

PALM BEACH ZOO Bytes

Colin the Florida Panther gets a Checkup



Dr. Michele Miller - Chief Veterinary Officer, Kristen Krzepek - Vet Tech, and Susie Nuttall - Carnivore Keeper, with Colin in the Melvin J. and Claire Levine Animal Care Complex. Photo: Kristen Cytacki

Colin, the Florida Panther that was born at the Palm Beach Zoo on St. Patrick's Day in 1995, recently had a comprehensive medical exam in the new Salvatore M. Zeitlin Animal Hospital. As a senior citizen, Colin was due for a thorough medical and dental examination. He was brought to the hospital for blood tests, x-rays, removal of a "baby tooth" that was still present, and vaccinations. Our vet staff also removed severe tartar from Colin's teeth and treated the gingivitis that had developed. This was especially important since dental problems of this kind can cause kidney damage in older cats. He did very well during the exam, which was given under a hand-injected combination of anesthetic drugs that can be reversed quickly. He woke up within four minutes of returning to his bedroom for recovery. The good news is that Colin's exam showed that he is doing very well for a geriatric panther. This preventive medical care will help ensure that he lives a healthier life.



Robot teaches kids about recycling at the Palm Beach Zoo Summer Camp



Zoo Campers Bruce Haase – top left, Samantha Roghaar – top right, Ava Howell – bottom left, and Spencer Brown – bottom right, pose with Waste Management's Cycler the Robot

Cycler the Robot is appearing each week at the Palm Beach Zoo's Wild Safari summer camp to help kids learn about conservation, protecting the environment and the importance of recycling. "Cycler" is being presented by Waste Management, which has joined with the zoo in an effort to increase awareness of the importance of recycling. The entertaining and informative 30-minute program is a hit with kids who ask Cycler questions and have their pictures taken with him.



"Cycler" made his first appearance at the zoo camp on June 16. Waste Management's outreach staff assists "Cycler" during the weekly presentations. Waste Management also gives campers reusable water bottles with the Palm Beach Zoo and WM logos.

Waste Management also gave the zoo thirty 64-gallon recycling bins that will help with our recycling and increase awareness for all visitors to the zoo. Palm Beach Zoo and Waste Management share a belief that recycling is a vital component to reducing waste in landfills. Less waste means more space for wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Reserve a Space at Wild Safari Summer Camp for Your Child

It's not too late to register your child for an unforgettable educational experience - Wild Safari Summer Camp at the Palm Beach Zoo. This is one of the most popular camp programs in south Florida. Each week has a unique wildlife theme, and each day is filled with up-close animal encounters, animal exhibit visits, crafts, games, interactive fountain time, and much more. Spaces are limited. [Click here to register.](#)

Spooky Snooze Overnights at the Palm Beach Zoo

Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn, and cauldron bubble!
Are you brave enough to spend a night at the zoo? If you are, then join us for a special Halloween-themed Spooky Snooze program! Don't worry, because we'll unmask the creatures of the night and

Palm Beach Zoo Magazine:

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Our "green magazine" is digital to avoid using valuable resources and to save costs.



Become a Member:

Palm Beach Zoo membership is a wonderful way to make the natural world a priority in



show you that they're not so scary after all. Enjoy an evening of pumpkin painting, crafts, night time tours, a special spooky snack, and story time. Activities are geared for children age 6 and up: mummies and/or daddies must attend! [Click here for registration form.](#)

Palm Beach Zoo Family Member Nights

Join us on one of these special evenings as the Palm Beach Zoo opens late for an exclusive Member's Only event!

- Friday, July 24th
- Friday, August 14th
- Friday, August 28th
- 5:30 - 8 pm
- Arrive Early!
- Admission Gates Close at 7:15 pm - Limited Parking
- Adults \$5.00 -- Children under 12 Free

Children's Games & Crafts, Live Music, Up Close Animal Encounters, Wildlife Shows, Complimentary Carousel Rides, Raffle, & Interactive Play Fountain

Plan to have dinner at the zoo! The Tropics Cafe, Concessions Window, and Fountain Plaza Hot Dog Kiosk will remain open until 7:30 p.m., serving a selection of scrumptious menu items. The Amazon Marketplace and Jungle Traders gift shops will remain open until 8 p.m. for your shopping pleasure!

Jazz on the Deck Series

Kick back, relax, and enjoy local jazz sounds on the Tropics Café deck overlooking beautiful Baker Lake.

- Every Saturday in August - 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd, & 29th
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches exists to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to inspire others to value and conserve the natural world. We advance our conservation mission through programs in field research, endangered species propagation, education, health and wellness, and conservation medicine.

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between earned revenues and operational expenses. Your tax-deductible gift will help us to provide the very best facilities, health care, and nutrition for the over 1,600 animals entrusted to our care. You can also help provide excellent education programs for under-served children in our community.

