Good Neighbour Project**, giving tips on keeping indoor cats healthy and entertained. With hands-on activities for children to create cat toys and a portable Catnets enclosure on display, it was a very engaging and educational event. A Good Neighbour Workshop was held with **Northern Beaches Council** in September.



Cat Protection also had stalls promoting Good Neighbour and our feline welfare services at the **Pets Day Out Milperra** (November) and the **Cumberland City Council PetFest** (October) and the **Stores for Paws** weekend at **Rozelle Bunnings** (August) with this event including lots of cake! Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who baked and donated delicious cakes and biscuits.

Our marketing is focused on promoting our services, including Adopt-a-Stray, discounted desexing, and shelter adoptions, with our media partners **City Hub, Star Observer, 2UE, El Telegraph and Reader's Digest** continuing to support us with generous discounts and the talented **Kaz Childs** providing pro bono graphic design.

A beautiful article in **Woman's Day Magazine** (9 December 2024) **A Pawsome cause. Knit for animals in need** featured our very own **Craft Club** and encouraged readers to consider putting their crafty skills to good use for animal welfare charities.

Feline Services Manager, **Nerida Atkin**, was interviewed on **ABC Radio's Summer Nightlife with Tim Webster** (January 10) for a story, **Rescue animals and their heroes**. Nerida spoke about the increase in demand for shelter services, our foster care program, discounted desexing services, adoptions, and some of the preconceptions about cats that might be barriers to adoption.

ACTIVELY WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROMOTE AND IMPROVE CAT WELFARE

Our two-year program, **Desexing, Identification and Vaccination Assistance for Cats** (DIVA Cats, or just DIVA) concluded at the end of June 2025.

In 2023, we received a **\$1.5m grant from the NSW Government** for a targeted desexing program. We selected areas we knew, from our own data, had high populations of undesexed and homeless cats, where census data showed high numbers of low-income households, and where we were networked with veterinary clinics experienced in feline welfare.

The target LGAs were Fairfield, Canterbury-Bankstown, Sydney, Bathurst, Lithgow and Narrabri, although we did accept some referrals from other LGAs based on need. Some **2,000 cats were from the LGAs of Canterbury-Bankstown and Fairfield**, with a further 600 from adjoining or nearby LGAs including Cumberland, Liverpool, Georges River, Strathfield and Parramatta. **More than 500 cats were from regional NSW**, mostly from the Central West region, **including more than 300 from Bathurst Regional Council**.

In total, 3,675 cats were desexed under the DIVA program, exceeding the grant target, of 2,750 cats, by more than 30%.

Most of the cats – more than 2,500 – were desexed in the 2024-25 financial year.

As we were also registering all the cats, DIVA was an enormous undertaking for our teams as well as for our participating vet clinics. **The program's outstanding success was due to the generosity of the veterinarians charging discounted fees, and Cat Protection funding significant additional staffing resources to the task.**

A total of 17 veterinary clinics worked with Cat Protection on DIVA, and almost \$1m of the grant was paid to those participating clinics for veterinary services.

DIVA Cats offered low or no-cost desexing and welfare services: for \$10 per cat or \$20 for multiple cats, included **desexing, health check, parasite treatment, vaccination, microchipping and registration**. We didn't need to promote DIVA as word of mouth alone created more than enough demand.

We knew from research and experience that cost is a barrier to desexing; the demand for DIVA proved beyond all doubt that if desexing is free or very low cost, more cats will be desexed. For anyone on a low income, finding several hundred dollars to pay for vet work for one or two cats is either beyond reach or takes months of savings, by which time the cat will be breeding. If desexing is delayed for 900 female kittens and they each have a litter of four kittens, that's 3,600 kittens needing homes.



Many of our clients were caring for groups of homeless/community cats (colonies), paying for veterinary costs from their own pockets. With such a large financial burden, it was impossible to get every cat desexed before they had kittens.

As we told the NSW Legislative Council Animal Welfare Committee during their inquiry into cat populations, if each cat survived, 1,800 undesexed cats can become a population of more than 16,000 in just eight months.

The impact of desexing 3,675 cats is undeniably significant to feline welfare.

The impact of providing low or no-cost cat desexing, especially for those caring for multiple or unowned cats, is undeniably significant to human welfare.



At Rydges Bankstown in April, we held two **workshops with DIVA clients** who'd had multiple cats desexed under the program. As well as practical sessions on cat health and welfare, we were delighted to welcome **Emeritus Professor Jacque Rand**, Executive Director of the Australian Pet Welfare Foundation, who joined in our discussions and presented the latest research on urban cat management, which identifies evidence-based, humane, and community-centric strategies are the key to addressing cat overpopulation and welfare challenges.

Workshop participants identified several challenges impacting on cat welfare, primarily financial barriers, registration and pet abandonment. Disturbingly, instances of cruelty and abuse were also raised. Broader systemic issues such as the housing crisis and cost of living were also recognised as contributing to poor welfare for cats.

There was a strong wish for a supportive, thorough, community-focused, and proactive approach to cat welfare, particularly preventative measures such as low-cost or free early-age desexing and widespread education.

From the workshops, we learned:

- About half of participants were sole carers of a cat colony, and about half were involved as part of a formal or informal rescue group
- On average, each carer spent \$100 a week of their own money caring for the cats and seven hours of time
- Most had been helping their community cats for about two years
- Most were trying to find homes for the cats, mostly by word of mouth, friends and family, rescue groups and social media
- Their reasons for helping were driven by compassion and a sense of moral obligation; to 'do the right thing' for an animal who was suffering; wanting to find them homes; worried they were in danger; saw a problem and wanted to help.

"I simply love God's creatures, it's my responsibility; it's why God gave human beings intelligence, to care for His creatures."

