

Paw Prints

THIRD QUARTER 2015

SERVING THE ENTIRE BIG ISLAND

Eight years ago past-president Scott Dodd handed over the HIHS gavel to me. Okay, perhaps not really a gavel, maybe more like a dog bone and some cat nip, and believe me Scott's shoes were very hard to fill. As my term as HIHS president winds down, I'm looking back at all the incredible milestones and strides our organization has been able to accomplish in the 'dash' between 2007 and 2015.

Let's take a short walk down memory lane:

Governance – new members from diverse sections of our community joined our Board, expanding our organizational oversight

Leadership – Donna Whitaker and the excellent HIHS team of management and staff have upped our professionalism, outreach and capabilities

Facilities – a beloved community dog park was added to our Keaau Shelter and a new kennel wing increased our capacity at our Waimea Shelter

Outcomes – our island has responded to HIHS initiatives by decreasing overall animal intakes and increasing adoptions

Programming – we've successfully boosted our Second Chance Fund, established our Horse Rescue Fund and made great strides in Humane Education

Collaboration – our work with a number of animal organizations and County agencies has strengthened

Volunteers – what can I say other than they are the best, most dedicated group we could ever hope for!

Our Board has been engaged in ongoing discussions about our need for more. More spay and neuter programs, more education in our schools, more foster families, more adoptions and more space. Our three shelters simply cannot keep up with our needs. And so we began to dream of our future.

Countless hours of research, consultation, planning, technical advice and professional expertise readied the launch of our new HIHS Animal Community Center. My most sincere mahalo to everyone for their generosity and for sharing our vision to transform a 12-acre site and build this new community asset.

Indeed it is a very exciting time. I step down with a smile as president-elect Adam Atwood takes over in the new year. Thank you for allowing me to share my passion with all of you.

Susy Ruddle

PRESIDENT, HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY



Helping Hands

With development of architectural plans underway, community volunteers continue to help us improve the new Animal Community Center. Members and volunteers with Kona Lions Club spent a day working on landscape, especially important after all the new growth from one of the rainiest summers on record. Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise has also been hard at work improving our future administration building. Mahalo!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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329-1175
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Waimea Shelter

67-125 Mamalahoa Hwy.
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885-4558
Mon – Sat 8:00am – 3:30pm

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16-873 Keaau Pahoia Hwy.
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SHARE THE LOVE CAMPAIGN
 November 1 – December 31



ART HELPS!
One-Day Benefit Sale
Saturday, 11/28
High Fire Hawaii Gallery & Studio
 112 Ponahawai St, Hilo



Kick start your year-end giving
on December 1 –
www.firstgiving.com/HIHS/givingtuesday



Purchase your tickets from HIHS
and event proceeds benefit the
animals

Petpourri



In September, the Hawaii Horse Expo presented two days of informative symposium workshops with national and local experts at its 2015 Equine Wellness Symposium. The instructive symposium was followed by a wonderful celebration at the Paniolo Hoe Down at historic Pukalani Stables. Proceeds from the events benefit HIHS' Horse Rescue Fund. Special thanks to Nancy Jones, all the presenters, participants and volunteers!



Everyone loved **Putts for Mutts**, a wonderful FUNraiser put on by Kohala Burger & Taco.



Rather than birthday presents, 9-year-old twins **Christina and Caroline Jung** asked their friends for monetary donations for HIHS at their birthday party. Christina and Caroline, accompanied by their mom Marilee, raised and donated \$260 at the Keauu Shelter. *PAWsome girls!*



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Mahalo to Foodland and all our enthusiastic shoppers who supported HIHS with Maikai Card matching gifts.

Get your "adopt-a-dog" fundraiser shirt here!

adopt-a-dog
 Change a life. Yours!

(SAND) (LIME)

Adult Sizes \$15.00 **Youth Sizes \$12.00**

All proceeds from the sale of this shirt go to Animal Rescue Groups on the Big Island.

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T-shirts make excellent holiday gifts. Available at HIHS shelters.



