



Aloha Ka'anapali Royal Owners!

Recently there has been much discussion about controlling the feral cat population on property. The property has been inundated with unwelcomed felines at an increasing rate over the past few years. At first, a small number of cats were tolerated to help reduce the infestation of rats and mice. However, the population of cats grew as feral toms helped reproduce the cat population owners and guests fed the cats. Cats are now destroying lanai furniture, urinating and defecating on lanais, fighting with each other, and creating a nuisance for our community. The possibility of health issues to our guests and their children is something else to consider.

Many owners have expressed their dissatisfaction with the feral cat population to the Board and the House Rules Committee has been assigned to implement a policy and procedure to enforce a ban on feeding or domesticating the cats and reduce the cat population. We understand many owners and their guests love the animals, but unregulated feeding of the cats only creates a disincentive for them to hunt and survive off rodents. Therefore, the following House Rule is hereby adopted:

FINES FOR FEEDING OR DOMESTICATING CATS:

- 1. Any act of feeding, sheltering or attempting to domesticate any cat is prohibited at Ka'anapali Royal.**
- 2. Any owner or guest of owner that has violated this rule will be provided one (1) written warning by Ka'anapali Royal Management.**
- 3. Owners are required to notify all guests and their on-island agent of this rule.**
- 4. Second time violators will be subject to a fine of \$25 imposed by the AOA; Third and subsequent violations shall be fined \$50 per incident. Violations will be imposed on the unit in which the owner or guest is staying. It will be the responsibility of the owner(s) to be reimbursed by their guests if fines are levied arising from the conduct of guests or visitors.**



These rules and procedures are not intended to be coldhearted as we understand many people want to be compassionate to the cuter animals. Nonetheless, the feral cats on property cannot be treated as pets. Coming up with a solution to reduce the feral cat population has been researched and the following information is provided to you, the owners, to inform you of the plan to reduce the cat population:

- Since management cannot just trap and eradicate the cats, the advised procedure is to (1) spay the female cats to ward off toms and establish territory, and (2) regulate feeding at a minimum to restore hunting for food rather than uncontrolled domestic feeding.
- A non-profit business, the Neighborhood Cats Foundation, has been contacted and has agreed to trap, neuter/spay and return feral cats at the Royal for a small fee and donation per animal.
- All feeding will be performed by the maintenance crew according to a schedule with regimented amounts. All other food dishes, table scraps and/or cat food cans will be confiscated by security or maintenance. Fellow owners are encouraged to report violators and will be provided anonymity with regard to the report. Prohibited feeding only draws in more cats and reproduction, discourages hunting and territorial living and results in owner complaints and a thriving rodent population.
- From the information we have been provided, results can be expected fairly quickly if this procedure is followed. If the cats are fed by visitors or guests, a reverse effect will occur.

Finally, we want to reiterate that all forms of suggestions have been communicated to the Board, from trying to trap and dump the cats off at the humane society, poisoning and, conversely, just doing nothing. We feel the above procedure is best and, if it fails, we will have to come up with an alternative plan.

Thank you for your understanding. Nobody wants to implement unfriendly policies, but we are counting on you, the owners, to carry this plan out by communicating the policy to your guests, on-island agents and renters.

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