

## **GUIDELINES FOR ADOPTING A PET FROM THE MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY AND TRANSPORTING TO THE MAINLAND UNESCORTED**

Adopting a Maui animal and shipping it to the mainland is definitely possible. First you will need to check with airlines to decide which one is the best as far as rates and desired flights to your area. It is important you contact the airlines for their information on bringing pets to the mainland.

**ALSO:** Depending on the time of year, the airlines have very strict guidelines regarding air temperatures for flying pets to the mainland. Maui weather is usually fine, but winter and summer weather can make bringing a pet to the mainland impossible to some destinations at certain times of the year.

- 1) You will need to fill out a Pre Adoption Application from the Maui Humane Society. After we have reviewed the application, you will be required to sign adoption papers and pay applicable fees.
- 2) The following items will also be required to transport an animal from Maui to the Mainland
  - a. An Air Kennel is required and we usually will have one available to sell for \$50 or \$75 depending on the animal's size.
  - b. A Certificate of Health from a Licensed Hawaiian Veterinarian is required within 10 days of flying. When adopting from our facility, and with appropriate notice, we can provide this document from our Veterinarian. The fee for this health exam and Certificate is \$30. Remember, this documentation is only good for 10 days so shipping should occur shortly after the certificate is issued.
  - c. You will need a Rabies shot for dogs and cats if the animal is 4 months or older. Our fee for this service is \$15.00 and only available to those adopting from our facility.
  - d. It is important to work with our adoption counselors in order to assure that we get everything scheduled and have a staff person available to take the animal to the airport at the appropriate time. Communication is a key issue in this matter.