

Tails of Aloha

September 2011

Changing Lives, One Visit at a Time



KIKIkananda the Chihuahua



Submitted by Stephanie Teves

Kiki is a female, "deer head", short coat, fawn-colored, Chihuahua. She was rescued in August 2004 from a Laotian speaking home. Her owner at the time, unfortunately, could not keep two small dogs in a rental apartment.

After Kiki was taken into her new home, the first order of business was a trip to the veterinarian to get her health checked, vaccinations and scheduling a spay procedure. The vet guessed Kiki's age at a year or a year and a half. In her short life, she already had one unplanned litter of three puppies. The second order of business was teaching her the English language.

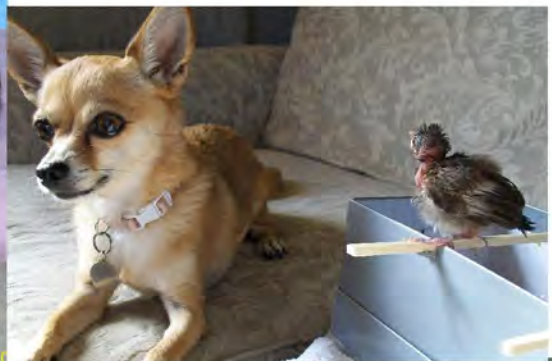
Kiki has since acquired an ILP number from the American Kennel Club. She then became a member of the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii and was enrolled in puppy and novice training classes. Kiki is also a member of the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii, and as a group has participated in Cinco de Mayo fashion show at the Aloha Tower Marketplace, Chihuahua Olympics, and the annual Pet Expo.

Going on pet visits started quite early by accident in 2005 with an invitation from a dog pack known as "Claire's Friends" who made monthly visits to a senior living facility.

The rest, as they say, is HERstory.



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Le'a the Golden Retriever



Le'a

Submitted by Gayle Lanthier

Le'a is a four year old Golden Retriever who has just been certified with Tails of Aloha. So far, we have visited Maluhia and Kainalu Elementary. We are anxious to meet all the other members (2-legged and 4-legged) and participate in special events as well as weekly visits.

Lea's favorite hikes are the Pali and Tantalus, but her first love is the ocean. She can never get enough of retrieving her favorite water toy, the Wubba, and can be seen at Diamond Head Beach charging the waves. She is currently doing agility training with HAHA and is one of the members of a new group called Dock Dogs, where the dog runs down a long ramp and the owner throws a toy ahead of the dog as the dog leaps off the dock.

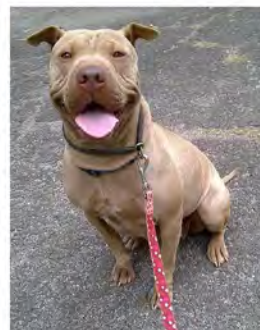
As for me, I am retired from American Airlines. You will often find me walking in the Kaimuki area pushing one of my four grandchildren in a stroller with Le'a close by. I enjoy needlework, gardening, surfing, doing agility and water activities with Le'a and traveling. One of my favorite trips was driving cross-country with Le'a where she had her first experience with snow, cactus, deer and skunks.

Update on the Adopted Sharpei's

Sadie is a 2 year old Sharpei who is very good with adults and children. She is leashed trained and highly motivated by toys. Sadie does have issues with cats and other small animals.

Sadie will be losing her foster home as of October and needs to find her furrever home soon!

If you are interested in Sadie, please contact ferndoggies@gmail.com.



Rumble on the Roof

Mahalo to Paul and Ann Marietti for their participation and \$200 donation on behalf of Tails of Aloha to the Rumble on the Roof held at Honolulu Ford. Tropies were purchased for the Hawaii Performance Mustangs.



Smallz was the male Sharpei that was brought in with Sadie and found a wonderful home in Kaimuki. It appears that he was killed by rat poison by the neighbors. Reports were made, but without witnesses or video, there is nothing that can be done legally. His owners are devastated as he turned out to be the most loving dog a family could own!





Urinary Tract Infections

Some of us have had it, and so can our pets. Urinary tract infections are caused by bacteria which have spread from the urethra. Some are due to bladder stones secondary to diet. Others are primary inflammation of the lining of the bladder wall.

