



KA MAKANA ALI'I
The Center for West O'ahu

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**Ka Makana Ali'i Hosts Poi Dogs and Popoki's
Pet Wellness Clinic at PetSmart Kapolei**

*The mobile clinic will be located in the parking lot fronting
The Grove at Ka Makana Ali'i on Sunday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

KAPOLEI, HI (October 7, 2020) — In partnership with PetSmart Kapolei, Ka Makana Ali'i is pleased to host Poi Dogs and Popoki's Pet Wellness Clinic on Sunday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Poi Dogs and Popoki's mobile wellness vehicle, pet owners have access to affordable health and wellness services including microchipping, vaccinations, health screenings, flea treatments and deworming services.

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), pet care costs often exceed \$1,000 per year. For many struggling families, these costs can be overwhelming. At Poi Dog and Popoki's Pet Wellness Clinic, each pet will receive a physical exam by a licensed veterinarian. However, unless time permits, the owner may not be provided with a veterinarian consult during the appointment. Social distancing will be enforced. No appointment is necessary. Poi Dogs and Popoki accepts cash, check or credit card. For more details, please visit www.poidogsandpopoki.org/wellness-program.html.

"Ka Makana Ali'i's tenants do some amazing work for the community, and PetSmart's ongoing partnership with Poi Dogs and Popoki is one effort we are proud to support," said Stephannie England, general manager of Ka Makana Ali'i. "This event will provide affordable access to pet healthcare, and that is so important, especially at this time."

Poi Dogs and Popoki also provides cat adoptions at PetSmart Kapolei on an ongoing basis for a \$50 fee. The fee allows the nonprofit to provide a number of services including: microchipping; trapping and sterilizing feral cats and returning them to their environment; dog sterilization; and fostering, feeding and adopting out animals.

“This year has been especially challenging for the organization,” said Alicia Maluafiti, founder of Poi Dogs and Popoki. “Due to the coronavirus, we had to reimagine two of our major Pet Walk fundraisers into virtual events. Although we had support from our amazing donors and our animal-loving community, the combined donation amounts were much lower than previous years. It is our hope that our 19th Annual Puka Golf Tournament at the Hoakalei Country Club in November will raise the much-needed funds to allow us to continue to offer these services to our community.”

While the community need is greater than ever, it’s been a challenge to secure volunteers this year. For more information, or to volunteer, visit PetSmart Kapolei or visit the nonprofit’s website at www.poidogsandpopoki.org

“Our goal, as always, is to provide a safe and healthy environment for our community. We also understand we are in a very unique position as the largest open-air Center in West O’ahu and will continue to do everything we can to protect those who visit Ka Makana Ali’i,” England said. “At Ka Makana Ali’i, community is at the heart of everything we do. The health and well-being of the Center’s ‘ohana – its tenants, employees, patrons and community — is our top priority.”

Ka Makana Ali’i continues to monitor the news around COVID-19 and the mandates of public health, state and local authorities. The Center will continue to take extra precautions and follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for regular cleaning, including:

- Higher frequency of cleaning and disinfecting the property
- Making available hand sanitizers throughout the property
- Reminding visitors of the importance of personal hygiene

Guests are asked to avoid entering the Center if they have flu-like symptoms or otherwise do not feel well. Guests entering the property are asked to maintain a six-foot distance from one another and to avoid shaking hands or engaging in unnecessary physical contact. Patrons entering the Center shall wear face masks that cover the nose and mouth. These should be worn at all times while at Ka Makana Ali’i.

Visit our website at www.KaMakanaAlii.com for more details about upcoming promotions. For the latest news and updates, follow Ka Makana Ali’i on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, all with profile name @kamakanaalii. For media inquiries and on-property approval, please contact alyssa.amasol@anthologygroup.com.

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About Ka Makana Ali’i

Ka Makana Ali’i offers residents and visitors a family-friendly, mixed-use center in the heart of Hawai’i’s fastest growing community. The 750,000-square-foot Macy’s-anchored center features more than 100 exciting stores, restaurants, a state-of-the-art Consolidated Theatres and the state’s first Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton located on property. The newest development, The Grove at Ka Makana Ali’i, creates an additional 109,000 square feet of space with lifestyle retailers, eateries and services, such as 24 Hour Fitness, Foodland Farms, Straub

Clinic and Urgent Care, and PetSmart. Serving as the premier gathering place in Kapolei, Ka Makana Ali'i fulfills the shopping and dining needs of the ever-expanding community. Its convenient location offers excellent highway access, ample parking and public transportation for shoppers. Through an innovative partnership with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Ka Makana Ali'i will financially support programs benefiting Native Hawaiian interests statewide for decades to come. For more information, please visit www.kamakanaalii.com.

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