

### **DOG LICENSING**

A current Maui County dog license is your pet's ticket home should he stray or become lost.

Maui County Code 6.04.020 requires that *all* dogs over the age of 4 months be currently licensed. This includes indoor dogs, dogs that are kenneled or fenced, and dogs that "never" leave your property. Dog licenses must be current, clearly visible and worn by your dog at all times. Dog licenses are not transferable from one owner to the next.

Dog licenses are inexpensive and available at various locations throughout Maui County. Please call the Maui Humane Society for further information.

Owning or harboring an unlicensed dog carries a maximum penalty of \$500.

### **ABOUT OUR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS**

Our Animal Control Officers are highly trained professionals. Pursuant to State and County statutes, they have the same authority and powers as a police officer. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to public safety and animal protection.

Our Animal Control Officers provide education and assistance to those in need and work diligently to make our community a safer place for both animals and people.

Please call the Maui Humane Society should you need the services of Animal Control.



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# A Citizen's Guide to **ANIMAL REGULATIONS** In Maui County

# BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

Being a pet owner is a big responsibility. Loving, caring pet owners treat their animals with compassion and respect. Don't let your pet become a burden to your community by being irresponsible.

## **RESTRAIN YOUR DOG**

Dogs that are allowed to run loose are at great risk of becoming lost, injured, or killed. In addition, a loose dog can be a nuisance or threat to people and other animals.

Maui County Code 6.04.040 requires that your dog be under restraint at all times by way of a fully enclosed yard, kennel or similar structure, or inside your residence. If you do not have a fully enclosed yard or suitable enclosure for your dog, the dog must be leashed. On property other than the owners', a dog must be leashed and a responsible person must hold the leash. *This includes all beaches and parks in Maui County.*

If your dog is traveling in the back of an open pickup truck, he must be secured to prevent the dog from climbing or falling out of the truck bed.

Failure to keep a dog properly restrained carries a maximum penalty of \$500.

## **BARKING DOGS**

Barking problems can be challenging to resolve and often cause great stress and friction in a neighborhood.

Maui County Code 6.04.040 requires that an owner of a dog not allow the dog to bark excessively to the disturbance of any person. Excessive barking is defined as any barking, baying, howling or crying which is constant for more than 10 minutes, or intermittent for more than 20 minutes. Barking is not considered excessive if it is the result of a person trespassing on the dog owner's property, or if a person is teasing and/or provoking the dog.

There are many reasons why some dogs bark excessively. The Maui Humane Society provides instruction, training advice and informational material that can assist a dog owner in addressing unwanted behaviors. Please call the Maui Humane Society for further assistance.

Violation of the barking dog law carries a maximum penalty of \$500.

## **PICK UP YOUR DOG'S WASTE**

Allowing your dog to defecate without disposing of it is not only unsightly, it poses a potential health hazard as feces is a contaminant and can carry disease.

Maui County Code 6.04.040 requires the prompt removal and proper disposal of a dog's waste when the dog defecates on any property other than the dog owners'.

Failure to pick-up your dog's waste carries a maximum penalty of \$500.

## **DOG BITES**

Dog bites are a serious problem in our county. Each year, hundreds of dog attacks to people and other animals are reported to the Maui Humane Society. It is imperative to report *every* dog bite or aggressive encounter with a dog to the Maui Humane Society. Animal Control will initiate an investigation and take the appropriate action to address the problem.

Owners of a dog that has been deemed dangerous face a maximum penalty of \$1000 and/or 30 days in jail should they fail to comply with the requirements of owning a dangerous dog.

## **ANIMAL NEGLECT**

There's more to caring for an animal than providing the basics such as food and water. Animals are thinking, feeling creatures who require a lot of care, both physical and emotional. It is vital to an animal's well being to receive not only food, water, shelter and medical attention, but exercise, attention, affection and love.

Maui County Code 6.04.040 requires that an owner of an animal provide the animal with sufficient care to preserve the health and well being of the animal. Sufficient care includes but is not limited to:

- a) Food of sufficient quantity and quality
- b) Open access to drinkable water
- c) Suitable shelter to protect from rain, sun, heat and wind
- d) Adequate bedding and access to a dry place to rest
- e) Veterinary care to relieve distress from injury, neglect or disease
- f) Adequate space and exercise
- g) Animal's living area to be free of excess waste and contaminants

Failure to provide an animal with sufficient care carries a maximum penalty of \$500.

*Should the neglect of an animal be severe or chronic, the owner can be charged with Cruelty to Animals that carries a maximum penalty of \$2000 and/or 1 year in prison. In addition, the animal may be removed and ownership forfeited.*



Our Mission: *To enhance, serve and educate our community, both humans and animals, by providing love, preventing cruelty, promoting compassion and saving lives. We value the human-animal bond and wish to create a future where every animal finds a loving home.*

