A Lap for Every Cat

7 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP OAHU'S CATS AND THE COMMUNITY!

1. **Spay or Neuter your cat** and urge other cat owners to do the same. Cats who are spayed or neutered live longer, healthier lives and are less likely to roam, fight with other cats, spray or engage in other unwanted behaviors.

2. **Don't allow your pet cat to roam outdoors,** Indoor cats can live many years longer than outdoor cats. Build a secure outdoor enclosure or leash-train your cats- it's much easier than you think!

3. **Put a collar and identification tag on your cat, and microchip him**. Sadly, less than 5% of cats without identification who end up at shelters are reunited with their families. If you lose your cat, immediately search your neighborhood, post "lost" fliers, and visit your local humane society!

4. **Never abandon a cat** (or any animal). Abandoned animals may face starvation, disease, being struck by vehicles, cruelty, and other threats. Abandoning an animal is not only cruel, it's a crime.

5. **Be a hero! Help a cat in need.** Temporarily care for orphaned kittens or even adult cats until they are able to be adopted. Volunteer as a foster parent for your local shelter or rescue and save a life.

6. **Trap-Neuter-Return and Manage a homeless cat colony** (if not in or near an area where protected wildlife is present). Local shelters and rescues provide a number of resources, including free or low-cost spay/neuter services, for volunteers who humanely reduce and manage feral (unsocialized) cat populations.

7. **Always adopt!** There are hundreds of wonderful cats and kittens available for adoption through your local animal rescue or shelter!

Together, with your support, we can reduce the number of cats entering shelters, increase the number of cats reunited with their families, and place more cats into loving homes!

Please contact the organizations below for more information or visit humanesociety.org/hawaii.

Hawaii Cat Foundation   Hawaiian Humane Society   THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES   Oahu SPCA   HAWAII MILITARY PETS