



SOBE Cats Spay & Neuter

TO: Ozzie Dominguez
 FROM: Linda Diamond
 DATE: 3-27-23
 RE: 8128 Collins Ave – The Kitty Campus Adoption and TNVR Center

SoBe Cats Spay & Neuter, Inc. currently has a 3-year lease for 8128 Collins Ave, which expires March 30, 2024. We would like to request that this lease be considered for a three-year extension to expire on March 30, 2027.

The City of Miami Beach Cat Program Rescue Facility is called the Kitty Campus, which is ran out of 8128 Collins Ave via the nonprofit, SoBe Cats. In addition to this facility assisting with controlling the homeless community cat population via Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return (TNVR) support, it allows the Cat Program to have an adoption component. The adoption piece is crucial as it gives us the opportunity to get placeable cats off the streets of Miami Beach and into loving homes.

SOBE CATS & THE KITTY CAMPUS SUCCESS:

- We assist in Trap Neuter Vaccinate Returning (TNVR) approximately 1,000 to 1,500 cats per year via various surgery outlets.
- In just over 2 years, we have entered nearly 1,000 cats into the adoption program.

CAT POPULATION GROWTH: TNVR and Adoption is an ongoing need!

- There is an estimated population of 20,000 to 25,000 homeless community cats on the beach.
- Due to the COVID shutdown of the spay and neuter clinics during the pandemic the kitten population has exponentially grown, and more non-feral housecats have been dumped by their owners in Miami Beach, thus the adoption component is crucial to help our stray cat population.
- Today, more than half of the cats trapped today are “COVID kittens” - meaning they are a result of free spay neuter clinics closing during the epidemic. This further speaks to the need for an adoption facility to help get adoptable kittens off the streets forever.
- A 4-month-old kitten can become pregnant, one female can have 12 kittens per year, and 100 kittens in her reproductive lifetime. We do not want the stray cat situation to end up like the iguana population, as they procreate quickly.
- We have been seeing a backlash from unhappy residents, Condominium Associations, businesses, and Homeowner Associations with the increased cat population. Examples of such are NAHA (Nautilus Neighborhood), Hibiscus Island and Palm Island. The tone of all parties is that the growing cat population is an issue the City of Miami Beach needs to continue to address.



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LEASE REQUESTS:

Outstanding from current lease:

1. Repair the concrete walkway and patio.
2. Modify the ramp to be ADA compliant.
3. Install new exterior doors.
4. Paint interior doors, trim, and door jams.
5. Repair of non-working electrical outlets.
6. Repair of hot water supply to the utility sink to the left of the doorway to the kitchen.

Additions to current lease:

1. Painting of interior (to include doors, trim, and door jams) and exterior – touch ups and full painting as needed.
2. Change to Hurricane Impact windows.
3. Addition of electrical, drain, plumbing and ventilation as needed for a second set of washer/dryers in the kitchen.
4. Addition of plumbing (water supply and drain) for a kitchen style wash sink in the back room.
5. Addition of concrete and a screened in awning for TNVR holding to the west side of the Kitty Campus, since we are unable to use the awning on the east side of the property which is part of our lease parcel.

Thank you for your consideration.