**DONATIONS RECEIVED
JULY – SEPTEMBER 2015**

**ANIMAL COMMUNITY CENTER
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

\$58,000

Marti DeBenedetti

\$25,000

Dave & Doreen Keyes

\$20,000

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\$3,000

**Scott Dodd &
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\$500

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\$101-\$250

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Board News

The all-volunteer members of the HIHS Board serve to further our organization's 50-year mission. Their vision, guidance and service strategically moves us forward with our island-wide initiatives.

Join us in welcoming new board member Danielle Degele-Mathews. Danielle is a law partner with the firm Tom Chee Watts Degele-Mathews & Yoshida.

In other board news, President-Elect Adam Atwood's term as President begins in January. After serving as Board President for over eight years, Susy Ruddle will transition to her new role of Past President on the board.

"I am very grateful to be part of a team of such well qualified individuals who are committed to the important goals of HIHS. This is an exciting time for HIHS as we embark on creating a state-of-the-art Animal Community Center - an important milestone for HIHS as we look to improve our operational capacity and animal care islandwide," said Atwood. "I very much appreciate the continued generosity of our donors, the community and our team of dedicated volunteers who together are making this much-needed facility a reality. I look forward to working with our dedicated staff, Board of Directors and our Executive Director, Donna Whitaker, to enhance the vision and mission of our organization to continue to better serve the animals and our community. It is an exciting time for HIHS, and I am honored to be a part of it."



Adam Atwood

Year-End Generosity

The rush of the holiday season can be a personal reminder to review and organize year-end giving as soon as possible. As you set aside time to reflect on the gift of giving, we hope you will consider a contribution to Hawaii Island Humane Society. Maximize tax savings available to you through your year-end generosity.

Charge your credit card. A fast and easy way to donate safely and securely at HIHS.org. You can also donate by credit card when visiting any of our three island-wide shelters.

Write a check. A simple way to support our immediate needs. Mail or drop off at any of our three island-wide shelters before December 31.

Donate in honor or in memory of a cherished pet, friend or family member. Donate to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any fun occasion.

If you have a question, or are considering a legacy gift of securities, tangible personal property, insurance policy or real estate assets, please contact Lisa at acct.asst@hihs.org or 808-329-2135 ext 3.



\$25-\$50 (cont.)

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In Memory of People

Virginia Kelley by Bruce Dobson
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Lorraine Maynard by Donna Whitaker, Nancy Jameson & Sharon Pike
Sharron Ackles by Donna Whitaker
Aaron Kondo by Paws Up Foundation
Nancy Takeyesu by Randy & Christina Skaggs
Kevin H Hunt by Nancy Kappes
Kai Bakken by Mervina Balancio
Paul Lucas by Mark & Danette Myers
Ross A Oue, CPA by Christina Heliker, Scott Dodd & Eric von Platen Luder, Betty O'Brien, Donna Whitaker, Jenni Lee, Anne Estes
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In Honor of Pets

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In Memory of Pets

Lucky by Jan Gundlach
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Did you Know?



HIHS has free or low-cost options to spay or neuter your pet.

Call us today for details.



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Let's Fix the Problem

Thanks to all animal lovers, foster families and rescue partners who have opened their homes and hearts to homeless animals in need. Each adoption brings us one step closer to our goal of finding homes for all.

HIHS operates three open admission shelters; no animal is ever refused. HIHS takes in all animals regardless of health, age, behavior or species. As such, HIHS takes in over 15,000 animals annually. While we're making good progress as a community with animal adoptions, we need your help to sterilize more and more animals to eliminate pet overpopulation. **Spay. Neuter. FIX the problem.**

Vet's Corner

An extremely rewarding experience for me is receiving gratitude from people when they drop off and pick up their dogs and cats for surgery. We are frequently met with tears of thanks. For many animal lovers, surgery is cost-prohibitive without our discounted or free spay and neuter programs. Often the animal(s) they brought for surgery were not even originally theirs. They were given to them, rescued or abandoned on their doorstep. Even though the person did not seek a new pet, he/she took the responsibility to have the pet spayed or neutered.

