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To whom it may concern;

Since 2000 I have been involved in the trap, neuter and release of feral cats. At that time, there were no community or government support programs in my area. I was told of a colony of "many" feral cats that had been breeding for years and given that I have always been an animal lover, I went to check out the location with cat food. 38 cats came out from behind abandoned cars. Apparently the neighbors had tried for years to have the local Humane Society do something to help, but were repeatedly told "What do you want us to do? We have too many (tame) cats already". Of those 38 cats that day, some were sick, some were pregnant and some were kittens. We undertook our own spay neuter program by making a deal with the local vet to have them neutered for a reduced fee. It took us 3 years to neuter the colony and find homes for the kittens that were still being born, but it was successful. Today in 2016 there are 3 cats left from that colony. Within the next few years, the feral cat problem that had been an issue for many, many years, will have disappeared completely. I now take care of another colony in Toronto. Times have changed as now there are resources in the community that support the volunteers by offering no charge neuter services. Though this type of support for ferals is relatively new, I believe it is having a highly significant impact on drastically reducing the numbers of stray and feral cats out there.

Thank-you for your consideration

Tamara Clark