



Palm Beach Island Cats, Inc.

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20 FOODS CATS SHOULD NEVER EAT

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Uncooked bread dough can cause gastric bloating and severe intoxication from the fermentation. Go to a vet immediately if your cat eats bread that was rising and/or cooling.

Baby food because it doesn't meet feline nutritional needs and many baby foods contain onion powder known to cause anemia in cats.

Onions can be toxic that can harm red blood cells. *(Editor's note – this applies to tomatoes, too!)*

Goldfish contains an enzyme which destroys thiamin (vitamin B1).

Raw fish in large quantity can cause vitamin deficiencies (especially carp and salt water herring).

Liver should be reserved for rare occasions and never rare or partly raw. It can lead to hyper-vitaminosis.

Cooked fish should only be given to cats occasionally because there are too many pollutants in fish right now.

Milk or cream is dangerous even in small quantities. Adult cats are usually deficient in lactase and cannot digest dairy products properly. Kittens cannot metabolize cow's milk correctly – cow's milk differs from a mother cat's milk.

Cheese contains too much fat, and like milk can cause diarrhea.

Raw or undercooked eggs can lead to salmonella; scrambled eggs if well done are all right. Raw egg whites can destroy certain vitamins leading to skin problems. NO Caesar salad because of raw eggs in the dressing.

Fish bones are more dangerous to cats than any other bones.

Turkey and chicken bones are to be avoided due to brittleness.

Table scraps should be avoided.

Seasonings and preservatives: "Fur-get about it."

Fats, sugars and sugars are fatty, greasy, salty and sweet and can lead to obesity, tooth decay and digestive problems in cats.

Total vegetarian diets are impossible for cats; they are carnivores and require meat and fish regularly.

Caffeine and carbonation should be avoided for cats.

Dog food can lead to blindness in cats due to the lack of taurine essential to cats. A diet of dog food can also lead to cardiomyopathy and death from heart failure.



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WE'RE GONNA MISS YOU!

Many of PBIC's supporters have left, or getting ready to leave, for the Summer. . . we will miss you! We also know that even though these special friends are not here, they won't forget us and will continue to support the program caring for the homeless and feral cats on the Island. PBIC wants everyone to know that we do not take your support for granted and promise to keep earning it every single day.

You are special to these cats, and to PBIC!!!

BOARD ADDITION

PBIC is proud to announce the election of a new member to serve on their Board of Directors. **Paige Rense Noland**, recently retired editor of *Architectural Digest*, accepted the invitation to join the Board. Paige attended the capital campaign kick-off event in March and believes in the mission and work being done for the homeless cats in Palm Beach by PBIC.



Adopting one
kitten won't
change the world
. . . but it will
change the kitten!
(And yours, too!)

CARETAKER SPOTLIGHT



The Magic of Volunteers

That's the theme for the Annual Appreciation Picnic honoring feral cat colony caretakers and volunteers to be hosted on Sunday, July 10, 2011. The event will be held again in the community room of The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach. Registration will begin at noon; lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors (who underwrite the costs of the picnic) recognize that this public charity could not be as successful in the quest to control the homeless cat population on the Island without the dedication of the many caretakers and volunteers who work tirelessly to fulfill the mission of the organization.

"It is a small way in which we can let our volunteers know they are appreciated, and the work they do is invaluable," President David Leavitt said. "They work magic in the field, and we want to say thank you."

SAVE THE DATE



July 12 will be the next PBIC event, and it's one that pet owners will not want to miss. Join us at The Beach Club on July 12 for a pet health forum and luncheon. It will be well worth your time!



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DO SOMETHING NICE?

The exorbitant price per gallon of gasoline these days is almost crippling for the Field Operations contractors. If you want to do something nice for Wink and Damian, why not donate a gift card for gasoline to help them offset their greatly increased expense? To keep the cars rolling everyday ensuring all colonies are fed, cats are transported to and from veterinary clinics, and residents needing assistance get it, help the contractors lessen their greatest expense and let them know you recognize their wonderful work. They will appreciate it immensely!

CURRENT KITTEN STATUS

The Field Director is currently bottle feeding four preemie kittens, and she's happy to say the babies are thriving. If anyone is interested in adopting an orange kitten in the near future, call Wink at 512-4884 and talk to her about it. Right now there is a choice of male or female, but that won't last long. When they are old enough, the kittens will be shown publicly, and because they are the most desired color they won't be available long. Mama Cat beware – we know where you live!



**BEWARE
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DID YOU KNOW

that each day 10,000 humans are born in the U.S. – and each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born? As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all the animals. As a result, millions of healthy, loving cats, dogs, puppies and kittens face early death as a form of animal control. Others are left to fend for themselves against automobiles, the elements, animals and cruel humans. You can help stop the suffering by supporting Palm Beach Island Cats spay and neuter effort to control the homeless cat population in Palm Beach. And you can help -- *spay and neuter your pet!*

Cats don't have a collarbone and can squeeze their bodies through tight spaces; provided they can get their heads through first.

A cat's whiskers act as feelers helping the cat judge the exact width of any passage.

Cats step with both left legs then both right legs when walking or running. The only other animals that walk in such a manner are the giraffe and camel.

Cats practically never meow at other cats; they save meowing for humans.

Cats use more than 500 muscles to leap, jump and sprint.

It is not safe to pick a kitten up by its neck; only the mother cat can do it safely.



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CAT FACTS

The same region of the brain is responsible for emotion in both cats and people.

When cats get bored they show it through excessive licking, chewing or biting.

In the car, place the carrier so the cat can see you.

Cats make about 100 different vocal sounds; by comparison, dogs make only about ten.

Cats have excellent memory which can last about 16 hours. Cat memory is better than that of dogs, monkeys and orangutans.

Cats cannot sweat – they don't have sweat glands.

A cat will spend almost a third of its life grooming itself.

Cat brains are more similar to human brains than that of a dog.

A cat's ear can pivot 180 degrees. Cats use their hearing a lot like radar.

Sources: Veterinarians, Scientists, Studies, US Humane Society, ASPCA

WE LEARNED OUR LESSON

The Town Council scolded PBIC for letting our success also be our short-coming. At first PBIC was offended, but as we examined what the Councilmen said we understood. While PBIC focused on the management of the homeless and feral cats, and while Field Operations has functioned very well (cats are neutered, re-vaccinated, stabilized, medically treated and nourished), the Directors failed to make it widely known that funding falls short of the annual budget. In order to correct this, residents can expect to see more PBIC fundraising events, receive invitations to parties and find letters of appeal for funding in their mailboxes. Every effort will be made to increase the donations to PBIC to cover the costs of the TNR and maintenance program.

PBIC performs a necessary town serving job that is ignored or disregarded by some, but many applaud and recognize the task is worthy of support and have helped by sending a donation. All residents whether cat friendly or cat un-friendly need to realize that PBIC is **their** program to care for the homeless cats and to control feline behavior that is disliked.



**BE OUR
FRIEND**

PBIC is now on Facebook!

Everyone is urged to visit our page and become our friend. When we have 25 Face book fans, PBIC will earn its own URL whereby you can go directly to our page rather than go your own page and search our page or other nonprofit!

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