

Nine Lives

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NINE LIVES DAY – saving feline lives
Sunday February 21ST, 2010 10.00am - 2.00pm

www.catprotection.com.au

Letters

Nine Lives welcomes letters, articles, poems and stories about cats. Please include your name, address and telephone number and send to:

PO Box 257, Greensborough 3088

Fax (03) 9432 0472

Email catprotection@bigpond.com.au

Phone 9434 7155 or 9434 7255

Material may be edited

Caring Cats

Cats are quite delightful
No matter what their breed
Black or white or tabby
A joy to love, indeed
Now food can be a worry
Because they change their
minds
Is it fish or meat they fancy
Unpredictable you'll find
I have always had a cat
From a child right up to
now
They make a special
friendship
Which they seal with their
meow.

**Jean Opperman
Pascoe Vale**

Visit our
new
WEBSITE

And

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Reminder

CPS now has DGR status. This means that
donations to the Society are tax
deductible.

Front Cover

Our Clinic Cats
Champers and Rex
invite you to Twitter
with them and
support our work
through our two
new websites



Editorial

Dear Members

Welcome to 2010 and best wishes for the festive season. This year began as every other, with the influx of large numbers of kittens just before Christmas very quickly filling the hostel to capacity. During 2009, the economic downturn saw a fall in adoptions as well as an increase in surrenders, placing an enormous burden on our staff and facilities. My heartfelt thanks to all our staff, volunteers and foster mums who have worked tirelessly in caring for this huge number of felines at this time – we just couldn't do it without you.

This year our Nine Lives Day will be held a little later, on February 21st. Traditionally it is the first Sunday of February, but as this year, this coincides with the anniversary of the Black Saturday Fires, it was decided to move the date, out of respect for those who lost loved ones in this tragedy. To all these families we send our thoughts and prayers and will join with you on this day in remembrance of those lost. To all those cat lovers who have sent their condolences to me on my own loss I would like to say a very deep thank for your support and concern through a very difficult time.

The focus of Nine Lives Day is to find as many homes as possible for our beautiful cats and kittens. Incentives are provided in the form of a free bag of feline products and the new Hide Perch and Go carry box with each adoption – all cats and kittens adopted in the month afterwards will also receive these. Our sponsors have, once again, been very generous in supporting us and many thanks go to all involved.

In mid 2009, our vastly upgraded website was launched and has been a huge success over the past few months – traffic to the site has increased significantly and we are hoping this will translate to increased rehoming rates for our feline friends. The new site is featured on Page 12 and we strongly encourage you to visit and explore – our cats for adoption are now highlighted, all with a photo and their story so visitors can learn a little about them and enquire further. This has involved coordination between gathering the data, uploading to the site and then keeping the information current, so we thank you for your patience as we have refined this. We are now also featuring a cat, or as is current at the time this edition goes to print, some very cheeky kittens on a You Tube video hoping to catch the visitors eye and get them to explore further. We do say very strongly though that if you are interested in a particular feline, you must come to the hostel to meet them – as all cat lovers know, cats choose their owner, so the physical meeting is essential in the adoption process. The site also contains a huge volume of information about the Society and felines in general and how you can become involved, and will shortly have the ability to make donations online. The blog discusses current issues and of course you can, and must, twitter with Champers – sorry he informs me he doesn't Twitter, he Meows!! The site will continue to evolve through time and we would appreciate your feedback and suggestions on its format.

The compulsory desexing campaign is top of the agenda this year and we hope to finally take it over the line. To this end the Cat Crisis Coalition website has been upgraded and Rex our wise clinic cat leads the Meowing on this. I hope you will join him in fighting this important battle, which we WILL win.

Please read on and enjoy.

With lots of purrs,
Dr Carole Webb

Nine Lives Day

Saving feline lives

Looking for a feline companion to brighten your life?

Nine Lives Day will be held on February 21st - This is your chance to visit the shelter and adopt one of our beautiful cats or kittens and save a feline life. There will be many cats and kittens looking to find new homes as well as expert staff on hand to answer all those tricky feline questions!

