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The Waikoloa Nightingale

THESE DONKEYS OWN AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF BIG ISLAND HISTORY

OF ALL THE ICONIC ANIMALS WE ASSOCIATE WITH HAWAII — humpback whales, pueo, even the beloved gecko — the donkey most likely doesn't make the top 10. And while they don't walk comically upside down on our ceilings, majestically circle the skies, or leap playfully from the ocean, donkeys were integral to the success of Hawai'i Island's coffee industry in its early days, and hold an important place in the state's agricultural history.

Still spotted occasionally in the lava fields near Waikoloa Beach Resort and Waikoloa

Village, the Waikoloa Nightingales — as they are called for the semi-melodious braying noise they make day and night, distinct from the typical honking of a donkey — are descendants of those working animals that helped coffee farmers get their product to market almost 200 years ago.

BEAST OF BURDEN

"Donkeys first came to Oah'u as pack animals in 1825," tells Dr. Brady Bergin, a Waimea-based veterinarian who has



spearheaded efforts with the Hawai'i Humane Society in recent years to care for and find adoptive homes for the Waikoloa herd. "A few ended up on the Big Island, working the higher elevation coffee farms on the slopes of Hualālai. They're surefooted and hearty animals, and they can pack more per pound than horses."

The donkeys proved to be invaluable for the coffee farmers for more than 100 years, packing loads of coffee cherries from the rugged mountainside fields down to the drying and roasting facilities around Kona, and from there to the coast where the beans would be shipped to market.

After delivering their payload, the donkeys would be loaded with salt, fish, and other supplies, and the Nightingales would dutifully head back uphill to the farm, sometimes making the round trip by themselves so familiar were they with the trails and task at hand.

After World War II, with more roads in place and a surplus of Army jeeps available, the donkeys were

slowly phased out. According to a chapter on the Waikoloa Nightingales in Dr. Bergin's book, "The Hawaiian Horse" (with Dr. Billy Bergin), "Over the years, many of these working donkeys were released into the wilderness to fend for themselves, which they were more than capable of doing in the lush tropical environment (near Kona)."

How did the donkeys end up nearly 45 miles away in the Waikoloa area?

In 1974, Bergin tells, 30 donkeys were purchased from Hu'ehu'e Ranch by the Waikoloa Development Company for the purpose of developing a sort of Western ambiance for this newly established community.

"This new environment suited the donkeys very well. The dry, rocky terrain scattered with kiawe trees and copious amounts of fountain grass provided the most ideal conditions and their most natural habitat.

The population steadily grew, and their grazing migration expanded over thousands of acres, well beyond the Waikoloa Village Association land and into neighboring ranches such as Parker Ranch. Without proper management, it wasn't long before the population was deemed out of control."

As resort development along the Kohala Coast expanded in these years, and with the opening of Queen Ka'ahamanu Highway, the donkeys were cut off from their traditional watering holes near the coast. New homes and golf courses were being built too, and the by-now 600 or so free-ranging donkeys came to be regarded as more and more of a nuisance.

PRESERVING AN ICON

Attempts were made over the years to round up the wandering donkeys and relocate them to an area mauka of Waikoloa Village, where fencing could keep them mostly contained. But after a major fire swept through the area in 2006 and drought conditions became severe, the donkeys would break through fences looking for water and food, often wandering into Waikoloa Village proper. Traffic issues and resident complaints multiplied.

In early 2009, one concerned Waikoloa resident, Anika Glass, formed a group called Mālama Waikoloa Nightingales to support humane management of Waikoloa donkey herds. Glass was also instrumental in bringing the Humane Society of the United States on board to help find a solution.

"(Glass) was also instrumental in securing the support of my practice, 'Āina Hou Animal Hospital," Dr. Bergin writes. "I was able to

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donate time, services, and energy to help resolve the donkey overpopulation issues."

By the summer of 2009, in the midst of historic drought, the feral donkey population reached a tipping point. "A rancher named Stan Boteilho was leasing the land (mauka of Waikoloa Village) at the time," Dr. Bergin says, "and he approached me about what to do with the 600 or so donkeys that were roaming the land."

Dr. Bergin toured the area on ATV with Boteilho and saw firsthand the problems facing the herd, including many that were weak from dehydration and some that were seriously injured. "The impact of what I witnessed struck me to the very core of my animal husbandry upbringing," he writes. "I knew that I could not simply walk away."

In November 2010, the Waikoloa Donkey Rescue and Re-homing project officially got off the ground. Boteilho put out food and water and humanely trapped the donkeys, then delivered 70 head to Dr. Bergin at 'Āina Hou Animal Hospital within a two-day period. Dr. Bergin neutered the jacks and prepared the donkeys for adoption. This was the beginning of what would become the largest capture and re-homing of donkeys in Hawai'i.

