Petition to SAVE THE CATS!

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| Petition summary and background | Recently, volunteers from Valley Oak SPCA were asked by the County to address the abandoned cat issue at Mooney Grove Park. The volunteers began a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program at the park at **NO COST TO THE COUNTY**. The program includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, testing for communicable disease, euthanasia in the event of disease, flea and mite treatment and deworming. Since June, 19 kittens have been removed to foster homes and 19 adult cats have gone through the program and returned back to their colony at the park. This approach provides a sterile, stable, healthy colony that will discourage other abandoned cats from coming in. The VOSPCA volunteers will feed and monitor the colonies on a permanent basis.  From the beginning the volunteers encountered problems with park management and County officials who would rather the cats are killed than be returned to their colony at the park. The County was given research about the effectiveness of TNR, however, they believe killing the cats and destroying the colony will solve the problem. This has been the County’s policy for 20 years and it has not worked due to the “Vacuum Effect” - other cats will move into the vacated territory.  The Humane Society of the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Best Friends and other notable organizations **SUPPORT TNR BECAUSE IT WORKS!** |
| Action petitioned for | **We, the citizens of Tulare County, petition our County government officials, elected and appointed, to allow the volunteers from Valley Oak SPCA to continue the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program at Mooney Grove Park unimpeded, with their full support and cooperation.** |

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