ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

> HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY

Rawr was adopted in August

## Aloha Friends of Hawaii Island Humane Society,

Compassion. Commitment. Capacity. These are the values we employ to better the lives of animals on Hawaii Island. We thank you for your enduring support as donors, volunteers and supporters of our mission at Hawaii Island Humane Society.

#### Compassion.

Hawaii Island Humane Society staffs three shelters, located in Keaau, Waimea and Kona, which serve the entire island of Hawaii. Our employees are the kindest, most considerate people who provide endless care every day for over 14,000 animals a year. The HIHS team continues to do the job of improving animal welfare, of advocating for those without a voice, on Hawaii Island.

#### Commitment.

Dedication runs deep at Hawaii Island Humane Society. We could not accomplish what we do without volunteer support. Volunteers enhance animal care by spending quality, one-on-one time with our four-legged friends at our shelters. Our sincere thanks go out to our board members, foster families, adoption ambassadors and shelter volunteers for their incredible community service.

#### Capacity.

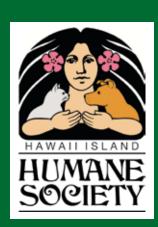
This fiscal year has seen incredible growth – be it behind-the-scenes planning that readies us for expansion at our new Animal Community Center or the addition of veterinary staffing to help service immediate animal needs. Reducing the number of animals that arrive on our shelter steps can only be sustained through spay neuter initiatives. We continue to innovate and look to increase our outreach in underserved communities.

#### Local.

While there are many animal organizations in Hawaii and on the mainland that incorporate Humane Society in their name, we want you to know that Hawaii Island Humane Society is an independent, local nonprofit and 100% of your donations stay on this island.

As Hawaii Island's only open admission shelter where no animal is ever turned away, our programs depend on your continued generosity. Mahalo for your support this past fiscal year and we look forward to achieving even more in the future.

Donna Whitaker Executive Director Hawaii Island Humane Society Adam Atwood President Hawaii Island Humane Society



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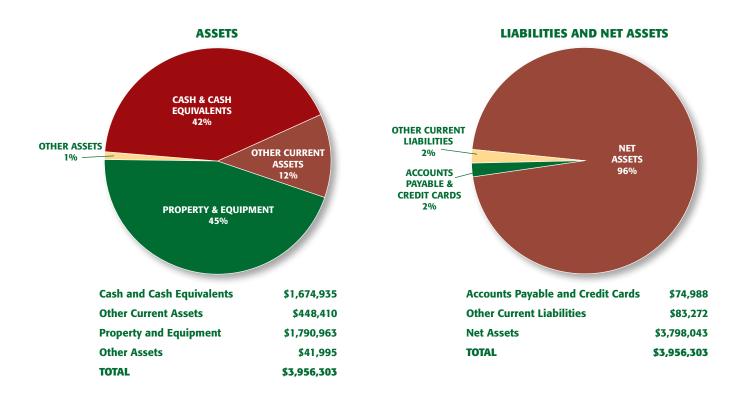
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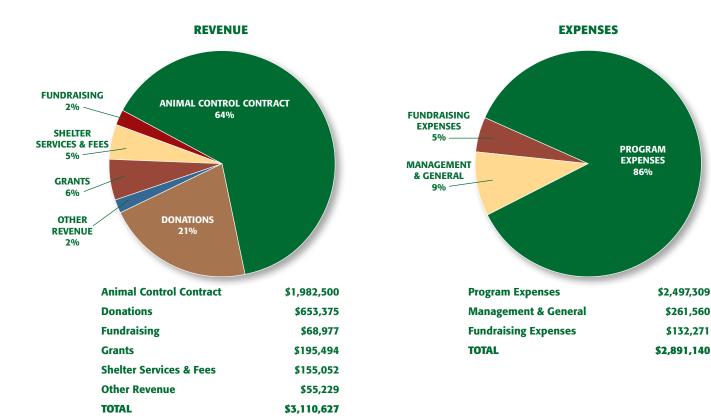
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# Humane Education

# **CLASSROOM & SHELTER VISITS**

Engaging students and youngsters in lifelong lessons of kindness, safety and responsibility is the purpose of our Humane Education programming. Classroom visits by our Humane Educator and trained education dog build these lessons for all ages into everyday curricula. School groups and organizations are always welcome at our three islandwide shelters for hands-on animal care.



#### **JR. PALS**

Summer brings happy, smiling youngsters into our shelters for an eight-week program aimed at learning animal care skills and obedience training basics. Jr. Pals participants, ages 9 to 13, can become eligible to continue on as a shelter volunteer.



#### MANADOOB PROGRAM FOR SELF ESTEEM

Children, ages 7 to 12, often need tools to face today's challenges and our Manadoob delivers essential self esteem values over a six-month educational initiative.

### **NEW LEASH ON LIFE**

Thanks to Windermere Foundation, teens in foster care or temporary housing find a safe setting for fun with shelter animals and often discover the restorative power of one-on-one connections.

# New Initiatives

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Vacations on Hawaii Island now include an option to "check out" a shelter dog for the day from the Hawaii Island Humane Society.

Shelter staffers introduce visitors to canine candidates that are allowed out on field trips and, once a selection is made, supplies are readied. Hawaii Island Humane Society supplies an Adopt Me harness and leash, water and a bowl, towels for car transport, toys, treats, waste bags and

cleaning supplies. Only sterilized and microchipped dogs with good behavior are available for field trips.

"This is such a win-win program," said Hawaii Island Humane Society Executive Director



HIHS was honored with a Pualu Business Innovation Award for its Field Trips program by the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce.

Donna Whitaker. "Furry friends love field trips and visitors can get their 'dog fix' while on vacation. Of course, if the match results in an adoption – all the better."