The impact of DIVA was positive for the carers and for the cats:

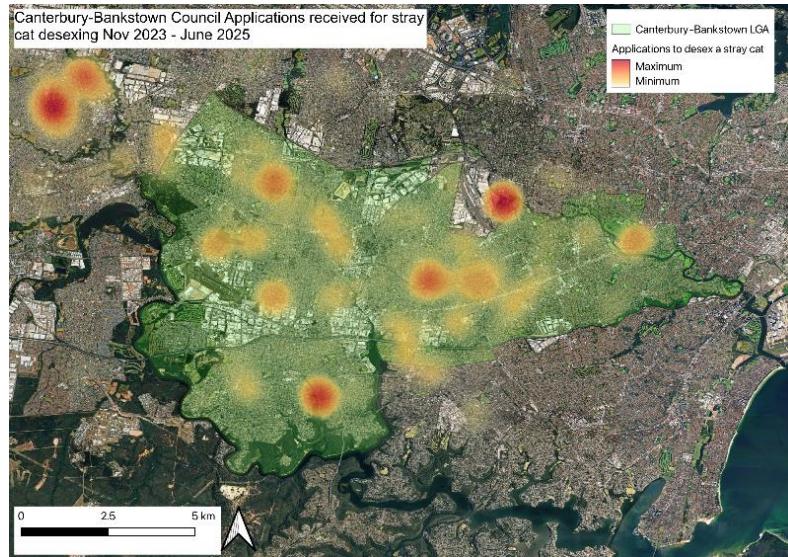
- I'm less worried; less stressed
- **Huge relief as cats kept being abandoned and DIVA helped me to get more desexed; DIVA has been a blessing and has assisted financially**
- Happy the cats are safe; I've been able to rehome more of them; it helped with rehoming as the vet work was done
- I'm relieved because the cats are healthy and the kittens won't become pregnant; the cats are happier and healthier

Of those looking after groups of homeless cats:

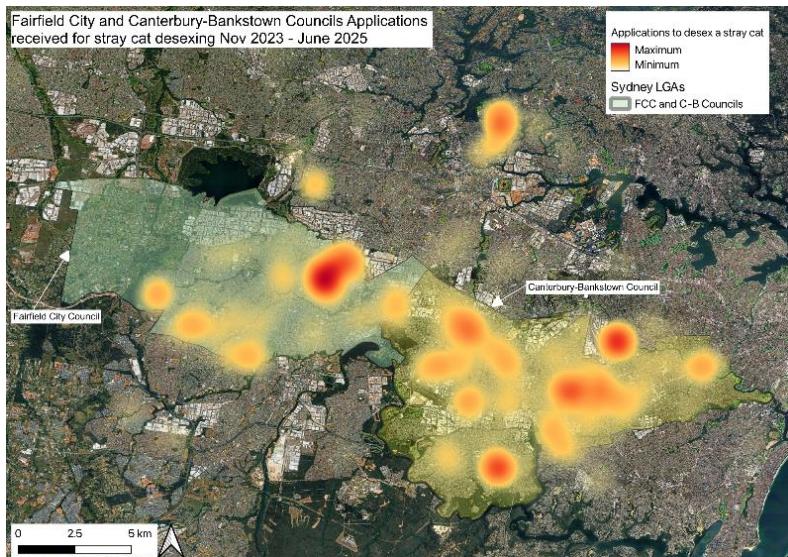
- **100 per cent said the population seemed healthier**
- **88 per cent said fewer litters of kittens were being born**
- 88 per cent said there was less fighting among cats
- 88 per cent said there were fewer cats altogether
- **88 per cent said there were fewer complaints from neighbours**
- **75 per cent said they'd been able to find more homes for cats and kittens** because they were already desexed and vaccinated
- 63 per cent said the population was stable (others said that people were continuing to abandon cats at the location).

While we don't have the funds to extend DIVA, at the end of the program we allocated the fees collected (about \$13,000) and matched it with our own money to provide free desexing and other veterinary services for a further 102 cats whose carers had engaged in DIVA.

With help from the DIVA grant, Cat Protection purchased mapping software, and **we collected data from DIVA to map areas of high populations of homeless cats**. These heat maps vividly demonstrate geographic areas that should be a priority for continued focus of desexing programs. We will continue to collect data and use mapping to better understand feline populations and to identify areas of need.



DIVA grant funding also enabled us to commission, **The LOTE Agency, a specialist consultancy in multicultural research, engagement and communications strategy**, to research awareness and attitudes to cat desexing in culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and to design communication strategies to address barriers to cat desexing and to increase early-age desexing.



The project commenced in March 2025 and included desktop research on the Canterbury-Bankstown and Fairfield LGAs to identify key demographics; workshops with Cat Protection staff for understanding our goals, experiences and current initiatives; community listening sessions; and in-depth interviews. These insights and recommendations were used by the LOTE Agency to co-design communications solutions with communities. This work forms the basis for future communications strategies that will guide Cat Protection's work in these areas. Initial findings from the research were shared with the sector at the National G2Z Summit (held after the reporting period, in September 2025).

Although many Fairfield cat owners had made use of the DIVA program for cat desexing, for pension-card holders without access to transport, Operation Cat is lifeline, because Cat Protection provides pick-up and return of the resident's cat. We ran three **Operation Cat programs with Fairfield City Council**, in July and September 2024, and May 2025; in total, desexing 50 female and 51 male cats, as well as microchipping 89 cats and 37 received F3 vaccinations.

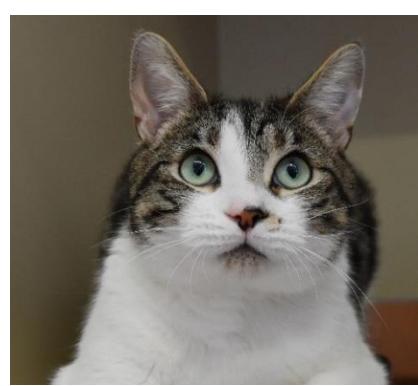
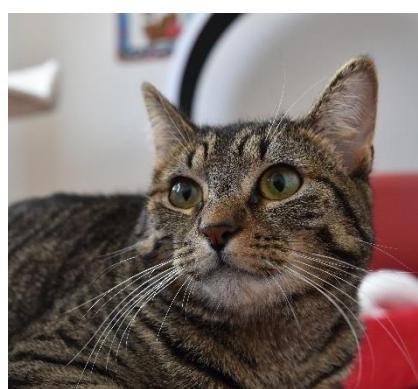
It was another busy year for advocacy. In November, Cat Protection made a submission to the **NSW Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues Inquiry into the prevalence, causes and impacts of loneliness in New South Wales**, arguing for a One Health / One Welfare approach to public policy. Companion animals are of great significance to the health and welfare of many people, including in alleviating loneliness. Strategies that support the human-animal bond, and help to keep people and their pets together – such as pet-friendly accommodation, both emergency and long-term – should be adopted. Our submission included many references and this, along with other examples of our advocacy work, can be accessed on the **advocate for cats** page of our website.

