

## Judy Gamel

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 07, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Tom Mattmuller  
**Cc:** Judy Gamel  
**Subject:** RE: pest control

Tom

Thanks for the info. Please advise if there are recent updates

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Mr. Lavallee,

VPD has had multiple meeting with the Florida Wildlife Commission requesting guidance on the issue of coyotes. VPD has provided FWC with coyote photographs roaming the island during daytime hours and the citizen accounts of the daytime sightings. Biologists from the University of Florida and experts from FWC continue recommendations of removing food source which includes pet food left outside, fallen fruit, and household garbage. Wildlife Center of Venice has also been very helpful in monitoring the coyote activity.

From the experts, attempts to remove or exterminate the coyotes will cause the animals to mass propagate. Therefore, VPD will not attempt to dart, poison, tranquilize or shoot the coyotes. Research has found, removing coyotes from one area can result in other coyotes moving in from surrounding areas and producing more offspring.

VPD will continue work FWC and the Wildlife Center of Venice. VPD will also use social media and a coyote sign board provided by FWC to keep the community informed.

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Tom/ John

I received a request from Bob Daniels for an update on issues related to rats and coyote problems. Are you involved in any pro-active or reactive work concerning rats or coyotes; or are you aware of anything being done by other agencies? Thanks

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