

Appendix F

Ordinance from City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii

*(Article 6 of Chapter 7, which can be found at
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Article 6. Cat Identification Program

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Sec. 7-6.1 Definitions.

For the purposes of this article:

“At large” means: (1) On the premises of a person other than an owner of the cat, without the consent of an occupant or owner of such premises, or (2) on a public street, on public or private school grounds, or in any other public place, except when under the control of an owner by leash, cord, chain, or other similar means of physical restraint that is not more than eight feet in length.

“Identification” means: (1) a collar or tag worn by a cat which includes the current name, address, and telephone number of the owner, or (2) an ear tag issued by the Hawaiian Humane Society, or (3) a microchip registering the owner with the National Computer Recovery Network or the Hawaiian Humane Society.

“Impounded cat” means any cat released to or under the custody of or control of the Hawaiian Humane Society.

“Person” includes corporations, estates, associations, partnerships and trusts, and one or more individual human beings. (Added by Ord. 95-21)

Sec. 7-6.2 Identification required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to be an owner of a cat over six months of age unless the person maintains an identification worn by the cat. This section shall not apply to cats in quarantine and cats brought into the city exclusively for the purpose of entering them in a cat show or cat exhibition and not allowed to be at large. (Added by Ord. 95-21)

Sec. 7-6.3 Owner–Exception.

“Owner” means any person owning, harboring or keeping, or providing care or sustenance for a cat, whether registered or not, or having custody of a cat, whether temporarily or permanently. This definition shall not apply to any person who has notified the Hawaiian Humane Society of the cat at large that the person has taken into possession and:

- (1) Who is or will be transporting the cat to the Hawaiian Humane Society;
or
(2) Who has made arrangements with the Hawaiian Humane Society to have the cat picked up by the Hawaiian Humane Society. (Added by Ord. 95-21)

Sec. 7-6.4 Removal of cat identification.

It shall be unlawful for any person other than an officer of or a person authorized by the Hawaiian Humane Society to remove any identification from any cat not owned by the person. (Added by Ord. 95-21)

Sec. 7-6.5 Cats released to the Hawaiian Humane Society.

(a) Any person who takes into the person's possession any cat at large shall immediately notify the Hawaiian Humane Society and shall release the cat to the Hawaiian Humane Society upon request.

(b) In the case of any cat released to the Hawaiian Humane Society wearing an identification, the Hawaiian Humane Society shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the owner by telephone and shall send written notice to the owner. The cat shall be held by the Hawaiian Humane Society for not less than nine days, after which time the Hawaiian Humane Society may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the Hawaiian Humane Society, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by the owner. An owner wishing to recover the cat shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held by the Hawaiian Humane Society.

(c) In the case of any cat released to the Hawaiian Humane Society not wearing an identification, the Hawaiian Humane Society shall hold the cat for not less than 48 hours, after which time the Hawaiian Humane Society may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the Hawaiian Humane Society, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by a person claiming ownership. If a person claiming ownership seeks to recover the cat, the person shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held at the Hawaiian Humane Society.

(d) Any cat released to the Hawaiian Humane Society with a "notched ear," indicative of a sterilized feral cat, shall be held at the Hawaiian Humane Society for not less than nine days, after which time the Hawaiian Humane Society may return the cat to the person who had released the cat to the Hawaiian Humane Society, offer the cat for adoption, or euthanize the cat, if not sooner recovered by a person claiming ownership. If a person claiming ownership seeks to recover the cat, the person shall pay a daily impoundment fee of \$2.50 for each full day, or fraction thereof, that the cat is held at the Hawaiian Humane Society.

(e) If a cat released to the Hawaiian Humane Society is not recovered by

the owner, the person who had released the cat to the Hawaiian Humane Society shall have the right of first refusal for permanent custody and ownership of the cat. (Added by Ord. 95-21)

Sec. 7-6.6 Sterilization of cats.

It shall be unlawful for a cat owner to allow a cat over the age of six months to be at large unless the cat has been sterilized by a veterinarian. (Added by Ord. 95-21)

Sec. 7-6.7 Enforcement.

