

A Hunters Code of Conduct for Big Island Feral Pig Hunting/Trapping

- Learn and practice safe hunting techniques and know the capabilities and limitations of your equipment.
- Make every effort to utilize the harvested game animal.
- When hunting with dogs, they should remain under the control of the handlers at all times
- Obey and support wildlife rules/regulations and report violations. Do not capture game to fill another hunter's bag limit. Party shooting is illegal.
- Retrieve all traps in a reasonable amount of time
- Avoid knowingly interfering with another hunter and respect the right of others to lawfully share the outdoors.
- Be especially respectful and friendly to nonhunters you encounter. Establish and maintain good relationships to prevent future conflicts.
- Ensure you have the permission of the landowner to hunt on a given property. If hunting in State Forest reserves, be sure you know the allowed hours, bag limit, and allowed method of capturing game.
- Be aware that discharging of a firearm, even to dispatch a trapped pig, is not an allowed use of a firearm in neighborhoods considered residential. A reckless endangerment charge may be pursued by persons you offend by discharging a firearm in a residential neighborhood.
- Since some of the feral pig populations have tested positive for diseases including brucellosis which can be easily spread to dogs and human via blood-to-blood contact, be sure to protect your hunting dogs and yourself when handling/bleeding a feral pig. Open wounds and cuts should be covered to prevent transmission of disease pathogens.
- Agree not to discard carcasses of caught feral pigs on the sides of the road, dead end streets or on undeveloped private property. When discarding carcasses, either bury the carcass under two feet of dirt with lime or take to the West Hawaii Sanitary landfill. Do not dispose of carcasses at Hawaii County Transfer Stations.

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