This semester my roommate and I have been fostering animals from the Keaau Humane Society. We have fostered a couple litters of kittens and a litter of puppies for several weeks at a time. The reason we did this is because of our love for animals. We also did this because we believe it is very important for animals to be spayed or neutered.

Since feral cats were introduced to Hawaii to help control the coqui population, cats have been producing at exponential rates, killing of native birds and other species. It is important to trap cats and have the spayed or neutered to help protect Hawaii’s native fauna.

The kittens and puppies must weigh a certain weight before they can be neutered or spayed, so when people find these animals and bring them into the Humane Society, they are not allowed to stay unless they are that certain weight, meaning they are turned away and probably released back into the wild. But thanks to lots of foster parents, these baby animals have a good home and food until they make that certain weight to go back to the humane society, where they are spayed and then adopted out to loving families.

This is my community service project and I had a great time working and helping animals to help prevent overpopulation of domesticated animals prowling the Big Island.