



Wow! 2019 here we come! What an amazing year 2018 was, filled with so many changes, new schools, programs, lots of pets finding their forever homes, many finding their way back home and HIHS seeing the opening of our new Central Bark Dog Parks. If you've not visited Central Bark yet, plan a visit with your fur baby. We're open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 9am-4pm.



Kuleana Education K-2 students visit our shelter

I'm already quite busy with school visits planned and several schools visiting our shelters to participate in Humane Education presentations. Lessons learned include kindness, responsible pet care and ownership, dog bite prevention and our Tales With Tails Read to a Shelter Pet program. Students bring their own books or can pick from our large Humane Themed Library.



Kuleana Education students and shelter dogs enjoy our Tales with Tales program that promotes reading

Although Dayzee has recently suffered an age related illness, something we as furbaby parents all face, I've no doubt Dayzee will be back in the classroom soon bringing smiles and teaching island keiki with her usual goofiness. Don't worry though as several



Dayzee is a pro at Kindness and Safety lessons with The Learning Center University of the Nations students



Shelter dogs love the treats from Innovations Public Charter School Mentorship Program students

wonderful dogs are ready to fill in until Dayzee's feeling better.

And what a great new topic we have to focus on: Health, proper diet and exercise. Let's move more this year together. It's more fun with a best friend!

If you would like to participate in any of our

Humane Education Programs, contact me at educator@hihs.org

Aloha,
Bebe Ackerman and Dayzee

CERTIFIED HUMANE
EDUCATION SPECIALIST



Employee SPOTLIGHT Kona



Chelsea Vanavichai

Chelsea, an Animal Care/Kennel Technician, has been with Hawaii Island Humane Society for over two years. Her primary duties include welcoming new shelter animals and assisting with their care, training and feeding. She also assists with HIHS spay and neuter surgeries.

She enjoys being there for homeless animals, seeing pets reunited with their families and especially witnessing abused animals find new loving homes.

Her advocacy? Sharing how important the role of spay and neuter is to help reduce the unwanted pet population.

"Volunteers are welcome at our shelter. Even for someone who has just an hour here and there to show a shelter animal some love. Take them for a walk as any little bit helps improve the quality of life for a shelter animal," said Chelsea. "Of course, donations are always welcome too!"

At home, Chelsea spends time with her two dogs and eight cats. One special kitty was saved through the Hawaii Island Humane Society's Second Chance Fund. The needed surgery saved his life and he now has his forever home in Chelsea's family.



HIHS Doubles Veterinary Coverage

Hawaii Island Humane Society has restructured its veterinary care program to maximize efficiency with one staff vet serving East Hawaii and one serving West Hawaii.

Prior to joining HIHS as our full-time West Hawaii veterinarian, Kelly M. Korth, DVM, served as the HIHS Associate Veterinarian where she guided and implemented our mobile surgery program. Dr. Korth has performed high volume spays and neuters at our Kona and Keauu shelters in addition to driving to all parts of the island in our Spay and Neuter Waggin.' Her previous professional experience includes service as the primary veterinarian for medical care of native bird species at the Hawaii Wildlife Center and mixed animal veterinarian care at Aina Hou Animal Hospital .



Kelly M. Korth, DVM
HIHS WEST HAWAII VETERINARIAN

She is a graduate of Texas A&M University and she received her Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine from Iowa State University.

In her spare time, she and her husband Chad are co-owners of Mockingbird Tiny Homes based in Kealahou.



Caitlin Cavanaugh, DVM
HIHS EAST HAWAII VETERINARIAN

Welcome our new HIHS East Hawaii Vet Caitlin Cavanaugh, DVM, who has previously done clinical work in both Hilo at Maikai Veterinary Associates and at several locations in Florida. She also completed Veterinary Externships at East

Hawaii Veterinary Associates, Marathon Veterinary Hospital in Florida and Clinical Rotation in International Field Studies in Metro Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

Dr. Cavanaugh is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh, NC.

How did she develop her initial interest in veterinary medicine? With volunteer service throughout high school and college with the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society.

FINDING THEIR NEW FUREVER HOMES



Creating an Estate Plan with Impact

Seasonal residents Doug and Susan Rhymes share their time and passion for shelter animals between Kona and Idaho. What began with Susan volunteering to train shelter dogs in Idaho led to interest, over a decade ago, in the Hawaii Island Humane Society.

“The campaign to build the new Animal Community Center attracted our attention. A shelter at the dump is not welcoming. A place that makes one feel good rather than sorry is optimal for both people and animals,” said Susan Rhymes.

“When we began creating an estate plan in recent years, we felt we should use our financial position to help the animal shelters where we lived and with which we developed relationships,” said Doug Rhymes. “We elected to use a percentage of our assets that would be in our estate upon our passing, rather than a fixed amount never knowing what the future would hold, we elected to create a revocable trust for the shelters.” The Rhymes called upon their attorney and the revocable trust was easily arranged.

When planning an IRA withdrawal strategy, you may wish to consider making charitable donations through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) which is one tool used by the Rhymes. “We arranged this trust and donation strategy and helped educate both Sun Valley and HIHS in the concept,” said Doug Rhymes.

Please consult with your attorney or financial planner to make certain your interests are protected.

“We have experienced many rewards from our dogs being in our lives, and want to help provide the opportunity for others to experience it. The animal shelters help make that possible through education and other support for the local community,” said Doug Rhymes. “We thought we would be an example to others who had perhaps thought about a donation, but had not acted on it.”



HIHS Spay and Neuter Waggin' expanded outreach and services to more areas around the island

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

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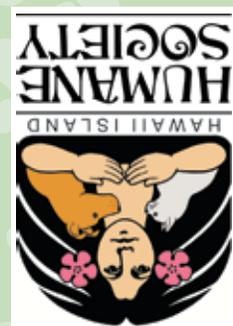
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The mission of the Hawaii Island Humane Society is to prevent cruelty to animals, eliminate pet overpopulation and enhance the bond between humans and animals.



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