



PATRICK McDONNELL

THE CREATOR OF *MUTTS* TALKS ABOUT BECOMING VEGETARIAN

With its expressive art and humorous, often philosophical, writing, *Mutts* has become a favorite among comic strip readers worldwide. Created by Patrick McDonnell in 1994, *Mutts* is currently distributed to more than 600 newspapers (including The Honolulu Advertiser), by King Features Syndicate. Unlike many other comic strips with animal characters, *Mutts*' Earl (the dog) and Mooch (the cat) get their charm from acting much more like animals than people.

A dedicated advocate for animal protection, Mr. McDonnell is on the Boards of Directors for the Humane Society of the United States and The Fund for Animals. He has created an ongoing series of *Mutts* "Shelter Stories" strips to help raise awareness of the plight of animals in shelters and promote pet adoption. In recognition of his many contributions to animal protection, he and *Mutts* have received many awards, including the Genesis Award for Ongoing Commitment and PETA's Humanitarian Award.

Mr. McDonnell will also be speaking on Maui on Monday, June 5, at 7 p.m. at Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., in Wailuku.



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