

Whisker Kisses Koalition

Whisker Kisses Koalition is a 501 (c) 3 animal refuge providing rescue, rehabilitation and safe haven to abused, abandoned, injured and confiscated cats, exotic pets and farm animals with medical, physical and behavioral conditions, providing a life home. Whisker Kisses relocated to this area because of it's pristine beauty and to further our rescue efforts.

In addition, Kritter Kountry, it's sister business, is working on an SBA Loan to purchase an additional 10 acres to develop a much needed Emergency Veterinary Treatment Center & Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic as well as an extensive Animal Boarding Facility for all animals, Horses, Cats, Dogs, as well as other small animals and exotic pets. To create a place for special events where the entire community can enjoy the animals while celebrating a birthday or other special occasion.

Both Whisker Kisses and the future Kritter Kountry are located off Highway 41, near the proposed smelter. We personally have sank all our personal finances into making this happen and are in the process of obtaining an SBA to continue forward. HOWEVER, in discussions with our board of directors, we are considering our options due to the proposed smelter and whether we still want to pursue our plans. Even if we move forward, we will have back up plans in place should the smelter be approved, so we can pick up stakes and leave the area.

Our concerns are based on PROVEN Statistics and Facts regarding the negative effects of other Smelters. In regards to the PacWest Silicon Smelter our concerns are as follows:

- 1) Pollution: Air and Water Quality - Especially the many local residents including ourselves who are on a Well System.
- 2) Short and Long Term Effects on Local Wildlife and Endangered Species
- 3) Increase Truck Traffic and Noise Pollution especially along Highway 41 as this directly effects us as well as all neighboring residents.
- 4) Short and Long Term Effects on Human Health - Especially children, elderly and those with medical conditions such as Asthma/COPD.
- 5) The physical and psychological impacts of all residents whose properties border the smelter and highway 41, including ourselves.
- 6) Specifically for us the impact on our Rescue Animals (air and water quality as well as the psychological effects of increased noise)
- 7) The negative effects on property values.
- 8) The negative effects on Tourism. Since our plans are designed to benefit the local community, they are also dependent on tourism.

Lifelong residents of the surrounding areas as well as residents who have relocated here from other areas, live here because of its natural beauty, the wildlife, the clean air and water. To enjoy what this area has to offer. If we wanted to live an urban lifestyle than we would not have relocated here. If local residents wanted to live next to big manufacturing plants, then they would have moved years ago.

There are many different businesses one can bring to the area, such as what we are working on, that will benefit the area and it's residents, add jobs and better the community. The Smelter is not needed, not wanted and just a bad idea. The majority of the population ranging from Spokane to Cusick and from CDA to Oldtown out to Montana, oppose this Smelter.

Whether one is Republican or Democrat, Conservative or Liberal, Local or Relocated, people from

all walks of life, all are coming together in opposition of this Smelter.