A free bag of feline goodies and a “Hide Perch and Go” goes with every cat and kitten adopted on the day and for the remainder of February 2009.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21st, 2010

Cat Protection Society Hostel

200 Elder Street, Greensborough

Melway Map 20 J6

10.00am – 2.00pm

The CPS would like to thank the following companies for their generous support of our special day:

MAX'S PET LITTER, SALCE PTY LTD, IAMS, FORT DODGE, PROFENDER, REVOLUTION, ADVANTAGE

Hostel

The hostel has remained very busy throughout 2009. The warmer months saw the usual kitten tsunami descend on the shelter filling us again to capacity – this has steeled our resolve to push compulsory desexing over the line this year and finally stem the tide of unwanted kittens. As reported in 2008, the very sad nature of the work we do and the physical demands of caring for 300 felines every day leads to high staff turnover and shortages – few people can do what is asked of our shelter workers and we must support and care for them as we do our felines. CPS is somewhat unique in that we receive the largest intake of cats in Australia at the one facility and we are solely a feline shelter (and will continue to be so) so the opportunity to rotate staff to areas with more positive outcomes eg dogs does not exist. To assist our staff in their daily duties our Volunteer Program has begun again in earnest under our new Volunteer Coordinator Alison – so if you have an interest in helping please call her on 9434 7155.

Traditionally in February every year we have held an Open Day/Adopt-a-Cat Day. This has on average placed 150 cats and kittens into new homes on the day and eases the pressure on the Hostel at its busiest time of year. It is however a tremendous amount of work to organize and requires preparation weeks in advance. Last year we trialed a new program – Nine Lives Month – with a scaled back Adoption Day, but with the same incentives being available for the month afterwards. This means that the same number of kittens (200) will be ready, but will be available throughout the month, not all on the one day, thus spreading our staff resources more evenly. All cats and kittens adopted on Nine Lives Day will receive a free bag of feline products and a Hide Perch and Go carry box (see p6)

which is a new environmental enrichment tool to reduce stress that is being used in shelters across Australia. So please tell your family and friends about the day, and adopt a fabulous shelter cat.

In 2009 we finally achieved Deductible Gift Recipient Status so that our donations are now tax deductible. This has attracted several grants to the organisation and we hope in the future will attract corporate sponsorship. Our website has been significantly upgraded and was officially launched in June 2009. It now allows our cats available for adoption to be viewed online and we are hoping through this to increase our rehoming rate. We also have a great deal of information about cats within the site so it is well worth a visit if you have some time to spare as much can be learned about our feline friends. Also if you have any ideas to make the site more functional, or additional features that would be useful, please let us know as this is truly a work in progress. Along with our own upgrade, we have also upgraded the Cat Crisis Coalition website and both Changers (for CPS) and Rex (for the CCC) our clinic cats twitter (we say meow) through these sites. They have quite a large following (and there is some competition between them) and we would be delighted if you join in – this all increases the awareness of cats and their value to society as companion animals as well as highlighting the sad plight they endure at present.

Several exciting new projects are on the drawing board at the moment including a mobile desexing van/shelter so 2010 promises to be an exciting year.

NINE LIVES

Seeking special homes for our feline friends

All our beautiful feline friends featured in the last edition very quickly found new humans to look after them. We now feature another nine purrfect moggies ready and waiting for the right people to welcome them into their homes to live the life of luxury they deserve.....



EBONY 846 Hi, my friend Ivory and I make the purrfect pair – mirror images of each other in fact. I am a DSH Black and White desexed male, 2 years of age – I am the outgoing one of the duo, the ringleader if you like, and on behalf of both of us we would like to take over your house. *(right)*

IVORY 851 Hello, my friend has really said it all. I am a DSH White and Black, desexed male about 16 months old and the quiet one of the pair – we promise to give you double the love and would be very grateful if you would adopt us together. *(picture on left)*



