



Hawaiian Humane Society

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Hawaiian Humane Society offers pet safety tips for Fourth of July holiday

HONOLULU, HI (June 29, 2020) – When we think of the Fourth of July, we also typically envision joyous celebrations and the bright lights and loud noises of fireworks and firecrackers. However, the same things that make this upcoming holiday so exciting for people tend to create fear and stress for our pets.

In anticipation of Independence Day festivities, Hawaiian Humane Society encourages the following pet safety tips and precautions:

- **Get your pet plenty of exercise during the day.** Plenty of exercise during the day will tire them out so they will hopefully be less excitable at night during holiday festivities.
- **Keep your companion animal in a safe place indoors and do not leave pets unattended outside.** Leave a radio or television on at normal volume to provide your pet with companionship while you're enjoying the festivities. If you can't keep your pet indoors, consider keeping them in an enclosed garage. Animals may panic and escape a yard, even if fenced.
- **Ensure that your pets have proper identification.** For Oahu residents, pets are required to be microchipped, and a collar with a tag noting your current phone number is highly recommended. For pets that are already microchipped, make sure your current contact information is registered with the manufacturer of your pet's chip or a free database like FoundAnimals.org. Call your veterinarian or schedule an appointment to microchip your pet at the Hawaiian Humane Society by visiting our website.
- **If you find a lost pet,** take them to the Hawaiian Humane Society's 24-hour Admissions Center, where they can be reunited with their owners.
- Immediately call the Hawaiian Humane Society at 356-2228 if your pet is lost and **file a Lost Pet Report.** You may also fill out a report at HawaiianHumane.org.
- If you know that your pet is seriously distressed by loud noises like thunder, **consult with your veterinarian before Independence Day** for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety. Do not give your pet tranquilizers or sedatives without consulting a veterinarian.

- **Resist taking your pet to fireworks displays.** Most animals don't enjoy the holiday's noisy spectacles.

In observance of the holiday, the Hawaiian Humane Society will have the following adjustments on July 4, 2020. Normal hours and operations will resume on July 5.

- Hawaiian Humane's Community Spay/Neuter Center will not accept appointments and will be closed to walk-in appointments for Feline Fix participants.
- Adoptions will not be booking any appointments.
- The Admissions Center will not be booking any appointments, **but will remain open for emergencies only.**

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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, the nonprofit organization is not a chapter of any group as there is no national humane society. Visit HawaiianHumane.org to learn more.