

ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

### **Dear Friends of Hawaii Island Humane Society,**

Together we accomplished a great deal in the 2015 fiscal year on behalf of animals and the people who love them. Your support made it possible for volunteers and staff at the Hawaii Island Humane Society (HIHS) to improve thousands of lives in Hawaii County.

In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015, we continued to focus on reducing the number of animals coming into our shelters, increasing the number of animals placed in the community, and reducing the rate of humane euthanasia. This has been our ongoing goal and we remain encouraged by our progress — with the understanding that much work remains. Every day we remind ourselves to "make a world of difference" in the lives of our four-legged friends. This shows the deep commitment each of us feels and HIHS acts on as an organization. It's evident in the way we treat the animals in our care, in the passion with which we share our message through humane education, and in the conviction we show when we advocate for the voiceless.

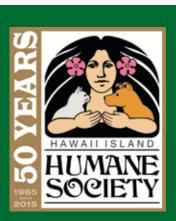
Some of the highlights and challenges of the last fiscal year include:

- Opening nine Pet Friendly Emergency Shelters in response to Hurricane Iselle and Hurricane Ana. This was done in partnership with the Hawaii County Civil Defense and the Red Cross.
- Opening the only Pet Friendly Emergency Shelter in Pahoa for evacuees of the June 27th Lava Flow in partnership with the Red Cross. Thankfully, this was used by only a few residents and pets and we were able to completely turn our attention to help evacuate and provide supplies to other pets affected by the lava.
- Teamed up with Paws University to start a pet food drive and food bank for the pets of the homeless.

This 2015 Annual Report is being distributed electronically, though you may certainly print a copy. This is primarily to save printing and mailing costs, to be more environmentally conscious, and to direct these resources to the animals. We hope you support this change and find it convenient. You may view more financial reports and news about us on our website.

Thank you for making 2015 a successful year. We look forward to your support and ongoing involvement in 2016 as Hawaii Island Humane Society continues to make a difference for animals...and people!

Donna Whitaker Executive Director Hawaii Island Humane Society Susy Ruddle President Hawaii Island Humane Society



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as of June 30, 2015

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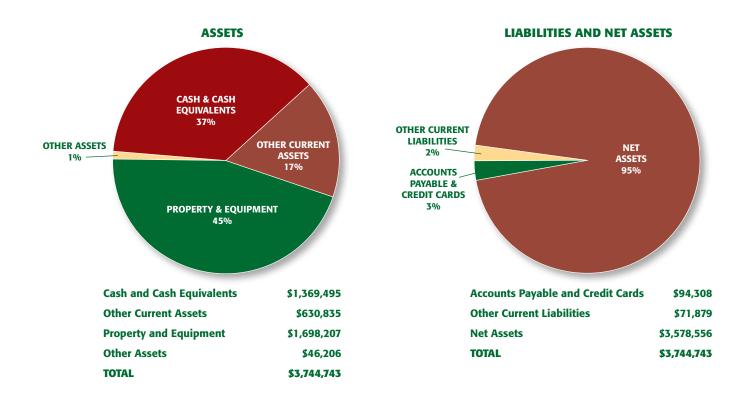
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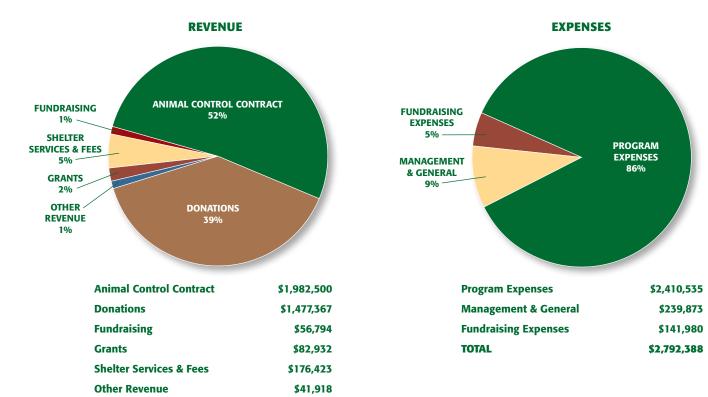
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Donna Whitaker EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





\$3,817,934

TOTAL

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### **SPAY NEUTER**

Hawaii Island, like other communities, cannot adopt its way out of animal overpopulation. **Spay. Neuter.** It's the only way to fix the problem!

