



After visiting a chocolate farm in Maui in Sept 2022 I started to make bean-to-bar chocolate as a hobby for fundraising money to support animals that I have rescued. As a veterinarian I have rescued many animals over the years, giving them a lifelong home and medical care, many of which have special needs. Making chocolate has turned into a true passion, and now I see myself as a chocolate advocate, educating people on the fine flavors of chocolate and creating not just a bar but a piece of artwork, that allows for the true flavors of the specific origin to be the star, with most of my bars being from aged chocolate. I have had great interest in my bars and I am currently transitioning from having my chocolate be just a fundraiser hobby to a side small business, as well as working as a chocolate consultant, with 100% of all income being used for the animals. The craft competition was the first chocolate competition I have done with my main objective to just get some feedback since I am self taught; it is a wonderful privilege to know people enjoyed my chocolate and selected it for an award. This is reassurance to me that I shall continue to my efforts to make the highest quality of bean to bar chocolate, focusing on unique, limited edition micro-batches, and ensure that artwork, education and health always be incorporated into my products. I appreciate everyone's' support in this journey and look forward to how this may grow in the future.