

# 9<sup>th</sup> LIFE HAWAII

MAUI'S ONLY NO-KILL CAT RESCUE & SANCTUARY

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

**Run Solely by Volunteers**



Seasons Greetings from 9<sup>th</sup> Life Hawaii. As we reflect back on the past year, we know it has been a very difficult year for many. We all know people who have lost jobs and/or homes, and others who are struggling with reduced income. It has been a VERY hard year for all charities.

We wish you a happy holiday and a prosperous and healthy 2010. We thank you for your support and send our warmest aloha for sharing our vision and making a NO KILL Cat Sanctuary a reality on Maui. We presently provide a safe haven for over 200 cats and we have sterilized over 2,250 cats since 2006!

Below: two special-needs cats. Their only special need is to be indoor only cats. Each has lost an eye, but otherwise in excellent health and VERY loving. La Boca (left) and Sweet Girl (rt) have waited a VERY long time for a forever home. They do NOT have to be adopted together. Please open your hearts and homes this holiday season. These two cats have lots of love to give. Sweet Girl has waited years for her special purrson.

**They sure would love to be  
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**



LA BOCA



SWEET GIRL

**Please don't tell anyone but Sweet Girl will sleep with just about anyone.**

## THE RACE IS ON Which Nation will be the first No Kill Nation?

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"In the last decade and a half, shelters in numerous communities have comprehensively implemented a bold series of programs collectively referred to as the "No Kill Equation." The fundamental lesson (learned) is that the choices made by shelter managers are the most significant variables in whether animals live or die.

Several communities are more than doubling adoptions and cutting killing as much as 75% and it isn't taking them five years or more to do it. **They are doing it virtually overnight. They are achieving unprecedented results, saving upwards of 95% of all impounded animals in open admission animal control facilities."** \*

9<sup>th</sup> Life Hawaii believes if other communities can successfully achieve a No Kill municipal shelter in their community, we can do the same on Maui. **If you abhor the fact that more than 70% of cats and more than 60% of dogs do NOT make it out alive from Maui Humane Society, then it's time to demand change from our elected officials.**

Our tax dollars fund more than one half of the revenue it takes to run the Maui Humane Society. It's time to demand leadership that will embrace No Kill and work actively toward that goal. Enough killing! It hasn't worked in the past 50 years on Maui and it's not going to work in the next 50 years.

Demand our tax dollars be spent on free and affordable spay/neuter services. Demand change.

If you haven't read Nathan Winograd's book "Redemption, the Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Revolution in America", we urge you to do so. If you love animals and you want to end the systematic killing of animals in our nation's community pounds and shelters, this is a must-read book. For more information on the No Kill Movement we also suggest you go to The No Kill Advocacy website: [www.nokilladvocacycenter.org](http://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org)

### HAPPY TAILS BEN FOUND HIS FURREVER HOME



Doesn't Ben look like one happy cat?

Benjamin (a Bengal) flew to Vegas in the cabin with me. I didn't think a cat could cry/shriek for 8 hours. Now I know better! Everyone kept looking around for the source of the noise as I sank lower and lower in my seat.

Sadly, Bengals have been outlawed in the State of Hawaii (you might want to consider writing our State legislators about changing this inappropriate law). That meant we had to look outside Hawaii to place Benjamin. By networking with the Nevada Humane Society and Purebred Cat Rescue, we found his perfect home in Henderson, NV. See next page.



Written by Erin (above left) Benny is doing great. He's a real lap-cat, and when he's not curled up asleep on us he's curled up asleep in the window. He loves to go out into the (safety-fenced) enclosure and chomp on grass. We've discovered that somebody must have trained him to come running at the sound of a can opener. He cleans himself a lot, he loves to scratch on the wicker thingy out on the porch, and he loves to head-butt me at night before settling in to sleep on my chest. He's a very happy kitty, and he's made us very happy humans!