Many were adopted out to local farmers and ranchers — Hōkūkano Ranch in Kealahou, for example, took a large number of donkeys to return them to the area they were from originally — and some went to rescue groups in California. Two are at the Honolulu Zoo.

Additional adoption efforts were made in 2016, and nowadays, Bergin says there are fewer than 100 still on Boteilho's land. "The long-term goal," says Bergin, "is to keep 25 or so in a controlled herd on Stan's land to preserve this historic and unique aspect of Hawai'i Island." ●



Queens' Marketplace

Open Daily | Store hours vary, please call or visit their websites for hours and more information

For information on weekly and monthly events at Queens' Marketplace, visit Queensmarketplace.com.

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(808) 886-1770

Hawaii Fluid Art
(808) 344-4878

Maui Divers
(808) 886-4817

Lava Light Galleries
(808) 756-0778

Mashka Jewelry
(808) 731-7310

ENTERTAINMENT

Kozy's Comedy & Magic Show
(808) 430-1957

Waikoloa Luxury Cinemas
(808) 464-3009

FASHION

Blue Ginger Family
(808) 886-0022

Cariloha
(808) 886-2608

Crocs™ Shoe Store
(808) 886-0213

Kona Surf N' Sandals
(808) 886-0898

Mahina
(808) 886-4000

Malibu Shirts
(808) 886-0003

Olivia Clare Boutique
(808) 657-4307

PacSun
(808) 886-0415

Quiksilver
(808) 886-0900

Reyn Spooner
(808) 886-1162

Volcom
(808) 886-6888

GROCERY

Island Gourmet Markets
(808) 886-3577

REAL ESTATE

Hawai'i Life Real Estate Brokers
(800) 667-5028

Home River Group
(808) 883-9550

Kona Coast Vacations
(808) 329-2140

Windermere C & H Properties
(808) 883-3321

SERVICES

Fidelity National Title & Escrow of Hawaii, Inc.
(808) 451-2360

Hilton Grand Vacations Club
(808) 886-0945

KOR Salon
(808) 886-8090

Rider Levett Bucknall
(808) 883-3379

Waikoloa Dental Clinic
(808) 886-0891

SPECIALTY & GIFTS

Claire's
(808) 886-8905

Da Big Bags
(808) 989-8709

Hawaiian Quilt Collection
(808) 886-0494

Lids
(808) 886-1649

Pacific Nature
(808) 886-8919

SoHa Keki
(808) 909-3888

SoHa Living
(808) 464-4268

Sunglass Hut
(808) 886-0274

SPORT & ACTIVITY

Bike Works Beach & Sports
(808) 886-5000

Yoga Barre
(808) 333-5378

Kings' Shops

Open Daily | Store hours vary, please call or visit their websites for hours and more information

ACCESSORIES

Mary Jane's
(808) 886-2707

Michael Kors
(808) 886-2653

Sunglass Hut
(808) 886-0593

APPAREL

Crazy Shirts
(808) 886-9303

Honolua Surf Co.
(808) 886-6422

Jams World
(808) 796-3182

Kona Harley-Davidson
(808) 464-4033

Noa Noa
(808) 886-5449

Rip Curl
(808) 886-1952

Tommy Bahama
(808) 886-8865

Tori Richard
(808) 886-8308

ART & JEWELRY

Aesthetic Hawaii by Genesis Galleries
(808) 731-6280

Giving Bracelets
(808) 445-9951

Kohala Coast Fine Art
(808) 886-4240

Nā Hōkū
(808) 886-7599

Royal Gold
(808) 886-7701

Tiffany & Co.
(808) 886-1931

ENTERTAINMENT

Live entertainment is back at Kings' Shops every Tuesday and Thursday, 4 - 5 pm at Center Stage. For more information call (808) 886-8811



FARMERS MARKET

Explore the Kings' Shops Farmers Market every Tuesday from 9 am - 2:30 pm

SERVICES

Big Island Motorcycle Co.
(808) 886-2011

Compass Real Estate
(808) 430-2184

Hawaii Vacation Condos by Outrigger
(808) 886-0036

Hulakai
(808) 731-7945

Kings' Shops Management Office
(808) 886-8811

Kohala Coast Properties
(808) 886-6600

ReMax Lava Luxury
(808) 756-4285

Shell Gas Station
(808) 886-9512

Team Clean
(808) 944-8255, ext. 108

SPECIALTY & GIFTS

Martin & MacArthur
(808) 886-0696

Whalers General Store
(808) 886-7057

Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

Travel Traders
(808) 886-8146
Daily 8 am - 10 pm

Mandara Spa
(808) 886-8191
Daily 10 am - 5:30 pm

Waikoloa Beach Resort Golf Shop

Golf Pro Shop

Open daily 6:30 am - 6:30 pm
(808) 886-7888



Hilton Waikoloa Village

Open Daily - Hours vary seasonally. All phone numbers are (808) 886-1234, with the extension noted below:

