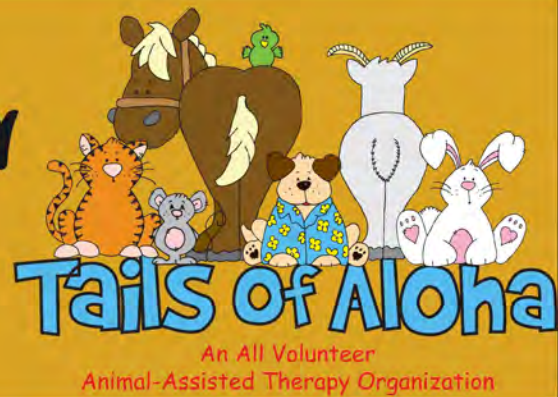




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Hawaii Foodbank Walk

Many thanks to Paul Marietti and Gail Shirashi for accepting the difficult task of 'hoofing it' at the Hawaii Foodbank walk on August 29 around Honolulu Hale. Sharon Black, Chaz Black, and Al Perkins were also there for the Kau Kau Wagon and set up their hot dog cart, shaved ice machine, and popcorn machine. The delicious food items were given away to anyone who came up to the carts.

The money raised through Paul and Gail's walk will allow Tails of Aloha to have an account with the Hawaii Foodbank to feed the animal companions belonging to the homeless residing on the Leeward side of the island as well as the animals at our sanctuary.



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The Story of Happy



Meet the newest
member of our Tails
of Aloha team...

Happy!

Happy was born in Korea and brought to Hawaii on the five-day quarantine program when she was a year old. She was a gift from Candy's family in Korea. Happy's actual name is Soodingy, which means calm and submissive in Korean. But, because people had a difficult time saying and remembering her name, Warren and Candy decided to change her name to Happy.

There was a slight problem as Happy only understood Korean, and loved to eat Kim Chee! The Hoopii's had a difficult time getting her to acquire the taste of dog food. You will notice that Warren and Candy speak to Happy in Korean when visiting as a therapy team.

In Korea, Happy was able to roam the neighborhood and had a swinging door to leave and enter whenever the mood struck her. She made it a point to visit the neighbors on a daily basis. That's the reason Warren and Candy always keep a close eye on her and Happy enjoys socializing with people she's never had the opportunity of meeting.

Those of you who know Jiji and Babe will be shocked to hear that Happy is the alpha of the pack. When Happy speaks, Jiji and Babe always listens to what she has to say.

Oahu SPCA

If you have the time and space, the Oahu SPCA is still in need of extraordinary people to foster and adopt the animals under their care.

If at all possible, volunteer at least once a month at their facility. It is such a wonderful thing to do!



Canine Influenza

The first vaccine against the canine influenza virus was recently granted by the Department of Agriculture. The vaccine is available for use by veterinarians in the United States. CIV is a highly contagious respiratory infection that is dangerous to dogs who are housed in kennels, shelters, or any communal area. The dogs begin to cough anywhere between two to five days from the time of infection, with coughs lasting up to three weeks or longer. The symptoms are so similar to kennel cough, that it is nearly impossible to confirm CIV without a blood test for antibodies against the virus. The dogs may also develop a high fever.

Most dogs have no immunity to CIV because it is a new pathogen thought to have mutated from the equine influenza virus H3N8. The new vaccine has shown to reduce the severity of lung lesions as well as the duration of coughing and viral shedding. The vaccine is made from the inactivated virus.

Adventures at Kalaeloa

Submitted by Ginger Edmunds



This past July I realized a dream. As a member of United Animal Nations, Emergency Animal Rescue Services (an animal rescue organization), I would read of their involvement in numerous animal rescues such as Hurricane Katrina, the California wildfires, the flooding in the Midwest, etc. Along with the stories are photos of volunteers so happy to be making a difference in the lives of these animals. I would think to myself, "one day I am going to be that volunteer in the middle of a RESCUE."

