

# 9<sup>th</sup> LIFE HAWAII

## MAUI'S ONLY NO-KILL ALL CAT RESCUE & SANCTUARY

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**Run Solely by Volunteers**

**Your ENTIRE donation goes to help the cats**



### EXTREMELY IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH

We have a tremendous opportunity via a matching challenge! An anonymous donor will donate \$55,000.00 to reduce the mortgage on the 9<sup>th</sup> Life property. She is challenging 9<sup>th</sup> Life supporters to match her donation.

Reducing our mortgage will give us more resources to help more cats. Please respond as soon possible so we don't lose this absolutely wonderful opportunity.

We shelter 200+/- cats every day and have sterilized over 2,600 cats to date. You can help us help more cats.

Please donate to this challenge grant as soon as possible. We don't want to lose this opportunity and are counting on you to help us help the kitties.

### KITTEN SEASON IS UPON US

As we go about the business of saving lives, here's a peek at some of our newest and youngest orphaned rescues. Available for adoption in June.

Call our adoption line for an appointment or if you want to foster. 573-3365



### Hooray! Sheba's been adopted!



Sheba was one of the 135 orphaned, bottle babies we rescued last year. She could not hold down food or gain weight. We took Sheba to two vets but they did not find anything wrong. We started feeding her small amounts of food every few hours. The vomiting eventually ceased. At nine months, she finally weighed three pounds, roughly what a three month old should weigh.

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Despite being a special needs cat, we did not give up on her. Now Sheba has found her "happy ever after" and is very much loved by her purrson.

We do have other special needs cats. Sweet Girl, below, is one such cat. She only has one eye but purrfect in every other way.

### ADORABLE ADOPTABLES



**Melissa**



**Tigger and friend**



**Sweet Girl**



**Rainbow**



**Heidi**



**Hector**



**Lovey**

**By adopting a cat, you can't change the world.**

**However, you can and will change the world for that one cat.**

**Call 573-3365 to visit our adorable adoptables and change somebody's world today.**

### CAN "NO KILL" SUCCEED?

"As a tourism-based economy, Reno, Nevada has been very hard hit by the economic downturn. Its animal shelters intake over twice the national average. If there was any place where No Kill would not work based on traditional dogma that would be Reno. Past leadership said that they had no choice but to kill homeless animals and that is exactly what they did. But those leaders are gone.

New leadership has taken over and while facing the same challenges, the excuses are gone. The results have been dramatic. Since 2007, adoptions have more than doubled. Reclaim of lost strays are up. And despite taking in over 15,000 dogs and cats per year, lifesaving has reached 90% of all impounded animals, near the top in the nation.

How does a community go from killing to No Kill? "We changed basically everything," said Bonney Brown, who replaced the former Executive Director of the Nevada Humane Society (NHS). Most shelters blame the community for not caring. Instead of blaming, Bonney implemented the No Kill Equation and has achieved one of the highest save rates in the nation."

The success of the Nevada Humane Society begs the question: **Is the Maui Humane Society doing enough to save lives? With an 84% feline kill rate, we don't think so.**

According to Bonney Brown, the success of the Nevada Humane Society can be every community's success. Bonney's advice for other communities is to follow the proven methods of the No Kill Equation.

"The No Kill Equation involves low-cost/free, mass, spay/neuter clinics, community-wide trap, neuter, and release of ferals, increased foster care, animal transfers to rescue groups, medical treatment for sick, injured, unweaned or traumatized animals, a pro-active effort to return strays, and an extensive adoption program. The final element of the No Kill Equation, and the most important, is to have a shelter director who is not content to continue killing, while regurgitating clichés about public irresponsibility or hiding behind the myth of too many animals, not enough homes."

Reprinted with permission from Nathan Winograd, Director of the No Kill Advocacy Center. For information on the No Kill Movement, visit their website at [www.nokilladvocacycenter.org](http://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org) We highly recommend two books by Nathan Winograd: They are a must read for animal lovers: "Redemption, the Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Movement in America" and "Irreconcilable Differences".

