Why We Do What We Do
Aloha Friends of Hawaii Island Humane Society,

Hawaii Island Humane Society employees and volunteers confront challenges every day. Some are heartwarming with touching outcomes like reuniting a stressed out owner looking for a lost pet, or saying goodbye to a family who has just adopted their new best friend.

Others, well not so much. Cases of animal abuse, theft and hoarding test our strength. We are so thankful that the community responds with overwhelming kindness when shelter animals have special needs and the call for foster families goes out. Our employees and volunteers rise to these challenges, and we are on alert for the compassion fatigue that can occur. Compassion fatigue can be experienced by those helping people or animals in distress; it is an extreme state of tension and preoccupation with the suffering of those being helped to the degree that it can create a secondary traumatic stress for the helper.

We live on an island that presents its own set of unique challenges. Severe weather, hurricane warnings and volcanic eruptions became standard occurrences this year. Entire communities faced evacuation and destruction. Families and their animals are still coping with unimaginable stresses. HIHS employees and volunteers, along with several animal rescue groups and individuals, stepped up to assist in so many ways.

We'd like to dedicate this newsletter to HIHS employees and volunteers who work with grace under pressure every day. Thank you for all you do for Hawaii Island’s animals.

Calling
All Foster Families — Puna Rescues and all animals island-wide need foster families. Call your nearest HIHS shelter to volunteer.

DID YOU KNOW?
Many companies have a matching gift program — you make a donation directly to Hawaii Island Humane Society or through your workplace giving program, and your employer will donate the same. Your company may also match the hours you volunteer at HIHS with a financial grant. Ask your employer today if they have a matching gift program and have your donation to the animals go twice as far!

Kona Shelter
74-5225 Queen Kaahumanu Hwy.
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
329-1175
Mon – Sat 9:00am – 5:30pm

Waimea Shelter
67-1611 Mamalahoa Hwy.
Kamuela, HI 96743
885-4558
Mon– Sat 8:00am – 3:30pm

Keaau Shelter
16-873 Keaau Pahoa Hwy.
Keaau, HI 96749
966-5458
Mon – Fri 9:00am – 5:30pm
Sat 7:30am – 4:00pm

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THIRD QUARTER STATS

464
DOGS ADOPTED

306
CATS ADOPTED

20
CRITTERS ADOPTED

289
ANIMALS REUNITED WITH OWNERS
Thanks go out to all Hawaii Island Humane Society employees for their dedication to serving Big Island animals. While not everyone is pictured, everyone is appreciated.
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Every donation assists the Hawaii Island Humane Society in fulfilling its mission. Donations of $100 and more are listed here.
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Are you A Lover Of Hawaii’s Animals?  
Join our ALOHA Monthly Giving Program!

Please join us in our life-saving mission to ensure that our doors are always open for every animal, every day.

$10 Donation  
Helps with food and other vital supplies for shelter animals
$25 Donation  
Supports the humane education programs of HIHS
$50 Donation  
Provides medical care for sick and injured animals
$100 Donation  
Supports spay/neuter surgeries to control the pet population

Make your gift last all year and become a monthly donor! Members of our ALOHA monthly giving program are the foundation of Hawaii Island Humane Society. Through monthly donations, ALOHA members provide HIHS with a consistent and reliable source of funding that allows us to plan ahead. Set up monthly giving fast and easy at hihs.org
**DOGS ARE JUST DOGS**

The other day I was talking to a friend who works in the pet industry and used to be our client when I worked in private practice. She was telling me she hears horrifying stories about people who bring their dogs to public areas and then get into violent altercations with other people started by arguments over their dogs getting into a fight. She says that people should understand that even though their dogs sleep in their beds, eat in the dining room with them and go everywhere they go, they shouldn’t be surprised when they exhibit undomesticated animal behavior. A dog may meet another dog he does not like and respond by fighting. Although a dog fight is an extremely heated situation, people need to take a step back, not take it personally and not blame each other. She says people forget “dogs are just dogs.”

Our tendency is to ascribe human characteristics to our animal companions (anthropomorphize). This can really get us in trouble. Although we should always treat them well and make sure we provide for their comfort, we can not expect them to act like humans. (Not that all human behavior is always exemplary anyway!)

