

The Chronicles of Whitey



Beth Warren

10 May at 12:59

What did you get for Mothers Day? I got Lindt chocolates but my sister got our uncle's flea-ridden mutant cat who is going to vacation with them in Sydney while he remains in hospital in Newcastle.



Elise Tardieu, Meg Scanlan, Susan Witek and 18 others like this.



Clare Hawkins Ah, but you see - while of course chocolate **is** fabulous - your sister's gift is will have much longer-lasting benefits...

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/%D9%83-kakimotong-%D9%83-fan-club/17-health-benefits-of-owning-a-cat-spread-this-words-to-your-friends-/369955169729073>



Beth Warren Maybe not the health benefits for their existing cat who is currently flea-free and ruler of her domain.



Clare Hawkins Mm er yeeeeees I see...



Lyndel Short Currently on the freeway heading back to Sydney. I'm in the backseat with the cat cage and a flea just jumped on my arm. Sigh. But I don't think she'd survive much longer if we left her living outdoors. Oh, and very bad teeth that need attention.



Beth Warren Sigh. It is a great thing that you are doing. I still think you should have considered the taxidermist.



Lyndel Short Still on the list, in combination with creative photoshopping.



[Joy Tattam](#) Not stopping at the shop for a flea-killer, sorry, collar on the way?



[Lyndel Short](#) Whitey dropped off at Sylvania vets for an overnight overhaul including flea treatment.



[Linda Britts](#) Keep us posted on progress...



[Beth Warren](#)

11 May at 19:11

Meet Whitey. Whitey moved in with 87 year old Uncle Bill in Newcastle several years ago. Like all Bill's cats, she just arrived one day and made herself at home. But Whitey's been doing it tough recently. Two weeks ago, Bill fell over in the front yard at 2 am (no, we don't know what he was doing either) and broke his hip. The neighbour found him lying on his back with Whitey curled up on his stomach. Since then Whitey's been fending for herself, with meals courtesy of the neighbour's son. But when the family visited from Sydney last weekend, Whitey was looking a little wonky.

So Whitey got a special visit to the doctor followed by a vacation in Sydney. It seems Whitey quite enjoyed the three hour drive. She made the occasional comment, shared her fleas with the other backseat passenger then was checked in for an overnight stay at the Sylvania vet for delousing, dental work, rehydrating and general maintenance.

Her new foster family continued on to break the news to JoJo, the current Cat-in-Residence.

Stay tuned to hear how the first meeting goes.



[Michelle Lyn Warren](#), [Kath Grace](#), [Marie Keane](#) and 24 others like this.



[Linda Forbes](#) What's happened to all his other cats?



[Clare Hawkins](#) ... curled up on his stomach naaaaaawwwww



Beth Warren Blacky was less of an indoor cat. I think he's been cast adrift but maybe he's still getting fed.



Jane Edwards Is there a Tortoiseshelly?



Hilary Harris Boom boom Miss Jane!



Beth Warren Not at the moment - but I think you've sussed the cat-naming convention!



Beth Warren

11 May at 19:16 ·

Whitey update #2. The new improved flea-free, rehydrated and fluffed up Whitey has moved into the downstairs part of his foster parents' house, sharing accommodation with Grandma who is visiting this week. So far, upstairs cat in residence hasn't detected the presence of the interloper.

[Kath Grace](#), [Trish Commane](#), [Cath Allen](#) and 11 others like this.



Clare Hawkins Fluffed up. Yeah. Go Whitey! Enjoying the updates lots.



Beth Warren Maybe Whitey needs his own page.



Linda Forbes Will Whitey adopt Grandma and make a sea change to Lindisfarne? This has all the makings of an award winning drama series, starring ...



Beth Warren [Lyndel Short](#) - how are Whitey and Grandma getting on?



Lyndel Short Whitey is like a new cat - friendly and much less sad & sorry-looking. Dosed up on different drugs but looking smart in new red collar with id tag in case she decides to walk to Newcastle. But given how she spent the afternoon sleeping on top of Grandma she doesn't look like she's going anywhere.



Beth Warren

11 May at 22:16 ·

Whitey update #3 from his foster mother: Whitey is like a new cat - friendly and much less sad & sorry-looking. Dosed up on different drugs but looking smart in new red collar with id tag in case she decides to walk to Newcastle. But given how she spent the afternoon sleeping on top of Grandma she doesn't look like she's going anywhere.

[Kath Grace](#), [Michelle Lyn Warren](#), [Elise Tardieu](#) and 9 others like this.



Linda Forbes Nor is Grandma presumably.



