

HFC Committee

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To: HFC Committee
Subject: Feral Animal Issues

Aloha,

I am writing on behalf of my family regarding feral animal issues. I live up in Makawao and have experienced a large number of feral cats at my home in Makawao Ranch Acres. The cats frequently fight, defecate in my yard and garden and even caused an outbreak of fleas in the yard that necessitated pest treatment. I am concerned about toxoplasmosis and have curtailed my gardening activities. I contacted the humane society about trapping the cats to have them removed. I was told that they would not allow me to borrow traps unless I were to have the cats spayed and rereleased back onto my property. It leaves me with no real recourse for removal. If I had a feral dog living in my yard, it would not be subject to the same standards. The county needs similar standards for cats as dogs to help address the feral cat issue. It is important for the health of families and island wildlife. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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