

Kainumas Have New Kind Of Self-Service For Kailua Pooches

By SARAH PACHECO

The Dog Shop and Laundra-Mutt is ready to show how pumping gas and grooming dogs can go hand-in-paw, as far as self-service is concerned.

Owners Judy and Bob Kainuma took over the full-service dog-grooming enterprise from Auntie Mona Duidoit six years ago when the shop was still on Oneawa Street, but they soon outgrew their 170-square-foot space and moved to a much-larger one on Hamakua Drive (previously occupied by My Furry Friends). The Kainumas did so well they needed to expand once again, making the move last month to 28 Kainehe St.

"This feels like the right place, like we're not going to

go anywhere else," declared Judy. They believe that's a good thing for the newly launched Laundra-Mutt, a self-serve dog wash they started up a little over a year ago.

"We noticed that after lunchtime we're not really using the tubs, so we thought, 'Why not open them (the two high-rise wash tubs) up to people?'" Judy explained. "Self-service dog washes are really big on the Mainland and Canada, which is where we got the idea. It hasn't really caught on in Hawaii yet; I believe we're the first, or one of the first, on the Windward side."

The concept is simple: Bring dirty doggies to the groomers, but instead of paying someone else to clean Fido, owners do the dog's-



The Dog Shop and Laundra-Mutt co-owners Judy and Bob Kainuma bathe shop mascot Keegan in one of their wash basins. Photo by Byron Lee, byronlee@midweek.com.

share of the work themselves. The Dog Shop provides towels, brushes, ear cleaner and cotton balls, and use of its dryers (15 minutes max). One of its five employees — which include Aimee Lee, Sandy Ho, the Kainumas and their King Charles spaniel and store mascot Keegan — are more than happy to help customers choose their shampoos or offer advice on how to use the tubs' many features.

"We have a massaging bathing system that's really good for dogs with bad hips and for blasting off sand if you're coming from the beach," Bob said. "I've heard

from lots of people that bathing their dog is a good bonding time; others like the option of bathing their dog inside versus outside in their driveway. If you have a dog that doesn't need a haircut, why not?"

Fees range from \$10 to \$25, depending on the dog's weight. Trimming toenails is \$5 more. All dogs must be leashed and under control at all times. Call 262-8804.

The Dog Shop and Laundra-Mutt LLC are open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Self-service hours are 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Police Beat

Two construction workers were arrested Nov. 6 at a Waimanalo work site after they got into an argument and one hit the other with a hammer — after the second man allegedly attacked the first man with a putty knife.

• A 70-year-old homeless man was arrested Nov. 5 on arson charges after setting fire to a dumpster near Papa John's on Hamakua Drive in Kailua. A witness reported seeing the suspect throw a cigarette into the dumpster which caused the fire to start.

• Police are investigating a possible sexual assault involving a 16-year-old Hauula girl. Reports say the girl was sitting at a bus stop Nov. 7 when she was approached by the suspect who convinced her to take a walk down the beach where the alleged assault began. The suspect was described as a white man in his mid 30s, with short brown hair.

• Police arrested three men Nov. 9 for various charges after a theft at a Kailua coffee shop. Reports say the victim was at the shop when one of the suspects stole his computer and cell phone. The victim gave chase but the man got away. A boy (who was one of four other males with the suspect) threatened the victim, who then reported the theft to police. The victim identified the suspect through a

photo lineup. Officers located the suspect's friends in the area, arresting one man for six outstanding warrants, one boy for terroristic threatening and for being a runaway, and a third male, also a juvenile, on a runaway charge.

Following are statistics compiled in District 4 Nov. 1-7:

BURGLARIES

Burglaries were reported on Hui Ulili, Punana and Ulupii streets; Alina and Kahanahou places, Auloa and Kuulei roads, Kahanahou Circle and Kamehameha Highway.

DUI, SPEEDING

In the Windward area, police issued 112 speeding citations and arrested nine people for drunken driving.

ARREST TOTALS

District 4 officers made one felony and 17 misdemeanor arrests during the week.

Reynolds Adds Hauula Center For Recycling

Reynolds Recycling Inc. recently opened a certified redemption center in Hauula, located south of the Hauula Kai Center at 54-290 Kamehameha Hwy., making it one step easier for residents to "go green" by recycling.

The redemption center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for HI-5 recyclables, and it also will buy non-ferrous scrap metal, including aluminum, copper and brass.

Reynolds also opened a new center on University Avenue, making its redemption network available at 38 locations islandwide. Windward sites already established are at Kahuku Sugar Mill, Koolau Center, Aikahi Park, Keolu Shopping Center and in Waimanalo.

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