



CALVIN & SUSIE

Hawaii's Store for Healthy Pets

Latest Store News

Upcoming Anesthesia-Free Dental Cleaning dates:

- Kapahulu - Sunday, April 23rd
- Kailua - Saturday, May 6th

Call for more details!

Kapahulu: (808) 734-2320

Kailua: (808) 262-2320

Nickie's Dog Blog: Thank you for mentioning us on your [blog](#), Nickie!

New Products in Stores:

Canine ear care and cologne products from customer favorite [Espree Animal Products](#).

[Pet Nail Trimmer](#) from [Millers Forge, Inc.](#)!

NEW and back-in-stock customer favorites from [The Missing Link](#)!

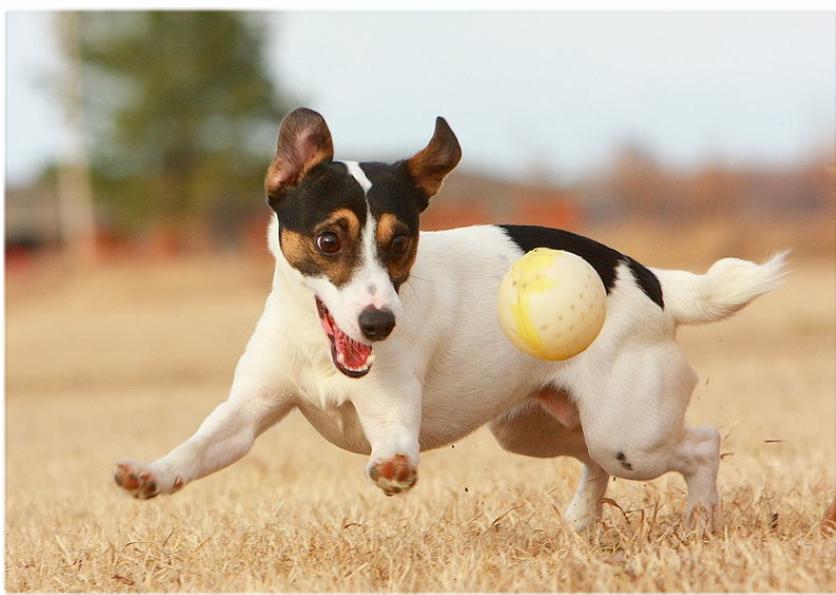


Come into our stores for more new products!

On The Blog

[BEING A DOG PARENT PART 2: STOCKING YOUR DOG'S FIRST-AID CLOSET](#)

[BEING A CAT PARENT: HOW I LEARNED TO FEED MY CAT](#)



PET JOINT SUPPLEMENTS 101

by Louise Hung

Many of us see our darling dogs and cats as our “forever babies”. No matter how old they get, no matter how grey their muzzles turn, we continue to adoringly call them “pup” or “kitten”. I called my cranky senior cat, “Baby Girl” well into her teens – 70s in human years. My dog was “Hey pup!” all through his 15 spunky years.

And while many of our senior pets remain young at heart, stiff, achey joints can be one of the first things to slow them down.

Luckily there are a lot of products out there that can not only slow the deterioration of their joints, but can even repair them to some degree. And when I say there are a lot, I mean there really are A LOT. Choosing a joint repair/protection product for your pet can be overwhelming.

But just like in choosing foods for your pet, the more you know about joint-healthy ingredients, and know what ingredients might best serve your pet, the better decisions you can make.

A Farewell Message from Jo



After 6 ½ years here at Calvin & Susie, I am going to be leaving the company to pursue a new adventure. I am going to miss all of you as you have touched my life in so many positive ways.

To my four-legged friends – thank you for all of the hugs, slobbery kisses, and warm, waggly-tailed greetings. Seeing you was always the highlight of my day!

To my human customers – thank you for sharing your furry kids with us. We’ve laughed and cried through good times and the not-so-good times. I will truly miss “talking stories” about our pets at the store. But as fellow pet owners and animal lovers, I know that we will cross paths and run into each other very often while shopping at the our favorite pet supply store. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories!

New and Featured Products

Calvin & Susie is committed to bringing Hawaii the highest quality pet foods and supplements. Our philosophy is to scrutinize ingredients, labels, and company reputations so that you don’t have to. It is with this care that we’re happy to introduce the full line of pet foods and treats from RAWZ Natural Pet Food and Open Farm Pet Foods! New to the state and Oahu, more information is available at their websites; [RAWZ](http://RAWZ.com) and [OPEN FARM](http://OPEN FARM.com). Both foods are available now at Kapahulu and Kailua locations. Call or visit for more information!



Just remember, before you give your pet a joint care supplement:

Check with your vet. Better yet, bring your dog or cat in for a check up if you suspect they are having joint problems. It’s always best to rule out more serious physical problems, and to get your vet’s recommendation for which products to look for. Additionally, your vet might tell you how high or low a dose to administer, depending on the product.

Be sure that you are giving your pet a supplement that is safe for them. It’s always best to choose a supplement that is for pets. While it may seem easy to just share something like your glucosamine supplement with your dog, many human vitamins and supplements can contain ingredients that are not safe for pets. Plus, the dosage in your supplement may not be at a therapeutic level for your cat or dog. When choosing a joint supplement for your pet, it’s best to choose one that has been formulated for optimal absorption in your pet’s body, otherwise you may just be wasting your money or worse, risking their health. In some cases it’s fine to give your pet a human supplement, just be sure it is okayed by a vet and that you have discussed the correct dosage with them.

Know if your pet has any food allergies or sensitivities. Many supplements for joint health are derived from, or formulated with, such things as shellfish, eggs, soy, or dairy. You may want to avoid feeding your pet products containing such ingredients, if they have a history of sensitivity.

Most of all, be realistic about your expectations. If you have a middle aged or young senior that’s just starting . . .

(Read the full post at calvinandsusie.com/blog)

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Note: Always check with your vet before making any changes to your pet’s diet. The Calvin & Susie Blogger always researches to the best of her ability, but she is not a vet. This blog is not in any way meant to replace veterinary advice or care. When in doubt, always ask a vet.