In December, we made a submission to the **NSW Legislative Council Animal Welfare Committee Inquiry into the management of cat populations in New South Wales**, among many other things noting that:

*It would be reasonable for councils to argue for more funding to support companion animal teams who could work positively with the community, animal welfare and conservation groups to develop local initiatives that support people, pets and the environment. However, **arguing for mandatory cat containment is simply asking to be funded for policing their constituents for compliance with a rule that is socially unjust and not scientifically valid.***

*Mandated cat containment will cause more harm than good, to cats and to people. All council staff would be doing is **compliance monitoring, at great financial expense, and with the added costs of moral injury to their staff and the community, including cat owners, carers, pounds, shelters, and veterinarians.***

At the Inquiry hearing on 16 December, Cat Protection CEO Kristina Vesk appeared before the Committee, answering many questions and reiterating that, "... we need to take a One Health, One Welfare approach to successfully tackle issues that arise when there are seemingly intractable collisions between people, animals and the environment. That requires effort, patience and knowledge, and it requires trust and cooperation. Early-age desexing of cats is critical. Intensive programs targeted to areas of high need, combined with helpful education and support, are proven to make an impact".





The **Public Consultation Draft – Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation** proposed some amendments to the existing regulations, including the reporting requirements of RSPCA NSW and Animal Welfare League (AWL) NSW, who must report annually on how they use their powers under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Our submission of 19 December advocated for more detailed reporting, and for continued progress on major reforms to animal welfare laws. Naturally, we supported the provision (now law) that cats' claws may only be removed in circumstances where it is necessary to treat injury or disease.



In 2025, the NSW Minister for Local Government announced a **major review of the NSW Companion Animals Act**. A discussion paper was released for feedback by May 2025. Cat Protection's submission to the issues paper highlighted the need for holistic locally based services and programs, where local councils provide practical assistance to foster responsible pet ownership and their actions demonstrate an understanding of interconnected animal welfare and human welfare needs. We also noted the need for animal welfare issues to be tackled on both the 'supply' side (that is, reduce the number of homeless cats by providing low or no-cost desexing and prohibiting the sale of undesexed kittens) as well as the 'demand' side (that is, make more homes available for pets by providing affordable and pet-friendly housing, including crisis accommodation and support for pet-owning victim survivors of domestic and family violence). In June, we participated in a **stakeholder consultation workshop** presented by the Office of Local Government as part of the review.



We continue to support **feline health and medicine research at the University of Sydney School of Veterinary Science**.

Coronavirus and FIP, FeLV, and feline respiratory diseases were the focus of projects during the period. As well as assisting in practical ways, such as collecting faecal samples and nasal swabs from our resident cats, we've also contributed financially (approximately \$9,000) to help with pathology, laboratory and publishing fees related to the research projects. We also contributed \$10,000 to the **Australian Pet Welfare Foundation to help with their research, led by Emeritus Professor Jacque Rand, on community cats**. Along with other initiatives, their Community Cat Program is building an evidence base on which to establish a sustainable model for urban cat management.

HONOURING THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE & CATS

Celebrating the human-feline bond is a highlight of Cat Protection's work, whether it's sharing people's stories about their much-loved cats on our social media or *Cat Affairs* or meeting fellow feline fanciers at events. Our stall at the Dendy Cinema in Newtown gave us a lovely opportunity to meet audiences attending the **Cat Video Fest** and the annual **Sydney Fancy Felines All Breed Cat Club Feline Health Seminar** is always a great opportunity to learn about the latest developments in cat health. We had five of our team spend a Sunday learning from feline medicine experts including **Professor Jacqui Norris** and **Associate Professor Andrea Harvey** about new research and treatments in FIP, gastrointestinal and dental health, chronic kidney disease and vaccination guidelines.

Keeping cats and their people together is important for both and **the housing crisis and homelessness are significant threats to human and feline health and wellbeing**. Research demonstrates that people will put themselves at risk to protect their pets, and we know from our direct experience with human clients that pet ownership influences decisions, including about leaving situations of domestic and family violence.

There is huge unmet demand for crisis accommodation where people can stay with their animals; this type of housing is essential because domestic violence perpetrators will often harm, threaten to harm, or even kill animals to control and intimidate their partners and children. Although our resources are limited, **we've provided support to women's shelters and human service charities** with donations of critical cat care supplies such as food, carriers, parasite treatment, and bedding, as well as 133 nights of feline crisis care and veterinary services for three cats.

For many years, Cat Protection has been involved with the United States-based charity My Dog is My Home, whose **Co-sheltering Collaborative** brings together people working in animal care and human care to build knowledge and share experiences in providing pet-friendly crisis sheltering. In March, Cat Protection CEO Kristina Vesk hosted an International Virtual Coffee Hour session for the online **My Dog Is My Home Conference 2025**.

The work of the charity Lucy's Project is focused on changing laws, practices and policies to improve the safety of people and animals experiencing domestic and family violence. In October 2024, seven of our team participated in the two-day **online conference** presented by **Lucy's Project**, where Australian and international researchers and practitioners discussed ways that human and animal services and law enforcement can support and **protect people and animals experiencing domestic and family violence**.



Our Autumn 2025 *Cat Affairs* examined these issues with a feature article by Lucy's Project CEO Monique Dam, and Cat Protection CEO spoke at Lucy's Project 12th birthday event. **Cat Protection made representations to the NSW Government** arguing the importance of continued funding for their work. Given the importance of the work of Lucy's Project and its alignment with government documented strategies on domestic violence, we find it inexplicable that the NSW Government did not provide Lucy's Project with any funding after 30 June 2025.

The nature of our work can be quite confronting; in the reporting period **all staff undertook Accidental Counsellor training** to assist with managing some of the more challenging issues we face.

Over the past 20 years, Cat Protection has maintained steadfast, **evidence-based advocacy for pet-friendly housing**. Blanket bans on pet-ownership in strata were removed in 2021 but any real improvements for renters were thanks to individual landlords rather than regulatory change. Finally, in May 2025, **amendments to the Residential Tenancies Regulations offer some positive changes** (though we maintain these changes don't provide certainty to pet owners, they are certainly a step in the right direction).

During the reporting period, we made written submissions to government on the proposed amendments, participated in two stakeholder consultation workshops arranged by the NSW Rental Commissioner, and we joined with Lucy's Project, Domestic Violence NSW, the Tenants' Union of NSW, the Animal Welfare League of NSW, Sydney Dogs & Cats Home and the Australian Companion Animal Network in the campaign, **Homes are for everyone**.

