

HFC Committee

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Please allow me to give some individual testimony with regards to this bill and the cat colonies I manage.

1.

I began with this group of cats about 7 years ago when it was abandoned by another caretaker. At that point it was about 200 cats 2/3 of which were not fixed. In one of 9 feeding locations there were 30 kittens. With diligent spay neuter and other management practices like finding adoptable homes and returning losts to owners today this colony has not had kittens born there in 5 years and the population stands at 63 cats. 100% are fixed.

2.

I was called in to help at this colony when the caretaker had to temporarily leave the island 5 years ago. Out of 29 cats 2 were fixed. I went in and fixed all but one which was on my list but the caretaker returned after 4 months. I adopted out 4 kittens returned 1 cat to owner. Today the population there is 6.

3.

I was called to help a lady who was a rentor who was inundated with 22 cats and kittens. This was 9 years ago. I adopted out 11 kittens fixed the rest 100%. The population is decreasing and today stands at 11 cats

4.

Someone asked me 4 years ago to help in a public parking lot where there were many cats. I swept all got 100% fixed. Adopted out 4 kittens. Moved the 3 adults to various refuges and closed down the colony zero cats in 6 months.

5.

I answered an ad in the paper someone looking for help with 8 cats in a parking lot in kahului. Again I went in got everything fixed. Adopted out every kitten the community dumped there. The last cat passed on in Sept. I closed down the colony.

6. Again a caretaker who moved on asked me to feed 5 cats in a parking lot. This was last spring almost a year ago. I went in trapped and fixed 3 the others I had fixed for her 4 years before. The 3 kittens found homes one adult moved on and the last cat is happy in a sanctuary. I closed that colony down in less than a year.

These are just a few examples of what can be done with proper colony management. These are not the only success stories I have and I can name 30 or so other responsible caretakers who can give you similar data from their colonies. Please consider this when you review this proposed legislation.

Regards
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