Beth Warren

11 May

Whitey update #4: Stop press! It seems Whitey is a girl!

Kath Grace, Michelle Lyn Warren, Trish Commene and 10 others like this.



Linda Forbes Gasp! I can hear the voice over on the promo for episode 4 now - 'sex shock in the suburbs'.



Whitey update #5: The new improved, whiter Whitey, after shedding dozens of dead fleas (hopefully not on Grandma's bed!)



Kath Grace, Michelle Lyn Warren, Susan Williams and 23 others like this.



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[Hilary Harris](#) Wow - she is looking much better. Even looks a little happier.



[Caroline Miller](#) Hooray for beautiful Whitey and her well-deserved makeover. She looks like a new kitty with a new lease on life.



[Linda Britts](#) Looking contented



[Susan Witek](#) Whitey is adorable!



[Beth Warren](#) Would you like her Susan? She may well be up for adoption if Uncle Bill can't return home!



[Susan Witek](#) I would! However I already have Blacky and Jimmy. If I came home with a third cat I think Chris would probably move out!



[Debra Bennett](#) Looking flash in your new collar, Whitey. I think Dave the Cat is in love!



[Sharon Sherman](#) Cute cat



[Lyndel Short](#) Whitey is becoming an internet star like Grumpy Cat! Thanks everyone for your comments on her makeover.



[Hermione Powell-Davies](#) Looking very regal.



[Michelle Lyn Warren](#) Whitey must be feeling like as though he's starting a new life!



[Beth Warren](#)

12 May at 11:23 ·

Whitey update #6: Whitey has bonded with Grandma and doing lots of leg weaving. Whitey suspects there is more to the world beyond the door through which Grandma keeps disappearing. Whitey has even been heard to purr.

[Lyndall Edwards](#), [Kath Grace](#), [Elise Tardieu](#) and 10 others like this.



[Beth Warren](#) Maybe Whitey recognises that Grandma is related to Bill (he's her brother).



[Beth Warren](#) Grandma is pleased to be doing something for him by looking after his beloved cat, but hoping Whitey doesn't trip her up in her desire to stay close.



[Kath Grace](#) Love to Linnea! Good that Whitey has bonded with her, bad about the hazard. Time to use a dual purpose walking stick?



[Beth Warren](#) For swiping at Whitey Kath?



[Beth Warren](#)

13 May at 20:31 ·

Whitey update #7: Today Whitey was invited out onto the deck to sit in the sun with Foster Dad Bill Somerville.

JoJo came down the side path (which she rarely does), and caught Bill patting Whitey. She looked at him and he looked at her... And nothing happened.

JoJo was happy when he swapped attention to her and seems not at all put out....

Bill has of course been unfaithful to all manner of birds, possums etc so she must accept it.

Her head pricks up when Whitey's bell sounds downstairs.

The vet thinks Whitey is around 10 years old - so is JoJo.

[Hermione Powell-Davies](#), [Joy Tattam](#), [Marie Keane](#) and 14 others like this.



[Clare Hawkins](#) Hoorah!!!!



[Linda Forbes](#) Faithless Bill. So easily tempted by a new girl in town.



[Beth Warren](#) But JoJo is still Number One.



[Lyndel Short](#) Bill's other foster-pets ie the family of possums, the kookaburras, the lorikeets and cockatoos are being neglected as the cat soap opera unfolds like a feline Dynasty (without the shoulder pads obviously).



[Ken Short](#) replied · 1 Reply



[Lyndel Short](#) JoJo's strategy of denial seems to be working for her so far. Just put your paws over your ears and go meow meowdy meow anytime you sense anything peculiar in your environment.



[Caroline Miller](#) Go Whitey & JoJo, soon to be best friends.



[Beth Warren](#)

13 May at 20:38 ·

Whitey update #8: Grandma and Whitey are getting around 8 hours sleep a night, plus an afternoon nap. Whitey has the option of a heated throw on the couch but prefers to sleep on Grandma.

Grandma is employing sophisticated techniques of subterfuge to escape out the door to upstairs without Whitey.

[Hermione Powell-Davies](#), [Marie Keane](#), [Joy Tattam](#) and 13 others like this.



[Amanda Muruste](#) Stop it..smile emoticon



[Julie Fielding](#) Lovin' the updates



[Debra Bennett](#) I wish Grandma luck but, Whitey will out wit her. Cats always get their way! smile emoticon



[Beth Warren](#) I worry what will happen when Grandma returns to Hobart next week.

Elise



[Tardieu](#) Thrilling! Will Grandma succeed in giving Whitey the slip? The suspense is killing me!!



