Dear Members:

Imagine if it were routine in our society for all but responsible pet owners and professional breeders to have their pets spayed or neutered. Unfortunately, far too many people do not spay and neuter their pets or the strays they feed, for which our community bears an ever increasing financial and ethical burden. Santa Clara County animal shelters take in over 36,000 unwanted pets every year, and the cost of caring for these animals is staggering.

The County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors takes a leading role in reducing the number of unwanted pets by funding a low-cost spay / neuter program. The program is available to all County residents through participating veterinary clinics. Making spay/neuter surgeries affordable and accessible for Santa Clara County residents greatly improves the quality of life for both pets and their owners. Every year, the funding for this program is challenged to keep up with the need for services.

The County of Santa Clara Animal Care & Control and responsible breeders share a common goal: we work tirelessly to provide proper feeding, housing, medical care, grooming, and training for the animals in our care; we evaluate pets and adopters to ensure appropriate, lifelong placement in loving homes; we educate the public on humane treatment of animals and proper pet care. Your club can make an immediate impact on this shared mission with a donation to the County of Santa Clara trust fund for low-cost spay/neuter surgeries as well as the County Animal Shelter in San Martin.

Every dollar donated to the low-cost spay/neuter fund is used for spay and neuter surgeries. Every dollar donated to the animal shelter enhancement fund is used for items necessary for the care of the animals. Funds are never used for administrative or basic operating costs.

To donate, please visit www.sccountypets.org. You can make an immediate difference in the life of a cat or dog and, by doing so, you make a difference in our community as a whole.

With grateful appreciation,

[Signature]

[Name]
[Title]