



IH OHANA HAPPENINGS



IT'S ABOUT LIVING!



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MARCH is *National Social Worker's Month* :

We are thankful for our fabulous teams!

March 26: Prince Kuhio Day! (Islands Office closed)

March 30: National Doctor's Day -- A great day to encourage the doctors in your life!

APRIL is *National Healthcare Decisions Month*:

April 17: Islands Hospice Healthcare Decisions Day, Open House at our Oahu office
(1301 Young St)



IH HERO:
VOLUNTER SPOTLIGHT

SUE YOSHIMURA, DOG TRAINER & BOONE, SERVICE DOG

Who says all hospice volunteers have to be human? Meet Boone and his handler, Sue Yoshimura! Boone's job with hospice is not only to bless the patients but to their families and loved ones as well with his unconditional love. People absolutely light up when he walks in a room! Everyone laughs as he wiggles with enthusiasm. Their laughter encourages him to wiggle even more and the cycle of joy continues.

When Boone arrived at 12 weeks old, Sue immediately started his training. He has been doing therapy work for two years now. Sue remarks, "It is amazing to see him know exactly what people need. Yes, he loves to wiggle with happiness, but I have seen him settle immediately for loving snuggles. Part of Boone's Canine Good Citizen Urban training was in Waikiki on Oahu. Walking through busy sidewalks, he would be drawn to certain people, and incredibly they would be from New Zealand or Australia."

"He has blessed many people in his young life," says Sue. "But I will never forget the impact Boone had on a special patient and her recovery. The family was saying their goodbyes the first day we visited them. She was unconscious but became conscious when Boone came by her. We visited every day, and she was so happy to see him. As the days passed she kept getting stronger and the family told me that Boone was all she asked about. We continued to visit her as she was moved from the Hospice house to the assisted living facility. She would call him 'her Boone' and tell us that he is why she is getting better. We visited her on her last day at the facility before she went home!"

Boone is a certified/registered Pet Partners therapy dog. Pet Partners is a well respected worldwide therapy organization. Besides loving all people, Boone loves all dogs. He also excels in the Conformation show ring, Agility, Obedience, Rally, Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog.

What a wonderful, well rounded canine companion!

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Check out this ***fantastic video*** of Boone and Sue and the story behind their compassionate mission produced by local middle school students.
The video won second place in a national competition!

{Click here to go directly to the video link}



Boone is a purebred English yellow Labrador Retriever from New Zealand and he comes from noble stock. In 2017 his father was the #1 show Labrador in all of New Zealand!

WHERE WE'VE BEEN: CELEBRATING RECENT EVENTS



We are so thankful for these beautiful potholders made with love for our IH staff by Carol Shae. Her daughter was a hospice patient 6 years ago. Recently, she came in with 30 potholders as a gift for all we do for people. She was surprised to see just how much Islands has grown in the last 6 years. What a sweet, giving lady!

Mahalo to the Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction center (formerly the LifeFoundation of Hawaii) for contributing to our food drive!



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