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PRESIDENTS REPORT MAY 2020



"The Pessimist complains about the wind,
The Optimist expects it to change and
The Realist adjusts the sails.
"WILLIAM A. WARD

These are, indeed, tough times for us all. Some of us will complain, others will look forward to change, and the realists amongst us will adjust their sails. It is important that we make the most of what we have, stay safe and be kind to yourselves.

Your Committee has made the decision having given due consideration to our average age and vulnerability, to forgo our AGM for 2020. We will be abiding by the Charities Commission guidelines and Ostomy Taranaki Finances are being prepared to submit to the reviewer for auditing purposes. These will soon be available for your perusal upon request.

The Committee you have voted for will stay in place for another 12 months, however, if any of you would like to join us, we do have the option to consider co-opting others. Please contact either Lynda or myself if you are interested.

Our Subscriptions for 2020 - 2021 are now due. Please note the enclosed forms for payment options.

In the best interests of keeping you all safe we will not be holding any social activities until further notice. Your safety and wellbeing is paramount to us, however, please don't hesitate to phone us if you need some form of contact.

Stay safe and warm,
Kindest regards, Shelley

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The livelier side of George

By Lynda Kuriger

.... George is a monster of monumental proportions... he is six months old now and huge. There is not a corner of the house that he doesn't own, and he will defend his territory with just a little too much enthusiasm at times.

He stole my vogel toast from out of my office while I was in the laundry a few weeks back , and now meets me at my desk every morning to partake in breakfast. It's become quite a game, he waits for me to cook my toast, make my hot drink and retire to the Office.. then, and only then, will he spring into action.. he flies past me in the hallway... round the corner into the office and takes a massive leap onto the chair... which sits on caster wheels on a smooth plastic type computer mat that protects the carpet.. he lands on it with such force that the chair takes off with him on board.... it scoots across the floor at speed ... where he then jumps off onto the desk – then he sits there and stares at me until I give up half my toast... the chair? I hear you ask... keeps going until it hits the ranch slider and tips over... he really has got it down to a fine art

He is also particularly partial to cheddar cheese sticks and hanging off the washing on the clothesline as it goes around. The wall clock pendulum is another attraction (as I think I may have mentioned before) but his most dastardly deed is to lay in wait for anyone foolish enough to not see him slunk against the wall or behind a curtain waiting... and attempts to walk nonchalantly by... well, let just say the backs of the legs makes a perfect landing pad for ginger feet with spitfire claws.

Oh, and he's brave too!!... oh yes....robot vacuum cleaners do not make the mighty ginger lion tremble one little bit .. I set it going in our bedroom and wondered why it hadn't returned to its station.... There, under the bed was the cleaner.. cruising along on its programmed path, and there under the bed was George, just lying there.. as the robot approached he'd put out a paw and the thing sensing an obstacle, turned and headed away, then it would right itself and head back... out went the paw, back went the cleaner, and so it went.... He looked at me as though to say "this is such fun darling", so I left them to it.... I knew one of them had to run out of puff sooner or late.

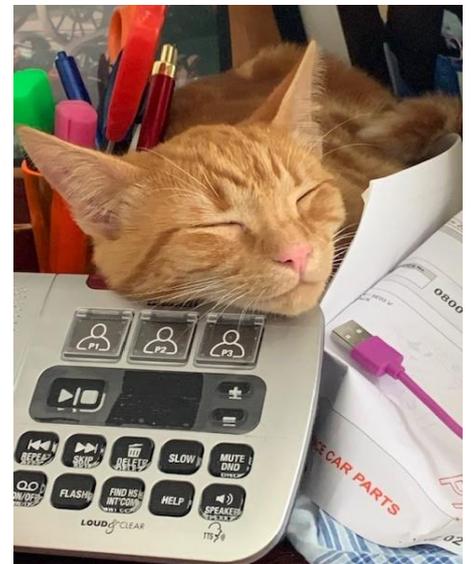
I half expected to see him riding it around the lounge cracking a whip!!

Today I took him to the vet (his little operation had been cancelled due to the pandemic) ... when I went to collect him, they couldn't find him,...there was much panic as everyone searched the building... eventually they came out with him.. it transpired they were looking for a much smaller ginger kitten, "oh" gushed the lady vet, "my George has grown so much", she patted his head, "haven't you little man".... 'her George laid his ears flat .. hissed, and bit her hand. Then he curled up in his cage and we travelled home amid very loud purring.

He is the well-loved and a real tonic in these long lock down days..... we wouldn't trade him for the world.. I'm sure the people who dumped him never envisioned he'd end up King George of his very own castle.

Editors Note: I am certain that not everyone is a George fan and you don't care a jot about an update from the George files.

To those people... apologies... however to those of you who may have had a wee laugh or smile..... my job is done!!



Breakfast done – George has decided he's not taking calls today



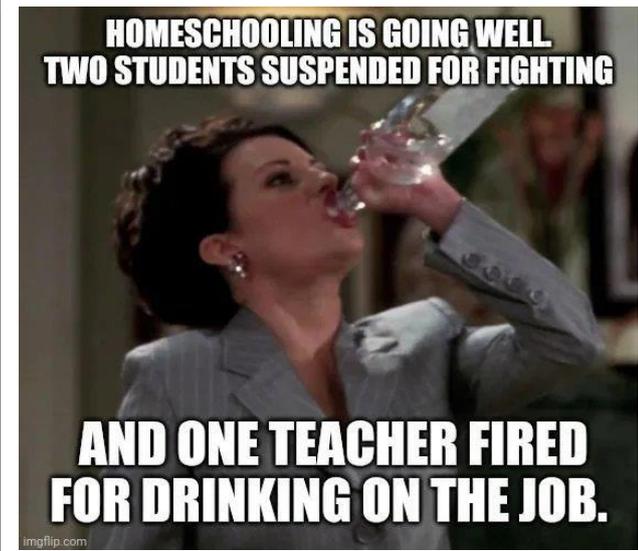
Sometimes it's good to be reminded that it's the simple things in life that matter.



*The dastardly lying in wait trick!
Be afraid, be very afraid.*



Only when I laugh



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