



STRAY ANIMALS RECEIVED

Kauai Humane Society Policy Statement

We would like to thank you for the compassion that you have shown this animal by bringing him/her to our shelter. Now, we hope to reunite him/her with his/her rightful owner. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Kauai Humane Society. The following information is to advise you of our procedures regarding incoming stray animals.

It is important to know that the Kauai Humane Society is an “open door” shelter. This means that we accept *any* animal who comes to us in need of care. Because of this, last year our shelter received more than 5,000 domestic animals. There are not enough homes for all of these animals. The island of Kauai and our country as a whole are experiencing a tragic pet overpopulation problem, with approximately four million animals being euthanized annually nationwide. At the Kauai Humane Society our goal is to find a loving family for every animal...but unfortunately there are simply more animals than there are people who want to adopt them.

By law we are required to hold all impounded stray animals at our shelter for a 48-hour (2-day) holding period, in order to give their owners an opportunity to find them. This holding period does not include their day of arrival or Sundays and holidays. At the end of the stray holding period, our staff will examine and evaluate him/her to decide whether he/she can be placed into our adoption program. Unfortunately, **at this time we cannot guarantee that we will be able to make him/her available for adoption.** Much will depend on his/her general condition and the availability of space in our adoption cages/kennels. Even if he/she is made available for adoption, we cannot guarantee he/she will be adopted.

Animals who will not be placed into our Adoption Program:

The following is a list of conditions under which an animal may not be placed for adoption:

- If they are under eight weeks of age or under two pounds
- If their advanced age is causing extreme medical or physical problems
- If they are in poor general health or physical condition
- If their temperament or behavior is such that they would not adapt well to a new home
- If they are showing extreme signs of stress due to being placed in a kennel environment
- If they show signs of a communicable disease that could infect other animals
- If there is no space available in our adoption kennels

Depending on the specifics of the animal's condition and availability of space, some animals with these conditions may be placed in foster care, held for treatment and/or observation, or until they are old enough to be made available for adoption.

Animals who are placed into our Adoption Program:

At the Kauai Humane Society every effort is made to find permanent, responsible and loving homes for animals in our adoption program. **Once an animal is placed into our adoption program there is no set holding period.** Animals may remain for a day, a week, a month or longer. Animals available for adoption will be euthanized if there is a decline in their health, temperament or physical condition. They may also be euthanized if our adoption areas become overcrowded and we need to make room for new incoming animals. Any animal who must be euthanized (humanely put to death) will be administered a painless injection of sodium pentobarbital.

If you wish to inquire about this animal, you may do so by calling the shelter (808) 632-0610 extension 101. Please save your receipt to assist us in providing you with information.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING THIS ANIMAL, we ask that you come to the shelter, before the stray holding period is over and fill out an adoption application. At that time we will discuss your application and the needs and condition of the animal.

SHELTER HOURS

Monday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays and Holidays

Date

Staff / Officer Name

Animal #