JOEY 8525 Well Hi, I am Joey a teenager really at just 9 months old. I am a DMH, Ginger and white desexed boy and like all teenagers I just love to play. Some people say I am boisterous but really, I just love to have fun. I would love to liven up your home and make you smile – I promise to be as good as I am able and am purrfectly happy to stay home at night with you even without being grounded!! *(left)*



HARLEQUIN 8719 My name is Harlequin, so called because of my unusual and exquisite colouring. I am a DSH Smoke Cream Tabby Tortoiseshell to be precise, I am desexed and about 16 months of age. Like all tortis I like to be in charge of my household, am quite bossy and outgoing and sometimes naughty but in return I give lots of cuddles and purrs and will really make your life sparkle. *(below)*



CHARLOTTE 8698 Hello, I am a demure DMH Tabby and White desexed female 18 months old. I have a gentle, quiet and very refined nature and love to sit on human's laps for my frequent naps. I purr and head butt and really need someone to share my life with after being a stray for awhile. I promise to make it well worth your while if you take me home. *(right)*





ZAC NO 801 – Hi, my name is Zac. I am a five year old, DSH Tabby and White desexed male. I need an owner with some patience as I am an independent man. You could say I like to be held but on my terms. Now middle aged I like a sedate life with lots of sun to stretch out in and peaceful surroundings so I can contemplate the dinner menu, which of course I expect on time. *(picture on left)*



MAGPIE 8736 So called because of my black and white colouring. I am a desexed boy, 16 months of age and of a small frame so am often thought to be younger. I love to play ping pong with our toys and have an easy going purrsonality. Because of my white colouring on my nose and right ear I will need to be kept out of the bright sunshine as I burn easily – but that is OK as this means I will spend more time inside with you

MAXIMILLIAN 854 Sir Maximillian Blue at your service! I am a British Shorthair, desexed male, four years of age and am ready to take over and run your household with an iron paw. I am a large boy and require my meals on time after which I like to sit beside you, purr and watch TV. OK with you? Right let's go home then.

CLEO 826 Hi, I am a DSH, Black desexed female and five years old. As a mature female I like to stretch out in the sun and contemplate life a great deal – my dark colouring prevents me getting sunburnt – and curl up on your lap when the sun goes down. If you take me home I will be no trouble and give you lots of love.



Cat Chat

By CPS Members and Nine Lives Readers

We frequently receive a myriad of cat stories, poems and readers experiences with our four footed feline friends. We thought you would like to share them with us.....

On the sudden death of my beloved cat Coco, aged five, euthanased after a blood clot and ensuing paralysis made life untenable. Here is my memorial poem to my beloved girl:

Rivka Waxman

PONDERINGS

Who can explain why death comes rushing in,
Evicting treasured life and buoyant health,
When one day's joy becomes the next day's pain,
Inducing poverty where once was wealth?

You were the one whose life enriched my day,
You were the one who welcomed my return,
Who slept beside me softly through the night,
Who gave me love I never had to earn.

You were my friend, my confidante, my joy,
The gentlest cat who ever trod the earth,
Who never killed a bird nor clawed a hand,
Whose wondrous eyes bespoke your dear soul's worth.

I should have wrapped you in my Spanish shawl,
I should have given you my finest quilt.
In numbing haste I placed you in a box.
For that alone I feel a pang of guilt.

At least, my darling girl, you have a grave,
A headstone, with a flower in a jar.
Your death as sweet as one could ever wish,
You died not mauled by dog nor crushed by car.

And even if the answers that I seek
Were known and every mystery revealed,
Black grief would still be gnawing at my heart,
Leaving a wound that never can be healed.

