

UPDATE

The Animal Community Center

OF THE HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY

Construction is ongoing at the Animal Community Center and on track to open by the end of this year. Thanks to the generous \$310,000 donation from the West Hawaii Humane Society in honor of Ginger Towle, we are able to move many projects forward. This gift will honor Ginger and her work for all creatures great and small for over 40 years in West Hawaii with her name on Adoption Square, a beautiful outdoor space between Scruffie's Cat Barn and Camp Canine.

If you too would like to donate to the under construction state-of-the-art Animal Community Center, log on to www.hihs.org/donations



Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Wendy Mitchell & Tom Buckner

Wendy and Tom, a husband and wife team have been volunteering on a regular basis at the Kona shelter for more than a year. After retirement, they decided to dedicate more volunteer time as dog walkers to ease the anxiety dogs may have from living in close quarters at the shelter. Their approach is to put the "love on" the dogs especially the shy ones knowing that it makes the dogs more approachable for families looking for a forever friend. They relish in helping people find the right match, the right dog for their family.

Tom and Wendy note that there's a place for everyone to volunteer with the Hawaii Island Humane Society. It's fun and it's for a great cause.

In their spare time Tom and Wendy relax at home with their 11 year old re-homed chocolate lab.



HEARTWORM

Heartworm disease is a potentially life-threatening condition caused by the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms include coughing, weight loss and exercise intolerance. It is diagnosed much more frequently in dogs than cats and is not contagious to humans or between animals. Fortunately, heartworm disease can be avoided by giving your pet a monthly heartworm preventative, which is available as a prescription oral or topical medication. There is also a convenient injectable option that lasts six months. The importance of regular prevention and testing cannot be overstated in a climate like Hawaii where mosquitos are prevalent year-round. Even pets that live primarily indoors are at risk for this disease. The adult worms can be detected with a quick blood test, which should be performed annually. Treatment is available and effective, but it can be very costly.

At our shelters we see dogs from all areas of the Big Island test positive for this disease, which is fatal if left untreated. Through the Second Chance Fund, HIHS is able to save the lives of many heartworm positive dogs every year without charging any additional adoption fees. If you are considering adopting a dog that has been treated for heartworm, there are a few things to consider:

- ✦ Their activity must be limited for a short period of time following treatment.
- ✦ They may need to return to the shelter for additional treatment.
- ✦ Veterinarians generally recommend that dogs be retested for the disease approximately six months following treatment completion.
- ✦ Consistent heartworm prevention for the life of the dog is crucial to ensure they do not contract the disease again.
- ✦ Sometimes, in severe cases, permanent damage may have occurred to the heart, lungs or blood vessels which may not be evident until later in life. But in general, most dogs who are treated for heartworm live a full, happy life.

Please considering donating to our Second Chance Fund, or come check out our loveable heartworm survivors and help them find their forever homes!



Caitlin Cavanaugh, DVM
HIHS EAST HAWAII VETERINARIAN



Kelly M. Korth, DVM
HIHS WEST HAWAII VETERINARIAN



Gentle soul, Clark, treated for heartworm with Second Chance funding, is awaiting his forever home at the Keaau shelter.



Our next surgery date with the Spay & Neuter Waggin' will be **Tuesday, June 25** at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. To schedule a surgery, call **808-796-0107**.

All surgeries must be scheduled in advance. Due to limited space, we are unable to accommodate drop-ins. Visit hihs.org/services/spay-neuter-waggin for more information.



Spay and Neuter surgeries are free on the Waggin' and at both Kona and Keaau shelters.



Humane Education is the development and encouragement of empathy, kindness, compassion better known as The Golden Rule, do unto others. Children have an innate ability to empathize, Humane Education just takes it beyond kindergarten cultivating high moral character.

Most Humane Education classes begin with the basics, animal safety and kindness, dog bite prevention and responsible pet care and ownership. But what does being a responsible pet owner mean?



