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# TAILS OF ALOHA

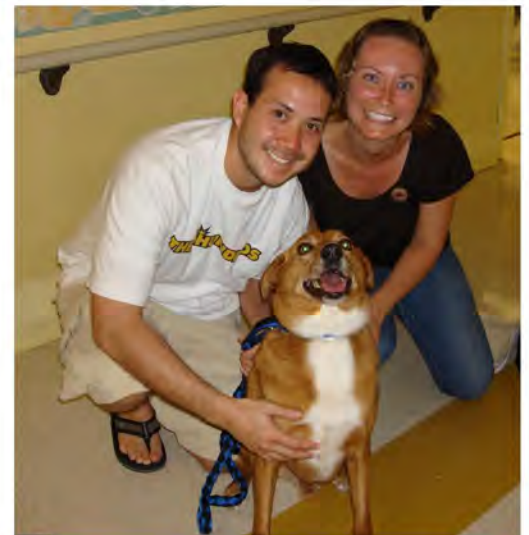
CHANGING LIVES, ONE VISIT AT A TIME

## THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

My name is Leo, and I'm so excited to finally be a therapy dog. My mom and dad have enjoyed bringing me to Maluhia, and they are soooooo excited that I'm beginning to make a lot of new friends. I really enjoy getting to spend quality time with my many grandads and grandmoms, but I also look forward to our "down time" after the visits when I get to play with my K-9 friends.



I hope to make Tails proud as a great therapy dog, and have more friends than I can count. I'm not the best at math, but I am good at doing tricks for treats and uh...drooling, yeah, I'm the best at drooling!



So if you should meet me on one of your visits to Maluhia, don't be shy. Come over and give me a nice rub (especially on my rump).

Just me,

Leo Iwasaki



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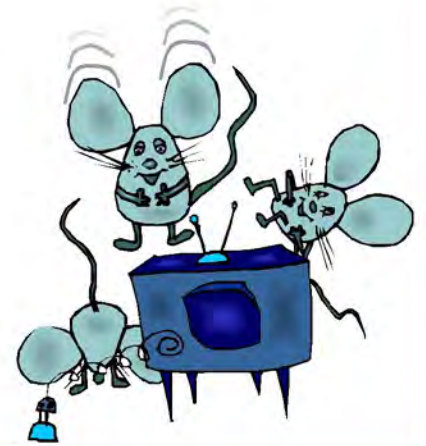
## SCHOOLS WE HAVE VISITED

Mahalo to the following schools for allowing us to volunteer our time with our animal assisted therapy team members!

Kainalu Elementary

Kapolei Middle School - 8th Grade Class

Variety School



## HARRY & JEANNETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION

A great Mahalo to the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation for their funding to enable the Tails to purchase shirts for our program. We are blessed and grateful to be able to obtain the shirts identification tools we have purchased for identification purposes when visiting various locations.

## DR. HANNAH RHEE

Most of you have known her as "Ann", but since returning to Iowa and then moving to California, Ann has opened her practice (Wilshire Boulevard). We hope her plans to open an office in Hawaii materializes as well dearly miss her!

## DID YOU KNOW

\*By spaying or neutering just one feral cat, in two years, you will have stopped 144 kittens from being born?

\*By spaying one dog, it creates 18 more spaces in a shelter or home.

\*5.4 million Americans have Alzheimers disease. 43% of Americans over the age of 85 have this disease.

## WANTED

Newspaper  
Mosquito Coils  
Canned Cat Food  
Dry Cat Food  
Clumping Cat Litter  
5 Tier Plastic Shelving  
Shower Curtains  
Food Bowls  
Dry Dog Food  
Foam Floor Mat

Services of a  
Carpenter and  
Yard Man



## K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

Our long time friend Deb Wilson signed up to test her dog Phocus for the AKC Canine Good Citizen test in May. As Labs are my true love, I instantly fell in love with this adorable two year old Black Lab who hails from Marantha Kennels in Maine.

Phocus was donated to by a Kaneohe physician and his wife.

Marantha Kennels is known for their P dogs who are already conducting work in disaster areas. Many FEMA and State K9 Search and Rescue find them to be wonderful working dogs.

So began Phocus' journey to Hawaii to begin his new life as a part of the Hawaii Urban Search and Rescue Unit!