In Loving Memory of "Coco"



All felines adopted from CPS now go home with their own HPG carry box. This stays with them during their time at the shelter and can be used as a bed in their new home – this helps reduce the stress of the rehoming process – our cats LOVE them



Hide Perch and Go (HPG)
carry box



COMPULSORY DESEXING

Australian Animal Protection Society

Blue Cross

Cat Protection Society of Victoria

Geebung Animal Welfare Society

Humane Society for Animal Welfare

Lord Smith Animal Hospital

Mirboo North & District Animal Aid

RSPCA Victoria

Save a Dog Scheme

South Gippsland Animal Aid

The Lost Dogs Home &
Western Suburbs Cat Shelter

The Victorian Animal Aid Trust



This kitten represents one of the 53,000 unwanted cats entering Victorian animal welfare shelters each year. Only one in four will find a home, the rest will be put down. This is the terrible dilemma faced by caring staff at animal shelters. Shelters exist to save lives, not end them. Help us end this tragedy - please support

COMPULSORY DESEXING



Compulsory Desexing Campaign

An Update

The Cat Crisis Coalition was formed late in 2004 to campaign, as a united lobby, for compulsory desexing of all cats over the age of 12 weeks - the solution to the tragic cat overpopulation problem. The campaign has continued relentlessly since this time, 2009 seeing further progress towards our ultimate goal

In 2005, under the banner of the Cat Crisis Coalition, the compulsory desexing campaign was officially launched with a great deal of media coverage. United, the animal welfare shelters highlighted the tragedy of the cat overpopulation problem and called for action to address it. In 2006 we were joined nationally by other Australian shelters as a result of the National Summit to end Pet Overpopulation and the campaign broadened to the whole of Australia. As a consequence of this united and committed lobby, and a relentless and determined campaign, 2009 saw further advance towards our goal:

NATIONAL LEVEL

✦ The past twelve months saw further movement towards compulsory desexing nationwide. As reported last year the ACT Government introduced compulsory desexing of all cats from 3 months of age despite considerable opposition from the Australian Veterinary Association; Queensland is trialing compulsory desexing in 4 of their local municipalities with significant funds for desexing schemes; Tasmania has a draft Bill in the consultative process and WA has committed to introducing compulsory desexing for cats. The battle continues in Victoria, many local Councils now requiring compulsory desexing in their municipalities, and it is time for Victoria to join the rest of Australia and introduce it statewide.

LOCAL LEVEL:

1. In 2006, as a result of our lobbying at State level, the Domestic Animals Act was amended and for the first time clauses were introduced specifically acknowledging the cat problem:
 - ✦ Section 10A, clarified that Councils may resolve to require all cats in their municipality (with specific exemptions eg registered for breeding, medical reasons etc) to be desexed. All that is needed now is to change may to must and we will be there
 - ✦ Councils have been required to submit a Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) to the State Government. The plan must address cat overpopulation and high euthanasia rates within the municipality - we of course have been recommending compulsory desexing, discounted desexing programs etc. AWAC is currently reviewing these plans to gain an overview of how the local Councils have addressed the overpopulation issue.
2. As reported last year, CPS and the CCC lobbied intensively as the DAMPs were developed - our focus to gain the incorporation of compulsory desexing within these plans. This involved a large number of submissions, participation in working groups, presentations to Councillors, and lobbying everyone involved in the decision making process. On reviewing the plans publicly available, 21 Councils have compulsory desexing incorporated into their plan in some form. This ranges from a straightforward resolution under 10A for compulsory desexing of all cats; to variations of this which include compulsory desexing of all new registrations. Another 23 Councils have commitments to introduce such a resolution within the life of the DAMP (3 years) with education programs to introduce it to residents; to commitments to further investigate the issue during the life

of the DAMP. To the enlightened Councils who have chosen to invoke 10A we say a huge THANK YOU for leading the way into the 21st century. We have encountered a great deal of opposition from the AVA and pet food industry and the road has often not been easy.

3. The MYCAT incentive, launched in 2007 to encourage Councils to include compulsory desexing in their plans has been taken up by two Councils. This is a subsidised desexing scheme offered by the shelters to help disadvantaged residents have their cats desexed. CPS is currently developing another project to provide easily accessible low cost desexing to assist those that are financially disadvantaged.

