

Tails of Aloha

May 2012



Changing Lives, One Visit at a Time

Zeke and Mimi

What is a Chihuahua's lifelike in the island paradise? It's a non-stop adventure! Nine year old Mimi and six year old Zeke enjoy their adventurous life in Hawaii. Whether hiking, biking, kayaking, or horseback riding, you name it and they have done it! Mimi has even gone parasailing and glider riding in the Hawaiian sky! Besides all the outdoor adventures, they also love to go shopping with their mommy in a stylish pet stroller, and get stopped wherever they go. They have dressed up for every occasion, won many costume contests, and enjoy the doggie fashion world. What a life!!! They are members of the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii and all kinds of events they were selected for the Hawaii Pet issue. They also friendly hotel and featured in pet the internet. Zeke is super loving and Mimi is super sweet. Their parents are very proud of them and hope they can continue to bring smiles to peoples faces by becoming members of Tails of Aloha.



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Simply 'chillin' at the beach



Join us at the Tails of Aloha
fundraiser on August 16 at
Keehi Lagoon's Weinberg Building!

UH Pre-Med Students



For the second consecutive year, the University of Hawaii Pre-Med Students volunteered with the team members of Tails at Maluhia. We will see a big change in the way future physicians view animal therapy in the not too distant future. We wish you all success in your endeavors in becoming practicing physicians.



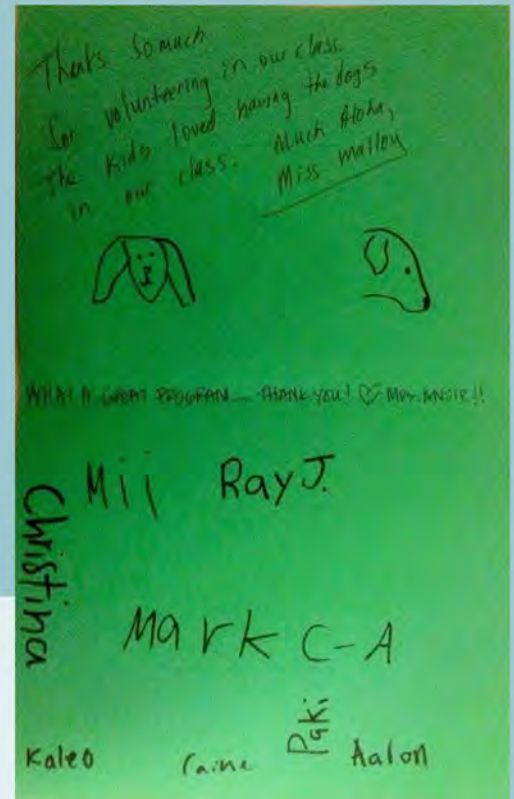
Girl Scout Junior Troop #128

A huge Mahalo to Susan Oshiro and the girls of Troop #128, Chloe, Emiko, Kaliko, Nicole, Lindsay, Olivia, Kayla-Anne, and Rachael, for allowing us time to present our program at their meeting on May 4 at Mililani Ike. No only were we welcomed, given leis, and cookies, the Troop also presented Tails of Aloha with a donation of \$100 from their cookie sales! We are so fortunate to have such wonderful supporters like Troop #128!



Kainalu Elementary

Our friends and Kainalu Elementary wanted you to know how much they appreciated your visits and they hope the teams will be able to visit with them again next school year.



Lingering Thoughts

"We cannot choose how we enter this world, but we can decide how we are going to leave it." That was one of the conversations I had with our team member, Sharon Black, six months before she left us. I needed to know that her passing would be on her own terms, and that she would face it as she had faced every obstacle that came before here in her life.

I reminded Sharon that she had received love, appreciation, and encouragement, and had also passed it on to those in need. I reminded her that the love, knowledge, support, friendship, time and encouragement she had provided to others would last even after she had physically left us.

We chatted about people who lived for power and control. That they lived in a "me-me" world and did not care who paid the price. I reassured her that this would work for a time, but eventually, they would experience a backlash, as you can never escape Karma.

I shared with Sharon what Albert Einstein wrote, "It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out." Wow, these words from a man of science blew her away.

Achieving a balance between receiving and giving is what enables us to live a happy life; and this should be our highest priority. Writing has always been my way of coping with and coming to terms with situations in my life. Sharon, thank you for your love and compassion. We always agreed to disagree...which we did a lot of...but that made our bond of friendship even stronger. In the end, you decided how you would leave us, on your own terms. You brought everyone together, and I thank you for being a friend, mentor, advocate, and sistah to us all.



Pet Expo 2012



A super-duper 'MAHALO' to all the team members who assisted at the booth, and to those team members who stopped by to chat.

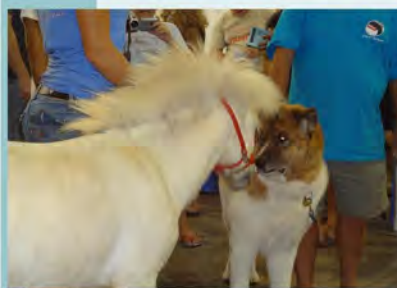
This year was special as we were right next to fellow team members, Jeff Wong, Allison Jayne, DVM, and Kaori Fiack.



Our friends at K9 Search and Rescue were one row over, along with Hawaii CAN, Cat Friends, K9 Kokua, the Rabbit Club, as well as the many new friends we were lucky to have met this year!



We were delighted to have Carina and Teddy the mini horse spend some time at the expo. It was a long and arduous journey for them all the way from Haleiwa! And notice his cute sneakers!



Christine Clairmont's therapy cats, Meri and Dean entered the Cat Fanciers show and guess what....they won! Not just one ribbon, but 5 ribbons between the two of them!



The best looking couple was our four legged team members Toby and Ginger dressed as the Japanese couple!



As for Brady the Bearded Collie and Happy the Pom, they were simply tuckered out, and needed to take a short nap.

