

How to determine which kennel to use:

General appearance of the kennel proper:

Following regular daily clean-up procedures, the kennel should look (and smell) neat and clean. Kennel operators are proud of their kennels and like to show them off, but some of them do not permit visitors in areas where animals are housed. There are two key reasons for establishing a "No Visitors" policy. First, some dogs react unpredictably to strangers. (They become excessively fearful or aggressive.) As a result, the presence of strangers in the kennel can cause such dogs to injure themselves or develop intestinal problems. Second, visitors do not follow the same stringent disinfecting procedures used by kennel personnel, and can transport contagious agents (bacteria, viruses) into the kennel. However, kennels with a "No Visitors" policy should provide you some type of viewing window, so that you can see where your pet will be staying.

In visiting your local kennels, you will observe that there are several types of kennel designs currently in use. Some kennels have indoor/outdoor runs; some have totally enclosed facilities; and some house pets inside, but utilize outside exercise areas. Each of these designs has its own advantages, and you should ask the kennel operator to explain the advantages of the system in use at that kennel. Be sure to ask about security, safety, supervision and sanitation as well.

Exercise Area: All animals require exercise, but the requirements for dogs and cats are different. Let's discuss their requirements for exercise individually:

Dogs: should have enough space to enable them to break into a run. Exercise time will depend upon the kennel's layout. In some kennels, dogs are allowed free-access to their own individual exercise runs during the day. In such kennels, you may want to make arrangements to limit your dog's exercise time, if there is any reason he or she should not be allowed to exercise at will (an older dog with a heart condition, or a 'hyper' dog who tends to run weight off, for example). Other kennels use a 'time-sharing' method for scheduling exercise. In such kennels, make sure that the time allowed and the frequency of exercise periods are adequate for your dog

Cats: Because cats exercise isometrically (by stretching), and because they are not 'pack animals' that need, or enjoy, the company of other animals (as dogs do), they do not necessarily require separate exercise areas, but are content when housed in roomy primary enclosures. However, some kennels also provide 'play areas' for those cats that appear to enjoy the additional space. Whether or not your kennel provides such play areas, your cat's primary enclosure should be large enough to permit stretching and moving around, and should contain a regularly cleaned litter box

Health care: Inquire about the following ...

- 1. Water:** Individual containers filled with clean drinking water should be available to each animal.
- 2. Food:** Feeding procedures vary from kennel to kennel. Some kennels supply preferred brands of feed, which they serve to all boarders. However, they usually allow you to bring your pet's favorite food, if you wish. Other kennels maintain a stock of the most popular brands, and feed whatever you request. Still others require that you bring your pet's food when you check in. Determine the kennel's policy, and if there are any additional charges for special feeding arrangements.
- 3. Veterinary services:** Ask about the procedure for obtaining veterinary service, if required. Some kennels retain a veterinarian on the premises. Others prefer to use your pet's veterinarian so that there will be a continuity of care. Remember that it is customary (and responsible) for you to be financially responsible for any veterinary care required for your pet while it is being boarded.
- 4. Immunization requirements:** Dogs should be immunized against rabies, distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvovirus (DHLPP), and bordetella. Cats should be vaccinated against rabies, panleukopenia or distemper, feline rhinotracheitis, calici virus, and pneumonitis (FVRCP).
- 5. Medication policies and procedures:** If your pet is taking medication, advise the kennel operator of the nature of the problem and the type and frequency of medication. Many kennels will not accept animals requiring excessive medication (more than three times per day, or nighttime medication, for example) or animals requiring potentially dangerous medication (diabetes shots, for example). Remember, it is essential that heartworm preventative medication be continued during boarding, if your dog is presently taking such medication. Inquire whether the kennel provides such medication, or if you should bring a supply. Ask if there is an additional charge for medicating.
- 6. Parasite control:** If you live in an area in which fleas and/or ticks are a problem, your kennel should utilize procedures for controlling these parasites (pre-entry examinations for boarders, sprays, dips, etc.)

