



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

2013 ANIMAL PROTECTION BILL INFORMATION

Thank you for your consideration of supporting the following measures:

H.B.493/S.B. 6; Protecting Pets from Indiscriminate Snares and traps:

Humane societies and animal care groups across Hawaii regularly receive pet animals who are the victims of snares or leg-traps. Trapping, with leg-holds, snares and Conibear devices, is inhumane and poses serious danger to companion animals and humans. Hawaii currently has no laws that regulate the use of snares, Conibears, or leg-traps, thus encouraging the illegal or irresponsible use of these devices. Supported by The Nature Conservancy and DLNR.

H.B. 140/S.B. 8; Veterinary Medicine-Surgery on Pet Animals: Prohibits a non-veterinarian from performing surgical procedures such as sterilization, ear cropping, tail docking, and debarking on a pet without being licensed as a veterinarian. Supported by the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association.

H.B. 1186/S.B. 9; Prohibits one convicted of animal cruelty from having animals for a minimum period of time: We know that those who abuse an animal are more likely to abuse other animals and even escalate to violence against people. This bill would prohibit a person convicted of cruelty to animals from possessing, owning, or residing with a pet animal for a minimum period of time from the conviction date. Supported by the Honolulu Police Department and Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney

S.B. 414; Preventing Puppy Mills: Puppy mills often house dogs in shockingly poor conditions. Hawaii lacks any laws that regulate large-scale breeders and who sadly, often put profit over welfare. This bill would set basic care, record-keeping and licensing standards for those who possess more than 10 intact dogs for the purpose of breeding and selling those offspring to the public. This measure protects both dogs and consumers. Prosecutors package

S.B.328/H.B.1316; Pet Rental Deposit: More than 60 percent of Hawaii households have a pet yet it is extremely difficult to find affordable housing that allows pets. This bill allows a landlord to add to the security deposit an amount for an animal to reside in the premises and thus strengthens the human-animal bond by keeping pets and people together. Supported by the Hawaii Association of Realtors.

H.B.1121/S.B.7; Roadside sales of dogs and cats: Hawaii has no laws that prevent the roadside sales of pets to unknowing consumers. Many of these puppies or kittens are very young, may have medical conditions and have never been seen by a vet. Responsible breeders would never sell their animals on the side of the road to strangers. This bill prohibits selling animals in public places (roadside, parks, alleys, etc).

Additional measure we are supporting:

S.B.197/H.B. 1349; Prohibits consumption/sale/trafficking of pet dog, cat or horse meat

S.B. 872; Restitution to humane societies in animal cruelty cases

S.B. 978/H.B.240; Sets minimum imprisonment with animal cruelty conviction involving 5 or more animals

S.B.635/H.B.148; Enhanced penalties for injuring or killing a law enforcement animal

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