[Beth Warren](#) Grandma has indeed successfully left the downstairs room on a number of occasions! It is only Whitey who's not allowed in the rest of the house!

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[Beth Warren](#) Everyone's health and safety has to be taken into account!



[Linda Forbes](#) Suggest Grandma returns to Hobart with her heated white cushion. Would have additional advantage of preventing any attempt by heated furry cushion to walk back to Newcastle should opportunity to escape from downstairs room present itself. Whitey does Tassie could be a lucrative spin-off series.



[Beth Warren](#) Grandma has already dismissed the idea of Whitey relocating to Hobart. She requires too much attention. But I suspect Whitey has already discovered the service in Sydney is better than the level in Newcastle and is unlikely to leave unless things don't go well with JoJo.



[Christie Le Goy](#) Excellent gripping tale .. tail.. I'm getting confused



[Beth Warren](#)

14 May at 12:40 ·

Whitey update #9: A big day for Whitey today with a return visit to the vet. Kidney problems, inflammation, painkillers and eye drops. Maybe they'll give her a Webster Pack like Grandma's. She appears to be a whole lot better except her back legs are still a bit shaky at times. Whitey quite likes it in Sydney, the service is good, but she'd like to explore outside the room a bit more (as would Grandma).

[Linda Forbes](#), [Christie Le Goy](#), [Clare Hawkins](#) and 5 others like this.

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[Beth Warren](#) Oh, and this is a Webster Pack, for the uninitiated. A day-by-day tablet organiser.



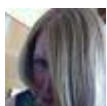
[Christie Le Goy](#) Loving Whitey's story. More, more!



Kath Grace I'm a fan of the Whitey saga too. I do hope Uncle Bill will be reunited with her in time. However, I am aware of the continuing caring that involves.



Beth Warren Yes Joy, unfortunately he's been going downhill for a while, hence being outside at 2 am we suspect.



Beth Warren

14 May at 22:49 ·

Whitey update #10: All is not well in Paradise. Whitey and Grandma have had a disagreement over bed real estate and Grandma came off second best. And Whitey's bed privileges may be revoked. In health news, Whitey returned for a blood test which will tell us tomorrow if the infection and anaemia are improving. And it seems Whitey's jumping days are behind her as arthritis in the back legs seems the most likely explanation for her wonkiness. A course of injections is recommended so Whitey will get to feel sharp needles like Grandma did today during the altercation.

Marie Keane, Elise Tardieu, Trish Commene and 14 others like this.

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Sharon Sherman Looking forward to the next installment of Whitey's new lease on life.



Gary Price Maybe Grandma might smuggle Whitey away in her luggage.



Elise Tardieu The suspense is keeping me awake at night...

Unlike · Reply · 2 · 15 May at 19:20



Beth Warren Another update soon. I've received the latest from Grandma.



Beth Warren

15 May at 22:40 ·

Whitey update #11: The battle of the bed continues. Grandma likes Whitey to sleep next to her feet but Whitey likes to sleep nose to nose with Grandma. Whitey loves Grandma.

Today Whitey and JoJo came face to face. There was hissing.

In another milestone, Whitey has been exploring her new estate, but has returned confident in the knowledge that her People would open the door to let her back in when she'd seen enough. It doesn't seem that Whitey is planning to walk back to Newcastle.

Marie Keane, Trish Commene, Joy Tattam and 12 others like this.



Kath Grace Are you sure Grandma wasn't trying to make Whitey prefer the dry quarters upstairs?



Kath Grace Sorry! This doesn't apply to the above but to the news flash below!



[Beth Warren](#)

16 May at 20:29 ·

Whitey newsflash - disaster strikes! W's food and litter tray are in the laundry and when Grandma went down just before dinner she discovered the hose fitting had burst on the washing machine and her & W's living qtrs were flooded! Dinner was fresh fish - put on hold but some saved for the cats. W seemed mildly perturbed as we mopped around her but was quite placated by a feed of fish and having the fan heater on high.

[Mary Joanna McArthur](#), [Marie Keane](#), [Hermione Powell-Davies](#) and 8 others like this.

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[Felicity Gifford](#) OMG who will survive?



[Kathy Turner](#) oh poor whitey - keep the updates coming.



[Linda Forbes](#) Are we sure Jojo hasn't taken Whitey eradication into her own paws?



[Lyndel Short](#) replied · 1 Reply



[Elizabeth Eden](#) Do you have a fresh basket and litter tray for Grandma?

