

Waterman Duke Kahanamoku in Words

Author Discusses New Book in Beverly Hills

On Tuesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. in the Beverly Hills Library Auditorium, award-winning journalist and author David Davis will discuss his biographical book, “Waterman: The Life and Times of Duke Kahanamoku,” who was an Olympic champion that popularized the Hawaiian sport of surfing. Davis will take questions from the audience and sign books at the end of the event. Books will be available for sale.

In “Waterman,” journalist David Davis examines the remarkable life of Duke Kahanamoku: surfer, Olympic gold medalist, Hawaiian icon, water man, event organizers said.

Duke Kahanamoku was a Native Hawaiian from Honolulu, Hawaii who was a three-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time silver medalist in swimming. He qualified for the U.S. Olympic swim team in 1912 and won his first gold medal in the 100-meter freestyle and silver medal in 200-meter freestyle relay.

Kahanamoku is widely credited with popularizing the ancient Hawaiian sport of surfing. In

1912, while returning from the Olympics, he brought surfing to the American East Coast with exhibitions and a few years later to Southern California. Kahanamoku died in 1968 at age 77. He was the first inductee into the international Surfing Magazine Hall of Fame as well as the Huntington Beach Surfing Walk of Fame.

David Davis is the author of several leading biographies and his work appears regularly in national publications. He lives in Los Angeles.

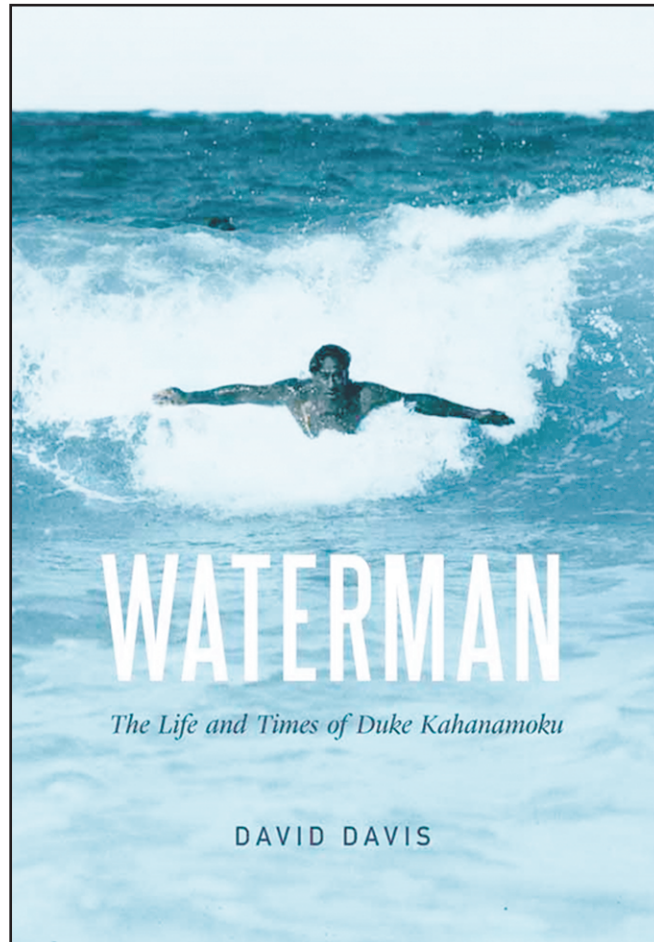
“Waterman” has been praised as a “must read.” *The Wall Street Journal* describing it as “A belated and bountiful tribute to this great Hawaiian’s memory.”

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BY JOE FASBINDER

You've probably already guessed by the accompanying photo that this story doesn't deal with champagne, hot tubs or romance, unless your idea of romance includes spaying and neutering. And microchip identification, vaccination, and if you live in the City of Los Angeles, a dog or cat license. Overall cost: \$122 for any of the forever friends who are awaiting adoption.

Patricia Kellogg is supervisor of the West Los Angeles Animal Shelter, one of six shelters in the Animal Control system in the Los Angeles: East Valley, West Valley, North Central, Harbor, South L.A. and our own West L.A. Shelter where, at the time of writing, there are two birds, 65 cats, 46 rabbits and 113 dogs awaiting adoption. “That doesn't change much from month to month,” said Kellogg.

The Shelter is located at 11361 West Pico Blvd., in West L.A., and if you come in this weekend, July 23 or 24, all L.A. City Animal Shelters are offering discounts on adoption fees for Chihuahuas, pit bulls and cats.

A lot of people chose pitbulls for protection, thinking they are aggressive in nature.

“That's not the case at all,” Kellogg explained. “Most of them [pitbulls] have even dispositions, and are fine in the company of humans.”

Some animals don't get along with other pets. That's the case for King, who was in a cage by himself in West L.A. because he had issues with other dogs. Nonetheless he's as cute as a button, and doesn't even bark when you approach his cage. He just comes over and looks like you with pleading eyes, wanting you to take him home. He's hard to resist.

The dog room is a cacophony of squeals, barks

and Chihuahuas yapping, that you can hear even after you leave the shelter.

“You can hear the love even outside,” Kellogg said

Virtually all the dogs and cats here can be identified by name, which at first glance seems sort of disturbing when you come to a cage with a brass plate on it with the name of a Los Angeles City Councilman. “We do that for donors who really help us out,” Kellogg explained.

There are brass plates with names of donors all over the cat and dog rooms at the West Los Angeles Animal Shelter.

And if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of having to give up a pet, you can simply bring it to a City Shelter at any time of day or night, and someone will be on hand to give your pet a temporary place to stay.

“We place about 98 percent of the animals we get in here with forever homes,” said Kellogg. The others are euthanized. It's a sad but true fact of life that some pets just can't find a place to live. That figure only applies to pets dropped off at the Westside shelter. “I can't speak for shelters anywhere else in the city,” she said.

The shelter is in constant need of litter pads, plastic litter pans, stainless steel bowls of all sizes, dog and cat treats, dog and cat toys and a litany of other things that are necessary to keep pets well cared for and happy. If you've got it, they probably need it.

During the day, the West L.A. Animal Shelter is run for a large part by volunteers. If you want to be part of the shelter, you have to bring identification that says you're at least 16 years old (if it's obvious that you're a young person.)



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