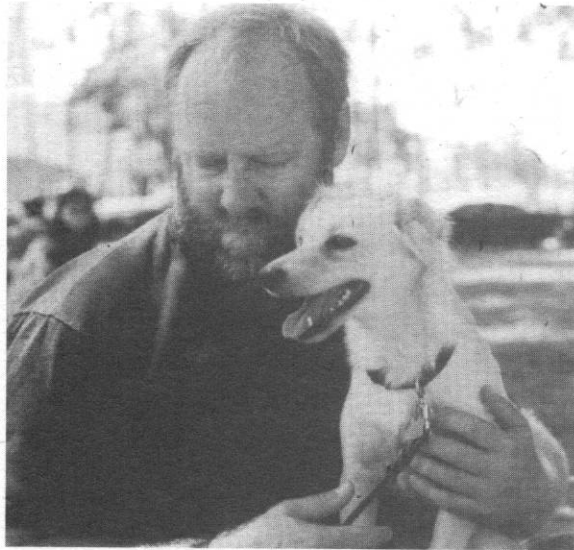




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Who is a Responsible Pet Owner?



Providing for a pet's physical needs and caring for them with love and commitment are the first requirements of a responsible pet owner. But they are not the last! Pet owners cannot reasonably or responsibly ignore the impact their animals can have on their neighbors.

Here are some of the laws governing pets in Hawaii and a few common sense rules to keep your neighbors happy and your pet safe and in good standing with the community.

Responsible Pet Owners:

- ...Always clean up after their pet when on public property and dispose of the waste in a sanitary manner. (City & County ordinance 391-2)
- ...Have their dog on a leash at all times when not on their own property. (City & County ordinance 131-2)
- ...Help their cat live a longer and healthier life by keeping it indoors and away from situations where it could create a nuisance.
- ...Ensure that their dog is licensed and that identification tags are worn at all times. (City & County ordinance 90-55)
- ...Protect their cat with an identification tag and safety collar. (City & County ordinance 95-21)
- ...Obey the Animal Nuisance Law which defines "excessive noise" by any animal as "continuous or incessant for a period of ten minutes or intermittently for one-half hour to the disturbance of any person at any time of the day or night..." (City & County ordinance 90-55)
- ...Sterilize their dog, cat, or rabbit so as not to add to the tragic problem of pet overpopulation on Oahu.
- ...Maintain an active flea and tick control program so these pests won't spread to neighboring units, the common areas of a building or public parks.
- ...Keep a pet portfolio that includes: proof of licensing, proof of spay or neuter, current records of vaccinations and veterinary care, obedience school diplomas, references from previous landlords, and "what to do in case of an emergency" information. 