



COUNTY OF HAWAII
ANIMAL CONTROL &
PROTECTION AGENCY

Dog Licensing Dog and Cat Microchipping



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ABOUT US

The Animal Control & Protection Agency is the newest agency within the County of Hawai'i, officially established on July 1, 2023. Reporting directly to the Mayor's Office, our agency is responsible for serving the entire island, responding to the needs of both our residents and the animals in our communities. As Hawai'i County continues to grow, so does our commitment to public safety, responsible pet ownership, and animal welfare. We are building on the County's foundation to develop a strong, compassionate, and professional program that provides reliable, responsive, and evolving animal control services. Together, we're creating a safer and more humane Hawai'i Island for all.

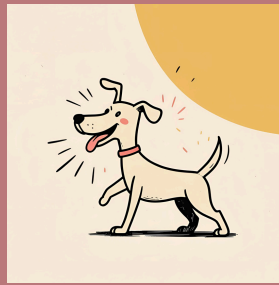


Hawai'i County Code Ch. 4

SECTION 4-4-1. FEES. (A) THE FOLLOWING FEES ARE HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS BIENNIAL LICENSE FEES FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF OWNING, HARBORING OR KEEPING OF DOGS IN THE COUNTY:

- (1) STERILIZED DOGS \$2.00
- (2) UNSTERILIZED DOGS..... \$6.00 (B) FOR PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION A STERILIZED DOG MEANS A SPAYED FEMALE DOG AND A NEUTERED MALE DOG. (1983 CC, C 4, ART 3, SEC 4-12; AM 2022, ORD 22-36, SEC 6.)4

Hawai'i Revised Statutes §143-4
Issuance of license and tags.
The fee for the tag shall be set by each county council; provided that, until and unless provided by ordinance, the fee shall be 10 cents.



HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES 143-2

License or microchip required

It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor a:

- (1) Dog unless the dog is licensed and has been implanted with a microchip identification as provided by this chapter; provided that the counties may, by ordinance, dispense with or modify the licensing requirements of this chapter; provided further that this chapter shall not apply to dogs under the age of three months or dogs brought into the State exclusively for the purpose of entering them in a dog show or exhibition and not allowed to run at large; or
- (2) Cat unless the cat has been implanted with a microchip identification as provided by this chapter; provided that this chapter shall not apply to cats under the age of three months or cats brought into the State exclusively for the purpose of entering them in a cat show or exhibition and not allowed to run at large.



WHY LICENSE YOUR PET

Microchipping and licensing your dog are simple steps that provide major benefits. A microchip offers a permanent form of identification that can help reunite you with your pet if they ever get lost. Licensing your dog not only ensures compliance with county laws, but also helps support local animal services and proves ownership in case of disputes. Together, these tools increase the chances of a safe return home and contribute to a safer community for all pets.

