

9th LIFE HAWAII

MAUI'S ONLY NO-KILL CAT RESCUE & SANCTUARY

A non-profit 501C3 Organization

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Dedicated to the Protection of Homeless Cats in Hawaii

Run Solely by Volunteers

Your entire donation goes to help the cats!



ARE YOU READY FOR A WEEK (April 11-18, 2010) at THE CLIFFS - Princeville, Kauai?

(photo above)

The first 100 donors who donate \$100.00 will be entered for this door prize at our next Board Meeting. Check out this beautiful resort at www.cliffsatprinceville.com. Although we don't usually send out a newsletter so early in the New Year, we needed ample time to tell everyone about this fabulous door prize and to allow enough time for the lucky winner to arrange air travel.

A NEW YEAR BEGINS & CHANGE IS IN THE WIND

Despite the challenges of a difficult economy in the past year, our supporters stood by 9th Life Hawaii and enabled us to help the kitties. Your donations allowed us to sterilize over 1,250 cats, adopt out 99 and rescue over 125 infant, bottle-babies. None of this would have been possible without your help and we are so very grateful.

WE HOPE TO DO MORE, MUCH MORE in 2010

We have already scheduled high volume Spay/Neuter clinics from January through April. We hope to sterilize at least 1,200 cats in these four months alone and our plan is to have monthly clinics thereafter.

We are also partnering with Maui Community College Construction Academy which provides practical, hands-on learning experience to high school students on projects that benefit the Maui community.

The students will be building these feeding station/shelters for 9th Life kitties similar to the photo on the right but our shelters will be larger.

You can help by donating lumber, paint, roofing, vinyl flooring and construction material and supplies. As these are built and delivered, we will be taking down the canvas carports we had been using for shelters as the frequent Maui winds have ripped most of them to shreds.

Call 572-3499 if you can help.



This is win/win for everybody. The students learn valuable construction skills enabling them to get better jobs and 9th Life Hawaii kitties have shelter from the heavy Upcountry rains.

NO KILL BY THE NUMBERS

Reprinted with permission from Nathan Winograd's latest book Irreconcilable Differences.

"How many dogs and cats enter U.S. shelters annually? 8 million

Of those, how many are savable? Over 90% or just over 7 million

How many savable dogs and cats will actually be saved? 4 million

Of those killed, how many savable dogs and cats needed a new home? 3 million

How many people in the United States would consider adopting from a shelter? 17 million

Are (municipal) shelters doing all they can to influence people to adopt from them? NO

The good news is that NO KILL communities now exist in all parts of the United States. They did it virtually overnight when new leadership, committed to the No Kill philosophy and passionate about saving lives, replaced bureaucrats mired in (decades of) killing."

Nathan's books are a must-read for animal lovers and can be purchased through Amazon.com. To learn more about the No Kill movement go to www.nokilladvocacycenter.org and www.nathanwinograd.com

Comment by the Board of Directors of 9th Life Hawaii: If you review the numbers above, you will clearly see that we can become a No Kill Nation and we have to start where we live. We should be telling our legislators that we want our tax dollars spent on saving animal lives, free spay/neuter clinics at the Hawaii municipal shelters and **NO MORE KILLING.**

To raise public awareness and to demonstrate what is possible, 9th Life is looking for sponsors to bring Nathan to Maui to present a seminar on the No Kill Movement. It will require covering his transportation (air miles will work) and lodging on Maui. If you want to help sponsor bringing Nathan Winograd, please call 572-3499.



UNFORGETTABLE MAX

I first saw him in a photo in the paper. Max's beautiful golden eyes stared back at me with a soulful look that touched my heart. I have four kitties already, so I tried not to think about him. I am not allowed to have another kitty, but I couldn't stop thinking about him. I just had to see him again and went back to the Maui Humane Society. I petted him and he was so friendly and grateful for the contact.

Now, I **really** could not forget about him so I called 9th Life Hawaii. All they need is another cat I thought, but it was worth a try, to save his life. The (cat) kill rate is 70% at Maui Humane Society so odds were piling up against him. Phyllis, in her kindness, accepted him into her wonderful facility, where cats can roam freely in a beautiful setting and not worry about their fate. Phyllis later found out about his real history. **His former owner had kept him in a cage for two years!**

It was heart-warming to release Max at 9th Life and watch him explore his new world. Max now roams freely with the other kitties at 9th Life. He is so sweet and friendly, you would never think he came from such horrendous living conditions. I love to visit him there, but I hope that someone will adopt him and provide his forever home someday. He is such a special Kitty!

9th Life Hawaii is kitty heaven, but they need our continuous support to provide for the many kitties at their shelter. Please send a tax deductible donation to help the kitties and consider adopting a Kitty if you are able. You will be rewarded with unforgettable love and companionship. J. Anderson



Elsa (on the left) is a striking silver tabby and white with a tinge of orange. Her markings are rare and unique and Elsa is a very sweet little girl. She was one of our bottle-babies, therefore extremely affectionate with people.



Andy (above) is a little bit shy, but cuddly when he gets to know you. A real handsome, long-haired tabby. If you've been looking for Mr. Gorgeous, look no further.



Al Jolson (above) keeps asking. 9th Life is nice but why am I still here? I'm cute. I have the most amazing copper-colored eyes. I sure am good looking and I love people.

9th Life is once again participating in the Animal Rescue Site Shelter challenge. Please go to this website and set it up for daily reminders and vote for us daily. It will take a minute or two and you can help Maui's only NO KILL Cat Rescue win \$2,000.00. Please encourage friends and family to do the same by forwarding this email newsletter. Mahalo = A big Thank You from Maui's kitties and their staff at 9th Life.



<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/shelterchallenge.faces>

COPY AND PASTE THE ABOVE LINK IN YOUR BROWSER IF IT DOES NOT WORK.



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Please use the link above. Every vote helps us save lives. Mahalo

MORE WAYS TO HELP!

YES, I WANT TO HELP THE KITTIES

It would be impossible to do our life-saving work without your help. Please consider donating at your best level. You are saving lives.

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____

Enter me in the Kauai condo door prize given away at our next board meeting. \$100.00 donation required. Limited to first 100 donors. (Send this form with your donation quickly.) Next Board meeting will be end of February. You have a 1 in 100 opportunity to win this door prize.

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.

Enclosed is a gift certificate for your auctions.

Wise giving through estate planning, monthly donations or Pet Trusts. Call us. 808-572-3499

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please send your email address to 9thlifehawaii@earthlink.net to save on postage.

Donations and gift certificates can be mailed to:

9th Life Hawaii

Box 476

Makawao, HI 96768

As we go to press, two of the three cats below were adopted. Heidi (far left) is going to be making a home with gorgeous Jillian (our emerald-eyed beauty) on the far right. Poor Petey (shown here with his sister, Heidi) still needs a home. He is shy and a bit of a scaredy cat but a nicely marked Black & White Domestic Shorthair with a gentle nature.



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS AND HAPPY ADOPTION STORES.....WE LOVE TO HEAR THEM

We would also like to thank Maui resident, Jerry Piller, for building the feral feeding station pictured below. Mahalo to Jerry. Your hard work will help many cats over the years. Jerry was photographed in his "working" clothes. Said he would have dressed up had he known I was taking photos. Clothing doesn't matter Jerry. What matters is what you did: You single-handedly build this great shelter and even purchased all the materials. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.



And mahalo nui loa to our donors whose generosity this past holiday season made it a VERY happy holiday for the kitties at 9th Life Hawaii.

Remember, we are all volunteer-run. Your entire donation will help the kitties. That's 100%