

9th LIFE HAWAII

MAUI'S LARGEST NO-KILL
ALL CAT RESCUE & SANCTUARY

A non-profit 501C3 Organization - Donations are tax deductible

Run Solely by Volunteers

Your entire donation goes to help the cats!



The kitties and their staff wish you the happiest of holidays and may 2013 bring you good health and good fortune.

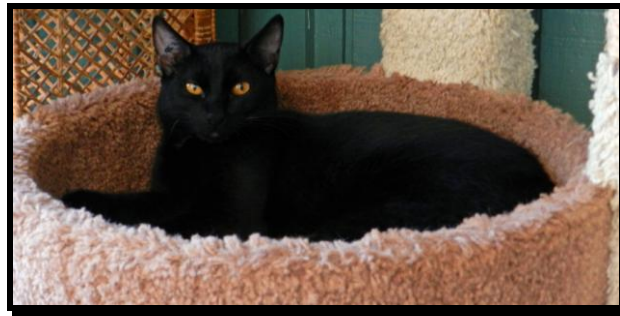
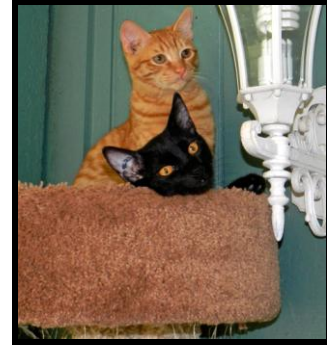
At this special time of year, we want to take the opportunity to thank our donors and volunteers for their support and compassion in making a NO KILL cat sanctuary a reality on Maui.

We are home to about 300 cats on any given day. Almost all of these cats were rescued from life-threatening situations. Your donations saved them.

9th Life has surpassed a benchmark: We have now sterilized over 5,021 cats. Most of them were sterilized in our own surgery room. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Petco Foundation for supporting our spay/neuter programs.

None of this would be possible without our donors and our dedicated volunteers. We are so very, very grateful.

REASONS TO ADOPT A BLACK CAT



Each of these sweet cats is looking for their forever home.

They never look dirty and their teeth always look white.

A black cat goes with every outfit.

Black is very *slimming* - holding your cat will make you look extra slender.

In most cultures, a black cat brings good luck.

They make you look beyond the surface to find true love and beauty.

They are the least likely to be adopted and need your love and kindness the most.

It's the season of giving.

Give a little love to a black cat.

DEDICATED TO "MIDNIGHT" and BLACK CATS EVERYWHERE



I wanted another cat and found myself at the Agoura Animal Shelter looking at a longhaired, black cat with almond-shaped eyes the color of bright sunlight. She was a beauty. As I started to open her cage door, she bounded forward into my arms and rammed me with her forehead, marking me as hers. Yes, I took her home.

Midnight was quite timid. Initially, she slept in the far corner of my room. But as we bonded, she became less fearful. She slowly inched her way closer, from her corner, to the floor beside my bed, then onto the foot of my bed and finally nestled in the crook in my arm. It took many months, but from that point on she slept with me for the remainder of her life. However, she was still fearful of visitors and always hid in my closet.

One night, I became very ill and called 911. Paramedics barged into my home, making a huge racket trying to locate me. They ran into my bedroom. I was still bleeding heavily and could not talk, but I sure noticed Midnight. She came out from where she had been hiding, jumped up on my bed and sat on my pillow. I was astounded. My tiny cat---who was so frightened of everyone---never left my side. She was protecting me.

I believe when you save an animal's life they know and return the gift. So, if I was Midnight's guardian angel in adopting her, Midnight in turn was my guardian angel. *"Friendship isn't about who you have known the longest, but about who came and never left your side."*

Midnight has been gone 11 years and while I have other cats, Midnight was my protector. I know when it's my time to walk through those pearly gates; she will be waiting to protect me once more. Thinking of Midnight, my black beauty with eyes the color of bright sunlight, can still make me cry.

Phyllis Tavares

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Kwacha (passed at 19 years of age) from her guardian, Carolyn Zangari.
Donation by Joseph Scuro in loving memory of his cats: Sweetness and Popoki.

SENIORS AND CATS



A cat can be an elderly person's lifeline. Isolation is one of the worst downfalls of getting older in our society. A cat provides companionship, comfort and a reason to get up every morning. Documented studies have verified that seniors with pets live longer and lead happier lives.

9th Life offers free, adult cats to seniors and may be able to provide a volunteer to help with food and litter purchases if the senior is housebound. We can also arrange to bring the senior to our sanctuary to meet our kitties.

CALL 808-573-3365 TO MEET OUR KITTIES

HAPPY ADOPTION STORIES



About three months after our beautiful little Kona passed away, my wife and I decided it was time to bring a new member into our family. So off we went to 9th Life.

Our first visit was just to see all the cats and get a sense of them. Whoever we brought home was, after all, going to have to not only adjust to a new life but also to get along with Rusty, our 8 year old, dark orange tabby. Several cats caught our eye but we wanted some more time before we made a decision.

On our second visit, one of the young cats that we had been considering started following my wife, Phyllis, wherever she went. Not only was this a sign but this particular cat, Elmer, also bore a striking resemblance to our beloved Kona.

HAPPY ADOPTION STORIES (continued)



The main difference was that Kona was black and gray while Elmer was black and tan. Elmer was obviously the runt of his litter, just as Kona was, and he even had a kink in his tail (two really) just as Kona did. Cynthia, who was helping us, called it a "Maui tail." (Editor's note: bent tails, half tails, kinked tails are known as Maui tails and there is no mistaking one when you see it.)

