# No injuries in Keowee Key fire

## Morning blaze damages home's interior, kills pets

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SALEM — A Sunday-morning fire caused extensive interior damage to a home in the Keowee Key community, but the blaze caused no injuries.

At about 7:30 a.m., the Keowee Fire Department was called to a residential structure fire at No. 2 Calm Sea Drive, inside Keowee Key's north entrance. The first engine reported a six-minute response time and arrived to find smoke billowing from several areas of the home.

"We had heavy smoke showing from the entire residence and fire showing from one end of a three-story home," Ke-

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owee Fire Chief Richie Caudill told The Journal. "The crews made an aggressive attack, and we got it out."

Caudill said there was "extensive damage" to the interior, but no injuries to either residents or firefighter, although a "couple of pets" were lost in the fire.

A neighbor told The Journal on Monday that the American Red Cross had "resettled the family."

The initial dispatch included Keowee Ebenezer, Corinth Shiloh, Salem and Oconee Station 21 departments. After initial units determined a need for more resources, Seneca, Pickett Post and Six Mile fire departments also assisted, while Keowee Springs from Pickens County covered the Keowee station during the fire.

Keowee Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Shirley said due to the size of the home, its contents and the fire's heavy progression, it took time to bring it under control.

"Great teamwork led to an exceptional stop of the fire and salvage of much of the structure and contents," Shirley told The Journal in an email.

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