ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL
The cat traps are working.
I'm gettin fixed?

Am I broken?
HCPCW Common Ground

• Hawaii has a cat overpopulation problem; reducing the cat population would save residents, and public and private agencies millions of dollars per year.

• Unsterilized stray and pet cats allowed to roam freely and abandoned cats are a major contributing factor to feral and other free roaming cat populations

• Reduce and prevent suffering and death of cats and native wildlife

• All cats should be sterilized and have identification

• Cats are safest indoors or in a secure outdoor enclosure

• Coalition focus is on nexus with wildlife, cats and humans
Ward Research Highlights (2011, n=404)

• 19% of Hawaii residents either own a pet cat or feed a stray/feral cat at least once a week (32-34% national average)

• None of those cat owners surveyed indicated (or admitted) that they would release their pet cat into the wild or into a feral/stray cat group if they were no longer able to care for it. Most said that they would give him to a friend/relative/neighbor (60%) or take him to the Humane Society or other animal shelter (24%).

• Roughly half of those cat owners surveyed allow their pet cats to go outdoors (52%);

• The most common reason for allowing their pet cat to go outdoors was that cat owners believe that cats have a natural instinct to explore and want to go outdoors (40%).

• Only 2 in 5 cat owners surveyed expressed some level of concern about their cats being outdoors (38%).
Spaying and Neutering Your Cats

- Reportedly, 90% of those cats owned as pets are spayed or neutered.
- In comparison, 39% of those feral/stray cats fed by cat feeders are spayed or neutered; 12% are not spayed or neutered; and 49% are uncategorized.
- The most common reasons for not spaying or neutering pet cats were costs (38%) and the age of the cat (28%).

Opinions Of Feral/Stray Cats

- More than 2 in 5 cat owners/feeders (43%) believe that feeding stray or feral cats is harmful in some way --- the most frequently mentioned reason being that feeding stray or feral cats adds to an overpopulation problem (57%).
- Support for the idea of Trap, Neuter, and Return programs for stray and feral cats (85% support) was significantly higher than that for Trap and Kill programs (15% support).
PLEASE DON’T LEAVE ME ME
Pets Depend on People!
Abandoning a Pet is Cruel and a Crime
Resources and Reporting
Hawaiian Bird Management Areas
Habitats and Core Areas
- Coastal Seabird Nests
- Supporting Waterbird Wetland (general location)
- Core Waterbird Wetland
- Supporting Waterbird Wetland
- Current Nene Distribution
- Forestbird Recovery Habitat
- Forestbird Habitat
- Seabird Habitat
- NWR/NP
- State Conservation Areas
Why Data?

• Problem solving requires information
• Setting realistic goals and time lines
• Demonstrating progress
• Insight
Stages

• Phase 1: Focal areas

• Phase 2: Island
Chickens:
• Don’t feed
• Remove eggs/addle where possible
• Remove food (including pet food), cover trash
• Exclusion (prevent roosting)
• Aversion (fencing)
• Deterrents (non-toxic chemicals)
• Policy changes- crowing, 2 fowl per property, etc
• OvoControl
Where to go from here?

- Get an estimate of cat numbers on Maui
- Identify those areas where there is the greatest potential for conflict with wildlife (Kanaha, Iao)
- Identify those areas without conflict and develop mitigation plans
- Identify those areas with the greatest need for intervention (number of cats related to available resources) using Pets for Life model
- Cat owners: keep cats indoors, outdoor enclosures, spay-neuter, identification
- Cat caregivers: register colonies and keep colony information current, follow successful management guidelines
Resources and Contact Information

Maui Humane Society  www.MauiHumaneSociety.org
Submit questions or comments to: info@MauiHumaneSociety.org

Spay-Neuter Resources
Maui Humane Society, 877-3616
SPCA Maui, 280-0738
9th Life, 9thlifehawaii@9thlifehawaii.org
Feline Foundation of Maui, 891-1181
The HSUS Cat and Bird Related Info: www.humanesociety.org/wildlife
www.humanesociety.org/feralcats