



Hawaiian Humane Society

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Hawaiian Humane Society encourages pet safety precautions for the holiday season

HONOLULU, HI (December 21, 2021) – With the holidays around the corner and expected use 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 familiar and comforting sounds 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, Hawaiian Humane Society will have the following adjustments to hours and operations:

- The Adoptions Center will be closing early at 2 pm on both Christmas Eve (12/24) and New Year's Eve (12/31).
- The Pet Food Bank (Mō'ili'ili) will be closed on both Christmas Day (12/25) and New Year's Day (1/1/22).
- Hawaiian Humane's Mō'ili'ili campus will be closed to the general public on both Christmas Day (12/25) and New Year's Day (1/1/22).
- Appointments will not be available and the Community Spay/Neuter Center will be closed on both Christmas Day (12/25) and New Year's Day (1/1/22).
- On days that Hawaiian Humane's campus is closed, the Admissions Center will remain open for emergencies only.

For more information on holiday hours and pet safety, please visit HawaiianHumane.org.

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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.