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Pu'unene, HI (01/25/2022): Maui Humane Society is facing an unprecedented dog population that continues to push the boundaries of the shelter's capacity. The main reason for surrender is the inability for owners to afford the high cost of veterinary bills, followed by a lack of pet friendly housing throughout the island. Dogs Trust USA, an organization which aims to help as many dogs as possible in the United States, committed \$25,000 to assist financially disadvantaged dog owners receive access to low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter services and medical assistance.

In the last three months, Maui Humane Society has been able to perform 160 spay/neuter services with the maximum cost to owners of only \$20. Additionally, 24 animals arrived in serious medical distress whose owners were forced to surrender them due to lack of funds to cover veterinary bills. Thanks to Dogs Trust USA, we were able to provide urgent care, foster homes and TLC before reuniting these dogs with their loving owners. "Witnessing the moment that families are reconnected with a beloved pet is truly a special experience. We're so grateful to Dogs Trust USA for the opportunity to help pet owners in our community," stated CEO Steve MacKinnon.

To book an appointment for dog spay/neuter, visit www.mauihumanesociety.org. For more information about Dogs Trust USA, visit <https://www.dogstrustusa.org/>.

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Maui Humane Society is the island's only open admission shelter, accepting all animals in need. The organization cares for over 4000 animals a year and offers high volume, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to the public for owned pets. All animals adopted or transferred from MHS are first medically evaluated/treated, microchipped, vaccinated, and spayed/neutered. The shelter has a robust foster and volunteer program, transfers hundreds of animals through Wings of Aloha flights to adoption-guaranteed homes, offers daily behavioral and enrichment opportunities, practices TNR as a humane method of reducing the community cat population and provides food and supplies at no cost to disadvantaged pet owners through the 4EverPets community outreach program.