



# THREE RING RANCH EXOTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY



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Aloha Friends,

2009 has come and gone like the quick blink of a raptor's eye. There was not much time to just sit around and watch the flowers grow this year. We had been planning the new Hands-On Science Center for years and it is finally here. Children and adults come to enjoy the new facility, which was built through the many generous donations of our patrons.

In addition to the new building, the year brought us eight interns all of whom lived with us as they learned everything we could teach them about the animals. Articles were published in Keeper journals that shared the knowledge we gained with other animal care professionals.

One sad moment came when our elderly oryx, Momma, passed away in April. Her son Zorro refused to eat much and was himself declining, until we integrated a pair of orphans (one goat and one lamb) into his paddock. It was heartwarming to see him adopt the girls and now to run and play with both of them.

Dr. Annette Timel and The Pampered Pet donated an Ultimate Groom Mobile. We were able to retrofit the van out as a mobile animal OR complete with anesthesia machine. Now, the van is staffed by visiting volunteer vets to serve low-income pet owners and feral cat colonies. The first three clinics were a smashing success: 74 pets or feral cats now will live safer and healthier lives. By running these clinics, we hope to decrease feral cat population and thus protect endangered Hawaiian wildlife on the island.

Enjoy the newsletter and please consider a gift to the Sanctuary this holiday season. Remember to take credit of our non-profit status and donate before the end of the year so that we can continue to forever change the lives of our animal friends.

Regards,  
Ann Goody, PhD  
Curator, Three Ring Ranch, Inc.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to positively impact the environment while educating Hawaii's children about their place in the natural world. Our goal is to assist in the development of an environmentally responsible generation of youth. We are licensed to rehabilitate and possess endangered species, allowing us to teach about the fragile ecosystem we impact on a daily basis, while giving visitors a rare chance to see the animals up close. Native animals brought to us with injuries are cared for and released when able. Our resident animals will live out their natural lives at the facility.





# ANIMAL UPDATES

## Volunteer Profile

*Ken Larson*

Ken has been coming to the Sanctuary as a regular volunteer for over 2 years. His willingness to do just about anything as long as it is "fun" for the animals makes my job so much easier. Ken holds the notorious and dubious distinction of being the first person ever to require any medical attention while a volunteer. King Tut, now known by his alias "the Infector", spiked Ken's leg. The wound became infected and Ken went on antibiotics. Thus, the bird's new name. Ken went so far in his volunteer duties as to move closer to the Sanctuary. When I recently asked him to come up on a day that I was short handed he said, "Of course, this is what I do". Thank You so much, Ken.



Pele and her boyfriend Ken

## “HORTON” THE PUEO FROM THE HONOLULU ZOO LANDS SAFELY IN KONA

Once upon a time there was a small pueo who ran afoul of a car on a busy highway in Oahu. Luckily for him a Good Samaritan found the bird and got it to a rehabber. While in her care the bird ended up at a local veterinarian who felt that the bird's head injury might heal but was concerned about its left eye. The bird was transferred to the care of Dr. Ben Okimoto at the Honolulu Zoo.

Dr. Ben continued rehabilitation care and did a detailed optical exam. The findings showed that the bird had scarring of the cornea resulting in the permanent loss of sight in the left eye.

The stress of being in such close contact with humans and other animals caused the bird to damage its own flight feathers. Dr. Ben removed the stumps of the damaged primaries and allowed the bird as much privacy as was possible in an off-exhibit area of the zoo. Horton was still having problems and the State DLNR officers were consulted. Happily, they felt that Horton would be given one more chance at life as an educational bird. Our mission was to get him safely to Kona and gradually adapt him to people in his own aviary away from the busy sounds of Oahu.



On October 14th, little Horton flew via Aloha Air Cargo to Kona. Once here, he went into a quarantine aviary, one of the four new aviaries we set up this year. Slowly, the privacy screen was removed from parts of the aviary walls. Horton tolerated each step of the removal well and continued to eat each day. By the end of October, he was on view to the first batch of school children here for one of our educational programs.

