

I urge you to support the Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill. Each year in NSW more than 60 000 cats and dogs are euthanased in council pounds. The bill is an essential first step to reducing this tragic statistic.

Below is an account of just one of the many tens of thousands of animals abandoned each year in our state, she is one of the lucky ones able to have been rescued.

Case Study

Name: Frisbee

Species: Cat

Breed: Domestic

Sex: female

Approximate age: 12 months



Condition upon rescue: Very underweight, malnourished and sick with cat flu.

Frisbee's Story

Frisbee was abandoned by her owners after she gave birth to a litter of kittens. She was taken by a council ranger to the local pound where she was held for 7 days. Being Christmas, the pound facility was very over crowded and many of the animals already there were sick.

During her stay in the pound Frisbee and her kittens were infected with cat flu. Due to stress and sickness Frisbee lost interest in food, and as a consequence stopped producing milk. This meant that her kittens were unable to feed and slowly began to starve.

When volunteers for a rescue organisation found this struggling family, one of Frisbee's kittens had already starved to death. Her remaining babies were extremely underweight, dehydrated and their eyes gummed shut from secondary infections associated with cat flu. Within the next day, two more of her kittens would die.

During many months of intensive nursing Frisbee regained her weight and confidence. Her surviving kitten also recovered and found a loving permanent home with another rescued kitten.

Frisbee suffered immensely at the hands of someone she trusted. She was abandoned at a time when she most needed her owner. Before being rescued three of her four kittens died from starvation and neglect. She herself narrowly escaped being euthanased at the pound, on a day when so many cats and kittens were not so lucky.

When you hear statistics such as '60 000 cats and dogs euthanased' please remember that each number represents an animal who has suffered: experienced fear, loneliness or hunger. And each of these animals had their lives taken from them.