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From: Tina Arnold <tinamarnold@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 4:31 AM
To: CAO-Clerk
Subject: We need a feral cat program!!!!

The feral cat population in Solano County is out of control. We need an effective program now to manage this.

It's the right and compassionate thing to do.

Tina Arnold
Rio Vista

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March 22, 2022

Solano County
Board of Supervisors Meeting

Dear Mitch Mashburn and the County Board,

Thank you for your service to our County, we appreciate all that you do.

The residents of Solano County are strongly in favor of implementing a County funded Feral Cat Program to support TNR.

For quite some time now, local residents in all areas of Solano County have been organizing feeders and trappers to control the feral cat population. Unless we were to bring all of the feral cats living on the street to the county building, you would not truly understand the scope of the problem. The shelters are overwhelmed so taking cats there is not an option. In addition, it is a true misnomer to refer to it as a "cat problem" - it is a human problem. The feral cats are a direct result of human negligence, abandonment, irresponsibility and indifference. California does not enforce spay and neuter for pets as some other states do. Funding the TNR program is the right and humane thing to do.

In these times of financial hardships on our voters with the pandemic and escalating inflation, there are those who are committed and compassionate enough to pay for spay and neuter, as well as food, out of their own pockets with no assistance whatsoever from the county. That is not right, it is everyone's responsibility to get their pets spayed and neutered, but they do not and this is the result. Our evening custodians at the high school who make minimum wage are constantly finding litters of kittens all over the campus, trapping them and paying for their care as well as feeding them. Many of these cats have been dumped, or began as a pet that became an inside/outside cat and was never spayed or neutered, and this is the result. Sometimes residents have to move for a variety of reasons, and they just leave the cats behind. Were these dedicated residents NOT doing this out of the kindness of their heart, you would not believe how many more there would be.

There has been quite a bit of money pouring into California since the pandemic, and the Purdue Pharma lawsuit was settled several weeks ago, California stands to acquire almost a half billion dollars from that settlement. Governor Newsom, with his emergency powers still intact, has distributed some of this surplus throughout the state to the counties.

We, the residents and voters of Solano County call on you to do the right thing, the humane thing and fund a Feral Cat program. Unlike the homeless problem, which is NOT a one-size-fits-all solution, the feline overpopulation IS a one-size fits all solution - TNR. Approving this program will provide voters with the confidence that our Board can get things accomplished in a timely fashion for the betterment of our community. Please have a heart and fund the Feral Cat Program.

“Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character; and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man.”

-Arthur Schopenhauer

Respectfully,
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From: Lydia Carriere <lydiacarriere59@gmail.com>
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Subject: Feral Cat Program for SOLANO County

To be submitted to Mitch Mashburn and the Board of Supervisors for March 22nd meeting,

I am writing in support of instituting a Feral Cat Program in Solano County. I live in Rio Vista and we are constantly trapping and trying to control the population of feral cats in this area. In fact, Rio Vista is a dumping site for entire litters of cats and puppies on a regular basis.

Please strongly consider what we can do as a county to help and protect innocent animals, that through no fault of their own, are in great need of a program of the citizens. Let's work to end the suffering and continued breeding of feral cats.

Thank you,

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