



Hawaiian Humane Society

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Hawaiian Humane Society encourages pet safety precautions for the holiday season

HONOLULU, HI (December 7, 2020) – Sightings of Santa Claus, the sound of carols, festive flashing lights and celebratory fireworks—all things that indicate the holidays are well on their way! However, unexpected explosions from celebrations can be very frightening for pets and people alike.

With the holidays quickly approaching and early reports of illegal fireworks in residential areas across the island, Hawaiian Humane encourages the use of the below tips and precautions through the new year to keep your pets safe and to help reduce the number of stray and injured animals brought to the shelter this holiday season:

- **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 if you leave your house to enjoy 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 O'ahu 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 HawaiianHumane.org.
- **If you find a lost pet**, take them to the Hawaiian Humane Society's 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** for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety. Do not give your pet tranquilizers or sedatives without consulting a veterinarian.

- On New Year's Eve, **be sure your pet gets plenty of exercise during the day**. This will help tire them out before the evening's display of both planned and unexpected fireworks.

In observance of the holidays, the Hawaiian Humane Society will have the following adjustments to hours and operations:

- Hawaiian Humane's Pet Food Bank will be closed on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- Adoption and Admission appointments will only be available until 2 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Appointments will not be available on Christmas Day or New Year's Day and campus will be closed.
- On days that Hawaiian Humane's campus is closed, the Admissions Center will remain open for emergencies only.
- Appointments will not be available at the Community Spay/Neuter Center for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve for owned pets, though walk-ins will be accepted for Free-Roaming cats/participants of the Feline Fix program on these days. Appointments will not be available and the center will be closed on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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The Hawaiian Humane Society is an education and advocacy organization that shelters, protects, rescues, reunites and rehomes animals. It is O'ahu's largest animal welfare organization that is a resource for 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.