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FOURTH QUARTER 2018

MANAGEMENT TEAM EXPANDS AT HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY

An expanded team of professionals have taken the reins of the Hawaii Island Humane Society to usher in the next phase of the organization's development. Major milestones in 2019 will see the development of the Animal Community Center, expansion of the ability to spay, neuter and rehabilitate animals under HIHS care and a continued emphasis on enhancing the bond between people and animals.

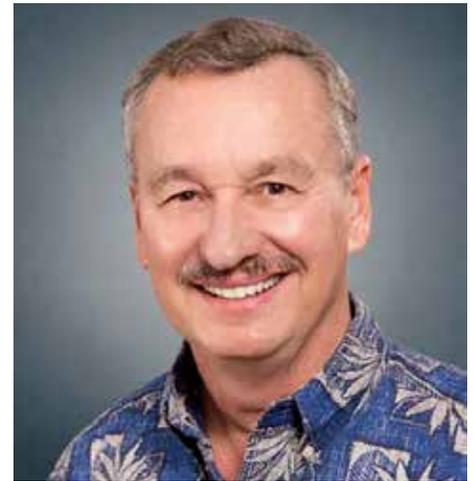
"We are thrilled to announce a three-person management team who will work directly with our staff, volunteers and community and report to our Board of Directors," said HIHS president Adam Atwood. "In addition to the management team, Hawaii Island Humane Society is adding a second full-time staff veterinarian. The two veterinarians will serve East Hawaii and West Hawaii. This will allow for more efficient and comprehensive care of the animals placed in our care every day." The HIHS Spay and Neuter Waggin' will also continue to bring free sterilization services to some of the more remote areas of the island, where pets may otherwise continue to contribute to the overpopulation problem.



Lauren Nickerson, a Harvard Graduate and Fulbright Scholar with a Masters in Education and compassion for animals who need help, is the new Community Programs Director. She will oversee HIHS Education and Community Outreach Programs, ramp up the volunteer network and be the contact for fundraisers and donor support. If you see Lauren out and about, she will probably have Pearl, a blind and deaf dog she adopted through the HIHS Second Chance Fund, tagging and wagging along.



Regina DR Serrano is the the new Shelter Operations Director for all three HIHS shelters in Keaau, Kona and Waimea. Regina is a graduate of Purdue University's Veterinary Technician program. In addition to her training in animal healthcare, Regina has spent the last 10 years managing employees working on job sites across three islands. In her free time, Regina has volunteered with HIHS and many other animal welfare organizations around the Big Island. Most recently, she volunteered countless hours to assist animal rescues during the lower Puna eruption lava flows.



Robert Belcher, a Hawaii Certified Public Accountant inactive, is the Finance Director. Robert graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with degrees in Accounting and Agricultural Economics. His work with both the County of Hawaii and private businesses, combined with a commitment to community involvement, make Robert uniquely qualified to guide HIHS through this next exciting phase of development.





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Aloha,

Hawaii Island Humane Society would like to thank all those who volunteer their time and talents at our three islandwide shelters. Your devotion to Hawaii Island’s homeless animals is remarkable. We couldn’t do it without you.

We are so thankful that the community responds with overwhelming kindness when shelter animals are in need. The term ‘rescue animals’ took on a whole new meaning with the lava inundation in Puna. Pet owners impacted by the eruption faced incredible challenges and hundreds of animals were in need of rescue. Our deepest thanks to the volunteers and shelter employees who stepped forward to assist the many federal, state and county heroes.

It takes a village to pull through disasters like this and we’re thankful for the help from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and local animal rescue groups including Rainbow Friends, Aloha Ilio Rescue, Hui Pono Holoholona, Hawaii Lava Flow Rescue Network, David Okita from Volcano Helicopter, and Robert Mitchell and Calvin Dorn from Paradise Helicopters. Great teamwork!

Even with the surge in Puna rescues the annual number of animals welcomed at our shelters continues to fall. In fact, at the close of our last fiscal year data shows a 35% reduction in animal intakes from a high of 18,000+ animals in 2012. Reducing pet overpopulation on Hawaii Island is our mission and our aggressive spay and neuter initiatives continue to chip away at ‘fixing the problem.’ We ask that animal owners be responsible and prevent any unwanted litters. Make your resolution today to schedule your puppy, kitty, cat or dog for spay or neuter surgery.

Innovation is an important tool in reducing pet overpopulation. Generous donors saw that part of the solution could be addressed by providing expanded sterilization services especially in our more remote communities. To widen our impact, Hawaii Island Humane Society raised the funding needed to purchase an innovative mobile Spay & Neuter Waggin’ that eliminates barriers and brings our services to more areas of need.

Our new Animal Community Center in Keauhou mauka continues to make incredible progress. You can see the joy on the faces of dogs and their people playing in our two dog parks. Construction is nearing completion at the Welcome Center and is well underway at our Cat Barn. 2019 will ring in new projects at Camp Canine and we are looking forward to relocating the Kona shelter to this campus.

I would also like to express our gratitude to Donna Whitaker who has served the animal community on Hawaii Island for many years. We appreciate her contributions and thank her for her commitment to our mission. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

We thank you for your enduring support as donors, volunteers and supporters of our mission at Hawaii Island Humane Society.

Adam Atwood
PRESIDENT
HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY



FOURTH QUARTER STATS

488
DOGS ADOPTED

220
CATS ADOPTED

35
CRITTERS ADOPTED

323
ANIMALS REUNITED WITH OWNERS

97
ANIMALS TRANSPORTED OFF ISLAND

1,107
HIHS SPAY NEUTER SURGERIES PERFORMED

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TROPICAL PAWS
Friday, March 29, 2019
Four Seasons Resort Hualalai



The fourth annual **MELE MELE UKULELE** holiday event brilliantly hosted by **Tiffany & Co.** at the Waikoloa Kings' Shops raised **\$15,450**. Mahalo to the island artists who transform ukulele into exquisite visual art pieces available for auction.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

#GIVINGTUESDAY, a global day of giving to celebrate generosity worldwide, raised **\$4,670** through the generosity of our supporters.



Subaru's annual **SHARE THE LOVE** campaign contributed **\$9,834**. Mahalo Subaru Hawaii for your dedication and support.



High Fire Hawaii's 8th ANNUAL ART HELPS benefit in Hilo raised **\$1,008** for shelter animals and successfully adopted out four shelter animals.



Pearly's SEASON OF GIVING on Instagram raised **\$1,400** for mainland transfers. HIHS Second Chance Fund alum Pearl (born blind and deaf) was adopted by the Nickersons in 2016.



October's **HOWL'WEEN DOG WALKS** bring out the best costumes in Kona and Hilo where these HIHS pooch parades raised **\$15,256** for shelter animals.