



Feral Cat Rescue

1251 Stabler Lane

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Overview



Community History:

- The colonies that live here have been fed and cared for by many different community members and entities.
 - Yuba City Police Department fed from prior to 2009 until 2015.
 - Community members have been feeding for 5+ years.
 - In less than a year 70+ cats have been trapped and spayed/neutered.
 - 50 have been re-homed.
 - Funding came from two community members involved in the project.

Recently:

- Hilbers restricted access to the property on 2/28, leaving community members unable to feed or trap.
- A Meeting with Hibers staff was counter productive and did not lead to a positive solution.
- An attempt to gain help from SASA was unsuccessful as well.

Desired Outcome:

SASA, in conjunction with volunteers will immediately and aggressively move toward the acceptable practice of TNR throughout our community by:

1. Accounting for feral cat colonies in our community with the use of social media and volunteer groups/individuals.
2. Develop a plan, agreeable to all parties, to trap, spay/neuter and rehome 100+ cats from 1251 Stabler Ln. in a reasonable time frame.

Current Management of the Shelter is Alarming



No Community Connection

No Social Media

No Foster program

No Community Education

No TNR program or volunteers

Meetings with Diana and Megan

- Initial phone call resulted in a very negative impression of shelter staff.
- The need for social media, TNR, and foster programs were presented in 2017.
 - Meeting results were somewhat positive, but completely unproductive.
 - In 3 years, none of these programs have been implemented.

Flawed Fostering-

- Time consuming and costly to the city to become a volunteer.
 - Finger prints and a home check are not required by any other organization.
- No support in the way of formula, food or litter, but you can keep a kitten from every litter you foster.
 - This is the direct opposite of how a foster program should operate.

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When questioned about her solution, to kill 100+ cats

Interim Shelter Manager said:

I don't need to look good, I'm already doing good.
I'm doing my part, It's not my job.

Policies change depending

- The person
- The situation

SASA Board Members/Advisory Committee

- The most productive board had consistent representation.
 - A past councilmember sat on this board for 6+ years.
 - Current Councilmembers who sit on the board are rotating annually.
- Board meeting minutes have not been updated on the City's web page since June of 2019.

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The annual report is very vague and lacking information about animals taken in, released, and euthanized.

Intakes: 3, 170

- Released :1,827
- Euthanized:754
- Unknown 589

-What were the beginning and end of the year shelter counts?

-Were there 589 animals at the shelter at the end of the year?

-Were 560 of the Unknown DOA and counted as intakes?

-Dogs and cats should be accounted for separately in all categories.

-Intakes should be broken down by category

(Example: Owner surrender, stray at large, owner request euthanasia, transfer in, other)

-Live Outcomes should be broken down by category

(adoption, transfer to shelter/rescue, Return To Owner, Return to field, Other)

-Reasons for Euthanasia specifically listed for each case.

The 2019 report indicates our shelter has a 60% live release rate.

The live release rate standard, for a shelter that DOES NOT take in feral cats, is 90%

30%



I live at the end of a dead end road here in Sutter County, near Yuba City. As a result of this location I have a colony of feral cats living in my barn. I know that the original cats were dumped here as I have never adopted a cat myself. They just show up after someone dumps them. I phoned Sutter County Animal Control to see if I could bring cats in to that facility to see if they could be adopted or located to some place where there might be a need for barn cats. Imagine my surprise to be told to take the cats at least a mile from my home and turn them loose.

That is not a solution as I would be passing this problem on to neighbors within a mile of my home. This county has a huge population of feral cats and no place to get help.....not if our Animal Control is advising us to pass this problem on to areas at least a mile from our location.

Abatement of 1 cat or kitten.

Caller: Found 3 kittens in Shanghai Bend Park, in taped box with one hole. Yuba Sutter Animal Services told her to tape it back up and put it back where she found it. She contacted Fieldhaven for help and offered to make a donation to help provide care for the kittens.

The Big Picture:



There are as many as 6,000 feral cats living in Yuba City.

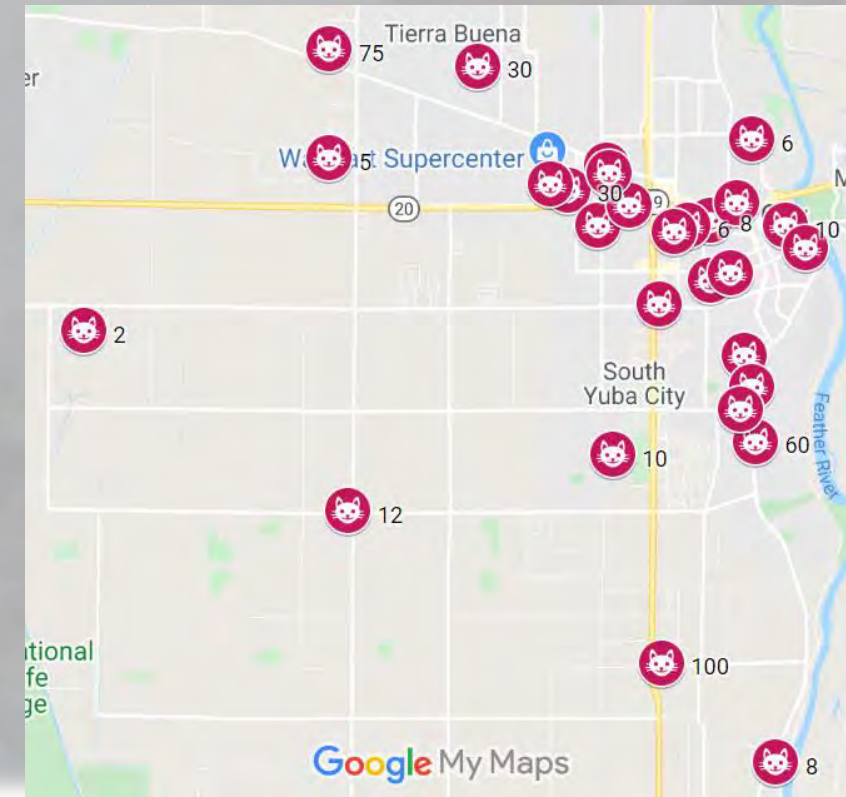
- FieldHaven published a Survey in Feb. 2020 that ran for a little over a month and collected data, data collected from extensive TNR in Marysville also helped provide these valid, yet conservative estimate.

Abatement is not the solution.

- The shelter has not worked with the community to try and solve the problem humanely.
- Shelter management has not addressed the governing board with this issue.
- Not only is abatement inhumane, but it is not a effective method to control cat populations.
- It is more expensive than TNR and tax payers' dollars are being misused.
- OUR SHELTER DOESN'T TAKE IN FERAL CATS, PER SHELTER POLICY.

The community has been fundraising and solving this problem ON THEIR OWN with no support from SASA.

- Feeders and trappers have spent a significant amount of time and money caring for these cats and finding a solution to this problem.
- They sought guidance and help from Fieldhaven, who backed out after strong resistance from SASA to work with the group.





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