

Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation Summary

Mission: To end animal abuse, neglect, and homelessness on the Island of Maui. "People helping animals and animals helping people."

Category: Animal Care and Rescue

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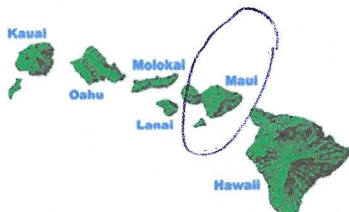
Grant History: 2017: \$10,000
TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE: \$10,000

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| 2022 Request: | \$25,000 for general operating support |
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Notes:

- Opened in 2011.
- No-kill animal shelter.
- No government funding.
- Court-sponsored youth at risk diversion program (2600 service hours since 2016).
- Youth education programs to learn kindness, compassion, and responsibility. Anti-bullying training.
- Temporary surgical center on site for spay/neuter and dental procedures.
- Purchased 10 acres in Waihe'e, Maui to build 5,000 square foot barn with a 12 foot "overhand" roof around entire structure, resulting in 100,000 square feet of service space.
- Future plans include a main welcome and adoption center, veterinary clinic, and humane education center; barn will then be for horse therapy programs, veterinary care, and rehabilitation.
- Phase I of barn project was to erect the barn, install fire sprinkler system and water; Phase II is to install plumbing, electricity, wastewater systems.
- Declined: 2021 request for \$150,000 towards Phase II of Multi-Use Barn Project

2022: Barn is now 80% complete. Providing animal care/support/rescue as well as educational programs for the care and welfare of animals.





**Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation
Humane Education Program**

Introduction

Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation (HARF) requests monetary support in the amount of \$25,000 towards their Humane Education Program.

Mission Statement

To end animal abuse, neglect and homelessness in Maui County, strengthen the human animal bond and create a place where people help animals and animals help people.

History

HARF was established in 2011 with its primary focus on pet adoption and humane education. Over the years their scope of work expanded to include partnerships with animal welfare organizations statewide, the Department of Education and numerous youth-at-risk organizations, such as, the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui and the Second Circuit Courts. They also provide no/cost and low/cost spay and neuter services to the community and they are currently the only organization on island rescuing and rehabilitating livestock in need.

From its inception, HARF planned to have a physical animal shelter, as its current "shelter without walls" limits the number of animals they can save and the number of people they can serve. HARF calls their future facility a "Center" where they can bring animals, people, and nature together for the benefit of all three.

In 2017, we purchased 10 acres of land in Waihe'e, Maui for our future Center. The property is nestled between the beautiful blue Pacific Ocean and the lush West Maui mountains. It is an ideal place to heal, learn and grow. A place where those most at risk get a second chance at a new beginning. It is a supportive and nurturing environment that allows traumatized, neglected and abused animals AND the children to heal from our educational programs, build resiliency and learn to trust again.

In 2019, we broke ground on Phase I, of the Center project – the Multi-Use Barn. Phase I is currently 80% complete. The Multi-Use Barn will house homeless dogs and rescued farm animals, have office space for staff and volunteers, provide large gathering spaces for youth enrichment activities, veterinary services and provide a home for HARF's humane education program. Pre-COVID-19, HARF's humane education programs were held in our island schools, churches and community events. Completion of the Multi-Use Barn will allow children to visit the center safely, greatly increasing our ability to reach and teach as many children in the community as possible.

Children and teens have suffered immensely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Changing school and family routines, isolation at home, illness or loss of a family member, stressed parents, and fear of the virus itself have hit kids hard. HARF plays a key role in the healing process of the trauma they have faced.

HARF's long-term vision for the land is comprehensive, including building green – the Multi-Use Barn is 100% off grid with an extensive photovoltaic system powering the building, incorporating native Hawaiian trees and shrubs into the landscape, creation of walking trails, a dog park, housing for animals in need, veterinary services, community gathering space, an education center, feral cat services, and a native Hawaiian plant nursery. HARF aims to be a destination for both the local population and visitors to the island, influencing each person visiting the Center to take better care of the animals and the Aina by building an environment conducive to learning by example.

Connection to each other, animals and the Aina is critical to the health and wellbeing of our community.

Humane Education Program

Humane education can play an important role in creating a compassionate and caring society which would take benign responsibility for ourselves, each other, our fellow animals and the earth.

Humane education works at the root causes of human cruelty and abuse of animals. There is now abundant scientific evidence that animals are sentient beings, with the capacity to experience “feelings.” They have the ability to enjoy life’s basic gifts as well as the ability to suffer emotionally (as well as physically) through cruel or unkind treatment, deprivation and incarceration. This new understanding of the sentience of animals has huge implications for the way we treat them, the policies and laws we adopt, and the way in which we educate our children.

'Sentience' is the ability to experience consciousness, feelings and perceptions; including the ability to experience pain, suffering and states of wellbeing.

