

PALM BEACH ISLAND CATS 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

2021 CATS HANDLED - Jan. 1- Dec. 31

Total animals trapped.	40
New alters.	9
Medical treatment.	12
Kittens.	11
3 litters	
Only 2 kittens returned to island	
9 placed for adoption	
Total deceased cats	8
Euthanized.	5
Hit by car.	3

Of the 40 animals handled all live animals were vaccinated or revaccinated, totaling 32.

FOOD USED

5,614 lbs. of Taste of Wild dry cat food
63,303 cans of wet food

STATUS

I have some good news. Palm Beach Island Cats (PBIC) excels largely due to the excellent performance of our Field Director, Patricia Kinion and Feeder, Damian Vidaurre. We have a wonderful, caring Board that works together well. Our organization is in sound financial shape now thanks to support from our resident donors and grant awards. We have made strides in our financial management with the hiring of a professional bookkeeper and also an excellent CPA to prepare our tax returns. A few years ago we installed a GPS tracker in order to verify that we do the feeding we say we do. This year we have found an even better tracker, a little cube that plugs directly into a receptacle in the feeder's car and downloads in real time to the web.

The cat population has stayed close to last year's 322 with some cats lost and some new ones being dumped. This is a 60% drop from 13 years ago when we began our work and is what can be achieved when all cats are spayed and neutered. A big change is the appearance of coyotes. They showed up in the far south end and recently one was sighted as far north as the Bath and Tennis Club. Cats are a food source for them, and we have lost 2 of the 3 cats at the Par 3 clubhouse, 5 of the 6 at Phipps Ocean Park, 5 of the 6 at Beach Point and a mom and kittens from the Ambassador. Four coyotes are coming within 12' of our feeder every night and then following him when he drives to his next feeding station. The only response we can come up with is to stop nighttime feeding at stations where we are met by these varmints and go to daytime feeding there, in hopes that the coyotes will not come out in the daytime. Nighttime feeding is best for us because cats are nocturnal, it is safer for the cats to bring them out when traffic is at a minimum and it also keeps our feeder from being harassed by residents. At coyote plagued stations, nighttime feeding will no longer be possible. Please know that these coyotes are not timid, as evidenced by the south end resident who was hard pressed to save her little leashed dog from one. Please know that if they keep coming north and get into the center of Town, they will turn into a big problem for our residents who will be coming to you for answers.

Our challenges continue and Palm Beach Island Cats will keep rising to meet them.

David Leavitt

President Palm Beach Island Cats