

## Noise Complaint

### HCC 4-24 Noisy Dogs

No person shall keep any dog which barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten minutes or barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise intermittently for a period of twenty minutes within a thirty-minute period of time to the disturbance of any person at any time of day or night and regardless of whether the dog is physically situated in or upon private property.

### HCC 4-25 Noisy dog: procedure for abatement of nuisance

(a) Any person disturbed by a noisy dog shall make a reasonable attempt to advise the owner or custodian who keeps such dog of this fact. Reasonable attempts for notification include by letter, email, visit to the owner or custodian, or any other



legal method. If the person disturbed by a noisy dog is unable to notify the owner or custodian of the noisy dog, or after notifying the owner or custodian, the nuisance is not abated, the person disturbed by the noisy dog may then notify the appropriate enforcement agency.

(c) There shall be a penalty of \$25 for the first violation of this section. The second violation has a penalty of \$75, the third \$100, and any subsequent violation \$200

**\* Please refer to Problem Solving ~ Noisy Dogs brochure for more specific information**

**TO INITIATE A COMPLAINT,  
OR FOR ANY OTHER INQUIRIES  
PLEASE CONTACT HIHS AT**

**Kona Shelter            808-329-1175**

**Waimea Shelter        808-885-4558**

**Keaau Shelter          808-966-5458**

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PLEASE CALL  
YOUR LOCAL SHELTER**

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# Responsible Pet Ownership



**Hawaii County Codes and  
Hawaii Revised Statutes**

The included information is not a complete listing of all animal laws and regulations. for a complete listing please contact us.



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# Animal Laws

## Licensing

All dogs in the County of Hawaii are **required** by law to be licensed.

### Licensing Fees

Sterilized	\$2.10
Un-sterilized	\$6.10

### HRS 143-2 License required

It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor a dog unless the dog is licensed, this law shall not apply to dogs under the age of three months, which do not run at large, dogs in quarantine, and dogs brought into the state exclusively for the purpose of entering them in a dog show or dog exhibition and not allowed to run at large.

Licenses are available for purchase at all three HIHS locations during normal business hours.

If your dog is found to be unlicensed it may result in a fine up to \$50 as determined by a judge.



*The Hawaii Island Humane Society also recommends Microchipping as an additional means of identification.*

## Loose Animals

### HCC 4-29 Leash Required for Public Places

No person shall bring or permit any dog in any County park, public school ground, or airport unless it is held under control by a suitable leash, not more than six feet long; provided, however, that dogs even under control by a suitable leash shall not be allowed in any County beach park. These restrictions shall not apply to dogs utilized by police for patrol or other police purposes.

### HCC 4-30 Permitting to Stray

The owner of any dog which strays upon any public lands or the private lands of another is subject to fines of \$25 - \$500 and/or 100 hours of community service as determined by a judge.

### HCC 4-19 Defecation and Nuisance Prohibited

No person who owns, harbors, keeps or has charge or control of any dog or other small domesticated animal shall cause, suffer, or allow such animal to soil, defile, defecate on, or commit any nuisance on any part of any street, including any sidewalk, passageway or bypath, or on any play area, park, or place where people congregate or walk, or on any public property, or on any private property, without the permission of the owner of the property

### HCC 4-23 Female dogs

Any female dog in season is not permitted to run at large or be off the premises of the owner or keeper during this period except when being exercised on a leash by a responsible adult. At all other times, when any dog is in season such dog shall be confined within a building or enclosure in such manner that she will not come in contact with a male dog.

## Cruelty/Neglect

### HRS 711-1109 Cruelty to animals

(1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals in the second degree if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

- (a) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, torments, beats, causes substantial bodily injury, or starves any animal, or causes the overdriving, overloading, torture, torment, beating, or starving of any animal;
- (b) Deprives a pet animal of **necessary sustenance** or causes such deprivation;
- (c) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal other than insects, vermin, or other pests;
- (e) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- (f) Confines or causes to be confined, in a kennel or cage, any pet animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- (g) Tethers, fastens, ties, or restrains a dog to a doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object by means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar

### HRS 711-1109.6 Animal Hoarding

A person commits the offense of animal hoarding if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

- (a) Possesses more than fifteen dogs, cats, or a combination of dogs and cats;
- (b) Fails to provide **necessary sustenance** for each dog or cat; and
- (c) Fails to correct the conditions under which the dogs or cats are living

### "Necessary Sustenance"

Includes but is not limited to the following requirements:

- (1) Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight;
- (2) Open or adequate access to water in sufficient quantity and quality to satisfy the animal's needs;
- (3) Access to protection from wind, rain, or sun; and
- (4) An area of confinement that has adequate space necessary for the health of the animal and is kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants that could affect the animal's health.