Our concern was and remains that discrimination against pet owners can still occur, it simply won't be overt. Renting is insecure. A pet owner with an "approved" pet might find it very difficult to find a new place to live if they declare they own a pet with their lease application; a different reason can easily be cited for refusing to offer them a lease. The default position should be pet friendly. Excluding pets from rentals is not just denying people the benefits of pet ownership, it endangers people when they can't find a safe place to live with their pets, and it means more homeless pets in pounds and shelters. We'll continue to advocate for better, fairer laws for pet-owning tenants.



THANK YOU

Cat Protection improves the lives of cats and supports the people who love and care for them thanks to the generous contributions of people who share our vision.

Whether they are donating money or time, or both, their contributions mean we can help thousands of cats and people each year.

Our main source of income is and always has been from bequests; we wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the kind people who remembered Cat Protection in their Wills.

Every cat who finds shelter with us, the mother cats rescued from the streets raising their kittens in security and comfort with our foster carers, cats given the health and welfare benefits of desexing and vaccination, all the cats and kittens we place into loving, forever homes—all these cats are the living legacy of those who made bequests to Cat Protection. Our daily work honours their memories.

Audrey Carter	Eileen Chennell	Barbara Duncan	Betty Edwards
Thelma Fairbairn	Gloria Ferry	Bruce Flarrety	Valerie Fuller
Judith Hill	Joan Jackson	Carole Kitching	Jean Leyendekkers
Gwendoline Martin	Elma McRae	Denise McSparron	Alwyne Morgan
Shirlie Neilson	Anne Powell	Gloria Rosler	Brian Stevens
June Stronge	Andrew Watson	Alan Woodbridge	

All Directors on our Board are volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without our 100+ volunteers. While we celebrated National Volunteer Week in May, and held a party for volunteers in June, we are grateful for their contributions every day of every week.

Thank you to our foster carers, who provided nearly 5,000 nights of care to our kittens and cats. Their efforts not only help us manage the influx of kitten season, they ensure the little ones are healthy, socialised and 'forever family home ready' when they come back to the Adoption Centre.

Thank you to our Feline Services volunteers (AKA Kitty Butlers) who gave some 3,000 hours to the tasks of cleaning (food bowls, blankets, litter trays, carriers, toys) as well as all-important one-on-one TLC and playtime with the cats and kittens in our care.

We thank the skilled crafters who sew and knit for our cats from their own homes, and our talented Craft Club who meet for a crafternoon one Saturday each month at our Welfare and Education Centre in Marrickville. They make beautiful, handcrafted bedding and toys for our cats and kittens, as well as bags and other items for us to sell to raise funds. Our adopted cats and kittens go home with a blanket from their Adoption Centre bedding as the familiar scent helps them to settle in their new home. Those blankets often become a cat's favourite, as you'll see from photos in Scratching Post, in our *Cat Affairs* magazines. The love with which they were made is always there ♥

While the contribution of our volunteers is priceless, Accounting Standards require that we estimate a dollar value for it – this year, like last year, that value was more than \$200,000 and the estimated value of donated goods and services provided at no or reduced cost was more than \$400,000.

We received a record \$650,832 in donations during the year. We are humbled by the generosity of this, and we know it was freely given as we have a strict no-harassment fundraising policy. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

A portion of the donations (from non-members, received via donation platforms like GiveNow) plus receipts from our raffles are considered fundraising income (total \$287,159). We comply with our obligations under the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act. Our fundraising expenses are minimal and mainly comprise online platform / transaction fees and the cost of printing raffle tickets and donation forms; these came to \$9,027 which is only about 3%. We do not engage paid fundraisers.

We don't have room to list everyone here, but we sincerely appreciate everyone who donates, whether goods or services, or prizes for our Christmas raffle, you make a very real, very positive impact on feline health and welfare.

AMP Services and AMP Foundation	Kerry Ward
APS Foundation, Sappey Holme Gift	Kitten D'Amour
Belvoir St Theatre	Lawrence Gibbons
Blaze your Trail	Lesley Allsopp
Catnets	Lickimat
Cat Wheel Australia	Lyppard
Ceva Animal Health	Modern Times/Art on King
Coca-Cola	Newtown Garden Market
Darren Kane	Origami Doll
Dendy Cinemas Newtown	Oz-Pet
Dr Katrina Warren	Parrot Digital
EAC Probiotics	Perpetual Foundation,
Elanco Animal Health	Perpetual Philanthropic Services
Erstwilder	Plant Daddy
Furry Munchkins Photography	Prestige Pet Products
Gigi Pizzeria	Proudi
Goblin Wine Shop	Retrospec'd
Goodwill Wine	Rozelle Bunnings
Hanasoft	Studio Artes
Hill's Pet Nutrition	Sue Huff
Karress Rhodes	Technical Audio Group
Kaz Childs	Universal Media
Kennards Hire Moorebank	Virbac

Thanks also to Dr Susan de Burgh, Dr Emily Pritchard, Dr Anne Quain and Dr Julian Suchowersky for volunteering their time and expertise at pet days.

We thank the NSW Office of Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment for the Companion Animal Welfare Grant of \$1.5m for our DIVA program, and we acknowledge with deep gratitude all the veterinary clinics who participated in DIVA. Their discounted services and incredible efforts helped us to desex 3,675 cats: an outstanding achievement for feline welfare.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE VETS AND VET NURSES WHO ASSISTED CAT PROTECTION DURING THE YEAR.

