

Paw Prints

FIRST QUARTER 2016

SERVING THE ENTIRE BIG ISLAND

Dear Friends,

Springtime, my favorite time of the year! New beginnings and outlook on life, fresh ideas and novel programs.

After planning and perfecting quietly for almost a year, we have officially launched our Field Trips for Shelter Dogs program that allows visitors (and residents) to “check out” a dog for the day from our Kona shelter. We provide all the supplies and you get to make someone’s day!

The Adoption Ambassador Program, another one of our new initiatives, has made remarkable progress. Foster families are Adoption Ambassador Program participants and they take our adoptable shelter dogs out into the community and advocate for their forever homes. Congratulations to our Adoption Ambassadors who have succeeded in an additional 15 dog adoptions.

Our Rescue Transfer Program has been very successful in getting animals into the hands of our partners here on Hawaii Island and across the western U.S. I am very pleased to report that April 15th marks the transfer of 180 dogs and 1 cat. Mahalo Rescue Partners!

Our shelters are filled with innovators who love developing new and exciting projects. Bebe Ackerman, Certified Humane Educator, continues to stretch the time/space continuum to launch new initiatives and to increase popular programs. And HIHS veterinarians, Dr. Kristina Henricks and Dr. Kelly Korth, have increased our Spay Neuter surgery days to handle additional volume.

Stay tuned in the coming months for announcements on new surgery programs and our slumber party events.

And, we must thank Duane Mendoza our Keaau Shelter Manager who is retiring in May after nearly 36 years. Duane has witnessed firsthand the incredible growth of Hawaii Island Humane Society over nearly four decades. Duane’s quiet guidance has been an inspiration. He’s certainly seen it all and he will truly be missed.

Happy Spring,

Donna Whitaker

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAWAII ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY



Field Trips For Furry Friends

Vacations on Hawaii Island now include an option to “check out” a shelter dog for the day from the Hawaii Island Humane Society in Kona.

Shelter staffers introduce visitors to canine candidates that are allowed out on field trips and, once a selection is made, supplies are readied including an Adopt Me harness and leash, water and a bowl, towels for car transport, toys, treats, waste bags and cleaning supplies. Only sterilized and microchipped dogs with good behavior are available for field trips.

“This is such a win-win program,” said Hawaii Island Humane Society Executive Director Donna Whitaker. “Furry friends love field trips and visitors can get their ‘dog fix’ while on vacation. Of course, if the match results in an adoption – all the better.”



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Bagels helped teach kindness and responsibility to thousands of schoolchildren participating in Hawaii Island Humane Society's Humane Education programs island wide. Although Bagels passed away earlier this year, Bagels lives on in the spirit of our Humane Education programs.

Mahalo



Hawaii Island Humane Society thanks **Parker Ranch** for extending the **Waimea Shelter** lease another five years. This essential facility site provides services to the North Hawaii region.



Thanks to **Subaru's Share the Love campaign** for raising awareness and contributing to the welfare of animals on Hawaii Island.

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Sincerely,

Kamille Henriques
 Office Manager

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Donations from **Lanihau Center's Summer Show 'n Shine Car Show** netted over \$750 for Hawaii Island Humane Society.



Our **Adoption Ambassadors** have really embraced our initiative of adoption advocacy. Their volunteer work has already yielded another 15 dogs finding their forever families.

Faustine adopted Remi through our Adoption Ambassador initiative.



A group of volunteers came from the mainland to volunteer at the Animal Community Center, doing anything we needed done. They cleared lots of land and pressure washed and painted the public restroom.

The volunteers also spent a day at the Waimea shelter walking and socializing with all the adoptables !



Tropical Paws 2016

The outpouring of community generosity to meet the needs of our island's animals was awe-inspiring. Mahalo to all the sponsors, donors, volunteers and staff who made our annual gala fundraiser a smashing success.



Tales with Tails

Tales with Tails is an innovative program to help children improve their reading skills while also helping shelter animals by providing socialization and human interaction. Children who are able to read at any level are invited with their parents to read to the dogs and cats that are available for adoption at the Kona Shelter. All books have been carefully selected, contain a humane theme and promote social emotional learning. Parents are asked to accompany their children at the Kona Shelter. The child may read either just outside the kennel on a pillow or in with the animal if they are comfortable.

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Humane Educator Corner

Summer! And we all know that summer brings another new group of Jr. Pals to all three island shelters.



