

# Your Akamai Pet Guide



**Hawaiian Humane Society**  
People for animals. Animals for people.

# A Happy Island Pet Starts with You!

Animals represent the best part of ourselves – the part of us that instinctively knows the joy of companionship and compassion, and the importance of responsibility. Whether a cat or dog, rabbit or bird, he's dependant on you for food, shelter, exercise, health care and companionship.

Here are a few reminders to ensure that you're the best caregiver a pet could have!



## Annual Exams

An annual wellness exam, preventive vaccinations and early disease detection are very important. Pets age at a much faster rate than people, and these annual visits may reveal subtle signs of disease or illness not easily detected. Dental care is very necessary and often overlooked. Dental disease can lead to more serious problems if untreated.

## Vaccinations

An initial series of shots is necessary to start a kitten or puppy on a lifetime free of certain preventable, contagious diseases. Adult cats and dogs may also require certain vaccinations.

## Nutrition

Different pets have different needs based on their age, health and activity level. For example, a high-protein diet is great for growing puppies, but diets high in protein can aggravate kidney disease in an older pet.



## Shelter

Animals need a safe, secure place to live, and they are happiest indoors with you. Give outdoor dogs shelter from the weather and access to food and water. Tall fences can keep a dog at home where he belongs. Cats should be kept indoors to avoid hazards like cars, poisons, other animals and disease. Cats allowed outside typically live less than 5 years, while cats kept exclusively indoors often live 17 years or more.

## Exercise

Like humans, pets need exercise. Schedule time every day to take a walk, throw a ball, dangle some string – anything to provide opportunities for exercise and quality time together.

## Socialization & Behavior

For a social, well-trained pet, slowly expose him or her to people and animals. Set rules immediately and stick to them. Never physically punish an animal. The Humane Society offers a list of trainers and training programs.

## Welcoming a Cat

Before bringing your new kitty home, prepare spaces in your house in which she can eat, sleep, and use a litter box. Put poisonous chemicals, toxic plants and other dangers out of the reach of cats – and remember that cats are remarkable leapers and climbers. Make sure that all windows are properly screened and secure. Having a scratching post or box available will help save possible wear and tear on furniture.

- Spend time training your cat so that she becomes familiar with being held and groomed and learns to interact with people and other animals in your home.
- Provide a variety of toys for your cat – and spend plenty of time with her – so that she can have lots of opportunities to exercise her body and stimulate her mind.
- To reduce the risk of injury and disease, cats should always be kept indoors. And even indoor cats should wear a collar with proper identification.





## Welcoming a Dog

Make spaces for your dog to eat and sleep before you bring him home, and have accessories such as a collar with ID tag and leash ready. Pet-proofing a home for a dog includes removing toxic items as well as making sure that electrical cords and wires are out of reach.

- Set aside time each day to spend time with your dog – it's the best way to make sure that he doesn't get bored and become destructive.
- Taking walks, playing with toys, and petting and grooming your dog are all great activities that have added benefits for both you and your pet.
- Dogs appreciate opportunities to interact with people and other animals. A dog left alone or tied up suffers and can lead to serious behavioral issues – your dog wants to be part of the family!



## About Kittens & Puppies

If you've decided to bring a young animal into your home, there are a few additional key points to remember.

Kittens require additional time for litter box training and socialization, as well as more frequent time for feeding and supervision.

For puppies, be prepared for several weeks or even months of house-training. Also, it's crucial in the early weeks and months of a puppy's life to take time to socialize and train him to be the kind of well-behaved dog you want. Frequent and positive contact during this time will make his future interaction with people and other animals much more positive.



# Spay and Neuter

Every pet owner can help to reduce pet overpopulation by spaying and neutering their pets. Hawaii law states that cats allowed outdoors must be spayed or neutered.

Rabbits also benefit from sterilization. A number of veterinarians in the community spay and neuter rabbits. State law requires that all rabbits and Belgian Hares must be kept off the ground.

## Spaying & Neutering

- Makes pets better companions, more affectionate
- Makes cats less likely to spray
- Eliminates female's heat cycles
- Can make pets less likely to bite
- Makes pets less likely to roam or get into fights
- Ensures pets live longer, healthier lives
- Makes pets less likely to develop some forms of cancer



## Laws to Protect Animals & People

Animal-related laws are enforced by a number of agencies including the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), the state's Department of Land & Natural Resources and federal agencies.

Hawaiian Humane Society has more than 120 years of experience in investigating animal cruelty. The City & County of Honolulu has given the Humane Society the authority to enforce certain laws in the areas of animal cruelty, dog bites, dangerous dogs, the leash law, barking dogs and pet identification.

## Animal Cruelty

Hawaii laws to protect animals from neglect, abuse and abandonment strengthen every year. All animals have rights to certain standards of shelter and care and a felony class of crimes was recently established. To report animal cruelty, call the Humane Society at 356-2250 or Animal Crime Stoppers at 955-8300. Visit [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org) to see a listing of Hawaii's current animal welfare laws.