Over the course of the year, we are pleased to report that our fundraising provided spay neuter surgeries for 4,432 animals by our in-house veterinarian. In addition, Hawaii County provided \$121,000 in funding for spay neuter coupons that are distributed free to the public on a first come basis every month. These coupons make available a minimum of another 1,520 spay neuter surgeries annually.



HIHS Veterinarian Dr. Kristina Henricks performing another spay neuter surgery.



### VOLUNTEERS

In addition to foster families, volunteers also assist our three shelters with animal care, clerical tasks, customer service, landscape and facility maintenance. This year, 1,055 dedicated volunteers contributed 6,143 hours to serve the animals and further our mission. We wouldn't be where we are today without them. *Mahalo*!

A picture really is worth a thousand words and our shelter photographers have volunteered their talents to present animals at their best, increasing their adoptability.

### **SECOND CHANCE FUND & FOSTERS**

Generous contributions to our Second Chance Fund allow treatable animals the opportunity for adoption. Our Second Chance Fund benefited 75 dogs and 15 cats.

Seventy-five bighearted foster families are an essential component of treating animals that require rehabilitation or are too young for immediate adoption. Foster volunteers – who care for animals often for weeks on end – looked after 427 pets that needed recovery time.





Jake was adopted in June

### **ADOPTIONS**

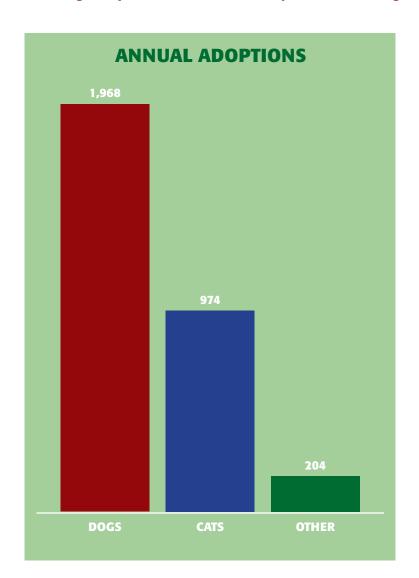
Community members stepped forward to adopt 3,146 cats, dogs and other animals this fiscal year. Animals are available for adoption at all three Hawaii Island Humane Society shelters located in Keaau, Waimea and Kona. Website enhancements now make it easier to locate a potential match by searching geographic location and type of animal with accompanying description and eye-catching photo (HIHS.org).

Intakes have fallen dramatically since the peak in 2012, yet adoptions over the past five years remain relatively static. This trend line indicates Hawaii Island has reached its capacity for animal adoptions. In fact, the island has far exceeded its adoption capacity when comparing national human population and animal adoption statistics.

### PARTNERS

To increase adoptions, Hawaii Island Humane Society collaborates with qualified partners and works to increase awareness. Our thanks to: Aloha Ilio Rescue, Best Friends Network, Petco, PetFinder, Adopt-A-Pet, Nose for Adventure, Paws University, Foodland, Subaru Hawaii, island veterinarians and local civic clubs. As the number of requests from rescue organizations continues to climb, the Board of Directors has formalized the HIHS Rescue Partnership Agreement for implementation in the next fiscal year.

Did you know that Hawaii Island Humane Society adoptions always include spay neuter, microchip and health screening? Adoptions are funded 100% by HIHS fundraising.







Chucky was adopted in May

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Throughout the year, Hawaii Island Humane Society hosts and participates in many events that further our mission and help *fun-, friend- and fundraise.* 

Proceeds from Tropical Paws, our annual fundraising gala, support our Second Chance Fund that provides medical care and treatment for abused animals while they recuperate and become ready for adoption, and our Spay/Neuter Community Assistance to help fix the problem of pet overpopulation.

This year's festivities celebrated 50 years of Hawaii Island Humane Society service and provided the backdrop for an incredible evening. Part-time Hawaii Island residents Anne and John Ryan electrified the audience with the announcement of their capital campaign contribution of \$500,000 to help build the new Animal Community Center. Calling for a world with more humanity, the Ryans challenged those in attendance to match their gift.

The crowd roared back up on their feet when Vivian Dixon and John Chapple, also part-time residents, took up the challenge with a \$250,000 matching donation. In a little more than 30 minutes, a total of \$1 million was raised for our Paws for a Cause Capital Campaign from scores of donations ranging from \$500,000 to \$100.



