

HOARDER CATS UPDATE

In our last newsletter we were heavily involved in the rescue of over 50 cats and kittens living in the most deplorable conditions. All had fleas, roundworms, tapeworms and Upper Respiratory Disease. Quite a few had ulcerated eyes and several had ringworm, ear mites and body lice. All had to be sterilized. We had our hands full. We want to thank our supporters who responded to our SOS as this rescue strained our financial and human resources to the max. We would also like to thank Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, PetSmart Charities and United Animal Nations who provided us with funding to take care of the sickest cats immediately.



Magic had ulcerated eyes and was covered in filth when rescued. Look at this big, healthy boy 6 months later.



Handsome had badly infected eyes & hair loss from lice when rescued. 6 months later, he grew into his name.



More Hoarder cats: LuvBug & O. J. two brothers above and Oreo below still waiting for their purrfect home.



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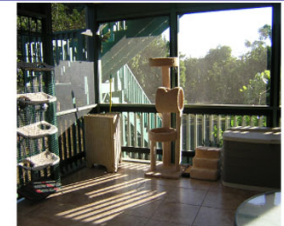
NO-KILL CAT RESCUE & SANCTUARY

A non-profit 501C3 Organization-Donations are tax deductible
Dedicated to the Protection of Homeless Cats in Hawaii

NEW ADOPTION CATTERY & RESIDENTS



Our orphaned bottle babies are especially loving towards people as they were raised by humans. We have many kittens and cats available to loving homes. Call 573-3365 to set up an appointment to see these precious babies.



Above our newly tiled adoption room. Jones General Reconstruction - Custom Remodeling, 276-5821 donated the installation. Tile donated by Next Level Marble & Granite, 875-4200. Miscellaneous supplies donated by Home Depot-Kahului, Maui. Mahalo to all of you for these fabulous donations.

In May of 2008, Phyllis Tavares, Executive Director-9th Life Hawaii had the pleasure of being given a behind the scenes tour at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary the largest No Kill Sanctuary in the United States and a model for all of us striving to carry the banner and lead the movement of **NO KILL, NO MORE HOMELESS PETS**. Below is a quote from Michael Mountain, President of Best Friends Animal Sanctuary taken from the Spring 2008 edition of the Best Friends Magazine.

Michael talks about the four million dogs and cats that are killed each year because they are homeless and abandoned and of the millions of pit bulls abandoned and dumped at big-city shelters.

By Michael Mountain, President
Best Friends Animal Sanctuary

"The next largest number of animals brought to the nations shelters (after pit bulls) are cats. Some are alley cats, others are homeless pets. And it can be difficult to tell the difference. Both are terrified, cringing at the back of their cages, and lashing out at the people who have "captured" them. So the easy, accepted and most promoted solution is just to kill them all. And in spite of all the progress, we are yet again hearing the same chorus of impossibility from the humane establishment that we (Best Friends) heard back then (in the 1980's). And yet again, they're missing the point.. NO KILL is not some idealistic, futuristic goal. It's not what happens at the end of a campaign. It's where we have to start. It's how we begin.

And it's not that stopping the killing is a better way. It's that stopping the killing is the only way. That's because it's only when you take killing off the table as a way of "helping" the animals that you really start looking for new ways that are truly going to work.

And that's why any organization that claims a leadership role in the humane movement has to take that position, once and for all. It's up to the leaders to find the solutions – to be real agents of change, to open the way to a new generation of animal protection." 9th Life Hawaii wholeheartedly agrees with Michael's statements and with Best Friends Animal Sanctuary's NO KILL ideology.

9th Life Hawaii advocates Spay Neuter as the only acceptable method to reduce companion animal overpopulation. Furthermore, it is the **ONLY** method absolutely guaranteed to work. YOUR donations enable us to continue to provide FREE or low-cost spay/neuter clinics for Maui's cats and to maintain our NO KILL Sanctuary which provides shelter for cats that were in harms way. Below : A few of our bottle babies. We have successfully raised bottle babies from as little as 3 ounces. They make great pets as being orphans raised by humans, they are extremely affectionate to people.



We have now sterilized over 900 cats. More than half of the surgeries were provided FREE. According to Dr. Howard Shaw, professor of Math & Computer Science (semi-retired), the number of kittens 9th Life (and your donations) will have prevented from being born might easily be as many as 50,000 over the next five years (assuming an adequate food supply). "It's just like 'The Miracle of Compound Interest'," Howard says, "except here it's working against us!" Although it is an astounding figure, it does account for the fact that estimates range from 100,000 to 500,000 homeless & abandoned cats on Maui. Your donations enabled us to provide these clinics.

MASS SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS COMING
We have saved the best news for last. We have received a grant from PetSmart Charities to purchase surgery room equipment. This will enable us to invite mainland vets, experienced in sterilizing 100-200 cats a day to help us continue our FREE/Low-Cost Clinics in 9th Life Hawaii's own surgery room. You can help by donating air miles to bring the vets and their staff to Maui. Lodging donations also needed. Call 808-572-3499 if you can help.

YES, I WANT TO HELP THE KITTIES

We cannot do our life-saving work without your help. Please consider donating at your best level. You are saving lives.

- \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____
- I want to sponsor a cat for a year (\$250.00)
- I want to sponsor a Spay/Neuter day (\$1,750.00)
- I want to donate air miles to bring vets to Maui for mass Spay/Neuter clinics. (see story inside page)
- I want to help 9th Life obtain a trailer for an isolation cattery.
- I am enclosing a \$5.00 donation to receive a Macy's shopping pass for 10%-20% off on Sept. 20 (You must also enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope)
- I wish to donate the enclosed gift certificate for your auctions.
- I want to help pay for the property. (We still need \$879,450.00)
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9th Life Hawaii is again participating in the Give Aloha Program at Foodland and Sack N Save Markets. Our participating number is 77993. To make a donation, simply tell the cashier. In the spirit of aloha, Foodland will proportionately match your donations which can be made at all Foodland & Sack N Save markets during the month of September. What a great way to help Maui's kitties. A big mahalo to Foodland.

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