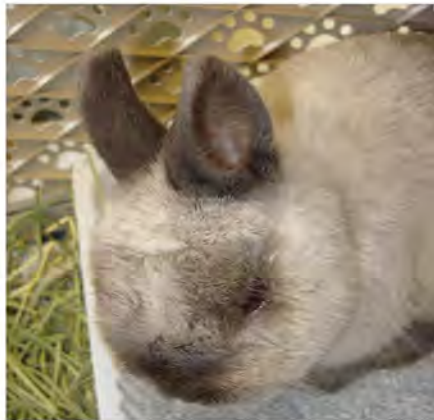
Good luck to you all!



## At the Sanctuary

### PIKACHU

The Tails Sactuary recently took in a bunny that was found in a yard during the rainy season. She had a terrible cough and cold and it took several months before Pikachu felt healthy again. Many thanks to Liz Hawkins who brought Pikachu to us. Pikachu is now in training to become a therapy rabbit for Tails.



### MEGLIMI

Megumi the Meijiro had fallen out of the nest at a school and still needed to be hand fed. She now is able to fly and feed herself. We hope to set her free soon.



**ANDREA**



**Boomer**

**Blaze**



**Angus**

Many teams members have read the emails from Andrea and have wanted to meet her. Andrea returned for two weeks in May to pick up her boys, Blaze (in the photo), Angus and Boomer to take back to Arkansas with her. Carolyn Weber, our board member, accompanied Andrea on her trip back to Arkansas with the boys.

The good news I received is that the chemotherapy is working! Andrea has plans to return toward the end of this year, and Tails will plan to have a gathering for her. Don't forget to keep on sending those prayers for Andrea as they have been a great comfort to her.

Andrea, thank you for coming into our lives!

### **OH MY!**

As another birthday nears, I have been pondering...and my thoughts are that everything starts from a single cell. Whether it is a human, animal, or plant. It grows beautifully when it is nurtured. And that is basically what life is about. Even when we are grown, the need to be nurtured never ends.

It should be our goal to help others, and that means caring for them, believing in them, giving them a second chance, experiencing the power of forgiveness, learning to let go, rejecting violence, and having love in our heart. I hope everyone who has participated with Tails has experienced this nurturing. That has been my wish for everyone, to feel beautiful and loved.

### **XYLITOL**

The sugar alcohol xylitol used in products like toothpaste, and sugar-free baked goods may be safe for humans, but can pose a serious health threat for pets. Xylitol which can be found in chewable vitamins, throat lozenges, sprays, chewing gum, and mints can cause sudden drops in blood sugar (hypoglycemia) and well as liver failure in dogs. A pet that ingests xylitol can show signs of depression, loss of coordination and vomiting which can occur within minutes to days of ingestion.

## WHY TAILS TEAM MEMBERS ARE SO EFFECTIVE

1. Choice - Teams are always given choices of places to visit, whether they want to participate in other outside activities, and in working with other team members on projects. Teams tend to have a higher level of dedication, commitment and ownership to that which they choose to do.
2. Decision - Teams are allowed their own action plans for implementation. While "choice" deals with what one may do, "decision" deals with how one may accomplish it. Teams take more pride in their action plans and have a higher level of buy in when they are in charge.
3. Creativity - Tails allows for alternative and diverging implementation plans to emerge, and make the work of the teams a safe environment.
4. Action Plan Feedback - Everyone tries to provide the other with feedback (positive or constructive) after an endeavor by specifically referencing the action steps that lead to the final outcome. This allows the team to have a better understanding of how to proceed in future situations and gain greater success and effectiveness.
5. Challenge - We make every effort to ensure that the work the team does is suitable to their expertise, knowledge and desire. Teams need to be challenged and there should never be complacency.
6. Competition - A little friendly competition is always great to keep the blood flowing. After all, we are all winners when we volunteer!



## CAT VS. DOG

In a recent survey by Interlick of cat and dog owners, it was found that there is an actual difference...

\*Dog owners are highly influenced by word-of-mouth recommendations from trusted sources and are least influenced by price.

\*Cat owners pay attention to price and veterinarian recommendations.

\*Dog owners spend 25 percent more at major pet retail outlets.

\*Cat owners are more likely to shop neighborhood grocery stores.

\*Dog owners are 50 percent more likely than cat owners to "spoil" their pets with branded or organic food.