

Mission

FieldHaven promotes the care and safety of animals in need. We inspire positive change through innovative solutions for the lives of animals and the community. Saving Lives Through

Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

Case Study: City of Lincoln/Placer County
Waste Water Treatment Project Colony - Lincoln CA
March 2014

Background

This project began when a biologist performing a Raptor Survey at this construction site discovered two kittens playing among the stacks of forms and construction materials. She immediately reported them to the Lead Inspector on the project. He did an internet search for Animal Rescues in Lincoln and FieldHaven Feline Center came up among the results. He chose to contact us based on our website.



Course of Action

A member of our Community/Cat Assistance Team (CAT), Janet Lee, received the call. She immediately contacted the FieldHaven Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) Project Coordinator, Diane Cochran, who in turn immediately contacted the Lead Inspector. Diane went out to the site with traps and carriers in case the kittens were still there. The kittens were no longer visible and the Inspector said they had no idea there were any cats there. So Diane left the traps tied open near where the kittens were sited, left the Inspector with cat food, and asked him to begin putting food in the traps daily and notify her when he sees the food eaten for several days in a row. Later that week, the traps were set and the mom, dad, and one kitten were trapped, but the second kitten escaped under the wooden forms. Food was left out for another day but there was no site of the kitten. Since the kittens were only about 4 weeks old and not able to maintain their temperature very well alone on cold nights, the Inspector agreed to work with Diane to try to find the last kitten. They proceeded to look under stacks of materials until they heard the first meow. They then began carefully unstacking materials and listening for the kitten until she was sited between two stacks of forms. Working as a team, the Inspector and FieldHaven Board Member, Scout Valentine who had come to take photos, were able to drive the kitten toward Diane who was able to physically grab the kitten on the run.

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Outcome

Mom and dad were processed through our TNR and Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) and returned to the site and the two female kittens were taken into FieldHaven and sent to a foster home for socialization until they are old enough to be spayed and put up for adoption.

FieldHaven feels very fortunate to have had this opportunity to work with the City of Lincoln and Placer County on this TNR project. It not only kept any more unwanted kittens from being born, but it allowed these two beautiful and healthy adults to continue the life they love, roaming the cattle ranch next door and performing environmentally safe rodent control for the area. In addition, TNR saves Placer County Animal Services funding by keeping feral cats like these from entering the shelter system just to be euthanized.

This is just one more example of how FieldHaven continues to support the City of Lincoln and Placer County by doing what we do best, promote SNAP and TNR.

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Mom Dad



Kittens

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