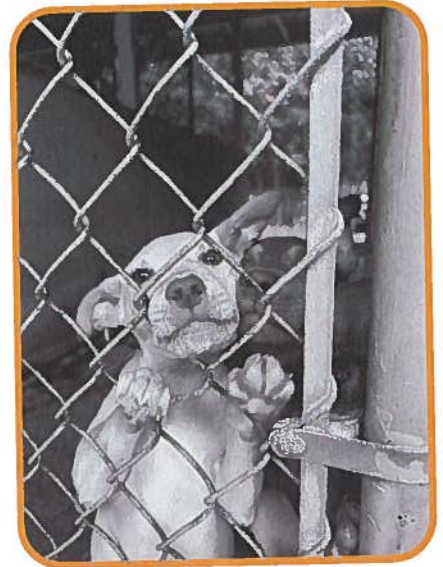


OUR SHELTERS ARE FULL!



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Our shelters are currently **FULL**. We do not euthanize shelter animals for time or space and will not displace shelter animals to make room for incoming animals. HIHS only accepts owner surrenders on a case-by-case basis when space allows. HIHS is unlikely to be able to accept your pet into our care. We are in the middle of a local and national animal welfare crisis. Animal shelters and rescues everywhere are regularly FULL. We would like to remind our community members that your pet is your responsibility. It is a very challenging time for pets and people, including those who work in animal shelters.



We respectfully ask for your **kindness** and **patience** with our hardworking team as we are all doing our best to take care of hundreds of homeless animals while also helping people in need. Please know that we care and want to help, but will need your cooperation in order to best assist you.

At HIHS, we are here to assist you in finding humane, compassionate solutions for your pet. **If you are considering surrendering your pet to a shelter, please consider other alternatives.**

KEEP YOUR PET

If your housing situation allows, please keep your pet. Pets are family and we encourage you to preserve your bond with your family member.



If you are experiencing financial hardships, but are otherwise able to keep your pet, HIHS may be able to help. For access to resources such as free pet food and low-cost veterinary care, **please contact petsupport@hihs.org.**

If you are concerned about the amount of time that you have available to spend with your pet, HIHS can provide you with enrichment ideas to maximize your time together. Many pets can live happy lives, even with pet owners that work full time. For ideas on how to enrich your pet's life, **please contact petsupport@hihs.org.**



REHOME YOUR PET ON YOUR OWN

Can't keep your pet? Keep them out of the shelter/rescue system by finding a new home for your pet, without ever having to surrender them to the shelter. To access our **FREE** Rehoming Guide, with tips and tricks on how to safely rehome your pet without ever having to surrender them to a shelter, email **petsupport@hihs.org**.

IMPORTANT



We know that you care and facing surrendering your pet can be difficult. Please do not abandon your pet. Per Hawaii State [§143-2.6] Animal desertion. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal or any person in possession of an animal that belongs to another person to leave the animal without the intention of returning to it. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

As a limited admission shelter, HIHS makes intake determinations based on 1) adoptability of the pet, 2) available kennel space + resources, and 3) the pet's potential quality of life in a shelter environment. HIHS is a private animal welfare organization and we cannot guarantee that we will accept your pet into care. If you are in need of immediate assistance, please contact **Hawai'i County Animal Control and Protection Agency at (808) 327-3558.**

REHOMING YOUR PET



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Hawaii Island Humane Society (HIHS) is a private, non-profit animal welfare organization, operating two **limited admission** shelters in Keaau and Kona. As of August 2020, HIHS is not contracted by the County of Hawaii to provide animal control services. "Limited admission" means that HIHS accepts animals that are candidates for adoption, as space and resources allow. As a limited admission shelter, HIHS does not euthanize animals for time nor space. We are committed to all of the animals in our care and do not displace *any* of our shelter animals in order to make space for an incoming animal. We are typically unable to accommodate walk-in surrenders as our shelters are often full. As much as we would love to be able to help every animal, the reality is that the need on our island is far too great for any singular organization or agency to help them all.

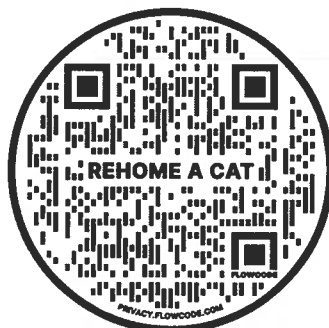
At HIHS, we are here to assist you in finding a humane, compassionate solution for your pet. We understand that the decision to find a new home for a pet may not have been made easily. Our goal is to help you keep your pet whenever possible. Please follow the steps below to access resources and further assistance.

TO REHOME/SURRENDER A LITTER OF PUPPIES OR KITTENS (AGES 5 MONTHS + YOUNGER)

Email petsupport@hihs.org or call **808-334-3357**. Please provide the species (puppies or kittens), the number of animals, and the approximate age of the pets or the date that they were born.

TO REHOME/SURRENDER AN ADULT PET (AGES 6 MONTHS OR OLDER) OR A SINGLE PUPPY/KITTEN

Complete a rehoming form by scanning the QR code below with a smartphone. Rehoming forms can also be accessed at hihs.org. Please note that our team meets weekly to discuss all new rehoming requests.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact our Pet Support Team:

petsupport@hihs.org

808-334-3357

hihs.org



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