As it turns out, being a responsible pet owner, provider and advocate means a lot. There are a lot of moving parts. There's a time commitment of potentially 15-20 years and a financial commitment as well. Safely including children in the daily care and welfare of a family pet has added benefits. A study done by the Scottish SPCA www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov researched the association of childhood attachment to pets, attitudes towards animals, compassion and

humane behavior. The study revealed a positive promotion of pro social & humane behavior. Children encouraged to participate in pet care and behaviors had a range of positive outcomes for both the children and the animals. Children were less likely to show aggression, better overall well being and quality of life, and the pets experienced higher levels of humane treatment.

An easy format everyone can follow and can be fun is one Hawaii Island Humane Society is committed to — **THE 5 FREEDOMS.**

- Freedom from Hunger and Thirst
- Freedom from Discomfort
- Freedom from Pain Injury or Disease
- Freedom to Express Normal Behavior
- Freedom from Fear and Discomfort

Summer arriving brings another Jr. Pals. Involving our youth in the care and wellbeing of the pets in our care cultivates future responsible pet owners. We will be incorporating The 5 Freedoms into this summer's programming. Along with Jr. Pals having fun with the pets in our care, learning basic dog obedience, body language and shelter operations, Jr. Pals will focus on a Freedom. I know we're going to have an awesome time!

Jr. Pals is open to children age 9-13 and available once a week at all 3 shelter locations. Space is limited. If you'd like more information contact me at 808-217-0154, text 808-657-5932 or email educator@hihs.org

Aloha,
Bebe Ackerman and Dayzee
CERTIFIED HUMANE
EDUCATION SPECIALIST



Employee SPOTLIGHT Kona



Derek Williams

Hawaii Island Humane Society is proud to recognize two shelter employees for going above and beyond and covering a lot of territory and hours during the first quarter.

Derek Williams

Kona Shelter employee Derek Williams is an Animal Control officer who is training towards becoming a Community Outreach Animal Control officer. His normal day puts him on call in a jurisdiction as far south as Oceanview.

In working with the community, Derek notes that it "takes a village" to provide our animals with the care they need. He urges everyone to care about animal welfare with the end goal of keeping our pets safe and well cared for.

Queno Carvalho

Keaau Shelter employee Queno Carvalho has been an Animal Control officer for more than 4 years. His far ranging jurisdiction takes him from Kalapana to South Point in Kau and as far north along the Hamakua Coast to Ooakala. With numerous eruption and hurricane events in the past year, the scale and scope of work done by Queno and his colleagues has been immense. Ever optimistic, Queno feels these events have been a great opportunity for learning and change.

The Hilo native is busy during his time off with family including two young daughters, a dog and two horses. He hopes the community sees the positive impact of all the good work being done by the Hawaii Island Humane Society.

Employee SPOTLIGHT Keaau



Queno Carvalho



You're Invited!

4 Person Scramble Format

\$150 per Player

INCLUDES
2 Mulligans
2 Drink Tickets
Lunch
Refreshments
Prizes
and FUN!

Saturday, July 6

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

to register, visit hihs.org

For sponsorship, donation and volunteer opportunities, please contact Lauren Nickerson, Community Programs Director at Lauren@hihs.org or 808-334-3361

A BENEFIT FOR THE HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY

Community Corner

Want to lend us a paw?

Hawaii Island Humane Society is continually looking for volunteers and fosters to join our team! We are thrilled to announce that we are growing our volunteer base and have many diverse and fun opportunities for volunteers to get involved. From helping at events to assisting with transports, and everything in between, there is something for everyone.

Want your home to become an AirBnB for animals in need? Join our Foster Team! Fosters, like volunteers, are an incredible asset. We provide food, medication, and supplies; and our fosters provide a safe, comfortable environment where our animals can thrive.

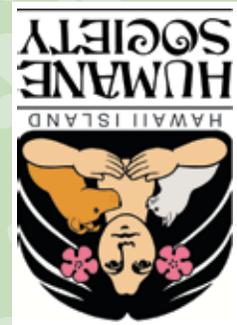
Not ready for a long term commitment? That's ok! Ask about our short term foster opportunities, including sleepovers, field trips, and holiday boarding.

For more information, contact Lauren Nickerson, Community Programs Director, at Lauren@hihs.org

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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