



Action 4 Animals Hawai'i Launches Free Community Microchip Scanning Station at Hilo Petco

HILO, HAWAII — Action 4 Animals Hawai'i (A4A) is proud to announce the installation of a new public microchip scanning station at the Hilo Petco cat adoption cubbies, making it easier than ever for pet owners and community members to reunite lost pets with their families.

The scanning station is available for anyone to use — whether you have found a stray animal and want to check for a microchip, or you simply want to verify that your own pet's microchip is working and properly registered.

“Microchipping is one of the most effective tools we have to reunite pets and families quickly,” said Elaine Partlow, president of Action 4 Animals Hawai'i. “But a chip only works if it's registered and the information is current. This station empowers our community to take that simple but critical step.”

Registering a Microchip Is Free

Action 4 Animals Hawai'i encourages all pet owners to register their pet's microchip **for free** at:

- 24PetWatch.com
- FreePetChipRegistry.com
- Petco Love Lost

Petco Love Lost also offers free facial recognition technology to help reunite pets with families if they go missing. This is also a key database used by County of Hawai'i Animal Control and Protection.

Don't Have a Microchip Yet?

If your pet is not microchipped, affordable and free options are available across Hawai'i Island:

- Microchipping appointments at Petco stores through the ASPCA Vaccination Clinics (appointments available at stores.petco.com/vaccination-clinics)
- Free microchip clinics hosted by Aloha Animal Alliance across Hawai'i Island
- Microchipping by appointment at Hawai'i Island Humane Society
- Services through your local veterinarian

A Community-Based Solution

As the largest foster-based rescue on Hawai'i Island, Action 4 Animals Hawai'i sees firsthand how heartbreaking and preventable lost-pet situations can be. By placing this first scanning station at the Hilo Petco adoption site — where hundreds of animals find homes each year — A4A hopes to make proactive reunification part of everyday pet care.

“Our goal is prevention,” Partlow said. “We want pets to go home the same day they're found. We hope to install additional scanning stations across East Hawai'i so that every family has easy access to this lifesaving tool.”

Action 4 Animals Hawai'i encourages pet owners to stop by the Hilo Petco location, scan their pets, and ensure their contact information is current — before an emergency happens.

Because when pets are protected, families stay whole.

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