[Lyndel Short](#) replied · 1 Reply



[Beth Warren](#)

18 May at 18:04 ·

Whitey update #12: Grandma is safely back in Hobart. No sign of Whitey in her hand luggage.

[Marie Keane](#), [Kath Grace](#), [Mel Pecl](#) and 8 others like this.

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[Beth Warren](#) Still at her foster house in Sydney. She will be missing Grandma. Will have to make do with the heated throw on the couch tonight.



[Debra Bennett](#) Oh no, Dave the Cat is upset. He thought Whitey was moving to Hobart. He was rather besotted with her.



[Beth Warren](#) Maybe Dave and Whitey can skype!



[Linda Forbes](#) Poor Whitey. Abandoned again by the one she slept on. Can she recover, or insinuate herself into another's bed?



[Beth Warren](#)

19 May ·

Whitey update - series final: Whitey spends the night alone on her heated throw rug and is pleased when the magic door opens bringing breakfast and company, but no eye ointment and oral painkiller syringe. Whitey has had her first of four arthritis injections and has appeared at the front of the house in JoJo territory, exploring. It seems you can't keep a good cat down(stairs).

Credits...

Cast:

Whitey

JoJo

Grandma

Uncle Bill

Foster dad Bill

Writers:

Foster mum Lyndel

Foster dad Bill

Grandma

Aunty Beth

You have been watching...

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[Michelle Lyn Warren](#), [Marie Keane](#), [Caroline Miller](#) and [23 others](#) like this.



TL Norton Final I hope series two returns to our screens soon.



Elise Burn Another great series draws to a close. I've been loving the Whitey updates. Please consider doing a Christmas special, the fans will be most appreciative.



Linda Forbes I suspect JoJo is pitching for a spin off series of her own. Fearless Feline keeping the suburbs safe from invaders and pale aliens, protecting her family from those who seek to usurp her... you get the idea.



Trish Commane I've enjoyed the series immensely. Thanks Beth



Nicola Burn Ooh cliff hanger! I hope another season will be commissioned. Perhaps the next series could guest star some creatures of the canine variety?



Lyndel Short replied · 1 Reply



Susan Evans What an enthralling series. Eat your heart out Game of Thrones!



Kath Grace Encore!



Beth Warren

26 May at 17:26 ·

Dear Friends of Whitey

I'm sorry to tell you that Whitey's health has taken a turn for the worst. She's off to the vet again today. Her teeth are really giving her trouble but her general condition and low blood count have stopped them giving her anaesthetic to fix them up till now. She seems happy enough, but not strong.

On the plus side, she sent me a birthday card.

[Ken Short](#), [Marie Keane](#), [Mary Joanna Mcarthur](#) and 16 others like this.



[Christie Le Goy](#) Get well soon Whitey. With [Lyndel Short](#) looking after you I'm sure you're in good hands.



[Hilary Harris](#) Oh that's sad to hear. Probably just missing Grandma.



[Jane Edwards](#) I love this Dickensian instalment publication. Just saying'.



[Linda Forbes](#) I notice JoJo is retaining her place in the hierarchy.



[Linda Britts](#) Oh no.....hope she can get well enough to get those teeth sorted. Our kitty recently had some dental work done and she is a changed cat.



[Hermione Powell-Davies](#) Get better soon Whitey from our cats Timmie and Angel



[Clare Hawkins](#) HANG IN THERE WHITEY! There are years' more birthday cards to be sent...



[Beth Warren](#)

26 May at 23:34 ·

Dear Friends of Whitey

Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and affection and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Whitey is spending the night in hospital being rehydrated. Her urine test was ok (how did they take the sample??) so kidneys are still working. Tomorrow if all is ok still, they plan to operate on her teeth. That should give her a shot at eating & drinking normally.

[Clare Hawkins](#), [Ken Short](#), [Felicity Gifford](#) and 15 others like this.



[Beth Warren](#) shared a link.

27 May at 20:04 ·

Dear Friends of Whitey

I'm sorry to have to inform you that Whitey passed away today.

The attached letter from the vet tells the whole story. When they anaesthetised her to work on her teeth, they couldn't get the tube down her throat because of an obstruction which turned out to be a tumour. That's why she seemed so unwell and finding it hard to eat and drink and drooling a lot. After discussing the situation with Bill S he agreed the kindest thing to do was to put her to sleep without waking her up from the anaesthetic. So we collected her this afternoon and buried her in the garden.

Sorry to have to tell you this bad news but we did the best we could for her in her last days and she would have died anyway it seems, but under the house at Stockton most probably.

from [Lyndel Short](#).

