



December 12, 2025

Dear Ms. Jones,

On behalf of Spay-Neuter Action Project (SNAP), the San Diego Rescue Coalition, San Diegans 4 Spay and Neuter and the animal advocate organizations listed below, there is an urgent matter of Public Health and Safety and Animal Welfare in the unhoued lots on city property that requires the immediate attention of the San Diego Housing Commission and the City of San Diego.

THE PROBLEMS

As documented by non-profits on the ground: Animal Abuse, Neglect, Breeding for Profit, and Disease is rampant among these encampments.

Caring and Not

While there are certainly unhoued tenants that genuinely care for their animals, there are many instances where this is just not the case. It is in everyone's best interest to ensure all tenants are safe from aggressive animals, and diseases, such as distemper or parvovirus, which can spread rampantly in uncontrolled, unvaccinated animal populations.

THE SOLUTIONS

The best solutions to ensure Public Health and Safety and Animal Welfare, are to limit the number of animals any tenant may have in compliance with the San Diego Municipal Code, and to require every animal be spayed or neutered and vaccinated if the person is to remain on-site for longer than 30 days.

HERE TO HELP

In San Diego, we have several organizations that are willing to help and are able to provide no, or low, cost spay and neuter and vaccination services on these sites for your tenants.

REQUEST TO MEET

We are requesting a meeting with your leadership team asap to discuss this urgent matter and solutions to ensure the inclusion of comprehensive spay and neuter and vaccine requirements to the Pet Policy component of the Universal Terms. In fact, this new Pet Policy requiring spay/neuter and vaccinations could apply to all City of San Diego property tenant locations and will significantly save the City money in repair costs incurred because unaltered animals scent mark to protect territory, and cleaning that with tenant turnover is costly.

SUMMARY

The Housing Commission on behalf of the City, acting as Landlord as allowed by California Law, can and must ensure the Public Health and Safety and Animal Welfare of tenants and animals on their properties.

I look forward to hearing from you soon about scheduling a meeting to discuss this urgent matter of Public Health and Safety and Animal Welfare. San Diego Rescue Coalition participants supporting this request:

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| 1. ALMA Rescue | 10. Foundation for the Care of Indigent Animals | 19. Shore Sanctuary |
| 2. Animal Pad | 11. Feral Cat Coalition | 20. Spay Global |
| 3. Animal Rescuers Without Borders | 12. It's the Pits | 21. Sunrise Rescue |
| 4. Animal Welfare Coalition | 13. Lionel's Legacy | 22. Synergy Animal Hospice |
| 5. Animal Welfare Foundation | 14. Loving Hands | 23. Thrive Animal Rescue |
| 6. Animal Welfare Fund | 15. North County Cat Trappers | 24. Traci's Paws |
| 7. A New Life Charitable Fund | 16. Passion for Pitties | 25. Spay-Neuter Action Project |
| 8. Community Cat Foundation | 17. Pet Assistance Foundation | 26. San Diego Rescue Coalition |
| 9. Coronado Cares | 18. Saving Pets One at a Time | 27. San Diegans 4 Spay and Neuter |

Sincerely,

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*How can you save a hundred dogs or cats?
Spay or neuter one.*

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