## Hawaii's Cat Protection Law

This law has helped to reunite thousands of lost cats with their owners, and has reduced feline overpopulation.

It requires all Oahu cats to have ID (a microchip and/or collar and tag). It also states that all cats, six months or older and allowed outdoors must be sterilized. The first year after the law passed, there was a 137 percent increase in the reunions of lost cats with their families.

The Humane Society recommends keeping cats indoors to protect from disease, accidents, fights, abuse and wandering.

## A Limit on Dog Ownership

If you live in a residential area, City & County laws allow households to have up to 10 dogs that are four months or older, as well as two chickens or two peafowl. This is enforced by the Honolulu Police Department.

There is no law governing the number of cats, birds or farm animals. However, farm animal enclosures must be located in permissible zones and at least 300 feet from the perimeter of a property line.

Whenever you're considering adding a pet to your family, keep in mind your lifestyle, the animal and more specifically, breed needs, and the costs of lifelong care including quality food, shelter and veterinary care.

## Animal Abandonment

It's illegal to abandon any animal in Hawaii. Abandoned animals can suffer from starvation, dehydration, attacks and injury. Unsterilized, abandoned animals can add to pet overpopulation while endangering Hawaii's environment.

## Noisy Pets

The Humane Society responds to barking dog complaints, as long as they are not anonymous. If a dog barks for 10 minutes non-stop or 30 minutes intermittently, the dog owner could be in violation of the law. Call 356-2250.

All nuisance complaints related to roosters, parrots and others should be reported to HPD. Call 911.



## Dangerous Dogs

City & County of Honolulu law states that if a dog seriously bites or harms a person or pet, the owner may be fined up to \$2,000 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

While the Humane Society's investigation team collects evidence and builds cases, it's a judge that decides penalties and determines whether a dog is considered "dangerous." The courts can determine required corrective action, which may include mandatory sterilization, obedience training, requiring the dog to wear a muzzle or home confinement.

## Pets Moving to Hawaii

State law requires that all animals meet certain requirements to ensure they are rabies free or quarantine may be required. Snakes, most lizards, some rodents and many exotic animals are strictly forbidden. Call the State Department of Agriculture's Quarantine Office at 483-7151.

## Pet Identification

Microchips never need to be replaced. It is important that the information in the Hawaiian Humane Society's microchip ID database is kept current in order for us to find you if your pet is lost.

Call 946-2187 for an update form, or request one via e-mail at [hhs@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:hhs@hawaiianhumane.org).

Every August we partner with various Oahu veterinarians to provide pet microchipping at a discounted price.



## Lost & Found

If you've lost your pet, file a lost report with the Humane Society, which will be kept active for 30 days. File a report at 946-2187 or at [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org).

It is highly recommended that you visit the Humane Society daily to look for your pet.

If you've received a letter or call that your pet is at the shelter, come as soon as we open to retrieve your pet. We're open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and most holidays.

Once you've found your pet, let the Humane Society know so that we can focus on finding animals that are still lost.

If you have found someone's pet, bring him to the Humane Society as soon as possible. The owner may be looking for him or her.



## Dog Licensing

City & County of Honolulu law requires that all dogs, four months of age or older, have a City & County issued license tag. This identifies you as the legal owner of your pet. A tag can be purchased at the Humane Society or Satellite City Hall.



## Dog-friendly Activities

### Off Property, On Leash

City ordinance requires that dogs that are off their owner's property be on a leash no longer than 8 feet.

### Pets on the Go



City & County of Honolulu law requires that dogs and other animals in the back of pickup trucks must be transported in a carrier or cross-tethered from three points in the truck bed to prevent injury and accidents. County law prohibits pets in your lap while driving.

Avoid leaving your pet in the car. Just a few minutes can be too long for a pet on a hot day.

## Pick Up After Your Pet

Leaving pet waste in public places is a violation of City & County of Honolulu law. Complaints should be made to HPD. Call 911.

## Dog-Friendly Parks & Beaches

There are about 40 dog-friendly parks and more than 100 beaches on Oahu where dogs are welcome. To find a beach or park near you, visit [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org).

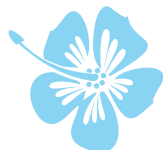
## Off-leash Parks

Hawaiian Humane Society's Dog Park  
Moanalua Dog Park  
Mililani Dog Park  
Bark Park at Diamond Head  
Hawaii Kai Dog Park  
Pearl City Bark Park



## Paws On the Path Hiking Club

Paws on the Path brings dogs and people together for a day exploring Oahu's great outdoors. Hawaiian Humane Society volunteers lead hikes on the last Saturday of every month. All dogs must be leashed. Call 356-2217 or email [hhs@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:hhs@hawaiianhumane.org) for details on the next hike.