An impounded cat for which an identification is not maintained by an owner may not be released by the Hawaiian Humane Society to a person claiming ownership of the cat until the owner complies with the identification requirements of this article. If an impounded cat, with or without identification, has not been sterilized, the person claiming ownership may be cited by an officer of the Hawaiian Humane Society for a violation of Section 7-6.6. The penalty for violating Section 7-6.6 shall be waived upon proof of sterilization of the cat by a veterinarian furnished to the Hawaiian Humane Society within 30 days after the date the citation was issued. (Added by Ord. 95-21)

Sec. 7-6.8 Penalty.

Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this article shall be fined not more than \$100.00. (Added by Ord. 95-21)

Glossary

Abandoned cat: a cat who has been deliberately left behind during a move or taken to a place distant from the home and left. These cats initially are usually fairly well socialized.

Alter: to sterilize; synonymous with spay/neuter.

Caretaker/caregiver: a person who claims responsibility for a cat. Often used to refer to people who are caring for feral cats.

Castration: to remove the male cat's testicles; synonymous with neutering.

Colony: a group of three or more free-roaming cats, not including young kittens too young to reproduce.

Euthanasia: the humane death of a cat, performed by a veterinarian or other trained individual—such as a euthanasia technician at an animal shelter—using the methods approved by groups such as The HSUS.

Feral cat: a cat who is too unsocialized (wild) to be handled and placed in a typical pet home. The cat may have been born to feral parents or may be a stray or abandoned cat who has become unsocialized.

Free-roaming: a cat who is allowed to wander at will off the owner's property or who is not confined in any way; synonymous with free-ranging.

Managed feral cat colony: a colony of cats in which TTVAR-M has been or is being performed. Testing for feline leukemia (FeLV) and/or feline immunosuppressive virus (FIV) may or may not be done.

Neutering: the surgical removal of the testicles in male cats, rendering them sterile. Can also be used to refer to either male or female surgeries. Synonymous with sterilization.

Owner: a person who claims some level of responsibility for or connection with a cat, generally tame and socialized.

Socialized: a cat who is not afraid of people, particularly in a familiar environment; often used synonymously with tame.

Spaying: the surgical removal of the female reproductive tract, including the ovaries and the uterus (womb).

Sterilization: the general term for spaying or neutering pets so that they are unable to reproduce.

Sterilization, low-cost: surgery performed at an actual cost low enough to be affordable to a large percentage of the local population, i.e., if a surgery costs the owner/caretaker \$30 and it costs the veterinarian \$25, then it is a low-cost spay or neuter. Commonly used incorrectly to refer to inexpensive surgeries.

Sterilization, subsidized: spay or neuter surgery in which the difference in cost between what the caretaker/owner pays and what the surgery costs the veterinarian is paid for by someone other than the caretaker/owner to make the surgery affordable to a large percentage of the local population, i.e., if the owner/caretaker pays \$10 and it costs the veterinarian \$30, then the veterinarian or some other group must pay the difference. Most spays and neuters referred to as “low-cost” are actually subsidized.

Stray cat: a currently or recently owned cat lost from the home. The owner may be looking for the cat and the cat may or may not be reunited with the owner. Such a cat is usually fairly well socialized.

Tame: a typical pet cat who is friendly towards people, especially familiar ones.

Trap, neuter, and return (TNR): a general approach to controlling feral cats that includes sterilization of the cats and return to their original location. Other health care may or may not be provided and ongoing care, while usually available, may not be present.

Trap, remove, and euthanize: the opposite approach from trap, neuter, and return. Cats are euthanized after removal from the colony.

Trap, remove, and relocate: feral cats are transferred to a new colony site, usually in the country or on a farm, or may be placed into cat sanctuaries where they are confined and receive care for the rest of their lives. In rare instances, feral cats may be socialized and placed into homes.

Trap, test, vaccinate, alter, return, monitor/manage (TTVAR-M): a specific level of care under the general trap, neuter, return approach. “Test” means that cats are tested for feline leukemia (FeLV) and/or feline immunosuppressive virus (FIV). In many situations where cats are tested, positive cats are not returned to the colony. Testing is the component of TTVAR-M which is most likely to be omitted. Vaccination, at least for rabies, is required (except in Hawaii and countries that are rabies-free). Vaccination for the respiratory and distemper viruses and for feline leukemia are optional.

Vasectomy: a surgical procedure in male cats that makes them unable to fertilize a female but does not remove the testicles or alter the typical male cat behaviors.

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