

# SBR Cat Care Volunteers' Update

May 2025



# Cat care at Saadiyat Beach Residences

We are a group of residents who collectively care for the community cats. Since early this year, we have coordinated our efforts to facilitate TNR and other urgent medical treatments. As of March, we have begun documenting our work.<sup>(1)</sup>

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Well maintained  
feeding stations

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Active  
volunteers

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Cats  
rehomed

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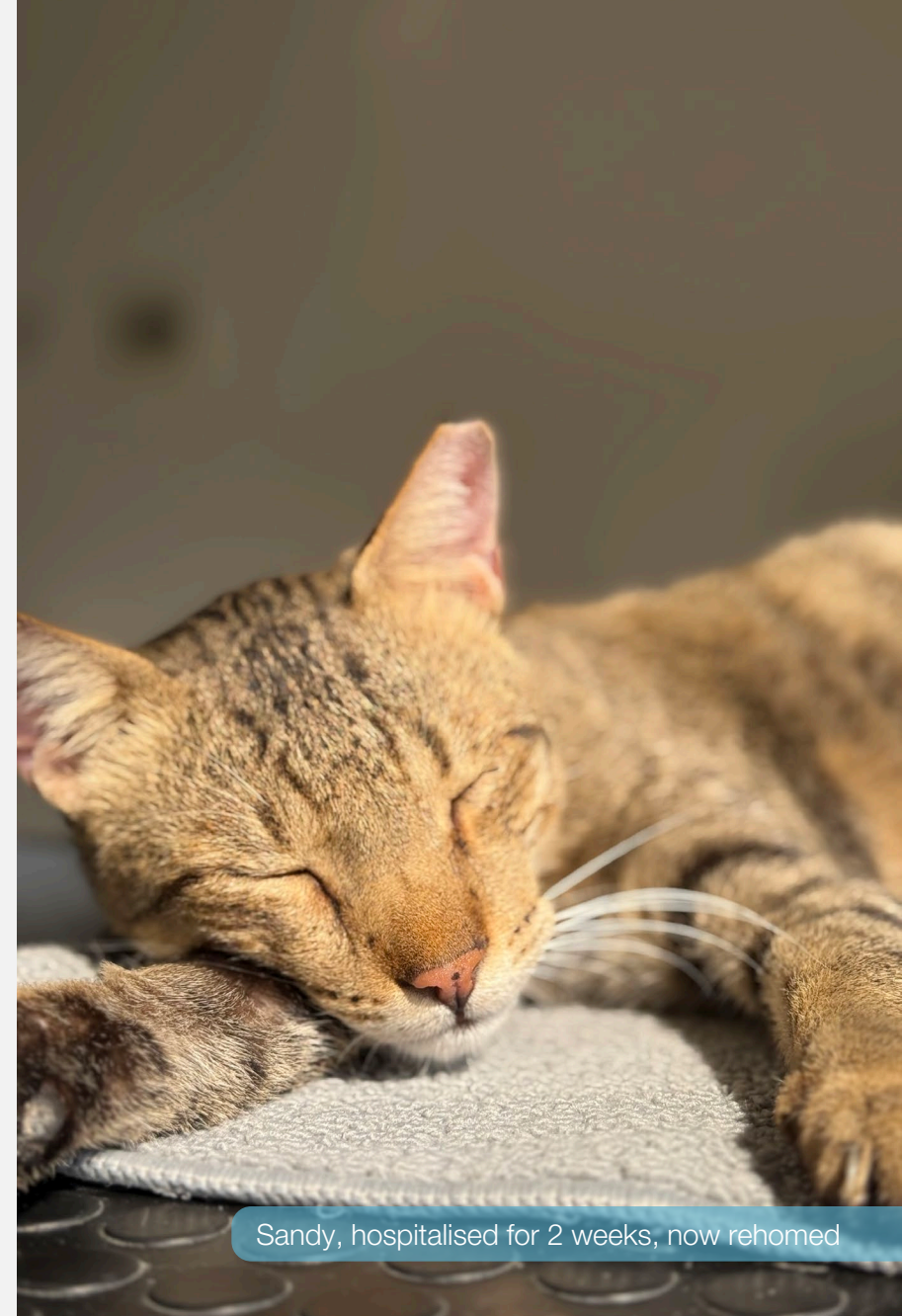
TNR  
surgeries

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Dental, eye and  
other surgeries

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Cats  
vaccinated



Sandy, hospitalised for 2 weeks, now rehomed

(1) Figures for year to date

# Current set-up and challenges

## Administration

- Coordination via WhatsApp group ensures daily coverage and quick responses
- Three in-person meetings held to date; minutes and action points are documented and shared
- Cat register tracking health status, TNR, vaccinations, and microchips
- Equipment (carriers, trap cage, gloves, microchip reader) shared and managed within the group
- Volunteers manage feeding through self-organised schedules, including during holidays
- The cats are microchipped and officially registered as property

## Challenges

- Some cats are difficult to trap, requiring multiple attempts and time
- Vet care, especially complex treatments, can be costly and logistically demanding
- Informal caregiving limits ability to access formal support or funding
- No dedicated indoor recovery space for cats post-surgery or in summer heat

## Future planning

- Consider establishing regular contributions channels to improve financial sustainability
- Build community awareness and explore collaboration opportunities with local management
- Assess feasibility of temporary shelter options or foster arrangements during critical periods

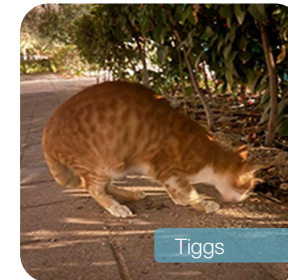
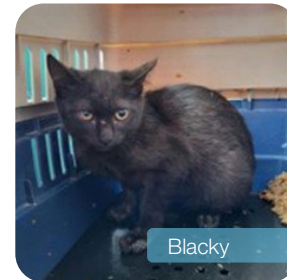
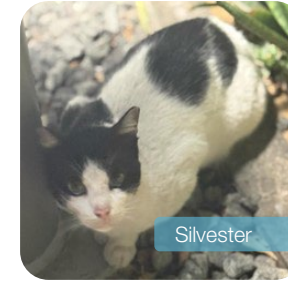
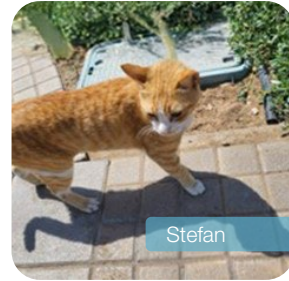
# Why community engagement matters

- Our volunteers are residents who interact with the cats daily and respond immediately to their needs
- This organic, on-the-ground presence allows us to monitor health, behaviour, and care requirements in real time
- Cats are part of our daily environment — many residents know them by name and feel responsible for their wellbeing
- We've already built trust with the cats, enabling effective treatment, socialisation, and, in some cases, rehoming
- This approach is deeply rooted in compassion and continuity — not just service delivery
- We are keen to explore how this model can be strengthened through community support and dialogue with community management



Ethel, TNR, dental & vaccinations, now rehomed

# Our cats



\*Recently passed

## Our community facilitated the following treatments:

- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)
- Vaccination (including 1st and 2nd doses)
- Parvo tests
- Eye infection treatment
- Eye removal surgery
- Tooth extractions
- Teeth scaling / dental cleaning
- Microchipping
- X-ray
- Flu treatment
- General vet check-ups
- End of life care