As we were sitting in the cat room pondering what to do, another young cat came up and walked across my lap, got petted for a few seconds, then walked off. This cat was larger than Elmer and was a mackerel tabby rather than Elmer's classic pattern. There was something about her attitude that I liked but I knew that my wife was really falling for Elmer. Then Cynthia informed us that Elmer and the no name mackerel cat were actually brother and sister. Well, that did it. We decided that two cats were better than one.

Though these two, five-month old kittens were litter mates they are both quite different. Elmer, renamed Max, weighed in at a whopping 5.7 pounds while his sister, now named Maggie, was over 7 pounds. Where Max has a short "Maui" tail, Maggie's tail is as long as the rest of her body and is usually carried in a large graceful "C" high over her back. Max is becoming a great lap sitter but Maggie prefers to stretch her body out on the floor and wants us to come to her for petting. On our cat tree, Max has a U-shaped section that he loves to lie in while Maggie would rather curl up in one of the circular beds. Also, Max is a great hider. It often takes us a half an hour or longer to find his newest resting spot. Maggie, however, can usually be found sprawled out on the floor somewhere within easy sight.

They are both adjusting very well to their new life. And Rusty is adjusting too. However, while he used to be a bit of a bully to Kona, he's not sure what to make of these new arrivals who think they own the world (or at least the house). But he still gets a lot of love and the kittens get locked up when we feed him his daily, canned food treat so he can eat in peace. When he's done, we let the kids out and there is a mad rush to see if he has left any food. So, while Rusty may not have the whole house to himself anymore, at least he's no longer bored. And the two new siblings are truly enjoying their new home.

We are truly enjoying them. Phyllis Sato and Paul Kastner

OUR NEW CATTERY FOR OLDER ADOPTABLES

Below is Ozzie James helping to put together the fencing for our newest cattery. We will be using this area to showcase some of our one year old to eight year old cats that are still waiting for their purrfect home. Kittens will remain in our kitten adoption room.



WHAT DO WE DO WITH YOUR DONATION? WE SAVE LIVES, OF COURSE!



Vanessa lived on Maui but had to return to Washington. She placed Nana in a good home, but Nana was not happy with the resident dog. Vanessa called 9th Life for help in placing Nana at our sanctuary. We were full at that moment but offered to pay for the airline health certificate and donate a free airline-approved carrier and send Nana to her.

In short order, Nana was back with Vanessa who reports that "Nana is happily snuggled in my bed next to me. She is happy to be with me again after a long stressful flight."

9th Life thanks our supporters for making this wonderful reunion possible.

Nana has a great home but we have many loving cats at our sanctuary, like these below:

COME MEET OUR ADORABLE ADOPTABLES



CALL OUR SPECIAL ADOPTION LINE
(808) 573-3365

View more adoptable cats on the Petfinder link on our Website: www.9thlifehawaii.org



HOLIDAY WISH LIST - CAN YOU HELP?

- ❖ ***Desperately* need a van or pickup truck to haul cat supplies (food and kitty litter) and to transport cats to/from our Spay/Neuter clinics. This could be a tax deduction for you and would truly help us.**
- ❖ **Lawn furniture and outdoor benches for our new adoption area. New lumber (2'x4's etc), exterior plywood, shelving, floor tile and wall board to build more catteries.**
- ❖ **Cat trees, cat condos, scratching posts, cat toys (they love feather toys and catnip toys), new litter pans, stainless steel food bowls, kitty hide-away boxes.**
- ❖ **Gift cards for Ace Hardware, Del's, Home Depot, Lowes, for construction projects and all stores that sell cat food.**

A generous anonymous donor is challenging our supporters to match her \$10,000.00 donation to help pay down our mortgage. Just let us know if you want your donation applied towards the \$10,000.00 challenge. This will DOUBLE your donation. By reducing our mortgage, it allows us to help even more cats. Earmark your donation for the Challenge.

On behalf of all the kitties that need help, please donate at your best level.

- \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____
- Sponsor a cat for a year \$250.00. \$ _____
- Sponsor multi-day Spay/Neuter clinic \$5,000.00 _____
- Please apply to the Mortgage Challenge. \$ _____

You can also set up monthly or individual donations with a credit or debit card by using the PayPal link on our website: www.9thlifehawaii.org

A \$125.00 (or more) donation will receive "Friendly Fire", Nathan Winograd's latest book (publication date Oct. 22nd) or a copy of "Redemption, the Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Movement in America." It won five national book awards and is the most acclaimed book on animal shelters ever written. A must read for animal lovers. If our records indicate we have not sent you a copy of Redemption, it will be sent first.

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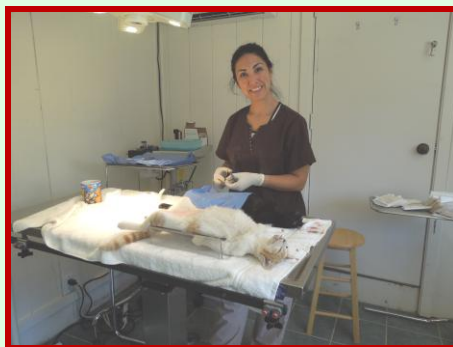
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We have more Free/Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics scheduled for January and February 2013.
Call our Spay/Neuter line (808) 573-3365.

Below some photos from our November 2012 clinic with Dr. Hatt. We sterilized 108 cats!



Lining up for surgery



Dr. Hatt with female spay



Tattoo area