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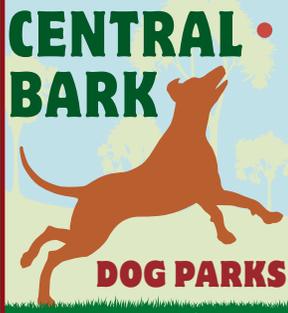
FOURTH QUARTER 2017

So Close! Can You Help Eliminate Euthanasia and Pet Overpopulation?

Hawaii Island Humane Society has been working on acquiring a fully-equipped Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic utilizing a generous \$100,000 matching grant from the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation. Bringing spay and neuter services directly to rural and remote neighborhoods will have a huge impact on lowering pet overpopulation and needless euthanasia.

So many bighearted donors have already stepped forward. We

need just under \$10,000 to complete the match. **If you can help, please donate online at hihs.org or with the enclosed envelope noting Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic. Our matching grant deadline is February 28, 2018. MAHALO!**



Get Ready to Play

Installation and construction of fencing, irrigation, top soil, landscape, shade structure, restroom and parking lot have all been completed at our Central Bark Small Dog Park. Pooches — and their people — have been closely watching the grow-in period for the grass. The dog park will open as soon

as the grass is hearty enough for all those paws. In the meantime, the Central Bark Large Dog Park grow-in period has begun and will finish up with the installation of a bone-shaped splash pad. Woof!



This incredible community asset has been made possible by so many helping hands — generous donors, in-kind contributions, community volunteers and our talented team of architects, engineers and contractors. Thank you all.

Hawaii Island Humane Society administrative offices have relocated to the Animal Community Center. Of course, crashed IT servers livened up the move in, but all the bugs seem to be worked out. Note that our new mailing address is listed here in the newsletter.

Interested in a portrait of your dog adorning the fence line? Details on this pawsome opportunity to support the ongoing care for these dog parks are available at HIHS.org.





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Aloha Friends of Hawaii Island Humane Society,

Following a strategic planning update six years ago, HIHS board members undertook several long-term organizational goals including lowering euthanasia, increasing adoptions, raising donor giving, developing partnerships and expanding board capacity. Each of these goals required perseverance, well-executed tactical initiatives and an overarching commitment to excellence.

Superior progress has been made in all areas by members of Team HIHS. We are thrilled to report that our top priority goal has now been achieved: **zero euthanasia in adoptable animals**. One hundred percent of all adoptable dogs and cats that entered our shelters this year were adopted. We can now adjust some of our focus to reducing animal overpopulation in more remote areas on our island community. As we've stated, there is a direct connection between successful spay and neuter initiatives and the decline in puppies and kittens arriving at our shelters. Additionally, our Second Chance Fund and foster families are a vital tool in rehabilitating more and more animals and readying them for adoption.

We employ creative solutions to address animal overpopulation. Along with HIHS veterinarians and our team of staff support who work tirelessly to provide ever-expanding spay and neuter surgeries, our Humane Education program continues to engage the community in schools and at our shelters. Classroom lessons learned reach well beyond youngsters as they take home and share these essential messages.

Hawaii Island Humane Society is a local, high performing nonprofit and 100% of your donations stay right here. As we prepare to relocate the Kona shelter to the 12-acre campus of our new Animal Community Center, we would like to thank everyone for their incredible generosity in making this dream become a reality.

HIHS ANNUAL REPORT

Donna Whitaker
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HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY

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FOURTH QUARTER STATS

512
DOGS ADOPTED

304
CATS ADOPTED

25
CRITTERS ADOPTED

218
ANIMALS REUNITED WITH OWNERS

85
ANIMALS TRANSPORTED OFF ISLAND

1,353
HIHS SPAY NEUTER SURGERIES
PERFORMED

SAVE THE DATE



TROPICAL PAWS



Friday, March 23, 2018
Four Seasons Resort Hualalai

TICKETS ON SALE AT HIHS.ORG

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KAI 'ŌPUA CANOE CLUB'S
19TH ANNUAL PAU HANA REGATTA
&
FOURTH ANNUAL

DOG PADDLE

1 Dog | 1 Human | 1 SUP
SUNDAY, APRIL 8

REGISTRATION 7:30 - 8:30 AM
DOG PADDLE 9 AM

1/2 mile course with start & finish at
the Kailua Pier

WE WILL ASSIST YOU AT THE
CUL DE SAC WITH SUP DROP OFF

PET TOY & TREAT DRIVE
8 - 11 AM UNDER THE GREEN TENT



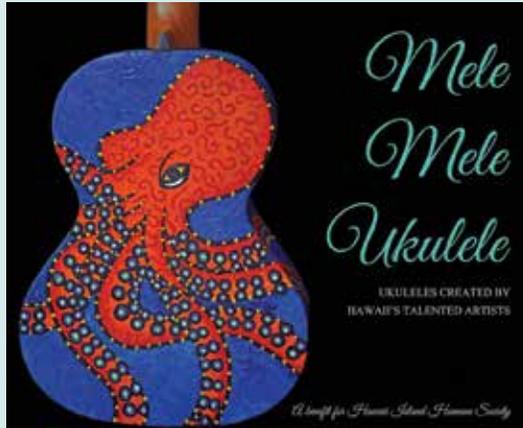
\$15 entry fee. \$5 of every entry goes
to Hawaii Island Humane Society

Early online registration at kaiopua.org

AWARDS FOR
SMALL, BIG & STUFFED DOG
DIVISIONS



MAHALO



The third annual **MELE MELE UKULELE** holiday event brilliantly hosted by **Tiffany & Co.** at the Waikoloa Kings' Shops raised **\$11,400**. Festive ukulele transformed by island artists were auctioned to benefit shelter animals.



Once again, **Lava Lava Beach Club's FEAST ON THE BEACH** was the hottest holiday ticket in town. HIHS ticket sales raised **\$6,225** from ticket proceeds.



Clyde Aoki presented Adam Pereira, HIHS Keauu Shelter Manager, with **Subaru's annual SHARE THE LOVE** campaign contribution of **\$5,000**. Mahalo Subaru Hawaii for your generous support of Big Island animals.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

#GIVINGTUESDAY, a global day of giving to celebrate generosity worldwide, really caught on with our donors in this second year raising **\$16,142** — an increase of over 350%.



High Fire Hawaii's 7TH ANNUAL ART HELPS benefit event in Hilo raised **\$1,000** for shelter animals.



Costumed creativity reigns at our annual **HOWL'WEEN DOG WALKS** in Hilo and Kona. These pooch parades raised **\$15,204** for the animals.

HIHS Annual Report Available Online

Learn more about our successful programs and initiatives, financial highlights, shelter statistics and our Donor Roll by logging on to the About Us/Governance section at HIHS.org.





“It Takes a Village!”

Is what the transfer coordinator at one of our partner mainland shelters tells me when I thanked her for all of her hard work receiving our dogs and cats. I replied, “It takes two!” I know there is a village on both ends of transfer. I would just like to thank all of the members of our HIHS village:



Kristina Henricks, PhD, DVM
HIHS VETERINARIAN

- ✿ Thank you to **Petco** for travel grants largely sustaining our mainland transfer program.
- ✿ Thank you to **Alaska Airlines** and **Hawaiian Airlines**. People at both companies are so receptive to this program. Booking flights is made easy as people are enthusiastic to be a part of helping our homeless pets, no matter where they are based. The cargo employees are always friendly and make special efforts to assist with the pet filled crates.
- ✿ Thank you to our **mainland rescue partners** who received **338** of our pets during 2017.
- ✿ Thank you to **Jenna Kaua** for working so hard to make sure we always have the supplies (crates, bowls, ice, etc.) for the pets to travel. Thank you for assembling crates, packing up the animals and taking them to the airport. I sincerely appreciate your continuously willing attitude.
- ✿ Thank you to the **Kona shelter** which acts as the hub for pets awaiting their journey. We send pets from all 3 shelters and much more than half come from Keaau and Waimea and wait at the Kona shelter for their flights. Thank you to Kona manager, **Roxy O’Neal** and her wonderful staff for caring for them and helping with their Health Certificates and Rabies vaccines.
- ✿ Thank you to **Dr. Kelly Korth** for doing spay/neuter surgeries at a moment’s notice so the pets can be ready to travel. Thank you also for transporting multitudes of pets from Keaau and Waimea.
- ✿ Thank you to **Whitney Sickels** for constantly searching for sources of funding and writing award winning grant applications.
- ✿ Thank you to the staff at all 3 shelters. You play a vital role in making this program a success.
- ✿ Thank you to our executive director, **Donna Whitaker** for spearheading this initiative. Thank you to our Board for seeing the value of sending pets, and thank you to select members who directly volunteer their time to oversee this project.
- ✿ Thank you for all of our **donors** who keep this program afloat with your generous donations. It costs about \$200 to send each pet and although the travel grants we have won are substantial, they do not support the costs of sending all the pets we want to send throughout the year.