#### **TALES WITH TAILS**

Hawaii Island Humane Society launched its Tales With Tails program to help children improve their reading skills while also helping shelter animals by providing socialization and human interaction. Children who are able to read at any level are invited with their parents to read to the dogs and cats that are available for adoption. Carefully selected books contain a humane theme and promote social emotional learning.



Jingles was adopted in December

# FOUND: FUREVER HOMES

Annabelle was adopted in February

Ogi was adopted in October

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Zina was adopted in Aprli

## **Mission Driven**

Our goal is to have quality shelter and care available to animals needing it and, as HIHS veterinarian Dr. Kristina Henricks points out, an empty shelter is a sign of success. We live on an island and, as large as it is, our island cannot support over 14,000 unwanted animals arriving at our shelters every year. How do we reduce animal intakes and the resultant euthanasia?

We cannot adopt our way out of pet overpopulation, but we absolutely can prevent these unwanted litters with spay neuter. "Accidental" litters, the laundry baskets that arrive filled with kitties or puppies, are the single largest factor in pet overpopulation on our island.

The solution? Spay. Neuter. Fix the problem.

The mission of Hawaii Island Humane Society is to prevent cruelty to animals, eliminate pet overpopulation, and enhance the bond between humans and animals.

Hawaii Island Humane Society veterinarians performed a record number of spay neuter surgeries in addition to our distribution of free and/or discount coupons for spay neuter services with private veterinarians. As we work to decrease the number of animals arriving at our shelters, our efforts to increase adoptions continue.

We collaborate with several HIHS Rescue Partners, hold Mobile Adoptions at locations around the island, encourage shelter visits and amplify community awareness to increase shelter animal adoptions. Our Adoption Ambassador Program, another one of our new initiatives, has also made remarkable progress in taking adoptable shelter dogs out into the community to advocate for their forever homes. Our heartfelt thanks to our Adoption Ambassadors, Rescue Partners and Foster Families.

ANNUAL STATS ..... 2321 DOGS ADOPTED ..... 1143 CATS ADOPTED ..... 121 OTHER CRITTERS ADOPTED ..... 92 ANIMALS TRANSPORTED TO MAINLAND RESCUE PARTNERS ..... 1157 ANIMALS REUNITED WITH OWNERS ..... 4511 SPAY NEUTER SURGERIES PERFORMED



Maka was adopted in September

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## **FUN RAISING**

Throughout the year, Hawaii Island Humane Society is honored to be the beneficiary of many community festivities. We continue to be amazed at the creativity of our island's organizations. Proceeds from dog washes to hand painted ukulele and everything in-between help offset the cost to operate three shelters that take in over 14,000 animals annually.

Whether it is at events we host, like Tropical Paws and Howl'ween Dog Walks, or those hosted by organizations on our behalf, we thank every participant who makes a contribution to further our mission.











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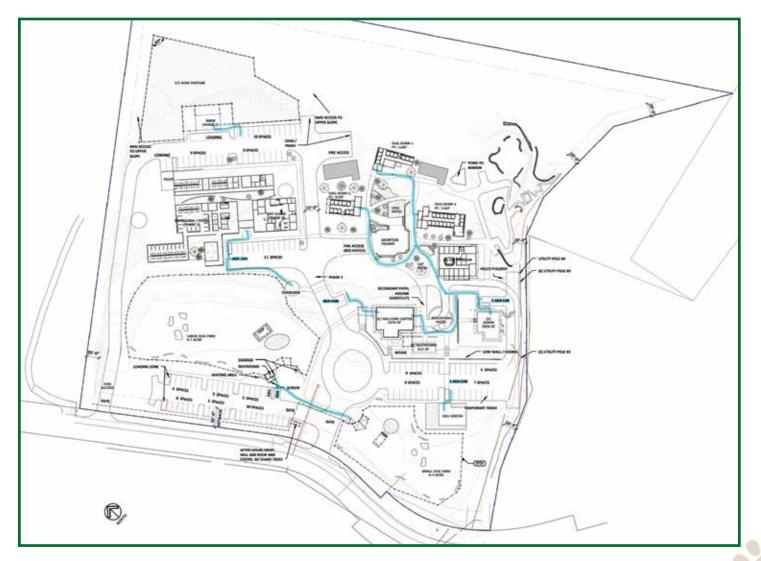
The first half of 2016 has been an eventful time behind-the-scenes for the HIHS Design, Engineering and Construction team. Kona-based Tinguely Development and Colorado-based Animal Arts, our lead architects and experts in the field of animal sheltering, have been readying our 12-acre campus site plan in preparation for County of Hawaii Site Plan Approval and subsequent permits.

The new campus site is indeed large, and with its sloping terrain, has posed challenges for the team to meet all engineering and ADA requirements. HIHS developed the detailed site plan for the entire 12 acres upfront rather than segment it over time. While this additional planning extended the timeline, it was the right decision to assess and evaluate the property in its entirety and to be plan ready for future phases.

The Central Bark dog parks, overwhelmingly supported by the animal community, are situated closest to the entry road and will be constructed first. Renovation and construction of animal sheltering structures (Camp Canine and the Cat Barn) and the Welcome Center will follow.

Your support of this dream for our community has made all the difference.

Scott Dodd and Barbara Kildow Animal Community Center, Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chairs



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#### **GIFTS SUSTAIN US**

Without our generous donors who contribute year-round, Hawaii Island Humane Society would be unable to uphold our mission. Funding operations at three islandwide shelters is a daunting task and we thank each and every person whose donation makes our work possible. Listed on the pages that follow are individual, corporate and foundation donors who have contributed during this fiscal year, July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Our Donor Rolls list gifts of \$100 and more.

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