

PETS: RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Take the time to educate yourself and your family before deciding to obtain a pet. The U.S. Army has strict policies on the care, safety and licensing of pets on installations.

All dogs and cats living on installations should be spayed or neutered and are required to have an identification microchip (Policy Memorandum USAG-HI 35). The microchip allows for instantaneous animal and owner identification should a pet become lost or abandoned.

Owners must register pets with the City and County of Honolulu and with the applicable Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) on Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter within 14 days after arrival on an Army installation on Oahu.

In addition, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) requires all dogs be kept on a leash during walks and cats are required to be kept indoors.

If you are unable to take your pet when you re-locate, allow enough time to research your options for re-homing your dog, cat, reptile or other pet. Do *NOT* release your pets into the wild.

ABADONED PETS THREATEN HAWAII’S NATURAL RESOURCES

The forests around Army Family Housing on Oahu are home to some of Hawaii’s rarest native animals. Native birds, tree snails and other unique animals evolved on this island for millions of years without the threat of introduced predators. They are defenseless against cats, dogs, and reptiles .

Jackson’s Chameleons, a reptile brought in from Africa, do NOT make good pets. They do not fare well in captivity and require a constant supply of live food (crickets, etc.). The Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife have included Jackson Chameleons on their Injurious Wildlife List and it is against State law to release Chameleons into the wild.

RE-HOMING OPTIONS

Step 1: Contact one of the following organizations to discuss procedures for re-homing your pet:

- Hawaii Humane Society: 356-2218
- Veterinary Treatment Facilities located on installations (they will allow postings for pet adoptions)
- ”No Kill” Animal Shelters (there are several on island)
- Pet stores (some will take reptiles and aquarium fish)



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For more info contact: DPW Environmental Natural Resources Program.