The ability to transfer pets to mainland shelters has been amazing. Both Daphne and Nandi were recently sent to the mainland after being adopted locally and returned when their adopters could no longer care for them. Here they are enjoying their forever homes in Washington.



Daphne was returned to our shelters three times before going to the mainland in November. She is an awesome dog and a staff favorite.



Nandi was also adopted locally and returned. He also went to Washington in November.

Please keep the donations coming so that more pets like Daphne and Nandi can have their chances at forever homes.

Leave a Humane Legacy

Will or Estate Plan Contribution: A bequest through your will or estate plan leaves a legacy of caring for the animals and people we serve on the Big Island.

IRA & Retirement Plan Contribution: Gifts from a retirement plan are simple to arrange. Designate Hawaii Island Humane Society to receive all or a portion of the balance of your funds when you no longer need them.

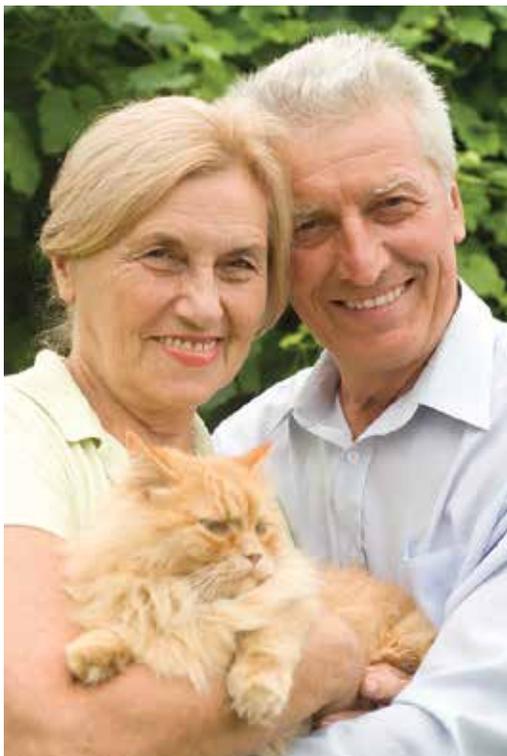
Life Insurance Policy Beneficiary: Gifts of a life insurance policy or proceeds of a policy that are no longer needed to protect a loved one can also be an excellent way to give. Name Hawaii Island Humane Society as owner or beneficiary on your life insurance policy.

Charitable Remainder Trust: A gift that provides tax savings along with generous, lifetime payments, such as a charitable remainder trust, can be another way to give while maintaining or enhancing financial security.

It's easy to take part in any of these opportunities that list Hawaii Island Humane Society as the beneficiary. For more information call 808-329-8002 or email acct.asst@hihs.org. Please consult with your attorney or financial planner to make certain your interests are protected.

Don't forget about your pets!

One of the toughest decisions when creating an estate plan can be what to do with pets after your lifetime. Legally, pets are a person's property and can be directed to any given beneficiary. However, it is often much more complicated because a lot of love and energy is needed to properly care for our four legged family members. Create a plan and think of at least two people who could act as caretakers of your pets in case of an emergency or should permanent care become needed.



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		

HAWAII ISLAND Humane Society

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



TROPICAL PAWS

Join the
Hawaii Island
Humane Society
at Four Seasons Resort Hualalai
for its 22nd Annual
Tropical Paws



**FRIDAY
MARCH 23
6:00 PM**



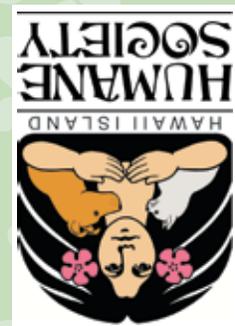
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TICKETS ONLINE HIHS.ORG • 329-2135, EXT. 3

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



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