You Can Help Eliminate Euthanasia and Pet Overpopulation on Hawaii Island

Hawaii Island is big — nearly as big as the state of Connecticut — with a large percentage of low-income residents living in rural and remote areas. Bringing spay and neuter services directly to these neighborhoods will have a huge impact on lowering pet overpopulation and needless euthanasia. Our goal is to bring down the number of unwanted litters that ultimately arrive at our shelters.

How? For the past year, Hawaii Island Humane Society has been working on acquiring a Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic. A fully-equipped and outfitted vehicle that can serve as a Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic costs $200,000 delivered and ready to go.

The Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation awarded Hawaii Island Humane Society a $100,000 matching grant toward this initiative.

What is a matching grant? Funds we are able to raise for this project by February 28, 2018 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to $100,000, by the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation. So far, we have raised $30,000 and that leaves us with another $70,000 to raise. Every dollar you donate will help us reach our goal, and insure that we are able to receive the entire $100,000 matching grant.

Donate online at hihs.org, with the enclosed envelope (noting: Mobile Spay Neuter Clinic) or give us a call at 808-329-2135. Remember, only donations received prior to February 28, 2018 will qualify for this incredible matching gift challenge.

Another highly successful Equine Wellness Symposium was held in September at Pukalani Stables in Waimea. The event featured national equine experts and was produced by Hawaii Horse Expo and Nancy Jones. Proceeds from Hawaii Horse Expo benefit the Hawaii Island Humane Society’s Horse Rescue Fund, which helps abused and abandoned horses on the island.
Aloha,

Transformational change takes patience, hard work and a devoted staff.

When I first came to work with HIHS, I recognized immediately that we were surrounded by a wonderful community, generous supporters, and an amazing staff, but also that we could do more for the island and the pets we care for.

Team HIHS has made amazing progress in the nine years that I have been here; we have come so far. This magic happens because of the contributions of many —

• Our incredible animal care technicians who take their time to get to know each of our shelter residents for the special individuals they are.
• Dedicated Managers and Adoption Counselors who can pair a person and a pet. With a little luck, a great match leads to an adoption that lasts a lifetime.
• Enthusiastic all-volunteer photographers who showcase shelter animals.
• The island’s only Certified Humane Educator and her many Critter Clubs and Humane Education students.
• Top-notch shelter Veterinarians and their veterinary assistants who have advanced our animal health programs and Second Chance Program to the next level. While some animals come to us with “no assembly required” and ready to move into their new home, others may need some “refurbishing” to help them reach their potential.

What makes me the happiest? Seeing the change, we can make in these pets by giving them love, understanding and time. We’ve witnessed feral cats transformed to loving kitties and terrified pups become cherished family pets.

Gotti, who came to us in January, found his incredible human advocate in Vicky. She volunteers to take Gotti on daily outings to get him over his shyness and fear of humans. The change we’ve witnessed has been astounding and he will find the perfect forever home soon.

Forever homes are not by chance; they take hours of work by a dedicated staff, a squad of volunteers, and the support and commitment of an amazing community. Thank you again for all the magic you have helped us create in the lives of pets and their new families.

Aloha,
Donna Whitaker
Executive Director, Hawaii Island Humane Society

SECOND QUARTER STATS

592 DOGS ADOPTED
312 CATS ADOPTED
23 CRITTERS ADOPTED
186 ANIMALS REUNITED WITH OWNERS
67 ANIMALS TRANSPORTED OFF ISLAND
The new Education Building has been completed at Hawaii Island Humane Society’s Waimea Shelter funded in part by First Hawaiian Bank. The new building adds some much needed room for volunteers and children participating in our education programs. Work was done by contractor Leighton Magallanes.

Mahalo to The Magic and Comedy of Jason Andrews for donating over $500 to our Second Chance Fund from the proceeds of his show.

Ber Zoiderg sponsored adoption fees at the Keaau Shelter for three shy dogs and added even more bonus goodies.

Foodland’s annual Give Aloha program netted $926.18 for Hawaii Island Humane Society shelters.

Girl Scout Troops 182 and 139 donate their cookie money and supplies to HIHS Waimea shelter.

