

## ANIMAL DEATHS

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By now, some of you may be aware of coyotes that are believed to have been responsible for the deaths of two deer in our community on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, respectively. What resulted from their deaths was who would be responsible for removing them as they were not on the resident's property, but the green space abutting the park.

After contacting Florida Wildlife, Animal Control, and Pinellas County Parks Department, it was finally determined that Pinellas County Public Works would be responsible for picking up the dead animals, as long as they were "on the side of a county road".

As it turned out, nature took its course and the vultures took care of the "removal".

For future, the following contact information may be of assistance should the need arise:

**Florida Wildlife** - 1-866-293-9282 (They came out on the first incident, but not the second)

**Pinellas County Public Works** - 464-8900 – **for deer pick up**

EMAIL: [PublicWorks@pinellascounty.org](mailto:PublicWorks@pinellascounty.org)  
([http://www.pinellascounty.org/reportan issue/](http://www.pinellascounty.org/reportanissue/))

**Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources** - 453-6924 - Will answer any questions you may have regarding parks

**Animal Control** has information for residents about coyotes at this link.

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/coyotes/index.html>

As another FYI, the county does **NOT** trap coyotes. Once their pack begins to thin out from trapping, they begin reproducing to fill the void and this could, perhaps, increase their population beyond their initial pack members.

***\*Should an animal be killed and die on your property, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to contact a trapper for removal. No governmental agency will remove dead animals on private property.***