



# COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA  
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Success  
Story

## Meet Alfred Mina, DVM Veterinarian



### 4-H Experience

As a 4-H member in Hilo, Hawai'i, Alfred Mina was active in livestock projects, community service projects, and leadership and public speaking. He also served as a junior leader for his 4-H club when he was in high school.

### Skills and Knowledge Gained in 4-H

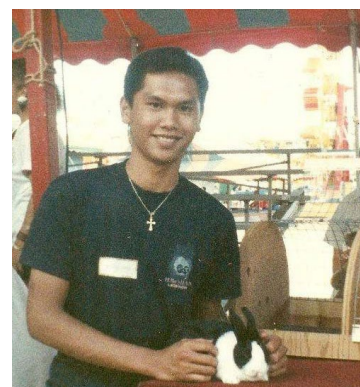
Alfred says that throughout his years in 4-H he learned about animal husbandry and animal well-being. Community service taught him to give unselfishly. One such community service project was the PALS Project (People, Animals, Loving, Sharing) which provided the opportunity to take his animals into elderly care homes and to schools.

### From 4-H into the World

The impact that 4-H had on Alfred Mina's life is best explained in his own words: "At a time when my high school counselors were telling me to consider a career other than veterinary medicine,

4-H was much more supportive of my dreams. 4-H kept me focused and determined to pursue my career goals. In the end, I didn't listen to my high school counselors and followed my heart."

Dr. Mina graduated from Washington State University with a Doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine and currently owns a veterinary practice in Hilo, Hawai'i providing small animal, avian, and exotic animal medical/surgical care.



Alfred Mina as a member of the Hilo Paniolo Livestock 4-H club on Hawai'i Island