Today, he seems very comfortable in his aviary and enjoys leaping down each afternoon into the grass to "hunt" his dinner that a keeper tosses in. His wing feathers have grown back in and he looks perfect.

We hope that you will come visit "Horton" and enjoy getting to see this rare species face to face.



## RANCH UPDATES



### HAL MARKOWITZ HANDS-ON SCIENCE CENTER OPENS!

The new Hal Markowitz Hands-On Science Center blessing & dedication ceremony was held on June 13, 2009. This amazing little building houses a wide variety of animal specimens and interactive exhibits as well as a laboratory section, large screen media center, computer station and library area. Now, the children and visiting adults have a place to come and really get their hands into science.

This building was made possible through generous donations from: The Chelsey Foundation, Amazing Journeys, Fritz Harris-Glade, The Atherton Foundation, Johnny Holloway, The Le Burta Atherton Foundation and HELCO.



### VANNA

Vanna (as we call her) was originally owned by The Pampered Pet as an Ultimate Groomer mobile. When they no longer were able to use it they sold the van to two Waimea vets, Greg & Annette (who nick-named her "Vanna White"). Dr. Greg Timmel drove the van down to serve pet owners in the community of Waikoloa. Later, when Greg moved to CA to practice and Annette remarried, the van sat in their side yard. One day it hit me that we could make use of Vanna to run a community mobile vet clinic using volunteer vets while also training our interns. They would provide basic healthcare to low income pet owners and to feral colony cat caretakers. I was able to pursue them to sign over the van to us in January of 09. Many months of work and fundraising later, the van is a fully equipped mobile OR. Now our visiting vets can work in a well-stocked, air-conditioned room with all of the normal equipment found in a hospital OR.

The services provided start a new pet owner on the right path towards routine veterinary care. We refer all clients to a local veterinarian for follow-up treatment and annual exams. The van is not meant to replace the care offered by local veterinarians but to supplement it and care for those pets whose owners could not afford the very basic of care.

The prices charged to clients cover only the cost of the medications and supplies used. The van cared for 54 pets at the first two-day clinic (18 spayed or neutered), the second single day clinic cared for 18 pets, of which 9 were altered.

Vanna's operational support has come from; The Pampered Pet & Kamuela Animal Clinic, who jointly donated the unit. Also, the PetCo Foundation, who covered the cost of the anesthesia machine and pulse oximetry unit and to the generous spirit of Karen L McDaniel, who loved to help with feral cats and left her estate to the Sanctuary.



Look forward to January when you will hear of two more mobile clinic days. Both run by volunteer veterinarians, Three Ring Ranch volunteers and Advocats helpers.



The inside of Vanna during lunch break, 11 surgeries done and 7 to go!



Dr Jay Kerr, our first visiting vet, hard at work.



"Vanna" set up at Great American Self Storage all ready to receive the first patients.

## SUPPORTING THREE RING RANCH

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP THEM

Regular support is key to providing food, water and medical care, and to provide for the educational programs here at the Sanctuary. Without your generous support none of this can continue. While grants do cover many large capital projects and expenditures, the day-to-day business and maintenance must be paid for by the donations that you and others like you provide.

Although fund raising events, like our Art 4 Animals, raise awareness and dollars, they are very expensive to host and take us away from our work with the animals and children. Therefore, we try to encourage supporters to adopt an animal for a month or even a year. This can easily be done online from our web site. There is an animal for every budget from \$5 to \$125 per month (\$60-1500 year).



Another way you can support us is to consider naming the Sanctuary in your will or through



planned giving. There are many ways of taking the tax benefits on your estate now and leaving a gift to the non-profit of your choice. One way is a retained life estate. Some benefits may include: removing a major asset from probate, avoiding estate taxes, getting a tax deduction and bypassing capital gains, all while getting to use the asset for your entire life!

Talk to a qualified estate planning attorney to discuss the benefits and issues as they may apply to you personally in any planned giving. We recommend Darl Gleed 808-329-6600. He is

a member of our Board and an expert on this subject.

All donations are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit facility. We gladly provide receipts to our donors.

The Sanctuary is run 100% by volunteers. There are no paid staff.



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