Dear Ms. Robicheau: I am writing this email as I am unable to attend the scheduled meeting tomorrow morning in regards to animal control.

I am a full time working mother that, along with 3 of my friends are doing our best to control unwanted cats and kittens. We are trapping and spaying/neutering as many ferel cats as we can with our own pocket money. It is very expensive to do this on a regular basis and also look after a colony of cats that have all been altered and are living out their lives in a shelter that we have provided for them.

If at all possible we have found homes for all the kittens we have rescued and any friendly cats, and during this time we have each acquired several cats of our own. We love them like our children and could not imagine having them taken away. Our cats are mostly indoor cats but we do have the odd few that just have to go outside since that has been their live style in the past.

I am so happy that you are going to vote to remove the 2 pet limit. My home is clean and well cared for and my cats have not become a hoarding issue.

Secondly, I feel that you should definitely have a longer hold period for cats that have been picked up my HAC. I would be devastated to loose one of my cats that way and sometimes people will wait a couple of days to see if their cat returns. In the city...sometimes people take in friendly cats and therefore it can be a few days before they return home. PLEASE...extend the hold time on cats that are going to be put down!!!! Don't take away a lovingly cared for family cat!!! I think that it is wrong to pick up every single cat that HAC sees. In an area that is heavily populated...those cats surely have loving homes. This whole process only gets rid of family cats...ferel and homeless cats will not allow you to pick them up!!!!!

I also feel that there should be a low cost spay/neuter program provided to the public. I have owned pets my whole live and am shocked at the cost of this procedure these days. It is ridiculous. People with lower incomes...and people like ourselves who are trying to reduce the amount of unwanted, disposed of cats and kittens love animals as much as everyone else and should have a place to get them altered at a very reasonable rate. This is a world that caters to the rich!

I also would like to ask that some type of TNR program be set up so that people, like myself can do our part to reduce the amount of ferel cats without having to turn some away because we just don't have the money readily available at the time. These cats are ferel because somewhere along the way the owner didn't spend the money to get them a cat fixed and it continued to reproduce these poor unwanted little kittens. Now those same kittens are ferel and they too are reproducing. Lets do what we can to stop this without hurting these poor animals. They should be altered and allowed to live out their little, short lives if they have animal loving people to care for them.

If we all join together we can make a huge difference but we need to stand together. We can stop all this unnecessary killing!!!

I hope that my email will reach your desk so that you can understand what our feelings are on this subject!!! PLEASE>>>THIS POOR ANIMALS CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES....THEY NEED US!

Thank you,

Regards,

Wendi McManus