Cat Protection Vet Partners

- Abbotsbury Veterinary Clinic – Abbotsbury
- All Paws Vet – Concord West
- Bathurst Central Animal Hospital – Bathurst
- Campsie Veterinary Hospital – Campsie
- Central Veterinary Services – Cowra
- Collaroy Veterinary Services – Collaroy
- Colyton Veterinary Hospital – St Marys
- Concord Veterinary Hospital – North Strathfield
- Cowra Veterinary Centre – Cowra
- Double Bay Vet Clinic – Double Bay
- Drummoyne Veterinary Hospital – Drummoyne
- Earlwood Animal Hospital – Earlwood
- Fairfield Road Veterinary Clinic – Guildford West
- Five Dock Veterinary Hospital – Five Dock
- Glenorie Veterinary Clinic – Glenorie
- Great Western Animal Hospital – Wentworthville
- Green Square Vets – Bayside
- Greystanes Veterinary Clinic – Greystanes
- Holbrook Veterinary Centre – Holbrook
- Inner West Cat Hospital – Newtown
- Leppington Veterinary Hospital – Leppington
- Liverpool Veterinary Hospital – Liverpool
- Macquarie Fields Veterinary Clinic – Macquarie Fields
- Marrickville Vet Hospital (AMS) – Marrickville
- Menai Animal Hospital – Bangor
- Mt Druitt Veterinary Clinic – Mt Druitt
- My Vet Waterloo – Waterloo
- Penshurst Veterinary Clinic – Penshurst
- Ramsgate Veterinary Hospital – Ramsgate
- Rooty Hill Vet Clinic – Rooty Hill
- SASH – North Ryde
- South Penrith Veterinary Clinic – Penrith
- Stewart Street Veterinary Hospital – Bathurst
- St George Vets (Princes Highway) – Kogarah
- Sydney Animal Hospitals Inner West – Stanmore
- Sydney Dogs and Cats Home – Strathfield South
- Tumut Veterinary Clinic – Tumut
- University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Sydney – Camperdown
- Vet Friends – Chatswood
- Vets on Crown – Surry Hills
- Western Namoi Veterinary Services (Narrabri Veterinary Clinic) – Narrabri

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited

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Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
Directors' Report
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

The directors present their report on The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited ("Cat Protection") for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during the year and until the date of this report:

Name	Position	
Petra Dobrijevic	President	(re-appointed 23 November 2024)
Vanessa Williams	Vice President	(re-appointed 23 November 2024)
Nita Harvey		(President until 23 November 2024)
Emily Falkingham CPA		
Felicity Walton		
Natalie Meadows		
Dr Penelope Hansen		

All directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Company secretary

The following people held the position of company secretary at the end of the financial year:

Kristina Vesk
Neil Williams

Principal activities

The principal activities of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited during the financial year, consistent with its objects under its Constitution, were as follows:

- a) To provide short-term direct care to feline animals that have been lost or mistreated or which are without owners.
- b) To rehabilitate orphaned, sick or injured feline animals that have been lost or mistreated or which are without owners.
- c) To provide care for lost, abandoned and unwanted feline animals.
- d) To provide care for injured feline animals and such animals without an identifiable owner.
- e) To find the original or, in the alternative, new owners for the animals described above.
- f) To provide education regarding socially and environmentally responsible care for feline animals.
- g) To foster, develop, improve, and promote issues relating to feline welfare.
- h) To prevent homelessness of feline animals by providing temporary accommodation and care for cats and kittens owned by people who find themselves in crisis situations.
- i) To provide information, goods and services that promote and improve feline welfare, including without limitation the desexing of feline animals.
- j) To promote and encourage either directly or indirectly animal welfare initiatives.
- k) To promote and encourage either directly or indirectly animal health initiatives.
- l) To maintain and administer the Gift Fund, which must be maintained strictly in compliance with all relevant Commonwealth and State laws.

No significant changes in the nature of the company's activity occurred during the financial year.

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Short-term objectives

Throughout 2024-25, Cat Protection maintained focus on the delivery of our short-term objectives, including: best practices in the shelter; ensuring the good health and successful rehoming of cats and kittens surrendered into our care; delivering subsidised programs of desexing, vaccination and microchipping of cats and kittens to targeted groups in the broader community; developing and delivering activities and materials to educate the community about responsible pet ownership; and promoting feline health and welfare through research, advocacy and policy activities.

By year-end we completed delivery of a cat desexing program, DIVA Cats, which was mainly funded by a NSW Government grant. DIVA Cats ran from July 2023 to end of June 2025 and saw 3,675 cats and kittens desexed. Cats and kittens in the DIVA program were also microchipped, vaccinated and registered. This project also initiated research, data analysis, and consultation/education in specific areas of Sydney, enabling the development and delivery of future targeted desexing programs.

Substantial repairs and restoration work were also undertaken and completed to the shelter premises at 103 Enmore Road, providing an improved shelter and work environment for felines and staff.

Long-term objectives

The long-term objectives derive from the vision – that every cat has a loving and responsible home. It is the company's task to maintain a sustainable organisation which will continue to build on the accomplishments of the past 67 years and extend our involvement with communities in regional and rural New South Wales.

Strategy for achieving the objectives

Cat Protection pursues its mission by:

- finding loving and responsible homes for cats in need
- improving the quality of life for cats by educating the community about socially and environmentally responsible cat care
- actively working with government and non-government agencies to promote and improve cat welfare, and
- honouring the unique relationship between people and cats.

Performance measures

The company measures its own performance using both quantitative and qualitative benchmarks. The directors use the benchmarks to assess the financial sustainability of the company and its performance towards our short-term and long-term objectives.

Operating results

The surplus after providing income tax amounted to \$2,426,814 (2024: deficit of \$479,887).

Information of directors

Petra Dobrijevic Qualifications Experience	BA (Hons) in Sociology Petra's career spanned the tertiary education sector as a lecturer, tutor, and researcher, as well as the public sector as a policy adviser, senior training consultant, research officer, and manager. She is an active supporter of Cat Protection and has hands-on experience in feline welfare. Petra served as Vice President from November 2020 and was appointed to the role of President in November 2024.
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Vanessa Williams Qualifications Experience	<p>-</p> <p>A Life Member, Vanessa moved to the far South Coast in 2017 after more than a decade working at Cat Protection in feline welfare services and policy, and foster care coordination. Prior to that she was a flight crew training scheduling officer for Qantas. She currently works as OK Shed Manager and Parish Administrator for the Anglican Parish of Cobargo/Bermagui.</p>
Nita Harvey Qualifications Experience	<p>-</p> <p>A Life Member of Cat Protection since the 1980s, Nita began volunteering in 1996, after retiring from her role as office manager for a major health fund. She was appointed Treasurer in 1998 and served as President from 2004 to November 2007, then again from November 2020 until November 2024.</p>
Emily Falkingham Qualifications Experience	<p>BA of Commerce (Accounting)</p> <p>Emily has a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) and attained CPA qualification in 2019. With extensive experience in management and financial accounting, Emily has demonstrated a passion for integrating her professional skills with meaningful community involvement. She leverages her financial acumen to ensure the transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency of the organisations with which she works.</p>
Felicity Walton Qualifications Experience	<p>Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Law, Graduate Diploma in Practical Legal Training</p> <p>Felicity is an experienced regulatory strategy, compliance, and engagement specialist with 15 years' experience in the energy sector working for private and government agencies.</p>
Natalie Meadows Qualifications Experience	<p>Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Medical Science (Hons)</p> <p>A Life Member, Natalie worked in health law defending health professionals for 20 years, 12 of those as a partner and now works as a lawyer for the Australian Government. She has a keen interest in animal welfare and volunteers for animal welfare and conservation organisations. Natalie is a Committee member of a Human Research Ethics Committee and an Animal Research Ethics Committee.</p>

