

**RESCUED HOARDER CATS BELOW
NOW AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION**

WHEN RESCUED 6 WEEKS LATER
PEE WEE WAS STARVING



MORE HOARDER CATS BELOW



LUV BUG

O.J.

Above are two brothers we would like to adopt out together if possible as they are bonded. Luv Bug is a bundle of energy and quite the athlete. O.J. is more reserved (a real lap kitty). O.J.'s stripes are broken giving him the look of an orange Bengal, so he is exceptionally beautiful. Luv Bug's great looks speak for themselves.

Below are two more rescues: Handsome & LaBoca



LaBoca (Black & White on right) has scarring and some vision loss in his right eye from an Upper Respiratory ulcer, but otherwise fine. Can you make an indoor home for these two kittens that are obviously bonded?

GREAT WAY TO HELP MAUI'S KITTIES!

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HOARDER CAT RESCUE (Baby above & below)

Most of you who receive notices from us via email are aware that 9th Life Hawaii was called by the Maui Department of Health to help them in a hoarding situation. An elderly couple in very poor health were hoarding at least 50 cats and about 100 chickens in the most deplorable conditions.

The couple would not allow anyone to enter their home because they feared their cats would be taken away and killed. As Maui's only No Kill Cat Rescue, we provided the best option. We met with the elderly couple and assured them that no harm would come to their cats and the cats would receive proper medical help.

We promised to find loving homes for the adoptable cats and those that could not be adopted would remain safe and well-cared for at our sanctuary for the rest of their lives. Only then did the elderly couple allow Social Services personnel to enter their home to help them.



When we cleared the gunk away from Baby's eye only the socket remained. She had lost her ruptured eye to an untreated Upper Respiratory infection. She was severely anemic from flea bites and had so many fleas that more than half of her body was encrusted with a solid mass of flea poop.



When we first saw Magic (above) he was covered in chicken poop (look at his legs) and his right eye was hanging out. We were able to save both eyes and he has partial vision in both. Magic is fully recovered and available to an indoor only home. He is quite playful and gets around just fine, but his right pupil cannot dilate so he has some difficulty in the dark.

PHOTOS BELOW AT HOARDER'S PROPERTY



We had to step over dead chickens to get into the house and the stench from dead chickens, dead cats and chicken poop was indescribable. All of the cats were ill with Upper Respiratory. All had fleas. When we brought the cats back to 9th Life and bathed them, the bath water ran red with their blood! All had tapeworms, roundworms, and ear mites. Many had body lice, ringworm and ulcerated eyes. Quite a few only had partial vision due to ruptured eyeballs. These cats are still being treated for their illnesses. It is far from over. Because most of these cats were starving and in such poor health to begin with, their recovery to full health is slow and we are dealing with many medical issues.

Although 9th Life is not set up to take in so many sick cats at one time, somehow we did! Volunteers Ash Cutland, Alexis Plume, and Keith came forward and joined Phyllis Tavares, Exec. Director & Alisha Jensen, Vice President. Notwithstanding a few bites, lots of scratches, one twisted ankle, the rescue was incredibly successful. Other residents lent traps, & cages and donated food & medicine. Thank you all! It was hard but you made it easier.

We would especially like to thank PetSmart Charities, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and United Animal Nations for grants that allowed us to obtain immediate medical care and supplies for the sickest kitties and to begin sterilizing these cats.

Caring for so many ill cats has strained our resources and been extremely labor intensive. Sadly, we lost one kitten (almost immediately) who died from starvation. We still need special foods, antibiotics, lysine, pest control medications such as Revolution, vitamins and funds for their ongoing medical expenses. Many will require dental surgery. All have to be sterilized. These four photos (below and adjacent) show what we had to walk through to gain entrance to the home. Words cannot describe what was inside. Photos cannot capture the awful smell or the cats' misery.



We are now scheduling these cats for complete physical exams and surgeries. Will you help us continue our life-saving mission? We desperately need an isolation unit, preferably a free-standing travel trailer or construction trailer that we can renovate to isolate sick cats from our healthy cats. Unfortunately, the Upper Respiratory infections did spread to a few of our 9th Life sanctuary cats despite disinfecting shoes and clothing constantly and washing everything in hot water. **This rescue illustrated the great need we have for a fully separate isolation cattery.** If you have a travel trailer or construction trailer that you can donate, we really need it. If it is on the mainland, we would be willing to pay shipping costs to get it to Maui. Building something on Maui is simply cost prohibitive, but we can easily adapt a trailer into an isolation unit. Please help us.

And to the many people who responded to our email SOS regarding the Hoarder Cats, we are deeply grateful. You have helped save many lives. For those of you who are learning about this dreadful situation for the first time, we still need help. To those of you who have email addresses but are not on our email mailing list, please give us your email address for future newsletters. This will also save paper and postage, thereby reducing our costs and email allows us to get emergency information out quickly. Sometimes the ink smears on the form below, so please write your email address on a separate piece of paper and mail your email address to us at the address below or email it to us at 9thlifehawaii@earthlink.net. You can also leave your email address and sign up for our newsletters on our website: www.9thlifehawaii.org

Please consider sharing our information with your animal-loving friends. Our supporters forwarded our SOS email on and we even received donations from Canada, England, Germany and Australia. Mahalo to all of you for your kind hearts. We could not do our life-saving work without your help. Please, please consider donating at your best level.

YES, I WANT TO HELP THE KITTIES

- \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____
- I want to help the Hoarder Cats.
- I want to sponsor a cat for a year \$250.00
- I want to sponsor a Spay/Neuter day \$1,500.00
- I want to help obtain an isolation (trailer) cattery.
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