RIP Whitey

If you would like to remember Whitey, I'd encourage you to make a donation to the Hobart Cats' Home in her name. It doesn't have to be money. They'd welcome old sheets and towels for their residents.



[Robin Short](#), [Kath Grace](#), [Marie Keane](#) and 19 others like this.

[Gudrun Barratt-Peacock](#), [Ken Short](#), [Marie Keane](#) and 18 others like this.

Hilary Harris Oh, what a sad and unexpected chapter in the Whitey Chronicles. She was much loved by her readers I am sure and will be sadly missed by everyone.



Julie Fielding So sad to hear. I have been enjoying the updates - a welcome distraction from packing boxes. After reading how Whitey enjoyed his three hour trip in the car to Sydney I am not sure I can say the same for my two cats who will have to endure a three hour drive to Ulverstone in just 11 days!



Sandra Langan · 2 mutual friends

Oh no! That's very sad! xx



Hermione Powell-Davies Oh dear, how very sad. Well done to all those who made her last weeks enjoyable. I'm sure she appreciated it. She sounded like a wonderful cat.



Fin McShane That's sad sad sad. I promise I will make a donation in her honour. And yours, Beth.

Pam



Whitehead A cat with loads of personality, so sorry to hear the sad news.



Loretta Lohberger Poor Whitey. But it's lovely she had such good care in her last days



Susan Witek Oh that's so sad!



Trish Commene I'm devastated. Sleep peacefully dear Whitey.



Linda Forbes She gave a lot of people an unforeseen amount of pleasure in her last days. Thank you both for sharing it all with us.



Linda Britts Tears flowing here...so sad....but so glad that she had loving care from **Lyndel** , Bill and Co for her last few weeks



Lyn Blythe · Friends with **Bill Somerville** and 1 other
Oh dear, that's so sad.



Felicity Gifford So enjoyed reading about her exploits. .thank you for sharing her life story with us..I hope uncle understands how much we all cared too.



Beth Warren It is probably fortunate that Uncle will not be aware of her passing or at least will not retain the sadness for long. She was his greatest companion in recent years and a particular source of comfort when he fell in the front yard. We have heard that he will not be returning home and a place will be found for him somewhere where specialised care is available.



Christie Le Goy Whitey got the best possible care in her final days, which includes the considerate decision to end the suffering. Thanks Beth for an excellent series on Whitey, she's had a great following.



Elizabeth Wynn We were fortunate to have an elderly cat adopt us for 2 years. We don't know where he came from but he loved us fiercely. I think he, as Whitey did, appreciated the regular meals and warm bed we gave him for the short time he was with us. RIP WhItely



Caroline Miller Ode to Whitey
Farewell beautiful Whitey,
a brave and loyal soul
who steadfastly cared for your human
despite your own ailments,
bringing light and love into so many lives.
You will be sadly missed and joyfully remembered,
beautiful Whitey.



Beth Warren Oh Caroline, that's lovely. Thank you on behalf of Whitey's family and many friends.



Carol Ann Bowers Sad!!



Marie Keane She was so lucky to have such great care in her last days - you did a good thing **Lyndel** & Bill.



Trish Commene Oh that's sad Beth. Feeling for your uncle right now



Beth Warren

27 May at 20:46

RIP Whitey
27 May 2015



Gudrun Barratt-Peacock, Ken Short, Marie Keane and 18 others like this.



Robin Short Oh no, Beth! I am so sorry xx



Glenn Wickham frown emoticon



Katrina Haig Poor little Whitey.



Ann Davie So sorry to hear that. It sounds as if she was well looked after by your sister's family.



Kathy Turner Rip whitey



Kath Grace Grandma has been worrying about Whitey's future. May be its better this way.



Beth Warren Yes, Grandma is terribly sad but probably gave Whitey the best week of her life.



[Kath Grace](#) Now I have seen Whitey I can understand how she became a star in your narrative. Very appealing.

Jane



[Edwards](#) Oh dear.



[Sharon Sherman](#) Oh no. So sad after so much stress in her life but at least some love towards the end. RIP.



[Debra Bennett](#) RIP Whitey. It was lovely to get to know you through your stories. Dave the Cat is sad too but says you can now run free at Rainbow Bridge.



[Beth Warren](#) Thank you Debra and Dave the Cat - that sounds lovely.



[Lyndall Edwards](#) Thanks for being,



[Lyndall Edwards](#) Whitey.



[Clare Hawkins](#) Amazingly sad. We were all so involved!! But - what they all said - she obviously had a lot of love, and the level of care at the end must have been incredible for her.



[Margaret Finney](#) frown emoticon



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