HFC Committee

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Subject: Cat control, Mature people need to say what goes. Ban the feeding!

I'm a resident of Key Largo FL, another US Island with sensitive habitat like your own.

The so-called "cat rescuers" that oppose your feeding ban must be kept out of the driver seat of your animal policy. When you properly consider the full range of their public statements, it will probably be clear that you are not dealing with people who earnestly believe the cat population needs to be controlled. "Cats are needed for rodent control," is one thing you will hear. Another is that "humans kill more than cats," and "most pet cats in homes today began their life on the street."

These people are kitten lovers who want to be in charge of halting kitten production. That never works for reasons any 5 year old could figure out. For as long as they get their way, the cats will be numerous, in miserable shape, and the worst looking ones will wind up on gofundme pages demanding money. These emotionalists have really got their racket figured out and take everybody for fools. They have never sterilized enough of the cats to reduce their population in any town in any state. Make them show you proof of rabies boosters (if req'd in HI?), they never have proof. These people should have to prove every one of their claims on a topic of such impact to public health and the environment. Who owns the liability for at-large cats that belong to no one? Surely not your taxpayers, stick it to these feeder-harborer-proliferators!

Here's an incomplete list of pathogens that can spread from cats to humans:

Rabies & toxoplasmosis of course.
Toxocariasis (toxocara catii) via feces/soil contamination Plague (yersinia pestis) via fleas Leishmaniasis (leishmania) via biting flying insects Cat Scratch Disease (bartonella henselae) Murine Typhus (Rickettsia typhi) via fleas Feline tapeworm (Dipylidium caninum) via fleas E coli via contaminated soil Babesiosis (babesia) via ticks Hookworm (ancylostoma duodenale) Giardiasis (giardia) via contaminated soil and water Leptospirosis (leptospira) via contaminated soil and water Ringworm (over 40 species of skin-infecting fungus) Sparganosis (spirometra) via contaminated water cryptosporiosis (from cat-feces contaminated water) Rickettsia felis (currently an outbreak in southern California) Apfia felis (another form of cat-scratch fever) Pasteurella motocida (potentially fatal, from cat saliva/bites) MRSA (antibiotic-resistant Staph aureus) Camplyobacteriosis (Camplyobacter jejunei) Campnocytophagna caminorosus (from cat saliva, body fluids) Salmonellosis (a 'super strain' unique to cats) Platyhelmenthines (flatworms)--more than nine species Sporothrix schenckii & S. brasiliensis (fungi which attack living tissue) Trypanosoma cruzii (Chaga's disease--destroys heart muscle) Chlamydia psittacii (mammalian strain of "parrot fever") Tularemia (weaponized by the US, Russian & Japanese govts.) Quite possibly SARS coronaviruses 1 + 2.
Streptococcus & staph.

If you violate people for keeping undersize fish and other resource offenses, then citing people for poaching by proxy with their hoards of invasive felines is a matter of maintaining the very credibility of government. The damage of cats is insanely greater than any other anthropogenic source of wildlife mortality that you will be able to think of. Please show the leaders of my community what courage in leadership is.

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