STATE LEVEL:

✦ While Local Government has been our focus during the development of the DAMP, our focus in 2010 will be directed at state level, lobbying now for the change to Section 10A of the Act. This is an election year and it is important that the Government hear the very strong support for compulsory desexing – their own survey showed 84% support and the several surveys done by Local Governments showed support levels from 72 -95%. The time has come for this to be reflected in legislation – compulsory desexing will set the new community benchmark. *Please sign the petition on Page 10 if you haven't already – we now have some 65,000 and these will be presented to the Minister at this time.*

✦ As reported previously, in examining the issue of the large numbers of cats euthanased in shelters every year, AWAC recommended, and agreement was reached with the major stakeholders, that a mass media campaign promoting responsible cat ownership be undertaken – this led to the development of the Who's for Cats campaign which was launched in December 2007 once again raising community awareness to the plight of cats. This continues and has led to attitudinal change in the community. Another round of media is scheduled for early 2010

I was asked the other day whether after such a long campaign there was any light at the end of the tunnel. I responded with the story of Benjamin. Benjamin was left at the CPS front gate after hours – a battered, three year old entire male. Our hopes of him being reclaimed were small, but his owners arrived on Day 6 to take him home. Before Ben could leave our care, his Council required that he be microchipped and desexed (one of the enlightened Councils that had introduced compulsory desexing). His owners were fine with microchipping, but did not want him desexed. We explained this would stop him wandering and fighting – their response was that he lived outside and smelt so wasn't allowed in the house. Nothing could convince them desexing was in his best interests. With Council's support Ben was microchipped and desexed. A couple of months later, Ben's owners rang up to say thank you – Ben was now an inside cat and slept on the bed – he no longer smelt nor sprayed, had no interest in fighting and was the most affectionate cat they had owned. They hadn't realized the benefits of desexing and were grateful we had insisted with Ben. So we must win this war and make a brighter future for our feline friends.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

You can assist us to greatly reduce the destruction of unwanted cats by doing any of the following:

1. **PETITION:** We need as many signatures as possible. Without a strong community voice we will not succeed and you can make a difference. Gather as many signatures as you can. Please make sure all the details are filled in correctly. Photocopy the petition and pass on to others.

Compulsory Desexing in Victoria (Page 10)

This is our original Statewide campaign, now up to some 60,000 signatures. All Victorians can sign. Please keep sending these until we say no more.

2. **LETTERS:** We also need individual letters to the Minister, and as many as possible. Please write your own addressed to the Minister and send to us. We are collating them and will forward to the Minister at the appropriate time.
3. **PROMOTE THE CAMPAIGN:** Talk to people. The public must be informed of the cat crisis and given the opportunity to contribute to resolving this enormous problem. There is a very small window of opportunity. WE MUST ACT NOW!
4. **JOIN US:** If you feel you can contribute to the campaign, please contact us:

Telephone: Hostel on 9434 7155 or 9434 7255

Email: catprotection@bigpond.com

Website: www.catcrisis.com

We need expertise in marketing, advertising, promotion, photography, collating material and helping with mail outs.

5. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** For the campaign to progress and gain momentum we need financial support. Whatever you can afford to give will be valued. Please encourage others to give also. This money will be used specifically towards our continued fight for the compulsory desexing of cats, which, if we are successful, will spare thousands of cats a needless birth and the likelihood of a premature death.

Please send petitions and donations to:

"Compulsory Desexing Campaign"
Cat Protection Society
PO Box 257
GREENSBOROUGH 3088



CALL FOR COMPULSORY DESEXING OF CATS

To the Legislative Assembly of Victoria,

The Petition of the Residents of Victoria draws to the attention of the House the indiscriminate breeding of cats leading to thousands of cats and kittens tragically being destroyed by Victorian animal welfare shelters annually.

The Petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria enact legislation to require that all cats over the age of 12 weeks are desexed unless registered to a licenced breeder and require that all cats and kittens offered for sale or acquired be desexed.

	Name <i>(please print clearly - do not sign in this column)</i>	Address <i>(please fill in full address including suburb)</i>	Signature <i>(please sign in this column)</i>
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Where am I Now?

