

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. Pets are dependent on you for food, shelter, exercise, health care and companionship.

Whenever you are considering adding a pet to your family, consider your lifestyle, the animal's needs and the cost of life-long care including quality food and veterinary care.

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 also necessary and often overlooked. Dental disease can lead to more serious problems if untreated.

Preventative Wellness

An initial series of shots for puppies and kittens is necessary to prevent certain contagious and deadly diseases. Adult cats and dogs may also require certain vaccinations. Parvovirus and heartworms are common in Hawaii, deadly and easily prevented.

Welcoming a Dog

Create 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.

- Set aside time each day to share – it's the best way to make sure that he doesn't get bored and become destructive.
- 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 psychological and behavioral issues – your dog wants to be part of the family.

Welcoming a Cat

Be patient as cats can take weeks to acclimate to a new environment. Introducing cats to new animals must be done slowly. Place your new cat in a room with food, water and a litter box just for her until she feels confident in her new home, which can take a couple of days. Introduce pets slowly and with supervision. Cats should be kept safely indoors and never be released outdoors upon arrival to their new home. They need time with you in your home to get to know their new family.

- 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 for exercise and stimulation.



Spay & Neuter

Every pet owner can help to reduce pet overpopulation by neutering their pets. Hawaii law states that cats allowed outside must be sterilized.

Rabbits also benefit from sterilization. A number of veterinarians in the community spay and neuter rabbits.

The Benefits

- Make pets better companions, more affectionate
- Make cats less likely to spray
- Eliminate female heat cycles
- Can make pets less likely to bite
- Make pets less likely to roam or get into fights
- Ensure pets live longer, healthier lives
- Make pets less likely to develop some cancers



Nutrition

Different pets have different needs based on age, health and activity level. For example, a high-protein diet is great for growing puppies, but can aggravate kidney disease in an older pet. Making your cat a vegetarian can be dangerous. Consult a veterinarian for a proper diet.

Exercise

Pets need a lot of 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 & Manners

Slowly exposing pets to people and animals are important to creating happy, well-socialized pets who are confident and friendly. Set rules immediately and stick to them. Never physically punish an animal. The Humane Society offers a list of training programs that use positive reinforcement. Call 356-2219.

Safe at Home

Animals need a safe, secure place to live, and are happiest indoors with you. Remove toxic items and make sure that electrical cords and wires are out of reach. Discourage your pets from chewing on plants and trees as many can be poisonous. Common foods such as macadamia nuts, grapes, raisins, chocolate and coffee can be dangerous to your pet. Bufo toads can be deadly to cats and dogs.

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 indoors can live 17 years or more. 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.

About Kittens & Puppies

Kittens require additional time for litter box training and socialization, as well as more frequent 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. Frequent and positive contact during this time will make his future interaction with people and animals enjoyable.

Puppies must be kept off grass and out of dog parks until they have completed their vaccinations.

Diseases such as parvovirus are highly contagious and deadly.



Laws to Protect Animals & People

Animal-related laws are enforced by a number of agencies including the Hawaiian Humane Society, 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

Hawaiian Humane Society has more than 120 years of experience in investigating 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. To report animal cruelty, call the Humane Society at 356-2250 or Animal CrimeStoppers at 955-8300.

Visit HawaiianHumane.org to see a listing of Hawaii's current animal protection laws.

Hawaii's Cat Protection Law

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

Oahu cats must have ID (a microchip and/or collar and tag). Cats, six months or older, and allowed outdoors must be sterilized.

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. 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.

Abandonment

Pet abandonment is a crime. Abandoned animals can suffer from starvation, dehydration, attacks and injury. Unsterilized, abandoned animals can add to pet overpopulation while endangering Hawaii's environment. Abandoned pet cats do not have the survival skills to live on their own.

Noisy Pets

The Honolulu Police Department 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.

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.

A judge decides penalties and determines whether a dog is dangerous. The courts can determine 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. Call the State Department of Agriculture's Quarantine Office at 483-7151 for more information.

Snakes, most lizards, some rodents and many exotic animals are strictly forbidden. The Hawaiian Humane Society is an amnesty drop off site and will accept illegal exotic animals.



Pet Identification

Microchips never need to be replaced. It is important that your contact 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. This includes change of ownership.

Microchipping is available at the Humane Society. Walk-ins are welcome any day of week between noon and 4 pm at the Adoptions Center.

Lost & Found

If you have lost your pet, file a lost report at HawaiianHumane.org. The report will be kept active for 30 days.

It is highly recommended that you visit the Humane Society daily to look for your pet. Animals with no identification are held for 48 hours before being made available for adoption.

Once you have 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.



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 any Satellite City Hall or at the Humane Society.

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. Do not leave your pet in the car. Temperatures in a parked car can rise 20 degrees in 10 minutes.

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.

Off-leash Parks



- Ala Wai Dog Park
- Bark Park at Diamond Head
- Hawaii Kai Dog Park
- Mililani Dog Park
- Moanalua Dog Park



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 designated shelters that will welcome pets.

For a list of Oahu emergency pet shelters, visit HawaiianHumane.org.



If Your Pet Dies

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.

A Pet Loss Support Group meets monthly at the Hawaiian Humane Society. Call 356-2222.

What We Offer

The Hawaiian Humane Society is an education and advocacy organization that shelters, protects, rescues, reunites and rehomes animals. It is Oahu's only open-admission shelter that welcomes all animals. Established in 1883, this non-profit organization is not a chapter of any group as there is no national humane society. Gifts made directly to this independent, local organization help local animals and people. Visit HawaiianHumane.org to learn more.

Adoption

Oahu's widest variety of dogs, cats, rabbits and other small animals are available for a minimal adoption fee and include a spectrum of services: sterilization, post-adoption care and microchip identification. Every Wednesday is half-price adoptions and features our widest selection of pets seeking homes. Animals available for adoption stay with us as long as it takes to find them a family.

Shelter & Care

We are Oahu's only 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.



Rescues & Investigations

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

Foster Care

More than 1,000 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. We frequently foster for space reasons due to limited housing.

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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Cremation & Euthanasia • [356-2285](tel:356-2285)

Dog Licensing • [356-2227](tel:356-2227)

Donations & Gifts • [356-2213](tel:356-2213)

Education • [356-2206](tel:356-2206)

Events • [356-2247](tel:356-2247)

Feral Cat Sterilization • [356-2254](tel:356-2254)

Investigations, Rescues & Emergencies • [356-2250](tel:356-2250)

Paws on Path Hike Club • [356-2222](tel:356-2222)

Pet Foster Care • [356-2229](tel:356-2229)

Pet Loss Support Group • [356-2222](tel:356-2222)

Pet Lost & Found • [356-2228](tel:356-2228)

Pet Microchip Database • [356-2239](tel:356-2239)

Volunteer With Us • [356-2222](tel:356-2222)

Humane Society Adoptions Center & Lost & Found Services

Monday through Friday 11 am – 7 pm

Weekends & Most Holidays 10 am – 4 pm

