

PAWS FOR SAFETY: FIREWORKS PREPAREDNESS



The explosions that rock our neighborhoods at what should be joyful times for families can traumatize pets and people. The Hawaiian Humane Society recommends these tips to keep your pets safe and reduce the number of animals who flee their homes to be lost, injured or killed as a result of illegal fireworks:

- Keep your pets in a safe, secure place indoors. Do not leave pets unattended outside.
- Leave a radio or television on to provide your pet with background sound if you leave your house. Be sure to close blinds or curtains and leave indoor lights in order to block out the scary flashes of light from fireworks.
- 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.
- Exercise your pet during the day. This will tire them out before the evening's display of both planned and unexpected fireworks.
- Offer them a high-value, long-lasting treat like a frozen Kong filled with peanut butter and treats or a bully stick about 30 minutes before planned fireworks begin.
- Pets on O'ahu are required to be microchipped. A collar with an ID tag (and even an AirTag or GPS tracker) noting your current phone number is highly recommended. For microchipped pets, make sure your current information is registered with the manufacturer of your pet's chip or a free database like **24PetWatch.com**.
- If you find a lost pet, immediately file a Found Pet Report at **HawaiianHumane.org/lost-and-found**. If you can care for the pet temporarily, our team will work with you to reunite them with their family without the stress of bringing them into the shelter. If you are unable to care for them, you can bring them to the Hawaiian Humane Society Mō'ili'ili Campus or Kosasa Family Campus at Ho'opili Pet Kōkua Resource Centers, where they can be reunited with their families.
- If your pet is seriously distressed by loud noises like thunder or fireworks, consult with your veterinarian for ways to help alleviate their fear and anxiety. **Do not** give your pet tranquilizers or sedatives without first consulting a veterinarian.

TIP:

If your pet is lost, immediately call the Hawaiian Humane Society at 808-356-2250 and file a Lost Pet Report. You may also fill out a report online at HawaiianHumane.org/lost-and-found.



**Schedule an appointment to microchip your pet at the Hawaiian Humane Society at:
HawaiianHumane.org**