## Pet Safety and Welfare

### Emergency Preparedness

Hawaii is vulnerable to tropical storms, hurricanes and other natural disasters. Develop a plan ahead of time for the care of your animal during a disaster. The State of Hawaii's Civil Defense program in partnership with island humane societies has developed a list of several designated shelters that will welcome pets. For a list of Oahu emergency pet shelters, visit [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org).

### Deadly Plants & Animals

Discourage your pets from chewing on plants and trees as poisonous plants include dumbcane, English ivy, morning glory, oleander, philodendrons and plumeria. Some species of toads can be poisonous to cats and dogs.

### If Your Pet Dies

A pet's death is extremely difficult for their owner. There are many options for people to look into for their pet. Oahu has a pet cemetery. Some veterinary clinics and the Hawaiian Humane Society offer crematory services.

If you have decided not to arrange a burial or cremation, the City & County of Honolulu will pick up your animal. Telephone numbers are posted at [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org).

A Pet Loss Support Group meets monthly at the Hawaiian Humane Society. Call 356-2217.

## Our History

For more than 100 years, Hawaiian Humane Society has served as a focal point of Oahu's animal community and plays an ever-evolving role as mediator on the changing relationship between people and animals.

The Humane Society was organized on the grounds of Iolani Palace in 1883. King Kalakaua was a founding member. In 1897, Helen Kinau Wilder was granted authority to enforce animal cruelty laws.

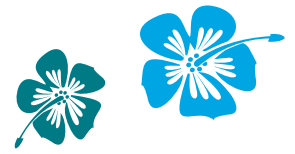
In its early days, the Society protected primarily working animals, unwed mothers, adopted children, and cared for those with mental illnesses. The Society's mission of creating a "humane society" has always been about helping people as much as animals.



The Humane Society is the only animal welfare organization that shelters, rescues, adopts and welcomes all animals on Oahu. It serves as the island's only open admissions shelter that never turns animals away for any reason.

As an independent and local organization, no funding is received from other organizations such as ASPCA or the Humane Society of the United States. Our work is to promote the human-animal bond and the humane treatment of all animals and it is supported largely by donations from friends like you. We are your island humane society.

# What We Offer



## Adoptions

Oahu's widest variety of dogs, cats and rabbits are available for a small adoption fee and include a spectrum of services: sterilization, post-adoption care and microchip identification. There is no time limit on how long we'll hold an animal. We can only hope that more people will choose adoption.

## Education

School tours, service learning projects and annual contests promote compassion and respect, as well as build leadership skills and educate Hawaii's ohana on care and compassion for animals.

## Shelter & Care

We are an open-admission shelter for lost, homeless and abandoned animals. We never turn an animal away, and provide care, treatment and help to as many homeless animals as we can.

## Pet Lost & Found

We specialize in family reunions and help thousands of lost pets find their way home. We maintain Oahu's official microchip database.

## Foster Care

Thousands of animals are nurtured in foster care and include those too young for adoption and those with special behavior or health needs. We also foster pets of people in crises as well as deployed military.

## Rescues & Investigations

Specializing in animal law enforcement and criminal justice, our officers are deputized by the Honolulu Police Department. They are the only authority on Oahu that can rescue animals and investigate cruelty on behalf of the City & County of Honolulu as partners with HPD.

## Neuter Now

The City & County of Honolulu, the Humane Society and participating Oahu veterinarians have partnered to provide reduced-rate sterilizations for cats and dogs. The City & County sponsors Neuter Now, the Humane Society administers the program and caring veterinarians perform the surgeries.

Purchase a sterilization certificate from your nearby Satellite City Hall or from the Humane Society at 2700 Waialae Avenue. Call 356-2227 to receive an application by mail or fax, or at [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org).

## Feral Cat Sterilization

We provide a feral cat sterilization service. Since 1993, we have supported the trap, neuter, return and manage strategy to help humanely reduce the number of cats living on the streets.

## Pet Visitation Program

Our people-pet teams visit thousands of people in health and senior care facilities to bring joy to patients and the elderly.

## Pet Loss Support Group

People who are grieving from the loss of their pet can join our monthly gathering with a trained facilitator.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We rely on hundreds of our volunteers to make our programs and services possible. Opportunities are available to teens, adults and parent-child teams in every area.



# Contact Us

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Adoptions – 356-2218

Dog Licensing – 356-2227

Donations & Gifts – 356-2221

Education – 356-2206

Feral Cat Sterilization – 356-2254

Investigations, Rescues & Emergencies – 356-2250

Neuter Now Reduced Rate Pet Sterilization – 356-2227

Pet Foster Care – 356-2229

Paws on Path Hike Club – 356-2217

Pet Loss Support Group – 356-2217

Pet Lost & Found – 946-2187

Pet Microchip Database – 946-2187

Special Events – 356-2225

Volunteer Opportunities – 356-2216

## **Humane Society Shelter & Dog Park Hours**

Monday through Friday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Weekends & Most Holidays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## **Emergencies & Animal Admissions**

24 hours daily

Visit [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org) for more information on our programs and services.

