



Deanna Arroyo
Kokua Award 2015

Deanna Arroyo is the founder of Ohana Animal Rescue, a non-profit pet rescue organization based in Tempe.

Deanna's love for animals stemmed from her childhood, when the family had dogs and other pets. She never lost that love for the 'furry part of the family.'

She started fostering dogs in her home that she'd found or for other pet rescue organizations. Under her care, they flourished. Soon she was recruiting friends to help.

When she decided to start a pet rescue to help with the constant need to find homes for lost or abandoned pets, she named it 'Ohana.' There were two reasons, one because of her Hawaiian heritage and the other because 'ohana' means 'family' and no family member should be left behind.

Deanna's leadership and service has resulted in over 100 volunteers saving over 1,000 dogs and cats a year from euthanasia lists and finding them new families.

We salute her efforts in the community and the excellent example she provides to save lives and find 'forever homes' for our furry friends.

