

# PET DISASTER READINESS

## IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN & KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

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This year's tsunami alert was a good reminder for us all to ensure we're ready should disaster strike. At the Hawaiian Humane Society, we share your belief that pets are part of our family and a plan for their safety is as important as our own.

Readiness includes having a pet emergency kit in your home now and always. In fact, animals may not be admitted to a pet-friendly emergency shelter without a crate or carrier

(one per pet only) that's large enough to accommodate the pet comfortably. Pets need an ID tag, collar and a leash, as well as a week supply of the following: food, medications and litter for cats.

Hawaii's State Civil Defense Agency, the County Disaster Emergency Department and all of us at the Hawaiian Humane Society share the same conviction that when it comes to fleeing your home in an emergency, always take your pets with you.

If your home isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. That's why 30 Oahu pet shelters have been designated from Waianae to



Waimanalo. However it's important to listen to radio and television broadcasts to find out if your nearest shelter will be open. Depending on the nature of the emergency, not all shelters may open.

Pet shelters are located at public school campuses next to Red Cross emergency shelters for people. Animals will be cared for by specially trained Humane Society volunteers and staff. In fact, we need more caring animal lovers to be part of our volunteer team. Call 356-2216 to help.

Another important thing to do is to choose a designated caregiver. Consider

someone who lives close to your residence.

He or she should be someone who is generally home during the day while you are at work or has easy access to your home. A set of keys should be given to this trusted individual. This may work well with neighbors who have pets of their own—you may even swap responsibilities, depending upon who has accessibility.

When selecting a permanent caregiver, you'll

need to consider other criteria. This is a person to whom you are entrusting the care of your pet in the event that something should happen to you. When selecting this "foster parent," consider people who have met your pet and have successfully cared for animals in the past. Be sure to discuss your expectations at length with a permanent caregiver, so he or she understands the responsibility of caring for your pet.

For additional information about disaster planning, contact 356-2247. And visit [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org) for the shelter nearest you. 🐾

## Pet-Friendly Shelters

**Make sure to bring:** A crate or carrier (one per pet). Pet ID tag, collar & a leash. One week supply of food, water, medications & litter (for cats).

### Oahu

#### Windward Coast (Kahuku-Waimanalo)

- Castle High
- Kahuku High and Intermediate
- Kailua High
- Kalaheo High
- King Intermediate
- Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate

#### North Shore (Kaena Pt.-Kahuku)

- Waialua High and Intermediate

#### Leeward Coast

##### (Makua-Waipahu & Vicinity)

- Campbell High
- Ilima Intermediate
- Nanakuli High and Intermediate

- Waipahu Elementary
- Waipahu High

#### Central Oahu (Wahiawa-Mililani & Vicinity)

- Leilehua High
- Mililani High
- Mililani Middle

#### Pearl City-Aiea & Salt Lake

- Aiea High
- Highlands Intermediate
- Moanalua Middle
- Moanalua High
- Pearl City High
- Radford High

#### Salt Lake-Punchbowl & Downtown

- Kalakaua Middle

- Roosevelt High
- Stevenson Middle

#### Punchbowl-Wai'alae & Vicinity

- Jarrett Middle
- Kaimuki High
- Kaimuki Middle
- Washington Middle

#### Aiea-Haina-Hawaii Kai & Vicinity

- Kaiser High
- Kalani High

#### Maui

- Baldwin High
- Maui High
- Maui Waena Intermediate
- Lokelani Intermediate
- Kalama Intermediate

- King Kekaulike High

### Kauai

- Kauai High
- Kauai Humane Society (pets only)

### Big Island

- Kealakehe High
- Konawaena High
- Kau High & Middle
- Honokaa High & Intermediate
- Kalaniana'ole Elementary
- Hilo High
- Waiakea High
- Keaau High & Middle
- Pahoa High & Intermediate

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