☺In July of 1982, Bob & Pam & their 2 cats began one of several adventures. We were moving to Kailua-Kona Hawaii from San Francisco.

In those days taking animals to Hawaii was not an easy or cheap proposition. The state of Hawaii required a 4-month quarantine on Oahu. We were going to be living on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Fortunately, we had friends who had gone before & gave us tips on how to do this.

First tip – get a surrogate on Oahu. We found Susie. She visited the kitties 2 to 3 times a week at the quarantine station. When she visited, she could put the girls in the same cage where she would brush them, take them treats, & otherwise give them human companionship. Afte visits, the girls would dictate letters to us through Susie. Oh, did I mention that Susie smoked Poko LoLo (marijuana). These were some of the funniest & strangest letters we ever saw – wish I had saved them.

Second tip – We visited the girls once or twice a month making a long weekend of the visit exploring Honolulu. We always found their habitat to be immaculate.

Finally, their incarceration was over, & they were flown to Kona.

The second day they were home, we threw a Debutante Coming Out Party. We ordered the girls their own Leis, & they had their own special buffet. They knew this party was for them – they pranced around all afternoon entertaining our guests. One of our guests brought a magnum bottle of local wild catnip. It was labeled Gato Ariba. The girls loved it!

We also had a grown-up buffet & ample libations for our guests. Finally, a good time was had by all.