

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2

DATE: December 19, 2006

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING - REVENUE SHARING - Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to FieldHaven Feline Rescue for their Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) as requested by Supervisor Weygandt.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

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**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to support the FieldHaven Feline Rescue Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) through Revenue Sharing funds. The mission of FieldHaven Feline Rescue is to educate the community on responsible pet ownership while providing safe haven for cats and kittens in transition to new lives in permanent homes. The organization adopts out over 300 cats and kittens per year while providing the community with resources on a variety of cat-related issues.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



## FieldHaven Feline Rescue

### *Mission*

*Educating our community on responsible pet ownership while providing safe haven for cats and kittens in transition to new lives in permanent homes.*

### **Request for Revenue Sharing Funds** **SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program)** **November 15, 2006**

#### **Organizational Overview**

FieldHaven Feline Rescue, Inc. is a tax-exempt, non profit corporation founded for the purpose of educating people on responsible pet ownership and providing shelter to homeless cats and kittens until placed in permanent homes. The organization adopts out over 300 cats and kittens per year while providing the community with resources on a variety of cat-related issues.

#### **SNAP Overview and Project Objectives**

FieldHaven has been providing the Lincoln area with a Spay Neuter Assistance Program since early 2005. The project received initial funding from the Community Foundation of Lincoln and subsequent funding has been obtained from PetSmart as well as private donations. The objective of SNAP is to provide the public with easy access to spay and neuter services at minimal or no charge.

Placer County is not unique in its animal overpopulation problem; it is virtually an epidemic in many areas of the country. The problem originates when people fail to spay and neuter their pets and those pets indiscriminately reproduce unwanted offspring. It places a burden on the municipalities and ultimately taxpayers to address the issue of these sexually intact, unvaccinated, and uncared for cats that are feral (wild) or stray (domesticated but homeless).

Aggressive spay/neuter campaigns have proven extremely successful in reducing significantly the number of unwanted cats in a number of communities nationwide. It is FieldHaven's goal to relieve Lincoln and surrounding communities of homeless cats and kittens.

Since FieldHaven launched SNAP in 2005, Placer County Animal Services has reported a noticeable decrease in the number of cats and kittens being brought into the shelter from the Lincoln area, especially with feral cats. 159 cats were spayed or neutered through SNAP in 2005 (see attached report). A number of additional cats and kittens were brought into the shelter and adopted out. Based on PCAS statistics and population in Lincoln we estimate at least a 17.5% decrease in intakes from the city of Lincoln to PCAS in 2006.

#### **Spay Neuter Assistance Program Cost**

FieldHaven utilizes Animal Spay and Neuter in Auburn (a non-profit spay/neuter) for the majority of procedures. An average cost of \$40 per cat provides spay/neuter surgery, core vaccines and basic medical care as needed. A grant of \$2000 would fund 50 surgeries, \$4000 would fund 100 surgeries and so forth. Funds from Revenue Sharing would allow FieldHaven to increase the saturation of SNAP in Lincoln as well as expand to outlying areas (Newcastle, Loomis, Penryn and Sheridan). Since the program is ongoing all funds given would be directly used for spay/neuter services.