

Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife

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meets the second Tuesday of each month from September to May at
Rotary Park Environmental Center 5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral
(Pelican Blvd @ El Dorado Pkwy)

Becoming a member of Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife is easy. We welcome full-time, part-time or even non-residents of Cape Coral who love wildlife and want to contribute their time and energy to our cause. Go to our website to access the membership application.

2012 SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

September 11 7 - 9 PM

Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Jackson, FGCU professor of Ecological Studies, will enlighten us about the Florida Burrowing Owl - its past, present and future in Florida

October 9 7 - 9 PM

Join us to learn about Florida Butterflies with Nick Bodvin & Gayle Edwards. They will also guide you on planting a Florida butterfly garden to attract them to your yard.

November 13 7 - 9 PM

Dan Tudor, wildlife photographer, will present a preview of creative images & candid video moments of burrowing owlets and other Cape Coral wildlife.

December 11 7 - 9 PM

"All About Manatees" with Maija Gadiant, educational specialist. Learn about these slow moving aquatic mammals which are an endangered species and considered Florida's gentle giants



Miss Kyle, Susan Porreca, Miss Dot and Trouper



Trouper Visits CCFW

Trouper the blind raccoon his friend, Dot Lee and author, Kyle Miller provided our May program.

Trouper Raccoon is an animal ambassador for the purpose of wildlife education.

The chart shows the building blocks that serve as the foundation of "Trouper's Teachings" - a structured wildlife education program designed for young people.

By using Trouper as an example of a survivor of animal cruelty, the program was developed for children. The building blocks for Trouper's Teachings are to Teach Respect for animals at every Opportunity for the Understanding of why it is important to Protect wildlife and habitats in the Environment with each of us taking Responsibility for the choices we make.



Thank You So Much . . .



CCFW greatly appreciates the PVC donations from Water Medic of Cape Coral. Their generosity has saved us money that can be used toward other projects. Of even greater advantage is that we are able to use their throwaways thus following the golden rule of "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle."

To our Owl Patrol and Adopt A Burrow volunteers for their many hours spent helping to cut the vegetation at the burrow sites. Their hard work and dedication has helped to protect our special little owls which has given Cape Coral the privilege of having the largest known population of the Florida Burrowing Owl.

To Carl Eason for taking the time to cut the wood for t-perches which the Special Populations students assemble for our burrowing owls perches.



Killer Cats in Cape Coral

They are the pride and joy of our city -- we're talking about Cape Coral's burrowing owl.

And one wildlife activist is lashing out at cat owners, fearing their pets are roaming known owl burrows and stalking the protected birds.

Dan Tudor with Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife says housecats are stalking the owls. In fact, he says this known owl habitat on the corner of Tudor and Tarpon Drives in the southeast Cape is now abandoned.

"This used to be a very active burrow and the people here loved the owl. Now there's no activity here what so ever. None, it's gone," he tells us.

Cats need to be licensed and vaccinated every year.

And fines for letting them roam free start at \$150 and run up to \$500.

Lee County Animal Services says it will gladly go out to neighborhoods and educate cat owners about what they need to be doing under the law and to preserve the borrowing owl.



Get Involved

[Starter Burrow Program](#)

Habitat loss is of major concern for the Burrowing Owls in Cape Coral. Learn how you can install a starter burrow on your property and attract this species of special concern to your home.

[Adopt – a – Burrow](#)

Do you enjoy seeing the Burrowing Owls in your neighborhood? Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife can use help to maintain these burrows. Learn how **you** can safely maintain a burrow in your neighborhood. Call 239 980-2593 for more information

[Staking Days](#)

Once a week the "Burrow Patrol" goes out into the community to monitor and maintain the nearly 2500 Burrowing Owl Burrows in Cape Coral. Join this fun group of volunteers and do your part to help the Burrowing Owls. Meet Wednesday at 9 AM at the south west corner of Target's parking lot at Santa Barbara & Veteran's

[Public Outreach](#)

Need a speaker for your school, or organization? Call 239-980-2593 for more information, or email us at contact@ccfriendsofwildlife.org

[Burrowing Owl Festival](#)

The Burrowing Owl Festival is the major fund raiser for Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife.