

9th LIFE HAWAII

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

A non-profit 501c3 org. Donations are tax deductible

Run solely by volunteers

Your entire donation goes to help the cats!

A PLEA FOR HELP

Over the past few months, 9th Life has experienced a substantial decline in donations. However, we have not reduced the "5-star care" our kitties receive. There has been no corresponding decline in direct cat-related expenses, such as food, kitty litter, vet fees, medicine, and flea and worm prevention. We find ourselves in a negative cash flow situation.

Usually donations pick up at year end, but the simple truth is the cats have to be fed now. They have medical needs that must be attended to now. Every month they are treated for flea, worm and ear-mite prevention. Many of our seniors are on very expensive, specialized cat food. Other seniors need to be hydrated daily or are on special medicines. Your help is much needed at this time.

Your donations have enabled us to provide shelter for thousands of cats over the years like the kitties below. We cannot do it without your support and we are in need of support now. Please help. Small or large. All donations add up. *Mahalo - Phyllis*

WHAT DO WE DO WITH YOUR DONATIONS? WE SAVE LIVES!





Jethro



Callie



Tabbi Girl



Momma and babies



Stormy & Silver



Licorice & Silver

We took in lots of kittens during the ongoing kitten season. Kittens are born outdoors *every day on Maui*. *Many times the mother cannot be found*. We take in as many kittens as our space allows.

Orphaned kittens need to be bottle-fed every few hours and helped to eliminate waste . Without our help, they will die. Saving their precious lives is one of the most rewarding things we do.

Sadly, most kittens 8 weeks old or younger that are brought to municipal shelters are killed. Maui Humane Society is no exception. Your donations help us save lives, just as we did with the kittens above. These kittens are now available for adoption.

MORE ADORABLE ADOPTABLES can be seen on the Petfinder link on our Website: www.9thlifehawaii.org You can also call our adoption line (808) 573-3365 to arrange an appointment to meet our adoptables.

UPDATE ON TRANSPORTING KITTENS TO THE MAINLAND

We would like to thank all those who donated carriers so we could send kitties (10 at a time) to the mainland for adoption. Unfortunately, this program is temporarily on hold. Instead, we are making the carriers available to tourists who adopt a 9th Life cat or take a Maui cat home with them. Not every person can say they have a genuine Maui cat. We also provide carriers to residents leaving Maui who can't afford the cost of transporting their cats to the mainland.

THE NO KILL MOVEMENT

Over 500 cities across America are now saving upwards of 98% of their communities' lost and homeless pets. The rate of growth of no-kill communities with open admission shelters increased 248% from the year 2011 to the year 2012. They are now being achieved at a rate of approximately one community per week across America.

For more information on the No Kill Movement, go to [www:nokilladvocacycenter.org](http://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org)

THE MIAMI MIRACLE

A grassroots coalition of animal lovers in Miami-Dade County asked voters via a straw ballot to raise taxes which would be used to reduce the intake at the local municipal kill shelter. An astounding 65% of the voters said yes and the county commission is now poised to enact legislation that would add about \$20.00 to the average property owner's tax bill. The initiative "Pets Trust" should raise \$20 million annually.

The goal is to reduce intake at the county's high kill shelter. It will "sunset" periodically so voters can monitor its progress and decide whether to quit or continue. These taxes will be used for free and low-cost, high-volume spay/neuter clinics and public education. Michael Rosenberg, who conceived "Pets Trust", estimates they can reach their no-kill goal in four years.

No-Kill is being successfully implemented elsewhere in open admission shelters like the Maui Humane Society. Why can't we? The Maui Humane Society is still killing over 80% of the cats that enter their facility.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS KILLED BY A U.S. FEDERAL AGENCY. YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!

705,468 birds and mammals were murdered by the federal government in Hawaii from 2006-2011. No state is exempt from this massacre. Outrageously, our taxes fund the slaughter being committed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Branch (USDA WS).

Last year, investigative reporter, Tom Knudson, published an expose in the Sacramento Bee titled, "*The Killing Agency: Wildlife Services' Brutal Methods Leave A Trail Of Animal Death.*"

Knudson writes, "Wildlife Services is a federal agency that operates in secrecy, using brutal traps, poison and aerial gunning to kill thousands of animals."

The Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS), In Defense of Animals (IDA), and Defenders of Wildlife are just some of the animal welfare organizations calling on Secretary Tom Vilsack (USDA), President Obama, and the U.S. Congress to investigate Wildlife Services. If you are appalled by this slaughter, we suggest you do the same.

This article was submitted by a guest contributor.

Below is the link to the actual article in the Sacramento Bee Newspaper.

www.sacbee.com/2012/04/28/4450678/the-killing-agency-wildlife-services.html

People to contact

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HOMER

Sweet Homer will be missed for a long, long time. Born blind, he did everything a "seeing" cat did plus something extra.

Homer gave leg hugs. He would reach up and wrap his front paws (claws sheathed) around your legs and hug you. He was so very special. He was one of the friendliest cats, I have ever known. I still expect to see him. His passing left a hole in my heart.



Homer had been trapped as a young kitten in a feral cat colony. When he was brought to our Spay/Neuter clinic for neutering, I noticed his lack of eyesight immediately. I called the colony caretaker who had not known he was blind. She agreed to leave him at 9th Life and so he came to live with us. His life was brief. His death a mystery but his memory will stay with all of us who were lucky enough to have known him.

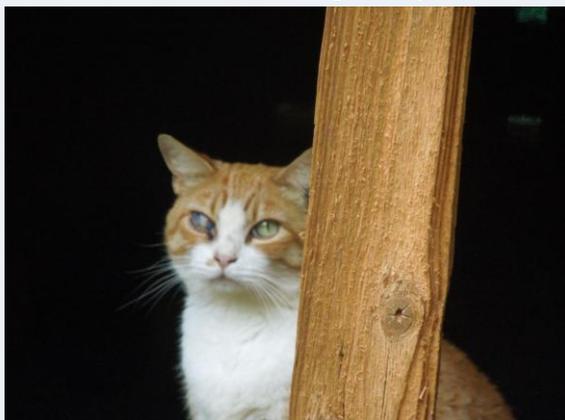
What follows below was written by Gwen Cooper, author of "Homer's Odyssey". This is one of the best animal books I have ever read (editor's opinion). It is based on Homer's life after Gwen adopted him as a tiny, black kitten. (This is NOT 9th Life's (orange tabby) cat that recently passed on.

Hi. My name is Gwen Cooper, and I'm the author of the memoir *Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale, or How I Learned About Love and Life with a Blind Wonder Cat*. Homer's true story was a *New York Times* bestseller and has been published in 22 countries around the world. Those of us who work in animal rescue believe that every animal matters. We believe that every life -- no matter how small, or how steep the odds are against it -- can make a difference. Every animal who's given the chance to love and be loved can make someone else's life better; can fill up empty places in our hearts we didn't even know were there until they were full. Homer was my cat, my little boy, my "Homer Bear." I may have been his eyes in this life, but he was my whole heart. *Vaya con dios*, my love. My great love. The world was a better place for your having been in it, and a sadder one with you gone.

For more about Homer click on the following link or copy and paste in your browser.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gwen-cooper/homers-odyssey-blind-wonder-cats_b_3831049.html?utm_hp_ref=cats

9th Life Hawaii would like to suggest that you consider a less than purrfect cat the next time you adopt. Special needs cats can truly enrich YOUR life. We have a three-legged cat, an all-white, beautiful deaf cat, several one-eyed cats, a cat with swollen lips due to an auto-immune disease and an 18 year old cat who would love to be your cuddle cat. We also have many senior kitties that are waiting for your love.



Cyclops



Sweet Girl



Smokey

YES, I WANT TO SAVE LIVES!

- \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____
- Sponsor a cat for a year (\$300) \$ _____
- Put towards a Spay/Neuter clinic \$ _____
Average clinic cost is \$1,500.-\$2,000.
- Special fund for Special Needs Cats (\$250.) \$ _____
(Cats needing specialized food, medical, surgical or dental care.)

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

If interested in donating stock, please call (808) 572-3499 to make arrangements. This will in general create a tax savings for you.

Vehicles can be donated from anywhere in the United States through the Donation LLC link on our website.

Donations can be mailed to:

9th Life Hawaii
Box 476
Makawao, HI 96768

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State ____ Zip

Email address _____

MEMORIAMS AND HONORARIUMS

A most generous donation from Mary Artese in loving memory of dear Molly.

A generous donation from Peggy P. Sullivan in honor of Karen Thompson's birthday.

Mahalo for ongoing donations in loving memory of Sam, Sweetness and Popoki Sr. by Joseph Scuro.

A very generous donation in memory of Homer by Paula Jones.

What will happen to your beloved furry or feathered family member if you are no longer able to take care of them due to disability or illness?

Did you know that you can establish a trust for your PET? What happens to your cat, dog, horse or bird upon your death? You can have a plan in place in the event of the UNTHINKABLE so that your pet is taken care of and doesn't end up like so many pets that no longer have a home.

A pet trust can be set up to meet your wishes and the needs of your pet. It allows you to name a caretaker to care for and maintain your LOVED ONE and even name a trustee who will manage the funds.

If you would like to learn more about pet trusts in Hawaii or California, please contact Roya Deyhim.

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