



2017 Kauai Campaign



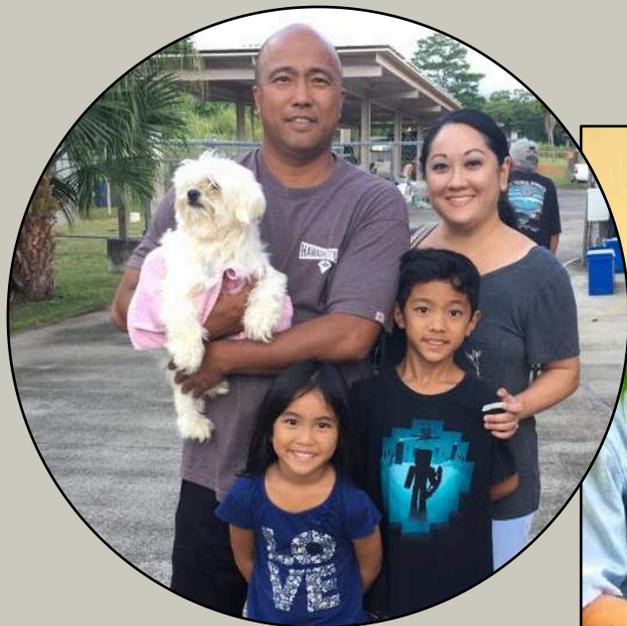
Animal Balance first began our life-saving work for dogs and cats on the Hawaiian Islands in 2015. At that time, our organization began targeting the dogs of Hawaii's large hunting community. In hopes of offering a new nonsurgical sterilization option, Zeuterin, for male dogs, Animal Balance offered ZMASH campaigns and Zeuterin training throughout the Hawaiian Islands in 2015. Through these campaigns, we began to familiarize ourselves with the different animal-related issues the Islands were facing.

In partnership with Alley Cat Allies, Animal Balance launched a Trapped In Paradise (TIP) program on Maui in 2015, to specifically target the island's community cat population with sterilization services. Through the success of this program, Animal Balance began expanding to offer similar TIP programs on Molokai and the Big Island to address community cat population concerns. And, following our recent success during our Hilo TIP campaign on the Big Island, our Animal Team was looking forward to serving Kauai.

Upon arriving at Kauai Humane Society during the Spring of 2017, we could sense a new excitement in the staff under the new leadership of Executive Director, Scott Pisani. And, through the determination of local volunteer, Kim Foster, Animal Balance was again collaborating with Kauai Humane Society to provide a community-based sterilization program to the animal-loving community members of the Garden Island.

In preparation for the Kauai Spay/Neuter Campaign, and through the support and generosity of Alley Cat Allies, Animal Balance was able to order 200 humane box traps and 250 transfer cages from Tru Catch. With the help of KHS, Animal Balance developed a partnership with Koloa Rum Company, who has provided free shipment for our traps and equipment from the Mainland to Kauai.

In addition to organizing supplies and equipment to be shipped to Kauai, Animal Balance also recruited a team of 14 highly-skilled volunteer veterinarians and technicians, to enable us to provide an exceptional veterinary service to our patients. This group of volunteers flew to Kauai from different areas around the world to participate in this campaign.



Our team arrived on Kauai and were introduced to this beautiful island and the Hawaiian culture through a blessing for our clinic. We were overwhelmed by the turnout of local volunteers in attendance, wanting to assist us in our efforts. This was followed by a volunteer orientation and discussion of stations individual responsibilities throughout the sterilization clinic.

During the week of September 18th-23rd, caretakers arrived at our clinic from across Kauai to receive free sterilization services for their dogs and cats. This amazing team of Animal Balance volunteers along with the help of the dedicated staff and volunteers at Kauai Humane Society, safely sterilized 658 cats and dogs. Of this final count, 446 surgeries were sterilization services for cats (2 were already fixed) and 212 surgeries were for dogs.

Not only did we have a tremendous turnout from the public, but we also had many local veterinarians and technicians stop-by our clinic to offer their assistance. During this time, we learned valuable information from the local veterinary professionals that have been serving Kauai's animals for an extended time. We are looking forward to them joining our future Animal Balance teams on Kauai.

To promote this incredible work, Emma Clifford and Scott Pisani, provided radio and newspaper interviews throughout the week. And, after meeting with Council Member Mel Rapozzo, City Council honored Animal Balance with a certificate of recognition for the life-saving services provided to the community for their animals.



One very special client, Darrell, brought his beautiful little dog, Mia Bugsbreath, to our clinic on our first day of services. Darrell did not have an appointment because like some of the loving caretakers seeking Animal Balance services, Darrell does not currently have a cell phone or place to formally call 'home'. Darrell patiently waited for us to check-in 100 appointments before our registration team arrived at him and Mia. Darrell was overjoyed when our team delivered the news that we would certainly fit in his Mia for services that day. Darrell patiently waiting all day for his beloved Mia to receive her spay surgery and recover to return to their resting place for the evening. This story provides just a glimpse into the beautiful relationships our team had an opportunity to witness during their time on Kauai.



Many generous contributions were granted to Animal Balance to provide these life-saving services to the cats on Kauai. Through the continued support of Alley Cat Allies, Animal Balance provided the necessary medical supplies, traps, and transfer cages for this campaign. Kauai Humane Society generously provided transportation and accommodation for Animal Balance's team of volunteers, and provided the medical supplies necessary to sterilize, microchip, and license our canine patients. The Petco Foundation and Alley Cat Allies have also been instrumental in providing the necessary resources to continue licensing Animal Balance's high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter surgeons on the Hawaiian Islands.

Due to this generous commitment, Animal Balance will have eight licensed veterinarians on Hawaii by the beginning of 2018. This will enable us to continue our lifesaving work throughout Kauai and other Hawaiian Islands. Animal Balance envisions hosting many clinics on Kauai in 2018, to specifically target population management for community cat colonies. We will also continue our partnership with Kauai Humane Society, along with other non-profits and local stakeholders to provide community sterilization and wellness services for the Garden Island's cats and dogs.

