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MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY
VACCINE AND LOW COST MICROCHIP CLINICS

PUUENENE, MAUI – In response to an outbreak of feline panleukopenia diagnosed in upcountry Maui, the Maui Humane Society (MHS) will be holding a limited number of vaccine clinics for the general public. These vaccine clinics are by donation and are intended to be a temporary emergency response to this disease that is thought to be new to Maui. The vaccines administered will be a standard feline core vaccine which includes protection against the panleukopenia virus and also includes the herpes and calici viruses which cause upper respiratory disease in cats.

Clinics are scheduled for the first three Saturdays of July - July 5, 12 and 19, from 8:30am to 12pm. The intent is to accommodate everyone who checks in by noon on those days. Clinics will be held in the MHS Modular building behind the main shelter. Parking will be available next to the building or along the roadway.

These clinics are for all friendly, tame cats. Cats and kittens should be at least six (6) weeks old and all cats should be transported in secure carriers. For everyone’s safety, cats in improper carriers will not be accepted. Carriers are available for rent from MHS and cardboard carriers can be purchased at the shelter ahead of time for $10. Feral cats should not be brought to these vaccine clinics. Please call MHS for vaccination options for feral cats.

Microchips are optional and can be purchased at a significantly reduced price of $15 each, which includes the cost of implantation (which is a quick injection similar to a vaccination), a tag to wear on their collar, and local registration into the MHS computer system. Microchips provide a permanent means of identification and help MHS reunite pets with their families if they should ever be found as strays. Registration into a national registry is NOT included at this price but owners have the option to register on their own, at their own expense.

For best pet care, MHS encourages everyone to take their cats to their local veterinarian for routine physicals, as these will generally include all necessary vaccinations as well. Regular check-ups will help in the early diagnosis of skin diseases, cancer, dental problems and other conditions that can be harder and more costly to treat later. These vaccine clinics are not intended to take the place of regular veterinary care and are only an emergency solution for cats who might otherwise not receive vaccinations.
For the latest updates and information, please see Maui Humane Society's website at www.MauiHumaneSociety.org and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MauiHumaneSociety, or call MHS at (808) 877-3680 x23.

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