

HFC Committee

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Subject: Support Feral Animal Management HFC-24

Aloha Maui Council,

I am a community member residing in Wailuku writing in support of Feral Animal Management Maui (HFC-24).

Specifically, I support the reduction of feral cats on the island. I live near a beach park that has a feeding colony, so get to see what feral cats do after colony feeders leave. They constantly approach my lanai and rest on my outdoor furniture. I recently was pregnant and concerned about my health due to them carrying toxoplasmosis.

TNR (trap-neuter-release) is not being done at the critical levels necessary to reduce cat numbers. My family has tried to trap cats and take them to Maui Humane Society, only to find they practice TNR. Colony feeders need to take full responsibility of their "pets" and not just take the glory of feeding them. I am left with hearing their fights at night, cleaning up feces, etc. I support having cats as pets if you take ownership over their care.

I also think it is another tragedy to the native Hawaiian community to allow a non-native animal to decimate native (including endangered) animal populations. I have witnessed the remains of ua'u (only wings left) from feral cat predation while hiking in Haleakalā National Park. So, it is a problem mauka to makai.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Lindsay Moore

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