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Dr Penelope Hansen Qualifications Experience	BVSc, MNZACVSc (Canine Medicine) Penny is a registered veterinarian and Associate Lecturer in the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Sydney. A recognised expert in small animal urolithiasis and clinical nutrition, she has worked as a veterinary clinician in a variety of practices across Sydney and was a consultant to Hill's Pet Nutrition for many years. A member of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA), she served as Secretary of the Sydney Metropolitan Practitioners Branch for 12 years and in 2002, received the AVA Meritorious Service Award.
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Meetings of directors

During the financial year, seven (7) meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director were as follows:

Director	No. of eligible to attend	No. attended
Petra Dobrijevic	7	6
Vanessa Williams	7	4
Nita Harvey	7	7
Emily Falkingham	7	7
Felicity Walton	7	4
Natalie Meadows	7	7
Penelope Hansen	7	7

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

The company has provided for and paid premiums during the year for current directors' and officers' liability insurances.

The directors have not included details of the nature of the liabilities covered or the amount of the premium paid in respect of the directors' and officers' liability and legal expenses insurance contracts as such disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contract.

The company does not maintain insurance for the indemnification of the auditor of the company. No indemnity has been given, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an auditor of the company.

Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied for leave of the Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or to intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

Subsequent events

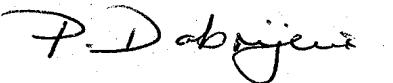
No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

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Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, for the year ended 30 June 2025 has been received and can be found on the next page of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Petra Dobrijevic
President
27 September 2025



Vanessa Williams
Vice President
27 September 2025

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**Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited for the year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Simon Joyce

Simon Joyce
Director
27 September 2025
Sydney, New South Wales

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Revenue			
Revenue from contracts with customers	4	1,649,004	975,379
Other income	5	7,012,216	3,207,132
Total revenue		8,661,220	4,182,511
Expenses			
Merchandise		(192,974)	(137,810)
Cattery expenses and animal welfare programs		(1,178,715)	(593,685)
Depreciation		(179,613)	(152,914)
Donations and grants		(16,579)	(17,500)
Employee benefits		(2,365,700)	(1,920,646)
Finance costs		(945)	(1,759)
Insurance, IT, accounting and administrative expenses		(322,587)	(314,574)
Occupancy costs and utilities		(264,201)	(117,634)
Public information and marketing expenses		(145,461)	(101,865)
Veterinary expenses		(1,351,444)	(1,132,998)
Other expenses		(216,187)	(171,013)
Total expenses		(6,234,406)	(4,662,398)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,426,814	(479,887)
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax		2,426,814	(479,887)
Other comprehensive income:			
Net gain on revaluation of financial assets		102,561	125,717
Total comprehensive income/(loss)		2,529,375	(354,170)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	10,210,577	8,862,017
Trade and other receivables	7	202,480	181,238
Inventories	8	62,776	73,500
Other financial assets	9	1,921,744	1,728,274
Other assets	10	68,064	63,851
Total current assets		12,465,641	10,908,880
Non-current			
Property, plant and equipment	11	6,937,930	7,077,597
Right-of-use assets	12	20,215	25,728
Total non-current assets		6,958,145	7,103,325
Total assets		19,423,786	18,012,205
Liabilities			
Current			
Trade and other payables	13	191,981	188,005
Provisions	14	179,030	120,910
Lease liabilities	15	5,356	5,141
Contract liabilities	16	-	1,123,445
Total current liabilities		376,367	1,437,501
Non-current			
Provisions	14	33,978	85,282
Lease liabilities	15	15,402	20,758
Total non-current liabilities		49,380	106,040
Total liabilities		425,747	1,543,541
Net assets		18,998,039	16,468,664
Equity			
Reserves		2,533,991	2,431,430
Accumulated funds		16,464,048	14,037,234
Total equity		18,998,039	16,468,664

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

Notes	Asset Revaluation Reserve			Total Equity \$
	Fixed Assets \$	Financial Assets \$	Accumulated Funds \$	
Balance at 1 July 2023	2,005,986	299,727	14,517,121	16,822,834
Deficit for the year	-	-	(479,887)	(479,887)
Other comprehensive income:				
Net gain on revaluation of financial assets	-	125,717	-	125,717
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	125,717	(479,887)	(354,170)
Balance at 30 June 2024	2,005,986	425,444	14,037,234	16,468,664
Balance at 1 July 2024	2,005,986	425,444	14,037,234	16,468,664
Surplus for the year	-	-	2,426,814	2,426,814
Other comprehensive income:				
Net gain on revaluation of financial assets	-	102,561	-	102,561
Total comprehensive income	-	102,561	2,426,814	2,529,375
Balance at 30 June 2025	2,005,986	528,005	16,464,048	18,998,039

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers and others		577,442	541,954
Donations and bequests received		5,884,397	2,217,592
Payments to suppliers and employees		(5,472,919)	(4,072,599)
Interest paid		(945)	(1,759)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		987,975	(1,314,812)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, franking credits and interest received		400,159	402,160
Payments for financial assets		-	(34,128)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(34,433)	(907,378)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		365,726	(539,346)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net payments on lease liabilities		(5,141)	(63,125)
Net cash used in financing activities		(5,141)	(63,125)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		1,348,560	(1,917,283)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		8,862,017	10,779,300
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6	10,210,577	8,862,017

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

1. General information

The financial statements cover The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited, a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards and a registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*.

The principal activities of the entity during the financial year are included in the directors' report.

The registered office and principal place of business is 103 Enmore Road, Newtown, NSW, 2042.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 27 September 2025.

2. Changes in accounting policies

New and revised standards that are effective for these financial statements

A number of revised standards became effective for the first time to annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2024. The adoption of these revised accounting standards has not had a material impact on the entity's financial statements.

Accounting Standards issued but not yet effective and not been adopted early by the entity

A number of new and revised standards have been issued but are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the entity. The directors are currently assessing the impact such standards will have on the entity.

3. Summary of material accounting policy information

Financial reporting framework

The general purpose financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*.