## WHAT DO WE DO WITH YOUR DONATIONS?

Meet one of the many cats rescued by 9<sup>th</sup> Life Hawaii

Lucky when first seen

Lucky today



Tourists first spotted this emaciated, starving, sick cat living amongst a huge pile of debris. Although, they tried, they could not catch him before they returned to the mainland. They contacted us for help. Ultimately Maui Humane Society was able to get him and considered him feral.

The tourists however were willing to adopt him so MHS released him to 9<sup>th</sup> Life. That is when this kitty went from Unlucky to Lucky. And, NO, he was not feral. Yes, he was ill and also had a multitude of parasites (worms and fleas), fungal and bacterial ear infections and only partial vision in one eye.

Look at him today. Happy, healthy, content. Lucky will soon be going to his new home on the mainland.

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## Dedicated to Alisha's Kikeli

If you think the orange tabby with all those kittens below is the mom. Think again. If you think Kikeli was a female, you would also be wrong. This very special cat was nanny to every kitten that came his way.

Kikeli even let them nurse on him which provided great comfort to many of our very young orphans. We send our condolences to those who loved him. Below Kikeli with some of his adoptees.



## WHAT ELSE DO WE DO WITH YOUR DONATIONS?



Dr. Tom in our surgery room March 2010. We sterilized 120 cats.

Dr. Tom Chlebeczek who used to fly over from Oahu and hold clinics in our surgery room is back. Only now he is flying in from the Czech Republic. Dr. Tom is bringing a second vet with him for our upcoming 6 day clinic in July. Call 573 3365 to register for this clinic.

Dr. Tom plans on helping 9<sup>th</sup> Life Hawaii at least 4 times a year. Each of these clinics will last 5-6 days. A lot of cats will be sterilized, so if you can donate air miles to help bring Dr. Tom here, we need miles on carriers that fly from Prague in the Czech Republic to Maui. Last time Dr. Tom was here, he told us it took 30 hours of traveling.

This man is a real blessing and we are so very grateful for his help. If you would also like to donate gift certificates for tourist activities for Dr. Tom and the second vet, please mail them to 9<sup>th</sup> Life Hawaii at Box 476 - Makawao, HI 96768.

## YES, I WANT TO SAVE LIVES

It would be impossible to do our life-saving work without your help. Please consider donating at your best level.

**When you donate to 9<sup>th</sup> Life Hawaii, make no mistake about it. You are saving lives.**

\$25    \$50    \$75    \$100    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I accept the challenge to help pay down the mortgage on the 9<sup>th</sup> Life sanctuary \$\_\_\_\_\_**

I want to sponsor a cat for a year (\$250.00)

I want to sponsor a Spay/Neuter day (\$1,750.00)

I want to donate air miles to bring vets to Maui for mass Spay/Neuter clinics.

Enclosed is a gift certificate for the vets coming from the mainland or Europe.

Wise giving through estate planning, monthly donations or Pet Trusts.

Call us. 808-572-3499

I wish to donate 2 x 4's, exterior paint, wallboard, tile, other lumber, (all very much needed for our ongoing cattery construction projects)

I wish to donate a bus or travel trailer or other vehicle. (We will pay shipping from the mainland) Call 808 572-3499

You can now set up monthly or individual donations with a credit card by using the PayPal link on our website: [www.9thlifehawaii.org](http://www.9thlifehawaii.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your email address to [9thlifehawaii@earthlink.net](mailto:9thlifehawaii@earthlink.net) to save on postage.

**Donations and gift certificates can be mailed to:**

**9<sup>th</sup> Life Hawaii**

**Box 476**

**Makawao, HI 96768**

Donations can also be made to honor the passing of a beloved pet or person or to commemorate a birthday or anniversary.

In Memory of

JR "Jake" Cross from Paula & Jeffrey Jones

Sweetness aka Walter from Joseph Scuro

Kikeli truly one of a kind from Phyllis