Dancing Dolphins and Big Island Marketplace
ext. 1744, 1746

Dolphin Quest Gift Shop
ext. 1216

Journey
ext. 1546

Kohala Spa Essence and Kohala Spa Retail Shop
ext. 1768 or ext. 1228

Nā Hōkū
ext. 1750

Things Hawaiian
ext. 1232



FAMILY FUN

Lakeside Putting is now open

Lakeside Putting is now open, Friday - Sunday from 4 - 8 pm, with the last game starting at 7:45 pm. It's a terrific way to spend an evening with the whole family enjoying some friendly competition, or a breezy sunset stroll. Rates are \$5 per adult, \$2.50 per *keiki*. Fee includes two rounds, golf club, and ball rental. Credit cards only.





SUNSET LŪ'AU

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays | 4:45 pm

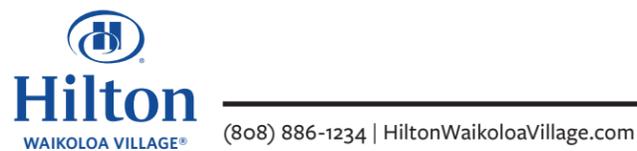
GATHER AS THE SUN SETS OVER BEAUTIFUL ANAEHOOMALU BAY and enjoy a traditional Hawaiian dinner. Then journey to Tahiti, New Zealand, Hawai'i, and Samoa through songs and dances of these Pacific cultures. The spellbinding Samoan fire dance is a spectacular sight.

Guests are seated at their own table. Maximum guests per table from the same household is 10. Food service is a combination of family style and a hot station.

For reservations visit fareharbor.com/marriottsunsetluau

Cancellations must be received 24 hours before your scheduled Luau. There will be no refund if cancellation is not received 24 hours out.

See our website for more information.



Legends of Hawai'i Lū'au — Our Big Island Story

Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays
5:30 pm | Kamehameha Court

TREAT YOURSELF TO THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CULTURAL IMMERSION of our *lū'au* at Hilton Waikoloa Village. Brought to you by Tihati Productions, the Legends of Hawai'i Lū'au dinner and show brings to life the ancestral songs and dances that retell the epic stories of Hawai'i Island and her remarkable people.

You'll receive a lei greeting upon arrival and have the opportunity to capture memories with photos with our *lū'au* performers. The meal includes island favorites such as huluhuli chicken, seared island catch-of-the-day, and the traditional *imu* kālua pig, and fresh daily Hawaiian style desserts. Our signature mai tais are made with fresh pineapple juice.

Make reservations in advance at legendsluau.com.
Book early to get your spot.



DOLPHIN SUNRISE SPLASH

Come witness the joy of the Dolphin Quest dolphin *ohana* frolicking at sunrise in the expansive, open-to-the-ocean Hilton Waikoloa Village saltwater lagoon. Learn about these spectacular animals while watching them up close and personal from the beachside. Engage with a Marine Mammal Specialist. Bring your camera! Sessions typically last about 10 minutes. Currently available every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am. Hours and days are subject to change.

Call Dolphin Quest at (808) 987-3434 for the latest information.

DINING GUIDE

Restaurants open daily unless noted.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:
Waikoloa Pizza;
Roy's Waikoloa Bar & Grill;
Gypsea Gelato

GOLF COURSE

Mai Grille,
By Chef Allen Hess
(at Kings' Clubhouse)
(808) 886-7600
MaiGrille.com

Breakfast and lunch
8 am – 3 pm

Sunday Brunch
7:30 am – 2:30 pm

Tropics Ale House and Restaurant
(808) 886-4287
TropicsAleHouse.com
Lunch and dinner
11 am – 10:30 pm

LAVA LAVA BEACH CLUB

(808) 769-LAVA (5282)
LavaLavaBeachClub.com

HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE

(808) 886-1234
HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com/dining

Nui Breakfast

A lavish breakfast and a la carte options in a relaxed atmosphere.

7 – 10 am

Nui Italian

Authentic, family-friendly Italian dining including stone-fired pizzas, pastas, salads, and more.

