

Paw Prints

FIRST QUARTER 2015

SERVING THE ENTIRE BIG ISLAND

Aloha Fellow Animal Lovers,

Hawaii Island Humane Society knows that no one person, or organization, will ever eradicate animal homelessness alone. We must work together as a community to stem animal overpopulation. Many of us have been the "second chance" family for a stray or surrendered animal, and we have enjoyed the love and companionship that pet brings us each day. Any of us can look into the eyes of our own four-footed family members and know that there are animals just like ours waiting to find their lifelong home.

Hawaii Island Humane Society serves all of Hawaii County as the safety net for thousands of these homeless animals every year: no animal is ever turned away. We provide a temporary home for animals regardless of their species, age, breed or condition, and we are their best hope for their future. Without us, most of these animals would have nowhere to turn; some are injured and need medical care. Many have been abandoned and are bewildered, sad or frightened.

Here, animals waiting to be adopted are cared for in a safe and loving environment. Our animal care professionals operate the three shelters island-wide, and we also provide many Adoption, Sterilization and Education programs. In fiscal year 2014, HIHS' curriculum-based education program served 3,544 Big Island students in 70 classrooms throughout 26 schools.

Partnerships with other lifesaving agencies have enabled us to make progress toward ending animal homelessness in Hawaii County. Our partnerships with other animal welfare agencies and grantors enables us to focus on increasing the number of animal lives saved by increasing the number of animals adopted, transferred or reunited with their owners; and, lowering the number of animals entering our doors through targeted spay/neuter initiatives. Just last year, we spayed and neutered 3,978 dogs and cats. Of these, 1,190 were already owned by members of our community, 513 were feral cats and 2,275 were adopted.

Please join me as we work together to end animal homelessness in our community by donating, fostering, volunteering or adopting. We can do it with your help!

Until they all have homes,

Donna Whitaker

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY



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ACC Ground Work Underway

Just \$300,000 Needed to Complete Phase 1

The capital campaign fundraising goal to build Phase 1 of The Animal Community Center is \$3 million and, with the overwhelming generosity of donors at Tropical Paws, the cumulative amount raised now tops \$2.7 million. Every gift counts!



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Generous Donors Contribute \$1 Million to Build the New HIHS Animal Community Center

When part-time Hawaii Island residents Anne and John Ryan stepped up to the podium at Hawaii Island Humane Society's annual Tropical Paws fundraising gala, the audience was electrified with the announcement of their capital campaign contribution of \$500,000. Calling for a world with more humanity, the Ryans challenged those in attendance to match their gift.

"Our relationship with Anne and John Ryan began when they volunteered to foster Bella, an injured dog who needed time to mend," stated Donna Whitaker, Hawaii Island Humane Society Executive Director. "They have been very supportive of our mission and have closely followed our progress to build our new state-of-the-art Animal Community Center."

Just as the ovation finally quieted down, the crowd roared back up on their feet when Vivian Dixon and John Chapple, also part-time residents, took up the challenge with a \$250,000 matching donation. Everyone in the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai ballroom, bedecked for HIHS' 50th anniversary celebration, immediately knew they were a part of something incredible.

"Our dream for the new Animal Community Center really took hold a few years ago when the outright purchase of our 12-acre parcel in cool, quiet, Keauhou Mauka was made possible by an anonymous gift of \$800,000," said Scott Dodd, HIHS Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chair. "Since then, we have been formulating a master plan that will transform this former quarry site into a community treasure – and raising money to fund the first phase of construction."

"Every gift counts and we are extremely excited about our progress. We have been so fortunate to have had excellent support from very generous donors and numerous community groups and individuals who have stepped forward to contribute thousands of volunteer hours to the project," said Susy Ruddle, HIHS Board President. "This bighearted outpouring of support allowed us to get the bulldozers started with rough grading and infrastructure development three weeks ago."

The goal for the first phase of The Animal Community Center capital campaign is \$3 million and, with the overwhelming support received at Tropical Paws, the cumulative amount raised tops \$2.7 million. "We are 100% energized to meet our first goal in the very near future and begin planning our next phase," said Barbara Kildow, HIHS Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chair. "Truly, the Animal Community Center will be a place of healing for animals and their people. We have already been blessed with enormous generosity and kindness."



Capital Campaign Co-Chairs Barbara Kildow and Scott Dodd with donors Anne and John Ryan

Petpourri



Pets took center stage once again in celebration of **St. Petricks at Kona Commons**.

A big mahalo to the employees at **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel** who donated food and supplies for HIHS shelters.

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- Sheila Cleary** by Gilbert & Susan Canario & Suzanne Cleary
- Joey Kearns** by David, Margaret & Rafa Kearns
- William Kenny** by John & Sheila Mason
- Lanny Neyens** by Sue Neyens
- Mickey Schunick** by David & Ann Scanlon
- Margaret Marino** by Bobbye St Ambrogio
- Ron Nickel** by Judy Nickel
- Rhonda Fortney** by Larry & Sandra Shelton
- Rex Fuller** by Rich Lazear
- Cheryl Lynn Hainer** by Linda Takai, Barbara Ells & Ben Dysart
- Taka Yamaguchi** by R.K. & Y.S. King
- Jason Shelton** by Shirley Anderson
- Mary Koski** by Francis & Susy Ruddle
- Bonnie Tilton** by Laura Dillon & Joanne Roonan
- Tadd Gilson** by Robert Slayden
- Gretchen Mahre** by Earle Buckley
- George Matsuzaki** by Veronica Tallett
- John Dodd** by Judith Dodd

In Memory of Pets

- Jake** by Marcia Moratz
- Jack** by Suzanne Cleary
- Cheyenne** Ford by Jonathan & Nancy Sechrist
- Tiki** by Konaweb
- Daisy** Evans by Jenn Meyers
- Pepe** by Ricky & Michelle Jaramillo
- Lucky** by Lori Hasegawa
- Zeus, Ace & Varna** by Willman Interiors (Mark & Gina Willman)
- Bam Bam Leucht & Buster** by Gretchen Grove
- Pono Moore & Sophie** Cunningham by Randy & Christina Skaggs
- Hagar** by Judy Nickel
- Sunshine** by Donald & Jacqueline Adamek
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- Sasha** by Janna Cummings
- Chuchi** Staub Finney by Francis & Susy Ruddle
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- Beck** Matsushige by Yoshiharu & Amy Umeda
- Smokey & Munchkin** Whitaker by Donna Whitaker



Doug & Susan Rhymes – Ground Hog Day

Joann Pastorino



Vet's Corner

POI DOGS FROM PARADISE

You may have heard some talk that dogs from HIHS are being sent to the mainland. What a strange, and novel idea. We are currently working with Big Island Dog Rescue (Tasi Autule) to transfer dogs to Columbia Humane Society in Oregon known for its high adoption rate due to their low pet overpopulation. Our goal is to increase the number of healthy dogs that are adopted into Forever Homes.

My mom wants to know how people on the Big Island can get a good dog from HIHS if we are sending them all to the mainland. I assure her that we are carefully choosing the dogs that make this journey. They are dogs that are well liked by HIHS staff and volunteers, but have been available for adoption for a long duration without any luck. Some dogs are chosen by the community and sponsored for travel, but even these have been available in Hawaii a long time. One fun side effect of sending the dogs out of the Kona airport is that we bring candidates to go to the mainland from Keaau and Waimea, and sometimes they get adopted at the Kona shelter! Orchid and Whitney were transferred from Waimea to go to the mainland and were both adopted in Kona.



One of our staff at the Keaau shelter chose Heidi to get a chance for mainland adoption. Heidi is a sweet dog that was available for adoption in Keaau for over a month. Many adopters were probably scared to adopt her because she has a crooked foot. We had verified that it was a healed injury, no longer giving her trouble by having a Radiologist examine her X-rays. Knowing this, the Oregon shelter was happy to give her a chance. A truly amazing and unexpected thing happened that warmed all of our hearts. The volunteers from the Oregon shelter who picked her up at the airport fell in love with her at first sight and adopted her!

Many people are hearing about this program and are interested to know how they can help. Our expenses for this program include staff time and various supplies. We do some extra vaccines and parasite control to prevent our dogs from exchanging viruses, fleas, ticks and worms with dogs at the Oregon shelter. A rabies vaccine is also mandatory to arrive on the mainland. Kennels and food/water bowls are also needed. Staff time is required to prepare the dogs and the paperwork required for air travel to the mainland. Please ask about our Poi Dogs from Paradise program.



**Kristina Henricks, PhD, DVM
HIHS VETERINARIAN**

For all you cat lovers, this program will expand to give our feline friends the same great opportunity. Transferring dogs is still just one piece of the puzzle. It is impossible to adopt our way out of our pet overpopulation problem. Although we continue to work diligently to adopt out pets through many programs and adoption events, HIHS' highest priority is spaying and neutering. Please help us by having your pets spayed or neutered and reaching out to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. We have many programs that are discounted or free, so please inquire at one of our three shelter locations.

Petpourri



HONORING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE — Representatives Cindy Evans, Nicole Lowen and Mark Nakashima presented a House of Representatives State of Hawaii certificate of commendation to HIHS. Susy Ruddle, Scott Dodd and Donna Whitaker happily accepted on behalf of HIHS.



HIHS staff at Tropical Paws

Humane Educator Corner

By **BEBE ACKERMAN,**
HUMANE EDUCATOR/COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

I would like to start with a big mahalo to all our volunteers who give so kindly each day. Thank you to the dog walkers and kitty socializers, photographers, laundry helpers, and those that assist at mobile adoptions and Tropical Paws. Your time is very much appreciated.



This past winter we welcomed the island's home school network and started a winter session of Jr. Pals. We are in our second group of amazing young animal ambassadors with more groups to follow. The kids have fun learning about animal welfare issues in

their community as well as responsible pet ownership and care. The group graduates as new members of our volunteer team. And we will again welcome Jr. Pals at all three shelters over summer break. Remember, the programs fill up fast! If your child is between 9 and 13 years of age and would like to participate, please contact me soon!



First class of Home School Jr. Pals

A new read to a dog program "Tales with Tails" will also be starting in the near future. All the stories in our library have a humane theme and promote kindness, empathy and respect for all things. Please contact me if you have a new or beginner reader and would like to participate.



Or if you would just like to spend some quality time with a shelter pet and read to them, contact me for more information. The pets would love that! Bagels, Dayzee and I are still busy visiting island schools and look forward to visiting yours.

Stay cool this summer, both you and your pets! How hot can a car's interior get? The kids and I baked cookies in a parked car! And yes, we ate them.

Aloha,
Bebe, Bagels and Dayzee
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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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