In July I got my chance! I had the privilege of working along side UAN EARS, Humane Society of the United States, Oahu SPCA, Cat Friends, Tails of Aloha, and many others on the largest animal rescue in Hawaii. We built kennel after kennel from rolls of chain link fencing, the volunteers working hard and focused. Giving water and food to 130 dogs and 100 cats being brought to the shelter. I was helping with the dogs, seeing them arriving by the truckload, some so scared they didn't want to come out of their portable kennels, others sad, and still other confused. And yet there were others with love in their eyes who simply wanted to hear a comforting voice. I admired the skill, professionalism, and CARE each of the organizations had in getting all of the animals safely contained in a matter of two days.

At the end of each day, every one was extremely tired and dirty, yet our hearts were filled with the love that comes from these wonderful animals.

I work full-time with my husband, volunteer at the Hawaii Humane Society, Oahu SPCA, and am turning my hobby of making handmade dog blankets into a business called BarkingDogBlankets. Inspired by my 15 year old Blue Heeler, my blankets go from the home to the car to keep the fur, dirt and sand off the car seat and couch. BarkingDogBlankets are island chic yet practical. Since I love animals so much (especially dogs) every month I designate a portion of my sales to an animal welfare organization. So far we have been able to send a small donation every month. Some of the organizations that have received donations are the BooBooZoo, Muttville, Epic Farms, Siberians Needing Owners, Hawaii Dog Foundation, Sasha Farms, Hawaii Humane Society, Little Hen Rescue and this month a portion of our sales will go to Tails of Aloha.

I believe that every little bit that I donate is helping, but what I really dream of, is selling enough blankets to REALLY make a difference for these rescued animals and wonderful organizations that are out there helping to do every little bit they can.

BarkingDogBlankets are available at 55 Pawsh Place in Kapolei, Crazy Canine in Aiea, and online www.barkingdogblankets.etsy.com.

Website: <http://barkingdogblankets.1000markets.com>



NEW PROJECT UNDERWAY

It is true....we are finally built the first of our sanctuary shelters. locations. The animals are ready and waiting for their new home. At this time, our sanctuary has reached capacity and will not be taking in any additional animals.

We are always able to accept donations of cat, dog, and bird food, as well as toys, building materials, for the upkeep and maintenance of the sanctuary.



The builders of the Neko House, Paul Marietti and Keith Sato.

Tails of Aloha Yokohama



Yuko Hara and Adonis is our first therapy team member from Yokohama to be featured in our newsletter.

Yuko and Adonis have been active members of Tails of Aloha Yokohama since 2006. They both thoroughly enjoy their visits with the elderly and especially take much delight in socializing with the other therapy team members.

Yokohama, which happens to be next to Tokyo, is the perfect place for an active dog like Adonis. In preparation of Yokohama's 150th year anniversary, the streets have been repaved and historic building have been refurbished. This makes it an exciting place for Adonis' walks and visits to the Dog Cafes.

Adonis is always ready to greet and meet the people and dogs he meets on his walks in Yokohama.

Yuko admits that she spoils Adonis, but that never stops him from performing his tricks in front of the elderly or school children. His repertoire includes standing and walking on his hind legs and jumping into Yuko's arms.

Although Adonis is now nine years old, he enjoys every moment spent as a member of the Tails of Aloha Yokohama's therapy team.



Tails of Aloha's New Tagline

As our program has progressed this past year, a new tagline was created for Tails of Aloha.

It was difficult to derive words that would send our message out to others. But after working with our team members this year, I believe the tagline fits our program, therapy teams, and those we assist.

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Keeping up with the Donnelly's

Theresa has left for her six-month Navy trip to the Philippines, leaving Shane and Shamrock (the Boxer) home in Hawaii. Theresa will be back in April of 2010! But, in the meantime, check out her blog at <http://jsotf-p.blogspot.com/>