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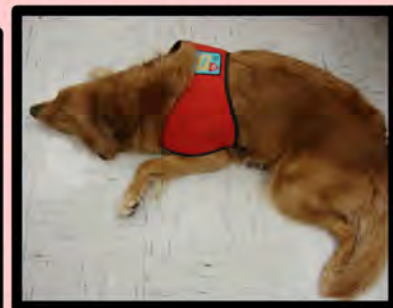
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# Precious Yawata

## TITLE GUARANTY'S COMMUNITY SERVICE LEGACY AWARD

Congratulations to Mabel Yawata on receiving Title Guaranty's Community Service Legacy award for her work with Tails of Aloha! What makes this special is that this is the first Service Legacy Award presented by Title Guaranty.

Mabel and Randy Yawata, along with their son Keith, have been visiting various facility's for the past three years with Precious, a nine year old Golden Retriever. Together as a therapy team, the Yawata's have provided healing power of compassion and love, mixed in with happiness, relaxation, and companionship.



# Seeing Stars



Being in the right place at the right time... Kelly Hu graciously agreed to take a photo with Jaime Psak. Wow! That Kelly Hu is really tall!

# Meet Noe

Noe is a fawn and white short-haired chihuahua who is 3.5 pounds of Aloha. Her name in Hawaiian means the "misty rain". She has two mixed-breed long-haired doggie siblings named Kila and 'Ami, who are way bigger than her. They are one big, happy, playful family.

At two years of age, Noe is the baby of our family. She knows how to sit, wave, beg, shake paws, stay, lie down, roll over, and dance on her hind legs, and say "please" by tapping your hand, and will perform only when she feels like it. Noe loves to sunbathe, go on play dates with her doggie pals, wear cute clothes, go for car rides, snuggle under blankets, and go holo holo day or night. She enjoys meeting new friends and visiting new places. Since she was a year old, she has been visiting care and nursing homes with her chi-pals from the Chihuahua Club of Hawai'i. She is looking forward to being a part of the "Tails of Aloha" ohana in her new role as a therapy dog!



Noe



Noe's therapy team members (a.k.a. parents) are Randy and Karen Soon.



## Congratulations!



Carolyn Weber who is now Eisai Inc.'s Critical Care Oncology Account Specialist for the State of Hawaii! Eisai Inc. is a subsidiary of Tokyo-based Eisai Co., Ltd., a research-based human health care company that develops and markets products throughout the world.

Team member, Gary Honda has become a Grandpa! Ka'isa Takuma Won Pat-Borja was born on July 8, 2009. We hope to see Gary and Kuro after Ka'isa gets a little older.

# I Can Read!

Hi, My name is Buddy! I'm a Reading Education Assistance Dog. That means I help people learn to read. When I became a certified therapy dog, my handler was looking for ways to us to volunteer and discovered the R.E.A.D. program. My job is to listen and I'm really good at it. I listen, and I listen, and I listen. Sometimes I hear the same story over and over again. Sometimes I fall asleep. But I'm always listening. you see, it's hard for a child who has trouble reading to find someone to listen to them, without correcting them or rushing them. I am the perfect listener. I listen if they read slowly or if they skip words, or if they mispronounce or if they make up words. When children are finished reading to me, they feel very proud. They usually ask if they can read another book to me, they feel very proud. They usually ask if they can read another book to me, and I usually nod my head. The more they read, the better readers they become. I like my job!



## NAVSEA Coin Award

Paul Marietti was astonished to receive the first coin presented by Vice Admiral Kevin McCoy, Commander NAVSEA. Paul simply welcomed Vice Admiral McCoy upon hearing of his new command. He later found out that he was the one person who welcomed the Vice Admiral out of 48,000 under the Vice Admiral's command. It was the first coin Paul has received in his 25 years with the Department of Defense!





# Nail Care

Recently we've been seeing a lot more owners experiencing problems with trimming nails.

If a nail injury occurs, you can try soaking the paw in some warm water with some Hawaiian salt.

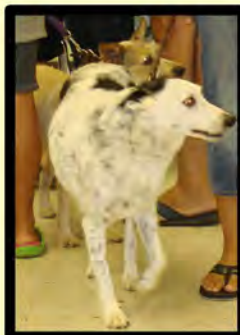
The homeopathic remedy would be to use hypericum.

If it is a major paw injury with raw tissue, clean, and use Calendula ointment mixed with hypericum tincture, then wrap the paw. Change the wrap daily and soak the paw in a Calendula tea bath. Paw should be fine within ten days.

To get your pet used to having their nails trimmed, holding and gently stroke and massage the paw to get them used to their paw being touched. Have your treats ready, it may take several days to complete the trimming as you will only be trimming a nail at a time and providing praise and a treat. Never rush the trimming.

## Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

Many thanks to Reverend Masa Takizawa of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu for participating in our pet blessing on June 27 as part of our animal therapy visit with the residents of Maluhia. Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha-Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu is a Shinto Shrine was established in 1920 to perpetuate Shinto traditions in Hawaii. The shrine has a rich history with a wonderful website, [www.e-shrine.org](http://www.e-shrine.org).



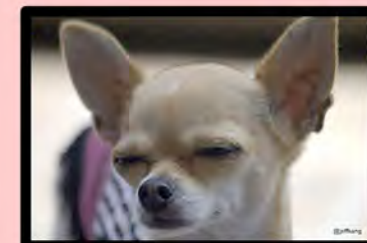
# Pets and the Plaza



It was hot and muggy, but the Tails team members drew in the crowd at Restaurant Row with free flowers, Bruce's exotic birds, Louie's flashy outfits, Babe's infectious smile, and our little Danes, Rambo and Polo who were joined later by Mokka.



# Hairy Pawter at Koko Marina



July 11 was a huge project for Tails of Aloha. Warren used his truck to tow the hot dog cart, shaved ice machine and popcorn machine to Koko Marina for Bark Avenue's Hairy Pawter event. The items were given away by Tails of Aloha. Our doggie babies were dressed for the event and two of our team members were selected as finalists in the costume contest. Our new shirts were also a big hit! I can hardly wait to see what happens next July!