



ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD
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November 22, 2007

William O'Brien, Chairperson
Stanislaus County
Board of Supervisors

The Honorable William O'Brien,

This letter is being written on behalf of the Stanislaus Animal Advisory Board (hereafter, AAB) whose mission, in part, is to improve the lives of animals in Stanislaus County. To that end, the AAB is proud to support Alley Cat Guardians' efforts to increase spay and neuter for feral cats.

Annually tens of thousands of local feral cats are euthanized because they are homeless and have no companion owners to provide for them. One very important solution to reducing the number of feral cats is to increase Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) in our county. TNR is a successful model that traps feral cats, spays or neuters them and then returns them to a colony that is maintained by a caretaker. These caretakers provide food and health care, facilitate adoptions of kittens, and monitor the colony's cats for injury, illness and new arrivals that must be promptly spayed or neutered. TNR is humane, successful and cost effective as the means to reduce feral cat populations.

Our support of Alley Cat Guardians is in keeping with the County Board of Supervisors' proclamation, dated September 21, 2004, which acknowledges the success of TNR and is attached for your convenience. Additionally, the support from the AAB is consistent with humane laws and the need for a safe and healthy environment for our residents, their companion animals and the feral cats as well.

Sincerely,

Dave Cerutti
Chair, Animal Advisory Board

Attachment: Stanislaus County Board of Supervisor proclamation

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: September 21, 2004

No. 2004-715

On motion of Supervisor Paul Seconded by Supervisor Simon
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Paul, Mayfield, Grover, Simon, and Chairman Caruso

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

Item: *A-6

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, October 16th is National Feral Cat Day, a day dedicated to educating communities about Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), the humane, effective, and cost-effective means of reducing feral cat populations; and

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

WHEREAS, scientific evidence and experience in the United States and other countries demonstrates that nonlethal TNR, accompanied by on-going feral cat colony management, is the only effective way to reduce feral cat populations in the long-term; and

WHEREAS, caring individuals and groups are effectively applying TNR to feral cat colonies all across Stanislaus County;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse nonlethal Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), when accompanied by ongoing feral cat management, as the most effective, humane method of reducing feral cat populations in Stanislaus County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 16, 2004, to be National Feral Cat Day in and for Stanislaus County and encourages all citizens to support Trap-Neuter-Return for feral cats throughout the Stanislaus County area.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

Christine Ferraro

By: Deputy

File No.