SAVE THE DATE

Howl’ween DOG WALK
Hilo
SATURDAY, OCT. 21
Liliuokalani Park

Howl’ween POOCH PARADE
Kona
SATURDAY, OCT. 28
Courtyard Marriott
King Kamehameha’s
Kona Beach Hotel

REGISTRATION 7:30 AM
WALK BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

Registration is FREE • Gather $50 or more in pledges for free T-Shirt

Create your own or your team fundraising page at https://hihs.networkforgood.com/projects/34174-howl-ween-dog-walk
2017

5th annual LAVA BEACH CLUB

FEAST on the BEACH

Purchase Tickets From
Hawaii Island Humane Society
Hospice of Kona
Kona Community Hospital Foundation
Lava Kids
North Hawaii Hospice

Donate Your Birthday
Help support our mission of preventing cruelty to animals, eliminating pet overpopulation, and enhancing the bond between humans and animals. It’s easy. Instead of gifts, create a personal fundraising page and ask for donations to Hawaii Island Humane Society. We’ll give you all the tools you’ll need to make a difference. Details are available at HIHS.org.

You’ll join us on our life-saving mission to ensure that our doors are always open for every animal, every day.

Check Me Out for the Day
Visitors to Hawaii Island can enjoy the company of a shelter dog under our Field Trips for Shelter Dogs program. All three Hawaii Island Humane Society shelters offer morning pick-ups with same day returns. Our staff introduces the pups that are cleared to go out and we provide “Adopt Me” harnesses and leashes, water and a bowl, car towels, toys, treats, poop bags and cleaning supplies. Eligible dogs are fixed and chipped.

Shelter dogs love an adventure day — and some field trips result in happy adoptions.

Of course, Hawaii residents are welcome too.

Friday, December 8, 5:30 – 9 pm
$100 per Ticket - $1,500 Reserved Table of 10
50% of Proceeds Donated to Charities

Buy Tickets at HIHS.ORG
Volunteer SPOTLIGHT
Kona

Lou and Sally Sheward

Shelter volunteers Sally and Lou Sheward know how boring it is for dogs and cats to be confined all day long. So early this year, Lou started volunteering and Sally got involved shortly thereafter.

They are dog people and find that walking the shelter dogs is deeply satisfying. “HIHS gets so many great dogs — of the ones there now, we’d like to call attention to Nalu,” said Sally. “She’s a really great dog, very playful and very fluffy!”

Sally and Lou know that some shelter animals have never experienced love from people in the past. The love these and other volunteers share often mend a life for a shelter animal. Sally also wanted a give a shout out to Lamar who works the front desk for the special care he gives to the animals.

When asked about their advice for others thinking about volunteering, Sally responded with “Do it!”

Photo above: Mango, adopted from HIHS last year, shares a moment with Lou and Sally.

Photography students from Makua Lani Christian Academy came to take photos of shelter animals for an assignment.

Humane Educator Corner

Even in Hawaii we are sad to see summer come to an end. Dayzee and I had such a wonderful season of Jr. Pals with so many new Jr. Volunteers joining our team and becoming ambassadors of kindness. These ambassadors will spread all they’ve learned about basic obedience, responsible pet care and ownership.

Time now to focus on visiting as many island schools as Dayzee and I can now that the new school year has begun. Just as Jr. Pals has become the summer time favorite, Critter Clubs are popping up in middle schools across the island. We look forward to continuing the Critter Clubs at Konawaena, Kealakehe, Waimea, HPA and several others. We are so excited to begin new ones too.

So far this school year, we welcome Critter Clubs at Keaau Middle and Pahoa. Critter Clubs are a great way to bring Humane Education into the school system with both in-classroom instruction along with hands-on experiences at HIHS island shelters. The clubs participate throughout the school year so the kids are able to absorb so much more. Without doubt, hands on at the shelter is always the best part.

If you would like your school to start a Critter Club or schedule a visit to your classroom, Dayzee and I would love to bring Humane Education to you. Instruction is available for grades K through 12. Lesson plans can be created to fit any subject, or if you’d like to focus on a certain topic, we can create a lesson plan that fits your needs.

Its pawsitively so exciting our tails are already wagging!!

Aloha,

Bebe Ackerman and Dayzee

CERTIFIED HUMANE EDUCATION SPECIALIST

JR. PALS and pets love our Tales With Tails program.

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Central Bark Dog Parks at new Animal Community Center

North Kona residents and landowners faced lengthy emergency water restrictions mandated by the county that prohibited irrigation throughout the summer. The growing period for new grass requires intense and frequent watering…and time to become firmly established before pooches can play on the turf. Automated landscape irrigation was not permitted under the county’s emergency water restriction. So we had to ask the pooches to be patient for a bit longer.

In spite of these setbacks, construction at the new Animal Community Center progressed. Sidewalks were poured. Restroom and shade structures in the large dog park were built and soil deliveries, fencing and paving for the adjacent parking lot got underway.

Barks of joy were heard when the county announced easing of water restrictions the first week in October. With irrigation back on, albeit reduced usage, landscape and grass planting have begun.