



# THREE RING RANCH EXOTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY



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Aloha Friends,

And the beat goes on- 2010 was a truly wild ride! Animals keep coming in and, with help from the keepers, many make it back out to the wild. In August, we were asked if we would accept a trio of monkeys. Read all about them on page 2. In September, our bison calf arrived. Cody was initially quite wild and had to be bottle fed five times a day. He is now a rapidly growing, very healthy animal who weighs in at about 375lbs (and going up daily!). The mobile vet van has been out almost monthly in Kona, helping to spay and neuter felines and provide some very basic animal healthcare services to low-income pet owners. It is staffed by volunteers and community partners.

The Pepsi Refresh contest ended with us within one place of winning a \$50,000 grant. It now appears that we might actually have won in October but were "cheated" out of it by a woman in Illinois. We did not discover this until the end of November and when we reported it to Pepsi were told we did not have enough evidence for them to act on it. I spent all of December gathering emails, letters, and in the end, even recording my phone calls. When Pepsi finally determined the woman had cheated, they removed her award, however, they did not move us up. The eventual news story did land us in articles in the New York Times and on the front page of the Chicago Tribune, though.

To everyone who voted, many thanks for your hard work. The contest showed us how much support we do have in our community, our island and the mainland. Your continued support makes it possible for us to offer the highest possible care to our Sanctuary residents and to rehabilitate wildlife as well as to continue expanding the educational programs we provide to youth and visitors. If you have not been to the Sanctuary recently, you might want to plan a visit soon.

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

*Frances Morrison*

Every week, clucking like a chicken, Frances delivers the Three Ring Ranch's organic, free-range eggs to Ron Gallaher, owner/chef at La Bourgogne French Restaurant. For several years now Frances has been a volunteer for the afternoon feeding rounds and one of her duties is to stop at the restaurant on her way over to pick up the leftover bread that they save for our chickens. On her way home, after feeding and caring for everyone, she brings the week's collection of eggs to the restaurant. This works out very well for the hens and for Ron. They get farm fresh eggs delivered to their door and the hens earn enough to pay for their own feed. Frances keeps the egg cycle going and when Ron teases her about being the "chicken lady", she just clucks right back at him. Frances can be counted on as one of our most dependable volunteers. She is always cheerful and willing to go the extra mile. I think her favorite animal is Owlie but that is a hard call, she loves them all. Many thanks, Frances!



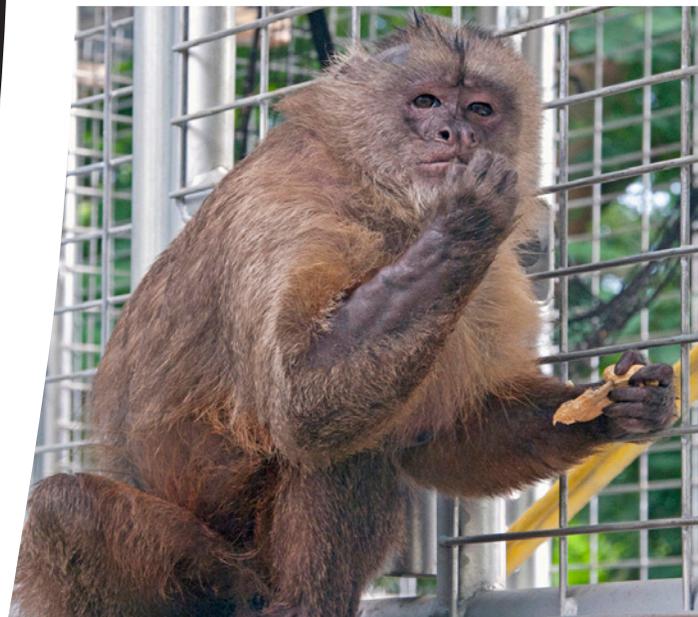
Frances gathering eggs in the hen house

## MORE FUN THAN A BARREL FULL OF PRIMATES

When we received a call from "Joie in Hilo", telling us that she wanted to place her three monkeys with us due to her worsening health, we had more than a few major concerns. Among them, could we provide what these highly developed creatures needed in a stimulating environment? Could our all-volunteer staff deal safely with this new challenge? And could we financially afford the commitment? Our BOD expressed a desire to accept them if we would address these concerns. With a great deal of thought, we came up with plans that resolved the questions and then, with generous financial assistance from Joie and Jerry Mercola (and friends), we were able to create an amazing environment that far exceeds any federal requirements.