By Parents of our ex CPS cats

We regularly publish many tales from readers who have adopted our beautiful CPS babies over the years. This has proven to be an extremely popular segment - many households are very obviously run by our ex CPS cats. The stories continue to flow in, enjoyed by us all at the hostel, so read on and find out what they have been up to

BENNY AND CARMELA

After having Benny for a while, I thought you'd like to hear how he's going. He and Carmela, who came home with him the same day, get on well, tearing around the house and garden, having a great time.



I guess Benny had not known a garden before, so it was like all his Christmas' had come at once when I finally let him out. He's a beautiful big boy, but a real 'goofball'. He makes me laugh and I love having them around. Benny ended up half bald at first, as he had had so many matted knots in his fur, but it's grown back now and he has a resplendent black coat as you can see.

Thank you to all the CPS staff, from your ex-cats Benny and Carmela and their owner,



Janice Scroggie

NIRVANA



I just wanted to write you a little note and send some photos so that you could see how well Nirvana has settled in to her new home. She is the most beautiful cat and I find it hard to understand how it took her so long to get a home. But as I keep saying "Everyone else's loss is my gain!"

Like I said she has settled in so well, to be honest it's a little hard to believe how well. It's like she has always lived here. From her very first day she made the place her home. She quickly picked her favourite step on the staircase to sleep on. This one gave her the best view of the house! She also picked her seat on the couches. Luckily it wasn't the same one my other cat BJ had chosen for himself! She has also found the most comfortable dining room chair, even though she knows that NO cats are allowed on them. She's very cheeky.

Her and BJ get on well. In the first few days it was whoever hissed first got to stay, the other had to hide. Now she just gives him a wack if he eats her food!

Thank you again for my pretty girl, she is very much loved and very happy. I hope you enjoy the photos – Happy New Year

Leah, Nirvana and BJ

Website Launches

In June 2009 we launched our significantly upgraded website with many new functions. Of particular importance to us was to increase the adoptions of our cats and kittens by displaying their photos and stories within the site. This has proven a great success with a large increase in traffic through the site. To give you a flavor of what is on offer our home page and address is displayed below and we encourage you to visit and help us save feline lives

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Cat Protection Society of Victoria. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About Us', 'Adoption', 'Fostering', 'Gallery', 'News', 'Help', and 'Contact'. The main content area features a large image of a kitten and a section titled 'Cat Protection Society of Victoria' with a sub-header 'Australia's Largest Cat Welfare Organisation'. Below this, there are several sections: 'New better best' with a call to action to support the organization, 'Cats are our passion!', 'Our Greenborough hospital can accommodate up to 500 cats and kittens', and 'Current opening hours'. There is also a video player showing kittens in a cage. At the bottom, there are three columns: 'from the blog' with a post about 'Kitten Tsunami', 'adopt a cat here' with photos of 'Mario' and 'Joey', and 'latest news' with a post about 'How to find a lost cat'.

Meow with Champers (cats don't twitter!!!)

The screenshot shows a Twitter feed for the account 'Catprotection'. The feed is set against a background of multiple images of cats. The top tweet is a promotional message: 'Hey there! Catprotection is using Twitter. Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent updates to one simple question: What's happening? Join today!'. Below this, there are several tweets from users, including one from 'Carole' asking for help to get the council moving, and another from 'Banyule' asking for help to get the council moving. The feed also shows a list of users following the account.

www.catprotection.com.au

Shortly after our own website was launched we upgraded and relaunched the Cat Crisis Coalition website and redoubled our efforts to achieve compulsory desexing. Our wise clinic cat Rex leads the battle and we encourage you to meow with him to improve the welfare of all cats – visit the site and follow the prompts

Meow with Rex
And help save feline lives

www.catcrisis.com

KENJI AND MIKO



We were adopted on the 3/3/05 together because we had become good friends while staying with you here in Greensborough. We now live in St. Kilda and are both very happy, so is our human buddy Louise. We are now called Kenji and Miko and we enjoy a relaxed and happy lifestyle.

We all wanted to thank you for the wonderful work you do, we are grateful and hold you in the highest esteem. It saddens us that some humans believe that it is our fault that we are not native to this land; ironically it is the humans that brought us here!