(L to R) Donna Whitaker, Vivian Dixon, John Chapple, John Ryan, Anne Barasch Ryan, Scott Dodd and Barbara Kildow celebrate at Tropical Paws.













## **A Wonderful Place for Animals and Their People**

For many years the Board of Directors has identified the need for new animal sheltering facilities in West Hawaii. The current location is hot, too small, and located next to a refuse transfer station and green waste facility. The structures are inadequate in size and functionality and in a dilapidated state of disrepair, not to mention being surrounded by odor, bugs and waste.

Humans also have problems with the current facility and fare no better. Housed in a trailer with holes in the floor, the dedicated staff members are crowded and separated from other parts of the facility, making it difficult to foster teamwork, cohesion and communication between themselves



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and the animals. In fact, Hawaii Island Humane Society programs have been limited in their ability to achieve their full potential and make an impact on the animals and people of the community.



Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our Paws for a Cause Capital Campaign donors and community supporters, several major milestones have been met in our quest to transform the new 12-acre site in Keauhou. Facilities will include Central Bark comprised of two community dog parks, Cat Barn, Camp Canine, Welcome Center, Education Center, Memorial



Garden, Large Animal Barn & Pasture, Administrative Center and future state-of-the-art veterinary facilities.

In March, Hawaii Island Humane Society commemorated the start of groundwork, including grubbing and grading, on its new campus.

Gifts and pledges totaling \$3 million funded Phase 1 of the campaign. Special thanks to our Paws for a Cause Capital Campaign volunteer co-chairs Scott Dodd and Barbara Kildow for their dedication and commitment.

### **HUMANE EDUCATION**

Hawaii Island Humane Society has developed several ongoing initiatives that engage students and youngsters around the island in lifelong lessons of kindness, safety and responsibility.

### In the Classroom

Our Humane Educator and two trained education dogs visited 146 classrooms in 29 schools for a total of 6,585 students. These classroom visits assist educators in incorporating humane education topics into their everyday curricula and classes are available for all ages.

### **At the Shelter**

For a deeper understanding of animal care and shelter operations, tours are available at our three locations for school groups and organizations.

### Jr. Pals

This eight-week summer program takes place at each shelter for children aged 9 to 13. Participants learn animal care and obedience training basics. Participants earn a certificate and can become eligible to continue on as a shelter volunteer.

# Manadoob Program for Self Esteem

This essential six-month educational initiative provides children aged 7-12 with tools to face challenges in today's world and empowers them to do the right thing.

### **New Leash on Life**

Sponsored by Windermere Foundation, this program affords teens in foster or temporary housing a safe and fun outlet to spend time with pets in our care that also may be missing needed one-on-one connections.







### **GIFTS OF ALOHA**

Hawaii Island Humane Society would like to thank our generous donors who contribute year-round to help fund shelter operations. Your donations make our work possible. Listed on the pages that follow are individual, corporate and foundation donors who've contributed \$100 to \$25,000.

This listing is general fundraising and does not include donations to our ongoing Paws for a Cause Capital Campaign to build the new Animal Community Center.

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The mission of Hawaii Island Humane Society is to prevent cruelty to animals, eliminate pet overpopulation, and enhance the bond between humans and animals. Our organization, established in 1965, is serving the Big Island community with three shelters island wide. Our services include: Shelter for homeless, stray, injured, lost and abandoned animals, animal adoptions, Humane Education Programs for children and administration and promotion of the Spay/Neuter Community Assistance Program.

The Hawaii Island Humane Society is the only open-admittance shelter on the Big Island with no time limits. Every year, more than 15,000 animals come through our shelter doors. Many are infirm, ill-treated, injured, too young or elderly. Some have never known the security of a home, while others have lost the only home they've ever known. We accept any animal, regardless of age, species, condition, circumstance or behavioral issues at all three shelters island wide.

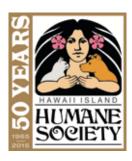
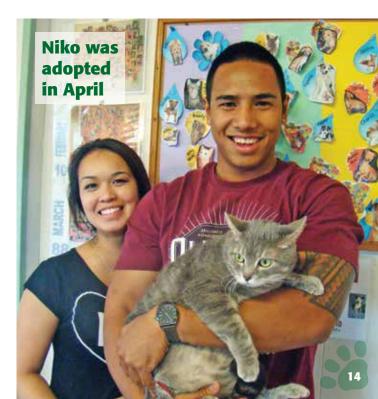


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Baby Face was adopted in August



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