

# Tails of Aloha

July, 2010

CHANGING LIVES, ONE VISIT AT A TIME

MIDORI MATSUI



Mrs. Midori Matsui, is the founder of our counterpart, Tails of Aloha-Yokohama. Midori has two adorable and loving therapy dogs she uses for her visits name Pastel and Televi. Pastel is now 11 years old Maltese, but is still as graceful as ever. When Pastel is working with the other therapy dogs, it seems as though Snow White is with the seven dwarfs at times. Pastel started her therapy career at the age of two. Her first visit was with Mrs. Hara, who had suffered a stroke and was now paralyzed. The minute Mrs.

Hara met Pastel, she was in love as she once had a Maltese. Pastel was able to get Mrs. Hara to be more lucid during her visits, which just amazed the staff. Even though Mrs. Hara has lost her voice from her stroke, she would sing to Pastel at every visit as well as cry because she was touched by each and every visit. It really proved to everyone that the human-animal bond works wonders. Although everyone knows Pastel as Snow White, she can be quite the little diva, barking for her doggie cookies at home. Pastel was ill for a while, but has since recuperated and is back to work as a therapy dog.

Midori decided to get Televi (a three year old Papillon) after the passing of her mother. Televi was the butterfly that flew down from heaven to bring happiness back to Midori's heart. Televi only weighs 2.4 kg., but she has the heart of a "big dog". Televi and Pastel really enjoy their job as therapy dogs, but why wouldn't they as they are already Midori's living angels!



Televi



Pastel

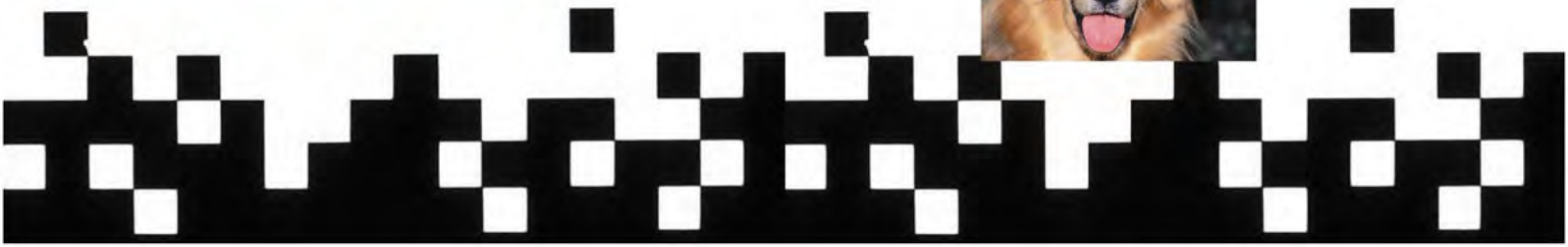
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# PETCO PEARL CITY

Team members took turns at our information booth at Petco Pearl City's first anniversary on July 10 and 11. We made many new friends like Joey's Feline Friends, and met old acquaintances such as the Hawaii CAN, Oahu SPCA, Hawaii Dog Foundation, and the Humane Society. Even my dog, Phi, made an appearance...but that was because it was close to home, so I could take her home when she became bored and tired. (Divas tend to be that way.)

Many thanks to the following team members who took time out to help with our booth:

Barbara Ghighi, Warren Hoopii, Carolyn Killian, Paul Marietti, Miki Nagatoshi, Gail Shiraishi, and Randy Yawata



# REFLECTIONS

When we care about people, we want to save them from pain by offering them the benefit of our experience. Sometimes we feel as though we know what is best for them. For instance when their safety is involved, we feel the need to step in, but those times are rare. More often we find ourselves becoming frustrated when our close friends or family members do not use our relationship insights or follow our advice. This is where we find OUR challenge. We may even find ourselves becoming angry when they choose another path. When this happens, immediately stop and take a step backwards. This is a sign that there is a lesson for us!

We need to keep in mind that each of us is on our own path and that we all learn differently. We must trust in the universe. We should not deny them the steps essential for growth of their spirit. We can, however, offer them our gift of counsel. After you have given them your gift, release it along with your expectations of them and their choices with love.

Once that has been done, we can remind ourselves that our relationships are mirrors that allow us to see ourselves more clearly in the reflection. That is why it is easier for us to see solutions to other people's problems than to see answers for our own. We can also learn from these experiences when we ask ourselves if we would ever do the same thing. In being willing to look at ourselves and understanding why we are being irritated by what other people choose to do with their lives, we can be like an oyster and make our irritations into pearls! And, with these pearls of wisdom, we learn to release the desire for control over others and instead enrich their lives as we enrich our own.

# BREAKFAST AT SNIFFANY'S

Tickets are still available for the fundraiser at the Kahala Hotel and Resort. Contact [info@tailsofaloha.com](mailto:info@tailsofaloha.com) for additional information or tickets.

We are also still accepting silent auction items and gift certificates for our drawing.

## ITEMS WE ARE IN NEED OF FOR OUR SANCTUARY

Solar floodlight

Solar bug light

Clumping cat litter

Canned cat food

Newspaper

33 gallon trash bags

Bag of sand

Treated Lumber

Solar batteries

Clear shower curtains

Wooden clothespins

## HELP SUPPORT TAILS



Show others that you are a Tails of Aloha supporter by purchasing one of our metal paw print tags for \$5.50. Simply email us at [info@tailsofaloha.com](mailto:info@tailsofaloha.com).