Statement of compliance

The general purpose financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are presented in Australian Dollars (\$AUD), which is also the functional currency of the entity.

The material accounting policy information that has been adopted in the preparation of this report are as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

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Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax as a registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration are valued at the current replacement cost at the date of acquisition, which is the deemed cost.

Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings

Land and buildings are measured using the revaluation model.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated either on a straight-line basis or diminishing value basis over the assets' useful life to the entity, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rate	Depreciation method
Buildings	2.5%	Straight line
Plant and equipment	10 – 20%	Straight line
Motor vehicles	25%	Diminishing value
Office equipment	10 – 40%	Straight line

Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

	2025	2024
Printers	5 years	5 years

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to the short-term nature, they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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Liabilities relating to contracts with customers

Contract liabilities

A contract liability is recognised if grant conditions are fulfilled. Contract liabilities include deferred income. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the entity performs under the contract (i.e., fulfils conditions of the grant).

Comparative figures

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year. With the exception of minor reclassifications between certain financial statement line items, comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Significant judgement in applying accounting policies

When preparing the financial statements, management undertakes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Estimation uncertainty

Information about estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below. Actual results may be substantially different.

Inventories

Management estimates the net realisable values of inventories, taking into account the most reliable evidence available at each reporting date. The future realisation of these inventories may be affected by future technology or other market-driven changes that may reduce future selling prices.

Useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical obsolescence that may change the utility of certain depreciable assets.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

Property held at fair value

On 12 May 2025, independent valuations were obtained for 214 Marrickville Road and 103 Enmore Road.

Those charged with governance have determined that:

- the valuer's reliance on recent sales for guidance did not adequately take account of the size, condition and utility of the buildings used by the entity compared to the very poor state of the buildings in this area which had recently sold; and
- the book values are a fair and appropriate estimate of the properties' value and is more reflective of the true value of the properties.

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Donations in-kind

Management has recorded transactions that were donated by external suppliers and corporate partners at fair value. These fair values have been estimated based on the best information available at the transaction date. Donations in kind were mainly of cattery goods and veterinary, administration and marketing services. Disclosures for these transactions have been made in Note 5 Other income.

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	2025	2024
	\$	\$
4. Revenue from contracts with customers		
<u>Revenue recognised over time</u>		
Grants - NSW government - Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure - Office of Local Government	1,123,445	475,523
Provision of services	352,502	276,382
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	1,475,947	751,905
<u>Revenue recognised at a point in time</u>		
Sale of goods	173,057	223,474
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Total revenue from contracts with customers	1,649,004	975,379
How the entity recognises revenue		
<u>Grants</u>		
If conditions are attached to a grant, revenue is recognised when the entity satisfies those conditions.		
<u>Provision of services</u>		
Revenue relating to provision of services is recognised over the period in which the services are provided.		
<u>Sale of goods</u>		
Sale of goods are recognised at the point of sale, which is where the customer has taken delivery of the goods, the risks and rewards are transferred to the customer.		

5. Other income

Bequests	5,233,565	1,649,602
Donations	650,832	567,990
Interest income	399,058	368,845
Investment income (b)	112,213	62,282
Volunteer services and donated goods (a)	616,548	558,413
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	7,012,216	3,207,132

(a) Volunteer services and donated goods

The Board notes and acknowledges the significant contributions of the entity's many volunteers and other donors who provide goods and services at nil or reduced cost. In so doing, the Board has accepted as reasonable the following estimated values of those contributions. The calculated values do not include some contributions for which there is no reliable or reasonable basis of calculation.

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	2025	2024
	\$	\$
5. Other income (continued)		
(a) Volunteer services and donated goods (continued)		
The value of these gifts of time and goods is as follows:		
Estimated value of the time given by our many volunteers (including our volunteer Board)	208,314	203,029
Estimated value of the discount given on goods and services provided at nil or reduced cost	408,234	355,384
	<u>616,548</u>	<u>558,413</u>
Offsetting expenses totalling this amount are also recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows:		
Cattery expenses	221,814	201,029
Veterinary services expenses	266,194	226,591
Administrative expenses	75,000	83,000
Public information and marketing expenses	53,540	47,793
	<u>616,548</u>	<u>558,413</u>
(b) Investment income		
Dividend and interest on investments	99,304	65,671
Net gain/(loss) on sale of investments	12,909	(3,389)
	<u>112,213</u>	<u>62,282</u>
6. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash on hand	650	650
Cash at bank	2,247,816	971,277
Short-term deposits	7,962,111	7,890,090
	<u>10,210,577</u>	<u>8,862,017</u>
7. Trade and other receivables		
Current		
Trade receivables	8,561	7,888
Interest receivable	151,065	142,928
Net GST receivable	31,691	18,742
Deposits	3,373	3,369
Other receivables	7,790	8,311
	<u>202,480</u>	<u>181,238</u>

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	2025	2024
	\$	\$
8. Inventories		
Inventories on hand	62,776	73,500
	62,776	73,500
9. Other financial assets		
Current		
Equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,921,744	1,728,274
	1,921,744	1,728,274
10. Other assets		
Current		
Prepayments	68,064	63,851
	68,064	63,851
11. Property, plant and equipment		
Freehold land at fair value	2,450,000	2,450,000
Buildings at fair value	4,562,895	4,545,374
Buildings accumulated depreciation	(327,949)	(195,726)
	4,234,946	4,349,648
Plant and equipment at cost	409,351	402,486
Plant and equipment accumulated depreciation	(217,149)	(195,544)
	192,202	206,942
Motor vehicles at cost	82,028	82,028
Motor vehicles accumulated depreciation	(50,367)	(39,814)
	31,661	42,214
Office equipment at cost	168,684	158,637
Office equipment accumulated depreciation	(139,563)	(129,844)
	29,121	28,793
Total property, plant and equipment	6,937,930	7,077,597

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11. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	Freehold Land	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Motor Vehicles
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net carrying amount 1 July 2024	2,450,000	4,349,648	206,942	42,214
Additions	-	17,521	6,865	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	(132,223)	(21,605)	(10,553)
Net carrying amount 30 June 2025	2,450,000	4,234,946	192,202	31,661

	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$
Net carrying amount 1 July 2024	28,793	7,077,597
Additions	10,047	34,433
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	(9,719)	(174,100)
Net carrying amount 30 June 2025	29,121	6,937,930

On 12 May 2025, independent valuations were obtained for 214 Marrickville Road and 103 Enmore Road.

