



CALVIN & SUSIE

Hawaii's Store for Healthy Pets

Latest Store News

NEW cat foods from [KOHA Pet Food](#)! New Zealand Chicken Entree, and grain and potato free Stews available at our stores in Venison, Duck, and Chicken.

New Products from [Ruffwear Performance Dog Gear](#) will be available February, including new and redesigned packs, leashes, collars and harnesses!

Event Calendar

Upcoming Anesthesia-Free Dental Cleaning dates:

- Kapahulu - February 26
- Kailua - March 4

Call for more details!

Kapahulu: (808) 734-2320

Kailua: (808) 262-2320

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[BEING A CAT PARENT: HOW I LEARNED TO FEED MY CAT](#)

by Louise Hung

Welcome to the first part of an ongoing series of Calvin & Susie Blogs on “Being a Cat Parent” or “Being a Dog Parent”. In this series we’ll share how we, the Calvin & Susie team, learned how to care for our pets. We made some missteps along the way, and we’re still learning, but as people who make pet care our profession, we want to share with you the good stuff we’ve learned so far.

The first time I tried to feed my cat some actual healthy, wholesome cat food, I thought she’d never speak to me again.

I was a young, broke graduate student in Los Angeles, and my cat Brandy was a cranky middle-aged tortoise shell girl who loved her cheap, “fish medley” kibble. I mean she LOVED it. My boyfriend and I called it her “Dorito Cat Food” because, well, deep down we knew that it was about as healthy for her as Doritos were for us.

But we fed it to her anyway because candidly, we didn’t know better. I’d always fed my cats that way. We didn’t really understand the far-reaching ramifications of a pet’s diet. We didn’t know how much better an animal’s life could be with high quality food. We trusted the advertising on the bags that

UPDATE: By the Chimney with Care Drive Donation

Again a BIG Mahalo to the Calvin & Susie community for your generosity this holiday season!

Together we collected over \$2500 in food, treats, toys, accessories and cash donations. You truly made some rescue dog and cat wishes come true! Thank you for making this donation drive such a success.

From **KAAAWA K-9 RESCUE** : A huge thank you to Calvin & Susie and customers for these wonderful donations! What wonderful Christmas presents for our fur babies! This is Goldie and Nani enjoying some of the toys ♥ Thank you all, from all of us at Kaaawa k-9 rescue!



From **Second Chance 'Illo**: "Thank you to Calvin & Susie and their amazing customers for these wonderful donations for the fur-kids. We are trying to get pictures with the lucky dogs who get to enjoy these amazing gifts in the picture but they rather take everything for themselves and run."



From a **Rescue Paws** rescuer: Calvin & Susie is wonderful little specialty pet shop with locations in Kailua and Honolulu. As a rescuer who received truly appreciated gifts for fosters from both Calvin & Susie's and their fabulous customers who donated to the fosters from Rescue Paws for Christmas, we are truly grateful. All the foster pups and kitties (Including Sophia pictured below) want to thank you from the bottom of their heart (heart belly...that will be filled with food and treats from Calvin & Susie).



distracted us with pictures of leaping fish, "smiling" cats, and the promise of "HEALTHY!".

Our cat always had food, she always had water, she visited the vet regularly, and she was adored. What else could we do?

But one day a friend of mine, a newly minted pet nutrition specialist, gave me some straight talk. She said: "Louise, you can do better for Brandy. That food is garbage."

So my friend, I'll call her Laura, sent me a huge box of healthy cat food to try. She instructed me on how to transition Brandy onto a healthier food and also told me what to expect during the transition.

I didn't think it would be that big of a deal. Brandy was food-obsessed (like her mom), if she liked her Dorito Cat Food, she'd for sure like her new FANCY CAT FOOD, right?

WRONG.

I had started with Prowl from The Honest Kitchen. For those of you unfamiliar with The Honest Kitchen, they make dehydrated pet food from fresh, uncooked, human grade ingredients. It's highly digestible and densely nutritious. Not a kibble, but a sort of "chunky powder" that you add water to, to turn into something resembling wet pet food. It couldn't be further from Brandy's Dorito Cat Food.

(Read the full post at the [Calvin & Susie Blog!](#))

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New and Featured Products

Get ready for the warm weather with new designs of our Aloha Shirts and Aloha Sundresses. The Calvin & Susie Aloha Sundress has been re-designed with an extended under side to fit better and more comfortably next to the shoulder blade. The classic Aloha shirt are available in more fun and exciting colors. Check them out at the online store!

