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DVA HOMELESS CAT PROJECT

Dear Fellow Residents:

In commemoration of World Animal Day and the feast of St. Francis of Assisi last October 5, we are launching a project that aims to eradicate the perennial problem of stray cats in our Village. It is our wish to control their population in the most humane and just manner.

This is in response to the many complaints of residents who report cases of cats who scatter garbage, harm their birds and fishes and cause disturbing noises in the evenings. We want to avoid a repeat of instances wherein residents have resorted to poisoning and shooting these stray cats.

It is our aim to solve this problem by offering **FREE** neutering and spaying of these animals, together with the assistance of CARA (Compassionate and Responsibility towards Animals) and other volunteer veterinarians. Jute sacks will be provided to households willing to help catch these cats. One effective way to catch these cats is to befriend them by feeding them. It must be stressed that the proper way of securing these cats is to grab the animal firmly at the back of neck and place hind feet first into the sack. The DVA office should then be immediately notified so as to arrange for a pick up. The animal will then be held in a central holding area where they will be cared for and fed until they are ready for release.

We are designating Sunday, November 9 as the scheduled date for this service. Cats can be brought on or before the said date. Tom Cats will be returned their original locations two days later while the felines will be after a week. The release will be rendered in the evening so as to avoid stress on both residents and animals. All animals will be tagged to prevent repeat catches. Adoption of these cats is encouraged.

Any interested resident who wish to avail of this service for their house cats may call Oying Rafael at the DVA office telephone number 817-3316. If after office hours, the security guard office at telephone numbers 810-1515 and 810-8484. This will be offered at a nominal sum to offset the cost of the Veterinarians professional fee. This reason, being that most homeless cats originate from house pets. We cannot control their numbers if house cats continue to give birth and their kittens abandoned outside the gates.

I appeal to every ones sense of community as we need your help and cooperation in solving the pressing problem of homeless cats in Dasmarinas Village.

Thank you,

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President