



*...establishing interaction and foster cooperation between Neighborhood Watch programs, community members and associations, government and service agencies for the purpose of sharing solutions for an enhanced quality of life throughout the Island of Hawai'i.*

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Dear Chairman Higa and Council Members,

At your request additional meetings were held to reach the hunters on the Hawaii Island in order to obtain their input to the Animal Control Bill 4 Draft 5. From four public hearings and two Solutions Animal Control Task Force meetings held with hunters and community members in Waimea (3.28.05) and Keaau (4.11.05) the following are the suggested recommendations:

Suggested Recommendations:

1. Licensing Fees:
  - Sterilization and microchip one time fee \$15 for low income and senior citizens. (using the states yearly audit as guideline)
  - One time fee \$25 for altered animals that also have microchips.
  - \$10 for altered and \$15 for unaltered animals with no microchip every two years.
  - We recommend following state requirement regarding identification for dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs to enter Hawaii State. (companion animals)
  - Include licensing of "owned" cats at same rates as above.
  - Create an island-wide task force to address "feral" cat issues.
  
2. Micro-chipping vs. Tattooing:
  - Micro-chipping database is currently in place and is preferred not only by Animal Control contract holder but also by State authorities. (See "quarantine" [www.hawaiiag.org](http://www.hawaiiag.org))
  - Tattooing will require database, computers, software and additional manpower to input and identify.
  - More consideration is needed for unintelligible, modified or faded tattoo identification. This is not a foolproof method, in that tattoos can be altered easily.
  
3. Barking Dogs:
  - Keeping the amount of time a dog can bark during day and night the same and not differ from each other.

Regards,

*Lil Beaufreere*  
Chairperson