The gang now lives in three rooms full of fun. One room has a pool, spy tower and lawn. Another has a brand new loft tower, lawn and tire swing. The third room is the bedroom suite where there



are two cuddle-up night boxes and Johnnie's hammock- with a blanket, of course. Having these three rooms, allows a keeper to work from the safety of a fourth, monkey-free-zone room and provide total care, free of any hazard from the primates. Without the mold that they lived with in Hilo and on an improved diet, all three have shown marked improvement in their physical conditions. With the daily stimulation of the keepers, the group has done far better than anyone predicted. Each monkey now knows the keepers, and like any intelligent beings, has their favorites. Johnnie loves Norm and Bill Cliff, and both girls think that I am one of their troop. All monkeys have learned that the afterschool mentor group's arrival

is followed by an insect gathering party and yummy spider treats. Be it a coconut or a treat-dispensing ball, there is also always something fun and new to play with in their new home.

Come check them out and your visit will be part of their daily enrichment.



## RANCH UPDATES

### LET THE SUN SHINE: IT NOW CREATES ENERGY AT THREE RING RANCH

Our dream of leaving a facility that operates with sustainable, clean power, and is environmentally responsible, has come true. Our friends at the Atherton Family Foundation and our dear friend Johnny Holloway have our deepest gratitude for their generous donations. The photovoltaic system, designed by Kevin Whitener of HELCO and installed by William Luciani, is on the roof and making the net-meter spin backwards as it sends power to the grid.



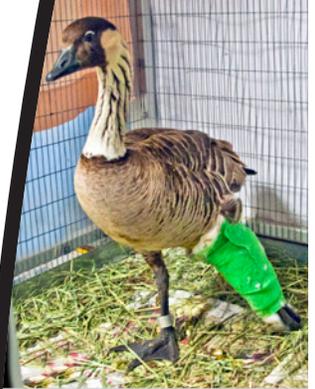
Building the system took longer than expected but did come in under budget. The delays were the result of the many new HELCO regulations and of obtaining the 36 Sharp 235 watt solar panels and Enphase micro-inverters. We were also able to obtain a Generac 7kw propane generator that automatically turns on in the event of a power outage. This generator will provide essential power for vital equipment so we can now maintain our facility for up to 10 days if the grid is down.

Our original cost estimate for the system was \$80,000, however through in-kind donations, reduced materials cost (donated) and discounted installation (insert plug for William Luciani, here!), we were able to have the entire system up and running for a total of \$57,000.



We now can teach the children about sustainability, environmental stewardship and responsible action through our own actions. Our energy consumption from HELCO has drastically decreased. With a house full of visiting vets accounting for a doubling of our prior residents, our grid usage is down from 52.5 KWH/Day to 26KWH/Day. While this looks like we have only cut our bills in half, it really represents half the HELCO use for twice the number of people.

In addition to the extra residents, our energy utilization has increased, in large part due to the lab equipment and autoclave in the new building. The autoclave sterilizes instruments for our new mobile surgical van. This fully-equipped operating room made its debut voyage in Kona in October of 2009. Vanna, as we affectionately named the van, now allows us to provide services for dogs and cats that otherwise would go without care. It also is used for spay and neuter clinics for feral cats. In 2010 we altered over 240 cats in the van. All of the veterinarians and assistants are volunteers. This is a multi-agency partnership between our facility, Advocats, Humane Society and others who care about our four-legged friends. Keeping all of those surgical packs sterile requires that the autoclave be running for several days prior and after each monthly event. The lab equipment and chillers are also getting quite a work out from our interns, visiting vets and student volunteers. Without the PV system, we would be spending much more of our budget on electricity. Thank you again to all who made this major project possible.



Nene #446 arrived at the Sanctuary in a box with a nasty fractured leg. He had no chance of survival without surgical intervention and rehabilitation. Luckily for him, the Three Ring Ranch knows some experts and were able to plea for help on his behalf. After a tense hour and a half of surgery an intramedullary pin was successfully placed in the nene's tibiotarsal bone by Dr Jacob Head of Keauhou Veterinary Hospital. A really snazzy splint (Schroeder-Thomas, Goody modified) allows the bird to stand and keeps the leg in correct position for optimal healing. This guy has already begun physical therapy two times a day to prevent the toes & foot from developing contractures. The goal is a return to full function and release this April.



## SUPPORTING THREE RING RANCH

### HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP THEM

Regular financial support is needed to provide the food, water and medical care, as well as to provide for educational programs, 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 costs must be paid for by the donations that you and others like you provide. Our 2011 budget is over \$75,000.

Although fund raising events 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.



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 as 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 this, while getting to use the asset for your entire life! Join our loving circle of benefactors who have provided for the Sanctuary in their wills, trusts or bequests. Please contact us for more information, we will be glad to refer you to a qualified estate-planning attorney to discuss the benefits and issues as they may apply to you in any planned giving.



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