Our free Community Cat ("Feral") Spay/Neuter program was specifically designed with these people in mind. Believe it or not, some private properties in rural areas host 50-200 cats. Growing up, I observed how this innocently occurs. Our neighbors living on the corner of our street had 2 outdoor cats. Someone seeing their cats in the yard would conclude my neighbors are cat lovers. They would dump a litter of kittens in the yard knowing my neighbors were sure to care for them. My neighbors fed the kittens not recognizing this would cause them to become great reproducers. A litter of kittens rapidly turned into 10-20 cats. They quickly realized their new level of responsibility and paid to have the cats spayed and neutered. But not every person is financially capable of doing this and an abandoned litter of kittens can quickly expand into 15 to 50 to 150 cats.

We also see this occur with family pets and have spayed and neutered complete families of 14-20 dogs accidentally originating from one male and one female. We love being able to provide people this service, witnessing how happy it makes them. It would not be possible without donations to the Spay/Neuter Fund and Katie Fund and grants earned through the tireless efforts of our Executive Director, Donna Whitaker and our Fund Coordinator, Whitney Sickels. Thank you for making it possible to extend this valuable service to our community.



Kristina Henricks, PhD, DVM
HIHS VETERINARIAN

UP, UP AND AWAY



Dr. Alex DiTullio & Michael Moscara flew in from Honolulu to adopt their new best friend.

Are you traveling to Reno or Portland? HIHS has had success transporting dogs off-island for mainland adoption with registered partner shelters in these cities. Volunteers can help escort dogs from Kona and Hilo to the mainland. Advance planning is required to coordinate logistics. If you have a trip planned and are interested in finding out more about volunteering as an escort, please contact us at 329-8002. Not traveling, but still want to help? Air transportation is costly. Donations are welcome!



HIHS has begun weekly dog transports to mainland shelters to increase adoptions and reduce euthanasia.



ROSS OUE 1960 – 2015

"It has been an honor and privilege to work with Ross Oue as a Board Member and our Treasurer. His strong leadership and compassion has left its mark on our organization. The Hawaii Island Humane Society, and the Big Island community is stronger due to Ross's contributions. He was a great man who will be remembered well by all who knew him."

— DONNA WHITAKER, HIHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Aloha Ross

Ross Oue was an unlikely match for Hawaii Island Humane Society. His 21-year tenure on our Board probably stemmed more from the kindness of his spirit than from an initial passion for our mission. As a skilled CPA, his talent was in demand and he shared his expertise as a volunteer for several nonprofit organizations. Admittedly, we were pleasantly astonished when Ross agreed without hesitation to serve on our Board.

"For all his efforts, Ross has left the Kona Community a better place."

— HENRY CHAPMAN, HIHS ACCOUNTANT

As the years passed, our organization expanded and much of that growth can be attributed to Ross' steady guidance. He put the systems in place to help us succeed. Through all our ups and downs during his tenure, Ross was always there for us and his leadership fortified our organization.

Earlier this year, Hawaii Island Humane Society experienced an incredible \$1 million milestone at our annual fundraiser. Ross was the happiest person in the room. As we think back and reflect, we will always remember his joy that evening.

Ross was a dear friend to us all — staff, volunteers and fellow Board members. His legacy lives on through all the strays and unwanted animals that cross our thresholds seeking shelter and kindness.

"In 1994, I asked Ross to serve as the Treasurer for HIHS. Although he was already volunteering on several non-profit boards throughout the state, he did not hesitate to say yes. Over 20 years later, long after my tenure with HIHS was done, Ross remained at the helm of the HIHS treasury. His dedication for over two decades led to boundless gifts for HIHS and literally hundreds of thousands of animals. Ross was also a dear friend. His life of giving, with both kindness and humility, constitutes the stuff of a life incredibly well-lived. Ross will be sorely missed."

— SHAWN NAKOA, ATTORNEY AND FORMER HIHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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