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The Hawaiian Humane Society is dedicated to promoting the human-animal bond and the humane treatment of all animals.



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OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY:

- 24-hour lost and found center for all animals
- Animal adoptions
- Animal rescues and cruelty investigations
- Assistance for pets in housing issues
- City and County low-cost Neuter Now certificates for cats and dogs
- Help in resolving animal-related complaints
- Humane education for the community
- Information on pets in estate planning
- Inspection of pet shops, rodeos, parade animals and animal shows
- Pet Loss Support Group
- Pet care assistance for the sick and elderly
- Pet food, pet supplies and animal care books
- Pet Visitation
- Services for animals in transit at the airport
- Shelter for homeless and stray animals
- Speakers bureau
- Volunteer opportunities

HOURS

Weekdays, noon to 8 p.m.
Weekends and holidays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for
animal intake and emergencies



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The following guidelines have been established to ensure the well-being of horses in parades. We ask that you follow these guidelines in order to protect horses and people in the parade from injury. A Hawaiian Humane Society officer will be on hand at parades to ensure compliance with these guidelines and the safety of all animals. However, monitoring by officers is based on time and manpower available.

- All horses must be shod.
- Only experienced riders should be permitted in the parade.
- Horses must be in good condition for the heat and long walk.
- Horses must be sound, with no evidence of lameness.
- A veterinarian must be on-call to immediately respond to any injuries.
- Mistreatment, rough handling or abuse of horses **will not be tolerated**. Humane Society officers will issue citations on the spot for cruelty to animals.
- Any overly excited horse will be asked to leave the parade by the Humane Society officer.
- Only walking or trotting is allowed. Rearing, cantering, bucking and galloping are not acceptable, and the Humane Society officer will ask the rider and horse to leave the parade.
- Cooperate with your parade marshals as they represent the parade's officials and the concerns of the Humane Society. Decisions by parade marshals are final.
- No stallions are permitted in parades.
- Mounted riders should avoid spectator pickups during the parade. Only one rider per horse is permitted. Horses should be kept a minimum of six to ten feet from spectators.
- Parade officials and planners should give priority consideration to animal units in the parade. Considerations include:
 - The comfort of the horses should be provided for. The animal will appreciate shade and fresh water before and after the parade, especially on hot, humid days.
 - Animals being prepared or dressed at the start of the parade should be tied in the shade. Move animals to keep them in the shade as the sun passes overhead.
 - Stay close to your animal and be prepared to offer assistance to keep the animal comfortable.
 - Anticipate that horses may become excited or spooked by loud music, marching bands, explosive devices, wind-blown paper or streamers.
 - Protect horses from unnecessary handling by spectators.
 - After the parade, allow horses to cool down before being trucked away.

NOTE: (1) The proper handling of your horse is necessary and required to ensure the safety of both the horse and the public. When approached by a Hawaiian Humane Society officer, who is a **deputized Special Police Officer**, or by a parade marshal, or any parade official, and informed that your horse is unfit because of injury or your inability to control the animal, please cooperate and comply or you risk being cited.

NOTE: (2) CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Sec. 711-1109 to 1110)

A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals if he knowingly or recklessly: (A) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, or cruelly beats, or needlessly mutilates or kills, or causes or procures to be overdriven, overloaded, tortured, tormented, or deprived of necessary sustenance, or to be cruelly beaten, or needlessly mutilated, or killed, any living creature.

FINES: Cruelty to animals is a misdemeanor requiring a mandatory court appearance. A person who has been convicted of an offense may be sentenced to (a) pay a fine of \$2,000, (b) one year in jail, (c) both a and b, (d) community service.