Those charged with governance have determined that:

- the valuer's reliance on recent sales for guidance did not adequately take account of the size, condition and utility of the buildings used by the entity compared to the very poor state of the buildings in this area which had recently sold; and
- the book values are a fair and appropriate estimate of the properties' value and is more reflective of the true value of the properties.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
12. Right-of-use assets		
Right-of-use assets at cost	27,566	27,566
Right-of-use assets accumulated depreciation	(7,351)	(1,838)
	20,215	25,728

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12. Right-of-use assets (continued)

	Right-of-Use	
	Assets	Total
	\$	\$
Net carrying amount 1 July 2024	25,728	25,728
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	(5,513)	(5,513)
Net carrying amount 30 June 2025	20,215	20,215

13. Trade and other payables

Current

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade payables	1,022	-
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	190,959	188,005
	191,981	188,005

14. Provisions

Current

Provision for employee benefits	179,030	120,910
	179,030	120,910

Non-current

Provision for employee benefits	33,978	85,282
	33,978	85,282

15. Lease liabilities

Current

Lease liabilities	5,356	5,141
	5,356	5,141

Non-current

Lease liabilities	15,402	20,758
	15,402	20,758

Future lease payments in relation to lease liabilities as at period end are as follows:

Within one year	6,086	6,086
Later than one year but not later than five years	16,230	22,316
Later than five years	-	-
	22,316	28,402

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15. Lease liabilities (continued)

The entity leases printers. Lease term is for a period of 5 years ending 7 March 2029. Payments are made monthly and are fixed for the duration of the lease.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
16. Contract liabilities		
Current		
Contract liabilities - government grants (desexing program)	- 1,123,445	- 1,123,445
	1,123,445	1,123,445

17. NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

As a registered charity under the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* (the Act), the entity is required to disclose income and expenses from fundraising appeals. Donations and fundraising in this note follow the definition in the Act.

a) Details of aggregated gross income and total expenses from fundraising appeals

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Income from fundraising		
Fundraising income	287,159	301,423
Expenses from fundraising		
Fundraising expenses	(9,027)	(9,336)
Net surplus from fundraising activities	278,132	292,087

b) Nature of fundraising appeals and application of net surplus

Fundraising appeals primarily consisted of donations. The net surplus generated from fundraising activities was applied to the charitable purposes of the organisation.

18. Related parties

The entity's related parties include its key management personnel and related entities. Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties.

Directors derive no fees or other remuneration for their services. There were no other transactions with any related parties, directors or director-related entities during the year with the exception of out-of-pocket expense reimbursements in the normal course of operations.

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	2025	2024
	\$	\$
18. Related parties (continued)		
<u>Key management personnel compensation</u>		
Total key management personnel compensation	355,310	364,195
19. Remuneration of auditors		
<u>SDJA</u>		
Audit of financial report	10,000	-
Assistance with financial report preparation	2,500	-
Other services - acquittal	1,000	-
	13,500	-
<u>LNP Audit and Assurance Pty Ltd</u>		
Audit or reviewing the financial report	-	15,200
	-	15,200

20. Winding up of gift fund and surplus assets on the winding up or dissolution of the entity

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the entity or if the endorsement of the entity as a Deductible Gift Recipient is revoked, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any funds and property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the entity but shall be dealt with as follows:

(a) Subject to clause (b), the funds and property of the entity shall be given or transferred to an institution, fund or authority with similar objects to that of the entity and to which income tax deductible gifts can be made, and whose constitution prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the entity, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members unanimously, and in default thereby the Chief Judge in Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales or such other judge of the Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

(b) If the Australian Taxation Office or some other authority with requisite powers directs that the assets of the Gift Fund be transferred to a specific recipient, then those assets shall be transferred accordingly.

21. Commitments

The entity had no material unrecognised contractual commitments as at 30 June 2025.

22. Contingent liabilities and assets

Contingent assets - interest in property

In 2013, the entity received an interest in a property, as an estate in remainder. Given the uncertainty of when the entity will receive its interest in the asset or residual estate, the entity has not sought a valuation on the property for the end of the reporting period.

There are no other contingent assets and/or liabilities as at 30 June 2025.

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23. Subsequent events

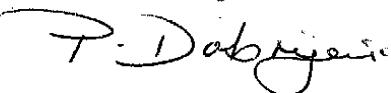
No adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the reporting date and the date of authorisation of these accounts.

**The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
Responsible Persons' Declaration
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025**

The Responsible Persons declare that in the Responsible Persons' opinion:

- a) the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - i) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.



Petra Dobrijevic
President
27 September 2025



Vanessa Williams
Vice President
27 September 2025

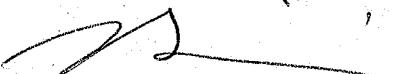
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Responsible Persons' Declaration under the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

The Responsible Persons declare that in the Responsible Persons' opinion:

- a) the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and associated notes gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals for the financial year ended 30 June 2025;
- b) the statement of financial position and associated notes gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the organisation as at 30 June 2025;
- c) the provisions of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* and Regulations and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with during the financial year ended 30 June 2025; and
- d) the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals during the financial year ended 30 June 2025.



Petra Dobrijevic
President
27 September 2025



Vanessa Williams
Vice President
27 September 2025

The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited (the registered entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of the Responsible Persons for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible persons determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible persons either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The responsible persons are responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report of the requirements of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*

We have audited the financial report as required by Section 24(2) of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*. Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the internal control structure for fundraising appeal activities and examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with the accounting and associated record keeping requirements for fundraising appeal activities pursuant to the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* and the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2021*.

Because of the inherent limitations of any assurance engagement, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. An audit is not designed to detect all instance of non-compliance with the requirements described in the above-mentioned Acts and Regulations as an audit is not performed continuously throughout the period and the audit procedures performed in respect of compliance with these requirements are undertaken on a test basis. The audit report expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) the financial report of The Cat Protection Society of NSW Limited has been properly drawn up and associated records have been properly kept during the financial year ended 30 June 2025, in all material respects, in accordance with:
 - i) sections 20(1), 22(1-2), 24(1-3) of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*; and
 - ii) sections 10(6) and 11 of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2021*.
- b) the money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted by the registered entity during the financial year ended 30 June 2025 has been properly accounted for and applied, in all material respects, in accordance with the above-mentioned Act and Regulations.

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Simon Joyce

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Director

27 September 2025

Sydney, New South Wales