

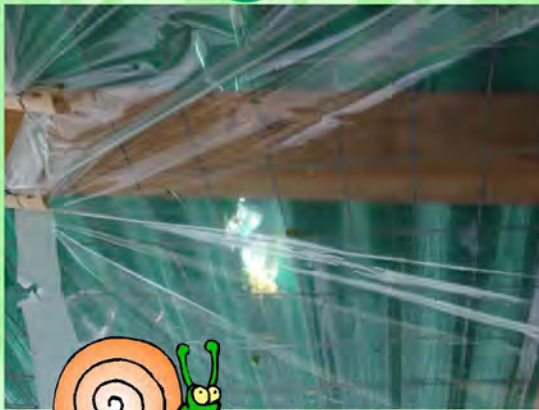


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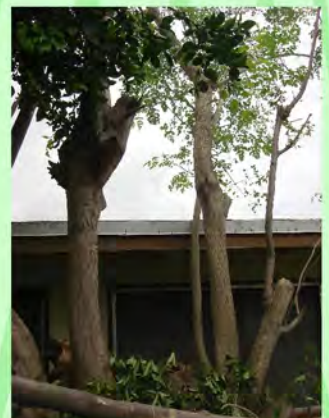
Pedigree Hale Takes a Hit



It wasn't classified as a huge storm, just a lot of rain. But the March 4 storm hit the Sanctuary pretty hard. At the first break of light, I put on my rain boots and surveyed the kennels for damage. I thought I wasn't too bad, until I saw the Pedigree Hale. The neighbor's calamungai tree snapped like a twig and crashed onto the kennel. Luckily the damage was minor and the animals were fine. So until we are able to repair the damage to the roof in two weeks, they have a sunroof!



A few weeks later... Thanks to our new volunteers, Henry Santiago and Barry Luke for removing and adding the new roof to our Hale! They also assisted in repairing the cracked tiles and worked on cleanign part of the yard. They even agreed to return to assist with additional work on the kennels and yard!



Tails of Aloha

Changing Lives, One Visit at a Time

Newest Member of Tails

Tails is happy to announce the latest addition to our group of volunteers! Meet Lalena Kaleleiki, who weighed in at 9 lbs. and 2 oz. on February 16, 2011 at 11:06 a.m.

Mom, Lauren, also wanted to add that she was in labor for over 50 hours, had 3 epidurals (which did not work), and finally had an emergency C-section. Lauren is enjoying her new life as a mom and hopes to be back with everyone as a therapy team member soon!



Outstanding Female Senior Citizen



Congratulations to Roselle Wong on her nomination for the Mayor's 45th Senior Recognition Program which was held on April 21 at the Hawaiian Convention Center. Roselle received a Certificate of Recognition from Mayor Peter Carlisle for her work as a volunteer for Tails of Aloha.

Reading Education Assistance Dogs

Another team member becomes registered with Intermountain Therapy's Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.).

Along with Kathy Summers and Andrea Beaulieu, Gayle Igarashi has become a registered team member as we go forward in working with the schools and libraries on reading programs.



Cat Friends

If you own a cat or care for a feral colony needing to be spayed or neutered, let us know! We can put you in contact with Cat Friends who does cat spay/neuters and micro chipping at really reduced cost.



Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation

Tails of Aloha was able to purchase iron-on patches to identify the teams when visiting nursing homes, and other locations

Our new acquisitions, thanks to the assistance of the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation are:

- Patches for our team members
- An addition to our Id card printer which will now allow us to print on both sides of the card for identification purposes
- An identification tag engraver for the dogs to verify that they are Tails of Aloha therapy dogs

Because of increased security at the various locations the teams visit, the items we were able to purchase will make our visits with the elderly and children much simpler.



Peace from a Dear Dog

By Kathy Summers

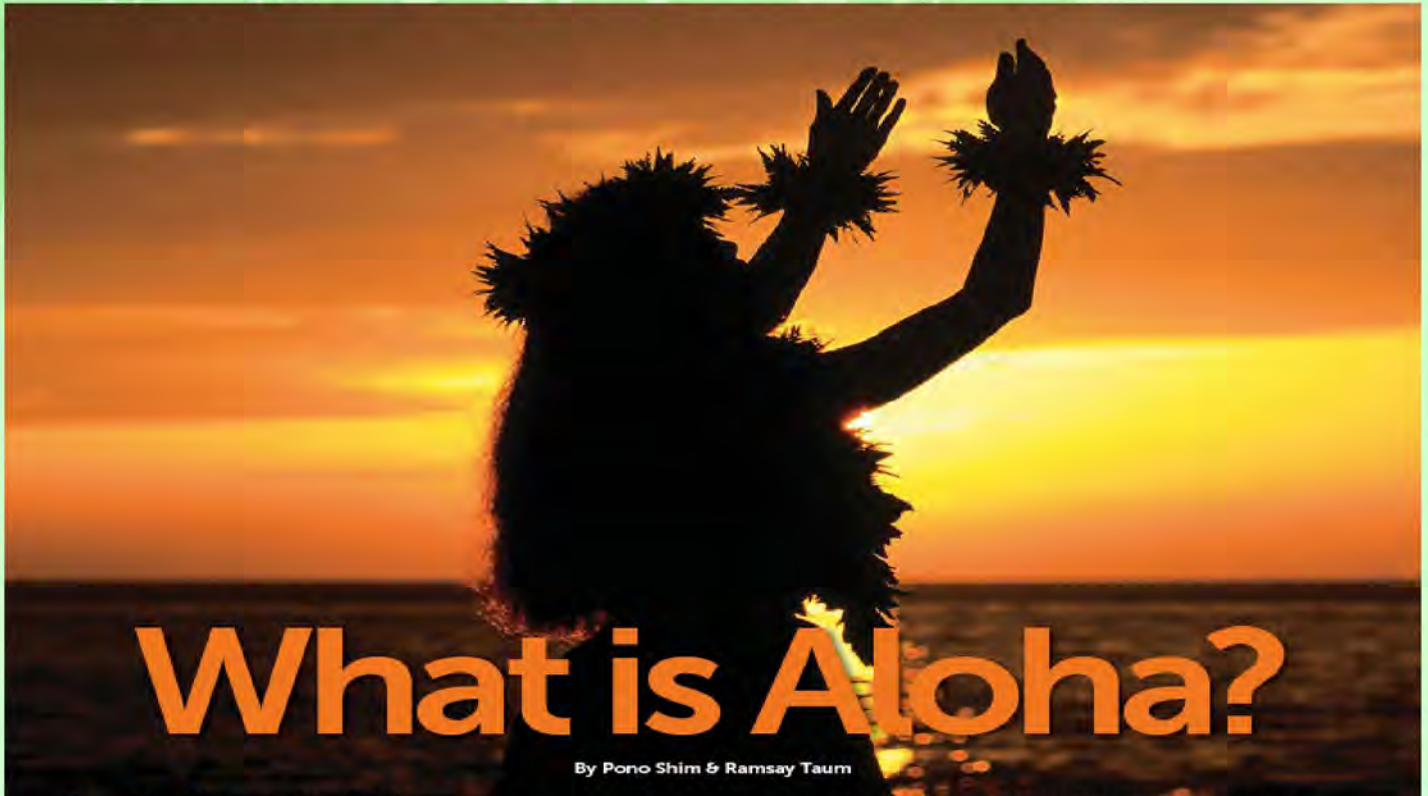
Today I take my Golden Retriever, Willy, to visit several hospice patients at a nursing home. Willy is eight years old and as gentle and loving as a dog can be. He is really an angel of peace to people. One lady wanted to say the Lord's prayer with Willy, so she did. Another man was so touched to see a dog near him. He did not want Willy to leave. The responses of the people are not to me. They are to this dog who offers such unconditional love to each person. I think of all the social issues in the world that need help and if not for so many family responsibilities, I would go to one of those places. I think that I always pray to be an advocate for peace and think of many young people in parts of the world giving their lives for freedom. I am too old and far away to make a difference for them, but I know Willy has brought peace today in a nursing home in a small Hawaiian town. What he has done has mattered.



Children and Youth Day

It was fate (and John Wadahara) that got us to the Children and Youth Day Event and the State Capital in October of 2010.

Senator Chun Oakland sent us this poster by Pono Shim and Ramsay Taum which embraces what "Aloha" means. As we are 'Tails of Aloha' I wanted to share this poster with the team members in the hopes that you share your 'Aloha' during your therapy visits as well as in your daily life.



What is Aloha?

By Pono Shim & Ramsay Taum

What is Aloha? What is this special "spirit" that is universally spoken of? For some of us it is more than a greeting, but rather a life force that defines who we are and why we are here.

Auntie Pilahi Paki, who was a "keeper of the secrets of Hawai'i" tasked several of her students to be prepared for the future when the world would be in collapse. She spoke of the time when Hawai'i would have the remedy to save the world and the remedy was 'Aloha'. In 1970, at a Governor's conference she introduced modern Hawai'i to a deeper understanding of 'Aloha'

A Akahai – meaning kindness (grace), to be expressed with tenderness;

L Lokahi – meaning unity (unbroken), to be expressed with harmony;

O 'Olu'olu – meaning agreeable (gentle), to be expressed with pleasantness;

H Ha'aha'a – meaning humility (empty), to be expressed with modesty;

A Ahonui – meaning patience (waiting for the moment), to be expressed with perseverance.

A secret of "Aloha" is that a person cannot do one of the principles without truly doing all and if you are not doing one you are not doing any. So, to be "Living Aloha" is to live all of the principles. An even deeper meaning of "Aloha" that Auntie Pilahi Paki shared with us can be found in a quote from our Queen.

The Queen's quote found on epilogue page of the book "The Betrayal of Lili'uokalani" – By Helena G. Allen

In 1917, after Queen Lili'uokalani had seen the end of the Hawaiian monarchy, she said to her hanai daughter, Lydia K. Aholo, "To gain the kingdom of heaven is to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen, and to know the unknowable – that is Aloha. All things in this world are two: in heaven there is but One."
– Queen Lili'uokalani (1917)

Aloha is an overarching principle. Like most Hawaiian words, it has many meanings. It can be a noun, verb, adjective and adverb. It is prescriptive, descriptive and subscript.

Aloha is more than a greeting or salutation. It is a condition, a way of life, a mind set and an attitude.

Aloha is an action, not a reaction. It is a natural response of respect, love and reciprocity, and not a contrived series of motions or expressions that have been rehearsed and perfected for a commercial expectation.

Aloha is to be in the presence of life, to share the essence of one's being with openness, honesty and humility. It is a way of being, a way of behaving, a way of life. It is a commitment to being real. It is a commitment to accepting others and giving dignity to who they are and what they have to offer.

Aloha is not a slogan, pitch line or monogram. It is a spiritual principle that conveys the deepest expression of one's relationship with oneself, the creative and life-giving forces, one's family and community, and with one's friends and strangers.

Aloha!

Wounded Warrior Program

The March-May, 2011 Hawaiian Humane Society features Tails of Aloha member, Chris Glarrow and his dog, Mumu as his service and therapy dog. Tails assisted Chris as part of our Wounded Warrior program with training and testing Mumu to become a service and therapy dog. Luckily, Mumu had her basic obedience training already completed so the ADA portion took a few months of training.

Tails of Aloha assists owners who have trained obedience dogs of their own and require a service dog with the approval of their physician. It should be noted that only 40% of the owners and dogs pass the requirements according to ADA.

Although Tails was not mentioned as the group doing the training and testing in the article, we wanted to keep you informed of the many ways we assist others, keeping to our motto of "Changing Lives, One Visit at a Time."



Haku Baldwin Center

Aulani, a 20-pound Flemish giant rabbit is enjoying her new home at the Haku Baldwin Center in Makawao.

The rescued rabbit arrived on Maui on January 5 aboard a Pacific Wings charter flight!

Shannon Dominguez, director of the center's Animal-Assisted Therapy, Animal Education Program, and member of Tails of Aloha, said Aulani surprised everyone by giving birth to eight bunnies, seven of which survived.

Aulani will be joining the other therapy animals as soon as her motherly duties are over.



Feline Diabetes

Did you know that Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes in the United States? It doesn't only affect people as 1 out of 200 cats nationwide are affected by diabetes, and the numbers are rising for cats. Like humans, obesity predisposes cats to diabetes, making diet a major factor in maintaining a cat's health. Some of the signs of diabetes are:

- * Increased thirst
- * Sudden increase in appetite
- * Sudden weight loss, despite an increased appetite
- * Increased urination
- * Increased lethargy

There is a website that provides additional information at www.mycathasdiabetes.com

Hawaiian Kennel Club

Our therapy dogs don't simply sit at home waiting for their next therapy visit, they are active in other events such as the Hawaiian Kennel Club's show in March.

Our two girls, Miata and Ginger placed! Miata is now officially a Grand Champion!



Wish List

Mosquito Coils

Newspaper

Bricks

Canned Cat Food

Dry Cat Food

Solar Spot Light

Solar Bug Light

Clear Shower Curtain

Clumping Cat Litter

Timothy Hay

Bird Seed

Water Bowls

