

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: TL;dr: please increase funding for spay/neuter - the money is already available but has to be used appropriately, on services instead of middle management. Hi. When my wife and I moved back to Los Angeles eight years ago we started to foster cats and kittens for LuxePaws, and we learned immediately about the depths - even then - of the spay/neuter crisis. Los Angeles no longer spays and neuters the cats that come into its shelter, but provides vouchers instead. Now, because private equity has invaded the local vets, it costs pet owners over \$500 a pop and the vouchers don't work. So they dump their pregnant cats in the street instead, and that's why private groups of volunteers are trying like hell to handle the explosion of cats in the street themselves. It hasn't worked and it's not going to work. I've attended one of the mobile spay/neuter clinics sponsored by LuxePaws (just ask them how they did it - it's amazing and cheap) and saw how 35 street cats were fixed over the course of one morning. There's an old saying that magicians know: because we're all brothers under the skin, it's important to treat our animals like ourselves. Here's a chance to do so.