

## OPIE

Opie is a special needs cat. He is one of the most loving and beautiful cats with the loudest purr machine I have ever heard. Opie is 16 years old, and must be an indoor only cat. He appears to be either a Norwegian Forest Cat or Maine Coon. He walks a little stiff and he has allergies which give him the "itchies". He should be on medicine which we will provide. He would be a purrfect purr pal for a senior and we are hoping that someone out there will make Opie's senior years the happiest yet. We know that Opie will give back even more than he gets.



Do you have room in your heart but not your home? If you cannot adopt a kitty can you sponsor one and save a life? The tiny kitten below was found starving and abandoned. You can sponsor a cat and make monthly donations at our website through Paypal or if you make an annual pledge, we can send you monthly reminders. Monthly commitments are so important to us as they allow us to budget and allocate our expenses. Please consider monthly donations if you cannot take a kitty into your home. **ONLY A BABY AND LEFT ALONE TO STARVE. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



**9<sup>th</sup> LIFE HAWAII**  
**A NO-KILL CAT RESCUE & SANCTUARY**  
*and non-profit*  
**501C3 Organization**

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***Dedicated to the Protection  
Of Homeless Cats in Hawaii***

A BIG THANK YOU to our local community sponsors: OFFICEMAX for sponsoring a newsletter, WAL-MART for their generous gift certificate, KAHULUI FLORIST for purchasing cat food for us, THE MAUI WEEKLY, MANA'O RADIO & THE MAUI BULLETIN for their public service help. We invite the community of Maui and others to embrace the "NO-KILL, NO MORE HOMELESS PETS" philosophy that is sweeping the country. We can humanely and compassionately control cat over-population but to do this, we need your help.

[Visit our website](#)

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HAPPINESS IS BEING OWNED BY CATS

Corporate and business sponsorships are much appreciated & will be gratefully recognized on our website. We have a big job to do and we need your help. It is estimated there are between 100,000 - 500,000 homeless cats on Maui. That is a big problem and if you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. We ask for your help to humanely and compassionately remedy the cat-overpopulation by utilizing TNR (Trap, neuter, release). Cats are trapped, and neutered and when possible the cats are returned to their colonies and volunteer caretakers continue to monitor the colonies and provide regular supplies of food, water and medication.

However, some of our rescues are disabled cats, kittens and cats from colonies that have been under attack by humans or dogs. Other kitties have been dumped in the cane fields that are routinely set on fire as part of the harvesting process, therefore they can never be returned to the cane fields after they are neutered. All of these kitties will remain at one of our sanctuaries until a loving home is found. **9<sup>th</sup> LIFE HAWAII** is the only **NO-KILL**, non-profit, cat rescue organization on Maui that maintains a sanctuary for those kitties that have no other place to safely stay.

Below is Sweet Girl. We are still looking for a special home for her as she only has one good eye. Please contact us if you are interested in adopting any of our cats and/or please go to our website to see more kitties available for adoption. We have other special needs kitties that need help too. Please read story on the back.



**PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER AND SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PET. CALL US IF YOU NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PET.**

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**A SUCCESS STORY**

9<sup>th</sup> Life received a phone call from a very distraught woman who had been feeding a tiny feral kitten living in the rocky slopes behind her apartment. She was leaving for a weeks vacation and was terrified the kitty would starve or be attacked by dogs, or run across a very heavily-trafficked street in front of her apartment. I grabbed a trap and rushed down to Wailuku because the kitty was used to being fed around that time. In no time at all, the kitty walked into the trap, and was on her way back to a 9<sup>th</sup> Life sanctuary. She fit in the palm of one hand, and weighed less than a pound, but was feisty and spent a lot of time trying to make herself look bigger as she hissed and spit at me. She is incredibly beautiful and at first was named "Nani" which means beautiful in Hawaiian. However, over the past month her true personality came forth.



She takes no guff from any of the other cats including a 17 pounder. So she was renamed Pele after the Hawaiian Goddess of the Volcano. Kind of appropriate too for a kitty that has all the colors of the lava and volcano in her fur. She is orange/red, black, silver, white, light brown and has tabby markings. I learned later this color combo is called "patched tabby or torbie". It took all of four days, working with her, petting her, holding her safely while I stroked her and in four days she was absolutely tame with me. Took her a little while longer to get used to other humans. But that is all it took. Four days!! Take a look at this photo as she lies on the bed amidst the stuffed bears. She now weighs 5 pounds and quite the handful. This little vignette is written for several reasons.

**First to let our readers know that feral kitties can be tamed with persistence and love and secondly even if they are never tamed. "Don't they still have a right to live?"**

Look at the photo. What do you think? 9<sup>th</sup> Life needs volunteers to head up a foster program to tame feral kitties so that they are adoptable. The percentage of feral kittens euthanized at the local Humane Society is almost 100% because they hiss and spit, and are considered unadoptable. Look at the photo again. Won't you please help?

**OUR WISH LIST**

We are seeking land as we are on leased property and we need to permanently secure our sanctuary. We also need lumber, roofing materials, chain link and hog wire to repair and expand the existing catteries and a Cat-loving carpenter/roofer/chain link installer to donate time. (not necessarily the same person) Also need an electrician to donate skills for a small electrical job. We know animal lovers are out there. Please help us by donating some time. With your help and the help of local vets such as Dr Kehler (Phone 879-5777 Kihei Veterinary Clinic ) and Dr. Moyer of Upcountry Veterinary Clinic (Phone 572-9665) in Makawao who have come forward to donate their services to work with us, we can make a huge difference. Together we can continue to humanely reduce the over-population problem.

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Please visit our web site for more info. and view kitties that are available for adoption.