**HE'S MADE US VERY HAPPY AT 9<sup>TH</sup> LIFE HAWAII TOO. WE LOVE HAPPY ENDINGS.**

### HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

**AT THIS JOYOUS TIME OF YEAR, WILL YOU OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO ONE OR TWO OF OUR FUR-BABIES? WE ARE OPEN CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS DAY FOR ADOPTIONS. CALL 573-3365. WE CAN GUARANTEE A PURR-FILLED HOLIDAY. THESE SWEETIES DESERVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO.**



***See more adoptable adorables at [www.9thlifehawaii.org](http://www.9thlifehawaii.org)***

### COMMENTARY

We get heartbreaking calls **ALL** the time from people who want to surrender their cats. We want to help people who have lost their jobs and homes and who are forced to give up their beloved pets. We want to help colony caretakers whose habitats are being threatened. We would like to be able to take in every cat in harm's way.

However, we cannot take in more cats than we can adequately provide for. We can't take in cats and simply release them on our property. We are in one of the rainiest areas of Maui. We need more shelters and feeding stations, otherwise cats will get sick and disease will spread. We need your help so we can continue and expand our life-saving mission.

One such person heard our plea for help. His name is Jerry Piller. Jerry built the feeding station/shelter below. He donated both the materials and his labor. Thank you so very much Jerry. It is a fabulous shelter and will help keep quite a few cats warm and out of the rain. We need more people to come forward to build more of these shelters so together we can help more cats.



### 9<sup>th</sup> Life's Holiday Wish List

- ♥ Large RV or converted bus
- ♥ Graphic Artist and free printing of our newsletters
- ♥ Cat food, kitty litter, carriers, and kitty condos
- ♥ Van to transport cats to/from our S/N clinics
- ♥ Outdoor lawn furniture for our free-roaming cats

### What we did in 2009 with your support

- ♥ Sterilized over 1,100 cats
- ♥ Adopted out 82 cats as of October 15<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ Rescued 125+ newborn and orphan kittens
- ♥ Provided shelter for 250+ cats and kittens

### What we will do in 2010 with your support

- ♥ Sterilize several thousand more cats
- ♥ Build more feeding stations and covered shelters so we can help more cats
- ♥ Add a feral cat colony area at our sanctuary
- ♥ Save more lives

Charles Mannix is our summer door prize winner of a week's stay at the Ma'alaea Kai. Here is Charles celebrating his trip with Phyllis Tavares of 9<sup>th</sup> Life.

If you would like to donate a week's stay at your condo for our next auction or any other door prize, call 808 572 3499. This is a great way to help Maui's kitties and get a tax deduction too!



This door prize (diamond ring) pictured below is still available as we did not receive the required 100 donations. This lovely  $\frac{1}{4}$  carat diamond ring set in flower petals has an appraised value of \$1,000.00. The first 100 people who donate \$75.00 will be eligible to win this door prize at our next Board Meeting in California. Winner need not be present. **This is a great holiday or Valentine's Day gift!**



**YES, I WANT TO HELP THE KITTIES. Send \$75. or more and say "Enter me in the Door Prize"**  
Donations should be sent to: **9<sup>th</sup> LIFE HAWAII - BOX 476 - MAKAWAO, HI 96768**

As the year draws to a close, we have accomplished much with your support. Please consider making a generous, year-end, tax-deductible donation. It would be impossible to do our life-saving work without your help. Please consider donating at your best level because YOU are saving lives. **We are run 100% by volunteers. That means: every penny of every donation goes directly to help Maui's cats.** NEW! You can now set up monthly or individual donations with your credit card by using the PayPal link on our website [www.9thlifehawaii.org](http://www.9thlifehawaii.org) where you can also sign up for our newsletters.

**Besides monetary donations, we always need the following as well.**

- Air miles to bring vets to Maui for mass Spay/Neuter clinics.
- Gift certificate for our auctions.
- Wise giving through estate planning, monthly donations or Pet Trusts. Call us. 808-572-3499

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your email address to [9thlifehawaii@earthlink.net](mailto:9thlifehawaii@earthlink.net) to save on postage. Donations and gift certificates can be mailed to: **9<sup>th</sup> Life Hawaii Box 476 Makawao, HI 96768**

**SEASONS BEST FROM THE KITTIES AND THEIR STAFF AT 9<sup>th</sup> LIFE HAWAII**