Humane education is the building block of a humane and ethically responsible society. When educators carry out this process using successfully tried and tested methods, what they do for children is to:

- Help them to develop a personal understanding of ‘who they are’ – recognizing their own special skills, talents, abilities and fostering in them a sense of self-worth.
- Help them to develop a deep feeling for animals, the environment and other people, based on empathy, understanding and respect.
- Help them to develop their own personal beliefs and values, based on wisdom, justice, and compassion.
- Foster a sense of responsibility that makes them want to affirm and to act upon their personal beliefs.

HARF's humane education program has many facets. Here are a few examples of the programs that are currently or will be put into place with the completion of the Multi-Use Barn:

- Humane Education programs in Maui County schools from pre-K through high school. These programs are age appropriate and support the school's curriculum and needs.
- Partnership with youth-at-risk organizations, bringing traumatized children and young adults to a place of healing where animals and children can share a commonality of past trauma, understanding and support.
- Mentoring programs for senior high school students – Senior Projects/Community Service.
- Community service programs for students – all ages.
- Mandated community service for juvenile offenders – greatly reducing recidivism.
- Scout program for boys and girls enriching their overall scout experience.
- Kid's Camp during school breaks – offering a variety of topics.
- On site school fieldtrips with educational tours and hands on experience with the animals.
- Pet therapy for children with special needs, such as the Community Dream School.

Humane education not only allows children to grow and develop into more caring, critical-thinking individuals, it has the ability to transform our world into a more humane place. Humane education connects the dots between environmental ethics, human rights and animal protection issues. Instead of isolating problems and encouraging children to develop similarly narrow solutions, comprehensive humane education invites learners to think about the interconnected nature of many problems. This holistic approach allows children to understand how one seemingly isolated issue is tied to another.

Studies show that Humane Education promotes the following outcomes:

- Traumatic experiences can impact learning, behavior and relationships in both animals and humans. Humane education creates a more tolerant and compassionate individual and they become part of the greater community.
- Cultivates empathy for animals, and as a result, decrease animal abuse (and abuse in general) in our society.
- Helps reduce and prevent violence in school and at home – reduces bullying.
- Motivates students to strive for a sustainable society
- Allows our children of trauma to create a bond with our animals from their own experience of trauma in their childhoods.

Currently, there are no other organizations in Maui County providing a comprehensive humane education program. Humane Education is at the heart of HARF's mission and serves as a long-term preventative strategy that will bring about lasting and large-scale improvements in the quality of people and animal's lives.

HARF's Humane Education Program Budget and Funding Resources

| Humane Education Program | |
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| Base Salary | \$50,000 |
| Benefits & insurance | \$12,000 |
| Management of program (10%) | \$ 7,500 |
| Educational materials | <u>\$ 5,500</u> |
| Total Cost: | \$75,000 |
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| Source of Funding | |
| Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation (this request) | \$25,000 |
| Nuestro Futuro Foundation | \$15,000 |
| Garmar Foundation | \$15,000 |
| Private donations/fundraising | <u>\$20,000</u> |
| Total Revenue: | \$75,000 |

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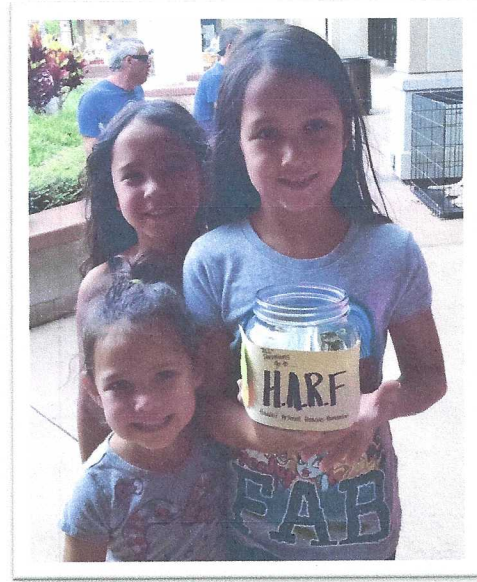
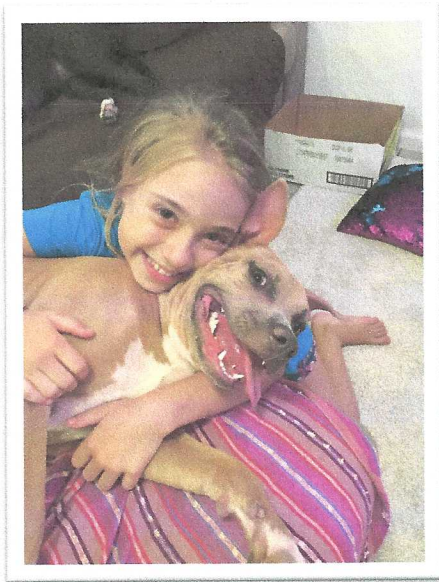
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Humane Education in Action



HARF's 10-acre property in Waihe'e and Multi-Use Barn

