

# Nannies sit, stay with your beloved pets

By Brandon Bosworth

More than 60 percent of Oahu households include at least one pet. Pets are often considered members of the family, and just as parents sometimes need a bit of outside help with their children, pet owners occasionally require assistance taking care of their four-legged friends.

For those in need of helping hands, Hawaii Pet Nanny offers personalized pet sitting and dog walking services to most neighborhoods of Oahu. Founder Tammy Kubo — who previously worked in corporate sales and eventually left because of the fast pace, late nights and travel demands of the job — said she noticed pet parents with busy lifestyles were in need of relief and founded the company in 2005.

“I thought running Hawaii Pet Nanny would generate enough business to keep me busy, but I never dreamed that the company would grow to the size it is today,” she said. “Today I don’t pet sit as much and am working from home running the company.”

Working with animals comes naturally to Kubo, who has had pets most of her life. Over the years, she’s owned dogs, cats, birds and even a chinchilla.

Kubo credits her company’s success to a loyal customer base as well as the hard work of her 22 nannies. All the nannies have passed background checks, and Hawaii Pet Nanny is fully insured and bonded.

“I have a great team of nannies and a very low turnover rate,” said Kubo. “Clients meet their nanny before all visits begin. Only the nanny you meet with comes to your home. We



Tammy Kubo and a furry friend

pride ourselves on personal care.”

As part of their pet sitting, nannies will also bring in the mail and water indoor plants. Nannies offer services ranging from midday dog walks to overnight stays.

Hawaii Pet Nanny cares for most domestic pets, including dogs, cats, birds, fish, turtles, ducks and rabbits. The nannies are also experienced with looking after animals with special needs, such as dogs with hip dysplasia. Pet sitting is a particu-

larly good option for multi-pet families, since the animals can stay together instead of being boarded or kenneled separately.

While Hawaii Pet Nanny has grown significantly over the last few years, Kubo doesn’t want the company to get much bigger than it is today. “I want us to stay about the same size that we are,” she said. “I don’t want to get too large. I like the way that we are able to tend to each customer’s needs.”

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From pet sitting to dog walking, nannies help families with busy lifestyles care for their animals.

## A helping ‘paw’ for the pack

Hawaii Pet Nanny, which offers pet sitting and dog walking services, is actively involved in events going on around town. “I love to help in the community, and work a lot with the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) and other animal care groups,” said company founder and president Tammy Kubo.

“I was the silent auction chair in 2010 for HHS’s Tux and Tails and have been on the Tux and Tails committee for about six years. I also partnered with the stadium and the Hawaiian Humane Society for ‘Doggie Date Night.’”

In addition to its work with the Hawaiian Humane Society, Hawaii Pet Nanny has participated in events such as Pets @ the Plaza, Pet Expo, Maryknoll High School Career Day, Da Kine Canine Festival and St. Andrew’s Priory’s pet blessing ceremony, where students are invited to bring their furry friends to receive blessings and honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

## The 411

**Name:** Hawaii Pet Nanny

**Phone:** 741-5220

**Website:** [www.hawaiipetnanny.com](http://www.hawaiipetnanny.com)

**President:** Tammy Kubo

**Employees:** 22

**Benefits:** Nannies have flexible schedules and can work as little or as much as they want.

**Noteworthy:** Hawaii Pet Nanny is a member of Pet Sitters International and the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. The company holds an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau.