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Maui Humane Society Receives \$50,000 ASPCA Relief & Recovery Grant

Funding will help to save more animal lives throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic

Maui, HI – Maui Humane Society has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) as part of its national [ASPCA Relief and Recovery Initiative](#), which includes providing a minimum of \$2 million in critical funding for animal welfare organizations whose programs, operations, or fundraising capabilities have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. The grant will help Maui Humane Society fund essential lifesaving services including basic shelter operations and their new 4EverPets Safety Net Program, which is proving to be crucial animal welfare services during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Our community has been tremendously impacted by the pandemic,” said Steve MacKinnon, CEO of Maui Humane Society. “This funding will assist pet owners who are experiencing financial hardship and our organization in maintaining programs and lifesaving operations. The ASPCA grant will allow us to help keep pets in their homes and families together.”

“In addition to the unprecedented challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has created for people, it is also putting animals at risk by straining essential owner and shelter resources,” said ASPCA President and CEO Matt Bershader. “Considering the vital role pets play in our lives – especially in times of crisis and stress – it’s extremely important to safeguard their welfare as much as we can, and we are grateful to the animal welfare community for stepping up, thinking creatively and courageously, and forging new paths to meet this need. Through the ASPCA Relief & Recovery Initiative, we are helping animals stay healthy and safe as we weather this crisis together.”

Since July 2020, Maui Humane Society 4EverPets community outreach program has distributed over 35,000 lbs. of free pet food to those impacted by the pandemic. The services offered include assisting with behavioral issues, supplying kennels and fencing, food for horses and a range of supplies to help alleviate the financial burden on our local pet owners.

For more information about Maui Humane Society, please visit www.mauihumanesociety.org.