Take your pet to the veterinarian if your pet is straining to urinate and not producing urine. There may be a blockage of bladder stones which would require emergency care.

There are some herbs that may help with prevention after the first incidence such as hydrangea, stone root, gravel root, and corn silk.

Vitamin C acidifies the urine and may prevent the recurrence of bladder stones and bladder infections.

Cranberry is a traditional home remedy used for people with recurrent urinary tract infections. The beneficial effects are from the acidification of the urine and by making it more difficult for the bacteria to adhere to the bladder wall.

The goal is to acidify the urine to prevent the recurrence of the most common bladder stone which is struvite. Diets higher in protein are more acidifying, There are specific veterinary diets designed for acidification.

In all cases of infections or stones, additional fluid intake is mandatory in treatment and preventing recurrence. For cats, canned food may be the best course. For dogs, water can be added to their dried food..

A homeopathic medication called Cantharis can provide some symptomatic pain relief from urinary tract infections.

There is also a Chinese herb for dogs with recurrent urinary tract infections called Ba Zheng San which is very effective.



Donations

Donations are what keeps our programs running. Funding for items such as books for our reading programs at the various schools, stickers and tattoos for the children, and printing costs for our brochures. One of our greatest expenses is the food, upkeep of the shelters, and veterinary expenses for the animals at the sanctuary. So if you have not made your end of the year donation yet, keep us in mind. We accept donations via Paypal through our website or checks made out to Tails of Aloha.



Cat Friends

Many thanks to Jennifer Kishimoto, Dr. Hetts, and all the volunteers at Cat Friends who help us to trap/neuter/spay and microchip the feral cats in Waipahu and various other locations on the island! We would not be able to have such a positive impact without your help!

Lanai Animal Rescue

Great news! Tails is finally on Lanai! We have teamed up with Dr. Kathy Carroll and the volunteers at Lanai Animal Rescue. We are currently working on testing a blind cat to become a therapy cat. This is a beginning of a wonderful relationship for everyone involved. Welcome to the Ohana!





A Break-in at Mama Manju's Neko House!

From the cat burglar documentary: I had seen this kitten alone for about a week, crying when he/she saw me, but very feral. So I fed it separately from the other ferals. As he/she ate, the sound was a familiar "mmmm good, I'm starving sound" I've heard other cats do in the past.

Then about 2 days ago, he/she began to hang around Mama Manju's kennel. None of the cats seemed to mind, and they are usually very territorial when it comes to their residence. I thought that was quite out of character for this colony.

It was approximately 6:30 p.m. on September 26 when the last cat kennel was being cleaned and Mama Manju and her 4 year old kittens (now cats) were being fed and groomed. All of a sudden, out of the corner of my eye is see a kitten approximately 3 months old sitting on my right side. I blink 4-5 times as I thought, it was just my eyes were playing tricks on me. It was a break-in by a cat burglar!

I guess it is a good thing as I can now catch the kitten to take to Cat Friends for a spay/neuter, microchip and return it back to Mama Manju's Neko House.

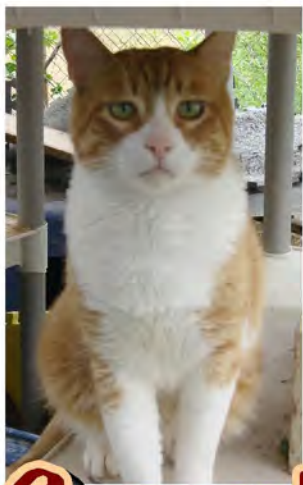
Oh, the kitten's name.... Abracadabra.

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Above: Sherbet on the top shelf and Mama Manju rubbing her face against the kennel wite.

Update on the Maluhia Cats



General



Hulkie

General & Hulkie

People have been asking for updates on the cats removed from Maluhia as a decision by the administration office. General and Hulkie are doing fine! Hulkie's huge neck and body thickness caused by his high testosterone level has decrease greatly since his neuter. He now allows me to carry him! General is always the gentle cat that loves to be carried, but wants to be the only cat. They reside in separate kennels as they don't get along with each other.