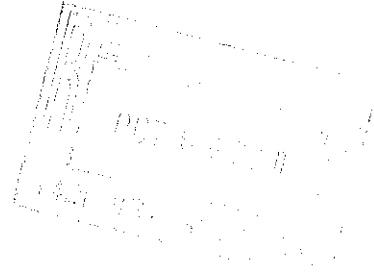


Roz diNatale  
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September 30, 2015



Santa Cruz County Fair Board of Directors

I am a member of the Pajaro Valley Quilt Association. I'm writing to bring this to your attention. I had a very bad experience with one of my quilts that I entered in the fair this year. The dark area on the face of Lola is not my art work. It appears that it must have been dropped by the person who was handling it and stepped on it then hung it anyway! Of course, accidents happen but whoever this person was didn't have the decency to let someone know.

When I took it home after the fair, I took off the dirt with masking tape and it lifted off pretty good. Then carefully used a cleaner to get off the residue. It looks pretty good but not as good as new. I did speak with Eileen who was in charge and recommended that greater care should be made to keep these quilts safe. Participants trust that our items will be kept just as we entered them.

Last year, I entered a quilt which was predominately white. When I got home after picking it up from the fair, I noted dirt smudges on the back. I didn't say anything because I didn't know when it happened. So now after this incident, I'm beginning to wonder.

As you know in February, the Pajaro Valley Quilt Assoc. uses the fair grounds for our annual quilt show. We take great care in handling over 400 quilts and garments and never had any incidents like this.

I recommend that the volunteers who handle quilts use cotton gloves and possibly as a team hang the quilts, perhaps it would prevent accidents. I know it is a huge endeavor to put on a program like this but greater care must be a priority.

Because of this experience, I will not be entering quilts in the fair in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Roz diNatale

October 2, 2015

Mr. Don Dietrich  
Board President  
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds  
2601 E. Lake Avenue  
Watsonville, CA 95076

Subject: Unsocial/Feral Cats

Dear Mr. Dietrich,

While attending the fair this year, I noticed cats being fed in the area of the historical agricultural buildings and exhibits. I am a cat lover, and was disappointed to see that a couple of the cats being cared for are not neutered. Two appeared to be obviously males. I am guessing that the person I saw feeding them works at the fair or is one of your volunteers, as they enter a building next to the food bowls.

I am asking you to direct your staff to properly oversee the County of Santa Cruz, and the City of Watsonville's recommended treatment and care of unsocial/feral cats and to have them spayed and neutered. County residents and volunteers spend thousands of dollars each year helping to reduce unsocial/feral cat problems in our community. When left unattended these lovely animals are subjected to disease and starvation. I'm surprised that of all places, this is being permitted this to take place at our fairgrounds.

Enclosed please find information that will economically assist the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds to properly and compassionately care for these cats. It will save their lives and others as a result of uncontrolled breeding.

Sincerely,

ANONOMOUSLY at this time

Cc: Project Purr