Lounge and dinner
5 – 9 pm

KPC – Kamuela Provision Company

KPC offers Hawai'i Island's most spectacular sunset views. Locally sourced cuisine, from prime steaks to Hawaiian seafood.

Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
5:30 – 9 pm

Lagoon Grill

Grab a burger, sandwich, salad, or Hawaiian bowl for lunch or early dinner and watch dolphins playing in the lagoon below.

11 am – 4 pm

Kona Tap Room

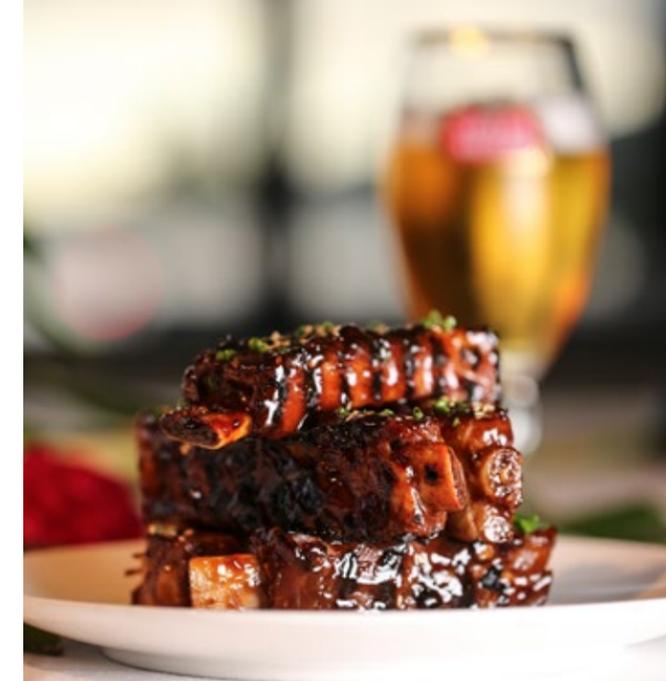
A fun gathering place with an array of craft and domestic beers and casual pub fare.

4:30 – 10:30 pm

Waikoloa Coffee

6 am – noon
in Ocean Tower

6 am – noon
in MAKAI



WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

(808) 886-8165
Marriott.com

Hawaii Calls Restaurant & Lounge

Breakfast
7 – 11 am

Lunch
11 am – 5 pm

Happy Hour
2 – 4 pm

Dinner
5 – 9 pm

Live Entertainment
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, featuring some of Hawai'i's local musical artists

FALL CHEF SERIES

This limited Thursday night event, presented by Hawaii Calls restaurant's award-winning culinary team, showcases a carefully crafted four-course dinner paired with your choice of select wines or cocktail pairings.

Aka'ula Lanai

Coffee Shop – Lobby Level
6:30 - 11 am

KINGS' SHOPS

A-Bay's Island Grill
(808) 209-8494

A-Bays.com

8 am – midnight

Foster's Kitchen

(808) 657-4500
FostersKitchen.com

Daily lunch and dinner
3 – 10 pm

Gypsea Gelato

(808) 886-1540
GypseaGelato.com

Island Fish & Chips

(808) 886-0005
KingsShops.com/island-fish-chips

7:30 am – 9:30 pm

Roy's Waikoloa Bar & Grill

(808) 886-4321
RoysHawaii.com

Dinner 5 – 9 pm

Island Vintage Coffee

(808) 731-5700
Open daily at 7 am

The Original Big Island Shave Ice Company

(808) 895-6069

Tuesday – Sunday
11:30 am – 6:30 pm

DINING GUIDE

Please check with individual restaurants on hours of operation.



Island Greens

QUEENS' MARKETPLACE

Full-service restaurants.

Bistro at the Cinemas
(808) 464-3009
HawaiiCinemas.com/the-bistro

Charley's Thai Cuisine
(808) 886-0591
CharleysThaiHawaii.com

Kuleana Rum Shack
(808) 238-0786
KuleanaRum.com

Mauna Kea Tropical Treats
(808) 738-6249

Romano's Macaroni Grill
(808) 443-5515
MacaroniGrill.com

Sansei Steak & Sushi Bar
(808) 886-6286
SanseiHawaii.com

Starbucks Coffee Company
(808) 886-1888
Starbucks.com



Hawaii Kind Grinds

QUEENS' MARKETPLACE FOOD COURT

Grab & go and food court eateries.

Dairy Queen/ Orange Julius
(808) 886-1029

Hawaii Kind Grinds
HawaiiKindGrinds.com

Island Greens
IslandGreensHI.com

Waikoloa Pizza
WaikoloaPizza.com

Waikoloa Shrimp Company
WaikoloaShrimpCo.com

