

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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Chinowa for People and Pets

A procession of dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, hamsters and a chin-chilla went through the Chinowa ring on Sunday, June 1 for the annual Pet Blessing at the shrine.

Some pets hung around for some “yappy hour” while others slurped Pet Shave Ice. As usual, all had a tail-wagging good time.

Mark your calendars for the next Pet Blessing Festival and Chinowa Ring of Renewal on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

For photos of the event, view our Flickr album at:

www.flickr.com/photos/kotohira-dazaifu



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2009 Shrine Calendar

July

5 Tsukinamisai Monthly Service 月次際

August

1 Clean-up & Prep 掃除と準備

2 Education Blessing
てんじんさん学業成就

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service 月次際

September

1 Reservations accepted for Shichigosan
七五三予約開始

6 Tsukinamisai Monthly Service 月次際

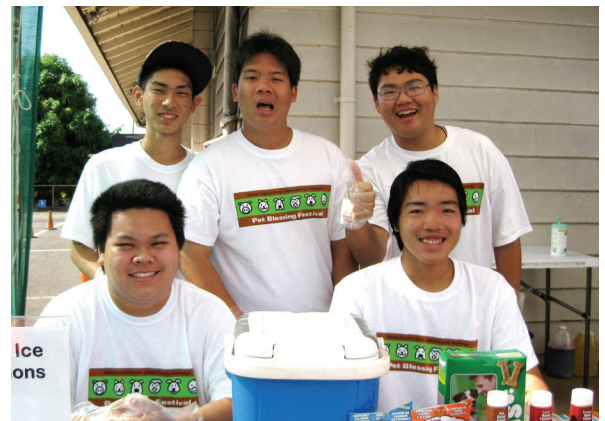
26 Clean-up & Preparations

27 Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

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May • June

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Konpira Inu (Konpira Shrine Dogs)

Kotohira-gu, in Kagawa Prefecture is said to have been established about 3,000 years ago.

The object of veneration from ancient times, Kotohira-gu is renown as the guardian deity of navigation and fishing, as well as successful business and is the headquarters of the many Kotohira branch shrines throughout Japan.

Kotohira-gu is known affectionately throughout Japan as "Konpira-san." The Hawaii branch of Kotohira-gu was established in 1920 and named Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha.

During the Edo period (1603-1868), when Konpira pilgrimage was very popular, those who were not able to make the pilgrimage themselves, sent their dogs to Konpira-san on their behalf. From one traveler to another, the dogs were cared for and guided in the right direction until they eventually arrived at Konpira shrine.

Offerings to Kotohira shrine along with the names and address of the owner and money to purchase food were placed in a bag with "Konpira Mairi" written on it and tied around the neck of the dogs.

Upon the dogs arrival at Kotohira shrine, prayers were offered for the donors and ofuda amulets were placed in a bag and tied around the dog's neck. The dogs were then fed, given a good night's rest and sent back to their owners in the same way they came.



Hawaii Pet Expo 2009

The shrine had a booth at the Hawaii Pet Expo, held on Mother's Day weekend at the NBC Exhibition Hall.

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Back-To-School Education Blessing てんじんさん学業成就



August 2, 2009 Sunday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm