



# Ay Chihuahua!!

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Newsletter of the Chihuahua Club of Hawaii

## EASTER BONNET CONTEST AND EGG HUNT!!!!

*So put on your Easter bonnet and all the frills upon it...for the Easter Parade!!!*

**Sunday, April 4, 2004**

**@ 1:30 pm**

**Kauluwela Elementary School  
Cafeteria**

**Please bring a snack to share, drinks for you and your Chihuahua**

Our Chihuahuas will be hunting Easter eggs with doggy goodies. We will also have a Chihuahua Easter Bonnet Contest for prizes!!! Please make your bonnets at home and bring them to the meeting.

Supplies like the straw bonnets and decorations for the bonnets are available from Craft Supply store in McCully, and other hobby stores. Of course, any type of bonnet is fine for our contest. Judging will be in several categories.

**Kauluwela Elementary School is at  
1468 Aala St., in Downtown,**

**Off of Vineyard Boulevard, Between  
Liliha St. and Nuuanu Ave., on the  
Mauka or Mountain side of Vineyard  
Boulevard**



If you have any questions, call Claire at 595-3765  
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## NEW OFFICERS FOR 2004

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## FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION NEWS

Marika is currently taking care of a foster Chihuahua from the Hawaiian Humane Society. We'd like to thank Colleen from the Society for alerting us about him, because he was almost going to be put to sleep.

The club still needs help finding homes for foster chis. If you can help out or provide a permanent home, we urge you to contact us at [cchawaii@hotmail.com](mailto:cchawaii@hotmail.com), and identify yourself as a possible home for a foster chi, etc.

We are also looking for Club members who are interested in doing foster care for Chihuahuas when the occasion arises. If you are willing to help out, please contact us. We would greatly appreciate anyone's help in this.

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**HELP!! CAN ANYONE HELP WITH ADDRESS LABELS?** We need help with printing address labels for the newsletter and flyer mail outs. Please email the club or call 226-0703. This would be a great help.

Thank you.

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### CLUB NOTICE

The club has a new picture website. Digital pictures are welcome for contribution. Please send your pictures to Claire at [chilover@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:chilover@hawaii.rr.com). The new website is [www.pbase.com/cchawaii](http://www.pbase.com/cchawaii).

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This article is from the Honolulu Advertiser Newspaper, February 26, 2004.

## Senate bill would force landlords to allow pets

By Gordon Y.K. Pang  
Advertiser Capitol Bureau

Alice Johnson owns her own home, where her cat Missy can roam free in the yard.

But she recalls when she lived in a Waikiki condominium complex that didn't allow pets, and was forced to lie about having a cat.

It was only a few months before she moved to a house. "I wasn't very happy about that," the 86-year-old widow, who lives alone, said of the ban. "When you can't have a pet, that isn't very good. I think senior citizens need pets."

A majority of O'ahu households have pets. Johnson said she supports Senate Bill 2675, which would force landlords to allow pets.

The bill, which has moved out of the Senate Human Services Committee and now goes to the Judiciary Committee, has won support from the Animal CARE Foundation, Hawaiian Humane Society and other animal advocates, but drawn strong opposition from the Hawai'i Association of Realtors and others.

Supporters say pet owners face discrimination and have a difficult time finding housing. Opponents say landlords should not be forced into a situation that could diminish the value of their properties if pet owners are irresponsible.

Cynthia Keolanui, community outreach manager for the Hawaiian Humane Society, said 56 percent of O'ahu households have a pet. The non-profit organization has a Web site dedicated to identifying "pet-friendly" condominium and apartment complexes.

She said the top reason pets are brought to the humane society is that families move into housing where pets are banned.

Supporters point to the positive aspects of having pets.

"Research from social and medical sciences confirms that companion animals can and do meaningfully improve a person's health and happiness," Keolanui said.

"A pet's companionship can provide meaning and a sense of connection to life for the isolated and elderly."

Ira Keisman, who purchased a unit at the Hawai'i Kai Retirement Center, said he has had dogs and cats all his life, and "it would be devastating living alone without a pet." Keisman, 76, a psychologist, says pet ownership is therapeutic. "I think it's more important the older you get."

Makiki resident Kelly Nitahara said she and her husband were forced to leave her maltese dog with her parents in California because her condominium does not allow pets. "We really can't afford to live anywhere else," Nitahara said.

