

# Pet Blessing Festival

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Kuri, a female shih tzu/Chihuahua mix, and Nori, a male shih tzu, make their way to the steps of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha-Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine to be blessed. They are owned by Sheryl Matsumoto of Kaneohe



Bryan Pakele, left, of Kalihi with his children Ella, 4, and Beau, 9, took their pets Honi, a Labrador retriever, and Sarah, a boxer, to the shrine to be blessed on Sunday.



Minnie, a female yellow Labrador retriever, loves the pet-flavored shaved ice she is being fed by her owner at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha-Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu's pet blessing.



Cynthia Shiraishi gets pulled through the "ring of rejuvenation" by her rambunctious Chihuahua/terrier Shiku during the pet blessing event at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha-Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine.



Ten-year-old Mamo Bishaw of Hawaii Kai holds Mark, his Jack Russell/fox terrier mix, on the steps of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha-Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine in Kalihi as he gets a blessing from Masao Kawamura with a shake of a suzu, or bell, during a pet blessing observance of Pet Appreciation Week.