



Palm Beach Island Cats, Inc.

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July-August 2011 Newsletter

VOLUNTEERS AND CARETAKERS APPRECIATION PICNIC THE MAGIC OF THE VOLUNTEERS

About 30 feral cat volunteers and colony caretakers attended the third annual Appreciation Picnic on Sunday, July 10, 2011, at The Royal Poinciana Chapel Fellowship Hall. Councilmen William Diamond and Richard Kleid were there to meet the volunteers and hear of the commitment to the mission of PBIC and the work being done.

Field Director Winifred Barber informed the volunteers that the scope of PBIC ranges from the Lake Worth city limits on the south end of the Island to the Inlet on the north, and now that kitten season is over we know that only 30 kittens were born and are no longer in the population, that the parents were trapped and neutered meaning still more un-reproductive cats out there. It is a definite signal that the overall population is being stabilized even further, but she cautioned everyone to keep their eyes out as pets in greater numbers are being found in Palm Beach and many are not sterilized.

Director Leslie Moss said there is magic in the work being done in the field under the direction of Field Director Winifred "Wink" Barber and that it's the enthusiasm of the volunteers to do the necessary job. "There is real magic in enthusiasm", she said, "because it spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment. This Board of Directors has seen what the Magic of Volunteers can accomplish every single day. That magic improves the plight of the homeless and feral cats in Palm Beach. YOU are the magic of Palm Beach Island Cats, and we want you to know that we appreciate you!"

Here is the link to the article in The Palm Beach Daily News: <http://www.palmbeachdailynews.com/news/feral-cats/palm-beach-island-cats-honors-volunteers-supporters-1597794.html>

Here is the link to the Shiny Shots of photos taken of some of the volunteers in attendance: <http://shinyshots.palmbeachdailynews.com/mycapture/folder.asp?event=1283244&CategoryID=48024&ListSubAlbums=0>

During the announcements of the afternoon, volunteers learned PBIC recently received a bequest of \$25,000. The identity of the benefactor cannot be divulged at this time because permission has yet to be given, but what I can tell you right now is that the gentlemen recently died, lived on South Ocean and obviously loved these cats to leave such a generous donation for their care, Moss said.

One of the topics discussed during the afternoon was the inability of condo dwellers to have pets in their home. What they learned was there is an organization in South Florida fighting for those homeowners right to have a small pet. Go to their website to read more about the effort: www.petsincondos.org

To the volunteers that could not be at the picnic this year because they were out of town, ill or had conflicting commitments, Directors said they were missed and that they hope to see them next year.



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GUESTS
VOLUNTEERS
CARETAKERS
AT THE
APPRECIATION
PICNIC HELD
JULY 10, 2011



Photos courtesy of Annette





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NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY OCTOBER 16, 2011

*Everyone is invited
to join PBIC
at Nick and Johnnies
207 Royal Poinciana Way
From 6-8 p.m.*

*Free food, lots of fun!
Raffle Prize*

GUARANTEED A GREAT TIME FOR ALL

Reservations requested 512-4884

Furry Friends Symposium December 7 Guest Speakers

Dr. Michele Tucker is originally from Kentucky. She attended veterinary school at Auburn University in Alabama. She practiced for two years in Mobile, AL at a general practice. Following that employment she moved to Florida to work in emergency medicine.

Since 2001 Dr. Tucker has been practicing at Palm Beach Veterinary Specialists as an emergency veterinarian. In 2010 she was named Director the Florida Animal Blood and Tissue Bank.

Dr. Tucker is a member of the Palm Beach Veterinary Society, the Florida Veterinary Medical Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society. She also is a volunteer for the state of Florida Medical Reserve Corp.

David M. Green V.M.D. graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Penn State Univ. in 1965 and received his doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1969.

After graduation Dr. Green served in the Army for two years running the clinic on post and caring for the K-9 corps. Dr. Green settled in Miami, FL., in the early 70's. He opened and combined two practices dedicating himself to an ambitious program of continuing education, developing new skills, and making available the latest developments in small animal medicine and surgery.

Dr. Green sold his Miami practice in 2004 and moved to Jupiter. He now works part-time at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.



**Cat Owners Everywhere
Will Relate
To This Picture!**



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FIELD ALERT

Field Operations Team members have reported that one particular colony of cats are showing signs of sarcoptic mange, a skin disease caused by infection with the *Sarcoptes Scabei* (scabies) mite. This is a contagious disease that can affect an entire colony, so it was very important that treatment began quickly as it is very hard to fight.



But it is curable! If anyone sees a cat that looks like this photo, please **call 512-4884** so that treatment can quickly begin.

Field Statistics

2011 Second Quarter

- 41 cats medically treated (surgery/vaccination)
- 28 sterilization surgeries
- 36 revaccinations
- 6 illness or injury
(some held for post-op care beyond usual period)
- 5 orphan kittens bottle fed
- 3 Dead
(cause unknown), euthanized or DOA accident

FERAL CATS ARE NOT SOCIALIZED TO HUMANS

Though feral cats are members of the domestic cat species that have no home, and they are typically fearful of humans, they are protected under state anti-cruelty laws. Any abuse is prosecutable to the fullest extent!

NOTICE

PBIC requested of the Town Council a line item in their 2012 budget to help fund the feral cat management program in Palm Beach. The request was denied. The program must be funded by private donations and foundation grants. PBIC is solely dependent upon the generosity of the residents to help these cats!



**BE OUR
FRIEND**

PBIC is now on Facebook!

Everyone is urged to visit our Facebook page and 'become our friend'. When we reach 25 Face book fans who like us, PBIC will earn its own URL whereby everyone can go directly to our page rather than go through your and search for our page.

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