

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA TO PROCLAIM 2006 AS THE YEAR OF THE FERAL CAT IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are more than 100,000 stray and feral cats living in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara, the Humane Society Silicon Valley, the City of San Jose Animal Care and Services, Palo Alto Animal Control, Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority, Palo Alto Humane Society, Town Cats, Peninsula Fix Our Ferals, National Pet Alliance, Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, Angel Kitty Rescue, Stanford Cat Network, Tri-Valley Fix Our Ferals, Homeless Cat Network, Fix Our Ferals, Silicon Valley Friends of Ferals, Unconditional Love and Rescue and other rescue groups serving the County of Santa Clara have joined together as The Cat Coalition to alter and stabilize the stray cat population, and are dedicated to educating communities about Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) as the only humane, effective, and cost-effective means of reducing stray and feral cat populations; and

WHEREAS, The Cat Coalition needs to alter 400 stray cats per month or 4,800 per year to achieve a 10 percent reduction in shelter cat intakes and intends to begin a massive outreach program in 2006; and

WHEREAS, TNR stops the cycle of breeding, ends the killing of healthy animals, and reduces complaints about and costs associated with feral cats; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence and experience in the United States and other countries demonstrate that non-lethal TNR, accompanied by ongoing feral cat colony management, is the only way to reduce feral cat populations in the long-term; and

WHEREAS, caring individuals and groups are effectively applying TNR to feral cat colonies throughout Santa Clara County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse non-lethal Trap-Neuter-Return, when accompanied by ongoing feral cat management, as the most effective, humane method of reducing feral cat populations in Santa Clara County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim “2006 to be the Year of the Feral Cat” in Santa Clara County.

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