

9th LIFE HAWAII

**MAUI'S LARGEST NO-KILL
CAT RESCUE & SANCTUARY**

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Run Solely by Volunteers

Your entire donation goes to help the cats!



Vets and staff at Haleakala Summit at night (above).
Below the vets at work.



By the end of 2010, we had sterilized more than 3,316 cats. Dr. Tom Chlebeczek and Dr. Vladimir Jurek (above) traveled from the Czech Republic in November to help Maui's kitties. Dr. Tom returned with Dr. Martin Kares and Dr. Pavlina Kares in February 2011. This February, 6 day, Spay/Neuter clinic is ongoing as of this newsletter.

We want to thank the Pacific Whale Foundation for providing a snorkel cruise for the vets in November and Olapa Ko'a Charters for trips on The Reef Dancer and America II. These vets travel from halfway around the globe to help Maui's kitties. You can share aloha by donating gift certificates for tourist activities for their days off. They love ocean activities, enjoying our multi-national cuisine and the usual activities that Maui's tourists enjoy and they will be returning during the Spring to hold another mass clinic.

GOAL FOR 2011

Our goal for 2011 is to have sterilized 5,000 cats by the end of the year. We can only do that with your help. We are focusing on multi-day clinics, with several vets attending to maximize the number of cats sterilized. Each multi-day clinic in which hundreds of cats are sterilized runs us about \$7,500.00. If you want to sponsor an entire, multi-day clinic or make a donation to cover part of a clinic, please let us know. (808) 572-3499 and ask for Phyllis.

Major contributing donors for our February-March 2011 clinic (which is ongoing at this moment) were The Build A Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation and Goldie and Robert Kouchiyama. We are incredibly grateful for their support with which we plan to sterilize 350 cats.

WAYS TO HELP MAUI'S KITTIES



FABULOUS DOOR PRIZE

Win a glorious week in a luxurious, two bedroom condo suite (sleeps 6) July 1 - 8, 2011 at the Wyndham Mauna Loa Village, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (photo above). Winner need not be present at our Spring board meeting to claim this door prize. Each \$100.00 donation receives one opportunity to win. (Limited to a maximum of five.) Check out this beautiful resort at

<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/KOAML/main.wnt>

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR DONATION TO BE ELIGIBLE

Name _____ Address _____ City/State _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Mail your donation to
9th Life Hawaii
Box 476
Makawao, HI 96768

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We are again partnering with Maui College Construction Academy which provides practical, hands-on construction experience to high school students. This program teaches the students life-long skills. They are building 6 more feeding station/shelters for us that will be completed by June. We can use 2 x 4's, 4 x 4's, 4 x 8 plywood, exterior T1-11, paint, roofing shingles and construction material. Call (808) 572-3499.



MORTGAGE CHALLENGE



Our mortgage challenge campaign has resulted in reducing our mortgage by \$85,000.00 M A H A L O to all of you who brought us this far. Reducing the mortgage frees up funding that can be used towards the building of more shelters, feeding stations and fencing. This will enable us to help even more cats. We presently provide shelter for more than 270 cats.

Our generous benefactor who is matching your donations has extended the time period through February 28th. If you wish to donate to this challenge which will **DOUBLE** your donation, you can send a donation via the PayPal link on our website: www.9thlifehawaii.org or your donation can be mailed to: 9th Life Hawaii - Box 476 - Makawao, HI 96768

MORE WAYS TO HELP MAUI'S KITTIES

We have won \$3,000.00 through the Animal Rescue Site Shelter Contest because of your daily votes. Please keep voting and encourage friends and family to vote. Takes less than a minute and it buys us a lot of cat food. Link is below.

<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/shelterchallenge.faces?siteId=3>

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9th Life always needs cat carriers, cat traps, cat condos and cat toys. We also need a van for transporting cats to and from our huge, Spay/Neuter clinics. (Tax deductible donation for you.)

Many of you already know that we lend out cat carriers and traps for our Spay/Neuter clinics. A large percentage of the people we help do not have the funds to purchase carriers or traps and this of course means they have no way of getting the cats to our clinics.

If you have traps and carriers (dog or cat) that you no longer need, please donate them to 9th Life. We also provide carriers to people leaving Maui who can't afford the expense of taking their cats with them.

CAN YOU HELP WITH CAT FOOD AND KITTY LITTER?

Our cat food costs run about \$1,000.00 per month. Most of our cat food is purchased at Costco, Wal-Mart and K-Mart. If you want to donate gift cards for these stores, we will use them to purchase cat food and kitty litter.

COULD YOU USE A BARN CAT, BUT DON'T HAVE A BARN?

On the mainland they call them barn cats. Some call them feral. We prefer to call them community cats. Most will not want to be petted, but we believe they have a right to live. They have been used for centuries to patrol granaries, silos, food storage areas and do an admirable job of keeping rats and mice and bugs under control. One New York City Police station even uses them to control mice and rats in their basement storage facility.

9th Life has some barn cats to place. They are not lap kitties although we have plenty of those available for adoption also. They need food, water and a warm, safe place to sleep. If you are interested in making a home for a community cat and will provide food, water and covered shelter for these cats, we want to hear from you.

WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU!



We are reducing our adoption fees for the months of February and March as we need to make room for the usual flood of kittens during Spring kitten season.

Call 573-3365 and make an offer.

NO KILL IS A NO BRAINER

No Kill facilities are saving lives worldwide. Municipal, open admission shelters that had 80%-90% kill rates are now boasting 90% **save** rates. The nation of New Zealand is working towards being the first No Kill nation. When New Zealand embraced NO KILL, some of their facilities had an 87% kill rate but now are averaging an 80% save rate.

The No Kill equation is working and it is up to us to insist that shelter directors leave no stone unturned in saving lives. For the Nay-Sayers that say it cannot happen here because the community is irresponsible or it can't happen because we are an open admission shelter, we say: Read the success stories. Implement the No Kill Equation now.

If a shelter director is not implementing NO KILL they are not leading Humane Societies, but are leading **IN**humane Societies and it's time for a change of leadership. 9th Life's mission is to educate and lead a better way, a humane way to treat animals and we thank our supporters who help us lead the No Kill Movement in Hawaii.

To learn more about the international No Kill Movement, the mounting successes and more information about Nathan Winograd, Director of the No Kill Advocacy Center Visit www.nokilladvocacycenter.org Nathan is the premier advocate of No Kill in the United States and a staunch defender of animal rights and welfare.

9th Life Hawaii is the undisputed leader of the No Kill Movement on Maui. If you want to proclaim your solidarity with us, check out the following website where you can purchase 9th Life T-shirts and other items. 9th Life Hawaii receives a percentage of these sales.



To purchase a T-shirt or other items go to: <http://www.cafepress.com/9LH>

WHAT DO WE DO WITH YOUR DONATIONS?

MEET ARI



Ari after surgery



Ari fully recovered

Ari was dumped in a feral cat colony. He had an empty, infected socket where his right eye should be. The colony caretaker called us. We took him in, provided medical care, fattened him up, and had the socket sutured by Dr. Cindy of Animal Care Hospital in Kula. He is ready for a loving home. To meet this sweet cat that is waiting to cuddle with you, call 573-3365

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT CATS



A 9th Life supporter had found a homeless dog but could not keep it. She asked us to send an email Public Service Announcement (PSA) to see if we could find the owner. We routinely send out emails about lost and found cats AND dogs including those that end up at Maui Humane Society.

We sent out a PSA. The owner did not respond and the dog was brought down to the Maui Humane Society (photo above). Using email notices, we searched for a foster home. Lesllie offered to foster him and post photos on Craig's List. Weeks later, the owner (an 11 year old boy) saw the posting and reclaimed his dog. It was a happy reunion the result of networking and using the internet for good.

ANOTHER HAPPY TALE OR SHOULD WE SAY TAILS?



