



A picture of Reef and foxes that found sanctuary in Key Largo is held up during a protest against fur in fashion in New York City last weekend. CONTRIBUTED

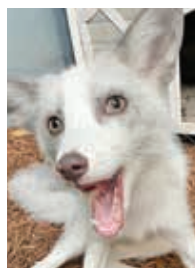
Reef and friends take center stage in New York City

Hi friends, Reef the fox here with another weekly edition of "Reef's Report." Over the past weekend, my human mom, Nicole Navarro, flew all the way to New York City to participate in a march through Manhattan with over 100 other animal lovers to speak out against fur being used in fashion.

Mom got home Oct. 10 and showed me pictures and wow, what an event it was. People I don't even know were holding signs with my face on it and the faces of my five fox friends that live here with me. Can you believe that people still wear real fur? Can you believe that I was destined to be someone's fashion accessory? So gross. Anyway, my mom really loves me and even though I can be a turd sometimes, I really love her too. So this is your reminder to not buy anything from any companies that still sell real fur.

There are some really cool things going on in the Upper Keys in the next few weeks leading up to Halloween. The Witches Ride is back on Oct. 23, so dust off your hats and grease up those bike chains because this is going to be a good one. The first 100 witches/warlocks to register will receive a goody bag filled with tricks and treats. Registration is a \$25 donation and you can register at The Catch or at the Caribbean Club. The ride starts at 1 p.m. from The Catch and will end at the Caribbean Club for a big party in the backyard. This fox doesn't know how to ride a bike but maybe mom will let me watch from the front yard.

On that same day, Marine Lab is having their Haunted Lagoon. Located at 51 Shoreland Drive in Key Largo,



REEF THE FOX

Reef is a red fox that was saved from a fur farm. He now lives in Key Largo with his human, Nicole Navarro.

they will have land and water spooky tours going on. Land fun starts at 5 p.m. and the snorkel tours start at 6 p.m., and it's only \$5 to snorkel the haunted lagoon.

There will be a selfie station with a shark, mystery boxes, games, treats and drinks. This fox doesn't know how to snorkel either so I'll be skipping this one but it sounds like so much fun.

Starting Thursday, Oct. 14, REEF Fest is happening with its diving, snorkeling, kayak eco-tours, ocean-themed seminars and social events. Since 2015, REEF has hosted REEF Fest each fall in the Florida Keys. Divers, snorkelers and ocean lovers attend to celebrate their love of marine life and learn about the latest in conservation. Go to reef.org to register and learn more about this event. I wonder why I don't have my own reef.com website? I think my mom forgot about it. I mean, I am very famous and might deserve a website dedicated to just how awesome I am.

Anyway, that's all for this week. You can learn all about me and the other five foxes that call Pawsitive Beginnings home by visiting pawsitivebeginnings.org and you can email me directly for any fox-related questions at reef@pawsitivebeginnings.org

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