Jr. Pals has become one of our most popular programs. Over the course of six weeks, children ages 9 – 13 learn the volunteer program and shelter operations, but that's not all! Participants also learn proper and safe interaction with dogs, understanding dog body language, basic dog obedience training and how to be a responsible pet owner.



Those new skills are put to use by completing the agility course with

an adoptable dog. There's hands-on fun with kitties and other pets at the shelter too. Jr. Pals also discusses animal issues affecting their community. Pet overpopulation is a major issue for our island. Children learn what it means to spay and neuter and why it is so vital to our com-



Girl Scout troop 428 did a toy and towel drive for the Waimea shelter. They also had a shelter tour and some fun with the pets! They learned about shelter operations, being a responsible pet owner and how HIHS assists their community.

panion animals and the health and well being of not only the pets, but our community. Have fun kids!



After summer we will again host Jr. Pals for home schoolers at our Kona shelter. If you would like your child to participate, contact me for scheduling information.

Dayzee and I had a very busy school year, visiting many of our regular schools as well as several new schools. Although things changed a bit for Dayzee and I this past year with the passing of our Sweet



Bagels, we both know Bagels would want us to continue to teach as many children as possible safety and kindness with animals. Dayzee stepped right into the role of primary education dog

and I'm so proud of her. Bagels would be too! We miss our Bagels and always will, she was truly the perfect dog. I'm honored to have been her mom.

Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Aloha,
Bebe Ackerman and Dayzee
CERTIFIED HUMANE EDUCATION SPECIALIST



2nd ANNUAL DOG PADDLE Sunday, April 17 in Kailua Bay



More event images at
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New Keaau Shelter Manager



Greg Pinkney is stepping up as our Keaau Shelter manager as we bid a fond aloha to Duane Mendoza who is retiring after three-plus decades. Greg, a resident of Hawaiian Paradise Park, joined Hawaii Island Humane Shelter back in 2011. He started in dispatch, transitioned to vet tech and is looking forward to taking on the management challenges of shelter operations. Greg has honed his customer service skills on the job and is excited about community engagement. Look for future news about special events targeting this rapidly developing region.



Vet's Corner

Often people come into the shelter and ask, "Where are your cats?" Sometimes we have few or none. It is not uncommon for the public to conclude that we euthanized them all. This is simply not true. If we have no cats it is because no adoptable cats need us right now. It may also be between kitten seasons – usually twice yearly. But with our rigorous spay/neuter programs even these biannual floods of kittens have been markedly reduced.

Right now, although we have many adult dogs at all three shelters, we have few puppies. This reduced puppy population is also a marker for the success of our spay/neuter initiative.

An empty shelter is a sign of success. Public perception is that it is better if Homeless Shelters and Women's Shelters are empty and unneeded, so why not also Animal Shelters?

Our goal is to have quality shelter and care available to animals needing it. This goal is being steadily accomplished through our vigorous efforts to make spay/neuter surgeries available to every owned pet. Additionally, as the number of available pets decreases, the value of each pet increases, meaning each pet will then have a better chance for the love and care it needs and deserves.

A sparse shelter also has many benefits to the animals there. Each animal can receive more time, attention and resources. Smaller populations of shelter animals experience better health and well-being due to reduced stress and disease spread which are both increased by crowding.

So if you visit one of our shelters and find it empty, be assured it is because our hard work is paying off and we are fulfilling our goals. And if you have a pet that is not spayed or neutered, please call us so that you can play a part in keeping our shelters empty. Also, please help our message about spay/neuter reach as many of your friends, families, neighbors and co-workers as possible.



Kristina Henricks, PhD, DVM
HIHS Veterinarian

FIRST QUARTER STATS



621
DOGS
ADOPTED

221
CATS
ADOPTED

53
DOGS TRANSPORTED OFF ISLAND

308
DOGS REUNITED WITH OWNERS

1,082
HIHS SPAY NEUTER SURGERIES
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Estate Planning for Pets

One of the toughest decisions when creating an estate plan can be what to do with pets after your lifetime.

Legally, pets are a person's property and can be directed to any given beneficiary. However, it is often much more complicated because a lot of love and energy is needed to properly care for our four legged family members.

Join John Roth, Attorney & MBA with Hawaii Trust & Estate Counsel, at hBAR (inside Huggo's) on **Thursday, May 19** from **4 to 5 pm** to learn about options when planning for the care of pets after your lifetime. Seating is limited.

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