Nearly 300 party animals packed the house for the 23rd Annual Tropical Paws at the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai.

We are incredibly thankful for the generosity of our Tropical Paws sponsors, donors and attendees who raised over $590,000 for the animals on Hawaii Island.

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Looking back, a year ago over 700 homes were destroyed and public infrastructure including roads and schools severely impacted during the Kilauea eruption. It was life changing for many on our island community and a year later the community is still trying to cope.

Unfortunately, sometimes animals and pets get left behind when natural disasters strike.

The magnitude of the eruption and the aftermath of the destruction left behind prompted many in our community to help those in need. It takes a village and the Hawaii Island Humane Society could not have done it without the help of many. Hawaii Island Humane Society along with American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Rainbow Friends, Aloha Ilio, Hui Pono Holoholona Rescue, Hawaii Lava Flow Animal Rescue Network and others joined in the efforts to rescue animals that were unfortunately left behind. We would be remiss if we didn’t acknowledge the many elected and appointed officials and volunteers who worked tirelessly during this disaster. A big mahalo to Dr. Ann and Dr. Norm Goody with Three Ring Ranch who donated nearly $20,000 in pet food and supplies.

Safety was a major concern for our staff and volunteers and gaining permission and safe access to areas affected by the eruption was a high priority. To facilitate rescues we set up a Lava Request Hotline and we encouraged folks to follow the Hawaii Island Humane Society on social media for up-to-the-minute information. We regularly sent out Public Service Announcements to remind folks that upfront planning would ease stressful situations with dealing with their pets and animals should they need to evacuate.

Hawaii Island Humane Society staff was on the ground seven days a week throughout the eruption and went door-to-door in search of animals and pets.

The Hawaii Island Humane Society rescued 418 animals during the eruption in the areas impacted. We worked with David Okita with Volcano Helicopters and Robert Mitchell and Calvin Dorn with Paradise Helicopters on 20 separate helicopter missions to rescue animals including 5 dogs, 10 goats/sheep, 36 fowl and 85 cats.

All of us at Hawaii Island Humane Society learned that education is the key in mitigating many issues during a natural disaster. Educating pet owners about available resources and helping them prepare to care for and transport their pets in the event of a natural disaster are key. At the same time, everyone involved understood how emotionally devastating and life changing the Kilauea eruption was on people’s lives. Many lost everything. We worked hard to make sure that on top of everything that transpired, they didn’t lose their pets and animals.

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FIRST QUARTER STATS

556 DOGS ADOPTED

207 CATS ADOPTED

38 CRITTERS ADOPTED

295 ANIMALS REUNITED WITH OWNERS

98 ANIMALS TRANSPORTED OFF ISLAND

942 HIHS SPAY NEOETER SURGERIES PERFORMED
**Hawaii Island Humane Society**

**Putts for Paws**

Saturday, July 6  
Makani Golf Club  
4 Person Scramble Format.  
$150 per Player. Registration is open – visit hihs.org. 100% of the proceeds benefit animals in need!

**HIHS alum, blind and deaf dog, Pearl turned 3 on March 3 — her Golden Birthday! In honor of this milestone, we raised $1,334 in donations to support Hawaii Island Humane Society. You can follow Pearl’s adventures, going to work with her mom, HIHS Community Programs Director Lauren Nickerson on Instagram @pearl.the.poi. puppy**

**Volunteer and foster appreciation, opportunities to learn about our foster and volunteer programs, volunteer orientation, foster education, prizes, refreshments, and more!**

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*Sera Bell gives a kitten some cuddling time at the Kona shelter Cat Condo.**

*HPA 8th Grader Elliana DeRego built a bench and dog ramp to donate to the Waimea shelter.**

*Despite a rainy day, a busy day of dog fun and games was held at My Furry Valentine at the Shops at Mauna Lani on February 10. Over $500 was raised for Hawaii Island Humane Society and Aloha Ilio Rescue. Mahalo to Mokulele Airlines, Sushi Shiono, Big Island Brewhaus, Dawn Goehringer and Keri Nakahashi Photography for supporting this event!**