Upon receiving a request from a supporter who needed help placing two dogs she was fostering, we sent out a PSA with photos of the dogs. Sanford Langa (above) responded immediately and adopted Gabe and Cindy. Did you ever see such a happy family? Just look at their joyful smiles.

Although 9th Life operates a cat sanctuary, we do our **VERY** best to help **ALL** animals.

A WARM WELCOME TO MIKE MORAN,

9th Life's Vice President in charge of Public Relations and Communications

9th Life Hawaii is pleased to announce the election of Mike Moran to the Board of 9th Life Hawaii. Mike is joining 9th Life as Vice President of Public Relations and Communications effective immediately. Mike is a community activist, concentrating on environmental and animal welfare issues.

He has served on the board of the Kihei Community Association for several years, currently the board's Vice President. He is a co-founder of the grass roots group "Pump Don't Dump", spearheading the campaign to prohibit boats from dumping human sewage in the Whale Sanctuary.

He also volunteers on the Maui Nui Marine Resources Council for clean water and was nominated as Person of the Year in 2006 in the Maui Weekly contest. The following year, he was named one of "Maui's 10 most Intriguing People" by Maui No Ka Oi magazine. Mike resides in Kihei with his 3 dogs. (No cats yet)

9th Life considers itself quite lucky to have Mike on its board.

MIKE'S COLUMN

How often have you heard Maui called paradise? We love it here, but realize there is some degree or measure to the happiness of our island home. Would the animals that live on Maui call it paradise? For many of them, it is far from it, such as the thousands and thousands of animals that are killed every year at the Maui Humane Society.

How about the horses who are subjected to unyielding sun, wind and rain for days and weeks without shelter? The dog on a short chain 24 hours day? Then there are the roosters & dogs forced into brutal combat with their own for the amusement of the depraved.

Just this week the Maui News reported four men in Iao Valley State Park torturing and killing feral cats with bow and arrow, a felony charge of animal cruelty (details below). Think this was paradise for those cats or their colony caretakers?

<http://mauinews.com/page/content.detail/id/546287/Kahului-man-indicted-in-killing-of-feral-cats.html>

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Hawaii consistently ranks in the bottom 10% of the states for laws concerning animal welfare, and is generally in last place for laws against dog fighting. There are two companion bills in the Hawaii State Legislature this session scheduled for hearings week of 2/21/11 (HB108 and SB1069) which could help to change that.

We are setting up a special 9th Life email group for people who want to be actively involved in the legislative process with regard to animal welfare laws. We will advise of pending legislation and invite you to decide for yourself if you want to be pro-active. If so, please let us know via email to 9thlifehawaii@earthlink.net

Maui County laws are generally highly regarded for our animals, being much stronger than our State's, but they need to be enforced or they become meaningless. Just like humans, some animals live a more idyllic lifestyle than others.

Although the hundreds of kitties at 9th Life are well-cared for, most still want their own (human) family with whom they could closely bond. That is the optimum situation and would result in a happier life for both the cats and their humans. 9th Life Hawaii has MANY deserving cats and kittens available for adoption. Do you have room in your home and your heart? Call 573-3365

YES, I WANT TO SAVE LIVES

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

Each \$125.00 donation will receive "Redemption, the Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Revolution in America" by Nathan Winograd. This book is a must-read for animal lovers.

I am donating \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ _____

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

I want to sponsor a **multi-day** Spay/Neuter clinic (\$5,000) Partial donations for these clinics are **VERY** welcome. _____

You can also set up monthly or individual donations with a credit card by using the PayPal link on our website: www.9thlifehawaii.org

Donations and gift certificates can be mailed to:

**9th Life Hawaii
Box 476
Makawao, HI 96768**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Your email address: _____

DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM

**Our thanks to A. Amster in memory of William Villa
And thanks to Joseph Scuro in memory of "Sweetness"**

Wise giving through estate planning, monthly donations or Pet Trusts. Hawaii law provides that a trust for the care of domestic pet(s) is a valid, legal instrument and can be added to your estate planning. This allows you to provide care for your beloved pets, should you be unable to do so in the future. You should discuss this with your lawyer or call us at 572-3499.