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There seems to be an escalating number of abandoned cats and kittens in the last year. I am personally “hosting “ an abandoned unspayed female picked up in Davis that was in heat when she was picked up by a concerned citizen. The shelter is full so I’m taking care of her and trying to find her family. I am trying to get her spayed but my vet charges \$1000. I’m going to other counties to try to get help.

As a public health professional and epidemiologist, I’m also concerned about this as a health issue. It is likely that many of these homeless cats are unvaccinated. Cat outdoor waste carries toxoplasmosis. At some point, this will contribute to a public health problem.

This is crazy. We need an adequately funded shelter to prevent exponential growth of abandoned and feral cats in Davis and the rest of the county. This would be one of the best uses of local resources that I can think of.

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