Unfortunately some do not understand that responsible and respectful cat ownership would nearly eliminate the negative aspects of our introduction. Once again we thank you for your care, compassion and foresight xxxxxxxx

Kenji, Miko and Louise

MARLOWE

Dear CPS, I adopted Marlowe almost a year ago. He is a very happy boy who is best friends with my other cat Growltiger and has taken to mothering our new kelpie pup. He likes to play "under the rug" with Growltiger and "under the wheelbarrow" with Bart the dog. Photos of Marlowe are hard to come by because everyone freezes when they know they are being watched!



His full name (in collaboration with my 9 year old daughter) is "Detective Phillip Marlowe Lamington Holmes". Thanks so much for saving his life so he could become an important part of ours!

Laura and Patience

ACHILLES

Dear CPS,

Just a little note to let you know that since I was adopted in October I have been doing well with my new family. They love me very much and take good care of me.

I've come to trust them and am not a 'scaredy' cat any more!

I love my new sister Ruby, and we play and wrestle all the time.

Thanks for helping me to recover from my injury and find a home.



Maria

We thoroughly enjoy your contributions to *Nine Lives*, but we need many more!!

We would love for you to continue to send them in to us.

Please also continue to send us updates on feline friends that you have adopted from CPS for the popular "Where Am I Now" segment.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF....

The Cat Protection Society would like to offer its condolences to these cat lovers who have recently lost a loved one and thank them for their generosity in donating to our feline friends

In memory of **Daphne**
Donation \$2000 Giselle Gelman

In memory of **Kenya**
Donation \$500 Caroline Leslie

In memory of **Cheryl Lee**
Donation \$250 Mrs Lee

In memory of **Indi & Miss Isabel**
Donation \$100 Mrs Ebeling

In memory of **Kelly**
Donation \$100 Valerie Cust

In memory of **Vivian Gordon**
Donation \$100 Doug Beecroft

In memory of **Margot Dundee**
Donation \$100 Phillippa Dundee

In memory of **Dr Bruce Guise**
Donation \$100 Dr Carolyn Guise

In memory of **Cassie**
Donation \$950 Kysa Maple

In memory of **Olivia**
Donation \$500 Marissa Barter-Waters

In memory of **Gladys Wilkinson**
Donation \$150 Margaret Brown

In memory of **Lucy**
Donation \$100 Alison Dougherty

In memory of **Ruby**
Donation \$100 Vivienne Frost

In memory of **Samuel**
Donation \$100 Peter and Sue Hovey

In memory of **Lucy**
Donation \$100 Wendy Orgill

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

The CPS is dependent upon the support of our members. In becoming a member of the Society you are helping us help cats and kittens across Victoria. Please join us today!

CURRENT MEMBERS

A huge thank-you for the support of all of our current members. Just a reminder that all annual fees are due on January 1st each year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES (GST inc.)

Family - \$25 Single - \$15 Pens/Student - \$8

Life Member - \$150

Photocopy this form and send to the CPS :
P.O. Box 257, Greensborough, 3088 Phone: 9434-7155

I/We wish to join the CPS as a _____ member

Or

I/We wish to pay our annual fees as a _____ member

Name : _____
 Address/Tel: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cheque Bankcard Visa Master card

Card no. : _____ Expiry date : _____

Signature of card holder : _____

Membership fee	\$ _____
Donation	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

CARING FOR CATS

CPS is dedicated to the care of cats both now and in the future. If you would like to make a bequest to the CPS please consult your solicitor. A possible wording is as follows:

" Iof.....give and bequeath to the Cat Protection Society of Victoria for the use and purpose of the said Society, the sum of \$..... free of all Duties (if any), and the receipt of the Treasurer of the said Society shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

A GREAT COMFORT

It is always a great comfort to know that our special friends are cared for when we are no longer able to.

If you would like to know more about the CPS willed cat program and the facilities we have to offer, please ask for a brochure. 9434-7155

With summer well and truly upon us, this not only means more cats and kittens, but a greater demand on our services. CPS will gratefully accept any donation of unwanted bedding (towels, blankets) and old newspapers.

