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# Glenn Tunaley: A Curiosity for Coffee -- & Life

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**G**lenn Tunaley and Camryn Allen met about 15 years ago in Australia while they were both working at a hip CD/DVD/HiFi store. (Think Empire Records with an accent.)

Glenn is from Australia and Camryn, originally from San Diego, was an international student at a local university. Just two years after meeting at work, the pair married in Las Vegas, Nevada.

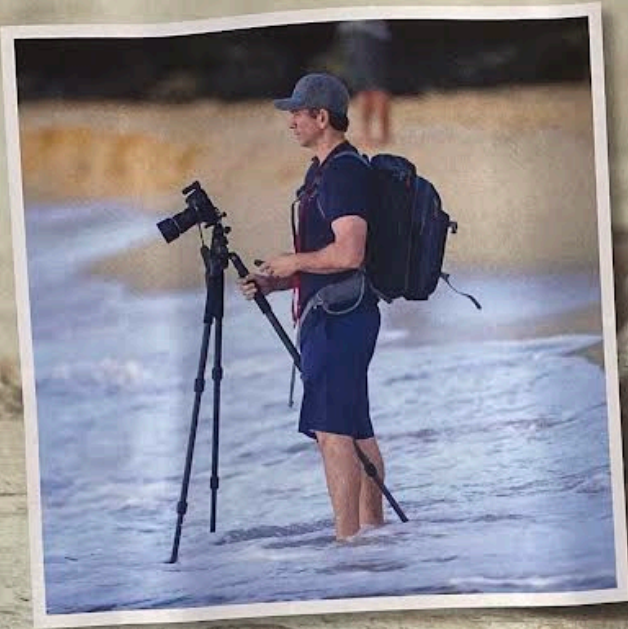
"The show 90-Day Fiancé is legit — we had just 90 days to get married after I arrived from Australia to the United States on my fiancé visa!" said Glenn with a laugh. The two have a full house.

"I have three fur babies, tons of house plants — and I am an amazing uncle!" says Glenn. "The fur babies are three cats we adopted as kittens from Hawai'i Cat Café in town last year. Linc, Moo and Char Char are not related, but are all only about one month apart in age. Yes, we are crazy cat people."

Hawai'i Cat Café is known as the first cat café in the state. Located on Kapahulu Avenue in Honolulu, you can enjoy handcrafted beverages and European-style pastries in the company of their 15+ adoptable rescue cats. All of the cats at the café were rescued by either their staff or the Hawaiian Humane Society. The venue allows potential adopters to get to know the cats' personalities in a fun environment. Café cats have significantly more exposure, socialization and opportunities to be adopted.

Camryn is a sea turtle biologist, which is the reason the





couple moved to Hawai'i in the first place. She was recently a featured scientist for the Ologies Podcast, a funny (but explicit, so keep that in mind before you listen) science podcast where the comedic host Alie Ward "asks smart people stupid questions." Time magazine named it in their list of the top 50 podcasts.

Glenn works part-time roasting coffee for Kailua Town Coffee Roasters.

"I love coffee, and my curiosity about it led me to roasting," said Glenn.

In late 2020, he also started Ko'olau Coffee online and in-person at the Lōkahi Farmer's Market, which is open every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 340 Uluniu Street. Ko'olau Coffee offers small-batch roasted coffee with free local delivery within Waimānalo, Kailua and Kāne'ohe. Visit [koolaucoffee.com](http://koolaucoffee.com) for more information.

"I'm roasting coffee several times per week, so it's always fresh," said Glenn. "We have very tasty, locally grown Hawaiian coffees, as well as blends from all over the world."

Glenn is also very passionate about our environment and trying to help save our oceans, so he donates \$1 from every bag of coffee he sells to the Papahānaumokuākea Marine Debris Project (PMDP).

The Papahānaumokuākea Marine Debris Project (PMDP) is a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to protect the sensitive wildlife and critical habitats of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, located in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, from the threats of marine debris.

Glenn and Camryn live in Kailua Town. Before moving to Kailua's lively downtown, they previously lived in the Coconut Grove neighborhood since 2017, when they moved to Hawai'i from California.

"We visited O'ahu a few months before we moved to determine where we wanted to live, and quickly fell in love with Kailua," said Glenn, who also lived in Papua New Guinea.

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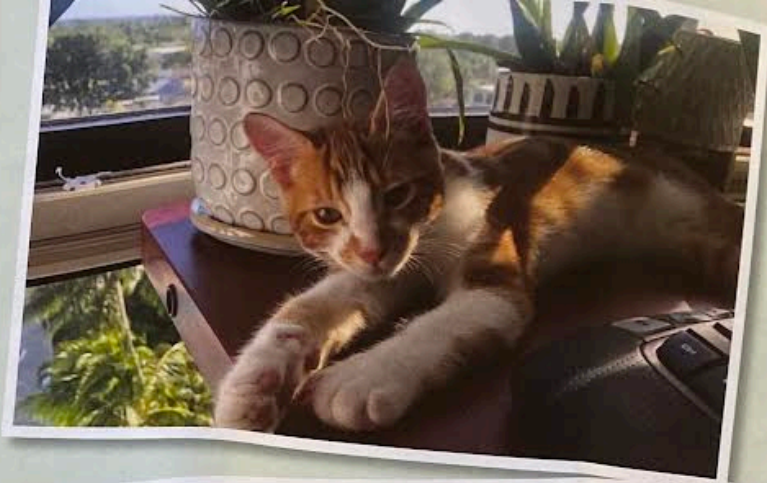
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"We love the sense of community in Kailua and being within easy walking distance to our friends' homes, shops, restaurants and the beach," said Glenn. "The view of the Ko'olau mountains in the background with stunning Kailua Beach at your fingertips is very hard to resist," said Glenn.

Glenn and Camryn live in a large condo complex in Kailua, which means they have lots of neighbors.

"During the pandemic, we all left freshly baked goods outside each other's doors to bring a sense of togetherness and happiness during the difficult time," said Glenn.

Glenn and Camryn have been lucky to travel the world together pre-pandemic, so they have spent a lot of time reminiscing about their favorite travel memories while most travel has been halted.

"We like to try to take a trip with our Kailua friends, who are like family to us, to a different island in the Hawaiian archipelago every year. So far, we have traveled to Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i Island together, exploring many of Hawai'i's national and state parks, including Volcanoes National Park on Hawai'i Island," said Glenn.

"For our last 'bucket list' trip, Camryn and I went to South Africa and explored their Kruger National Park for a week," continued Glenn. "It was magical. While driving through the park, there were animals around every small turn in the road. We went on a lot of guided walks and night tours trying to see all the different wildlife. We were so lucky to see all of the 'Big



5' (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant and buffalo) quickly that we started each new day looking for the unknown and smaller animals in the park."

In his spare time, Glenn also enjoys camping, hiking, and landscape and nature photography. He has been taking photos of his travels and everyday adventures for more than 16 years.

"I love trying to find interesting things to point my camera at," said Glenn.

To check out his photo galleries, visit [glenntunaley.com](http://glenntunaley.com).

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