### **Pets not for everyone**

The issue is divisive. Not even pet owners support the legislation unanimously.

Alex and Marlene Preiss fought with their condominium association for five years to have pets allowed in their unit but said they don't believe the law should require that.

They developed a set of pet rules to satisfy association members, including a deposit for pets and fines for different violations.

"We always had the choice of leaving and moving to another place," Alex Preiss said. "If I have a building full of people who don't like pets, why should that be forced upon them? When you come in and try to legislate, that's when there's a problem."

Said Marlene Preiss: "People have as much of a right to not like animals as they do to like them."

William Ramsey, legislative committee vice chairman for the Hawaii Association of Realtors, said the bill would create a new protected class of individuals.

"The idea of protective classes is to protect those individuals who have a situation that they have no control over," such as one's disability, age or gender, Ramsey said.

"But with pets, you have a choice as to whether you want to go down to the pet store and buy a pet."

He noted that guide dogs for the blind and service animals recommended by doctors for emotional help are allowed, regardless of no-pet clauses.

### **Question of fairness**

Ramsey said the Realtors association takes issue with potentially exposing homeowners to irresponsible pet owners in their rented properties.

"If you rent to an irresponsible pet owner, it is a very good possibility that you are going to have a unit that is not as desirable to rent afterwards," he said.

The latest version of the bill also poses a fairness question, he said. Introduced originally to prohibit discrimination against pet owners in all real estate transactions, the committee draft applies only to rental units.

Ramsey said it doesn't make sense for a renter in a condominium to be allowed to own a pet when owner-occupants may not be allowed to have pets under association rules.

Frank De Giacomo, a supporter of the bill and vice president of the Animal CARE Foundation, said there should be no distinction between animals that are trained and those that are not. "We should treat them all the same," he said.

De Giacomo, whose group spoke with Human Services Chairman Suzanne Chun-Oakland, D-13th (Kalihi, Nu'uaniu) about introducing the bill, said he would like to see a ban on no-pet rules apply to all residential properties, not just rentals.

He noted that military and federal low-income housing allow pets.

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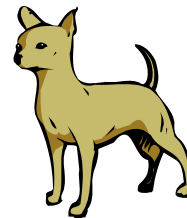
## **THE CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF HAWAII PRESENTS**



**OUR SECOND  
ANNUAL CLUB  
"B" MATCH ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 6,  
2004.**

**DETAILS.....**

LOCATION: VCA KANEOHE ANIMAL  
HOSPITAL @ 45-608 KAMEHAMEHA  
HIGHWAY



TIME: 1:00 PM CLUB MEETING  
2:00 MATCH BEGINS  
~3:00 GAMES AND PRIZES

EVERYONE CAN JOIN IN FOR  
THE GAMES AND PRIZES.  
SO COME ONE AND ALL!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PRIZES  
ARE APPRECIATED.

\*Subject to AKC approval.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ March 6-7, 2004—Hawaiian Kennel Club All Breed Shows at Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.
- ◆ March 28, 2004—Toy Fanciers Specialty Show at Thomas Square.
- ◆ April 10-11, 2004—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fancier's Assoc. All Breed Shows at King Intermediate School.
- ◆ April 24-25, 2004—Valley Isle Kennel Club of Maui All Breed shows and Obedience Trials.
- ◆ May 2004—Pet Expo, Hawaiian Kennel Club Puppy Match.
- ◆ May 16, 2004—West Oahu Kennel Club B Match at Barber's Point Elementary School.
- ◆ June 6, 2004—Club Match, VCA Kaneohe Animal Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- ◆ August 2004—West Oahu Kennel Club All Breed Shows at Barber's Point Elementary School.
- ◆ September 4-5, 2004—Hawaiian Kennel Club All Breed Shows at Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.
- ◆ September 2004—Windward Hawaiian Dog Fancier's Assoc. All Breed Dog Shows.
- ◆ October 2004—Orchid Isle All Breed Dog Shows.

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## **\*\*Breeder Section\*\***

NOTE: The Club does not endorse any particular breeder, and reserves the right to pull any ad for any reason. If you would like to place an ad, please contact the club, as noted above. The Club has more information on our website under "Finding a Chi."

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