

HFC Committee

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Subject: Re: Feral animal management.

There is no quick solution to the problem but here are our suggestions.

1. All domestic animals, cats, dogs, rabbits, etc, must be licensed even if the animal is indoor only. Animals could not be purchased from PETCO or other pet stores without being licensed and neutered.
2. Animals cannot be adopted from the Humane Society without having been neutered and licensed at the time of adoption. Licensing fees should be set such that Maui County overhead for licensing is covered and there is residual to support Humane Society effort.
3. Animals that are not adopted from the Humane Society within a reasonable time period, e.g. 3 months, cannot be taken from the Humane Society and released in the wild.
4. Feral fowl, particularly the males, should be aggressive trapped by the Country Animal Control and as well, individuals should be encouraged to trap them. Some method for disposing of the animals will have to be developed that would allow the carcasses to be used for food by the Food Bank or other charitable organization.
5. It seems unlikely that axis deer or wild swine can be controlled by hunting alone unless done in regimented fashion. The following link is one example of approaches to deer management that might be considered. <https://extension2.missouri.edu/mp685>

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