Feral Chickens, Roosters and Poultry

FACT SHEET



- The Department of Customer Services is addressing nuisance issues created by feral chickens in our community by helping to bring new attention, needed resources and a strong policy voice to the persistent concern.
- Feral chickens create nuisances by foraging in residential areas, crowing at inconvenient hours, posing health concerns with their waste and agitating household pets. More roaming chickens mean more nuisances. O'ahu residents can help manage the nuisance by not feeding feral chickens and reducing the feral chicken population in their community.

Who do I contact for feral chicken and poultry issues?

• The responsibility for responding to feral chickens problems varies with the location of the animals and the property ownership.

Options for dealing with feral chicken and poultry nuisances are listed below by property ownership.

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Contact Department of Customer Services to report issues on city property such as parks, building areas and other local government property:

- Email: complaints@honolulu.gov or call (808) 768-4381
- Go to the Honolulu 311 webpage or app at https://honoluluhi. citysourced.com or download the app to file a report.

STATE OF HAWAI'I

Each state department is responsible for the cleanliness of its own properties and to abate any nuisances

Contact the state agency responsible for the property, such as the Department of Education for public schools and Department of Land and Natural Resources for state parks. For a list of departments and agencies, go to https://portal.ehawaii.gov/government/departments-and-agencies/

Go to the Department of Planning and Permitting GIS webpage to locate the property and determine ownership.



PRIVATE PROPERTY

Private property owners are responsible for nuisances or violations created by keeping feral chickens or poultry on their properties.

If a neighbor keeps poultry as pets, and there is a noise or health nuisance, call HPD.

Contact a wildlife removal service, which has the equipment and expertise to address this issue.

Call HPD (911 Non-Emergency Call) for any of the following violations:

- Noise nuisance
- Excessive number of poultry (maximum allowed by ROH is 2 per household)

Call the state Department of Health Vector Control at (808) 586-4708 to report health nuisances caused by feral chickens, roosters or birds. For more information, visit: https://health.hawaii.gov/vcb/

Health Nuisances created by feral poultry

As a general rule, for any nuisance based health violations (filth caused by feeding feral birds, foul or noxious odors...sources of filth that are dangerous or may cause sickness or disease) that are prohibited under HRS Section 322-1, 322-2 and 322-3, please contact the state Department of Health at 808-586-4708. DOH will conduct an inspection to determine feasible options and will recommend solutions. They will facilitate enforcement by HPD if needed.