Developing a good relationship with a boarding kennel will make things a lot easier for your pet, your family, and you. Taking a few of the precautions mentioned in this booklet before and after you board your pet will result in a pleasurable (and economical) vacation for every member of your family. Do your homework in advance, and trust your kennel owner to provide a safe, happy homecoming when you return. Have a good trip!

Kennels on Oahu



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Please help us keep our list up to date by letting us know of any new or existing boarding facilities are on the island that we do not have on our list.

Honolulu

Aloha Dog
Kaka'ako
525B Cummins St
591-1727

Akamai Pets
772-0101

Animal Clinic Inc
3270 Waialae Ave
734-0255

Animal Hospital of Hawaii
3111 Castle St.
732-7387

Bark Ave
7192 Kaianiana'ole Hwy Suite C126
394-2343

Blue Cross Animal Hospital
1318 Kapiolani Blvd
593-2532

Cocojor Dog Emporium & Spaw
975 Kapiolani Blvd
Honolulu, HI 96814
592-3647

Di Ventus Hotel and Spa
923 Keeaumoku St
983-3855

Dogs Only
1102 Prospect Pl
538-3647

Dog Walker (in home care)
384-3164

DogWatch
223-4513

Hapa Sitting Service
2393 Tantalus Dr
358-5587

Kaimuki Kennel
1048 Koko Head Ave
735-2070

Ohana Doggie Day Care & Spa
611 Cooke St
791-3647

Malu Pet Bliss
232-1585

Pawadise Island Dog Walking
& Pet Sitting
321-8008

Pacific Paws Resort & Spa
(808) 394-9663

Pets in the City
1232 Young St
593-1505

Poi Dogs Day Care & Boarding
942 Kawaiahao St
536-4443

Reine Ray Pampered Pets
2525 Date St
744-6393

Tails of America
686 Ahua St
836-4648

Aiea

Animal Clinic Waimalu
98-020 Kamehameha Hwy
487-3507

Leeward Pet Clinic
98-1277 Kaahamanu St
484-4460

Pets in the 'Burbs Hawaii, LLC
(808) 284-6169

VIPaws LLC
389-2423

Ewa Beach

Ewa Beach Animal Hospital
91-919 Fort Weaver Rd. Suite 114
689-1797

Pooch Palace
91-896 Makule Rd
689-0674

Kaneohe

Country Pet Resort
47-141 Pulama Rd
239-5695

Haiku Veterinary Clinic
45-773 Kamehameha Hwy
235-6405

Koolau Animal Hospital
45-1123 Kamehameha Hwy Ste 102
247-3211

Ko'olau Bed & Biscuit
47-785 Ahuimanu Rd
239-1214

Kailua

Cozy Cat Lodge
261-1101

Feather and Fur Animal Clinic
254-1548

Laughing Dogs Daycare
261-2530

Kapolei

Animal Clinic Kapolei
91-579 Farrington Hwy
674-9643

Pets Companion Service Hawaii
672-5530

Mililani

Animal Clinic Mililani
96-221 Kipapa Dr.
623-2814

Nancie's Pet Sitting Service
623-3008 or 888-6628

Pets Are Inn
626-9446

Pearl City

Aloha Pet Excursions
291-2447

Wahiawa

Xeralane Kennel
911 Palm Pl.
621-3647

Wai'anae

Love them and Leave them
86-529 Paheehee Pl
772-0656

Waialua

Bow Wow Bungalows
66-270 Kaamola Rd.
637-2562

Waimanalo

Nalowinds Kennels
41-502 Flamingo St.
259-7349

Waipahu

Animal Clinic Waipahu
94-806 Maloalo St
671-1751

Tails of Hawaii Play & Boarding
94-422 Ukee St.
676-9663

Waipahu Leeward Vet Clinic
671-4095

MWR Pet Kennels

Near Quarantine
368-3456

Other Kennels and Sitters

Cutter Sitters Hawaii
486-1410

Happy Tails Hawaii (In home
care)
638-8488 or 741-8488

Pampered Pets
286-8757

Dog Walker Etc
384-3164