As much as I know and love my non-human family members, I know they can behave unpredictably. When I take my dogs in public I always have them controlled on a leash. For one thing, they may be great about always walking at my side but may behave differently when another dog approaches them. I also try to be respectful of other peoples’ rights. Believe it or not, not all people enjoy the companionship of dogs! It is unfair for my dog to have the freedom to approach these people and for me not respect their right not to interact with my dog.

If my dog has any history of not getting along with dogs or humans, I will leave him/her at home where he/she will not hurt anyone. It would be a violation of others’ rights for me to conclude history won’t repeat itself. Aggressive behavior frequently has an ingrained/genetic component in certain dogs. In fact, certified Behavior Veterinarians do not find it is safe to think that aggression can be trained out of a dog.

The more crowded our living spaces become, the more we have to remember to be considerate of each other. This includes remembering that when we bring our dogs into public spaces “dogs are just dogs.”

**SAVE THE DATE**

**HIGH FIRE HAWAII GALLERY & STUDIO**

**8TH ANNUAL ART HELPS SALE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

10:00am – 4:00pm

223 Kilauea Ave., Hilo

(808) 935-8380

**ON SITE PET ADOPTION**

10:00 am –2:00 pm

We will have loads of Ceramic Cups, Bowls, Vases, Ornaments and more. All of the day profits benefit the Hawaii Island Humane Society.

More event details at:

www.facebook.com/highfirehawaii

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**OUR MOBILE SPAY & NEUTER WAGGIN’ IS COMING YOUR WAY**

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT HIHS.ORG**

Nov 26 Makuu Farmers’ Market, Keaau

Dec 3 St. Jude’s Episcopal, Ocean View

Dec 10 Makuu Farmers’ Market, Keaau

Dec 17 Hamakua Harvest Farmer’s Market, Honokaa

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For every new Subaru vehicle purchased in Hawaii between November 1 through December 31, Subaru Hawaii will donate $250, up to $50,000, dividing the funds evenly among six nonprofits including HIHS.

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Volcanoes, lava flows, earthquakes, hurricanes oh my! What a season! And now, the kids are back in school and Dayzee and I are busy trying to visit as many classrooms and schools as possible.

The Learning Center in Kona has been participating in our Humane Education program designed to include shelter tours, interaction and socialization with shelter pets, our Tales With Tails read-to-a-shelter pet program utilizing our humane themed library and in classroom instruction with Dayzee. The kids love it, the shelter pets absolutely love it. And of course, Dayzee loves it!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATES INCLUDE:

- Innovations PCS is once again participating with mentoring and at our Kona Shelter.
- Kamehameha Schools seniors are participating in shelter activities for their Senior Legacy Projects.
- This November we’ll be participating in a career fair at Panaewa Zoo.
- We’re working on creating a volunteering partnership with HPA Cross Country runners at our Waimea Shelter.

DID YOU KNOW?

Humane Education is the promotion of kindness - being kind to all living things as well as self. It is the practice of employing what we learned in kindergarten and the golden rule of do unto others. It seems that dogs have been utilizing kindness as a survival skill all along. In a recent study dogs observed their owners struggle to open a new toy and ask for help. One person helped and one did not. Later, the helpful person and the non-helpful person each offered the dog food. The dog preferred to take food from the helpful person every time. This is thought to be a similar emotional reaction to that of human infants evaluating third party social environments. In dogs, it might also be a skill learned to help identify anti social behavior, helping a dog make choices that better serve them.

So remember, always be kind. Your dog is watching you.

Aloha,
Bebe Ackerman and Dayzee
CERTIFIED HUMANE EDUCATION SPECIALIST
HIHS Keaau shelter manager Adam Pereira credits teamwork and precise planning for the success of the recent lava rescue missions. Special acknowledgements go out to David Okita with Volcano Helicopters, Asta Miklius, Roxy O’Neal and the HIHS Kona shelter staff and the HIHS Keaau shelter staff.

Lava rescue missions required meticulous planning and that required everyone to put in early mornings and long days.

Rescue mission details were reviewed by Civil Defense for approval with safety the primary concern.

When out on lava rescues, cell phones didn’t work so the team used walkie talkies and had fire department radios in case of emergency.

Domesticated dogs, cats and chickens have been reunited with their families and when that has not been possible, Rainbow Friends Animal Sanctuary, Hui Pono Holoholona and foster families have stepped up. Friendly cats have been transported to the mainland for adoption.

Although day-to-day operations have settled down, our HIHS Keaau shelter continues to be the busiest of the three island shelters with high animal intakes and dispatch calls.