Join the Cause

Hawaiian Humane Society’s goal is to continue to help an ever-increasing number of animals with treatable medical and behavioral issues. About 20 percent of animals available for adoption have benefited from foster care with more than 100 animals in residence with volunteers at any given time.

To join the foster care program, visit HawaiianHumane.org to learn more and to sign up to attend Foster Care Orientation. Contact 356-2200 or info@hawaiianhumane.org to help.

About Us

The Hawaiian Humane Society is an education and advocacy organization that also shelters, protects, rescues, reunites and rehomes animals. It is Oahu’s only open-admission shelter that welcomes all animals. Established in 1883, this nonprofit organization is not a chapter of any group as there is no national humane society.

Make a gift at HawaiianHumane.org or call 356-2213 to donate.
Hawaiian Humane Society’s foster care program helps thousands in need of temporary, tender, loving care.

Volunteers open their homes and hearts to help. For many, it’s also an alternative to pet ownership and a great way to teach children about caring and compassion for animals.

Youth can earn service learning hours towards school projects by serving as foster care providers. Hawaiian Humane educators can work with students to meet learning requirements, deepen their knowledge about animal welfare and foster leadership in youth.

Visit HawaiianHumane.org to learn more about upcoming trainings or how to apply for emergency or military foster care.

**Foster Care for Shelter Animals**

All basic supplies and medical care are provided by the Hawaiian Humane Society. Fostering is typically two to three weeks for young and healthy animals. Special needs animals may require longer stays.

**Young Animals**  Prior to adoption, puppies, kittens and rabbits are sterilized. Animals too young or small for surgery are placed in foster care. Foster families also work to begin house-training puppies and teach basic manners.

**Shy Animals**  Some animals require more socialization before adoption. One-on-one attention in a home allows their personalities to blossom.

**Sick or Injured Animals**  Those who need to recover from an injury, surgery or illness are placed in foster care to rest and heal in a quiet, calm setting.

**Fostering for Space**  Hawaiian Humane Society is Oahu’s only shelter that does not turn animals away. There is no time limit on how long it keeps animals for adoption and sometimes it can take months to find a pet a new family. In order for all of these things to be possible, the community must help to foster for space when the Adoption Center is full.

Call 356-2218 for more information and to sign up for our Foster for Space mailing list to be notified when help is needed. No training is required. All animals are friendly and healthy.

**Emergency Foster Care**

People in short term situations may be eligible for emergency foster care for their pets. The elderly, temporarily hospitalized, disabled, victims of domestic violence and others can benefit from this program.

**Foster Care for Military**

Support those who serve our country. Deploying service members are also eligible for long-term fostering, if volunteers are available. Military personnel are responsible for all expenses to care for their animals.